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"new CAMPAIGN ON INFLUENZA.
Closing up a town is an ineffective way of fighting an epidemic of sickness. The Oregonian this morning editor ially takes the same position the Capital Journal has taken
right along in regard to stamping out the influenza épiright along in regar
demic, when it says: "The Oregonian thinks it is high time to organize and wage a more effectual campaign against the influenza. It should be carried into every household and it should be supported by every citizen. It is futile to shut up the
town, or close down business, or stop public congregation town, or close down business, or stop public congregation
for hit has been tried, and has not stopped the epidemic.
"But it is not futile and it will be helpful, and probably effective, if a quarantine that quarantines is estabably effective, if a quarantine the is not adequate, perhaps because the health department has not the force to make it so "
to his aid the most competent and forceful physician in the city with the purpose and courage to do his duty, and to put in his hands the quarantine campaign.
to put in his hands the quaranuine campaign, the city be divided into districts, as in other campaigns, and let all mates with it. Let there be a systematic patrol and let all egress and ingress to such places be stopped, except upon written authority of the city, acting through its on
cial agency. Let there be a system of daily reports from all physicians
"There is no occasion for panic, for it is evident that the percentage of mortality is lower than formerly. In
other words the present form of the disease is milder. But there are, nevertheless, too many deaths and in a matter life and death all other problems are unimportant."

TRUCKS AND RAILROADS.
It is reported that in the busiest section of Ohio, the
Cleveland-Akron district, 61 per cent as much freight is being moved by motor express as the railroads are carrying. he truek is a vivid reminder of the importance to whic the country a surprising development is going on. Neigh boring cities are being joined by a fast, flexible hauling system more satisfying in many ways than the railroad or interurban trolley lines have been able to provide.
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## RIPPLING RHYMES

## $B y_{3}^{2}$ Walt Mason

## DEMPSEY

Now that the long drawn war is done, and peace abides in camp and courts, we turn a moment from th Hun to think and talk of helpful sports. No armies now
distort the maps, at the behest of czar or king, but we'll distort the maps, at the behest of czar or king, but we'll
still have our little scraps, our little triumphs of the ring. While captains whooped and chargers reared, and soldiers fired the deadly gun, a new phenomenon appeared, who
packs home bacon by the ton. This Dempsey, of heroic name, that by another Jack was worn, has quickly gained
a healthy fame, and made a lot of cheeses mourn. Fred Fulton, who was wont to wist that he would wear the champeen's crown, ran up against this Dempsey's fist was full of hope the next in anguish dire he sat and lean was full of hope, the next in anguish dire he sat, and leanbeautiful should fall I'I punch this Dempsey party's beautiful should fal! ITl punch this Dempsey party
head, and stop his fooling, once for all." But Dempsey head, and stop his fooling, once for ail. vital places he sought, and Carl sat down to nurse his grief, and readjust his dome of thought. I like this man of swats and iffs, this Dempsey, vigorous and strong; he's weeding


The advantages are not merely local. The truck
ves to have a surprising range. An Akron rubber company has hauled cotton fabric from Boston to Akron
and airplane tires from Akron to San Franciscoo, crossing the continent in twenty days and making an average speed, most of the time of fifteen miles an h
much better than the freight trains can do.

The railroads, at first hostile, have become friendly to the conquering truck. They find that it does not hurt theirinterests. It helps them by relieving the pressure in
times of stress; and more notoriously still by tapping times of stress; and more notoriously still by tapping hitherto inaccessible areas it serves as a "feeder" to the
railroads, guaranteeing them an ever-increasing volume of business.

This motor transportation system will come to Oregon as well as to the East and Middle West, with the ex-
tension and gradual completion of the good roads program tension and gradual completion
now just being put into effect.

There is a growing sentiment in this country, and apparently in other of the allied countries, in favor of leaving Russia to the Russians. The common ground upon
which this policy is based seems to be the realization that wutsiders do not understand Russians, and that it is as hard to get a true insight into their real national character and aspirations as it is for a foreigner to speak their
jaw-breaking language. The chief objection to a "hands jaw-breaking language. The chief objection to a "hands Tro Allies to see that pro-German leaders like Lenine and Trotsky get their merited punishment. There is also a
fear that Japan, if left alone, may become too strongly infear that Japan, if left alone, may become too strongly in-
trenched in the East, or that Russia may become thorrenched in the East, or that Russia may become thor-
oughly Germanized, allowing the imperialists to again oughly Germanized, allowing the imperialists to again
intrench themselves stronger than ever, when they have intrench themselves stronger than ever, when they have
thoroughly exploited the great resources of the former Russian empire. It is a hard problem to solve at best one of the most difficult confronting the Allied statesmen.

The Salem police force under the new regime appears in new and natty uniforms, a credit to the Capital City as they should be. Let us hope they will also be a credit of law and order. Anyway Chief Varney is starting right, nd that is a good deal.
Victor Berger and several other traitorous pro-Ger fearless jury and are facing long terms in prison. Thi a good beginning but the work should be continued unil hundreds more just like them are given their just de serts.
"We are down and out--isn't that enough?" asks the Crown Prince. Not
kept down and out.

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