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"What are you crying for my lad,
When you should be singing?"
"I have to go to school agin,
The dern old bell is ringing;"
Alas! 'tis true that school's "took up,"
But here is what menaces,
For every day,
The sand and clay
Must come off their faces.

The boy who studies very hard
And does the best he can,
Why, some day he'll grow up
And get to be a man;
Then when he is a big grown-up
And it is quite a feature,
It he's brave
And well behave,
He may kiss the teacher.

We have Hooverized so much
That we are getting lank,
There's tooth picks on the table
And water in the tank;
Since Mr. Hoover put on the lid,
Most 0 is in the pickings,
When hunger squirms
We scratch for worms
With the neighbor's chickens.

Sadie says she lives on rice
Fried in a little tallow,
But the bloom is going from her cheeks
And she is looking fallow;
We do not know what the end will be,
Much less where we're going,
But ham and eggs
And chicken legs
Wouldtastedamngood, we're knowing.

CIVIC LEAGUE

The Civic League met at the Moose hall Tuesday afternoon and completed plans for the year's work. The work as outlined will embrace a wide and interesting field of study besides the regular civic betterment that the League means to continue and keep on the alert to help the deserving needy. Much interest and enthusiasm is being shown in the plans for the coming year and an especial effort will be made to co-ordinate the year's work to the needs of the times. The town as a whole should feel grateful to the League's president, Mrs. K. C. Eldridge, for working as earnestly and untiringly with the Boys' Industrial Club to encourage them to "hold out faithful unto the end". Each young man now has a nice crop to harvest. Boys who planted beans will each realize about 30 pounds. Those who planted corn had enough for their families' table use during the late summer and fall, and still have enough to keep their chickens all winter. Those who devoted their time to potatoes have considerable more than enough to supply their families the coming year. Mr. Hirschberg furnished these seed potatoes, and had the directions for cutting them been complied with, there would have been sufficient, but the boys became so generous with the seed spuds that they failed to go 'round, and Mrs. Eldridge kindly donated seed potatoes to the little farmer who was late for the first helping. The club also raised more than enough potatoes to supply the soup kitchen at the training school all winter, which will be of considerable value.

The next meeting of the Civic League will be October 9.

CIRCUIT COURT MONDAY

Circuit court convenes at Dallas Monday afternoon with Judge Belt presiding.

The damage suit of Frances J. Hatch, administratrix of the estate of Cyrus S. Hatch, vs. Weldon L. Black is the most important civil case on the docket. Hatch was killed when run down by an automobile driven by Black on the streets of Dallas. A former jury found for Black, but Judge Belt set aside the verdict and ordered a retrial.

Cases called for Wednesday: L. M. Boyer vs. Joe Brown, appeal from justice court; Adrian Kemp vs. C. E. Burroughs, damages.

The grand jury may or may not return several criminal indictments.

THE POLK COUNTY FAIR

From all reports, the Polk County Fair this year was a good one and well worth the price of admission. The exhibits and attractions were excellent, the speakers were interesting and the musical numbers entertaining. It is said also that the attendance was large, tho the county fair competes with the state fair and hundreds of people do not attend the county fair simply because they do not have the time, or the price, to attend two fairs at about the same time and naturally prefer the larger one.

The Polk County Fair is all right but—and we want to emphsize the "but"—it costs too much of the taxpayers' money. The gate receipts and donations from those concerns which derive financial benefit from the fair should "pay the freight" instead of the taxpayer.

WAR LIBRARY FUND

All persons desiring to contribute to the "War Library Fund" are requested to leave their donation at the city library this week. The ladies in charge of this campaign will make their canvas tomorrow or Monday. Books as well as money will be received if they are in first-class condition and are of the kind desired.

THE SOCIAL WHIRL

The S. S. Club met at the library Monday evening and gave a "line party" at the Isis for Mrs. E. N. Johnson. They also presented her with a birthday remembrance.

Mr. and Mrs. George Conkey entertained the Crab Club last Friday evening. After the dinner hour the ladies busied themselves with Red Cross work.

BAKERY SOLD

The Independence bakery was sold last week by F. C. Bodenhamer to C. A. Lochridge who took possession last Monday. Bodenhamer and Covey will conduct a similar business in Salem, Mr. Bodenhamer moving there the first of the week. Independence greatly regrets losing the Bodenhamer family. Mr. Covey will not go for several weeks.

STORE ROBBED

The store of J. M. Larsen at Suver was robbed of \$100 worth of shoes some time between Saturday night and Monday morning.

ONLY SIX MALES

The total enrollment at the Normal this year is 273 of which number but six are young men. This is a decrease of one hundred over last year. School commenced Tuesday.

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

The route of the proposed West Side Highway thru Polk county is still bothering the State Highway Commission, tho several days ago it voted 2 to 1 for the Ballston-Dallas way. Mr. Benson, who voted in the negative and in favor of the straight line McMinnville to Monmouth thru Amity and McCoy, contends that if the "long" way is adopted that the West Side drive will be only of local value and the state should pave the East Side first. This announcement raised the ire of the West Siders, most of whom favor the short route. The matter was threshed out over again at Portland Monday night with delegates from several towns present. H. Hirschberg and Dr. O. D. Butler represented Independence. Citizens of McMinnville went on record as favoring the short route. State Senator Hawley declared that the adoption of the Ballston route was "not keeping faith with the people of the state or Polk and Benton counties".

