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## THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

The Civic Club so its declared  
Is really short of money,  
Lots of folks are just the same  
But that is nothing funny;  
Joe Hubbard will move out to a farm  
And we're told that he knows how  
To slop the pigs,  
Mend the rigs  
And milk the old red cow.

A new industry is now proposed  
Which with the hop competes,  
Men are here to tell us that  
We ought to raise some beets;  
To knock old high c. of l.,  
There should be no ifs or maybes,  
Plant some beets  
To make the eats  
For Molly and the babies.

A young lady writes us to say,  
"Who is this Sadie Shucks?"  
(It seems that she has been so-called  
And she most likely bucks;)   
Now Sadie is a nice young girl  
And not the least bit tough,  
She's smart and sweet,  
Polite and neat,  
But winks at Winnie Huff.

The new bridge over the Willamette,  
They have a hard time starting,  
And Salem's business is on the bum  
Since the old bridge parting;  
The Valley & Siletz is coming 'long,  
So better quit your hooting,  
Next week some day,  
So they say,  
You'll hear its engine tooting.

## Letters from The People

### \$25,000 LOSS

Editor Monitor:—Polk county contributes nothing towards a free ferry at Salem. "Most emphatically, no". That is right, because it is asserted that she contributes \$25,000 a month cash in trading there. Only fancy it! \$25,000 of the hard earned wealth of the residents of her farms and cities, when it should be left in her own cities and towns. One can hardly realize that it can be so. And why is it? Purchasers claim that they buy cheaper in Salem than at home; and if this is so, why is it? Because Salem holds out inducements by cutting prices, and has perhaps a larger selection of stock to choose from. And why should it be so? The merchants of Polk county should be renting their store buildings as cheap (or cheaper) as the Salem merchants; and they should sell as cheap, and even cheaper, to induce the people to trade at home. There is no earthly reason why this should not be done. It is up to the merchants to figure out that proposition. Why should flour cost more than at Salem? Why should anything be cheaper in Salem than in Independence? The merchants do not pay any more wholesale than they do in Salem. If they do pay

more; why? And freight should be the same, or nearly so. \$25,000 a month going out never to return. No wonder there are vacant stores and no new building going on, and taxes not very likely to get less. Besides, how much of Marion county cash crosses the river in comparison to that which flows the other way, never to return? Polk countyites, you had better help to build up your own towns and industries. Why should fruits be hauled over to Salem to be canned, when canneries could be built on this side with the same facilities for shipping, and the same expenses?

Albert O. Yates.



(Borrowed from the Literary Digest)

They call their son Bill because he was born on the first day of the month.

In a restaurant where is done by electricity, a customer told a waiter to take the egg back and give it another shock.

## TO PLEAD INSANITY

Marcus H. McCall, a barber, who shot and killed W. A. Shaner, another barber, last Christmas day, pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder before Presiding Judge Gantenbein yesterday, and his trial was set for February 6. Insanity will be his defense.

Shaner was killed primarily because he was thought to have secured the discharge of McCall from a barber shop in the Morgan building, in which both men worked. McCall entered the shop on Christmas day, had a shave and a haircut, and turned to Shaner, asking "Have you got your gun with you?" and opened fire.

Three bullets entered Shaner's body, and McCall then diverted his attention to a negro porter whom he chased up Broadway.

That McCall is insane and was not responsible for his actions is the plea to be made by Attorneys W. A. Carter and W. E. Critchlow, appointed by Judge Gantenbein to represent the prisoner. The attorneys have asserted that investigation has shown that McCall was subject to epilepsy when young, and in many ways had been "peculiar", one delusion being that men were following him and threatening his life.

A chief witness for the defense will be Mrs. McCall, divorced wife of the slayer, who lives in Portland.—Oregonian.

## SALEM BRIDGE

Last week, the Monitor stated that the Marion and Polk county courts had agreed to build a steel bridge at Salem. Our information was based upon an article appearing in the Oregonian written by a Salem correspondent. We have since learned that the Polk county court has not agreed to build a steel bridge.

Salem is getting mad at Polk and the Capital Journal accuses the Polk county court of "delaying progress at every turn". Then the same paper goes on to say: "This is due to the fact that certain narrow-minded business men in the Polk county towns think they can force farmers to trade with them if they cannot come to Salem and these interests seem to control their county court".

It is imperative that a bridge be built over the river at Salem and the sooner it is erected the better, altho perhaps from a financial standpoint it is a detriment to the business interests of Polk county. Would Marion county be willing to return the favor? Suppose that a delegation from Independence should call upon the Marion county court and request that the roads in Marion county adjacent to Independence be fixed up and one or two new highways be established so that people living in that section could come to Independence (their nearest town) to trade. Would Marion grant the request?

## POSTOFFICE GAINS

The receipts at the Independence postoffice for the year 1916 were \$150 over 1915 and it remains in the second class. The salary of the postmaster also remains the same. In second class offices, the clerks are under civil service and are not employed by the postmaster.

The increase of patronage indicates that Independence has not fell down in business as compared to last year.

## TO BUILD CAR SHOPS

It is reported upon good authority that the Valley & Siletz railroad will commence the erection of their car shops in Independence very soon. The building crew, which has been working on the other end of the line, will come down to Independence Sunday and commence Monday to complete the railroad to the site of the proposed mill near which the car shops will be located.

## DRY BILL IS DRYER

The prohibition law which was published in last week's Monitor, comes up for passage in the legislature Monday. It has been further amended. Among the new provisions is one prohibiting physicians from prescribing alcoholic drinks and another is giving five days of grace after the bill is passed and signed. Provision is also made for the disposal of booze in transit.

