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## Rippling Rhymes

BY WALT MASON

### WEATHER.

All moods are due to weather. I often sadly think; when rain clouds get together they put me on the blink. They chafe my sunny spirit, so you'd with me console; they freeze, or pretty near it, the current of my soul. Outdoors it's raining, raining, with steady beat and slow; the night wind is complaining of long dead people knew, and hints that our tomorrows will all be lemon, too. And I have grim foreboding that evil is in store; disaster, stern, crowding, is waiting at the door. But now the dawn is breaking, the night has journeyed by; and I, from sleep awaking, behold a cloudless sky. And I am blithe and chipper, and happy as can be, as I pour down a dipper of fragrant wormwood tea. How could I be so silly, I ask, with great disdain; how could my feet grow chilly because of wind and rain? But when once more the torrent pours down from laden skies, and when the winds abhorrent fill all the night with sighs, the fan-tails will come to me, as always they have come; and I'll be sad and gloomy, and sick and out of plumb.

## Odds and Ends

Ada, Okla.—Barbers census of the mustache crop, just announced, shows almost complete failure of the famous western movie decoration. Only one man in eighteen has one.

Houston, Texas.—Southern Pacific train was half an hour late. Passengers said the time was lost hunting the engineer's spectacles. The train lucked a mile while the fireman searched for the missing "eyes."

Dallas, Texas.—City commissioners have been asked to pay the \$3 hospital bill incurred by "Tabby," the central fire station's mouse catcher. "Tab" lost a foot under a street car.

Los Angeles.—Los Angeles claims the world's kissing championship. "Mrs. C. B. M." says her husband's kissing record is: October 12, 42 kisses; October 15, 45; October 17, 50.

Downey, Cal.—Paper money has its drawbacks. Mrs. Lewis kept her bank roll in the stove with safety all summer, but with the first cold weather some one built a fire.

San Francisco.—Mrs. Amelia Campana screamed several times and fell in a faint when her divorce suit trial was postponed one day.

Quebec has the largest storage dam in North America, on the St. Maurice river. The power is to be made use of by several large paper, pulp and lumber mills.

It is predicted that in 10 years every other house will have its own radio plant and the occupants will be enabled to call up friends or business concerns at will.

The egg output of a flock of hens was increased almost 40 per cent by lengthening the day through the use of electric lights in the chicken house in the morning and evening. It was an agricultural station experiment.

As an experiment one automobile manufacturer has turned out several cars with their bodies covered with imitation leather instead of paint. It is hoped to demonstrate that this is more enduring.

## REDUCING COST OF LIVING

THE United States Council of National Defense, composed of the Secretaries of War, Navy, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, after an exhaustive study of the high cost of living problem has found:

*That the Nation's productive powers have not been fully utilized since the armistice.*

*That too few goods, notably the necessities of life, have been produced, and that even some of these goods have been withheld from the market, and therefore from the people.*

*That the high cost of living is due in part to unavoidable war waste and increase of money and credit.*

*That there has been and is considerable profiteering, intentional and unintentional.*

The Council believes that the remedies for the situation are:

*To produce more goods, and to produce them in proportion to the needs of the people.*

*To stamp out profiteering and stop unnecessary hoarding.*

*To enforce vigorously present laws and promptly to enact such further new laws as are necessary to prevent and punish profiteering and needless hoarding.*

*To bring about better cooperation and method in distributing and marketing goods.*

*To keep both producer and consumer fully informed as to what goods are needed and as to what supplies are available, so that production may anticipate the country's demands.*

The people are cautioned to have patience as the process of production requires time, and increased production and team work are imperative. Manufacturers, farmers and distributors must work together to produce goods vital to the people. Business must efficiently cooperate with labor to attain the maximum unit of production and distribution or the rising costs of living will be unchecked.

The nation must return to the unity that won the war if the situation is to be squarely met, and the common duty is to work and save. Lock-outs and strikes only aggravate a serious crisis in the nation's life. Society can exist only as all work cheerfully and do nothing to impair the health and strength of others. Those clamoring for their own way and impeding production of others cannot be classed as patriots.

## CRIMINAL FOLLY

TEN fliers dead and a score injured are the results of the army coast to coast and return flight. However "valuable data" has been gathered for the use of future airmen—we are informed.

