



## STATE RELIES ON COUNTY BOARD

### Cut in Bonus Loans Made Only for Two Causes Says Brumbaugh

In order to determine the policy of the state board in fixing loans under the soldier bonus act, R. M. Walker and A. L. Kullander, representing the independence post of the American Legion, had a conference at Salem Tuesday with Secretary Brumbaugh. The state board had arbitrarily reduced from \$2200 to \$1400 the appraisement of the Fred Scholl property near the Luckiamute. The property consists of 40 acres, mostly improved land with house and barn. The county board, composed of "Boots" Kersey, H. L. Fenton of Dallas and C. W. Irvine of Independence, placed a valuation upon it which would have given Mr. Scholl a maximum loan of \$2200, and he anticipated that he would receive that amount, making his plans accordingly. After it had been found that the appraisement had been cut by the state board, the Legion took hold of the matter for the purpose of determining if possible what might be expected in future appraisements.

Mr. Brumbaugh met the local boys with all consideration, confessed that the state board was liable to make errors, and suggested that by filing an application for review in the Scholl case it would receive further consideration.

Mr. Brumbaugh also stated that the state board was accepting the appraisements of the county boards, except in cases where the moral risk was not deemed good and upon buildings which are old. Neither of these exceptions apply in the Scholl case.

## INDEPENDENCE LOOKS GOOD TO COUNCILMAN

After spending six months, almost continually on the go and as far south as the Mexican line, J. S. Bohannon says: "I visited no place which looked as well to me as Independence does. I sense that I might be prejudiced a little to my home town, but even taking that into consideration, Independence is still to be good."

Mr. Bohannon was accompanied by Mrs. Bohannon and much of the time spent on the road and in the camp grounds of southern California. "We visited practically every town of any size in southern California," says Mr. Bohannon. "We spent considerable time in the Imperial valley, and such as we found. Frost raised havoc with the orange crop and this coming on top of the bursting of the cotton bubble in the Imperial country has put a crimp into things down there. The price of land has slumped so rapidly that it has spelled ruin to thousands. I was offered what is regarded as good land in the valley at \$25 per acre, which a few years ago men cotton was king down there brought many times that price."

As a member of the city council, Mr. Bohannon made quite a thorough study of auto parks, with an idea that the knowledge he gained would be useful in handling the city park here. With very few exceptions a charge of from 25 to 50 cents per day made for the use of auto parks, the tourist being supplied with wood, water, lights and in many places a bath and other accommodations. In the opinion of Mr. Bohannon a large majority of the tourists prefer to pay for this service, and that as a general rule the few who object are in the camp class.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GO TO WOODBURN TODAY

Independence high school ball team will go to Woodburn this afternoon for a game. The players are: Underhill, catcher; Capt. Stapleton, first; Goff, second; Johnson, third; Eldridge, short; Burright, Kolb and Baker, pitchers; Bullis, Bennett and Craven, fielders.

## WOMEN WILL DANCE AT GYMNASIUM NEXT FRIDAY

Independence Yeomen will give a dancing party in the high school gymnasium on Friday night, April 21st. Preparations are being made for a big event and it will be in the nature of a "May" party, and is open to the public generally.

## COMMITTEES NAMED TO HANDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS

In recognition of the interest he is taking in the boy scouts, T. K. Vannice was given a free membership in the Independence Retail Merchants' association, at a meeting of the association at the Hotel Beaver Tuesday night. Mr. Vannice is a high school instructor, with every boy in the school his pal.

President Walker announced the appointment of C. W. Irvine, A. E. Horton and Ben Smith as a committee to formulate plans for a public meeting to consider the question of adding an agricultural course to the high school and the formation of a union high school district to embrace additional territory.

Another project of much importance which is receiving consideration of the association is a training school building for the Oregon Normal school to be located in Independence. There has been some preliminary steps taken in the matter by President Landers of the Normal and the Parent-Teacher association. The Merchants' association has appointed A. L. Thomas, H. Hirschberg and W. H. Cogle as a committee to work in conjunction with the Parent-Teacher and the Normal in devising plans for carrying out the project. The Parent-Teacher committee is composed of Mrs. G. C. Skinner, Mrs. Z. C. Kingball, Miss Arbuthnot.

## L. E. BEAN VISITS HERE IN INTEREST OF CAMPAIGN

Louis E. Bean of Eugene, republican candidate for governor, was in Independence last Friday, and in company with R. M. Walker, an old friend, met many local people.

