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THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

"We like to see the old town boom
And each one greet his neighbor,
Not so much with a sickly grin
Or a gentle lift at labor;
Neither eye for eye nor tooth for tooth,
The 'get even' spirit smother,
But 'wake or 'sleep
We should keep
Our hammer under cover."

The verse above 'tis very good,
Its author sure is able,
He came in one day this week
And left it on our table;
Now a hammer is a useful tool
If you know just how to use it,
But when it lands
In many hands,
How the same abuse it.

Sadie Shucks at a Salem restaurant,
(And she doesn't care a whoop),
Found just one lonely bean,
A swimming in the soup;
She did not eat the precious thing,
Suspicious of pain were lurking,
When next she came
And took the same,
The little bean was working.

Once more it has been announced
That juice will run our trains,
And we are waiting patiently
For warmer spring time rains;
M. Goetz says that he'll have to bring
The V. & S. to town,
Meanwhile we'll set
And watch Mike get
The wheels to going 'roun'.

ELECTRIC SERVICE SOON

According to J. H. Dyer, assistant general manager of the S. P., May 15 has been fixed as the date when electric service will be begun from Whiteson to Corvallis:

"The pole line and overhead construction and the sub-stations are completed," said Mr. Dyer this morning on his return from a trip over the road. "The machinery equipment for the sub-stations, which we have been waiting a long time for, is about ready for shipment from the factory and will be rushed here. Arranging of terminal facilities at Corvallis, costing between \$55,000 and \$60,000, will need to be carried out, but this work will be done without delay. By the middle of May electric trains ought to commence running through from Portland to Corvallis."

The Benton County Courier says that "the S. P. will inaugurate a through and fast service to Portland, with but four stops, and maintain a schedule that will clip some minutes from the Oregon Electric's time."

BIG SALE ON

The Elliott-O'Brien store opens its doors in the morning for Independence's greatest sale. Their large new stock, invoiced at \$35,000, consisting of ladies' suits, shoes and waists, men's clothing and shoes, silks, dress goods, draperies, linens, hosiery, underwear, corsets, laces, outtings, percales, blankets, gingham, etc., will be sold at greatly reduced prices, certainly making a great bargain feast. Additional clerks have been employed so that all customers may be waited upon promptly.

CHANCE TO TRAIN

Independence and Monmouth young men may have the opportunity to receive military training to receive military training. Rev. Willard Elkins of Monmouth, who has been chaplain of the Coast Artillery, has been transferred to Co. L. of Dallas as first lieutenant. It is proposed to organize a platoon at either Independence or Monmouth under command of Lieutenant Elkins, which would be a part of Co. L.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PATRY

The young people of the Christian Bible school met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Newton Tuesday evening. The object of the meeting was to select a color, motto and flower for the class. The flower chosen was the white rose, green and white for color. "Search the Scripture" was selected as the class motto. After the business meeting the remainder of the evening was spent in music. At 11 o'clock a dainty lunch was served.

MARY ANN HALL

Mrs. Mary Ann Hall died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. McLaughlin at Buena Vista on March 8. She was the mother of eleven children of whom seven survive. Mrs. Hall was born in Illinois in 1829. She came to Oregon in 1851. Her husband, B. F. Hall, died in 1904.

GOES INTO COURT

Complying with the wishes of their constituents as well as their own, the county court has taken the necessary legal steps to resist the efforts of Marion county to force Polk county in the Salem bridge controversy. Counsel has been retained to assist the district attorney.

Great Closing Out Sale

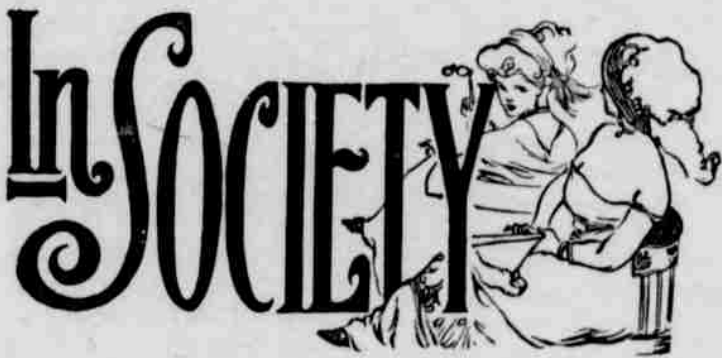
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**The Greatest Sale
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BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

TO THE BLUEBIRD

BY JAMES G. GABELLE
O winged symbol of hope,
Thou hast stolen the skies own hue!
God breathed upon a turquoise rare,
And thus created you!

