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Oregon Observations

Stanton.—William Efron, who lived alone on a small tract of land on the edge of town, was found dead in his home Tuesday morning.

Roseburg.—Mrs. Sarah Clarke, aged 82 years, passed away at the home of her son, August Schlemmer of Glendale, Wednesday morning.

Gardiner.—Bon. C. E. Ricker, for many years a prominent resident of Smith River and Gardiner, dropped dead in this city about 5 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Roseburg.—H. B. Shamp, who was over from Sutherlin, says that the town is soon to have a box factory—an institution which is especially needed by those fruit growers of that vicinity.

Albany.—Twins born adopted when their matrimonial craft began careening in troubled waters, fell as a pair in the wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. Verd Hill of Independence, according to the answer to his wife's suit for divorce which Hill filed in the circuit court Thursday.

Astoria.—A new record in the price of Clatsop county timberlands was established here when a deal was closed and an agreement filed, whereby F. N. Moores sells to the Lewis-Malone Logging company a tract of 145 acres of timber for a consideration of \$50,000 or at the rate of approximately \$350 an acre.

McCallville.—At a meeting held at the court house on Tuesday the county forum completed the adoption of a constitution and bylaws. The objects of the forum are the free and independent discussion and action upon all public questions, to discuss the official acts of public officials, and act upon laws and measures submitted.

Oregon City.—Mrs. Marjorie Hawley will appeal to the supreme court of Oregon from the decision of Circuit Judge George R. Bagley, under which she loses the permanent care and custody of her child and all hope of alimony.

Eugene.—Bounty aggregating \$58 on 23 wild cats have been paid by the county clerk since March 1, he announced Friday. One hunter at Heceta lighthouse collected for seven cats.

Hend.—Support for the movement to secure larger salaries for forest service employees was pledged in a telegram from Senator McNary to George Jones, chairman of the Deschutes central livestock board.

Portland.—School room propaganda against tobacco in all its forms is now being carried on by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union through-out Multnomah county. Officials of the organization denounce any attempt of movement toward local prohibition of tobacco.

Ice Gorge Breaks, Damaging Bridge

Pittsburgh, Pa., Mar. 12.—An ice gorge twenty feet high, and stretching eight miles up river, broke loose at Frenchtown last night, started with a rush down the Allegheny, and into the county bridge moving it ten inches out of line, tore a number of flat boats, large barges and houseboats from their moorings, washing them down the river into the Ohio, and pounding most of them into splinters on the way.

Timber workers at Klamath Falls have organized a branch of the international Timberworkers' union with 150 charter members. The basis of the union is an eight hour day.

Abe Mailin



Ever notice how quickly a fellow that really knows something can break up a discussion? Who remembers when a fellow wouldn't think of speaking without a full set of glossy whiskers?

THE GERMAN REVOLUTION.

News of the revolution in Germany will surprise no one—the surprise is that the Ebert government has been able to maintain itself for so long a time. At best a makeshift, representing but a portion of the German people, it remained in power because of circumstances—the prostration of Germany by the war and the rout of her ruling classes. It was not radical enough to please the socialists and too radical to please the junkers—but a compromise that has managed to tide over a most critical period and prevented a rule of terror and a rule of chaos.

The success of the revolutionary movement will depend upon its popular support. At present only Berlin is held, and that by force of troops. If the people remain loyal to the Socialist regime of Ebert, the revolution will be of short duration—even though the reactionaries and royalists flock to its support.

The greatest handicap that the government has suffered, is lack of administrative ability. Autocracy, such as Germany has endured, offers opportunity for only the ruling caste to develop the art of government, initiative and resource being suppressed. Lack of talent has necessarily hampered the Ebert regime and delayed the restoration of normal conditions and many mistakes have wearied the people of the drifting policy of reconstruction.

From the nature of their previous environment, accustomed to having their public problems decided for them, ruled by iron discipline and rigid laws, democracy, as we understand the word, was neither understood nor desired by the German people. The revolution was forced upon them by the collapse of kaiserism and not a matter of their own creation. Germany has always been ruled from the top down, never from the bottom up and it has always been questionable whether the Germans do not prefer the old order—at least in modified form.

