

You Boys! Read What America's Greatest Track Coach Says Here

He Had to Cry, or Leave, But Poet's Rhymes Grew

James Whitcomb Riley, Wit and Scribbler From Youth, Understood Even the Father Who Spanked Him When What He Wrote Made Lips Quiver

By MARY GREER CONKLIN To have been loved, it has been finely said, is better than to have built the Parthenon.

The Marines were flatboat builders, millers and verse makers. As frontiersmen in Indiana they wrote a poetic narrative of their wanderings thither.

John Marine, Elizabeth's father, grandfather of the gifted poet, wrote his autobiography in rhyme.

James Whitcomb Riley, therefore, came legitimately by his boyhood occupation when he announced his signboard painting business in rhyme in the postoffice at Greenville, Indiana, and proceeded to advertise his customers:

Hart and Thayer Hart and Thayer All the wool You have to spare Take it along To Hart and Thayer.

Rhyme spinning was vying with the song of the loom, and "shilling poetry" as the farmers called it, was raising the price of wool.

Greenville took all the trade from Newcastle and Shelbyville. Nor was the boy's occupation common-place; for signboards had been painted by such great artists as Hogarth and Corregio.

As James Whitcomb Riley came legitimately by the practical side of his nature, so he came by the deep sympathy which inspired his poetry.

His sympathy she transmitted to her boy. He tells us that he was a celebrated failure in arithmetic, that the one school book in which he found interest was McGuffey's Fourth Reader.

One of the poems "The Dying Soldier" he read over and over and cried each time he read it. School children of that day remember it still, a Blue soldier and a Gray who would never

again see "the daylight's soft surprise." Two soldiers lying as they fell Upon the reddened clay-- In daytime foes; at night in peace, Breathing their lives away.

"And a little girl with golden hair, And one with dark eyes bright, On Hampshire's hills, and Georgia's plain, Were fatherless that night." The class came to those pathetic lines. He knew his place in the class and knew also that he could not read the lines without tears.

He had read the "Life of Washington" and was persuaded to emulate the story of the cherry tree. He told the truth. His father's eyes flashed wrath like sparks.

HOW A SHEPHERD PROTECTED SHEEP

And the Song He Sung Lives Today, in Rev. Shank's Sunday Story

Ernest H. Shanks From the direction of a small tree at the edge of a little valley there came strains of music, weird and plaintive.

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Makes Fire By Friction To Earn Museum Reward

New York Boy Scout Succeeds in Reviving Primitive Method; New Local Troop Is Formed; Advancements Made In Scouting Organization

Registration. The regulations of the National Council state that in order to appear before a regular session of the Court of Honor a scout must be registered to date and in good standing in his troop.

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Sports HALL OF FAME

Urban Faber Nominating URBAN FABER Because he is red-headed and Irish; Because, at 38, he is preparing for his nineteenth season as a pitcher; Because he is laughing at the wise guys who say the "spitball" ruins a hurler's arm in a few years; Because he was a "chief yeoman" in the navy in the World War.

Want To Be An Athlete? McFarland Tells Method

Holder of Many Records, Now Head Coach at St. John's Military Academy, Outlines Training System Perfected by Him in Producing Stars

By J. E. McFarland, Track Coach St. John's Military Academy. (Reprinted by permission from The American Boy.) Every fellow who wants to be a track athlete will profit by studying the training of Paavo Nurmi, the Finnish record-smasher.

Aughto (Auto) Headlight

The pencils are not yet finished for they are still very long, so they are passed along to another machine that cuts them into the size with which we are familiar.

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Sabbath School Lesson Arranged From the Improved Uniform International by F. J. TOOLE

Jesus Teaches Respect for Law LESSON TEXT--Mat. 22:15-22; 23:40. GOLDEN TEXT--"Ye think that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it.

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Pringle Snappy Breezes

practicing a song "Springtime," for opening exercises. The grades one, two and three are studying the Japanese race. When this is finished they will represent Japanese life by making a sand table of it.

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The Busy Reader's Newspaper

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March came in as a lamb and to date, the grumblings of the proverbial lion have not been heard. What happened last week? In five minutes reading here you can learn of all important happenings.

Monday, March 1 A new month and a new week. City council, in the briefest meeting of recent history, threw out the proposed junk ordinance as too drastic and committees started to work on one with fewer teeth.

Tuesday, March 2 After considerable discussion concerning the school situation in South Salem at the meeting held in McKinley school, a committee of five was appointed to investigate proposed sites and report to another general meeting called for Friday.

Wednesday, March 3 Robert C. Paulus company, local packers, leased the entire plant of the Kings Food Products company, which, for the past three years, has been inactive following the withdrawal of the Food Products project.

Thursday, March 4 Gaynelle Beckett, Margaret Pro and Homer Richards were named by Coach Horning as the Salem high school team to carry the colors of the west against the witchcraft city of the east, when student debators meet here, and there, on the night of May 7.

Friday, March 5 Residents of South Salem voted unanimously in favor of the entire Tuxedo Park tract as the South Salem school site, at the meeting held in the Lincoln school.

when they went to inspect a "plant" that had failed to go off. Both men are recovering.

The American Legion launched an educational campaign intended to increase membership to at least 1,000.

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Both girls and boys basketball teams have been taking advantage of the good weather by practicing hard.

Edna Conkline, Everett Clark and Alfred Bates have been absent from school for several days on account of the mumps.

The eighth grade is making reading booklets which involve different kinds of work not altogether pertaining to reading. Clippings, from papers, essays, etc. help to make up the work.

Mrs. E. G. Clark, Misses Gladys Scott and Grace Pearsall honored our school with their presence during the exercises in memory of George Washington, a week ago last Monday.

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DINNER STORIES

There was once a golfer on the links above Monte Carlo who would never blame himself for his bad strokes. Somebody had coughed--somebody had laughed--somebody had moved--and he had been distracted.

Did You Ever Stop To Think?

E. Lansing Ray, publisher of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, says: "That advertising is playing an important part in the progress of civilization. Its function is broader than that suggested by its commercial application."