WEDNESDAY CLUB.

A happy event in club circles was the bluebird luncheon given by Mrs. Clyde Ecker last Wednesday afternoon for the members of the Wednesday Club and several additional guests.

Club members responded to roll call with quotations from Maurice Maeterlinck's "Bluebird", and the hostess gave a brief explanation of this adventurous search for happiness made by two peasant children.

The large dining room represented the Palace of Happiness with hundreds of bluebirds flitting here and there, while blue lights cast a wierd glow over the scene. The luncheon tables were centered with spring flowers in art baskets with fluffy blue tulle bows. Bluebird cards marked places for the twenty guests, and tiny baskets with

blue bows held the mints. Misses Eva Robertson and Vivian Whiteaker served the four-course luncheon while bird records were played on a Victrola.

CLOSE TILICUMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams were hosts to the Close Tillicum Club last evening, when several games of 500 were enthusiastically played. The Williams have the gift of hospitality which makes their friends unusually eager to gather at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hays will be the next hosts.

NEEDLECRAFT.

The Needlecrafters were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Frank Fluke last Thursday afternoon. The hours were pleasantly whiled away with sewing and chatter. Light refreshments closed the meeting.

MRS. DICKSON HOSTESS.

The members of the D. A. U. P. Club were most pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Mrs. Frank Dickson at her home on Main street.

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THE AMOMAS' BANQUET

On Thursday evening last, "The Amomas", a young ladies' organized class of the Baptist Sunday school, were banqueted by their executive board at the social hall of the Baptist church. The rooms were beautifully decorated in pink and green, the class colors. Games were played and contests held. In the bean carrying contest, Mrs. Edith Stewart won the first prize for carrying the most, and Miss Edna Mills won the "booby" prize for carrying the least beans around the hall on a silver knife. Thirty-two gathered around the table, and after giving their song blessing, partook of a most delicious banquet. The class and its guests report a most successful evening. C.

BEEET MEETINGS

Two enthusiastic sugar beet meetings have been held in Independence during the past week. The Utah-Idaho Sugar Beet Co. has agreed to build a factory here before 1921 providing a certain amount of acreage is secured. To assist in encouraging the industry, the Willamette Valley Beet Growers' Association was formed, with Dean Walker, president; C. W. Irvine, secretary; and H. Mattison, J. L. Hanna, H. L. Fitchard, J. L. Clark and Major Lewis, directors. Additional acreage is being secured each week.

The Monitor always leads.

RAILROAD STRIKE CALLED

A general strike of all trainmen in the United States has been called to begin Saturday night. On the Pacific coast, the first "walk out" will occur on Tuesday morning. The strike would be a national calamity and paralyze business. At this time, Friday, it does not look very encouraging for a settlement. Trainmen say the strike will be called off if the United States becomes involved in war.

NEW JEWELER

D. H. Phillips of Oakville, Wash., has purchased the jewelry business of H. J. Rowe. Mr. Phillips and wife arrived Wednesday and Mr. Phillips is now in charge. He comes highly recommended both as a gentleman and jeweler and will prove a valuable asset to the city. It is his intention to remodel the store and increase the size of the stock considerably.

ROAD BOND BOOSTERS.

At a meeting held in Dallas Tuesday night, attended by citizens from all parts of the county, an organization was formed to boost for the proposed road bond bill. H. Hirschberg was elected president and Winnie Braden secretary. A vigorous campaign is planned.

THE VILLAGE MERCHANT

The village merchant is the scout, who helps us when we're down and out. He trusts for our

meat and beans, and clothes our frames in shirts and jeans. We walk in there every day, buy stuff for which we cannot pay. Sometimes we roar about the price, then say please mark it on the ice. His groceries, bacon and coal oil, as well as products of the soil, he hands to us off the shelf, and waits six months to get his pelf. He buys our butter that is stale, for which he never finds a sale, for warty apples full of worms, he pays us cash and never squirms. He stands by us through thick and thin, and then when we are flush with tin, when winter's frosts and sleet are o'er, we buy our stuff from Jones' cash store. Sing if you will of heroes brave, who sleep within a soldier's grave, but as for me, I'll chant my tunes, in praise of him who sells me prunes, who when I'm broke and down and out, will stake me to a feed of kraut. E. L. Sharpe.

Revolution in Russia. Czar abdicates.