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## THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

Mike Walker and Clyde Williams called,  
Both being poetic smitten,  
Mike proudly handed us his lines  
And this is what he'd written:  
"Were I so tall, so very tall,  
And then a little taller,  
How I'd work  
And never shirk  
Till I got a dam sight smaller."  
Clyde Williams was more timid like  
And inclined to hang his head,  
He recited off his lines to us  
And this is what he said:  
"Two little frogs sat in the pond,  
Their spooning voices buzzin',  
If one don't die  
Or pond go dry,  
The two will be a dozen."  
A country boy came to town,  
To court a comely maiden,  
It did not take him long to see  
That her love was fadin';  
"Why don't you enlist," she remarked,  
"Your good old country needs you,"  
And he replied,  
As he sighed,  
"You smite the hand that feeds you."  
More truth than poetry in what he said  
For Uncle Sam is saying  
That all can serve their country well  
By plowing, planting, haying;  
So hitch up old Nancy, boys,  
Let sister do the hoeing,  
Plant beans and oats,  
Raise sheep and goats,  
And keep the old farm going.

## "THE TRAIL BLAZER OF OREGON"

By George Raemer Schrieber, of Shedd, Oregon

The very life of the nation pulsates over 2,000,000 miles of roads. In many sections the throb of travel is normal, business a success, schools are plentiful and of the best, and community life ideal. Why? Because the roadbed is hard and lasting. Egypt flourished as long as it was on the world's thoroughfares; Persia, with its post roads, held its own against rivals; Rome conquered the world because of her military roads; Venice sunk to oblivion when the routes to Asia were cut off. But with Napoleon's road building came a new era for France. China's roads spell China's

darkness. Open the roads and the cloud is dispelled. Will we as an intelligent people stand back and allow the gloom of business depression, illiteracy, insanity and pauperism to engulf us? Shall we continue to pay 5 cents instead of only 1 cent to haul a bushel of wheat 10 miles; or 23 cents per ton while the European farmer hauls for 7 cents, and whenever he pleases. The federal government says one horse on macadam pulls as much as 10 on a sand or mud road. People of Oregon, be "TRAIL BLAZERS!" This is the prize winning essay given by the state good roads committee.

## RED CROSS ORGANIZED

A meeting was held at the city library last night to complete the organization of an auxiliary to the Salem Chapter of the American National Red Cross Society. Dr. H. C. Dunsmore acted as temporary chairman and the following officers were elected: Chairman—B. E. Smith. Vice Chairman—Dr. C. F. Cropp. Secretary—Mrs. Clyde Ecker. Treasurer—R. R. DeArmond. Thirty-one members had al-

ready joined the Auxiliary and five new members were added last evening. A committee of 25 was appointed to solicit new members. A committee to be named later will secure a meeting place. The next meeting will be held next Thursday evening. All members and those wishing to become members are urged to be present, as many plans are to be made for future work.

## UP, LADIES, AT 'EM!

It is getting time to drive the dandelions out of the first line of trenches.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

## BIG ROAD MEETING

A big road bonds booster meeting will take place in Independence on Saturday afternoon, May 5, commencing at 1:30. The Independence band will play, there will be several films of moving pictures shown at the Isis after which Commissioner Adams of the highway commission will deliver the principal address. It is expected also that the other two commissioners, Benson and Anderson, will be present. Rain or shine, this meeting is going to be the greatest meeting of its kind pulled off in Polk county this year in the interest of the bond bill. Every legal voter in Oregon is invited and it is hoped they will all be present.

## TO RAISE THE FLAG

Two petitions were circulated this week requesting the city council to erect a municipal flagpole and unfurl Old Glory to the breeze. One of the petitions asked that the pole be raised in the middle of the block at C and Main streets. There is much opposition to its location there and many favor it being erected over the city hall.

Dr. Dunsmore circulated a petition among Masons yesterday for the price to buy a suitable flag for the Masonic temple.

