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Rippling Rhymes.
BY WALT MASON

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LAY ASIDE THE HAMMER.

OUR esteemed contemporary, the Statesman, has a new slogan to advertise city and valley—"Salem the Freeze Center--Hope for Fruit Gone!"

Such at any rate is the package of holiday cheer handed the community by the eminent scientists that furnish dope for the Statesman columns.

On Christmas day, sagacious Statesman specialists sagely informed the public that the "blackberry has suffered the fate of the loganberry," that "as to peaches, there will be none" and that "Jack Frost plays no favorites, for prune orchards are hit hard," etc., etc., etc.

All of which would be sad if true, but being the exaggerated phantasy of a journalistic "Scarey William," seeking a sensational story at the expense of veracity--is sadder still because it slanders the fair name and fame of the community abroad, keeps people away and thereby retards development.

As a lie travels faster than the truth, and bad news outstrips good tidings, we find the Portland Telegram showing its customary enterprise in boosting the valley by reprinting the story, word for word, with a big black 7-column banner declaring that the Willamette Valley fruit-crop was lost, and the same canard spread over the nation by the Associated Press leased wire--and no amount of denials will remove the impression created in many minds that our most promising industry has been wiped out, scaring more people away than Phez advertising and Commercial Club booklets can attract.

The Statesman prints weekly "slogan" articles boasting various crops and resources of the valley, a most commendable feature. But in the same issue that the Statesman Sunny Jim declares "Salem is bound to become the blackberry center of the whole country," the Statesman Gloomy Gus, sparkling and scintillating with frost, declares the blackberry crop destroyed. "Consistency, thou art a jewel!"--though in this case a frost jewel.

It is to be hoped that the Statesman will not consider a lie well stuck to better than the truth, and sincerely strive to undo the injury it has done, lay aside the hammer and correct the erroneous impression it spread broadcast by printing the ascertained facts regarding the comparatively slight fruit damage and the really bright fruit crop prospects of the Willamette Valley, explain that only bottom land orchards, comprising less than ten per cent of the planted orchard area sustained any damage, and that only a per centage of these trees are seriously injured--a smaller loss probably than any other northwestern fruit district sustained.

SENATORIAL SABOTAGE.

SABOTAGE, the gentle act of loafing on the job, throwing monkey wrenches in machinery and drawing pay without delivering the goods, is roundly censored in the halls of congress--yet congress presents the most glaring example of sabotage in the nation. No I. W. W. ever practiced sabotage as successfully as congress--especially the senate, which for a year has loafed on the job, refused to do the work of the nation, but drawn its pay regularly.

If employes and working men followed the precedent of congress, they would be discharged, locked out and arrested for criminal syndicalism--yet congress expects the people it represents to work, while it, like the Bolsheviks, agitates, criticises, denounces, plays politics and loaf.

As the Bolsheviks make war on the government, so has the senate made unrelenting war upon President Wilson and the peace treaty--neglecting needed constructive and reconstruction legislation, thus fomenting social unrest. It's sole object is to humiliate the president in the eyes of the people and to hamstring the league of nations under the pretense of securing for America the benefits without assuming the responsibilities.

Like the Bolsheviks, the senate has insulted other nations, our late allies and proven friends, advocated interference in their internal affairs, and favored separate peace with Germany--as the soviets did at Brest-Litovsk--tactics that not only degrade the senate but America. It has done its best to destroy American leadership in the world by convincing it that we are a parcel of petty provincial politicians intent on personal and party advantage with a horizon too limited to view world affairs.

If you have not already done so, fill in the ballot on page one of the Capital Journal and help force the senate to ratify the peace treaty and cease sabotage by pressure of public opinion.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE
by the noted author
Idah McGlone Gibson

MME. GORDON MUST NOT BE UNHAPPY.

Reaching my room after leaving John and his mother, my feelings were such that for a moment I thought I was dying. My heart was beating, beating 'way up in my throat. My knees were trembling and, convul-

Grip, Influenza

Hamlin's Wizard Oil a Reliable, Antiseptic Preventive

During influenza epidemics spray the nose and throat several times a day with one part Wizard Oil and two parts water, using an atomizer. If you haven't an atomizer, gargle the throat and snuff the mixture up the nose. This treatment sets up an antiseptic wall of defense against "flu" germs.

Chest colds and sore throat lead to grip. Stop them at once with Wizard Oil before they can develop into dangerous influenza. Get it from druggists for 30c. If not satisfied, return the bottle and get your money back.

Ever constipated or have sick headache? Just try Wizard Liver Whips, pleasant little pink pills, 30c at druggists. Guaranteed.

sively putting my hand to my forehead, I found it covered with drops of cold moisture. Blindly I groped my way to a divan. As I did so, I caught sight of my face. For a moment I did not realize that it was mine--so lined and ashen was it. The weary eyes looked at me, arid from their effort to keep from crying. Those eyes begged of me to give them the poor consolation of tears.

