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Our mayor is a good old scout,
Whether home or down at Suver,
We know he'd remain a gentleman
From Hornbrook to Vancouver;
Last night a lady admiring him
Said he would never bother,
"He looks so good,
I wish I could
Have him for my father."
Posies like this are few and far between
And make the world much better,
More precious than the gold on earth
Or lovers' honey letter;
There's just one better compliment
From either lass or laddie,
Who up and say
In this fast day,
"I wish he was my daddy."
Ukuleles sound real beautiful
At home or on the street,
But now we're listening attentively
For something just as sweet;
Of blossoming flowers and budding fruit,
New life, new hope, 'tis humming,
Even birdies sing
The song of Spring,
Listen now—its coming!
And what's so rare as a day in Spring
With a trillion germs beginning
To start all creation new again
When Winter's ranks are thinning;
Then a young man's fancy turns to what?
His mind 'centrates on beaving,
"I'll get him yet,
You can bet,"
So says Sadie knowing.

AUCTION BLOCK A SERIES OF THRILLING SCENES

The story of Rex Beach's greatest picture, "The Auction Block," which is to be shown at the Isis Theatre beginning Wednesday and Thursday, is the life history of a beautiful girl who is raised by her parents for the specific purpose of being placed for sale to the highest bidder in the matrimonial market. In due course of time Lorelei meets the dissolute son of a millionaire, and, in accordance with the family plan, marries him. It so happens however that the young man is not as wealthy as was at first supposed; and when Lorelei learns this and he finds that he had been duped, they go their separate ways, Lorelei becoming queen of the night world in which she lives.

Things go from bad to worse, the situation, as it develops, involving the brother, who has now become a blackmailer of the lowest order, member of an underworld gang; Jarvis Hammon, a steel magnate, with a reputation for unscrupulousness; a daughter of one of the mill workers, who is seeking revenge on Hammon, and Lorelei's husband. All of these elements conspire to compromise Lorelei and bring her to an awakening about the slough of despond into which she has fallen.

With the awakening comes the desire to help her husband, who now is also at the lowest depths of despair.

At the last Lorelei can stand it no longer, and she leaves him. This is the one thing needed to bring him to his senses, and he sets himself to work for but one thing, to win her love. From this situation develops an ending that is as thrilling as it is eminently satisfactory, bringing the young couple together with a full understanding and appreciation of the path of rectitude.

PYTHIAN CLAN TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY MONDAY NIGHT

Homer Lodge, No. 45, Knights of Pythias, associated with the Pythian Sisters, have prepared the following program for Monday night when the 54th anniversary of the founding of the order will be celebrated:

Music—Independence Orchestra.
Address of Welcome—B. F. Swope.
Song—National Anthem.
Vocal Solo—Miss Gladys Irvine.
Roll of Honor Ceremonies.
Song—"America."
Solo—Mrs. C. W. Irvine.
Reading—Miss Arbutnot.
Vocal Solo—Miss Nellie Bramberg.
Saxophone Solo—Willard E. Craven.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Myrtle Richardson.
Address—Fred J. Johnson of Astoria.

AIRLIE GIRLS PROVE GOOD THRIFT STAMP SELLERS

Fern Simpson, Dorothy Johnson, Garth Johnson, Bernice Ulrich and Margaret Ulrich of Airlie are now members of the Junior Rainbow Division, a patriotic organization launched by the government, whose members are among the first thousand to sell at least \$50 worth of War Savings Stamps.

RED CROSS CARD BENEFIT

The Merrimakers will give a card and dancing party at the Masonic hall February 22. The proceeds will be given to the Red Cross. Modern and old fashioned dancing. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets 25 cents. Everybody welcome.

The Lewisville Christian Endeavor last week sent a box, weighing 56 pounds, to Co. L. Besides many good things to eat, it contained a good supply of socks, dish towels, etc.

