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Old nineteen seventeen is passing on
And no one much is caring,
Its simply been hell on earth
Since the Hun's so daring;
Nineteen eighteen, we bid hello
And long before its ending,
We hope that peace
Will get a lease
And stay with us unbending.
Sadie has a Christmas joke,
Tho a little mellow,
Its no gag about what she eats
Or even of a fellow;
But Sadie says to us this day,
When presents 'round were flocking,
"I'll confess
If you guess
What was in my stocking."
Riddles always got our goat
And set our thoughts to blinking,
So we told her that we gave it up,
We'd waste no effort thinking;
Then Sadie shouted with a laugh,
All-of-a-sudden shocking,
"You can't guess?
Well, I confess,
My leg was in the stocking."
Winnie Braden is here on hand
In spite of rain infernal,
She's mistress of the corn show
And guardian of the kernel;
How nice 'twould be to raise sufficient corn
To fatten up the squealers,
But to the show
We must go
And listen to the spiellers.

STARTLING FEATURES OF "THE SPY"

The secrets of the German spy system are revealed in the startling new William Fox production, "The Spy," with Dustin Farnum in the stellar role. That is the big feature for YOU, the exhibitor, to play up. Take advantage of a good picture which combines all the thrill and excitement of war, diplomatic secrets, international negotiations and internal politics. In "The Spy" these are some of the outstanding points:

1. A rousing meeting of the Patriots' Club of New York.
2. Attempts of a German spy on shipboard, to murder a member of the American Diplomatic Service.
3. Revelation of the Wilhelmstausse—the most complete system of espionage that has ever existed.
4. Ball at the American embassy in Berlin, at which intrigue is carried on under the guise of social entertainment.
5. An American's successful attempt to gain possession of a list of German spies in the United States.
6. A German girl's sacrifice for the man she loves and the country of her adoption, the United States!

FORMER INDEPENDENCE GIRL TO MARRY

The marriage of Miss Quindaro Wilcox, grand daughter of Mrs. L. E. Baldwin and grand niece of Mrs. Lucinda Baldwin, will be of much interest to Independence people as the young lady at one time lived here. Concerning the approaching marriage, the Pendleton Tribune says:

"An interesting marriage which is scheduled for the not far distant future is that of a well known Pendleton girl, Miss Quindaro Wilcox, who is to wed Harvey W. Butterfield, of Raymond, Washington. The event is to take place during the latter part of the holiday season, and the bride-elect, who is the possessor of a wide circle of friends, is being showered with happy wishes, which are nevertheless mingled with regret in that the new home is not to be made in Pendleton. Mr. Butterfield a prominent young business man, is a graduate of the University of Washington and a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. He is interested in a large mill at Raymond which is devoted to the preparing of spruce for the construction of aeroplanes."

Miss Wilcox was also the "inspiration for a cleverly planned and altogether charming show-er," says the same paper. "The affair was a complete surprise to the honoree who, bidden to come informally, found the party of girls amid an interest- (continued on last page)

CO. L IN FRANCE

All doubt has been removed as to the whereabouts of Company L. It has been confirmed that the Polk county boys have arrived safely in England. From England it is only a day's journey to France. Up to this time no message has been received in Independence from any of them, and it will be four or five days yet before any letters could reach here.

Later—Mrs. Staffin received a cable last night from the Captain announcing the safe arrival of Company L. in France.

JOHN McCREADY PASSES

Christmas this year was turned into a day of sorrow for a number of families when John McCready passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. C. Hillbrand, on Sunday evening Dec. 23, at the age of fifty-nine. The deceased was held in such high esteem by his neighbors and friends that it sorrowed their Christmas as well as that of his relatives. Mr. McCready had lived at Suver for a number of years and was well acquainted in this section of the county. Funeral services were held at Suver Christmas day, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore being in charge, and interment took place at Crystal Lake cemetery at Corvallis. Mr. McCready is survived by two sons, Edward and Ray, both of Portland, and three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Hillbrand of Suver, Mrs. Ralph Collins of Falls City, and Mrs. Aileen Ground of Dallas.

JOHN B KNOWLES

John B. Knowles, who died at his home on Dec. 17, aged 80 years, three months and 19 days, was born in Monroe county, New York, Aug. 29, 1837. At the age of two, his mother took him to Niagara county in the same state, where he grew to manhood. In 1862 he was married to Miss Idemia F. Ward, who died the following year leaving one daughter who is now Mrs. M. W. Mix. In 1865 he married Miss Josephine H. Ward. To this union eight children were born, four of whom are living. They are Burrage B., Mrs. Georganna Heidecke, Cora L. and Lorenzo H. After leaving New York, Mr. Knowles lived in Michigan one year, Missouri six years and Kansas two and a half years. In 1875 he came to Oregon and rented what is known as the Pierce Riggs farm, living there nine years. In 1884 he purchased his present home. His wife died in August of this year.