But although the sobs came, and shook me from head to foot, I could not weep. I threw myself on the bed, saying: "I can not bear it; I can not

THE FITTING OF GLASSES

Calls for a thorough knowledge of the eyes, highly accurate scientific instruments and their precise manipulation. In our modern optical department we offer you these things in their fullest measure. Have us examine your eyes.

HARTMAN BROS. CO.

Jewelers and Opticians
N. W. Corner State and Liberty Streets

"Dear Mother: Nobody wants us, baby!" And then I thought of my own dear little mother. How she would welcome me with open arms, although her heart might break at my sorrow! How she would care for me, and a baby that would call her "Granny!"

Writes To Her Mother. With sudden determination and strength which a moment before I thought I did not possess, I went to John's writing table and wrote:

"Dear Mother: I am coming to you. I am coming to you to be with you always!"

"I can not live here any longer. I do not know my own husband, he is so strange, so thoughtless, so selfish!"

"Mother, dear, when I told him this morning that I am to become a mother, he was angry with me. He made me feel that in some way I was to blame and that what I thought would be the crowning of my womanhood was in his eyes only an annoyance and hindrance to some plans he had for the immediate future."

"Mother, dear, I hope that I won't make you too unhappy, but I am coming--coming right away!"

"Your unhappy KATHERINE."

I read this letter over carefully and the picture of my dear little mother reading it, arose before me, and I knew that not even the death of my father, whom she had loved so devotedly, would bring her such intolerable pain.

Again I read the letter through. Oh, how I wanted the consolation of her loving arms. I wanted to put my head in her lap and cry out my disappointment and sorrow. And then I remembered that she had only a little time to live and I could not sadden her declining years with my sorrow.

It would not be brave, and above all, the thing that I despised most in this world was lack of courage.

I pushed the letter one side, and wrote another:

"This is to tell you, darling mother, that I arrived home this morning to find things were not nearly so bad as I had feared. John had an automobile collision yesterday, and while he was not hurt, the occupants of the other motor were badly injured. When John telegraphed me he thought one of them was going to die. Fortunately the doctor has pronounced both of the victims out of danger."

"Of course I am very tired tonight because I have been with John at the hospital today, and at many other places where I felt my presence would help John. I am not going to write you a very long letter tonight, but I just felt that I could not go to sleep without letting you know that everything is all right with your loving daughter."

KATHERINE. This letter I sealed quickly without reading it, stamped it and called a man to mail it, before my courage should fail me. As the man came to the door he said:

"Dinner is served, Mrs. Gordon."

After bathing my face I stumbled down the stairs, hardly knowing what I was doing, for I had made the most momentous decision of my life, and in doing so I had told my mother another lie for John, and that lie had snatched away a little more of my love and trust in him.

John entered the dining-room just as I did and smiled cheerfully.

"Good girl!" he said "I had it out with mother after you were gone. She is having dinner in her room. I told her I would not have married Elizabeth Moreland if she had been the last woman in the world."

I could not refrain from saying: "Would that have been the truth yesterday?"

Altogether Too Bossy. "Don't be nasty," he begged, "cause we're going to be all right from now on, and besides, Katherine, I think it is true--I don't think I would have married that woman under any circumstances. She is altogether too bossy. I want a wife to comfort me, to love me, and one for which my friends will envy me. I don't want one to interfere all the time with my big plans, with her little feminine schemes."

"Sometimes, John," I said "it seems that God and nature interfere with your schemes without asking your consent."

He frowned at my reference and I knew that I should never be able to make him reconciled to our coming baby. My only hope was that it would bring its welcome with it. As it was, my reference changed my husband's entire mood and he continued his dinner in a sullen silence.

(Tomorrow--A Gold Pocketbook)

First Swedish Warship To Visit U.S. Since 1907 Docks

New York, Dec. 29.--The Swedish cruiser Flygla arrived here late yesterday from Bermuda, more than a week overdue. No Swedish war vessel had been in this port since the Flygla brought Prince Wilhelm, heir to the Swedish crown, for a tour of the United States, 12 years ago.

French And British To Demand Release Ex-Kaiser

Paris, Dec. 29.--The Echo De Paris said today the French and British governments had decided to ask for extradition of the former kaiser as soon as the provisions of the Versailles treaty are carried out.

Latest Paris dispatches indicate the Versailles treaty will be made effective early in 1920.

According to an official announcement, the French class which meets regularly in the public library will not meet until January 5.

COMMISSIONERS TELL WHY AWARDS WERE MADE

The Marion county commissioners have awarded the orders for trucks called for in recently opened bids. The order is apportioned as follows: Federal trucks, 6; Republic trucks, 3; and 1 Sterling delivery unit.

