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lowed a marble. She would tell 'em they would be right over; good-by. There was another cheer as the three elderly and the two younger people emerged from the schoolhouse and took their way over the bridge to the school side of the velvet-bottomed boat, but it was shut off like the vibration of a bell dipped in water by the sudden rush of the shutters into the big assembly room, now filled with tables for the banquet. And here the domestic economy classes, with their mothers, sisters, female cousins and aunts, met them, as waiters, hat snatchers, hostesses, floor managers and cooks, scoring the greatest triumph of history in the Woodruff district. For everything went off like clockwork, especially the victuals—and such victuals!

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The unexpected passer-by this May day, however, would have been especially struck by the number of motor cars, buggies and surreys parked in the yard back of the creamery, along the roadside, and by the driveway running to the schoolhouse. People in numbers had arrived by five o'clock in the afternoon, and were still coming. They strolled about the place, examining the buildings and grounds, and talking with the blacksmith and the butter-maker. Gradually they drew into the schoolhouse like a swarm of bees into a hive selected by the queen. None of them, however, went across the concrete bridge to the schoolhouse, save Mrs. Simms, who crossed, consulted with Mrs. Irwin about the shrubbery and flowers, and went back to Buddle and Jennie, who were good children but natchally couldn't be trusted with so many other young ones without some watchin'.

There was quantity in meats, breads, vegetables—and there was also savor. There was plenty, and there was style. Ask Mrs. Haakon Peterson, who yearned for culture, and had been afraid her children wouldn't get it if Yim Irwin taught them nothing but farming. She will tell you that the dinner—which so many thought of all the time as supper—was just as well served as if it had been in the Chamberlain Hotel in Des Moines, where she had stayed when she went with Haakon to the state convention. Why shouldn't it have been even better served? It was planned, cooked, served and eaten by people of intelligence and brains, in their own house, as a community affair, and in a community where, if any one should ask you, you are authorized to state that there's as much wealth to the acre as in any strictly farming spot between the two oceans, and where you are perfectly safe—financially—in dropping from a balloon in the dark of the moon, and paying a hundred and fifty dollars an acre for any farm you happen to land on. Why shouldn't things have been well done, when every one worked, not for money, but for the love of the doing, and the love of learning to do in the best way?

"They're coming! They're coming!" This was the cry borne to the people in and about the schoolhouse by that Hans Hansen who would be called Hans Nilsen. Hans had been to the top of the little hill and had a look toward town. Like a crew manning a rigging, or a crowd having its picture taken, the assemblage crystallized into forms determined by the chances of getting a glimpse of the bungalow across the ravine—on posts, fences, trees and hillocks. A motor car came over the hillock, ran down the road to the driveway to the schoolhouse and drew up at the door. Out of it stepped Mrs. Woodruff and the colonel, their daughter, the county superintendent of schools, and Mr. Jim Irwin. Jennie was dressed in a very well-tailored traveling costume, and Jim in a moderately well-tailored business suit. The fact that when they reached the threshold Jim picked

Some of these things came out in the speeches following the repast—and some other things, too. It was probably not quite fair for B. B. Hamm to incorporate in his wishes for the welfare and prosperity and so forth of Jim and Jennie that state one about the troubles of life, but he wanted to see Jennie blush—which as a matter of fact he did; but she failed to grow quite so fiery red as did Jim. But B. B. was a good fellow, and a Trojan in his work for the cause, and the schoolmaster and superintendent of schools forgave him. A remark may be a little broad, and still clean, and B. B. made a clean speech, mainly devoted to the increased value of that farm he at once memorable time was going to sell before Jim's fool notions could be carried out. Colonel Woodruff made most of the above points which I have flitted from him. He had begun as a reformer late in life, he said, but he would leave it to them if he hadn't worked at the trade steadily after enlistment. He had become a follower of Jim Irwin, because Jim's reform was like dragging the road in front of your own farm—it was reform right at home, and not at the county seat, or Des Moines, or Washington. He had followed Jim Irwin as he had followed Lincoln, and Grant, and Blaine, and McKinley—because Jim Irwin stood for more upward growth for the average American citizen than the colonel could see any prospect of getting from any other choice. And he was proud to live in a country like this, saved and promoted by the great men he had followed, and in a neighborhood served and promoted, if not quite saved, by Jim Irwin. And he was not so sure about it not being saved. Every man and nation had to be saved anew every so often, and the colonel believed that Jim Irwin's new kind of rural school is just as necessary to the salvation of this country. "I am about to close my speech," said the colonel, "and the small service I have been able to give to this nation. I went through the war, neighbors—and am proud of it; but I've done more good in the peaceful service of the last three years than I did in four of fighting and campaigning. That's the way I



Jim Picked Jennie Up and Carried Her in His Arms.

