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Rippling Rhymes.

SNOW

A lot of snow came down last night; it's lying round me as I write, as glistens drift and heap; it's everywhere, for men to use—the only thing that's cheap. If snow would make the furnace hot, and heat the house, 'twould hit the spot, and spoil a lot of grief; alas, it isn't worth a den; in vain we've tried to make it burn, so we rear up and beef. How it would soothe the anguished soul, if there should be a fall of coal, or wood-in proper size! 'Twould make the outlook far more bright to have a shower of anthracite from these forbidding skies. We long to see the fireplace glow, and so we get a raft of snow that will not even smoke; and so we sit around and freeze and say that life's one long disease, that's ceased to be a joke. My hands are frozen on my fire, there is no coal, there is no fire, and knife edged tempests blow; I look around for stuff to burn, for egg or nut or lump I yearn—and get a foot of snow. The snow lies deep on dale and dell, have a thousand tons to sell, but no one wants to buy; men want it not, but they'd go broke to get a cord of elm or oak from yonder lowering sky.

Odds and Ends

Los Angeles—Frank Wilkins wanted a drink. "Here is a bottle of Scillon white wine," the bootlegger told him. "Sparkling, five dollars." Whereupon Frank became owner of an excellent bottle of lemon soda.

Chicago—Three days ago street car fares were ordered reduced here effective today. Emery Brown stayed away from home for three days. He ride to his wife he waited until he could ride for six cents.

Detroit—An enterprising pawn shop merchant here today had his sign in his window: Christmas jewelry not hockable here.

New York—Dock Commissioner Bullock called in the bomb squad to open a belated Christmas package. After removing the wrappings with a knife, the detectives finished their job with a cork screw.

New York—Thomas Mulhern, a harpooner was fined \$25 for solting high balls to two women. He explained that he thought "prohibition was for men only."

SUNDAY SCHOOL USES UNIQUE "AD" SCHEME

Utilizing a unique advertising method, the Sunday school convention of the Hayesville district is announced by a photographic program card being received by patrons and friends of the district.

The convention will be held at the McCleary school house December 28, and the day's program follows:

10 a. m.—Song service. Devotion by Rev. J. W. Brooster.

10:30 a. m.—Reviewing lessons No. 1 to 4, Miss Mabel Williams.

No. 5 to 8, Rev. J. W. Brooster.

No. 9 to 12, F. H. White.

11 a. m.—Special music, fruitland Sunday school.

11:30 a. m.—Address, Dr. E. Sherwood.

12 m.—Porket dinner.

1 p. m.—Son service.

Music by Auburn and McCleary Sunday schools.

2 p. m.—Address, Rev. William Nicholl, County president of the district.

3 p. m.—Address, Rev. G. L. Lovell, "Worship in Our Sunday schools."

4 p. m.—Business session.

Umatilla county has 28,631 acres of unsurveyed land, according to the annual report of the commissioner of the general land office.

Abe Martin



"Of all th' mostestials th' rich bachelors is th' most non. Another thing we've noticed is that beer wasn't in th' hurry they used to."

THE BEEF BARONS SURRENDER.

After having for years vociferously denied their monopolistic propensities and having loudly protested their innocence of law violations, the beef trust, composed of the five Chicago packers, have made a virtue of necessity and agreed with Attorney General Palmer to a federal court decree of dissolution.

This greedy autocracy overreached itself. Not satisfied with controlling meat products, it successfully attempted to become a food trust and control all lines of food products. It dominated the poultry, fish, egg, butter, cheese and cannery business, entered the wholesale grocery business, owned and operated refrigerator car systems, established retail stores and thus was enabled to control distribution and marketing of the majority of food products.

Millions of dollars were spent in printers ink by the trust to convince the public of its merits and philanthropy without avail. Its ruthless crushing of competitors, its reckless discrimination, its universal profiteering, aroused a public sentiment that caused its undoing.

By the decree, it is shorn of the power that gave it unlimited power in other lines of industry and must confine its activities to meat. Its monopoly of stock-yards, terminal railroads and cold storage plants is abolished, and competition admitted. The trust must dispose of its stores and sell its holdings in 762 concerns which it dominates.

The forced surrender of the beef barons is the first great victory for Attorney General Palmer in his campaign to cut the high cost of living by restoring normal conditions destroyed by monopoly. It cannot have other than a beneficial effect—as the court injunction is perpetual.

RECOGNIZING RUSSIA.

