

Independence Enterprise

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PASSING OF COMPANY K

There is regret by thoughtful Independence folk over the mustering out of company K. The organization could have been a material asset to the city. When operating to capacity membership the payroll would amount annually to about \$10,000. Then in addition, provision had been made by the state, due to the energy of Representative Fletcher, to spend \$20,000 here in the construction of an armory. This of course would be considered an acquisition to any city. Of this there is nothing left but an opportunity for regret. If company K as an Independence organization had to go out of existence it is fortunate that it leaves no dead armory, but there is a feeling it was entirely unnecessary for the company to be mustered out.

Independence is a pretty live community. Its business men are energetic and are continually striving for improved conditions. They were ready and willing to exert themselves in the guard proposition, and the only reason that they did not do so was the lack of some one taking the initiative.

There are a sufficient number of young men in Independence and the surrounding territory to have maintained the company in a thriving condition. It was lack of interest which is responsible for the interment.

There were a number of members who did their part and did it well, and then there were others who appeared to feel that membership in the guard was a burden. They would not attend drill, and of course a guard company which does not drill regularly must eventually cease to function. The responsibility is with the community rather than with any individual or individuals.

CARE IN DRIVING ESSENTIAL NOW

This is the busy time on the highways, and Secretary of State Sam A. Kozer is asking that car drivers take extra precaution in order that the highways may be reasonably safe for travel. Mr. Kozer makes this timely statement:

"There is no time in the year when careful driving is not imperative. During the summer months congestion of traffic, which is greatly augmented by thousands of tourist cars from other states, necessitates closest attention to the observance of road laws, while winter months demand, in addition, extreme caution on the part of drivers on account of slippery pavements, obscured vision, etc. A little thought on the part of operators will minimize the danger and reduce the number of accidents, of which it is said the greater per centage is due to carelessness."

FARMING HAS ITS APPEAL

In spite of the influx to the towns and cities, there is in the hearts of most of us a longing to become a tiller of the soil. One reason why a greater number do not become farmers is the difficulty in getting started. It takes capital—money or credit and a desire to work—to become a successful farmer, and there are a lot of us who cannot measure up to all of the requirements.

A farmer living in territory adjacent to Independence, having accumulated by hard continuous labor a good

sized ranch and extensive equipment, felt that he wanted to take a play spell. He did not want to sell it, neither did he wish to turn the operation of the place over to hired help, so he conceived the idea of acquiring a partner. The rancher has a plant complete in every detail, ready for the right man to "step on 'er" and with plenty of fuel to keep going until the new supply is garnered. He made his wants known in the Enterprise last week, and there has been a deluge of answers and inquiries, and it is more than probable that the right man will be found.

Oregon Country in Brief Form

Medford merchants will build an industrial pavilion for this year's Jackson county fair.

The strawberry season at the Silvertown Food Products company has closed with a total pack of 75 tons.

Most of the town of Blue River, 45 miles east of Eugene on the McKenzie river, was destroyed by fire, according to report.

Fourteen trainloads of spuds will be shipped from Nyssa as the harvest from that place this year, is the claim of the residents.

For the first time, so far as Linn county official records show, a woman pastor has performed a marriage ceremony in the county.

Twelve more names have been added to Oregon's list of heroes, according to information just received from the war department.

Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Hall of Silica mine, at Lower bridge, near Bend, were killed when their car went over a grade and fell 1000 feet.

Mrs. Eunice Brown has been appointed postmaster at Drew, Douglas county, and Mrs. Mary E. Schultz at West Linn, Clackamas county.

Two new lines of copper wire will be strung between Eugene and Florence by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company this summer.

Eleven thousand acres of Crook county irrigated lands are devoted to the production of alfalfa, according to a survey just completed by W. B. Tucker, county agent.

Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, will be in The Dalles Friday to attend sessions of the state convention of the American Legion.

Total receipts in the Oregon customs district for the fiscal year ending June 30 reached \$671,295, an increase of approximately 33 1/2 per cent over the preceding period.

The national record for butterfat production among cows, five years old or over, during the past month was won by Poppy Lora, a thoroughbred Jersey cow owned by Will Behrman of Forest Grove.

It is reported that an unusually large number of lambs are being killed this summer on the range by coyotes as the result of the campaigns against the jackrabbit pest, the natural food of the coyotes.

The first fatality from forest fires this season occurred when J. M. Holcomb of Portland died on the operating table at St. Vincent's hospital from injuries received while fighting flames in Columbia county.

Thomas Fair, 39, who was shot in the leg by a deputy sheriff at Coburg on the night of March 30, died at a Eugene hospital, following a second operation on the leg. Fair was suspected of bootlegging.

Forest fires in the Coast and Cascade mountains gradually are being brought under control. Favorable winds and early morning fogs in the Coast range are aiding the fire-fighters there to a great extent.

The work of the state board of conciliation, although not always pleasant, apparently has been helpful in adjusting labor disputes in Oregon, according to the annual report of the board, filed with Governor Olcott.

Salem business establishments, including the four banks, were closed Wednesday and more than 1000 merchants, shopkeepers and employes went to the berry fields and assisted the growers in saving their crops.

Bright lights, undimmed, on a passing car, were held responsible by Jay Saltzman, state traffic inspector, for the wreck on the highway near Barnhart in which Lewis Zilka, aged 34, farmer of Fresno, Cal., was killed.

Twenty-six of the 32 organizations of the Oregon national guard showed an increase in drill attendance during the past month, according to the monthly comparative statement put out by George A. White, adjutant-general.

Construction of the storage reservoir dam at Crescent lake to furnish additional water for the Deschutes county municipal improvement district, formerly the Tumalo irrigation district will be completed within three months.

Petitions for a special election in connection with the regular election in November for the purpose of voting on a special tax levy of one mill for the purchase of fair grounds by the county, are being circulated at Klamath Falls.

Threatened disbanding of the Bend volunteer fire department was averted

when the police and fire committees of the city council promised that Willard Houston, police chief and fire engineer, would be relieved of one of his jobs. The volunteer fire fighters had demanded an absolute divorce of the two departments.

A. J. Jaenicke, forest examiner, has recently returned from the Klamath Falls country, where he has been engaged in solving the problem of protecting forest lands against the western pine beetle. There are approximately 1,000,000 acres of timber shared by the government and private concerns in Lake and Klamath counties, Oregon, and Modoc county, California, where control of the pine beetle is being worked upon. This embraces about 1,000,000,000 feet of some of the finest pine in the west.

The harvest of winter wheat in Oregon is general and some threshing has been done. The yield is uneven, but generally fair to good, says the weekly crop report of the weather bureau. Barley harvest is well advanced. The weather has been extremely favorable for harvest and threshing. Except where irrigated, spring wheat and oats have generally suffered seriously from drought. Stock is being turned into some fields of late spring grain. Irrigated corn is doing well, but unirrigated fields need rain. New sweet corn is in market in Umatilla county.

The Goose Lake Valley Irrigation company is constructing a dam and reservoir 12 miles northwest of Lakeview on Cottonwood creek to store the waters from the Cottonwood watershed. The dam will be 610 feet long and 40 feet high and will furnish water for irrigating the lands in the north Goose lake valley. This will add to the plant constructed some seven years ago when a dam of 65,000 acre feet was built on Drews creek and some 40 miles of main canal were constructed. The new work will entail an expense of more than \$100,000 and will be finished in time to store this season's water.

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