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## THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

Bill three seventy-five, which has met  
 With much applause and hissing,  
 Reached the pinnacle of its fame  
 When numbered with the missing;  
 Suspicion folks, they were at that,  
 In a sort of last act linger,  
 Looked this way  
 That very day  
 And pointed with their finger.  
 To swipe the durn old bill  
 Was never much appealing,  
 There's other ways to skin a cat  
 Without resort to stealing;  
 Some day perhaps there'll be a bridge  
 That will stand the test of ages,  
 It will be cement  
 With no prevent  
 From Salem's steel trust sages.  
 War is stalking o'er the land  
 In a rather threatening manner  
 And men and women rise and cheer,  
 Our starred and striped banner;  
 The German nation seems unconcerned,  
 But each day getting bolder,  
 That Uncle Sam  
 Is not a ham,  
 They'll learn as they grow older.  
 Grandpa Kirkland is a gay old chap  
 And so is Daddy Hedges,  
 That they'll be here in forty years,  
 Each has made his pledges;  
 March comes in just like a lamb,  
 A regular humming hummer,  
 If we said at all,  
 This day we've call,  
 The shirt tail of a summer.

## WILLAMETTE TEMPLE, NO. 45, PYTHIAN SISTERS ORGANIZED

Willamette Temple, No. 45, Pythian Sisters was organized in Independence Wednesday night with a large charter membership by Emma J. Snyder, Grand Chief of Oregon, assisted by members of the Salem temple. The following officers were elected and installed: Mae Johnson, Most Excellent Chief; Mamie Covey, Excellent Senior; Hattie Kreamer, Excellent Junior; Frances Hill, Manager; Grace Swope, Mistress of Records and Correspondence; Myrtle Young, Mistress of Finance; Ollie Dungan, Protector of the Temple; Bertha Collins, Outside Guard of the Temple; Snowie Kurre, Past Chief; Jessie Hewitt, Hattie

Kreamer, Frances Hill, Trustees; Vera McKinney, Gladys Irvine, Leaders of the Staff; Myrtle Richardson, Organist. After the installation, a banquet was spread and the inner man and woman was replenished.

The following from Salem were in attendance: Mesdames T. W. Davies, C. L. Parmenter, E. H. Sellers, A. R. Gardner, H. St. Helens, Mae Ratcliffe, P. Anderson, O. G. Shellburg, R. E. Moores, C. E. Barbour, L. S. Rowland, Hazel Olmstead, J. L. Tucker, A. Fitch, D. C. Bennett, J. F. Shipp, W. B. Sumerville and J. D. Davis.

## WAR WITH GERMANY PROBABLE

An unsuccessful attempt by Germany to form an alliance with Mexico and Japan against the United States has made it more difficult for the United States to keep from becoming involved in the world war. German conduct is becoming intolerable.

President Wilson has asked Congress for power to arm merchant ships and a bond issue of \$100,000,000 to defray the expenses of placing this nation on a war footing. He is still hoping to avoid a declaration of war against Germany but at this time it does not appear that he will be able to do so.

Great Guns and Little Fishes! The Monmouth Herald accuses the Monitor of being in favor of "gore" until recently.

## GOING RIGHT

Community development and community prosperity is not so much a matter of interesting the outside world in our circle as it is to become firmly united ourselves. Only towns whose people are enthusiastically one in actions and deeds become interesting to others. No person, seeking a place for investment or home, is going to stop long in a town when he finds out it is divided into factions and cliques, each barring the progress of the other. It is the pleasure of the editor of the Monitor to testify that he has found by personal investigation and canvas that our business men and people seem to be quite enthusiastic in doing their mite even if it costs something. He has not gone all the way 'round yet but is on his way, stopping at the half-way post to make this report. No need to tell the nature of his mission. It is noised around sufficiently to induce two other nearby towns to interfere—they want it themselves and are more than willing to pay the price.

## MRS. McCALL MARRIES

Mrs. Edna A. McCall, 27, the divorced wife of Marcus A. McCall, who a fortnight ago was sentenced for life to the penitentiary for the killing of William A. Shaner, 26, in the Morgan building barber shop on Christmas day, was married at Vancouver Saturday night to William Moe, a contractor, of 215 West Richmond street.

