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Rippling Rhymes.

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WINTER NIGHTS

Winter has unpleasant features, as all honest men admit; when it comes, half frozen creatures are inclined to throw a fit. When big chunks of snow are whizzing on the bosom of the blast, and the blizzard comes a-buzzing, people sigh and say, "Dad Gas!" But for all the beastly weather there is recompense at night, when we camp around together by the grate fire, glowing bright. Father sits and reads a story, and he chortles as he rocks; mother's feeling lumpy, and while she darns a pair of socks, and the little sons and daughters play around until they're tired; they have put away the swatters that the summertime required. There are sounds of joyous laughter, there is happiness afloat, though the tempest shakes the rafter and comes pounding at the door. Oh, this is an hour enchanting, for our compensation meant, and old winter's wildest ranting cannot scare us worth a cent. And no thunders in his madness, and we hear him roaring bass, but our hearts are full of gladness, and we chuckle in his face.

Odds and Ends

San Francisco.—Navy physicians rejected Roy Huffman of San Jose because his heart, instead of pumping on the left side, is located horizontally in the middle of his torso.

San Francisco.—Sleuths are on the trail of a mysterious veiled woman who coaxes Golden Gate Park ostriches to her with luscious oranges and then snatches their prettiest plumes.

San Francisco.—Bang! Bang! Detectives crept to the city hotel roof and overpowered Thomas Smith, shouldering a sawed off shotgun. "Just croaking butcher birds that were killing my canaries," he explained.

Los Angeles.—The Los Angeles auctioneers' association has found the red flag too unpopular. It has ordered blue and white one to be used to mark a "going, going, gone" sale hereafter.

91 Architects Registered Under New Law To Date

A total of 91 architects have been registered to date by the state board of architect examiners, according to the annual report of the board just filed with Governor Oleson by George M. Post, secretary. Of these 89 are from Portland, one is from Seattle, Wash., one is from Boise, Idaho, one is from Victoria, B. C., and the others are from various Oregon towns.

Twelve architects who applied for registration during the period covered by the report were denied that privilege by the board. A total of \$1860 has been collected by the board through registrations and examinations and \$754.69 have been disbursed the report shows.

A permit has been issued at Pendleton to E. P. Cary for the erection of a \$30,000 apartment house. It will contain 15 apartments.

Abe Martin

Mrs. Elm Aboots got a postal card from her husband, who's out west sayin' "I'm standin' on the edge of a precipice lookin' down 9000 feet, wish you was here." Lufe had not pickled on violet water 'tday an' now he's sayin' it with flowers.

ADEQUATE PAY FOR TEACHERS

PUBLIC school teachers of Salem and elsewhere are entitled to increases in salary proportionate to the increased cost of living. A dollar will today purchase only about half of the supplies it bought before the war and labor of all kinds is receiving approximately double its former wages. There is no justice in paying teachers on the old scale.

There are 111 teachers and nine principals employed in teaching the 3000 public school pupils of Salem. The average annual pay of each is \$978.69 or \$3.14 per day—against a \$4 wage for common labor and a \$6 wage for skilled labor.

Fifty per cent of the teachers receive an average wage of \$2.75 per day. Seventy-five per cent receive an average of \$3.00 per day. The highest paid teacher draws \$1700 a year or \$5.45 per day. The lowest paid draws \$765 or \$2.45 per day. The principals average \$1344 a year or \$4.31 per day.

These wages are too low to enable teachers to live decently and dress as they must. It is unreasonable to expect that those who have spent years in qualifying and added years of experience will continue to work for smaller wages than unskilled labor. This is why there is a country-wide shortage in teachers—why women go into business where they can secure adequate pay instead of the exacting and exhausting underpaid profession of teaching.

The people of Salem will have a chance to vote on December 8 to provide increases of salary to the teachers. The measure should carry by a big majority. Otherwise we cannot hope to secure competent instructors and irreparable damage will result to the school system of Salem.

WHICH IS THE LEADER?

SENATOR LODGE is quoted as declaring at the opening of the new session of congress that there will be no compromise on the peace treaty—either the Lodge nullification reservations must be accepted or the treaty killed.

Beginning with his round-robin against the league of nations last March, Lodge has left no stone unturned to defeat the peace treaty and nullify the league of nations—because the peace conference ignored his ultimatum. But it is questionable whether Lodge speaks for the senate, for the republican party or for the people.

Meanwhile Ex-President Taft declares that the "defeat of ratification has been received by the country with surpris and indignation. The people want peace, and they want a league of nations to guard the peace. Whose name it bears, which party brand it wears, they care not at all. The making of peace is no more a party question than was the making of war. The American people, without regard to party, stood behind the war until the day of victory. With like unanimity they now stand behind the treaty."

Who speaks for the republican party and for the people, Lodge or Taft? Which knows the people and the sentiment of the people? Lodge, who belongs to the "Back Bay Aristocracy," who never worked for a living and never mingles with the proletariat, or Taft whose service to the public has been life long in a multitude of lines, and who as chairman of the war labor board is familiar with every phase of American life?