To civilians the project has always seemed sheer folly. No data could possibly be secured in a frenzied flight over mountains, prairies, rivers and valleys that could not have been more completely and leisurely secured with comparatively little risk.

If a cross continent flight was essential, it could have been made at a more favorable time of year than when autumn storms toss the frail airships and autumn rains obscure the landscape—and it could have been made safely and without risk.

In time of war such risks and such pioneering may be justifiable, but there exists no good reason why the army officials should permit in peace times the needless sacrifice of skillful officers in such a hazardous game with no possible profit accruing. Besides it is no part of army duty to indulge in mad cap speed contests, that destroy the participants and demoralize the service.

Many families are in mourning for brave men sacrificed to make a record that means nothing and many useful officers have been lost to the service of their country to gratify a lust for sensation as silly as it is fruitless and futile.

A court martial should be the fate of the responsible officers to eliminate such crazy stunts from the army routine.



After a feller shoes his children for school he feels like he'd sent 'em to Harvard. Th' way o' th' transgressor ain't in it with th' way o' th' consumer.

## Local Briefs

Jitney dance at armory Saturday night. 252\*

Dr. Chalmer Lee-George, dentist, 313-314 Masonic bldg. Phone 181. 252

A. W. Orton, senator from Multnomah county, was a visitor at the capitol Thursday. 251\*

Read page 151 last week's Saturday Evening Post. 251\*

Brazier Small, an attorney for the state industrial accident commission, left today for Portland on official business. 251\*

Leather belting, F. E. Shafer, harness and saddlery, 170 S. Commercial. \* 251\*

Dr. S. C. Stone will be found at Tyler's Drug Store, 157 South Commercial street. 251\*

The Altar society of St. Joseph's church will sponsor a card party at the Knights of Columbus hall on State street this evening. 251\*

Dance new Auburn hall Sat. night. Good four piece orchestra. Take a jitney, 25c. 252\*

Celia Silverman has been named as administratrix of the estate of Louis Silverman by Judge George Bingham. The resignation of J. Rowntree as administrator was accepted. 252\*

Nottingham curtains, a few pair left over, values to \$3.75, \$2.55 pair. Hamilton's. 253\*

The patrons of the children's room at the public library have been made happy by the gift from C. B. Clancy of a framed set of Mother Goose pictures done by the Bigelow Art company. The panel has been placed over the mantle over the fireplace, where even the littles readers may enjoy them. 253\*

Norma N. Terwilliger, licensed lady embalmer with Terwilliger Funeral Home, 770 Chemeketa St. Phone 724. 253\*

"Cost accounting," is the title of a new volume from the International Correspondence schools just added to the shelves of the public library. It is made up of the sections on cost accounting, analysis of accounts, and insolvent and decedents estates. The library has no better material on these subjects to offer. 253\*

This week's drapery special. Odd pairs and drop patterns in fancy lace curtains, values to \$7.50 pair, \$4.10 pair. Hamilton's. 253\*

"From Isolation to leadership" is a review of American foreign policy from the early administrations thru the European war. This book which has just been added to the public library is written by John Holliday Lattane, one of our best living historians and a professor in Johns Hopkins. 253\*

E. L. Buchanan is agent in Marion and Polk counties for the National Life Insurance Co., U. S. A. See him for a full return premium policy on your life, it's the only kind. Phone 1332J for interview. 257

Final account was filed yesterday by Charles Whitney, administrator of the estate of Susan Stalger, and a report made of the complete settlement of all business connected with the disposal of the Cottage hotel property, belonging to the estate. Two applications have been made of the property, the last one being at \$100 in comparison with the one of \$7000 made by Mrs. Stalger before her death. Bequests have been made of \$40 and \$80 to two I. O. O. F. lodges. 257