Moe and Mrs. McCall reached Vancouver late Saturday evening and after the county auditor's office had closed, but one of the deputies was secured and the license issued. Elder A. D. Skaggs performed the ceremony.

The McCalls were divorced at Independence in 1915, shortly after McCall imagined the town had conspired against him. She stuck loyally to her former husband and the father of her little son during his trial for the Shaner killing, and assisted in his defense.

Since her separation from McCall, his former wife has been employed as a milliner.—Portland Telegram.

## WOULD HELP US

If the \$6,000,000 bond issue passes at the special election June 4, Independence will reap some benefit. The West Side Pacific highway passes through Polk county and it will be hard surfaced. From McMinnville it goes to Dallas, thru Monmouth, to Independence, to Corvallis, about 30 miles.

## HONOR WASHINGTON

On Washington's birthday, the ladies of the Rural Club of Buena Vista entertained their husbands and families and a few friends. They gave one of their banquets at 8 p. m., and toasts were given. After the banquet games were played until a late hour.



Thomas R. Smith and Miss Mabel Williamson, popular young people of Independence, were married at Dallas Tuesday by Rev. W. T. Tapscott. They will reside near Airlie.

## MISSING BILL FOUND

House Bill No. 375, the measure passed by the legislature in which it was hoped to force Polk county to assist in building a steel bridge at Salem, was lost. It failed to reach the governor for his official signature, and it could not be found. Members and clerks of the legislature turned their pockets inside out and found nothing. It was very mysterious. The bill at all times has been in the hands of its friends, yet insinuations commenced to be made that some Polk county fiend has picked the pockets of some innocent clerk or messenger and got away with the precious paper. "Judge Bushey has undoubtedly been right in his estimation of the Polk county gang which is working in the interest of the cement trust," says Monday's Capital Journal. "Men who resort even to thieving as in the case of the disappearance of the bridge bill will not do to trust to any extent whatever." The Capital Journal is right. The Polk county gang is a bad one. Play safe and keep on the other side of the river. Take no chances on the Polk county gang. It is sticking around close at home associating with decent people trying to forget that once it imagined it was big enough and strong enough to buck the Marion county steel trust gang. The Polk county gang are bears and can whip its weight in bears, but cannot make much of a showing against gorillas especially when the gorillas are assisted by all the political monkeys in the state.

The bill was found Tuesday now the question arises whether it can be legally signed by the governor and become a law. The Capital Journal is right when it says that "Marion county would get out of a bad predicament by building the bridge in its own way with its own money" for Polk county has concluded to build no bridge this year or next regardless of whether House Bill No. 375 is legal or not.

## D. L. HEDGES 79

D. L. Hedges, more familiarly known as "Daddy Hedges", has passed the 79th mile-stone, and on last Sunday the friends and children of the M. E. Sunday school celebrated his birthday by a shower of postal cards. Over fifty cards were received and all expressed a wish for many happy returns of the day. Mr. Hedges is hale and hearty and makes the daily rounds to his ranch about three miles from town. His family gathered at his home on Sunday last to celebrate with him in a family dinner. He is a veteran of the Indian wars and at his advanced age would if called upon in the present crisis, shoulder his musket for Uncle Sam.

## TO CLOSE OUT

W. F. Elliott made the announcement this week that the department store of Elliott-O'Brien Co. would be closed out at once. "Our entire stock and even the fixtures will be placed on the market and sold," said Mr. Elliott.

This announcement came as a big surprise to Independence people and general regret is heard on every hand. Here's hoping that conditions will right themselves so that Mr. Elliott will change his mind, but there's no chance for that, he says. "It's going, all going," he declares firmly.

