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Ripping Rhymes.

THE STRIKE

For many years, oh dames and gents, I've written poems for twenty cents, but now I've raised the price; a quarter now you must unfold, if you would buy of me an ode, and naught less will suffice.

Odds and Ends

San Francisco.—Charles Lewis Smith indicted for obtaining food and lodging from the army and navy recruiting offices, was sentenced to one week at the interior of the county jail.

Milford, Mass.—Charles A. Bowen hit a match to look into the radiator of his car where he had just poured some alcohol to prevent it from freezing. Doctors say he will recover.

Chicago.—Dr. Isadore Kohn, held up by four bandits who wanted his automobile, told them he was on an emergency call. They drove him to the patient before "borrowing" the car.

St. Paul, Minn. Dances in the best hotels and cafes are a disgrace to civilization and immediate steps should be taken to remedy conditions, the October grand jury held in a special report.

New York.—Lillian Hanson, 14, admitted she had invented a "jack the clipper" tale to account for her shortened tresses which she cut off herself so that Harold Arnold, 16, wouldn't think her "too kiddish" to take her to the movies.

New York.—During their Christmas burglary early, a gang swooped down on a Brooklyn fur store with a fleet of motor trucks and removed the entire contents, \$109,000 worth.

St. Louis.—Mrs. Madeline Follotier, O'Brien, French war bride, fainted when a photographer took a flashlight photograph of her. She said she thought she had been shot.

Oakland.—Committees on a crowded ferryboat searched for cover when Mike Babbette, flourishing revolver, pursued G. Samio. Both were arrested. Mike declares Samio owes him a dime.

Los Angeles.—Living costs are dropping. Shoe shiners went down to a dime from 15 cents today.

Former German Raider Is Gunned by Fire; Crew Saved

New York, Dec. 15.—Fire completely gutted the United States transport Dekalb, formerly the German raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, early today while the vessel was at anchor in the Hudson river. Lieutenant Commander William A. Willets and the crew were rescued by a tug. It took several hours for fireboats to put the blaze under control.

Plans for a \$25,000 modern business block in Stanfield have been approved by the local lodge of Odd Fellows.

Abe Martin
The Little Gem Cafe is closed today on the exceptional day that's called 'Day of the Suspenders'...

PLANETS IN A LINE

On Wednesday, December 17, all of the planets, with the exception of the earth, will be in one approximated line with the sun, and all of them, with the exception of Uranus, will be on the same side of the sun. They will be strung along in approximately the same plane and approximately the same line, like points on one spoke of a wheel, with Uranus on the same line but on the other side of the sun.

This unusual planetary configuration has resulted in dire predictions of disaster by those who pose as prophets. Some religious cranks profess to see a fulfillment of biblical prophecies and predict the end of the world. Weather prophets and meteorological scientists predict disastrous quakes, floods, electrical storms and other disturbances of far effect. Still others predict disasters due to collision with comets or unknown bodies flying through space, whose orbit has been altered by planetary influence.

We are assured, however, by astronomers and scientists and those whose life study of the stars qualify them to speak, that no comet of sufficient size to cause trouble is visible, and that predictions of disasters are "bunk." No end of the world is in sight and once again those preparing for a speedy excursion into eternity will have their preparation in vain.

The only disaster Salem is likely to experience will be possible flood by sudden thaw of snow that blockades the intersections and streets of the business district due to the lethargy and indifference of city officials in failing to remove it. And no matter what the planetary configuration is, the Salem city council is immune to its influence. It will take more than eight planets strung in a row to make Salem officials move.

LIMITING TO NEWSPAPERS

CONGRESS is considering a bill to limit the size of newspapers and periodicals on account of the shortage of paper. The Anthony bill fixes the maximum size of daily papers at 24 pages, Sunday editions at 36 pages, weekly periodicals at 75 pages and monthly periodicals at 100 pages by denying second class mailing privileges to publications of greater size.

The consumption of newsprint now exceeds the production by from 10 to 25 per cent, and the shortage is forcing the suspension of many papers and the consolidation of others. The principal sufferers are the little country paper and small town papers, the big city papers having contracts that absorb the mill production, and having expanded beyond all precedent.

The American Newspaper Publishers have agreed as a means to check the waste of paper, to enforce the war time regulation, cut off all free papers and exchanges, refuse returns, keep mail subscriptions on a cash in advance basis, decrease the proportion of news, limit the volume of advertising by raising advertising rates and reduce the size of papers. These measures, however, are voluntary and dependant upon the cooperation of all publishers and must be supplemented by congressional action to really relieve the situation.

The volume of advertising has increased tremendously as the success of the liberty loan campaigns and war drives convincingly demonstrated the value of newspaper publicity and many are now using the newspaper who never did before. Unless some check is applied, the newspapers will soon overreach themselves, by printing such enormous issues that the mere size prevent their being read and destroys their value to the advertiser.

There seems no good reason why any daily paper should exceed 24 pages in size. With a smaller paper, the advertiser can use proportionately smaller display and secure proportionate results—the waste in paper be checked and the large composition bills and consequent big over-hatred be eliminated.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE
by the noted author
Idah McGlone Gibson

WHEN A HUSBAND NEEDS WIFE
"Marriage, sister, like everything else in life," Alice continued, "is merely a series of compromises and accommodations."

