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THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

When the bridge came falling down
 For lack of firm support,
 There was much provocation
 To cuss the county court;
 We'll have no bridge for quite awhile
 Many now are fearing,
 And it's so bad,
 Makes men mad,
 And how some folks are cheering.

New goods are coming in
 For fall and winter showing,
 Parties and balls will soon commence,
 With many people going;
 Men are working on the V. & S.
 Removing rocks and missile,
 But there'll be frets
 Until Mike Goetz
 Loudly blows the whistle.

Said Asa B. to J. S. B.:
 "I say without its and may bes
 When out for office, John,
 Even kiss the babies;"
 Said J. S. B. to Asa then:
 "Sometimes I feel like hades,
 If there were no men
 It would be better then
 For I could kiss the ladies."

These summer days are very fine
 And have been good in staying,
 Instead of bleak October time,
 You'd think we still were Maying;
 Yet one hears every now and then,
 Some poor chap complaining,
 He had no tub
 In which to rub,
 So he wants a spell of raining.

COURT ORDERS

Tobin & Stevens, the contractors who built the concrete bridge on Main street, were given notice by registered mail this week to finish and repair the bridge at once. This undoubtedly means that the county court intends to hold the contractors responsible for the loss sustained by the bridge's collapse. From reports and the presence of their attorney in Independence, it is indicated that the contractors will not comply with the demand. Their refusal will mean the beginning of a legal battle, which will consume months of time, and will result in a serious condition of affairs for as soon as the rainy season commences it will be almost impossible to get into Independence from the north.

COUNTY POLITICS

Says the Dallas Itemizer:
 Asa Robinson has made one of the best clerks Polk county has ever had and should be re-elected on his record.

Fred Crowley is running for county superintendent of schools in Polk county on a platform of continued efficiency, but a reduction in the expense of running that office. If Yamhill county can run its superintendent's office with only the superintendent and one office assistant, Polk county, which has 20 fewer districts, should be able to do so.

If John Bohannon had been a member of the board of county commissioners, it is a safe bet the county wouldn't have been stuck for the expense of the Independence bridge that fell down of its own weight. Mr. Bohannon would have guarded the interests of the taxpayers of the county as a whole, and at the same time have seen to it that his home town had a bridge that would stand up.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Following is the condensed report of C. B. McCulloch, of the engineering department of the O. A. C., concerning the Independence bridge which recently collapsed:

1. The design was in no way responsible for the failure of the structure.
2. It is not probable that the cement had anything to do with the failure.
3. Some of the sand used was very fine. This undoubtedly caused the formation of weak spots in the concrete, but probably would not alone have caused failure.
4. Careless and incorrect methods of construction were probably chiefly responsible for the failure.
5. For this careless construction the contractor was in a large measure responsible, but the county is in a minor degree responsible (morally at least) in that careful inspection was not insisted upon.

THE RECALL

Petitions for the recall of Judge Teal and Commissioners Wells and Beckett are now in circulation and from what its supporters say many signatures are being obtained. In the north end where the movement is particularly strong, it is reported that nearly all the voters are signing. The collapse of the new bridge in Independence has strengthened the movement greatly.

MRS. BRAMBURG PASSES

Elnora Bramburg, wife of John Bramburg, died suddenly at the age of forty-six in a Portland hospital Sunday night, where she had been for two weeks recovering from the effects of an operation. It was thought that she was gaining rapidly and could be brought home in a few days and her unexpected death was a great shock to relatives and friends.

Besides her husband, she is survived by five daughters, Miss Allie of Salem, Mrs. Beulah McCoy of St. Helens and Misses Crissie, Nellie and Beatrice, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Berry of Forest Grove, and three brothers, who have the sympathy of the entire community in their great bereavement.

Mrs. Bramburg was a devout Baptist and the funeral services were held in the local church Tuesday afternoon, the large edifice being filled with sympathizing friends and acquaintances. Rev. W. S. Stewart conducted the services. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mrs. Bramburg was a splendid character of kind ways and charitable disposition. She was especially fond of her five daughters, four of whom have grown to womanhood under her guidance and direction. Her place in life she ably filled and her passing into eternal life was only the reward due her, it being justly earned.

A more extended obituary will appear next week.

ROAD MEETING

There will be a meeting in the city hall in Independence Saturday night for the purpose of organizing a good roads' association and electing three delegates to the county convention. A number are taking much interest in promoting the meeting and a large attendance is expected. The call is signed by J. J. Underwood, supervisor from this district.



Miss Pearl Quivey and Homer Ruch were married at the home of the bride's mother last Sunday, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore officiating.

Miss Esther Lucas of Salem and Mr. Clifford Brunk of Eola were married at Salem Tuesday.

LECTURE COURSE

Those interested in the lecture course this winter held a meeting Monday night and formed a permanent organization. M. Merwin was elected president, W. F. Elliott vice president, E. N. Blenis secretary and O. A. Macy treasurer. Tickets will be placed on sale as soon as the first number comes, Nov. 8.

POLK WINS

Polk county was awarded first prize for the best exhibit at the Seattle Land Show last week, receiving a \$400 cash prize and a trophy banner.

Beware—This is Friday and also the 13th.

INDEPENDENCE HAS ITS CHANCE

Independence is looking forward to a prosperous spring. The fall, despite many disadvantages, has been good. Present and future considered, there is no reason to complain.

We ought to take off our coats now and work harmoniously in behalf of a number of "good things" that are possible to obtain.

Letters from The People

LYCEUM COURSE

In order to provide high class entertainment for the coming winter, about fifty of our local people have formed an organization known as the Independence Lyceum Association.

