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## THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

Sadie Shucks swore off last week  
And cut out the ukulele,  
But the pledge has not been kept  
For she plays the ding ting daily;  
We asked her why she lied that way  
And proved herself so yellow,  
And Sadie said,  
"I was led,  
I had to hold my fellow."  
"For Willard R. is a nice young man  
And really worth the keeping,  
But six young ladies serenade him much  
When he should be sleeping;  
Publish down beneath your rhyme  
Just the ones I'm naming,  
So you see  
It's for me  
To keep right up and coming."  
Folks complain of our councilmen  
And find a place to lodge it,  
That is why so many men  
Think it best to dodge it;  
But brave is he that takes the job  
And stands the daily durning,  
For he'll have wings  
And other things  
When the rest of us are burning.  
Summer zephyrs have left their card,  
And while winter still is clinging,  
Geese and ducks are going north  
And numerous birds are singing;  
Tuesday Word Butler stood upon the st.  
And he was truly fretting,  
He took a chance  
Pulled off his pants  
But still he kept on sweating.

1. H., G. and L., V., L. and V.

## TO GET TOGETHER

Work was commenced this week to organize a commercial club. A committee consisting of M. Merwin, O. A. Macy, W. S. Stewart, C. W. Irvine, W. E. Craven and Dean Walker met Saturday night and adopted a constitution which it is proposed to submit to citizens for ratification. Commercial clubs in Independence heretofore have had a difficult road to travel because the power to act has been a prerogative of the body as a whole and has not been concentrated. Under the rules of the new club, it is proposed to give the executive committee full rein with instructions to use their own judgment. If a committee can be named whose members will take the bit in their teeth and the bull by the horns, their efforts will be a success and the city profit thereby.

## W. R. C. INSTALLS

The regular installation exercises of Gen. Gibson Woman's Relief Corps was held Saturday in the G. A. R. hall and the following officers were installed: Bessie Groves, president; Maggie Graves, senior vice president; Jessie Stratton, junior vice president; Eliza A. Ewing, secretary; Loma M. Ewing, treasurer; Mary Bingman, chaplain; Dema Bingman, chaplain; Dema Stillwell, conductor; Lydia Howard, assistant conductor; Rebecca Dick, guard; Emily Bascue, assistant guard.

## LEGISLATURE MEETS

The legislature of Oregon began its 29th session Monday by the election of Gus Mosser as president of the senate and R. N. Stanfield of Umatilla as speaker of the house. Hawley was given the chairmanship of the county and state officers committee. Fuller is chairman of forestry committee and Stafrin heads the public institutions committee. Billy McAdams was elected to his old job, mailing clerk of the house.

## FAREWELL PARTY

Mrs. Esther Morgan, who is soon to move to Oregon City, was "surprised" Monday night when a number of her friends and co-workers in the church and temperance cause walked into her home. The evening was spent in music and games after which the members of the Relief Corps opened up their lunch baskets and all greatly enjoyed the appetizing supper. Mrs. Morgan has been an earnest and faithful worker in the ranks of the Corps and White Ribbon band and her departure is very much regretted.

## DIED

Martha A. Stump, mother of F. N. Stump, passed away at the home of her daughter in Salem Friday, aged 77 years. The funeral was held in Salem, Monday. Mrs. Stump came to Oregon in 1852 and lived nearly all her life on a farm south of Independence.

Mrs. D. C. Walker of Monmouth died in the Dallas hospital Sunday night.

Mrs. Mollie McClain, a former resident of Suver, died at her home in Grant's Pass last week.

## BRIDGE CLOSED

The Salem bridge was closed to all traffic yesterday on its 26th birthday. It is planned to use the S. P. bridge for pedestrians.

## HIT WITH A POKER

An Independence young man was quite seriously hurt Saturday night when he was attacked by the mother of a girl he intended taking to a dance against the wishes of the mother. The young couple have been "sneaking out" for some time because the young man has been forbidden to enter the girl's home.

