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### ILL TIMED CRITICISMS

The London Globe discussing President Wilson's speech before the United States senate openly says the United States is afraid of Germany and intimates it is afraid of Great Britain. The Globe then twits this country for not interfering over Belgium; and insults both the president and country by ridiculing the note sending policy of the administration. Yet England has much to be thankful for that it was notes instead of something more severe that were used. Because this country has stood so much from England she has the idea that we are afraid of her. The English mind cannot grasp the idea that it was the endeavor to maintain a strict neutrality that caused the writing of notes, which by the way resulted in the stopping of attacks on British passenger ships by the Germans, and which it illy becomes the bigheaded editor of the Globe to ridicule.

Neither the press nor the leaders in England seem to understand that it was not fear that caused the sending of notes and the putting up with almost intolerable ill treatment by England as well as by Germany. This country did not want to add to the burden either was carrying, by taking sides in any way. It was for this reason the greatest forbearance was used in dealing with Germany. It was for this reason equal forbearance was used when a British war vessel took German passengers from an American ship. Instead of compelling her to return them were set free. It was this same spirit that made this administration forbear when the British government deliberately rifled American mails, opened American letters, and it is alleged stole the contents both in the shape of money and information about business affairs, as well as diverting orders for American goods to her own factories. We put up with much from Germany in her role as a sea rover, and we put up with as much in a different way with the sneak thief methods of the English government, that is still robbing our mails. We have done this not from any fear of England or any other nation, but because we realized the desperate straits of the warring nation, all of whom were our friends.

It may be, should some things materialize that are expected of the pigmy submarines next spring, that Great Britain, and even the fire eating editor of the London Globe—who by the way, is a long ways from the trenches and danger—may be glad to have America address a few more notes to Germany. From the fierceness of the attack of the Globe editor it is fair to presume he is one of those valiant persons in the "Tight little Isle," who would continue the war so long as a Frenchman remained alive, or a Russian is able to bear arms.

Clackamas is feeling the pains of parturition, with Multnomah about to take a slice off her western boundary, if she can, and the eastern portion asking to be set off into a county by its little lonesome. This measure will be threshed out before the committee tonight when a big delegation advocating the division and another objecting to it will argue the matter to a finish. It is none of the balance of the state's pie, but at the same time it may not be out of place to remark, that the smaller the county and the more of them the greater the cost of running them. That is, the people of Clackamas county can conduct their affairs more cheaply as they are than under two separate county governments. So it seems that while economy is the principal subject of conversation these days, that none of us practice it in our local affairs.

Now it's up to the county courts of Marion and Polk to get busy. The S. P. railroad company has given them an excellent example of ability to act promptly and efficiently in an emergency like that presented by the Salem bridge situation.

From indications there will be more than 500 bills introduced at this session of the legislature, and the larger part of them is of little or no use. This will be seen when the legislature ends and the waste baskets are full of measures bearing the legend: "indefinitely postponed."

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### A PHASE OF THE LAW

At the bone dry meeting Monday evening an employe of Wells Fargo stated that a leeway of, say ten days, should be allowed when the bone dry law goes into effect so the company could deliver such goods as it had on hand. That is that some date should be set on which the law will go into effect. This brings up a phase of the law that has not been talked of to any extent. Under the law the express company must accept all shipments offered so long as the law is not against it, and if it goes into effect without warning the company which has nothing to do with creating the condition and which cannot avoid it or protect itself against what will happen will have numerous packages on hand, which the law says it must ship out of the state within 30 days after the law goes into effect, if they are not delivered. The question is to whom will the company ship them? The shipper has no claim on them for they have been sold and so far as he is concerned, delivered, and he has the money for them. The company would have to ship them out of the state, and to itself. The question is what it will do with them then? Can it sell them and keep the money? Can it sell them and send the money to the original purchaser to whom they were shipped? If not who gets the booze or its equivalent?

The consolidation committee of each house is getting down to business, and it is high time. They are due to report on the 25th day of the session, which is Thursday of next week. One of the main consolidations so far suggested is that of the labor commission, the industrial accident commission and possibly the industrial welfare commission. When they are consolidated all that will be left will be the industrial accident commission, which will absorb the others. It looks just at present as though by the time the legislature adjourns it will be a case of the Kilkenny cats, for there will be but few cats left—if any.

Counterfeiters are said to be active again. Well, there is consolation in the thought that they cannot possibly produce a coin more unattractive than the latest turned out by the government mint.