STOCK FOOD SHORT MAY BE HILL'S IDEA

A bad condition of affairs is the result of the order of the Food Administration is prohibiting the Independence mill from making any more flour until August. With the mill not grinding, farmers are unable to get bran and shorts for their stock unless they pay \$15 extra a ton and have it shipped from Portland; an unjust arrangement when the Independence mill has twenty thousand bushels of wheat on hand ready to be ground. This discrimination against Independence is the result of the Food Administration's manner of proportioning the number of pounds each mill can grind in a season. An average of the flour made in the years 1913, 1914 and 1915 was used as a basis. This is all right for the big mills but hard on the small and interior mills, for the latter, because of a lack of transportation facilities, could not get their flour on the foreign market so about all they ground was for local consumption. The big mills, having a flush market due to the war, ran to full capacity. In 1913 there was a very short wheat crop in this section and the local mill only ground enough to supply the local demand.

Because of the seriousness of the Food Administration's order as enforced locally, the Independence Retail Merchants' Association on Monday sent the following telegram to Senator Geo. E. Chamberlain:

"Farmers in this vicinity are continually complaining that they are unable to get mill feed to feed their dairy stock and hogs. We have investigated conditions and find they are as stated. The local mill has plenty of wheat but is stopped from grinding by general orders. By these the local mill must ship its wheat to Portland where it is ground. The mill people then ship back to Independence and farmers have to pay from \$39 to \$41 per ton for bran and \$40 to \$42 for shorts. If the local mill was allowed to grind its wheat, the farmers could purchase the bran for \$25 and the shorts accordingly. The mills in Portland have been unable to supply mill feed and farmers are unable to raise hogs. Take this matter up with the proper authorities and get permission for our local mill to grind its wheat."

EDGAR SEELEY IS SAVED FROM WATERY GRAVE

Edgar J. Seeley, Independence boy who was enroute to France on the Tuscania the transport was sunk by a Hun submarine, was among the first reported saved. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Seeley and is a member of the 20th engineers.

NO GROUND HOG THIS YEAR SAYS EASTERN AUTHORITY

The startling authority comes from the east that there was no ground hog this year for this reason. February 2 fell on Saturday and Saturday is porkless day. Hence it would be impossible to have any ground hog on February 2.

BAPTIST LIGHT BEARERS PROVE GOOD ENTERTAINERS

Chaperoned by their teacher, Mrs. Fred Howard, who was assisted by Mrs. D. H. Phillips, the Baptist Light Bearers entertained a number of their friends at a Valentine party last Friday evening. The social hall of the church was prettily decorated with hearts, cupids and arrows while red shaded lights cast a rosy glow over the merry crowd. Dainty cards marked the places at the tables, and after twenty merry lads and lassies had taken their places at the tables, "America" was sung with a vim that showed true patriotism. Most delicious refreshments were served. In the bean carrying contest, Miss Eda Burkholz won first honors while Dean Craven managed to carry five beans the required distance, thereby winning the booby prize. Those present pronounced the party a decided success.

JOHN SMITH IS DEAD; DID NOT SURVIVE OPERATION

Word was received in Independence this afternoon that John Smith, a well known farmer living near Monmouth, had died in a Portland hospital. He was operated upon for gall stones Monday.

Was an Independence man, Clyde Hill, a prominent factor in solving the submarine menace? It looks tained the news that the experts of that way. Sunday's papers contain the naval board had devised a plan by which it would be impossible for a torpedo to sink a vessel and much of the idea that was contained in the announcement is exactly what Mr. Hill submitted to the naval board nearly two years ago.

Mr. Hill began work on the submarine problem as soon as it became a menace and having those ingenious and mechanical qualities required to become a successful inventor, he experimented for some time and arrived at certain conclusions which he submitted to the naval board. His idea in principle provided for the division of the hull of a vessel into compartments or chambers and so built that if a torpedo entered one of them, the water would only fill that particular space and would not be sufficient to sink the vessel. Other details worked he out and submitted.

While Mr. Hill has received no word from the naval board regarding his plan, he is fully convinced that many of his ideas have been adopted and will make an investigation to ascertain just how much of the credit belongs to him. While a patriotic citizen, ready to turn his hand in any direction for his country without honor or price, still he feels that if he has in any degree assisted in solving the menace of the world that he ought to receive credit for it.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN HONORED BY VETERANS OF '61

As is the custom each February 12, the G. A. R. and W. R. C. meet and eulogize Abraham Lincoln. This year was no exception to the rule. Members of these organizations gathered in their hall about noon and sat down to one of those dinners which the kindly and free-hearted ladies of the Relief Corps always prepare for such occasions, and the boys who went over the top in '61 certainly enjoyed the dinner. C. W. Barrick was the principal speaker and in his remarks he paid a glowing tribute to Abraham Lincoln.