"If you know that you would be one of the 15 men in Salem whose life would end before another year passes, you would take more life insurance. Are YOU sure that you will not be one of the 15? J. F. Hutchason, district manager for the Mutual Life of N. Y. with offices at 371 State St., phone 99, is in a contest that requires him to write TEN \$10,000 policies before the first of the year, in order to qualify. "If" you are thinking of considering taking more life insurance won't you consult a man whose only business for over 3 years has been life insurance, and one who lives in Salem and one who is interested in seeing Salem become the largest and best city in the state outside of Portland? "If" you are looking for information or know of anyone who is considering insurance I will be pleased to know about them. I can write you a policy that will give you the maximum protection for the minimum cost and in the oldest company in America. I believe it to be the best — may I prove it to you? (Adv.) 252\*

CAILLAUX PROTESTS INNOCENCE. Paris, Oct. 24.—(United Press.)—Joseph Caillaux, former premier, appearing before the senate court yesterday afternoon, protested his innocence of the treason charges against him. Caillaux declared his life policy had been dictated solely by his desire for the welfare of France. He demanded either an immediate trial or provisional liberty. 252\*

## STAYTON JUBILANT OVER PROSPECTS OF RAILROAD TO BUILD

Stayton seems assured of a railroad in the near future. Most of the right of way has been secured and it is reported that contracts have been let for a portion of the grading. This report is unconfirmed but came from a reliable source.

One thing is certain, the people that are back of the Portland and South-eastern Railway company have spent several years of hard work and many thousands of dollars on the projected road. The road as surveyed is a continuation of the Willamette Valley Southern railway, connecting with it at Mt. Angel and running by way of Silverton, Sublimity, Stayton, Mehama, Mill City and on east across the Cascade mountains to Bend. From there, it is reported that it will go in a southerly direction until it reaches Winesburg, Nevada.

No one seems to know just who is back of this project. However, it is a matter of common knowledge that it passes through one of the richest of farming and timber sections in the northwest. From Portland to Mill City it traverses a highly developed farming section covering a distance of about 100 miles. From Mill City to Bend it is one continuous stretch of timber of the finest quality. Along this route are many sawmills in full operation, some of which are among the largest in the entire northwest. From Bend it goes southwesterly through the great timber of Oregon, noted for its resources in livestock and grazing. There is also a large area of pine timber in this section which can never be moved until transportation facilities are afforded.

There is no railroad within the state traversing a richer section or with greater possibilities for the future. It no doubt will be the vanguard for the development of the enormous water power of the Santiam river and its tributaries now going to waste. It has been conservatively estimated that there is enough water power going to waste from Stayton to the Summit of

## Love and Married Life

"Love and Married Life," a great story by the noted author Idah McGilchrist Gibson, a most unusual story that every woman will be absorbed in will begin next week in The Capital Journal.

It is the married life story of John and Katherine Gordon—a story replete with interesting incidents, packed with thrills and brimming with situations dramatic in their setting. From the transcendent happiness of the honeymoon there comes reaction, and with it a revelation of characteristics little dreamed of in the ardent days of judgment-blinding courtship. The arrival of a son—a tie that binds—serves for a time to save their frail matrimonial craft from the shoals of divorce. But soon life-long habits, modes of thought, instinctive reactions threaten to triumph even over the world-moulding force of paternal and maternal love.

And soon the conviction is reached by both John and Katherine that a great mistake has been made. They contemplate divorce and weigh the results upon their child, the effect of public opinion and they hesitate.

The idea grows upon them that they have been trapped—that they are innocent victims engulfed in a system of matrimony from which there is no recall without disgrace and about which there is a finality that sounds as doom. With the poignant pangs of remorse they feel that they have been cheated, that there is something wrong with a system in which an error may not be honorably rectified—and they cry out at the hopelessness of a situation from which there is no honorable relief—no success.

The hatred so engendered perils their very souls. And to her horror and terrified amazement the thought flashes across the mind of Katherine that she wishes her husband were dead.

Here the story opens and passes with action and dramatic climax from one heart gripping scene to another.

Gradually understand comes to John and Katherine. Their characters undergo a change. Sympathy for each other comes and almost unknown love comes to both—love born of common tribulations and children, and with this love comes contentment—and the curtain falls. It is a great story—a story with a moral. It's a story that will command attention everywhere.

ers employed on this project at the present time. The railroad bridge at Mehama is already in process of construction and will connect the road with the C. & E. railway at Lyons. Unless all signs fall Marion and Linn counties will soon be the center of much railroad and other construction work.—Stayton Mail.

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