## "CHRIST'S LETTER"

If the unknown party who sent the Monitor an "alleged letter written by Christ said to have been found at the foot of the Cross" will come to this office and state that they sincerely believe that misfortune will come to them (as stated in the letter) unless the letter is published and if they truly believe that "whosoever shall have a copy of this letter and keep it in their house, nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, thunder or lightning, etc.," the Monitor will gladly print it, not only for their benefit but for the benefit of the community at large.

## ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN

There is a hitch in the Salem bridge question again after it was supposed that an agreement had been reached. Marion proposed and Polk accepted a "high level type" bridge but it appears that Marion may change front and demand a "level draw type."

## SUVER BOY HURT

Ottawa, Canada, April 21.—A. J. Thurston, who was listed from Suver, Or., is reported wounded among the Canadian troops fighting in France, in the casualty lists received last night.

## WILL H. PARRY DEAD

Will H. Parry of Seattle, member of the Federal Trade Commission, died in Washington, D. C. last week. Mr. Parry at one time edited the Independence West Side.

## INDEPENDENCE BOYS IN COMPANY L

Corporal Ernest Tice  
Neil Buchanan  
Harry C. Clinton  
Leonard A. Fitzgerald  
Archie Lacy  
Harry Miller  
Cyril R. Richardson  
Harry H. Stalnaker  
Ernest Smith  
Armin Young  
Roy R. Whiteaker

## GARDEN TRAIN COMING

Under the auspices of the Southern Pacific railroad and the Oregon Agricultural College a special train will be operated through Western Oregon, beginning tomorrow, for the purpose of demonstrating more effective gardening and food conservation.

The prime object is to furnish practical information on the utilization of vacant city property and back yards.

Demonstrations and lectures will be conducted on the following subjects: Vegetable gardening, home canning, poultry raising and food economy.

Operation of the train will be under direction of H. A. Hinchshaw, general freight agent for the Southern Pacific, and R. D. Hetzel, director of the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Arrangements are being made for the organization of local committees in each of the towns to be visited, which will follow up the work of the demonstration train and do all the necessary work to see that the ideas and suggestions are carried out.—Portland Oregonian.

The train will be in Independence and Monmouth Friday, May 11.

## MRS. MOTT DIES

Carlotte C. Mott, wife of Henry Mott, died at her home in this city Friday, April 20, at the age of 62 years and six months. The husband is the only surviving relative. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore officiating. Interment at the Odd Fellows' cemetery. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. attended the funeral in a body as Mr. Mott was an old soldier and Mrs. Mott was formerly a member of the Relief Corps.

## A REAL PIANIST

Anybody in Corvallis would have enjoyed the piano number given by Miss Helen Eaton at the pupils' recital in the Woman's Gymnasium last night. She played MacDowell's "Concert Etude in F Sharp," a rather formidable number, but the young lady compassed it with a brilliancy that marks her a "real comer". She plays with brains as well as skill in her fingers, and if she keeps up her work, both Independence and her teacher, Mrs. Ressler, will have reason to be proud of her.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

## FOR THE SOLDIERS

Both the W. C. T. U. and Civic League are planning to help the Independence boys who have responded to the colors. The W. C. T. U. will send a box of supplies to them soon and will hold a cooked food sale tomorrow to raise a fund for this purpose. The Civic League will send a box Thursday next and all those having anything to send are requested to give the same to Mrs. J. S. Cooper before that time.

## BUCKING LINE HARD

English and French are strenuously bucking the German line on the west front and are meeting with great success. Spain is getting "riled" and may go to shooting at Germany.

