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We are not filled up today
 With turkey, goose or chicken,
 Crackers and a bowl of milk
 Was our Thanksgiving pickin';
 The reason why we didn't feast,
 Hope that you will note it
 In the following verse
 So plain and terse,
 We're not the guy who wrote it.

"We know we'll have to win the war,
 Foregone is that conclusion,
 We'll have to drive the Hun from power
 And load him with confusion;
 We're told we'll have to hoard our grub
 And never, never waste it,
 And save our peas
 And oats and cheese,
 So not a Hun will taste it."

We figured that half could eat
 And the other half be fasting,
 Then at Christmas we'd switch around
 If the war is lasting;
 So folks who ate on Thanksgiving day
 Must hereby take this warning,
 For Xmas grub
 You'll find a sub
 Until the next day morning.

We hope that none forgot to pray,
 Gave thanks for all the blessings,
 We hope that none alone did think
 Of roasted fowl and dressings;
 Sadie said her little prayer
 And it will end this letter,
 "O Lord above
 With your love
 Make the whole world better."

Moron Olsen at Chautauqua

Gifted Dramatic Reader and Actor Coming With Comus Players



Of Moron Olsen, the distinguished American actor and dramatic interpreter, Mr. Leland Powers of the famous dramatic school of that name says in commenting on the actor's phenomenal vogue in the Hub: "He came to me like young Lochinvar from out of the west. He stands six feet two and is built like a Greek athlete. His wealth of natural gifts, magnificent physique, voice, temperament and control insured quick recognition."

Mr. Olsen is featured with the Comus Players in "Carson of the North Woods" at Chautauqua. In the afternoon he will be heard in a dramatic interpretation of "The Terrible Meek," a one act punch play by Charles R. Kennedy.

At Independence Chautauqua, Second Day, Dec. 3

There is a growing theory that the surest way to keep Germany fully occupied is to let her take Russia.—Emporia Gazette.

Hoover says we shall win the war with the hogs. Usually we have won our wars in spite of the hogs.—New York Post.

CHAUTAUQUA WEEK

Independence's Fall Chautauqua begins tomorrow afternoon at the opera house. The Monitor believes that the entire program will be good and it will pay you to purchase a season ticket and attend each afternoon and evening of the three days—Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

Guy Young, who will superintend the entire program, representing the Ellison-White Co., arrived on the scene yesterday and has been very busy assisting in every way to make the affair a success. Fifty Independence people signed the guarantee and should there be any shortage financially these people are obliged to go down in their pockets and make it up. To meet all costs and expenses it is absolutely necessary to sell a large number of season tickets and they are being disposed of today by a house to house canvas. There will be no reserve seats at the afternoon programs but on each evening seats may be reserved by the payment of ten cents by presenting your season tickets at the Williams Drug Store.

We believe it is not necessary to make any reference to the artists who are to appear on the programs. We have heard considerable about them in the last three weeks and have no doubt of their ability.

LIEUTENANT WALKER

Ray M. Walker was given a commission as first lieutenant the first of the week, having gone "thru the mill" at the officers' training camp at the Presidio. He went thru with colors flying, ranking third in his company and thirtieth in the entire training class. Lieutenant Walker arrived in Independence on Thursday evening where he will remain a few days before being assigned to active duty.

Lieutenant Walker is the third Independence boy to receive a commission. Captain Harry Ord and Lieutenant J. S. Cooper, Jr., are already in the service.

LETTER FROM CO. L

Camp Mills, Long Island, Nov. 22.—It is raining and the mud is up to our shoe tops. The company now has 250 men in it. All have a bad cold. There are no tables and floors in our tents. Grace Wallace, formerly of Independence, who now lives in New York city, has visited us a number of times. We have been drilling hard eight hours a day. All have had a chance to see New York. The Independence boys wish for more letters from home. R. W.

MUCH ENJOYED

A capacity house witnessed "Polly of the Circus" at the Isis last night and all present greatly enjoyed the picture. Messrs. Nelson and Henkle are to be commended for their enterprise in booking the New Goodwyn productions. The next one, "Baby Mine," will appear two nights, Dec. 12 and 13.

EX-MAYOR DIES

J. L. Stockton, former resident and mayor of Independence, died at his home in Salem last Saturday at the age of seventy. Mr. Stockton owned and conducted a department store in Salem. A number from Independence attended his funeral Tuesday.