Mr. Bean has taken quite an active part in state affairs for many years, and he believes that he realizes what steps will be necessary to give Oregon a better government. Here is the synopsis of his platform:

- Abolish commissions—Adopt cabinet form of government—Cut out duplications, waste and extravagance.
- Income tax on those sources of wealth not on tax-roll. Reduce real property tax by amount so raised.
- Maintain educational facilities under strict supervision of expenditures—applying business principles.
- Oppose land ownership or control by Orientals. Oppose further increase of auto or gasoline taxes.
- Oppose issuance of further bonds or increase of state's debt.
- Stand equivocally for more efficient business administration; retrenchment in public expenditures—substantial reduction of taxes—for supervision that supervises and economy without "con". I am for open business-like administration and against invisible manipulation of government.

## "BETWEEN THE ACTS" IS ABLY PRESENTED

"Between the Acts" was very successfully presented in the gymnasium Wednesday night by the high school under the direction of Bernard Morse, instructor of English. The attendance was good, netting the student body fund about \$60. The characters were well assigned and the parts were carried out in a pleasing manner.

To get the gymnasium in shape for entertainments has been a big task. It was necessary to rebuild the stage. The material was furnished by the school board and the work was done by the pupils, with Mr. Morse doing the planning. The only hired labor was the painting of the scenery.

- The cast:
- Dick Comfort—Leslie Cleo.
  - George Merrigale—Delos Eldridge
  - Uncle Meander—Bill Kolb
  - Edith Comfort—Thelma Williams
  - Mrs. Cleamentina Meander—Ruth Dickinson
  - Sally—Florence Hartman
  - Harris—Dean Craven

## GRAIN GROWERS WILL MEET HERE ON MAY 16th

The Oregon Grain Growers' Cooperative association will hold a meeting at Independence on Tuesday, May 16th, for the purpose of electing three directors for the district comprising Benton, Polk and Yamhill counties. It is expected that there will be between 50 and 60 members of the association in attendance. The arrangements for the meeting are being made by William Riddell, Jr., in compliance with a request from the officials of the organization.

## GROVES QUILTS; K SHIVERING

### Mustering Out of Guard Company Appears To Be Probable Outcome

Emerson Groves has tendered his resignation to Adjutant General White as captain of company K, Oregon National Guard, announcement being made at drill Wednesday night. As the company has been functioning without lieutenants, this leaves Top Sergeant Smiley in charge.

For a long time, company K has been on a rocky road. It has been impossible to get a representative number out at drills, with the result that it is now standing at the bottom of the list in drill attendance.

Just what action will be taken by the adjutant general is problematical. There are 67 enlistments. If the company goes out of existence, it is possible that the enlistments may be transferred to some other company, Dallas or Salem, with the maintenance of a squad here.

Company K was federalized June 30, 1919, being the continuation of a home guard company during the war days. It has never been what is known as a particularly strong company. To get the boys to attend drill has been the bugbear of the commanding officers from the outset, and there have been numerous shiftings of the responsibility.

At the 1919 session of the legislature, through the instrumentality of Representative D. E. Fletcher an appropriation was made for an armory for Independence, and repeated endeavors have been made to put a "kick" into the company, as it was generally understood that unless a good showing was made the adjutant general would not sanction the building of an armory here.

## SENATOR NORBLAD HERE INTERVIEWING REPUBLICANS

Senator A. W. Norblad of Astoria was in Independence yesterday conferring with Representative Fletcher and met many local people. Mr. Norblad is a republican candidate for congressman from this district, his opponent being Willis C. Hawley. Mr. Norblad was accompanied by his father-in-law, L. A. Cates of St. Helens, a former publisher of the Dallas Observer and well known throughout the county.

As a member of the upper house in the state legislature, Mr. Norblad has taken a prominent part in legislative affairs. He is young, energetic, and would make mighty good timber for representative in the national house.

He is receiving very favorable consideration in every part of the district, and expresses himself as being satisfied with the situation.

## CRAMERS MOVE FROM LA GRANDE TO PARKER

J. L. Cramer has moved from La Grande to Parker, taking possession of the John W. Robinson ranch which he purchased last fall. It consists of about 40 acres, situated across the road from Ed. Veith's place.