While the proposition is up to consolidate everything about the state house it seems it is impossible for the senate and house to consolidate their committees on consolidation.



### Rippling Rhymes

Walt Mason

#### THE ADDING MACHINE

I watched a wonderful machine count up five miles of figure; the operator, all serene, just pressed some keys and triggers; it didn't sweat or tear its hair, it didn't make a blunder; it counted all the figures there, and put the product under. A set of books I used to keep, when I was young and husky, and homeward wearily I'd creep when dusk was growing dusky. I counted figures all day long, above my ledgers bending, and always got the derved things wrong, and sorrow was unending. And when the long day's work was o'er, my troubles home I'd carry, and there, despondent, sick and sore, I'd raise old Ned and Harry. My children were afraid of me, and so was Old Dog Rover; my wife would often climb a tree until my grouch was over. But now the keepers of the books are not worn out and weary; they seek their divers ingenooks with faces glad and cheery. A thing of springs and bolts and nuts shears work of all its rigors; a thing with brass and iron guts counts up the dizzy figures. And ever thus, in endless ways, invention makes things lighter, and brings some sunshine to the days of every toiling blighter.

### REGARDING MANAGER IVAN MACDANIELS REQUEST THAT ALL OTHER SALEMS GET NEW NAMES

By J. M. HEADY  
Friends, Salemites, Fellow Oregonians, Lend me your EYES. Welcome not to BURY Ivan but to PRAISE him. The EVIL that men do LIVES after them. The GOOD is oft INTERRED with their bones.  
So let it be with IVAN. The Eastern newspapers from The CROSS-ROAD weekly in Virginia to The CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR has told you that IVAN has lots of GALL and is VERY PRESUMPTUOUS and is withal TOO AMBITIOUS.  
Was it presumption to ask that so many MASSACHUSETTS who after 400 years of existence ONLY numbers 50,000 souls while our own FAIR CITY in only 60 years has a NET GAIN of 18,000?  
At the same ratio the Massachusetts villone should number several MILLION at present.  
Was it a display of Gall to ask a wee place in Virginia that admits that it came into being in 1802 and had never been heard until now to change its name to SQUEEDUNK or SQUASHVILLE?  
Not so, Fellow Citizens. For at the very doorstep of our COMMERCIAL where now it seems to RAIN LETTERS and Newspapers and TELEGRAMS, which shows how they FELL, the ROASTS still come.  
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### University Notes

Merrill D. Ohling of Albany has been elected editor of the 1917 Wallula, the annual publication of the junior class, and Homer G. Tasker of Salem is the choice of the class for business manager. Both men are general favorites in university circles, having taken great interest in general student activities. Class football of last fall attracted them which did much toward the vanquishing of their freshmen rivals. The newly electives will work with the 1918 staff this spring that inside information on annuals may be secured to expedite editorial work next year.

Sam R. King, a senior in the liberal arts college and present editor of the Willamette Collegian, was elected president of the Websterian society last night. His term of office is for the third quarter. He is to be assisted by Adolph Spies, vice president; Earl Cotton, recording secretary; Errol Proctor, corresponding secretary; Cyrus Eakin, treasurer; Karl Chapler, critic, and Maxwell Bull, marshal. The installation will be a feature of the first February meeting.

February 11 will be a special musical interest to Salem as the Willamette Ladies' club will give their annual concert in Waller chapel on that date. A splendid program is announced which includes a wide diversity of musical numbers. Dr. F. R. Chace of the music department is the director.

In the hands of Prof. Robert E. Stauffer, the English department of the university is to suffer a radical shake-up. What proved so popular to students as the rhetoric department under Prof. Wallace MacMurray, is to be entirely eliminated as a separate department and will be incorporated under one head which is made in the interest of securing greater correlation and efficiency in the work. Prof. Stauffer announces, inasmuch as there is an enrollment of 105 for freshman composition, the numbers are prohibitive in the interests of personal work of the department, so division of the class by Eugene A. Hancock, associate professor, will prove a boon to the many registered for such studies.

### HAVE ROSY CHEEKS AND FEEL FRESH AS A DAISY—TRY THIS!

Says glass of hot water with phosphate before breakfast washes out poisons.

To see the tinge of healthy bloom in your face, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, to wake up without a headache, backache, coated tongue or a nasty breath, in fact to feel your best day in and day out, just try inside bathing every morning for one week.  
Before breakfast each day, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it as a harmless means of washing from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before getting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast.  
A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store but is sufficient to demonstrate that just as soap and hot water cleanses, sweetens and freshens the skin, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the blood and internal organs. Those who are subject to constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, rheumatic twinges, also those whose skin is sallow and complexion pallid, are assured that one week of inside-bathing will have them both looking and feeling better in every way.

