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THE AUMSVILLE POET

The "Aumsville poet" sat on a chair nearby-And called for a beer and heaved a sigh. He squinted his eyes and wriggled his nose-And great wisdom imparted on suffragette hose. He spieled for an hour on the improvement of roads And the swelling proportions of "these yere green toads." He bit off a chew and took aim at a bug That was prowling around on the edge of his mug. He broke out afresh on these questions of note And asked how we voted-for Lincoln or Polk? Then around to the question of the dry and the wet He discoursed quite freely and wanted to bet That our state by a million would never vote down The juice of our nation and the tax of our town. He warmed to his subject and waved his free hand (The other one toyed with the mug on the stand) And called on his nose to bear witness That he was slightly wet up with the hop Juice of glee. "You Betcher" he said and arose to his feet, And spat in the eye of a gnat on the street, "I'm a man of grea-a-t nerve and spirit and force And my subjects most freely am apt to discourse." And lowder he grew till his hearers at last Became filled with fear and their breaths drew in gasps, When out of the dusk came quiet and still The "Poet's" own wife who lives in Aumsville. And gently she walked to the poet's own side. His breath left his sails and we thought he had died, But mumbling a prayer he walked thru the door And the last that we heard was the word "Nevermore." Rambling Sam

West Stayton

Hoboes are getting numerous, a band of five camped on the Johnson place over Snnday.

B. B. Rice and daughter left Nick Schmitz is busy putting for Portland the first of the week up wire fence around his ranch. where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Roy Elliott of Roseburg with his parents over Sunday. is visiting friends about the city this week.

Mack Robbins, who is attend-

ing High School in Salem, visited

Mr. Rassler was a Stayton visitor Tuesday.



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