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ALL INVITED

The president and faculty of the Oregon Normal School invite the citizens of Monmouth, Independence and rural school centers and the students of the Oregon Normal to a reception given in their honor at the training school building in Mohmouth on Saturday, September the 29, at 8 o'clock.

V. & S. WORKING

The Valley & Siletz has two crews of men ballasting the track between Independence and the Luckiamute. Work within the city limits is scheduled for next week.

CONSTITUTIONAL

It is a woman's privilege to wear short-sleeved dresses if she wants to. The constitution of the United States says that the right to bear arms shall not be infringed.—Portland News.

THE KAISER PRAYS

Mine Hohenzollern Gott is Prussia. Now come along through today. Do a partnership of "Me und Gott"—(Now you hear me vot I say)—If you don't help Me lick dose Yankees I dissolve it ride away.—William Pepoun.

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WHEAT \$2.05

A price of \$2.05 for wheat in Portland has been officially set by the government.

U. S. HAS AIR MOTOR THAT BEATS 'EM ALL

Experts of the army, navy and other branches of the government who have been working night and day to perfect the most powerful airplane motor ever devised have succeeded.

The liberty motor has stood the test. It is an adaptation on a magnified scale of the principles underlying other motors, but is so constructed that it develops a greater horsepower in a lighter mechanism than anything heretofore used.

The mechanism is being guarded with the greatest secrecy. All that can be said is the motor has proved that it can drive an airplane faster than one was ever driven before. As speed is the vital requisite to supremacy of the air, the importance of the new motor is apparent.

Its construction is so simple that the parts can be standardized with relative ease, so that duplicates may be turned out by the thousands in automobile shops.

CAPTURED GUN AIDS RECRUITING



First used against the French in the march toward Paris, captured and turned on the Teutons, this gun is now in America aiding in attracting recruits.

WILLIAM D. MILLER

William Davis Miller died at his home in Independence on Friday, Sept. 21, at the age of 71 years. He had been a resident of Independence for ten years and made a large number of friends. Besides his wife, he is survived by the following children, T. O. of Shaniko, Mrs. A. Canfield of Maupin, Mrs. J. Crowley of Independence, G. W. and J. E. of Criterion, Mrs. W. A. Sloper of Independence, Mrs. J. Hooker of Crow, Mrs. A. B. Smith of Independence and J. A. Miller, the latter a soldier boy now stationed at Fort Davis, Alaska.

The funeral services were held at Scio Sunday and interment was made in a cemetery near there.

MYSTERY DEEPENS

Search is being made for James Bibby, a Garibaldi fish dealer, who disappeared about two weeks ago, it being surmised that he may know something about the disappearance of E. R. Viers and Mrs. W. A. Graham of Dallas, reported drowned in Tillamook bay.

It is claimed that the box which contained a note supposed to have been written by the young woman, while the boat was sinking, never was in salt water.

SCHOOLS BEGIN

The Independence schools began Monday morning, both teachers and pupils showing much enthusiasm. A very successful year is anticipated.

As most of the county schools are also going, "dull youth everywhere is being sharpened".

GERMAN "WAR HORSE" NOW USED BY BRITISH

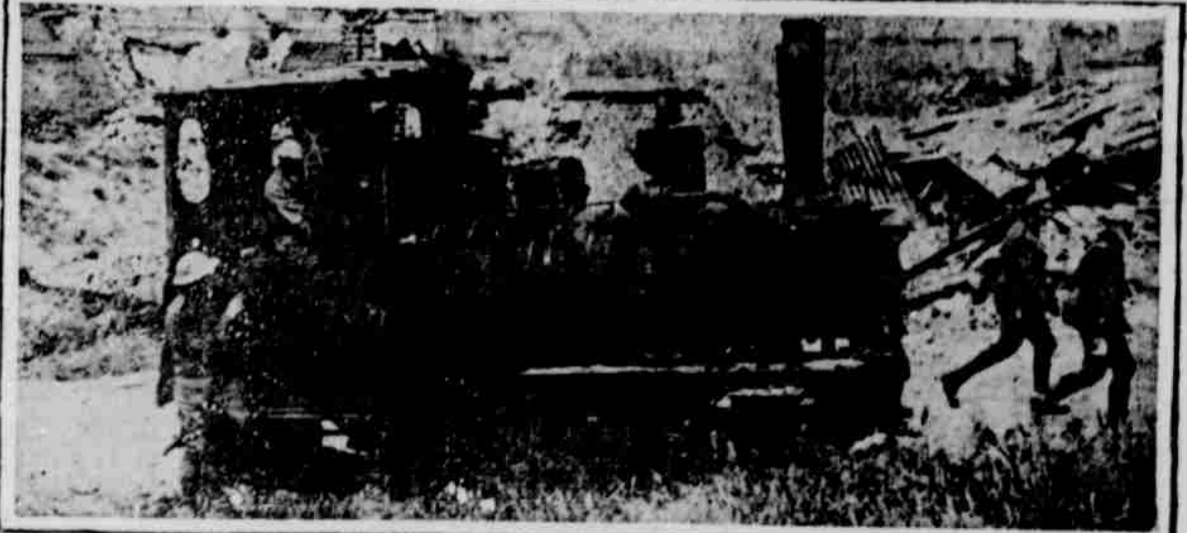


Photo by American Press Association. Engine captured from Germans in the Ypres section has been adopted by Tommy and is being used to good effect behind the battle lines to haul munitions.

"It is estimated that the profits of the U. S. Steel Corporation for the year 1917 will rise to the unprecedented figure of five hundred millions" declares Senator Chas. L. McNary in a statement published on Page 3 of this Monitor.