Loyd-George in his recent speech to the Commons explained that it was impossible to make peace with Russia because of civil war existing there. He asserted: "If the Bolsheviks want to speak for Russia they can do so by summoning a national assembly, freely elected"—the one thing the Bolsheviks refuse to do—until they do there can be no diplomatic relations between Russia and the outside world, for there is nothing to prove that the Lenin autocracy is the creation of the Russian people or responsible to them."

Bolshevism or Sovietism, is not democracy. In practice it is the control of government through violence by a minority, theoretically chosen by occupational representation from groups of workers not by geographical representation. It is not socialism and is repudiated by socialists. Hoover styles it "the bankruptcy of socialism."

Bolshevism, as practiced by Lenin and Trotsky is as autocratic and tyrannical as ever czarism was. It has brought starvation and misery to Russia because of the collapse of production and transportation under its regime. It has repudiated the national debts, and so inflated the currency by issuing paper money, that gold has been driven into hiding and producers refuse to sell products for worthless money—creating famine conditions.

Bolshevism provides no work, as it has banished brains and capital, and denies the right of the worker to strike. It has abolished freedom of press and speech. Its every theory has long ago been tried and found wanting in the progress of the world.

None of the Allied governments have declared war upon Russia. The troops they have there are a legacy of the German war. They have not recognized Bolshevik rule, because it has never proved itself representative of more than a small minority of Russians.

Russia must work out her own salvation—but the Bolsheviks will never solve the problem and sooner or later they will fall, victims to their own incapacity. This period of the Russian revolution corresponds to the reign of terror under the French revolution and it took the French years to establish a stable democracy.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE
by the noted author
Idah McGlone Gibson

A TILT WITH MMIE GORDON.

John was with me in my desire to slip past Mme. Gordon's room to go to my own. As masterful as he usually was, in his own domain, he shrank from clashing wills with his mother. Still had that conventional feeling that because she was his mother he must put a curb upon his tongue. His duty, however, did not go so far as to allow her to do the things she wished to do. He was quite as implacable as she when it came to action.

Henriette met us in the hall.

"Lying it wait for me?" said John under his breath, with an ugly grin. "Mme. Gordon wishes to see you both in her room," she said.

I turned to John tremulously. "I can't go, John," I said.

"Oh, you'd better do it and get over."

"But don't you see I can't do any more today? I've got about to the end of my strength physically."

"Yes, you can," he answered, "and the sooner we have it out with mother the better it will be for you and the easier it will be for me."

She Wants To Show

"The easier it will be for him!" my heart repeated, "but what about me? Does he make it any easier for me?" At that moment I wanted to shout from the rooftops to every unmarried woman of my acquaintance: "Until mothers educate their boys to treat their wives differently, go on a strike against the marriage tie!" I hated the whole sex.

Course this insane idea was partly the result of my condition, although I did not realize it then. I started, however, for my room, but John ignored my wish, and taking me by the arm in such a decisive manner that had I realized in the slightest I should have been hurt, he said:

"I think it is time that you should come to me with some explanation of this disgraceful newspaper story. I hope that you have had the entire staff arrested. I cannot understand one more disagreeable job today and why a reputable paper would allow it."

CONCERNING MUSIC

(Director of Music for Salem Schools)

By C. A. DAVIDSON

Music for Everybody

Little by little, we Americans are learning and are proving to the world by way of an object lesson, that it is not by levelling down, but by levelling up, that we may hope for the demoralization of mankind. Education is the great leveller.

As every one knows one can train a dog, with but a little trouble, to guard you and yours at all times, no matter what hardships he has to go through. I could leave my dog on the car and go away and leave him in charge and know where ever I go back that the car and everything in it would be as I left it no matter whether it be five minutes or a week. The only way for any one to get in the car or take anything out of it would be to kill him. I have gone and left him for several hours and then send some one that he knows, just to try to get the car through kindness but they always come back with it.

Salem people generally are much interested in the programs given by the Apollo Club as evidenced by the sale of a large number of associate memberships. These memberships are \$5.00 each and entitle the holder to four tickets for each concert. We expect a treat in the person of John Hand who will be the soloist at the next concert January 13th. He is a new tenor in the concert field and is rapidly gaining national recognition.

Amina Gluck, the famous operatic soprano so well known through her Victor records, has recently suffered such a serious nervous breakdown that she is compelled to cancel all engagements for the season.

Maud Powell, probably America's greatest woman violinist, also suffered a nervous collapse.

