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Rippling Rhymes.

By WAIT MASON

WHEELS AND LEGS

My auto's beastly hard to start, and every day it breaks my heart.

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DODGING ISSUES.

THE shallow sham of partisan politics was never better illustrated than by the appointment of a permanent platform conference by the Republican National Committee to receive suggestions from now until the national convention meets for platform suggestions.

The time was when the republican party did not have to study conditions and offer prizes for campaign issues but stood for principles, when its platform wrote itself and embodied politics vital to the country's welfare.

The only policy the republican politicians have had the past year is to discredit President Wilson, to belittle the winning of the war, and by refusing to enact reconstruction legislation and ratify the peace treaty, encourage the spread of discontent and economic unrest to create a state of public mind that will insure republican success.

Nor are the democratic politicians any better off. They have followed Wilson's leadership, not enthusiastically, or from principle, but from expediency. Now that the president has been stricken with illness, their division and lack of leadership is apparent.

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ANOTHER INVESTIGATION.

BECAUSE Admiral Sims takes himself too seriously and was not allowed to dictate to his superiors, congress is investigating the navy for the sin of winning the war.

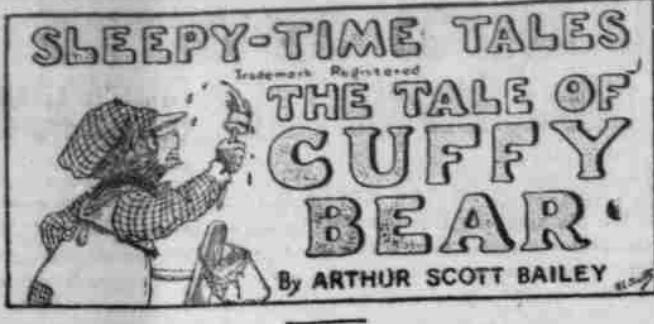
The navy made a wonderful record, one that cannot be impeached, one that fills every American with pride for its valor, bravery and efficiency, but anybody that throws a brick at those who led a victorious war, is invited by congress to help them waste weeks of time in futile, pretended investigation of incidents long since closed.

Mean while congress, with its leadership of negation and destruction emphasizes its total lack of constructiveness by ignoring the issues of peace and the problems of reconstruction. Small wonder the people are in revolt over the rule of provincial politicians, without vision or perspective beyond a ward caucus.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE by the noted author Idah McGlone Gibson

My Nurse's Story. The nurse, hovering about, apparently saw the shade of disappointment over my face. "Pardon me, Mr. Gordon, but the doctor has asked that call be very brief. It is the only way we can keep Mrs. Gordon looking as bright and happy as she has this morning."

COCONUT OIL FINE FOR WASHING HAIR. If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful.



SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF CUFFY BEAR

By ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

LEARNING TO BOX. For some time Cuffy Bear and his new friend Pete, as he preferred to be called, continued to slide down the bank of the brook into the water.



But to his surprise he didn't succeed in touching Pete at all. Instead, he received a stinging slap right on the end of his nose. Cuffy didn't like that. In fact it made him somewhat angry. And he struck out at Pete once more.

Just before the war broke out, I determined to study nursing, and was one of those who were sent "Over There." Among my mangled patients was an Englishman, who had been blinded, and infected with tuberculosis.

CENSUS OF PATRIOTIC BEING TAKEN; STOCK IN

Patriotic Committee Works. Impelled by a commendable civic pride a committee of five men, working without remuneration, are canvassing the city listing subscribers to the stock of the corporation.

Police To Arrest All Car Owners Without Licenses

All motorists in Salem who drive with the 1919 license and who have not yet obtained the new auto license will be arrested, according to instructions issued Tuesday by Acting Chief of Police Rowe to all officers.

Austro-Hungarian War Prisoners Die In Siberia

Geneva, Jan. 27.—Nearly 375,000 of the 500,000 Austro-Hungarian prisoners of war taken by Russians have perished in Siberia from smallpox and typhus, according to Vladivostok dispatches to International Red Cross headquarters here.

Open Forum. To the Editor:—In a recent issue of your paper editorial comment was made on the recent agreement between the attorney general of the United States and each of the larger packers, including Swift & Company.

The matter agreed upon represents a new departure in co-operation between corporate industry and the government. And as it is a sincere desire on the part of the packers to aid in directing public thought to wholehearted consideration of constructive efforts in readjustment to normal conditions, the agreement deserves unprejudiced analysis and consideration.

BONDS CERTIFIED. An additional \$30,000 in bonds of the Talent irrigation district was certified by the state irrigation securities commission, Monday. This completes the \$250,000 issue voted by the district which comprises some 11,000 acres of land in Jackson county.

Advertisement for 'Soul Kiss Face Powder' by Meyer Brothers Drug Co. The whip of wind in the face when motoring brings out all its natural beauty of color if the skin is prepared to endure the out-of-doors.

What Is the E. R. Parker System?

THE E. R. Parker System in Dentistry is the result of the experience of Dr. Painless Parker and his associates extending over twenty-seven years. Instead of one man practicing in a small way in a small office, several dentists practice together under the Parker System in large offices, where there is room for complete equipment.

Some of the System dentists extract teeth, some fill teeth, some make crowns and bridges, some make artificial plates and some treat diseased teeth. In this way each patient is cared for by a dentist who is experienced in the kind of work each patient needs.

Under the Parker System no charge is made for examinations and advice. You can find out what your teeth need without having to pay a cent. The best things known in dentistry to overcome pain are used in Parker System offices, so you need have no fear at all.

Advertisement for 'BAKE-RITE' bread. FOR BETTER BREAD TRY BAKE-RITE. Pure, Clean, Wholesome—Baked by Electricity. BAKE-RITE SANITARY BAKERY 457 State Street.

Advertisement for 'LADD & BUSH BANKERS'. Established 1868. General Banking Business. Office Hours from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Odds and Ends

The German mark is now barely visible.—Chicago Journal. Wild oats from January 16 will be unmixd with rye.—Wall Street Journal. The dove of peace must be a blue bird.—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont. We know we are big enough to lick Mexico; but are we big enough not to?—Brooklyn Eagle. In the census even those who don't count will be interviewed by those who do.—Philadelphia Public Ledger. The only thing that could make a labor party popular in this country is a little labor.—Philadelphia North American. If Mr. Ford really wishes to keep his profits within bounds, let him take over the railroads for a few weeks.—New York Evening Post. No sentence passed upon the Kaiser should be allowed to interfere with his writing of memoirs for the warning of understanders.—Boston Herald. Somebody could make a fortune by going into business to sell those most-estate-picked goods which dealers say the people do not want.—Albany Journal. Viscount Grey into report on how the United States stands on the treaty. With his would hurry up and let us know.—St. Louis Globe-Emocrat. Much is said about an alleged leak in the supreme court, but wets do not believe anything as dry as that court can leak.—Westerville (Ohio) American Issue. The president maintains that he will fight for the league of nations to the bitter end. At least he realizes that the end is going to be bitter.—Manila Bulletin. The convention will be San Francisco's most interesting contribution to history since the earthquake. The degree of difference is yet to develop.—Springfield Republican.



Abe Martin