Mr. Cramer has a wife and two sons, one is attending Willamette university and the other is a school teacher. Mr. Cramer has been doing Y. M. C. A. work at La Grande for several years.

## DEATH TAKES MR. MRS. CONSTANCE

### Only Five Days Intervene Between Passing of Mrs. and Mr. Constance

Mrs. Jennie Constance, wife of H. C. Constance, a well-known farmer residing a few miles northwest of Independence, died at the family home last Saturday, pneumonia being the cause. Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon, Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore officiating and interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mrs. Constance was born August 20, 1849, on a farm in eastern Wisconsin. Her father died when she was but a child, leaving the mother the responsibility of rearing a large family under pioneer conditions. April 1, 1877, she was married to Henry C. Constance of New Richmond, Wis., in which place they resided for nearly 30 years. Their only child, Lizzie Constance, came to Independence with her parents in 1905 and soon afterward was married to Andy Wilson and to them was born Charlie Wilson, who upon the death of his mother shortly after his birth was cared for by his grandparents as their own child, and the death of the grandmother comes as a strikingly hard blow to him.

Mr. Constance was an exceptionally successful farmer during the first years of his residence here. He was one of the first to take up growing corn on a commercial basis in this locality and met with much success, establishing a reputation which extended to the southern part of the state. For about five years, Mr. Constance has been an invalid and during Mrs. Constance's last illness it was necessary to take him to the state hospital.

During all of the time that Mr. Constance has been incapacitated, the burden of the household and the farm management rested with Mrs. Constance and it was no light one.

## HUSBAND'S DEATH FOLLOWS WIFE AFTER FEW DAYS

H. C. Constance died in the state hospital yesterday morning at 10:30, and the remains were brought to the A. L. Keeney chapel here. The date of the funeral had not been fixed yesterday, depending upon the wishes of a brother, L. L. Constance of Eugene. It is expected, however, that services will be held in the Presbyterian church and that interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Mrs. Constance was buried there Tuesday.

## SQUIRREL POISON HANDLED BY P. R. ALEXANDER

P. R. Alexander of Independence is handling the squirrel poison for the distribution in this area.

County Agent Paul Carpenter says: "In common with the other stores of the county that are handling the county poison, Mr. Alexander is doing this as a matter of accommodation, pure and simple, there being no margin in the prices to care for sales expense. The law provides that the county agent is to prepare this poison and to distribute it at cost. The price this year is three pounds for 50 cents, six for \$1.00, coming in the two sizes of bags."

## MISS BESSIE SWOPE IS BRIDE OF E. C. FORSYTHE

With the beautiful Presbyterian ring ceremony, performed in the presence of relatives and immediate friends, Rev. R. W. Achor of Woodburn, brother-in-law of the groom, at 2 o'clock Saturday, April 15th, united in marriage Bessie Helen Swope of this city, and Emmet C. Forsythe of Hood River, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Swope.

Just preceding the ceremony, Paul Scott sang, "I Love You Dearly," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. H. L. Proppe. As Miss Irene Forsythe, a sister of the groom, played the wedding march, the bride, unattended, came slowly down the broad stairway and was met at the landing by the groom, where, before a beautiful background formed of hundreds of daffodils and ferns, the service was read which made these young people man and wife. Following the ceremony and congratulations, ices and cake were served the guests.

The bride was dressed in a charming creation of white moonlight crepe, caught at the waist with a corsage bouquet of spun silver and flowers, its simple beauty seeming in perfect harmony with the gentle, quiet character of the wearer.

The bride's bouquet of lilies of the valley and bride's roses, was caught by Miss Clayton Burrow.

Mrs. Forsythe is the only daughter of Attorney and Mrs. B. F. Swope and has grown to womanhood in Independence. After completing the courses in the grade and high schools, she received further education at the State Normal school and has taught for two years in the public schools of Eugene. She is a young woman of charming personality, which has placed her high in the regard of her friends, and made her popular in all sets.

Mr. Forsythe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Forsythe of Woodburn, and has made many friends during his several visits to Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe left on the afternoon train for Hood River, where the groom has a home furnished and waiting for his bride, and where they will be at home to their friends. Their many friends in Independence join in sincere wishes for every future happiness for them.

Out of town guests were: Mrs. C. M. Oglesbie, Mrs. Orville Oglesbie, Mrs. Aletha Oglesbie of Salem, A. W. Holmes and family of Mount Angel, Walter Boesen, Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Forsythe, Miss Irene Forsythe and Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Achor of Woodburn.

