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## Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

### THINKING OF RILEY

Oh, I always think of Riley when the frost comes back again  
And the pumpkin's yellow story cheers  
With the apples ripe for eating and the grate fire shedding cheer  
I always think of Riley, for he loved this time of year.

I wish that I could sing it as he sang it long ago.  
The beauty of the orchards and the woods where colors glow,  
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### "THIS IS YOUR TOWN"

If the people of Pendleton seem favorably disposed it is the intention of the city administration to submit a modest program of improvement to the people at the special election to be held November 21. At that time an election must be held so the people can vote on the city budget and it is therefore an opportune time to submit any new projects that may be desirable to act on at this time.

But the mayor and councilmen seek to move conservatively in the matter and they are right in such a stand. Their interest in the proposals underway is no greater than the interest of other citizens. "This is your town," they say in substance, "it is up to you to say what you want in the way of betterments." Therefore the time is at hand for people to consider the state of affairs and to object if they are opposed to the move.

Do you favor abolishing the present dumping ground which is an unsightly, rat-infested place, dangerous to the health of the city? Do you favor reclaiming that land, which is close in, and securing a more satisfactory dump ground farther away from town?

Do you favor the construction of a septic tank by the city so that our sewage may be handled in accord with modern sanitary requirements and not in violation of state law as at present?

Do you favor securing adequate camp grounds so that motor tourist travellers may be properly accommodated here?

Do you favor heating the water in the natatorium so that this public institution may be made use of all the year, or nearly all the year instead of for a month or more only during the warm season?

Do you favor the idea that some day Pendleton should have a good municipal or civic building? Do you think it would be a good time for the city to purchase a suitable site for such a building, before desirable property is built on?

These things, or some of them, and perhaps others are the points to be considered. Are you ready to go ahead, showing your faith in the city and its future, or do you think we should let the present status continue? It is your problem and you should be thinking the matter over.

Just at this time the East Oregonian does not wish to argue the subject, preferring to get expressions from others, but the rule prevails with towns as well as with individuals that it is hard to stand still. One must move forward or you go backward. If you do not travel you soon lag behind the procession. In some respects Pendleton is already in the rear, no matter how much we may boast of our progress. There are a number of Eastern Oregon towns that outclass us greatly with their auto camp ground facilities. We are behind La Grande, Union and Walla Walla in this respect. With reference to an auditorium we are far behind. Weston and Echo have such buildings. The Dalles has already acted on this subject and at Baker a beautiful \$200,000 auditorium-natatorium was dedicated Wednesday evening of this week. It is an institution in which Bakerites are taking much pride, and justly so. It will be a big asset to Baker in numerous ways. Yet Baker does not have the wealth or the backing that Pendleton has and usually is not considered as live a town as the Round-Up City.

What is your judgment with reference to the plans the city is now considering? Shall we tell them to go ahead or is it your theory that what has sufficed in the past should suffice for the future?

### THE BUSINESS SITUATION

A NATION-WIDE survey of prevailing crop and business conditions gives us definite knowledge upon which to base our conclusions as to the probable trend of things in the immediate future.

The story is much the same everywhere: A partial and unequal harvest; plentiful returns in close juxtaposition with parched and burnt-up fields; both prices and demand for farm products that are far from satisfactory to the producers. Yet these same products are seeking a market wherever they can find it that the obligations of the farmers may be discharged. There is an abundance of foodstuff in the country despite small yields in some grains.

An enormous inflow of wheat to market indicates that there is nothing to that old stuff about farmers holding back supplies artificially to force up the price. Likewise that there is more wheat in the country than official figures declare.

One matter is most apparent in the horoscope of the future. The measure of the volume of business and of our commercial welfare hangs upon the demand for farm products and their consequent prices for the year. All other "barometrics" are as nothing by comparison, and can be relegated to the scrapheap. Fortunately at this writing, Europe is importing largely of our grains and the exports of cotton from July 1st to date are more than double those for the same period of last year.—The Nation's Business.

Umatilla county people are on firm ground when they talk about our climate; taking it year in and year out it is not to be surpassed.

The seizure of a Southern California train by tramps recalls the days of Cosey's army; is that what "normalcy" means?

