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## THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

"The gladsome Yule of other years  
We tenderly remember,  
When thoughts of gifts and wholesome cheer  
Transformed the drear December;  
The sullen skies were lighted up  
By rosy faces shining,  
And every cloud  
With love endowed  
A burnished silver lining.  
"This year somehow it's not the same,  
More somber are the faces,  
And everywhere throughout the land  
Are empty, vacant places  
Blue stars set in a field of red  
Are absent ones proclaiming,  
On Europe's plains  
Our manhood strains  
For Liberty reclaiming."  
We are so busy and overworked  
That its kept us hopping,  
So borrowed Jerry Owen's stuff  
Of Christmas time we're shopping;  
When we buy a doll for little Glen  
And a shooting gun for Walden,  
We've spent our bit  
So must quit  
And say that we are "aldone."

Merry Christmas

## RIVER RAMPAGES

Caused by an unusual down-fall of rain continually for five days, the Willamette river went on a rampage the first of the week and did a great deal of damage from Eugene to Portland. All the piers but one of the bridge at Salem went out Wednesday and the bridge has been closed to traffic. A wash-out on the east side line of the Southern Pacific near Turner made it necessary to route all passenger trains to the west side from Salem to Albany via Gerling and Corvallis. Wednesday and Wednesday night, the long limited trains between Portland and Frisco passed thru Independence. The Oregon Electric had to abandon service for part of a day Wednesday.

At Independence basements all over the city are full of water causing much inconvenience to those who had their wood beneath the house. A large amount of fruit has been ruined. The river reached its highest mark last night since which time it has been going down rapidly.

## TO USE FERRY

The old ferry will be repaired and used until a new one can be built. As soon as the river goes down, service will be resumed. There has been much difference of opinion as to the condition of the old ferry, but members of the county court after investigation have found that it is in fair condition and perfectly safe for light traffic. The ferryman has been instructed to only carry two vehicles at a time and to use every precaution to prevent accidents.

## LODGE ELECTIONS

Valley Lodge I. O. O. F. has elected the following officers for the coming term: Edwin Baughman, noble grand; C. E. Henkle, vice grand; D. D. Good, secretary; C. W. Irvine, treasurer. Rebekah officers-elect are: Mabel Stevens, noble grand; Mrs. Fred Howard, vice grand; Clara Graves, secretary; Ella Hart, treasurer.

## FOR DRAFT MEN

The questionnaire sent to all young men subject to draft must be filled out carefully and correctly within a certain specified time. The government will tolerate no delays or excuses and the penalties for making false statements are severe. The Polk county draft board consists of Oscar Hayter, L. D. Brown and C. W. Barrick. Among the associate members are: Homer S. Wood, R. R. DeArmond, C. W. Irvine, D. E. Fletcher, Fred Young, Cecil Swope, H. C. Dunsmore, J. H. Ackerman, J. V. B. Butler, H. C. Ostein, Ira C. Powell, W. E. Smith, Archie Parker, Jacob Smith, C. V. Johnson, G. A. Conn, G. H. Bronson, V. J. Love, Walter Inch, Fred N. Stamp, G. A. Peterson and J. O. Price.

## MARRIED

Richard R. Brown and Mary M. Sanderson, living north of Independence, were married at Salem last Thursday.

## CORN SHOW DELAYED

The second annual Polk County corn show, which was scheduled to be held in Independence today and tomorrow has been postponed just one week to Friday and Saturday, Dec. 28 and 29.

## V. & S. TO OPERATE

The Valley & Siletz will begin a regular freight and passenger service between Independence Valsetz early in January, possibly the first. As considerable new territory is tapped, it is surmised that there will be much business—both passenger and freight. For the present, interchanging shipments with the S. P. will be made at the crossing near Airle, called Crisp.

The operation of the Valley & Siletz railroad will put a number of new stations on the map and one or two of them may make towns. Hoskins is expected to be a place of four or five hundred within the next year. It is easy to figure it out how the present western terminus, "Valsetz" received its name.

## AFTER DELINQUENTS

The city council has voted to take legal steps to collect all the delinquent paving bonds. As the bonds are a lien upon the property, it will be necessary to foreclose and sell the property. There are about a dozen delinquents in this class. The city will proceed also to take the same course regarding side-walks built by the city at the expense of property owners which have not been paid for.

## OWLS

After a delicious repast at the Beaver, Monday evening, the Owls repaired to the L. Damon home where a splendid evening of whist was provided. Six tables were arranged for the regular players and "subs." After the score cards were filled, a delightful social hour was enjoyed.

## ERRONEOUS REPORT

A report has been in circulation during the high water that the Isis theatre building was unsafe. This the owners, Nelson and Henkle, can deny emphatically and are led to believe that the "story" is being peddled with malicious intent. The state engineer has been here twice and both times declared that the building was absolutely safe. If the report was not started with malicious intent, some one has discovered for the first time that there is a crack in the wall and surmised that the building is not safe. The wall cracked several months ago, the owners called in the proper authorities who said that it did not endanger the building, and after an examination it was deemed best not to fix it up until the wall had settled. If there had been the least particle of danger, the owners would have closed the building and made the repairs the next day after it cracked. The Isis is second to none in the state as far as danger from fire is concerned as it given a lower insurance rate than any other theatre building.