## HECKER IS FORMER POLK COUNTY RESIDENT

Russell Hecker, who is being held in Portland on a first degree murder charge in connection with the death of Frank Bowker, is a former resident of Suver, this county. His parents lived there while Hecker was a good sized boy and the family later moved to Albany.

Hecker has confessed to the slaying of Bowker and claims that he disposed of the body by throwing it over the bridge into the Calapoopia river, two miles west of Albany on the Albany-Corvallis road, after it had been placed in a hop sack to which weights were attached. The search for the body is still in progress.

## BASEBALL TEAM WILL HAVE NEW GRAY SUITS

For the purpose of providing new uniforms and other equipment, Manager W. B. Huggins and Art Black of the Independence Baseball association have been interviewing the business men during the past few days, raising approximately \$200.

The new suits have been ordered and it is expected that delivery will be made at an early date.

Several games have been booked and negotiations are under way for others.

## TWO WILL GRADUATE FROM RICKREALL HIGH SCHOOL

Clarence Elmer Purvine and Ida Schmelke will be the graduates of the Rickreall high school this year. School will close on May 26th and the graduation exercises will be held on the evening of the 25th in the high school building.

"The door to success is labeled—push," is the class motto; the colors are black and gold, and the flower is the sweet pea.

F. M. Mitchell is the principal.

## SPECIAL TRAIN VALSETZ, SUNDAY

### Brother Josiah Will Be Presented at the Big Lumber Town

Independence folk are to have the privilege of visiting the model saw-mill town of Valsetz and an opportunity to inspect the big, modern plant of the Cobbs-Mitchell company, Sunday, April 22nd.

A special train will leave Independence at 9 o'clock and returning will leave Valsetz at 5 in the evening. The fare for the round trip is \$2.15. The purpose of the event is to swell the fund of an athletic association which has been formed by employees of the company and which has the hearty endorsement of company officials.

"Brother Josiah" will be presented at Valsetz Sunday afternoon by the same cast which presented it here and at Monmouth under the auspices of the American Legion. All of the proceeds will go to the athletic fund, Brother Josiah and his family asking no recompense.

The train—a steam one—will only have accommodations for about 150. It is expected, however, that it will be crowded. Superintendent Watson of the Valley & Siletz Railroad company, by filing an application with the state public service commission was able to secure the greatly reduced rate. He was here yesterday perfecting the arrangements and conferring with Earl S. Butler, G. C. Skinner and Willard E. Craven, a committee appointed by the Retail Merchants' association to assist in putting the affair over.

M. C. Williams, Gus Miller and E. A. Dunckel were appointed auto park committee, with the idea that the park is to receive more consideration than it has in the past.

## CITY PROPERTY IS TRADED FOR LOCAL RANCH

Through a deal which has just been perfected, Frank Turner of Salem has acquired the James Phillips ranch just to the north of town, and Mr. Phillips has become the owner of the Turner residence property at the corner of Fourth and A streets.

The ranch consists of 52½ acres and is situated just across the highway from the Hugh H. Hanna property. It is recognized as a desirable ranch. Physically unable to handle it is the reason why Mr. Phillips has disposed of it.

Mr. Turner has no intention of occupying the ranch this season, but in the event he does not dispose of it in the meantime he intends to move here the coming fall.

The deal was handled by J. E. Hubbard of the Independence Realty company.

## CITY IN BRIEF

Mrs. Ott Martin has received the pleasing report that her daughter, Mrs. Lee Whitcomb of Tillamook, who recently underwent a serious operation is recovering speedily.

L. A. Fitz-Gerald, who has been in California and Washington during the past winter, is here for a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Fitz-Gerald.

Guests at a family dinner last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook, were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donnel and family of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cook and family of this city.

F. I. Jones and C. A. Beaucamp of Stayton were Independence visitors Monday. Mr. Jones is an old friend of Ott Martin, being associated with him in business many years ago, and Mr. Beaucamp is a druggist.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant McLaughlin were called to Hubbard Monday, to attend the funeral of John McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin crossed the plains with his father when but a child, and had passed most of his life on his father's donation claim near Buena Vista, going to Hubbard about 20 years ago, where he has since resided. Mr. McLaughlin was 71 years of age at the time of his passing.



April Showers