JIRILE STRINGER, PIONEER PASSES, AGED 76 YEARS

Jirile Stringer was born in Peoria county, Illinois, July 29, 1841. He died in Independence, Ore., Jan. 30, 1918, aged 76 years, six months and one day. He crossed the plains with his parents in 1851 and settled near Lacombe, Linn county, where he spent the greater part of his life. In 1884 he was married to Mary A. Davenport who is also deceased. In 1910 he moved to Independence where he resided until the time of his death. Five children survive to mourn his death. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. W. Osborn and interment was made in the Providence church yard.

NIGHT TRAIN TRAVELERS GAZE UPON AIRPLANE

Was it a Bosche plane or an American machine on a practice night flight? Passengers and crew of the Owl Oregon Electric train, arriving here at 3 o'clock this morning from Portland, viewed with consternation the movements and signals of an unknown airship which sailed along on its way south.

The plane was first seen as the train was leaving East Independence. Different colored lights were flashed, which Motorman Stevens declares were signals in the International code, with which he is familiar. Whether the machine was signaling to some parties on land, or whether it was a practice run, is a fact which remains unknown.

Local Agent H. S. Logan reported the matter this morning and states that Conductor Ryan, Motorman Stevens, the brakeman and several passengers on the train unmistakably saw the lights moving through the sky. At first it was high in the heavens and then descended to a level with the Coast Range. It was observed for several minutes, finally disappearing in the night to the southwest.—Albany Democrat.

SUVER HOSPITALITY IS A. NO. ONE

Citizens of Suver last night won first place in the hearts of 97 Independence people. The latter led by the mayor chartered a special train and invaded the territorial domains of their nice sister to the south. Suver arose as one and gave the beauty and chivalry of Independence a welcome that will long be remembered. The people who call Suver their home extended a hand that meant something, not like the touching of finger tips but the grasp of honest-to-goodness friendship. Too, the sundry citizens of Buena Vista and Parker were honored in a like manner. It was truly an old time get-together of the humans of a section bound by the same environments and the same desires.

As above mentioned, 97 of our beauty and chivalry made the visit. Our orchestra, some of the sweetest singers in town and the community orator, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, answered present and they all contributed their best efforts for the occasion.

The hall at Suver was packed to the doors for the Red Cross supper and fair. So liberal was the patronage of the assemblage that the Suver ladies haven't finished counting the money yet. The receipts must have run well over \$100.

If Suver people had the same kind of a time that did their friends from Independence, it was a happy meeting. Independence is going back to Suver again but next time 497 strong.

VALLEY AND SILETZ RY. INCREASES ITS EQUIPMENT

Passenger and freight traffic on the Valley & Siletz railway, running westward from Independence to Valsetz, has increased to such an extent that \$20,000 has been expended in new equipment. A new 10-wheeler type locomotive, manufactured by the American Locomotive works, has been added to the road's motive power. Besides a new gasoline motor car has been purchased from the Hofsius Steel & Equipment company of Seattle. This car is of steel construction and has a seating capacity for 40 passengers, as well as a commodious baggage compartment. It is electrically lighted and heated and the interior is finished in excellent taste. Another combination baggage and passenger coach has been added to the passenger equipment. Carl B. Williams, general super-

intendent of the Valley and Siletz road, announces that because of the increase in passenger business over the line, two passenger trains will be run each way daily between Independence and Valsetz, beginning on or about February 24. A great deal of freight is handled and one regular freight train is operated each way daily over the line.

A temporary passenger station has been erected at Ninth and Monmouth streets, Independence. It is intended that as soon as arrangements are completed for the joint use of facilities with the Southern Pacific company, trains on the Valley & Siletz line will arrive and depart from the Southern Pacific station at Independence. Direct connections will be made with Southern Pacific trains at that point.

Beginning March 1, the Wells Fargo express company will handle ex-

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ISIS THEATRE

Rex Beach's
Greatest Story

The Auction Block

The Life Drama of a Million
Girls in America's Big Cities
and Small Towns

Wednesday & Thursday
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