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Rippling Rhymes.

BY WALT MASON

THINKING OF SPRING

I do not mind the winter weather, when I am seated by the fire, with some chaste volume bound in leather, or with my slippers on my feet. But when the auto must be started, and I must crank her half a day, the winter finds me broken-hearted and yearning for the bloom of May. In spring I merely press the starter, and presto! she is in the air. But now, a pale and frozen mummy, I turn a rusty crank by hand. Last night, when I failed to start her, and now the water's frozen hard, and I have cracked the steel container. I have cut my fingers on the radiator, and I have cut my fingers on the radiator, and I have cut my fingers on the radiator.

AUTO MEN PERFECTING PLANS FOR BIG SHOW

The automobile show of the Salem Automobile Dealers' association was further developed at a meeting of the dealers last night. Because of the fact that the show is under lease for Saturday night, the show will be held in that building one day earlier than first planned, February 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 as previously scheduled.

Costs of the exhibition and other relative items were given consideration, it being estimated that expenditures for the show will not exceed over \$100,000, including \$175 for a three-day lease of the armory and music, publicity and other expenses.

Because of limited floor space of the armory, the exhibition entries are to be confined to Salem dealers, the capacity of the armory being inadequate for the accommodation of out-of-town dealers.

The dealers also gave consideration to plans concerning the next state fair, the sentiment being expressed that the Salem organization should investigate the feasibility of leasing the floor space for exhibition purposes at the fair grounds and lease to outside interests.

The procedure has been reversed during the previous fair, the Portland interests leasing the floor space and subletting to other exhibitors. Should the Salem dealers American that Portland interests intend to establish a lease schedule not satisfactory to all, they may enter in the competitive bid, due for lease.

It is planned to include as exhibitors of Pull and Marine coaches in the Salem organization. C. G. Skinner, auto dealer of Independence, expects that in the line of trade, automobiles and motor vehicles are third in the United States.

KAISER'S YACHT SOLD

Salem, Jan. 8.—A German sportsman has bought the yacht owned by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, paying \$2,999,000 marks for the craft. It is learned here.

Abe Martin



It begins to look like fallers drop out of the Wilson cabinet just as it begins to look like a little town to settle. Ford parts an' plays in the saxophone.

DRYNESS COMES HIGH.

THE AMERICAN ISSUE, the Anti-Saloon League organ, declares that a fund of \$18,500,000 is needed at once to make prohibition effective in the United States and that \$9,000,000 more is needed to promote a dry league of nations.

These millions are not to be used to help enforce the prohibition law—the federal and state treasuries must put up for that, but the money is to be used to “educate” the people who have been deprived of their rights without a chance to vote upon the question, upon the benefits and beauties of prohibition.

In other words, having by chicanery forced summary laws upon the people, the league finds it necessary to conduct an extensive propaganda to secure public support to enforce them.

THE PAVING ROYALTIES.

AMONG the subjects to be tackled by the legislature is the quiz of the attorney general and the state highway commission as to why suits have not been brought to determine the validity of the patents of the Warren Construction Company affecting the royalties claimed upon bitulithic pavement.

The attorney general in an opinion given the last session held that the Warren patents were probably invalid and suit to establish the illegality of their claims was authorized. No such suit has been brought—probably because the Warrens must first establish the validity of the patent in order to collect royalty—and the company has made no effort to this end, nor is it likely to.

The burden of collecting this royalty lies with the paving company—that of resisting its payment with the state and there seems no reason why the attorney general should go into court until forced to by the company. The state will probably ignore the patents.

There is little likelihood of the Warren Company going into court. Its methods are to bluff, bluster and bully—rather than this, the royalty will be magnanimously waived.

A TOILER WHO NEVER STRIKES.

WHILE those who never produced anything are loudly clamoring for increased production, and those who toil but little are striking for less work, while those who profiteer are increasing the cost of living and those who agitate are seeking to destroy wealth, there is one producer who is steadily increasing production, who never goes on strike, who is doing his utmost to lower the cost of living, and who is the fundamental wealth creator of the nation—the American farmer.

The world can get along some how without the idle rich and indolent poor, without the industrial autocrat and the walking delegate, without the profiteer and the bolshevik, without the politician and the newspaper—but we cannot exist without the farmer who feeds the universe—the one indispensable.

According to the annual report of the secretary of agriculture, the American farmer leads the world, taking both acreage and yield per acre into account. He produces 2.5 times as much as the Belgian or German farmer, 2.3 times as much as the British farmer, 3.2 times as much as the French farmer and 6 times as much as the Italian. The aggregate value of all American crops this year is \$15,873,000,000—three times as much as were annually produced in the 5-year period preceding the war.