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE by the noted author Idaho McGlone Gibson

WOMAN REMEMBERS, MAN FORGETS.

I think the hardest thing I ever did in my life was to go to mother's room after John had left me in that unceremonious fashion. Strange isn't it, that the knowledge that some one knows the hurt a loved one has given only makes that hurt cut the deeper. I am sure mother knew this, for she did not look into my face as she said: "Poor John, I feel so sorry for him, to have to go away from you at this time."

I could have fallen on my knees beside her and thanked her for the little play acting, but what I said was: "Yes, dear, you know John's and my bread and butter are quite dependent upon the success of his business and the one which called him home is the biggest he has ever had."

"Yes, so he told me," was mother's quiet comment. And then we talked of other things. We changed the subject because our hearts were so full of the one thing that neither of us could speak about. At last my mother questioned: "Do you think now that John has gone we should ask Dr. Hannaford to go with us to the cemetery?"

Almost as though this were his cue Dr. Hannaford appeared in the doorway. "I have just met your husband at the station, Kate. Too bad he had to go home! On the way back I met Charlie Goodwin and told him that he was to go in the carriage with you and your mother."

Tobacco Habit Dangerous

says Doctor Connor formerly of Johns suffering from fatal diseases would be in perfect health today were it not for the deadly drug Nicotine. Stop the habit now before it's too late. It's a Hopkins hospital. Thousands of men simple process to rid yourself of the tobacco habit in any form. Just go to any up to date drug store and get some Nicotol tablets; take them as directed and lo! the pernicious habit quickly vanishes. Druggists refund the money if they fail. Be sure to read large and interesting announcement by Doctor Connor soon to appear in this paper. It tells of the danger of nicotine poisoning and how to avoid it. In the mean time try Nicotol tablets; you will be surprised at the result.—D. J. Fry.

I looked at Dr. Hannaford closely to see if there was anything behind this simple statement, but he seemed to have a masculine view point of the necessity of John's leaving me.

I had not dreamed that I should see Charlie Goodwin, my distant cousin and almost foster brother at this time. He was so far away and engaged upon some important matter that I felt sure he could not leave.

But now, as always, Charlie came when I needed him most. To me he had always been a big brother to whom I could go in every sorrow and in every joy, and it was almost as saddening as it was surprising when, on the occasion of his moving to a distant city to fill an important government position, he told me he loved me, not as a sister, but as something infinitely dearer.

Truly I had never thought of him in just that way and I told him so as kindly as I could. "I know it, dear, I know it!" he answered. "I know that you only think of me as your big brother, and I think perhaps I should never have told you this had I not known that we shall be separated in the future. I wanted you to know that you can come to me always in any trouble that in the days to come may be yours."

And now Fate was sending him to me. Truly I had not thought of asking him, I had not even thought of him as a comforter in my trouble. Like any woman who is married to the man she thinks she loves, my first thought was of my husband. But he had failed me! And now Destiny was playing tricks with my bruised heart.

For a moment all thought of my husband went out of my mind and Charlie seemed to be the only person on whom I could depend—yes, on whom I wanted to depend.

I found my little mother looking at me somewhat curiously. Then I realized that perhaps I was showing too much of my thoughts and she, with that tender omniscience with which mothers are endowed, had read my soul.

I was young—I am still young! I have suffered disillusionment, sorrow, and neglect but I am still young. And I have always found that there is some man just around the corner to whom a woman can turn. I wonder why men don't understand this? They certainly must have been the men just around the corner to some woman, some time. Do they think that they are unique in affairs of this sort? Or are they like my husband—just interested for the time being in the thing in which they are interested—and able to relegate all other things to their forgettery at will?

I believe if I could have only one prayer answered it would be: "Oh, Fate, give me a good forgettery. A great big dark, solemn room in which I could place all my heart'sickness, all my uncomfortable thoughts, all my unhappinesses, all my disappointments, all my disillusionments!

Does any woman have the power to forget and does any man have the will to remember? I wonder.

(Continued Tomorrow)

If Too Thin Try Bitro-Phosphat

While excessive thinness might be attributed to various and subtle causes in different individuals, it is a well known fact that the lack of phosphorus in the human system is very largely responsible for this condition. It seems to be well established that this deficiency in phosphorus may now be met by the use of Bitro-Phosphate, which can be obtained from any good druggist in convenient form.

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Commissioners To Conduct Hearings In Eastern Oregon

With a heavy five-day program of hearings ahead, all three members of the public service commission left here Sunday for eastern Oregon. The commission will be in Baker, Monday

Tuesday and Wednesday on hearings involving Sumpter Valley railroad freight and passenger rates, a controversy between the Baker White Pine Lumber company and the Sumpter Valley railroad, and electric rates charged by the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company. Thursday and Friday will be devoted to hearings on the E. O. L. & P. company's electric rates

and an application of the Union county telephone company for an increase in rates.

WILHIDE HEADS MIDDLES West Point, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Glen Wilhide, of Maryland, second year classman at West Point and quarter-back, has been elected captain of the 1920 eleven.

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