## FUTURE OF THE VALLEY & SILETZ

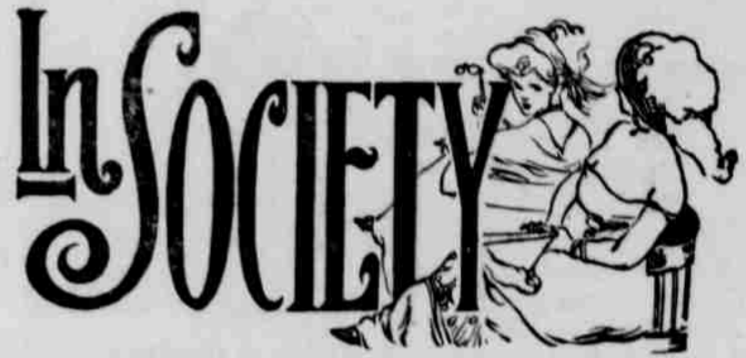
BY B. F. JONES IN NEWPORT NEWS

Newport may soon have a real railroad. There has been much speculation among the people of Dallas and Independence in Polk county as to the western terminus of the Siletz Valley railroad now building from Independence.

No one seems to know just where the terminus is to be, or who is financing the building of the road. The road parallels the

S. P. line from Independence to Airlie, a distance of some ten or twelve miles, then following the Luckiamute river through Kings Valley, via old Fort Hoskins and on up the Luckiamute to the summit of the Coast Range and is now near the Lincoln county line.

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BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

## CIVIC LEAGUE

Mrs. K. C. Eldridge presided over a short business meeting of the Civic League last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. L. Crane read the minutes, and reports were heard from committees. A move is under way to re-organize the old band and as soon as this can be done, to give a joint entertainment with the Civic League.

County Superintendent Crowley was present and gave a most valuable talk on boys' industrial work. Mr. Crowley outlined the work that should be taken up by the boys' club and explained the real benefits that would be derived from the proposed undertaking.

## KILL KARES

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Mattison will entertain their whist club at their suburban home this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hays will be the next hosts.

## STAR SHINES

A large attendance was present at the Eastern Star meeting last Tuesday evening. Mrs. D. O. Taylor and Mrs. Harold Fitehard were taken thru the labyrinth of the order. Following ritualistic work a social hour and a splendid luncheon were enjoyed.

## WEDNESDAY CLUB

The members of the Wednesday

Afternoon Club and a few additional guests assembled at the pretty home of Mrs. A. D. Davidson last Wednesday afternoon and were delighted with the hospitality of the hostess.

The guests passed the early part of the afternoon around the cheerfully glowing fire and engaged in dainty bits of handwork and lively conversation.

A pretty pink luncheon closed the afternoon's festivities. The chandeliers were shaded with pink and the beautifully appointed table was centered with a large bowl of pink roses, and pink was motif in the ices, the splendid effect being due to the hostess' artistic ideas.

Mrs. Davidson was assisted by her sister, Mrs. J. G. McIntosh, in serving a splendid three course luncheon. Covers were laid for the club members and Mrs. Robertson and Miss Eva Robertson from Seattle, and Mrs. Pearl Hedges.

## DINNER PARTY

Mrs. H. B. Potts was hostess for a delightful 6 o'clock dinner at the Presbyterian manse last Thursday evening. Crimson carnations added a charm to the pretty festal board where covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Macy, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, Fay Dunsmore and Miss Marie Powell.

## Letters from The People

### Hit the Nail on the Head

Amity, Or., Feb. 27.—Editor Monitor—In your issue of Feb. 23 your editorial hit the nail on the head and hit it hard. A few swats like that had ought to put some of our war howling jingoes to thinking and voting for the man who is not ruled by Wall Street. In last election the only party that stood for peace was the Socialist. They believe the people should say by direct vote whether this country should stay out of the European mess. Come again. More like that are wanted. I am only eighteen but know what's what. Yours sincerely, Hugh Hubbard.

### Dr. Fryer Sees Mardi Gras

Dr. C. P. Fryer, of this city,

who is attending a health and sanitary school at New Orleans, writes his father, T. J. Fryer: "We have been witnessing the Mardi Gras. It is sure some spectacular affair. The floats are founded on ancient mythological characters and they do the thing up brown. There has been not less than 50,000 people here for the last three days from all over the country."

"Speaking of the products of the state, they all grow cotton and buy almost everything they eat which makes prices high for the few producers and many consumers."

Dr. Fryer has a position as health officer at \$2400 a year and traveling expenses.