Of course since the armistice, monarchists and junkers have been busy plotting a return to power, but while there exists a sentiment favorable to the re-establishment of the monarchy, correspondents say there is little desire for the return of the kaiser, and if royalty is enthroned, its powers will be constitutionally limited.

The principal elements of discontent in Germany are said to be the junkers who yearn for Prussian supremacy, the Spartacists and returning war prisoners who are dissatisfied with the slow reconstruction methods of the administration, and the reactionaries. Included in the reactionaries, it is said, are the 63,000 troops recruited by Von Der Goltz for their loyalty to the former government. This force occupied the Baltic states until its withdrawal was forced by the allies, and was afterwards reported to have disbanded. It was a picked army of men all of whom were reported to be out of sympathy with a republican government.

In all probability, the Allied powers will not interfere with the internal affairs of Germany and permit Germans to settle their own troubles. They will, however, look to the German government, whatever form it may take, to comply with the terms of the peace treaty.

Revolution is always followed by reaction, but liberties secured usually endure. Germany will probably have several revolutions, if seizure of government like that in progress can be called a revolution, before stable government is secured, which can only come with restoration of prosperity.

Not only Germany, but all of Europe is on the verge of anarchy and unless famine is relieved and industry made possible, we may expect numerous revolutions and a reversion to the barbarism that followed the thirty years war and overwhelmed the civilization of Central Europe.

Meanwhile the callous indifference to the fate of Europe exhibited by the United States and its senate surpasses belief. Small wonder America is becoming hated as the blood profiteer among nations, intent only upon profits and the shirking of responsibility.

Rippling Rhymes

BY WALT MARON
MARCH WINDS

Enjoy the whooping winds of March, exult in every stormy day, recline beneath a bending larch, and breathe in all the air you may. For soon the climate will repeat the stunt it's pulled for countless years, and ship in every brand of heat that it can bring from solar spheres. The later sultry days of June are just before you, as you'll find; July will land upon you soon, and August won't be far behind. So sit beneath a tortured beech, and let the cold winds fan your brow; enjoy the March winds as they screech—you have such blessings with you now. For soon again you'll have to rise to tasks 'neath which the spirit squirms; again you'll have to swat the flies, and boil the microbes and the germs. Through long, long summer nights you'll lie, and yearn in vain for soothing sleep, and wish the weather sharps might die, or moulder in a donjon keep. So sit beneath the spreading oak, and let the March winds do their trick; the heat of summer is no joke, and it is coming, pretty quick.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE

by the noted author
Idah McGlone Gibson

A BIT OF PHILOSOPHY.
are not all sour and because we never know which grape is going to be sweet and which sour, which grape is going to make you smack your lips joyously at the deliciousness of its flavor and which is going to pucker your mouth with the bitter acid of its unpalatableness you still keep tasting, hoping for a sweeter flavor, than has yet been yours.
"Then to you, Katherine, variety is more than the spice of life?"
"Varying Real Necessity
"Yes, it is to me what I think it is to most people. Variety is the real necessity of my life. I have been very happy since I was married, Charles, and I have been very unhappy and I do not believe now that I have come to get the right perspective of my marriage I would really care to give up the unhappiness any more than I would the happiness.
"You're a strange girl, Katherine."
"Not so strange. Most women do not tell the truth, my friend. If they were perfectly truthful they would say they are not looking for happiness, but change; something different today from what they had yesterday. We're always looking for what we call happiness, but what we want, what you want, what I want, what everybody wants are the thrills of life. It doesn't make much difference whether it is great happiness or great sorrow, the only thing is that neither shall continue long enough to become prosaic. Food for the soul must be of as great variety as food for the body. When I die, Charles, I want my friends to say of me, she has lived and while that means she has loved it means also she has suffered."
"You have learned much since you were married," said Charles.
"Yes, I believe that marriage is supposed to be the greatest school of experience in the world and it is a

SLEEPY-TIME TALES
THE TALE OF JIMMY RABBIT
BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

MR. CROW'S PICTURE
In the woods near the foot of Blue Mountain news travels fast. Soon everybody knew that Jimmy Rabbit had become an artist. And many of the woods-people put on their best



You can imagine how surprised he was when he stopped and read Jasper Jay's sign.

clothes and hurried to Jimmy's house, to have their pictures painted. They were disappointed when Jimmy told them all that they would have to wait.