ALL JOIN 'ROUND

A municipal Christmas tree is being planned for Independence this year under the auspices of the good ladies of the Civic League. It is proposed to erect it in the middle of the square at C and Main and if the weather is any way respectable, there will be a gay and happy time around the tree on the evening of Dec. 24. It will be strictly a democratic affair and all regardless of position or standing, rich and poor, will join hands and celebrate the greatest holiday of all.

CIVIC LEAGUE

The Civic League met last Tuesday afternoon in a most interesting session. Plans are being made for a Municipal Christmas Tree and the following committee named to confer with all other organizations regarding the event: Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, Mrs. Sherman Hays, Mrs. Clyde Ecker. Following routine business, Mrs. J. S. Cooper gave an excellent paper on "The Early History of Russia" which was much appreciated by all present. A paper on this country will be presented each month. Mrs. O. D. Butler will treat the subject, "Modern History of Russia," January 8. The club will meet at the home of Mrs. K. C. Eldridge December 11. Mrs. Eldridge kindly offered her home for a meeting place the remainder of the winter season and the members feel fortunate to have so comfortable a place to meet.

RALPH IS FLYING

Ralph Floyd, who is with the U. S. aviation corps at San Diego, is certainly making good. The young man writes his parents here that while it takes some nerve, he greatly enjoys flying. "The first time I was up and shut off the engine to come down," he writes, "it looked to me for a while that I would miss the island altogether and light in the ocean but I guaged it correctly and landed all right." Apparently it is easier to go up than it is to come down. Continuing, he says that "it is a grand sight to be up in the air several thousand feet and look down upon the world"

RIVER GOES UP

The Willamette river was "away up" this morning—the rains of the past week and especially the heavy fall of yesterday being the contributing factor. Boats may now commence running.

WISE ADVICE TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Christmas shoppers should carefully watch the advertising columns of the Monitor during December. As has been the custom for the past three years, merchants who desire a share of your Christmas patronage will use the Monitor very liberally to draw your attention to their stocks. Those of us living here and earning our daily bread thru the patronage of our neighbors should buy as much at home as possible for a liberal portion of the dollar spent at home comes back to us while none of the dollar spent in Portland and Salem ever comes back.

SOUTH POLK COUNTY IN THIS WAR

This great world war has certainly been brought home to us when we stop to think. There are over one hundred of our young men in the service of our country at the present time. We have representatives in every department of the service except one, the exception being the national army raised by the draft and when the call comes again, we will have a number of boys in that. We have representatives in the regular army, national guard, artillery, engineers, hospital, aviation corps, and all branches of the navy. They are scattered thruout the country except that about thirty are in one bunch with Co. L now camped near New York city. Two, Albert Kuhlander and Tom Sutton, are in France. So as a community, we are mightily interested in this war. It's right close up.

"BABY MINE" BRINGS A NEW STAR TO THE SCREEN

The first comedy offering of Goldwyn Pictures, Margaret Mayo's screaming farce, "Baby Mine," which will be shown Dec. 12 and 13 at the Isis Theatre, introduces a new star in motion pictures. She is Madge Kennedy, the famous comedienne of "Twin Beds," "Fair and Warmer" and other stage productions that have been big successes.

Miss Kennedy plays the role of Zoie in the picture presentation of the comedy, which in stage form had a run of nearly two seasons in New York.

Zoie is a light-hearted bride whose yearning for suppers and theatres leads her uncompromising young husband to abandon her. Her scheme to get him back furnishes the situations around which the comedy revolves. After he had been away for some months, Zoie causes his return with the announcement that a baby boy has come to the household. There is no such thing, but Zoie proposes to get one from a children's home.

But Alfred, the husband, played by Frank Morgan, gets home sooner than expected. There is no baby on hand, and Jimmie, Alfred's friend (John Cumberland) who is brought into the plot by Zoie, steals a baby from the foundling home.



Madge Kennedy Star in BABY MINE Goldwyn Pictures

The mother of the stolen child is soon in pursuit of her baby, so while Alfred is rejoicing over the arrival of an heir, it becomes necessary for Jimmie to get another baby. He "borrows" one of the washwoman's twins and, the first baby not having been returned, Alfred is told that he is the father of twins. The resulting complications make fun.

CLEANLINESS FIRST ESSENTIAL IN ALL CAMPS



In the medical camp of the United States army at Allentown, Pa., the first things taught those in training are cleanliness and economy. Here the young officers are being taught the principle of having a place for everything after finishing eating.