NEGLECTING THAT COLD OR COUGH?
Why, when Dr. King's New Discovery so promptly checks it

Constipated? Here's Relief
Not that often harmful, always violent and temporary help that comes from harsh purgatives, but the comfortable, gratifying, corrective regulation of stubborn bowels so pronounced in Dr. King's New Life Pills.

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Alice followed me reluctantly to the library where I wrote out my telegram. "Impossible to return with Alice. Do not know how long mother's affairs will keep me here. Will write." Alice read the copy without any comment and said: "I think Bess and I will start home directly after lunch. It is moonlight and we will arrive about midnight anyway. Better change your mind and come along," and she slipped her arm about my waist.

Her reiteration of the invitation made me feel that she was sure John would be very angry, and this was confirmed by an answer to the telegram which I received in the afternoon after they had gone. "Can't understand what important affairs can keep you with your mother. Bring her with you and I'll settle them here. A motor ride will do her good, John."

This was the first telegram I had received from my husband that he had not signed. "With love." I didn't waste a thought on what John would say when his sister and Elizabeth arrived home, for there was one thing I had determined to do during the remainder of my married life—I should not cross a bridge until I came to it.

I knew from the way that Charles kept silent about the visit that he had some very distinct ideas on the subject, especially as he said: "I am glad, Kate, you have decided to stay with your mother for a while." We worked that afternoon and all the next day packing the things that were to be sent to my house and I was so very tired the second night that I slept soundly until about nine in the morning, when I was awakened by the arrival of another telegram which read: "I wake up this morning to find myself involved in disagreeable scandal which will inevitably result in a certain amount of publicity. Although I was not myself last night I cannot think the affair is as serious as it seems. I think it is an attempt to get money from me. My chief regret is the grief and just anger that you will feel over my foolishness. But you

INDIGESTION CAN'T STAY
Stomach Pain, Sourness, Gases, and Acidity ended with "Pape's Diapepsin"

Out of order stomachs feel fine at once! When meals don't fit and you belch gas, acids and undigested food. When you feel indigestion pain, lumps of distress in stomach, heartburn or headache. Here is instant relief. Just as soon as you eat a tablet or two of Pape's Diapepsin all the dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach distress caused by acidity will end. These pleasant, harmless tablets of Pape's Diapepsin always put sick, upset, acid stomachs in order at once and they cost so little at drug stores.

DON'T BE A WATER HOG...
Don't Waste the Water Your neighbor may be deprived of water by reason of your wasting it. FIRE and it may be sadly needed FIRE in case of DON'T WASTE Water

Silverton Family Holds Reunion; 35 Are Present

A very pleasant reunion of the Huddleston family, was celebrated last Sunday at the Will Jones' home in this city. This occasion was the first time the members of the family have all been together since each was married. Mrs. Edith Sasse from Salt Lake, Utah, and Mrs. Rena Wilbur of Pasco, were those coming from a distance. Chas. Huddleston of Woodburn and Mrs. Emma Derwent of Salem, Willis Huddleston, Allen Huddleston and Mrs. Will Jones of Silverton were all present with their respective families making thirty five who sat around the big beautifully decorated and bountifully laden dinner table. An interesting guest of the dinner was Leo Derwent son of Mrs. Emma Derwent of Salem, a navy lad who served four years with Uncle Sam. Mrs. Sasse of Salt Lake and Mrs. Rena Wilbur of Pasco are still here being snowbound.—Appeal.

In the opinion of Assistant State Engineer C. E. Strickland, the North Umpqua river is without doubt the best power stream in the state.

Despondent on account of ill health, Mrs. Mary Valkenburg, wife of Sergeant Peter Valkenburg of Fort Stevens, committed suicide at Astoria Thursday night by shooting herself.

Baker's tax levy for 1920 will be 2.5 mills higher than this year, which calls for the raising of \$66,708.28 by general taxation, at the rate of 15.4 mills.

JOURNAL WANT ADS PAY

HUN REPLY ARRIVES; FINAL DATE TO BE SET

Paris, Dec. 15.—The German reply to the allies' note demanding signature of the protocol to the peace treaty will be presented to the peace conference today but the supreme council will not take it up before tomorrow. After considering the German note, the allies will send a final reply, fixing the exact date when the protocol must be signed.

NOT A THEORY

It's a fact that the use of alcohol even in moderate doses as taken in tonics is often habit-forming in effect.

SCOTT'S EMULSION
an easily assimilated tonic-nutrient supplies the body with those elements that contribute to strength. Free from alcohol or any other harmful element, Scott's builds strength by nourishment.

The Resinol treatment
Is a simple effective remedy for sufferers from itching, burning, skin troubles. Try today, bathing that uncomfortable, irritated surface with RESINOL SOAP and warm water. After you have dried it gently with a soft cloth, apply RESINOL OINTMENT with the finger tips. Then see if you are not surprised at the prompt and blessed relief.