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SHORT STORIES OF TOWN AND COUNTRY

Galena Kurre is visiting relatives in Portland.

Jack Fear, formerly of this place, is here for the busy season.

Evelyn Kurre returned Tuesday from a two weeks' visit in Portland.

Miss Emma Henkle was called back to Rosburg Tuesday morning by a message announcing the death of the child of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Dixon. Miss Henkle had just returned from a visit at the Dixon home.

Fay Dunsmore arrived home today after a two years' absence. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy and has been with the submarine R-8 U. S. S. He received his discharge last Wednesday and while he enjoyed being in the service of Uncle Sam, he is happy to be among old friends again.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Presbyterian manse last Saturday afternoon in the presence of a few friends when Dr. H. C. Dunsmore united in marriage Mr. Harvey Nash and Miss Jessie Sayers Martin. The groom is a prosperous farmer of Buena Vista. The bride is a popular young lady of the same neighborhood. They will make their home on their Buena Vista ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson of Portland are guests at the George Wilson home.

West Salem Officer Should 'Get the Gate'

EDITOR POST: While riding at the rate of 20 miles an hour thru West Salem one day this week with one of the most cautious and careful drivers in Polk county, he was stopped by a motor cop who said that we were going 30 miles an hour. From the time we entered West Salem until we got out of it, at no time did he drive beyond 20 miles an hour, as I was watching the speedometer and know whereof I speak.

No wonder there is general complaint about the tyranny of this West Salem officer! The average tourist strikes a fifteen or twenty mile gait and many of them have been held up and fined, giving Polk county a black eye, to say nothing of the injustice of it.

The writer believes that traffic regulations should be vigorously enforced without favor but officers like this West Salem one should be taken off the job.

FAIR PLAY.

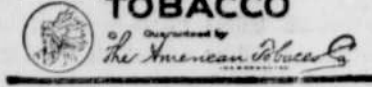
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

The annoying thing about fishing is that just as you settle for a nap some darned fish jerks at your line.—Birmingham (Ala.) News.



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WOULD REVIVE OLD CUSTOM

New England Newspaper Points Out Good Home Influence in Practice of Family Singing.

"Why," asks a contemporary writer, "do so few parents nowadays sing either to or with their children?" She goes on to urge a revival of this fine old custom.

Perhaps, as she suggests, the phonograph, with its music-making facilities, or the automobile and the movie forever dragging people from their homes, or jazz with its exotic and difficult cadence, have driven the old sweet airs and the habit of family singing from the American homes.

Old hymns of noble verse and nobler music, beautiful old ballads in settings of simple but perfect melody, are a valuable part of the equipment of any life and memory. Every little while new music of real



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Homes in which such songs are sung, homes in which fathers and mothers sing such songs first to and then with their children, are among the greatest influences of civilization. More important than the songs or the singing is the habit instilled in early life of finding pleasure in simple family association within the walls of home itself.—Concord Monitor.

SMART BABIES HUNGRY.

Dr. Eugene Rosamond of Memphis read a paper before the Southern Medical association with the following conclusions: (1) Habitual crying in breast-fed babies at a particular time each day—usually late afternoon and at night—is a symptom of hunger. (2) The preternaturally smart, wide-awake baby is hungry. (3) Three-months colic is primarily hunger. Starvation, indigestion and milk imbalance, due to the mother's worry, may cause true colic to supervene, but these right themselves if the baby's cries are hushed. (4) Supplemental and complementary feeding is the remedy. (5) Complementary feeding should be given only with a cup and spoon.

AUSTRALIA'S GREEN HEART.

Central Australia has been popularly supposed to be a desert of undulating sand, but this impression is vanishing. Eight times Capt. S. A. White, the South Australian explorer, has traversed one of the loneliest lands on earth. He has seen it blossoming like a vast garden under the touch of rainfall and he has marched through it in days when drought might well have made all a wilderness. Yet even in the latter days he has seen abundant growth of trees along the dry water courses and further back dense mulga scrubs have flourished.

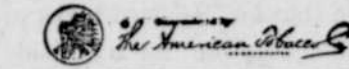
On many of his long trips Captain White has been accompanied by his wife, Mrs. White is proud of having made a camel journey of 1,600 miles through a waterless country.



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ON LIFE'S PILGRIMAGE

A sign has been discovered in an old tailor shop in Pompeii reading: "Creases ironed in your togas while you wait."

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NAMED THE AUTOMOBILE.

The word "automobile" is an excellent illustration of the way language grows to meet the progress of invention. It is word of mixed parentage (the Greek prefix "auto"—self, and the French "mobile"—movable, changeable, uncertain).

As the French invented the object, they felt that it was up to them to invent its name. So they invented it and handed it over to American dictionary writers, who promptly adopted it. But the American people, greatly given to short cuts, have whittled the word down to its simplest form, "auto"—a curtailment severely frowned upon in the highest circles of language.

STRIVING TO PLEASE.

"Did you go to the great prize fight?"

"No," replied Senator Sorghum. "The people have learned to expect too much from a man who is running for office. I've told funny stories, sang songs and joined in the merry dances of the villagers. If I showed any taste for pugilism I'm afraid they'd want me to put on the boxing gloves."

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