The association held its meeting in the parlor of the Moose Club on Monday evening of this week and elected the officers who will have charge of the Lyceum course for the coming season. The officers elected are as follows: president, M. Merwin; vice president, W. F. Elliott; secretary, E. M. Blenis; treasurer, O. A. Macy.

The course this season will consist of five high class entertainments, concerts and lectures. The committee is very much pleased with the talent that has been secured and feel that the people of Independence vicinity

have some treats in store for them.

The first entertainment will be the Criterion Glee Club on Nov. 8th.

Annie Threse Davault, a dramatic reader on Feb. 8th, will be the second number.

The third number will be a lecture by J. C. Herbsman. This will occur on Feb. 23rd.

The Brewer Musical Entertainers will constitute the fourth number and will come on March 17th.

The fifth and last number will be the great Kekuku Hawaiian Quintet.

Season tickets will be \$1.50 for the entire five numbers. These may be reserved at the option of the holder by the payment of 10c for each entertainment. Season tickets will be on sale at Williams' drug store and the reservations will be made there. Contributed.

TO TEACH FOREIGNERS.

Non-English Speaking Immigrants Given Chance to Learn Language.

Washington.—The United States bureau of education in the department of the interior has begun its nation wide campaign to induce 3,000,000 non-English speaking immigrants to attend night school and learn the language of America.

The commissioner of education has designated men dealing with the immigrants' problems from every angle to serve on a national committee of one hundred to further the purposes of the campaign. This action is the result of resolutions adopted by two Americanization conferences held during the recent meetings of the National Education association in Detroit and in New York, at which times it was decided that the removal of the inability of the foreign born residents to speak English could be hastened by concerted effort and co-operation of all interested agencies and individuals working intensively on a nation wide basis prior to and immediately subsequent to the opening of evening schools in October.

SHOWS SERGEANT HE ERRED.

Rejected Applicant Can Shoot Well Without Trigger and Middle Fingers.

St. Louis.—Rejected for enlistment in the United States marine corps because the "trigger" and middle fingers were missing from his right hand, Elbert Harlan, a renowned applicant from Oklahoma, went from the recruiting station in the Fullerton building to a shooting gallery near by and made twenty-five straight hits on a moving target with a small caliber rifle, while the sergeant who had rejected him looked on.

"I can shoot better with my little finger than some men can with their trigger fingers," Harlan said after his performance at the gallery, "and I cannot understand why you won't take me."

The marine sergeant explained that a hand minus several fingers would look bad when maned in white gloves and that the loss of the fingers would seriously interfere with the proper handling of the rifle at drills. But the Oklahoma recruit was unconvinced and went back home in the belief that the government doesn't know a good man when it sees one.

- They Split Even -

IN the big preparedness parade which took place in New York in May and which set the example for other preparedness parades all over the country Digby Bell, the comedian, led a company made up largely of actors, theatrical managers and playwrights from the Lambs and the Players' clubs.



"Fifty-fifty!" He blared.

The marchers moved in wide lines twenty abreast, extending from curb to curb of Fifth avenue. All went well with Captain Digby Bell's squad until it reached Forty-second street, where an isle of safety for pedestrians stands in the middle of the asphalt roadway.

He knew there must be a military command for dividing a column so as to pass about a fixed obstacle, but he didn't know what it was. For just a moment confusion threatened his group. Then in this emergency an inspiration came to the leader.

He swung about and faced the oncoming formation. "Fifty-fifty," he blared at the top of his voice. And, splitting in the center, the line flanked the safety isle without missing a step.—Saturday Evening Post.

BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

Mrs. A. D. Davidson entertained her sewing club on Wednesday of last week. The rooms were beautifully decorated with club colors, pink and white, and the same hues were developed in the choice luncheon.

The O. D. Butlers feasted the members of the Crab Club last Friday evening with an elaborate

six o'clock dinner at their Monmouth street home. The guests found amusement with cards.

The Library board has issued unique invitations for a benefit card party at the K. C. Eldridge home, Oct. 31. Greeting jack-o'-lanterns remind one that the "goblins will get him if he don't watch out."

GRAND JURY RUMOR

According to the latest rumors about the court house, the grand jury may be called upon to investigate certain phases of the Independence road and bridge muddle. Some of the transactions connected therewith are said to have been of a doubtful nature.—Dallas Itemizer.

DIED

Mrs. Mabel Smith died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Steltner, in North Independence yesterday after a year's illness. She leaves a son three years old. The funeral was held this afternoon at the Baptist church.

STORM STOPS WATCHES

Ringling, Okla.—Mainsprings of 1,000 watches snapped within a radius of twenty miles of Ringling during a recent electrical storm. "This is not unusual," said a jeweler as three men came to his counter with "dead" watches. "All over the middle west and probably in other parts of the country electrical disturbances play havoc with the time of day. I recall that a few years ago in Chicago a record was kept of the number of watches broken during an electrical storm, and the number reached 2,800. All of them stopped during a period of fifteen minutes.

The electrical storm, traveling from southeast to northwest and passing over Ringling and the Healdton oil field, lasted less than one and a half hours, beginning about 8 o'clock, yet some watches brought in for repairs stopped as late as 11:30, which the jeweler said was extraordinary.

∴ Mary and the Lamb ∴

MARY had a little lamb;
 She passed her plate for more.
 The lamb that pleased her palate so
 Was purchased at this store.
 —Butcher Store Sign.

MARY had a little lamb;
 She'd like to buy some more.
 The trouble is the price is high—
 Er than it was before.
 —Boston Globe.