Salem firms were successful bidders for a fair share of the awards. There were 31 bidders. Otto J. Wilson's bid of \$4470 each for three trucks and Lott L. Pierce as a representative of the Koorhing Machine company of Portland, offering Sterling trucks at \$4750 were given consideration by the county commissioners. The Portland firm of Hughson & company will make the sale of six Federal trucks at \$4045 each.

In making the awards the county commissioners were obliged to keep in mind the limited funds of the county and to give the more reasonably priced trucks consideration. Both the Otto J. Wilson and the Hughson company bids are considered to have been fair, considering the widespread distribution and use of these hauling units.

The Sterling award was made because the county already possesses one of these trucks, which has given general satisfaction. The main purpose of the Sterling purchase, however, was to simplify the purchase of repair parts, the county court elucidates.

With the added road-building facilities afforded by the increase in hauling units, the county expects to keep up the with ever-increasing demand for road improvement.

ASK FOR and GET Horlick's The Original Malted Milk For Infants and Invalids

Pendleton will hold its third annual automobile show March 11, 12 and 13.

This is what cleared my skin

If your complexion is red, rough and blotched--if it is excessively oily or unnaturally dry--try Resinol Soap. It will help to heal your sick skin, and to enable you to have that clear, healthy complexion nature intended you to have.

When the skin is in very bad condition, a little Resinol Ointment, applied after bathing with Resinol Soap will usually bring more beneficial and quicker results.

For sale by all druggists and toilet goods dealers.

Discriminating men use RESINOL SHAVING STICK. Resinol Soap

STOCK REDUCTION SHOE SALE

Ladies' high Lewis heel, black kid, \$15.00, now \$13.50

Ladies' high Lewis heel, brown kid, \$15.00, now \$13.50

Field Mouse, all kid, 8 1/2 inch high blind eyelet, \$15.00, now \$13.50

Same as above in medium grey, \$15.00, now \$13.50

Battleship grey, in military and Lewis heel, \$13.50, extra special \$8.75

Beautiful Line of Two Shades of Brown Kid

Lewis heel blind eyelet, dark brown, \$12.00, now \$9.85

Same as above in military heel, \$12.00, now \$9.85

Latest shade in beaver brown, Lewis covered heel, \$12.50, now \$9.50

Same as above in military heel, \$12.50, now \$9.50

BLACK SHOES, EXTRA SPECIAL

Lewis heel, black kid, \$12.50 now \$10.50

Same as above in low heel, \$12.50 now \$10.50

Extra special, \$15, value in high and military heel \$7.50

Misses and Children's Shoes

Stitch down in brown, ivory and black \$2.95, \$3.25 and \$3.95

MISSES AND GROWN GIRLS' SHOES

In brown, black, ivory, lace and button, value up to \$7.50, extra special \$4.50

CHILDREN'S FIRST STEP

All colors, special sizes, 1 to 5 \$1.39

Sizes 5 1/2 to 8 \$1.89

EXTRA BARGAINS

In Babies' soft solid shoes in all colors and sizes 50c

LADIES STORE 466-474 STATE STREET

MEN'S STORE 416 STATE STREET

Kaloury Bros. THE STORE FOR THE PEOPLE

Odds and Ends

Hammond, Ind.--Dead bodies will be used here in political campaigns. The coroner will stipulate what undertaker will handle bodies, the same as other political plums are handed out.

TUTOR TELLS HOW WIFE CAN "GET HUB'S" COIN

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 29.--That women may more easily obtain money from their husbands after studying public speaking is the opinion of Dr. George R. Varney, instructor in that course at O. A. C. Public speaking has been defined as the art of persuasion and persuasion is often necessary in such cases. Also a mother might have to use the art in training her children.

"Women, in general, without regard to their occupation, through the study of public speaking gain self confidence, ease, and poise in standing before others," said Doctor Varney. "For women who expect to teach there can be no doubt of its value. All the principles apply to this work. It gives one a knowledge of her students, helps give readiness of language, and aids in expressing what one knows."

Survey Of Women Employed Show Widows Predominate

A total of 2328 women and 64 children working on permits, are employed by 24 Portland firms selected at random by A. C. Gram, state labor commissioner, who is making a survey of the state for the purpose of securing information relative to the employment of women in Oregon for the use of the industrial welfare commission in regulating the hours and wages of women workers. Of the total women employed by the 24 firms 506 are reported as supporting a total of 453 dependents of which 249 are children and 179 adults. Sixty-seven of the 306 women supporting dependents are single, 93 are widows, 53 are divorced, 9 have been deserted by their husbands and 22 are separated.

Abe Martin



Mrs. Eln Moots wrote to a Chicago mail order house for 1000 clothes pins, 50 cans of powder, three quiet sets and 40 pounds of sugar and got everything but the sugar. One good thing--they can't cut pie any smaller without cuttin' it up.