Jennie up in his arms and carried her in, will enable any good detective to put one and one together and make a pair—which comes pretty near telling the whole story. By this time it was nearly seven, and Callista Simms came across the charmed bridge as a dispatch-bearer, saying that if Mr. Jim and Miss Jennie didn't mind, dinner would be served, right soon. It was cooked about right, and the folks was gettin' right hungry—an' such a crowd! There were fifteen in the babies' room, and for a while they thought the youngest Hamm young one had swal-

The Covered Wagon Beginning Thursday of next week, "The Covered Wagon" will be at Globe theatre Albany for three nights and two matinees. This great screen spectacle was adapted from the late Emerson Hough's novel of the same name, and is a story of the winning of the west, when brave men and women wended westward ho! in white topped prairie schooners. The subject was filmed with reverence for the lofty theme of the book and tells the story of the Oregon Trail in '48 and depicts with historical accuracy the conflicts of these pioneers, and their triumph over the hostile powers of wild nature, savagery and barbarism. There is an orchestra under the direction of Earl Schwartz.

Black Oxen Gertrude Atherton's story, "Black Oxen," has been denounced as "too loud." It has been running in the Albany Democrat and while we would not hold it up as model reading for young people we find nothing worse in it, thus far, than appears constantly in the daily news, except a disgusting amount of profanity by women, young and old. The movie based on this story appears at the Globe, as advertised elsewhere, so all who wish can have a chance to form a judgment regarding it. The printer man will be in the courthouse city on one of its days and intends to see the play. Mr. and Mrs. Vitz Ramsdale of Brownsville were week end guests at the J. S. McMahan home.

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"Let Us Cease Thinking So Much of Agricultural Education, and Devote Ourselves to Educational Agriculture. So Will the Nation Be Made Strong." "Why didn't you put it in Latin?" she inquired. "It would have had so much more distinction." "I wanted it to have meaning instead," said Jim. "And besides, nobody who was at hand was quite sure how to turn the Latin phrase. Are you?" Jennie leaned forward with her elbows on her knees, and studied it. "I believe I could," said she, "without any pony. But after all, I like it better as it is. I like everything, Jim—everything!" [THE END.]

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. English, accompanied by Miss Bertha Leitner and Mrs. Inez Freeland, drove to Eugene one night last week and attended the "Book of Job" at the Heilig theater. William Price and family of Monroe were Saturday guests at the home of Mr. Price's mother, Mrs. George Maxwell, and husband.

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Harry Bressler returned Friday from Albany where he has been working as section foreman. The Albany loganberry growers have sold the last seven tons of last year's crop at 4c a pound. One of the new influences in politics is emphasized by the report that Milton A. Miller, Linn-county-born candidate for the democratic nomination to the federal senatorship, is very popular among women voters. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill and Mrs. J. J. Corcoran attended the funeral of the eleven botulinus victims at Albany Thursday. Miss Marie Evans went to Eugene Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. M. E. Lackey. Miss Edna Robinson came down from Junction City Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. A. E. Foote. Miss Cleona Smith came from Eugene Friday to spend the week end with her father, W. L. Smith. Frank Kirk is home from Glenbrook, where he has been employed for some time. On account of a spell of tonalitis J. W. Moore has resigned his position at Glenbrook and returned home. E. B. McKinnib of Albany, formerly of this city, was in town Saturday buying dairy cows.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schick, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Belts, drove to Portland the last of the week, where they visited G. T. Kitchen and family. The Kitchens, for several years previous to last fall, when they entered the floral business in Portland, were residents in this vicinity. Mrs. O. J. West returned to her home at Milwaukie Saturday, after a few days' visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. West. A conference of delegates from the principal towns interested in the Clear Lake water project will be held tomorrow at the Albany chamber of commerce. Governor Pierce will be one of the speakers. Ralph Smith quit high school at Brownsville at the close of the last semester and he and Cecil Dawson of the Calapooia City started for Grants Pass Saturday morning with Mr. Harlin to begin a job of wood cutting for him. Clark Smith accompanied them for a vacation of a week or two. On his return, his son Theodore, who is his substitute on the stage route, expects to join the other boys at Grants Pass where they plan to work for some time, unless they starve on their own cooking.

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