## MY HUSBAND AND I

Jane Phelps

### BURNS MAYSON DECLARES HIMSELF

CHAPTER CXXX.  
Burns Mayson drove all the way home. Clifford and Mrs. Horton kept up an animated conversation, but we in front scarcely spoke. Yet all the time I felt as tho' the air were surcharged with danger; and that do what I would I could not avoid it.  
We took Mrs. Horton home, then went on to our house. Clifford insisted that Burns come in and have a cigar with him. Clifford was called to the telephone, and when he returned said he must go down-town for half an hour; a man wanted to see him about a business matter that could not be put off until morning.  
"Don't go, Mayson," he said as he put on his coat. "I'll only be a little while, and Mildred will give us a bite of supper when I come back."  
We sat in complete silence for a little, a silence so fragrant with meaning that it became unbearable.  
"Shall we have some music?" I asked.  
"No—not yet," Burns replied, then came over and stood in front of me. His face was white, and the veins on his forehead stood out like great cords.  
"Mildred I love you," he said with a quiet earnestness that was more convincing than he knew. "Will you go away with me?—I know I am a rotter to talk like this in Hammond's house, but will you?"  
Playing With Fire.  
"Mr. Mayson, how?"—I commended,

then stopped. Had I not given him reason to say anything he wished to me? Strangely enough I did not regret it because of Clifford, nor because of myself; but for Leonard—the man I loved.  
"You do love me, I know it!" he said, still in the same quiet tone, "you showed it plainly tonight. I will be very good to you"—he waited.  
"Oh, I am so sorry, I didn't mean—I didn't think," I stammered, beginning to see the mischief I had wrought, "I don't love you Mr. Mayson. I—was only—trying to make Clifford jealous!"  
I blurted out the truth. There was nothing else to do. Oh, how ashamed I was, how little I felt. Surely Muriel did not expect this to happen. Then came an illuminating thought. Muriel had only intended that I should let Clifford see that Mr. Mayson was attentive, and I had deliberately flirted with him to such an extent that he believed all he had to do was to ask and I would go with him. It was awful!  
"Then what have you meant it to mean to me?" his face grown gray.  
"Oh, I never thought you would!"  
"In other words you didn't care what effect it had on me. Why you knew I loved you long ago! how could you be so cruel?" Then in a different tone. "You women never see but one side, your side. You never think of the temptation you are to a man. You care less than nothing of ribs feelings. You?"

A Scathing Rebuke.  
"Oh, please!"—I cried, distressed, "please believe I did not mean to be cruel."  
"No you didn't think far enough ahead for that. The present, YOU! present was all you cared for. How are we men to know when you are in earnest? Or when you are playing with us as a cat plays with a mouse? I know you do not love your husband, that he neglects you. What was I to think when you treated me so—kindly?" of the sarcasm on that word, "when you seemed to be delighted that I returned? Then—oh, what's the use. You say you do not love me, I know that you do not love Hammond, who is it then that you love; for that there is someone I am sure."  
"You have no right to question me," I replied, trembling all over; shamed as I never had been shamed before.  
"No—I have no right, but if you were half a woman you would tell me. Then I would KNOW that it was all useless," and he turned away.  
"Please forgive me, for I never shall forgive myself. Yes, there is some one I love, and—oh, don't you see? If Clifford had only cared enough to be the least bit jealous, I was going to give him up." I confessed, and then before he could reply we heard Clifford talking to Kate.  
(Tomorrow—Muriel Tells the Outcome of Her Plan.)

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Of educational significance to the Capital city and Willamette university in particular will be the conference of heads of independent colleges of the state which is to be held in Salem next year. The invitation of Dr. George H. Alden to meet in Salem at that time met the unanimous approval of the members who were in session at Albany last week.  
A pleasing artistry affiliates itself with the general theme of "Bells" a resonant array of melodic numbers which the Philologist society members are to present next Friday afternoon. After an original composition "Beautiful Bells" from the pen of Esther Cox which is to be interpreted by Ruth Winters and Glenna Teeters, a discussion of "Bells of History and Romance" will be given by Ruth Lawson as well as a paper on "The Sunken Bell" by Helen Goltra. An opportunity for burlesque is given Esther Cox who is to present "Philologist Bells." Such a resonant array of melodic numbers assures the society a splendid program.