Seattle has a new daily paper with \$100,000 capital; it will take much more than that to make a new daily succeed.

## A Sure-Enough Teddy Bear



Little Sonny would go into ecstasies of delight if he could have a Teddy Bear like the one Mrs. Osa Johanson is holding. It's alive! It was caught in the Borneo jungles when Mrs. Johanson accompanied her husband, Martin Johanson, on a trip to get movies of hitherto unexplored regions of Africa. Their movie is called "Jungle Adventure."

## MANY RIETH CITIZENS ATTEND PENDLETON SHOW

(East Oregonian Special.)

RIETH, Sept. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Throckmorton had the pleasure of entertaining their daughter and son-in-law from San Francisco over the Round-Up.

Lee Cassidy visited in Pendleton over Sunday.

The Rieth Mercantile Store has changed hands and will be owned and managed by Mr. Gustavson of New York. P. W. Clark former owner having sold out to him. Mr. Clark has been in the store for about four years and has done quite a volume of business in that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rose of Helix and Mr. and Mrs. Hy Wasson of Pendleton were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. English parents of Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Wasson over Sunday.

Fritz Mertz was in Pendleton Saturday evening and took in the show at Happy Canyon.

Teddy Roberts and Perry Woods drove out to the reservation Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Clark were business visitors in Pendleton Monday.

O. A. Constant took in the Round-Up Saturday.

Sam Wall has purchased a new residence and has had it moved from its former location to east Main St. where he will be at home to his friends in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harrison motored to Pendleton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bostick and family entertained over the Round-Up Mrs. Hostick's parents Mr. and Mrs. Hogg and her brother Virgil Hogg of Union, also her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ingram of Ione. Virgil Hogg is a buckaroo of no mean repute.

The principle of the Rieth school has issued invitations to all the patrons of the school to be present at the organization of the Parent-Teachers Association which will take place at the school house next Friday.

Mrs. Fletcher and daughter Idell of Combs Canyon drove to Pendleton with farm produce today.

Mrs. J. Farley has been entertaining Mrs. Edwards of Portland for a

few days.  
Two new pupils entered school Monday. They were the Misses Florence and Esther Powell, seventh and eighth grades.

Another robbery was perpetrated here several days ago when the home of a Mexican next to the new warehouse was entered by a prowler who stole a suit of clothes a pair of shoes, two silk shirts and a considerable sum of money. Entrance was gained through an upper window such which the miscreant broke from his position on the roof of the warehouse.

Mrs. Gus Angeles is quite ill at her home.

Mrs. A. S. Kennedy was shopping in Pendleton Monday.

Mr. Livingston came down from Durkee last week to visit his family who are still in Rieth and to take in the Round-Up.

Mrs. Henry Hillman was in Pendleton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hatfield attended the last day of the Round-Up. They came here about ten months ago from Virginia and were anxious to see the demonstration of "Western Life."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grant and little daughter Marzy were in Pendleton for the Round-Up.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Duke saw the Round-Up.

## 28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, September 30, 1893.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bean are expected home on tonight's train from Aurora, Illinois.

On the reservation this morning Henry Parr was accidentally shot while hunting. The bullet took effect in the groin of the left leg, inflicting a wound that is described as severe and dangerous. Isaac Parr came in this afternoon and summoned Dr. Pilkington to attend the patient.

G. D. Richardson has been engaged of late in unearthing Murphies at his brother's place below Pendleton, and found that it almost needed a crane to elevate some of the monsters. There were from three to fifteen in a hill and one hill of fourteen weighed twenty-six pounds. This latter collection is on exhibition at Siles Sisters restaurant. The potatoes are not only

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large also, but are also of extraordinary fine quality.  
Messrs. Adams, Spencer, Bond and Gemmill have returned from their fortnight's camping expedition into the John Day country. They had unlimited sport, caught fish in abundance and brought back two pairs of antlers. When they came in they found that a libel concerning their record in hunting had been promulgated here by Tallman and Jackson, who passed them on the road. They merely say that they took these parties in, gave them a square meal, to which both had long been strangers, and hardly expected such base ingratitude.

## DOINGS OF THE DUFFS TOM DIDN'T ACT NATURAL. BY ALLMAN



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