Truly music is enervating work and there is a limit to what flesh and blood can endure. I am reminded of what my first voice teacher said: "It takes a strong man to be a singer." This was before the woman suffrage amendment was made to the national constitution. He might now say, "It takes a strong man to be a concert artist, yes verily, how much more does it take a strong woman."

The mayor of New York closed the Lexington Theatre where German opera was to be presented in the German tongue, thanks to the American Legion and a number of other patriotic organizations, and may the good work go on and prosper. The language of music is universal, but the Kaiser are no more for America now than they were when Belgium and Armenia were desecrated and the Lusitania went down. Let us be One People, and speaking One Language, under One Good Old "Stars and Stripes."

Consequently we feel that all children should have a chance at music as Dr. Frank Damrosch puts it: "Music should have a place in every school for rich and poor alike. I offer my sincere homage to the educator for showing us the patch by which music in its higher form, which has been the exclusive property of the talented or the rich, can be popularized and brought into the daily life of the people."

Then she turned to John and asked tartly:

"What does Katherine mean?"

"I expect she means just what she says," answered John. "She usually does."

"Do you mean to tell me, John Gordon, that that story in the morning papers of your being out all hours of the night with Elizabeth Moreland and half killing innocent people, is true?"

Two Badly Hurt.

"Reasonably so," he answered. "I was out motoring with Bess late last night, another car ran into mine, and the boy and girl in the car were badly hurt. Katherine and I have been at the hospital and find that they will recover."

"Well, I can't understand why you ever married Katherine. If you are going back to your old love with Elizabeth Moreland."

I felt myself turning sick at heart. "Mother!" said John horrified, as he looked at me in consternation.

"Well, Katherine might as well understand this first as last."

I waited to hear no more.

"Katherine does understand perfectly," I interrupted, "and if you will excuse me I will go to my room."

I turned, groped my way to the door, and left them together.

(Monday—Mme. Gordon Must Not Be Unhappy)

then I'm through. It's been the hardest day of my life."

"But what about me, John?" I said aloud at this time. For every time that John showed me his utter selfishness I was again shocked and hurt anew.

"Why, you haven't had a very hard day, have you?" he asked in surprise. "You must remember it was your own desire to come home on the train that got us into this mess. If you had been here I never would have called upon Bess or gone out with her. Then it was your own proposition to go to the hospital and be seen all over town with me today. This is the first thing I have asked you to do and you buck on this!"

"Oh, all right; but I want you to take note right here, John Gordon," I said with a quick flame of anger, "that I cannot remember a time since we have been married when I have asked you to do one thing for me and you have done it willingly. Most of the time you have either ignored my request or refused it."

Call Comes From Madam

Just here Henriette came out of the room and said:

"Mme. Gordon wishes me to say that if you are not coming in to see her, she hopes you will not discuss personal matters outside her door."

I felt the hot blood rush to my head, and followed John as he strode angrily into the room.

"Just so long as I furnish this home for you women, I shall stand and talk and place in it that I wish," John said loudly, glowering at his mother. With marked resentment she glowered back at him as she said fretfully:

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in Salem. I do not want you to think I have a well-bred dog with a pedigree a yard or two long—for he is not. He is just a dog one's best friend, a companion that will stay with you and go with you where nothing or no human being will.

As every one knows one can train a dog, with but a little trouble, to guard you and yours at all times, no matter what hardships he has to go through. I could leave my dog on the car and go away and leave him in charge and know where ever I go back that the car and everything in it would be as I left it no matter whether it be five minutes or a week.

The only way for any one to get in the car or take anything out of it would be to kill him. I have gone and left him for several hours and then send some one that he knows, just to try to get the car through kindness but they always come back with it.

On our trip out here it was necessary to make a minor repair and the garage man said he would have it ready by the time we had dinner. We went and left the dog in the car and at the end of an hour and a half we

went to get the car and the garage man welcomed us with "If you want anything done to that car you will have to take that dog out and keep him out of the garage until I am through with the car."

I can throw my coat down and tell you he will watch it and I will assure you he will stay in Salem, Oregon, after the roads get in shape to travel. For we have fully made up our minds to go back to Indiana and pay our three dollars dog tax that entitles them to live as god wished them to live.—G. F. BRAZIER.

ILLINOIS GETS ALEXANDER

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Grover Cleveland Alexander will aid in rounding up the University of Illinois baseball team into condition next spring. Before going south with the Cubs he will spend several weeks at Champaign showing the students how to pitch.

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