Saturday night it was arranged that the girl was to "sneak out" and meet the young man on a certain corner. The mother learned of the plan. Locking her daughter in a room, she went out to meet her would-be son-in-law, dressed in some of the girl's clothes. Upon her arrival at the meeting place, the young man thinking it was the girl, attempted to embrace her. The mother stepped back and struck him on the head with a stove poker. It was a hard blow and the young man staggered a few minutes before he realized what was up and could run.

The Monitor admits that it would not have got this story had not both the mother and the young man called upon and begged us to mention no names.

## 3 LINKS INSTALL

Joint installation of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs took place last Thursday night. Combined with the feast that always goes with this event, the evening was much enjoyed and the men and women who are united by three links are to be congratulated upon the vim and energy displayed at all times by the two orders in Independence.

## "INTOLERANCE"

D. W. Griffith's colossal two million dollar spectacle, "Intolerance", Love's Struggle Throughout the Ages, appears at the Grand Theatre, Salem, on Monday and Tuesday nights, Jan. 15, 16, with a special matinee Tuesday afternoon. The New York Sun says it is "the greatest spectacle of the age", the New York Telegram says it is "the most superb effect yet achieved", the Los Angeles Times says that "Intolerance" makes "The Birth of a Nation" look like a fishing smack when a dreadnaught sweeps into harbor."

## FIRE BURNS HOME

Fire destroyed the home of F. St. Arrell in North Independence last Saturday night. All the members of the family were absent from the house when the blaze was discovered by neighbors. But little furniture and clothing was recovered.

## A SUMMER DAY

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1917, will long be remembered in Oregon. The day was so warm from eleven to four o'clock that overcoats had to be discarded, doors and windows were opened and children larked outside as they do in the good old summer time.

## YOUNG MAN CLEARED

F. E. Kreutz of Buena Vista was exonerated of all blame in an affair at Salem two weeks ago when a girl by the name of Rauscher jumped out of a window in a hotel when Kreutz entered her room. The girl told her story to the grand jury and Kreutz was released.

A residence, barn and out buildings were destroyed last night at Sidney. The contents of the buildings were saved.

## IT WAS A WONDERFUL SNAKE

Articles in the newspapers about horse hair snakes, hoop snakes and joint snakes caused a member of the Independence band to tell the snake editor of the Monitor about a wonderful snake that he once tamed. He said he learned the snake to beat the bass drum with its tail and keep perfect time. He further said that Guy Walker, E. L. Townsend and Pearl Hedges used to come up to his home and the four of them and the snake would play all night, but they didn't dare to let the snake play in public because it would scare the girls. This was a number of years ago before the state went "dry".

## Letters from The People

## A SCANDAL IN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29

We cannot afford to have a scandal in our school and it is up to you dear people to avoid it.

The good women of our town are doing a great work. They need help. On next Saturday, the 13th, commencing at 11:30 a. m., they are going to open up their soup kitchen and invite everyone and their friends to come and take a bowl of soup and learn of the great work that is being done. Drop a nickel in the slot and go away happy. It would be scandalous not to come. In the afternoon there will be a shower of useful things for the soup kitchen. The little folks appreciate it. Committee.

## A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CAMPAIGN FUND

Monmouth, Or., Jan. 8.—Find herewith enclosed \$1.50 for another year. Keep after the grafters and salary grabbers. A farmer or anybody else who wants lower taxes should give the Monitor the coin. G. H.

## A PROTEST AGAINST BRIDGE TOLL AT SALEM

Editor Monitor:—Your correspondent reading the notice of the closing of the Polk-Marion

bridge at Salem, cannot help commenting on the arrangement made for crossing over the river, by planking and half-hour car service at the 5 cent charge. Now, then, that arrangement is all right for the railroad company but how about the "dear public" who need their nickels more than the railroad does? Who are the ones that pay the cost of building a new bridge? Is it the railroad or the "dear public"? Both counties pay taxes enough for a new bridge which must be built. But why is it that the people cannot have a free crossing? It is Polk county that will feel the pressure the most because they are the ones that have to cross to trade and do business at the Capital in public affairs.

