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Oregon Observations

Fendleton.—Several boys attending high school here appeared Wednesday at classes in old clothing as a protest against the high cost of dressing. Girls are expected to follow. About half the boys and girls are uniformed.

Eugene.—A district internal revenue office will be established in Eugene April 1 and three men will be detailed to this district, which includes six counties in the southwestern part of the state.

Eugene.—The Eugene school board decided Tuesday night to place a certain salary for each job in the public schools and to discard the merit system. Eugene teachers will be given preference.

Oregon City.—The funeral of Mrs. Clifton Belle Guggler, who committed suicide at her home near Jennings Lodge station Monday night by cutting her throat with a butcher knife, was held at the Mt. Scott cemetery Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Albany.—Frans Lines, a resident of Lima county for over 64 years, died at his home near Knox Butte Tuesday night, few minutes before 6 o'clock. Death was due to heart trouble.

Eugene.—S. D. Allen has announced that he would be a candidate for nomination on the republican ticket for the legislature from Lane county. He favors the proposed millage tax for the higher educational institutions of the state, but fears the world is running riot when it comes to voting all kinds of taxes on the city, county and state.

Albany.—For attempting to forge a check of \$200 at the First National bank drawn on J. E. Jenks, a well known warehouse man of Tappan, James Bault, age 16, a son of Elmer Bault of Tappan, was arrested and confined in the county jail Tuesday afternoon.

Eugene.—Tom Humphrey, aged 18, a daughter of Mrs. Nellie Humphrey, living on a farm in the Meadow View district northwest of Eugene, died in a local hospital as a result of burns sustained when she fell into a fireplace at home Wednesday.

Baker.—Daniel Behan, 12-year-old adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ryan of Tully, who ran away last Friday because of alleged mistreatment, was found frozen to death in a snow-drift in the hills 17 miles west of Tully by searchers who had followed the child's footprints in the snow.

The Dalles.—Representative N. J. Simons has telegraphed from Washington, D. C., that he will come to The Dalles for the funeral of his brother, Roger Simons, who died in Portland Tuesday evening.

Portland.—Clyde E. Althaus, an Oregonian who has been chairman of the interstate commerce commission for the past year, has been succeeded by P. F. Clark of Iowa, according to information received here.

Abe Martin



Some salt made folks are mighty careful I keep still about it. The Lark dug up an Indiana tomahawk today while prospecting for sandbars.

The sugar-saving cereal Grape-Nuts finds a handy place in homes where the cost of living is considered. There's a Reason

THE TOWNLEY INVASION.

June 1 is the date set for the systematic invasion of Oregon by the Non-Partisan League organizers, who plan to collect the \$18 initiation fee from every farmer of the state who will listen to the siren song of socialistic redemption and every laborer who can be cajoled into being mulcted for a similar amount.

It is easy to understand the success of the Non-Partisan League in North Dakota, when 85 per cent of the population are farmers, who were being governed by politicians financed by the banks and milling interests of the twin cities in such manner that most of their earnings went to enrich outside financial interests who exploited the farmers, but Oregon does not offer the same opportunity for the professional political friends of the farmer to install class dictatorship.

To begin with, a third of Oregon's population is centered at Portland, which necessitates adding organized labor as a tail to the Townley kite. Another third of the population lies in the smaller cities and towns and industrial centers, leaving but a third to be classed as farmers—and the Oregon farmer is a hard headed individual, conservative in tendency, and not inclined to socialism.

The invasion of the Non-Partisan League will be a good thing if it jars Oregonians out of their self-satisfied political complacency, and awakens them to the duties of citizenship. The seductive socialistic fallacies of the league cannot be combatted by appeals to prejudice by paid agitators, but must be refuted by reason based upon facts.

As long as the best qualified among our people shirk their obligations as citizens, leave government to politicians and grafters, just so long will we be misgoverned. As long as business men, farmers and producers let the politician do it, instead of doing it themselves, will they reap the reward of their negligence.

Reform in government and abolition of oppressive laws and passage of beneficial legislation requires organization and continuous work, just as much as socialism and Townleyism and other isms. As long as we are too little interested in public welfare to render the service to the community, state and nation that citizenship demands, just so long will we have bad government. Good government requires organization as much as freak government.

Partisanship is a device of the politician to perpetuate his power and is tolerated because of individual laziness. It is easier to let others do it, than do it ourselves, and the politician is always on the job—so the people reap what they sow.

Good government leagues should be organized all over the state, not merely to combat political vagaries, but to secure from individuals the service to the state their citizenship requires, to put better men in office and secure better laws and better government.

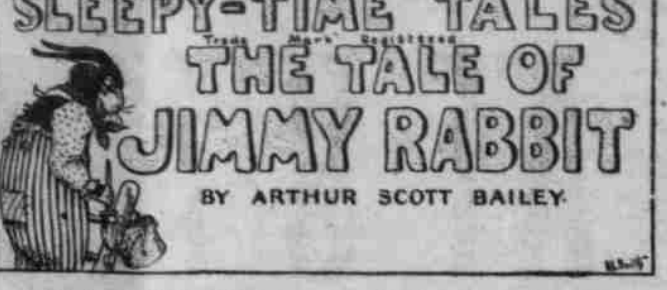
Rippling Rhymes

Our treasured landmarks disappear in a surprising way; the thing that was a truth last year is but a fake today. When I was young the village doc said ailments like the flu, which give the system such a shock, to causes plain were due. We sat in draughts, or wet our feet, and went to beds of pain, and called upon the name of Pete, and that of Mike in vain.