## CANNERY PROPOSED

Several business men for the past few weeks have been corresponding and conferring with the owners of a canning company with a view of inducing them to build a factory in Independence. A visit to Independence in the near future has been promised for the purpose of investigating the field.

## POLK WANTS CONCRETE

"Salem can settle the bridge site to please itself, but as far as the Polk county court is concerned, it will be a concrete bridge. That is what Polk county wants and that is what the county court stands for," said Judge Kirkpatrick Thursday morning, at the meeting of the two county courts.

## FAST LIFE COST \$3061

The total receipts of the secretary of state from Polk county for the year 1916 from automobile, motorcycle, chauffeur and dealers' registration and for transfers and duplicates was \$3061.50. Of this amount \$2512.05 was returned to the county for road purposes.

## S. S. CONVENTION

The annual Sunday School convention of Polk county will be held in Independence on Feb. 9, 10 and 11 at the Baptist church. This comprises the Sunday Schools of all Protestant churches in the county and an attendance of two hundred is expected. Programs will be out next week.

## CREAMERY OFFICERS

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Monmouth creamery the following officers were elected for the coming year: Frank Loughary, president; P. O. Powell, secretary and G. G. Hewitt, T. H. Gentle, H. D. Iliff, J. R. Loy, Ed Rogers, and Jacob Smith, directors.

## A TRAGEDY

Boyibus kissibus sweeti girorum, giribus likibus wanti somorum. Pater puellibus enter parlorum, kicki pueribus exibus dorum. Nightibus darkibus nonus lamporum; cl'mibus fencibus bridibus torum.—Ex.

## BUFFALO NICKELS

The Monitor has been repeatedly asked if there was any premium on buffalo nickels. There is none. Nine million of them have been coined and are in circulation.

## SEEKING SUGAR BEET ACREAGE HERE

Representatives of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. are here for the purpose of securing acreage for sugar beets. They contract to pay six dollars a ton for those raised. Should they secure enough acreage and it is ascertained that beets can be successfully grown here, a factory will undoubtedly be built in Independence.

The movement has the endorsement of the business men and it was thru their efforts that the beet men came here. A canvas of the country is being made and it is hoped that enough acreage can be secured.



BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

### CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS.

Last Tuesday the Civic Improvement League held its second meeting of the new year with a comfortably large attendance. Mrs. K. C. Eldridge presided over the meeting, several subjects of importance being discussed. Mr. Gentle, of Monmouth, who had been invited to speak during the afternoon, was unable to be present on account of sickness. Mrs. Sherman Hayes was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for a large and smart card party which will be given as a benefit for the Civic League St. Valentine's day.

### EASTERN STAR.

A special meeting of Adah Chapter No. 34 was held last Friday evening, the grand worthy matron, Mrs. Shulke of La Grande being present. Misses Hazel Portfield and Bessie Graham were initiated into the order. Following the ritualistic work an informal reception was held for Mrs. Shulke. She was presented with a sterling souvenir spoon, worthy patron, B. E. Smith making the presentation speech. The assemblage then enjoyed a session over the banquet boards which were attractive with Oregon grape and ferns.

Mrs. K. C. Eldridge entertained at a splendidly appointed luncheon for Mrs. Shulke during her visit in Independence.

### KILL KARES PLAY.

The members of the Kill Kare Club gathered at the pretty W. H. Craven home last Friday evening and enjoyed a delightful session over the whist tables.

The hostess was assisted by her sister Miss Eva Robertson in

servng a most delicious luncheon which rounded out an exceptionally pleasant evening.

### OWLS MEET.

The Owls enjoyed a three course dinner at the Beaver last Monday evening. Later they assembled at the attractive P. H. Drexler home where a most delightful evening was provided by the hospitable host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hubbard will be the next hostess.

### AUTOWINS MEET.

A most pleasant event in clubdom the week just past was held with Mrs. E. Burton last Thursday evening when she was hostess to the Autowins at their fortnightly meeting. Four tables were circled with 500 players who interspersed the games with merry chatter. Miss Florence Burton assisted her mother in serving a most tempting luncheon.

### MRS. CALBREATH HOSTESS.

The Needle Crafters have resumed their duties following a short holiday vacation. Mrs. Chas. Calbreath was the first 1917 hostess last Thursday afternoon. Needle work and merry conversation made the afternoon pass most pleasantly, the hostess closing the gathering with a light luncheon.

### THREE PLEASANT OCCASIONS

A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed last Friday when Mrs. F. A. Spurr entertained the Kensington Club and on Monday when Mrs. Pearl Hedges was hostess to the Wee-Otts.

The young ladies comprising the KKK Club were the recipients of the hospitality of Miss Bessie Swope last Thursday afternoon.

## The Bench and the Barber

JUDGE RICHARD C. FLANNIGAN, who presides over one of the upper peninsula circuits, confesses that he has the shave habit. He must be shaved every day, cannot shave himself, and if on occasion he gets into a small town on a Sunday he will go to any length to get hold of a barber.

The judge is a little finicky about his barbering too. One day he was caught in a small town and came in contact with an unskillful artist. As he came out of the shop, annoyed at the rasping his face had undergone, he met an acquaintance who knew of the judge's peculiarity.

"Did you ever try that barber further down the street?" asked the acquaintance.

"No; I never did," said the judge. "But I'll try this one if I ever get a chance."—Detroit Saturday Night.