"But after I've made a picture of Mr. Crow you shall each have your turn," he promised.

school to which every woman should go. I think that every woman should marry even if she knows that she will be as unhappy as I have been, an unhappiness, however, which no girl ever expects.

"Are you still unhappy, dear," he asked rather wistfully. "It doesn't seem possible you could talk the way you do if you were. You speak of it as if you were another person. You are too philosophical, too analytical for the story to be your own."

"I do not think so," I answered. "No happy woman, or man either, for that matter, is ever a philosopher. While our blessings outnumber our woes we do not stop to count them."

Tomorrow—A Visit from Helen and Bob.

Some of them grumbled. And Mr. Fox, especially, was very disagreeable.

"I was the first one here," he said. "I don't see why I should have to wait for old Mr. Crow."

But Jimmy Rabbit would not listen to him. He felt quite important. "I shall have to ask you all to go away now," he said. "Painting pictures is very difficult work. It would make me nervous to have so many people watching me."

So his callers left him—all but Mr. Fox. "I'm going to stay right here," Mr. Fox said. "And as soon as you finish with Mr. Crow, you can begin my picture." And he looked so surly that Jimmy Rabbit didn't dare object.

At last Mr. Crow arrived. "I'd have been here before," he said, "but I stopped to get a new hat." "That's too bad!" Jimmy told him. "You know, gentlemen never wear hats when they're having their portraits painted. But I'll tell you what you can do," he added, for he saw that Mr. Crow was disappointed. "You can hold your hat in your hand."

That seemed to make Mr. Crow feel better. But Mr. Fox almost spoiled everything by saying, "Then he'll have to stand on one leg."

Jimmy Rabbit hadn't thought of that. And Mr. Crow only made it harder for him. For he said in a loud voice, "No hat, no picture!" Jimmy Rabbit thought very hard. And pretty soon he smiled all over his face.

"It's all right!" he said. "I know how to fix it, Mr. Crow. You can hold your hat, just as I said." So everybody was happy again—except Mr. Fox, who had hoped that old Mr. Crow would go away.

Jimmy Rabbit showed Mr. Crow where to stand. And then he began to paint. And while he worked, Mr. Fox looked over his shoulder. "It was not long before something seemed to please Mr. Fox, for he smiled broadly.

Mr. Crow noticed that grin. "What's he laughing at?" he asked. "I don't see anything to laugh at." Jimmy Rabbit looked around. But Mr. Fox was as solemn as an owl. "He isn't laughing," said Jimmy. "Certainly not!" said Mr. Fox. "Your eyes must be bad, Mr. Crow."

"Well, I didn't bring my spectacles," Mr. Crow answered. "I thought I'd look better without them."

After that Mr. Fox managed to keep a sober face. But inside he was laughing as hard as could be. "What makes him shake so?" Mr. Crow asked, a few minutes later. "I must have caught cold," Mr. Fox replied. "I've been chilly all the morning."

"You'd better go home," Jimmy Rabbit advised him. But Mr. Fox wouldn't have left for anything. "Now he's choking!" Mr. Crow said. "I declare, I can't have my picture painted with such goings-on."

And he started to fly away. But Jimmy Rabbit begged him to stand still just a little longer. "The picture is almost done," he

Second Schleswig Plebiscite Zone Ready To Ballot
Copenhagen, Mar. 12.—Excitement prevails throughout the second plebiscite zone of Schleswig, where the people will tomorrow determine whether their country shall remain under German control or again shall become a part of Denmark, from which it was divorced in 1864 by the treaty of Vienna.

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said. "There!" he added, a bit later. "It's finished. And I know you'll be pleased, for he was actually beaming. Jimmy thought he had never seen him look so pleasant. Mr. Crow had to ask him to stand aside, so he could have a look.
"I should think I might gaze on my own picture," he grumbled.
At first Mr. Crow was delighted. Then he seemed somewhat puzzled. "The face is good," he said. "And no one could ask for a better picture of a hat. But there's something that doesn't look quite right." And all at once Mr. Crow saw what was the

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