Crop output has increased an average of one-half of one per cent per year for the past 25 years—but since the war, the increase has been phenomenal. Livestock shows proportionate increase—the number of milk cows increased 2,700,000 since 1914, and other cattle 8,500,000, hogs 16,700,000, horses and mules, despite the automobile, increased over 1,000,000—a total of 28,000,000 gain.

Over 32,000,000 more acres are planted to wheat than the pre-war average, corn production last year totaled 2,910,250,000 bushels, cotton 10,096,000 bales, tobacco, 1,116,553,000 pounds and only 40 per cent of tillable land used—and no limit to increased production possible.

The American farmer has come into his own. With the farmer prosperous, the nation is prosperous.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE

by the noted author
Idah McGlone Gibson

JOHN DOESN'T UNDERSTAND

I had no sooner told John I didn't want to be a doll, to be played with than I regretted the remark. For I saw the gray look settle on John's face—a look that always turned my heart a little cold, for I knew he was thinking.

I was rather surprised, however, when John spoke to me that his voice was gentle, but I knew from his face that he was in one of his black moods.

"You are not with Katherine," he said. "I have heard that no woman in your condition is quite sane, and so it is foolish for me to try and discuss any matter with you. Have things your own way, my dear, and I will let you go about as you see fit. I promise you I won't call a halt until I have to. But don't expect me to subscribe to your silly notions."

He got up quickly and left the room. In a few moments Katherine came with a trembling little luncheon on a tray.

"Won't you try to eat something, Mrs. Gordon?" she asked, as I turned my head away. "Perhaps if you do, you will feel able to get out and have a short ride this afternoon. It's a beautiful day and I am quite sure it would do you a great deal of good."

She was streaming in.

For the first time that morning I looked through the window. The sun was streaming in. The entire outlook was visible through an atmosphere of gold. As Katherine spoke

she threw open the window and the air came in with a great rush. Her autumn tone was like gold and again I thought of that little exclamation which Olive Schreiner gives to her heroine of an "African Farm": "Life is a ship's worth living as long as there are shining afternoons."

I have always blessed Olive Schreiner for that exclamation. It has come in my memory so many times when my soul has been weary and my heart heavy and I have always found it true.

"Yes, I think I can eat something," I said to Katherine. As I looked about my pleasant room and noticed the toy case that she had laid upon my tray, I took myself to task for being unhappy and resolved that, come what might, I should be the captain of my own fate and I would give to my child a happy disposition and a habit of pleasant outlook if I prevented anything from it.

I must have surprised Katherine, for immediately I began to eat in a manner which suggested a healthy appetite.

Request Not Heeded

Katherine did not need my request to send her to the wardrobe for my new dress before she entered the bathroom to turn on the water for my bath.

"Make it cold, Henriette," I said. "Is your bath water as cold as mine?" she asked.

SLEEPY-TIME TALES

THE TALE OF CUFFY BEAR

By ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CUFFY LEARNS SOMETHING

After leaving the wonderful spring Cuffy Bear was no longer getting home that he decided he would not say anything to his father and mother about what he had found. You see—he was afraid they would tell him not to go so far away from home again. But Cuffy had not been long in the snug little house before he had a terrible stomach ache. He stood the pain as long as he could without saying anything. But he simply had to tell his mother. And at last he began to cry softly. Then Mrs. Bear asked him what he had been doing and before Cuffy knew it he had told all about finding the delicious, sweet water.

"How much did you drink?" asked his mother.

"So much that it aches tasting water. So she made Cuffy lie down and gave him some peppermint leaves to chew. In a little while he began to feel so much better that before he knew it he had fallen asleep.

When Cuffy awoke he found that his father had come home. And soon Mr. Bear had Cuffy on one knee, and Skike on the other, and he was telling them all about maple sugar. For of course you know all the time that Cuffy had found was not a spring at all—but a sugar maple tree, which Farmer Green had tapped so that he might gather the sap and boil it until it turned to maple sugar. If Cuffy had gone further down the mountainside he would have found a great many other trees, each—like the one he discovered—with a tin bucket hanging on it to catch the sweet sap.

"So you see there are many things for little bears to learn," Mr. Bear said, when he had finished. "And the one big lesson you must learn is to keep away from men. Farmer Green said those trees every day to catch the sap. So you must not go down there again."

