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"Back when the nation was needin' sons Most 'em natchery took 'r runs, 'Ceptin' Jim and he says—says he: 'I choose sticks an' a drum for me.'"

The man who recognized and immortalized the value of "Old Jim Wade's" drumming in '00, knows that human nature has not changed in the half century since Jim put pop into the boys with his rat-a-tat-tat.

This student of human nature is John D. Wells, erstwhile smithy, traveling showman, U. S. cavalryman, machinist, journalist and finally managing editor of the Buffalo Evening News and author of several volumes of delectable verse—"Old Good-Bye" and "Howdy-Do's" and "Your Folks and Mine"—already well known and well loved, and now a new volume, "Rhymes of Our Home Folks," just published.

John D. Wells does not write about virgins and sexes, nor acorns and enigmas. It takes no lectures to interpret his poems. They tell of simple, homely, every-day things of life. They are full of music. They are full of truth. To read them once is to read and reread them many times. They grip the heart as Riley's poems do. "This said Riley's mantle has fallen onto Wells's shoulders."

The man whose pen has traced these lovable rhymes knows the heart of the soldier, and the wants of that heart. He knows that after the mad pass of battle, the heart yearns for something soothing—something sweet—something of home and the home folks, and John D. Wells means that they shall have it. He is going to take it to them. He realizes that his gun-carrying days are past, but like "Old Jim Wade" he will drum the boys along with songs of home and home-life and songs of other soldier boys. Big-heartedness, sacrifice and sense of duty will swell the breast of

every soldier who listens to Wells' tale, "A Cavalryman."

Wells will not be privileged to whack at the foe with butt and bayonet, but he will make every mother's son who hears him read "An Old Sayin' of Mother's," whack with double energy.

This is the tale of a trooper, a fellow who had no God—Who earned his pay on a scrubby bay at the left of a ragged squad; Booted and spurred and cursing, with many a thought of good, He made but one, as the rosters run, of the Fighting Brotherhood.

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### ELGIN NEWS NOTES

ELGIN, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Mr. Paroungian, an Armenian, will speak

In the Methodist-Episcopal church this evening on the treatment of his country by the Turks. His lecture will be for the benefit of the relief fund.

The first motion picture show was given by the city council last Friday evening in the city hall opera house. A second show will be given next Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hackett and their children made a business trip to La Grande last week.

Mr. L. Denham went to La Grande last evening, where he will transact business until Thursday of this week. Jesse Witty, a young man of Elgin, who is attending school at the University of Oregon, is visiting in Elgin

with his relatives. Jesse states that the university is well filled and the work goes as usual. He will return to his work at the university next Friday.

Mrs. Jesse Smith of Elgin was taken to the hospital last Saturday, where she underwent a surgical operation.

Elgin citizens can find no reason this winter for going to spend the winter in California or Portugal in view of the lovely weather here.

The warm spring-like weather is bringing out the pussy willows and the early wild flowers. Some farmers state that their fruit trees are putting

out new growth which a severe frost might damage the whole tree.

The high school mid-year examination exemptions were granted this year.

### Sammies Jazz Band Makes a Big Hit

By J. W. COLLIER

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICAN IMPERIAL NATIONAL ARMY, FRANCE, Dec. 2 (By Mail).—Tommy French, band leader, with the famous and whistling band, they didn't get to the jazz stuff. They stood around the village square this afternoon with their trombones and sphygmometers under their arms and they played at a band of dynamite, leading off jazz till your feet couldn't believe a word.

It started out as a kind of rock-throwing concert. Both bands gathered around the main stem of logs, led by trombones, with the sphygmometer drummers and the village girls not exactly respectful toward the American troops.

Revolving the square they separated. The Polka took up their stand under the statue of Joan D'Arc—the sphygmometer of music you see in most every village in France. They played. The captain leader with the sphygmometer drummers toward the band on the left. Tommy French then

in the sunlight as the polka brandished them over their heads; then they'd blow a march tune so full of pep that you wanted to grab a rifle and start shooting every Boche in creation from the Kaiser down.

It was great—for that kind of music.

But, when the American band began to play—now, that was music. Pretty soon half the population of town was flocking to the square to get an earful of the new article.

They never heard a jazz tune before today. How that old band did moon; trombones bleating, big horns oomp-ing, bugles squawking and cymbals crashing; just the right kind of crash at the right place. In two minutes all the audience was swaying under the rhythmic spell of the jazz. If the drums had dropped out it would have made no difference; a thousand peasants' wooden shoes were beating a clackety-clack-clack on the cold cobblestones.

Shutters were open all around the square and folks leaned on the window-sills drinking in the frozied American strains—rag-time ranged to the 5th power.

Well sir, they jazzed every jazz tune they knew and then, for an extra encore we got "Just Before the Battle, Mother" served up in jazz measures.

When the musical spasm was over the French band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and everyone, electrician, polka and Sammies in the

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