The funeral was held at the home, being conducted by Rev. D. V. Poling, and he was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Knowles was a kind father, devoted husband and good neighbor. He will be greatly missed. We believe no better tribute could be paid him than that given by a daughter when she said: "You can say as many good things about father as you wish for every word will be the truth."

MANY JOIN RED CROSS

The Red Cross drive in Independence has been successful. The bevy of young ladies and matrons who have done the soliciting for new members deserve much credit for their good work.

CORN SHOW GOING

The second annual Polk county corn show is now on. It is being held in the Taylor building on C. street with Mrs. Winnie Braden presiding. Every farmer and farmer's wife should visit the show, see the excellent samples of Oregon grown corn and hear the interesting lectures by men and women familiar with the subject.

JOINT INSTALLATION

Last night a joint installation of the O. E. S. and Blue Lodge officers was held. The following were introduced to their work: Mrs. Mary Fluke, worthy matron; W. G. Grant, worthy patron; Mrs. Carrie Clark, associate matron; Mrs. Ardelia Butler, secretary; Mrs. Nellie Daman, conductress; Mrs. Jessie Hewitt, associate conductress. Blue Lodge: W. Brown, worshipful master; R. R. DeArmond, senior warden; Gail Alexander, junior warden; R. W. Baker, secretary; H. Hirschberg, treasurer.

GOOD HOLIDAY TRADE

Most of the Independence merchants report a good holiday business and we are glad to hear it. Praise is given the Monitor for its trade at home boosting and the excellent manner in which the Christmas advertising was presented. Attractively displayed, free from errors, each ad stood out prominently as a personal invitation.

V. & S. TO START

The Valley & Siletz railroad begins its train service Tuesday on a schedule which is published elsewhere in this Monitor. Welcome to our city, V. & S.—Independence and this section feel very kindly toward this railroad and will boost for it at every opportunity.

RIVER IS STILL HIGH

Once more the river is high and if it don't quit raining, rubber boots and row boats will become the prevailing style. The bridge at Salem is closed and the Independence ferry is not running so if you want to get into Marion county you must take the cars.

The Luckiamute has been ram-paging along with the other streams causing much inconvenience and some loss to those living by it.

MOTHER INITIATES SONS

Last Saturday night a special meeting of Adah chapter, O. E. S., was held, Mrs. K. C. Eldridge, the retiring worthy matron, receiving into the order her two sons, Neville and Shaler, and Miss West of Monmouth. Shaler has the distinction of being the first one wearing the service uniform to be initiated into the chapter. After the work, a splendid repast and an hour of fraternal sociability were enjoyed. The lodge and banquet rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and the banquet tables presented a festive appearance in an artistic arrangement of red and green.

Two Honor Guard girls of Falls City showed their patriotism on Friday afternoon by washing the front window of the bank to earn \$1 for the big Red Cross drive that is being carried on all over the U. S.—News.

1918 LOOKS VERY PROMISING

1917 will be gone in a few hours. Of it we will say nothing. What's the use? But of 1918, there's something to say. It will be a good year for Independence—four or five propositions are in embryo ready to hatch. Other conditions look good. The future will be bountiful and the milk and honey flow if we do our part to help it along. More team work, boys, and an open declaration of war upon all knockers. Every town worth a hen's tooth boycotts its knockers—hits 'em where it hurts. Cut down the weeds and the flowers will grow. 1918 will treat Independence all right if we push on the lines.

SAM McELMURRY HAS SOME DOG

S. H. McElmurry of Independence has a collie dog, one and a half years old, called "Bill," almost as valuable to him as a farm hand. Bill understands whether he is to bring in the cows, hogs, horses or sheep from the fields or pastures when ordered to do so. If he sees chickens in the garden he will drive them out without orders, or picks them up gently and carry them out.

One of Bill's regular jobs which he knows thoroughly, is to go after the Journal every day. Mr. McElmurry is a subscriber to the Journal and has the paper thrown off at Ledford station by the express-messenger. His house is a quarter of a mile from the station and he has trained Bill to meet the train on which the Journal comes and bring the paper to the house. The train, carrying the Journal, arrives in the morning, and no matter on what part of the train Bill is he rushes to the station as soon as he hears the train coming. The express messengers have become greatly interested in Bill's faithfulness, and rather than disappoint him on one occasion, when no paper arrived, provided a substitute bundle for him. Bill evidently knows that papers should not be read in the fields during working hours, and refuses to let any member of the family have it until it is taken from him at the house. Mr. McElmurry relates many instances showing the value of this dog to him, and says that a good dog is an asset to any farmer.—Portland Journal. And the Journal published Bill's picture also.

Who Is Your Neighbor?

He May Be An Enemy To America?

How do you know that you are not harboring a Teuton spy within your own home?

See the secrets of Hun methods exposed in this thrilling drama of diplomacy!

WILLIAM FOX

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THE SPY

A Timely American Drama Exposing the Operations of Foreign Enemy Secret Police

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TWO NIGHTS

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