Now, as it appears to be a "graft," my advice to the Polk people is to do their trading at home, which they should anyhow, for the county's best interests. Merchants and other business men would feel the benefit of such trading and the money would be kept where it belongs, and the towns of Polk county would improve much faster and perhaps increase their pay-rolls. It is a strange thing that people think that everything away from home is so much better and everything is so much cheaper.

Albert O. Yates.



SPECIAL EXTRA U. S. A. SUNRISE EDITION

## WASTED ENERGY.

THE other day we took a trip to call on Mr. Jackson, the editor of the Big Spring Journal.

Mr. Jackson never did train in our company.

His envy and jealousy would not permit him to give us credit for one single thing.

When we expected to be nominated four years ago for the presidency he asked why a kyste shouldn't be nominated in our place.

## The Meeting.

We have long intended to have a plain talk with that gentleman, but never got around to it until now.

We rode into Big Spring in a careless way in order to surprise Mr. Jackson, but some one must have telephoned him.

He was just preparing to snap out of his office and take a little snorter when we faced him.

## The Flight.

We asked him to halt and talk over important matters with him, but he gave a jump of about four feet and went down the street like a jackass rabbit pursued by a dozen dogs.

We went over to the hotel and put up for the day. In fact, we stayed there all night and until noon the next day, and the only reports we got of Mr. Jackson was that he was thirty miles away and was still running at a gain of ten miles an hour.

We will have to visit his office again.

## THAT'S NO WAY.

TWO or three weeks ago we had an item to the effect that the county clerk of this county was drinking so much tangiefol that public business was being sadly neglected.

We meant it all in kindness and hoped he would take it that way, but it seems that the iron struck home.

## Wild Shooting.

Instead of coming to the office and talking the matter over in a friendly way he banged our sanctum door open last Monday and began blazing away at us with an old revolver as long as a rail and as noisy as a cannon.

He shot a hole in our office clock, perforated a state map of Nebraska and knocked the end off a horn we had hanging up as an ornament. The rest of his load went wild.

## Our Revenge.

We don't want to be capricious about these things, but we have feelings to be hurt.

After the blithe young man got through we rose up and sliced the lobe of his ear off as a souvenir and threw him into the street.

We were somewhat riled for a minute, but when he broke down and cried we went out and stuck the lobe in place and made friends with him.

His ear will be as good as ever in a couple of weeks, and we hope the matter will prove a great moral lesson to him.

M. QUAD.

## HOW OUR REPRESENTATIVE BEGINS

The first bill introduced in the legislature by our representative, Conrad Stafrin, was one to raise the salary of the district attorney. There are at least a half dozen lawyers in Polk county quite willing to take the job at the present salary.

## BOHANNON SLATED

It is told about town that three of the councilmen have agreed upon the appointment of J. S. Bohannon to fill the vacancy upon the council caused by the resignation of W. E. Craven.

W. L. Bice is a candidate for city treasurer against W. S. Kurre.

Mrs. Ethel Sutton of Buena Vista has been committed to the state hospital.



BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

## CIVIC LEAGUE RESUMES.

After a delightful holiday rest from routine work, clubs are gradually resuming activities.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. K. C. Eldridge, president, presided over a most interesting meeting of the Civic Improvement League. Reports from Mrs. Hubbard, chairman of the charity committee, were given concerning the praiseworthy work done by the League during Christmas.

Mrs. Eldridge followed the business session with a delightful talk on boys, stating that "the boys of today will be the men of tomorrow," she said that nothing should be left undone that might aid the character building of the small boys and as a step in this direction, a boys' Industrial club has been added to

the Civic League. For the head of this department, Mrs. Geo. Conkey has been chosen, since her ability to manage children and draw the very best from them has been so manifest, it is believed that wonderful good will result from the newly established department.

## OWLS PLAY.

After a delightful dinner party at the Beaver last Monday evening, the Owls went to the L. Damon home for their whist session. Six tables had been appointed for the jolly players who during the evening were delighted with the Damon hospitality they so generously received.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Drexler

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