## IS "L" GONE?

Is Company L, the Polk county boys, in France, England, on the way over or still in the good old U. S. A? We cannot state for sure where they are but have our suspicions.

## SING "AMERICA" CHRISTMAS MORNING

It has been suggested, and the suggestion is meeting with a hearty acceptance, that everybody everywhere in this fair land, should sing "America" at exactly nine o'clock on Christmas morning. The Etude for December speaks of it as "Christmas Morning Musical Festival for Americans", and says:

"Christmas—and hundreds of thousands of American fathers, sons and brothers away from home! Away from the music—the laughter—the Christmas love and the Christmas cheer!

"Here is a world-circling idea which music workers and music lovers can employ to bring all Americans all over the world closer to each other and closer to our glorious ideals at this momentous hour in our national history.

"It is simply this. Let us have on Christmas morning a chorus in which everyone who rejoices in the name American may take a part—a chorus that will sing itself around the world—a Christmas morning music festival for all Americans everywhere—this festival to be held entirely without expense and with no more preparation than remembering it.

"At nine o'clock next Christmas morning, the day of all the year when American home ties are strongest, let all Americans everywhere, no matter where they are gathered together join in a great chorus or endless chain of choruses singing 'America' until the thought of our blessings in the 'sweet land of liberty' will ring around the globe."

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

A most excellent Christmas concert will be given at the Methodist church Sunday night, December 23, beginning promptly at 7:30 o'clock. The program will consist of anthems, duets, solos, male quartette, and also a splendid organ prelude and offertory. The Methodist choir is the largest in the city and is composed of Independence's leading musicians. The public will enjoy a musical treat by attending this concert. A most cordial invitation is extended to all.

At Calvary Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, Dr. Duns-

more will speak on the situation in Palestine, with reference to the recent occupation by the British. Topic for the evening, a Christmas subject, "Personal Memories of Bethlehem." On Monday evening, Christmas Eve, the Sunday School will have its annual Christmas tree, with a program by the children. Every body is cordially invited to all these services. There will be special Christmas music on Sunday evening.

At the Christian church there will be appropriate Christmas exercises next Sunday morning.

## HOW GREAT WARS ARE WON

It is Very Rarely That Conflicts Are Victorious Because of Superior Valor, Says Writer.

The vulgar idea of war is that the victory is won by superior valor or other moral virtue, writes H. Sidelbotham in the Atlantic. This, however, has very rarely been the case; almost all Western nations, at any rate, are equally brave, though the valor of some excels in obstinacy and endurance and of others in daring and plan. By far the commoner causes of victory and defeat are political or technical.

Sometimes (to take the domain of tactics) it is a new weapon that wins victory on the battlefield, or at any rate contributes to the ease with which it is won; sometimes, as in the Roman and in Frederick's armies, it is superior discipline, greater physical fitness, and practice in maneuver that win the victory. More often it is some new formation of line. These tactics commonly succeed best of all which are both new and adapted to the genius of the people using them. Thus the Boers in the South African war developed a highly original system of mounted infantry tactics by simply using their horses in war time as they did going about their ordinary business on their wide sheep farms, and similarly in the American wars the woodsmen made ideal skirmishers.

## TO CO-OPERATE IN RESEARCH

British Plan on Method of Bringing About Best Possible Results for Various Industries.

Realizing that many industrial firms are barred from the benefits of scientific research into their particular lines of activity by the great cost, reports Consul Franklin D. Hale, Huddersfield, England, the Committee of the Privy Council for Scientific and Industrial Research proposes the introduction of the co-operative idea. In this way a firm that is unable to bear the entire expense of research could contribute to the cost and share in the benefits accruing to an industry as a whole. It is planned to establish trade research associations in England to be formed as needed for each industry or group of industries, and aided by certain funds which the committee has in charge. One association is about to be organized for the cotton industry, and others will be formed as soon as possible for the wool, flax, oil, and photographic industries. The work that has already been accomplished through the committee's efforts, according to Mr. Hale, includes the discovery of three kinds of optical glass, the investigation of light alloys for use in aircraft, and the production of a new hard porcelain from purely British raw material. Researches into the recovery of tin are expected to save that industry a very large amount each year.

## AGAIN COMING--THE GRAND FINALE

Abingdon, Virginia, Dec. 5, 1917. Editor Monitor—Please tell the good people of Polk county to turn to the 24th chapter of Matthew and begin to read at the 3rd verse and on to the 22nd verse. Then go back and re-read the 15th verse. Jesus refers you to Daniel. Read the last six verses in the last chapter of Daniel. Daniel gives 1335 days from the time the first

man was killed to the 2nd day of August, 1914. Daniel's time expires on Friday, March 29, 1918. A word to the wise is sufficient. This is the end of this dispensation—the end of the world. The great war now going on will end in January. In February, hailstones will fall from the heavens weighing 57 pounds.

(Rev.) Tom Clark.

Soon 1918; Get busy with the "big stuff."

For Humanity's Sake  
For America's Sake  
For the Soldiers' Sake

Join the  
Red Cross

"NOW"