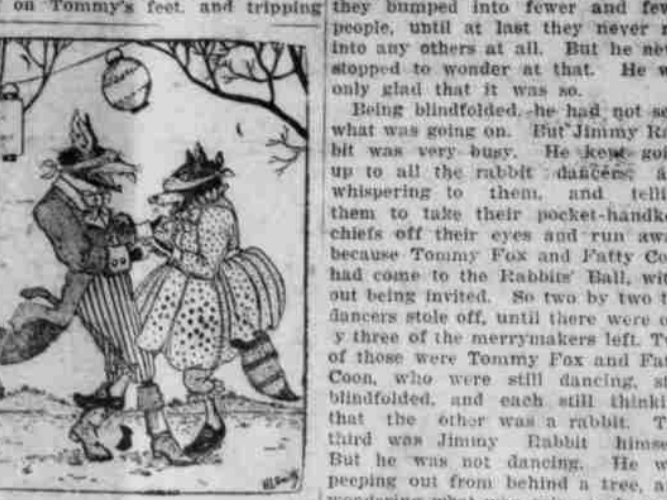
LOVE and MARRIED LIFE

For the moment Helen's troubles rather this letter from the children—loomed so much larger than mine. "Why, there's only one thing to do! Whatever my hurt was from John, I said, "and that is to send it on to did not have back of it the fear of social ostracism. And I knew that even if Helen was not jealous of the children as she affirmed, still her life in her mind would always remain the sense of having wronged the innocent. It was something she could never shake off. It made me think of an ancient proverb of the Arabs: "The fate of every man, has been bound about his neck." About this thought there was something inflexible, immutable, inexorable.

SLEEPY-TIME TALES



As soon as Tommy Fox began to dance with the strange lady (she was really Fatty Coon, you know), he saw very quickly that she was not a good dancer at all. She kept stepping on Tommy's feet, and tripping



At first, Tommy Fox and his partner kept bumping into other dancers. That was natural enough, too, because how could anyone see, with a pocket-handkerchief tied over his eyes?

After a while Tommy noticed that they bumped into fewer and fewer people, until at last they never ran into any others at all. But he never stopped to wonder at that. He was only glad that it was so.

Being blindfolded, he had not seen what was going on. But Jimmy Rabbit was very busy. He kept going up to all the rabbit dancers, and whispering to them, and telling them to take their pocket-handkerchiefs off their eyes and run away, because Tommy Fox and Fatty Coon had come to the Rabbits' Ball, without being invited.

Now, the longer they danced, the oftener the fat lady stepped on Tommy's feet. And he grew so angry that he finally said: "Do be careful where you step!" That remark did not please Fatty

account of the difference of time, the Delaware ratification may be voted before Washington acts. Delaware's votes, if it comes first, will be the 35th and Washington's the 36th.

Japanese Seeking Early Settlement

Tokio, Mar. 13.—It is understood here that the government has instructed Yukichi Obata, the Japanese minister in Peking, to begin negotiations immediately for a speedy settlement of the Shantung question, as the views of the Japanese and Chinese commissioners appointed to investigate have been found to concur in the main points and Japan is ready to make large concessions toward an amicable solution.

Sale mGirl Returns After Service In War Swept Regions

After a year's service with the Friends' reconstruction forces in France and Belgium, Miss Laura Hammer will soon depart from France for her home in Salem, according to word received recently by Mrs. Agnes Hammer Eskelson, a sister.

Washington May Be Thirty-Sixth State To Ratify

Olympia, Wash., Mar. 13.—Washington's ratification of the proposed suffrage amendment to the federal constitution, which, it is believed, will be voted here Monday at a special session of the legislature, may be the deciding thirty-sixth ratification necessary to put the amendment into force, it was said here today by state officials and suffrage workers.

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Coon. "Don't tell me how to dance!" he said. "You're a great, clumsy creature!" "I'm not!" Tommy retorted. "I'm away Fatty Coon's mark. You can't dance any better than a coon!" That was enough for Fatty. He tore the handkerchief off his eyes. Jimmy Rabbit didn't wait to see And Tommy Fox was just as quick, anything more. He felt that he had made an unwise, he much safer someone here else. Besides, the Rabbits' Ball had come to an end.

Mother! Teach the Children Their Daily Health Duty

FEW children find pleasure in the things most vital to their physical comfort and health, so it rests with the watchful mother to see that they are done. The child will be grateful in after years. Chief among the functions necessary to the upbuilding of the little body, so that it will not be a dyspeptic, constipated body when it matures, is elimination regularly every morning. If the mother will be insistent and allow nothing to interfere with it, it will soon become a habit, a daily routine that will not be forgotten throughout life.

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