A cold shiver went up and down Cuffy's back at these words. Farmer Green! Cuffy had heard a great deal about Farmer Green and he certainly did not want to meet him all alone and far from home. But as soon as the tinkle of that silver stopped, Cuffy forgot all about his fright.

"This maple sugar—how it tastes as good as the sweet sap!" he asked his father.

"Yes, my son—a hundred times better!" Mr. Bear replied. "I ate some once and I shall never forget it."

A hundred times better! After he had gone to bed that night the words kept ringing in Cuffy's ears. A hundred times better! A hundred times better! A hundred—and now Cuffy was fast asleep and—I am sorry to say it—sucking one of his paws for all the world as if it was a piece of Farmer Green's maple sugar.



"Oh—only a little," Cuffy answered faintly.

Then Mrs. Bear nodded her head three times. She was very wise—was Mrs. Bear. And she knew quite well that Cuffy had drunk a great deal.

"Surely! I've taken cold baths all my life."

"But, but you must remember you are not well!" she ventured.

"I'm perfectly well," I answered. "My condition is a normal condition of womanhood and there is no reason why I should not meet it normally."

My bath was quickly over, and as I dressed myself in a street suit I said to Henriette:

"Please ask Mr. Gordon if he will take me to the Country club this afternoon."

He came rushing upstairs with a look of annoyance upon his face, and said:

"For heaven's sake, Katherine, if you are going to get up, and go gallivanting, why didn't you let me know before I went downstairs? When I left you I was fully prepared to call on Dr. Williams and place you under his care."

Personification of Health

"Here I find you looking the personification of radiant health and asking me to take you to the Country club. I wonder if I'll ever learn that every woman is only a bundle of inconsistencies. I've made arrangements to see Bartley this afternoon on a very important business transaction, and I've lingered around here with you so long that I have barely time to catch him. I'll send the motor back to you, however, if you wish to go out to the club."

"Never mind, dear," I answered. "If you don't see me I'll telephone Alice and will go on a shopping tour."

Tomorrow—Surprising News.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Opposition to woman suffrage was expressed by James H. Nugent, democratic leader of New Jersey, in a letter to Chairman Cummings of the democratic national committee, dated public notice from Mr. Cummings that he would ratify without referendum of the suffrage amendment to the New Jersey constitution which meets this month, wrote that woman suffrage was the "mother of all ills," the greatest menace now threatening the stability of the American government and American institutions, and with prohibition was "forced through an effeminate, absentee congress of cowards by coercion and intimidation."

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This position is supported by leading independent who declare that the unskilled labor situation in the industry is serious, and most for this class of work is hard to find.

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Livesley News.

Livesley, Jan. 7.—The Carpenter Bros have purchased a new Dodge car.

C. D. Query was called to Olympia, Wash., on account of illness of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coullidge are spending a few days with Mrs. Alice Coullidge of Fern Ridge.

Pearl Eakin of Salem spent the week end with her parents.

Miss Lella Johnson, a teacher in the Hood River high school, returned to her school.

The G. T. club watched the old year out and the New Year in at the Query hall.

W. A. Schram of Hall's Ferry spent the week end with Charles Eakin.

George King returned to the U. of C. after spending his vacation with his parents and relatives.

The G. T. club meets at the home of Mrs. Lewis Johnson Thursday, January 8.

Mrs. Flora Hawley and son Virgil spent the week end at Livesley.

Keith Evans, an employee of the Livesley ranch, spent Christmas with his parents of Salem.

A jolly bunch of Salem young people motored to Livesley and spent the evening of Tuesday last with Ruth Weaver. Those forming the party were Misses Lenora Busch, Hazel Rogers, Iola Denton, Virginia Weaver and the Messrs. Raymond McKinley, Ralph Smith, Winston Allen, Carl Thomas and Louis Ashby.

Grandma Dennis, mother of Mrs. H. B. Carpenter, is ill at the Carpenter home.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Livesley when Lovisa Magdalene Snodgrass and LeRoy C. White were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Senator Underwood, democrat, Alabama, served notice in the senate today that unless the demagogic treaty of Versailles was broken within a few days, he would press his resolution calling for the appointment of a bi-partisan committee of the senate to work out some agreement.

A telegram from Mayor Thompson of Chicago, protesting against ratification of the treaty and urging that the people be given an opportunity to express an opinion on it, was placed in the Congressional Record.

Chicago was invented in 1666.

ALKA-1 IN SHAMPOOS
BAD FOR WASHING HAIR

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain ten much alkali, which is very injurious as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is Mulsified coconut oil shampoo, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap and beats anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful in all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The latter times out easily and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.

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