## EVERYBODY CLEAN UP NEXT WEEK

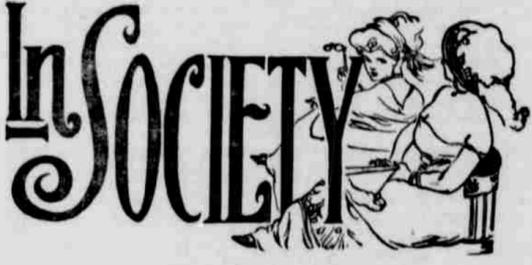
### MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

I, A. C. Moore, as mayor of the city of Independence, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the first week in May, 1917, as clean-up day for said city; and I hereby urge all the citizens to clean up all rubbish and other waste material on or about their respective premises and in the alleys adjoining their property, and place the same in convenient places in the alleys where teams and wagons will receive and carry away the same, such teams and wagons being furnished free of charge by the city.

Let us all get together on that day and help to make our city more beautiful and attractive not only to ourselves but to the visitor within our city.

A. C. MOORE, Mayor.

Mind the mayor! Get busy! Clean up! Not only for beauty's sake but for health's sake. A clean up now saves doctor's bills later. Filth and flies cause more diseases than the doctors can cure. Not only make Independence look good but make it feel good.



BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

### KILL KARE KLUB.

The final meeting of the Kill Kare Klub for the season was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bice last Friday evening, when Mesdames Hays, Craven, Mattison and Bice were joint hostesses for the event. Quantities of spring flowers adorned the card rooms where four tables were placed for whist. An enjoyable evening over the card tables was closed with an appetizing luncheon.

### CRABS FEAST.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Conkey entertained the members of the Crab Club with an elaborate dinner party at their home last Friday evening. Seated around the handsomely appointed table, jolly repartee added a share of pleasure to the choice viands served to the congenial party.

### CIVIC LEAGUE.

An interesting meeting was held by the Civic League at their club rooms last Tuesday afternoon and in response to new members' day, several names were added to the list of civic workers. Several important questions were brought before the League, such as providing free dental service for the poor children of the schools, plans for clean-up week, sponsoring a baby-week in Independence and other subjects to be developed later. The League also planned to send a box of usefulness to Co. L. A meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Cooper next Thursday afternoon for the purpose of preparing the box and those wishing to contribute are requested to bring or send their gifts to Mrs. Cooper some time during the afternoon. Following the routine work a social tea was enjoyed.

### PINK LUNCHEON.

Perfect in every detail was the pretty pink luncheon presided over by Mrs. O. A. Kreamer at her handsome Fifth street home last Wednesday afternoon, when she asked as her guests the mem-

bers of the Wednesday Afternoon Club. The reception rooms were charmingly adorned with numerous well kept flowering plants and ferns, baskets of bleeding heart too added a touch of colorful beauty. Intermingled with the seasonable decorations, "Old Glory" could be seen waving in many places. Fancy work and social converse occupied the early afternoon. Later the hostess invited her guests to the lawn where the "pleasant picture man" was awaiting with his tripod and camera. This feature was perpetrated as a surprise to the club's president, Mrs. N. F. Gillespie, who will leave soon for Chehalis, Wash. The picture taking was followed by a pretty group of songs rendered by Mrs. E. E. Paddock. The long luncheon table with its exquisite appointments presented a pleasing study in pink. A large, sparkling cut glass bowl of pink and white hyacinths and lacy ferns centered the table, while pink begonia blossoms and pretty ferns were scattered over the board. Long pink streamers hung gracefully from the ends of the table. The chandeliers were daintily veiled with pink and pink streamers fell from the lights to the centerpiece. Place cards designated covers for the club members and each one received as a favor a growing fern in a miniature pink jardiniere. The hostess was capably assisted by her daughter, Madaline, in serving a most tempting luncheon. At the table many hearty good wishes were expressed for Mrs. Gillespie's future happiness and prosperity and that she may soon meet with twelve as congenial friends in her new home as the members of the Wednesday Club.

### BACHELORS ENTERTAIN.

The genial Joe Hirschberg and Chester Henkle entertained the Autowins at the Masonic Hall last evening. The gentlemen proved delightful hosts and provided an enjoyable evening over the card tables, closing with a splendid repast.

We hope that conscription is beaten. It is unjust, unnecessary and un-American.