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EDITORIAL

THEY AIN'T DONE RIGHT BY OUR NELL

It has been too long since Charles Dickens sent practically the whole English speaking world into deep mourning by killing Little Nell.

Little Nell was the heroine of 'The Old Curiosity Shop,' a Dickens novel, issued serially in a penny magazine. Week after week, lines formed in front of the London publishing house, to snatch the latest copy of the periodical and find out what happened to Nell. Men and women in the front ranks would scan the pages and shout to the others that Little Nell was all right, or Little Nell was in trouble. She was their character, and they were there to see to it that she was done right by.

Dickens killed Little Nell in the last chapter. Men sobbed on the streets of London, Women fainted and had to be carried home. Business throughout the city was conducted in hushed tones—Little Nell was dead.

That was probably the acme of literary effect from a pathos standpoint. But other fine and moving stories followed. Novels gave way to short stories in the periodicals, though still retained as an adjunct, and for years the number and total circulation of fiction magazines increased with

the growing literacy of the world.

Yet today, we see a few giants with towering circulations, and behind them a host of failures, consolidations, and virtually no new fiction magazines on the way up. Most of the fiction is well written, yet most people when asked why a certain magazine is bought will answer: 'Because of the articles.'

Now there is something wrong about a situation like this, a situation which permits of little expansion in the total number of fiction readers and perhaps a staggering loss. Many of the subscribers to the magazines which have failed or consolidated have not chosen to resume their fiction reading by subscribing to some other magazine. In a day when news stories are read more than ever before, when interpretive articles are being closely followed, when the influence of the written word is more powerful than it has ever been before, fiction seems to have missed the boat.

Perhaps the location of the magazine editorial offices in large cities has something to do with the lack of 'Little Nells' in our modern magazines. The editors and readers may come from all parts of the country and be drawn from all walks of life, but once located in the big towns, they apparently forget Mrs. Jones who used to come in to play bridge and remember the prefer-

ence of some distinguished personage at a literary tea.

Their whole outlook seems to be limited to their immediate surroundings, the lives of apartment house dwellers—and not even the brownstone apartments that make up most of their own cities. If these members of the editorial staffs would remember their more worldly upbringing and forget about being members of the literati, we might have more fiction magazines selling 'Because of the stories.'

We have seen too much of some tramp with whom we wouldn't permit our daughters to associate being made the heroine of a 'smart story,' heard too much of the frenzied doings of the society set, been bored too often by stories that seem to leave us in mid-air instead of having a definite, satisfying, logical ending. We would like to read of the fairy princess and the brave boy who got shot in the last charge, of the old miser who got what was coming to him and the Indian who found an oil well under his tepee—and we're not reading about them.

They ain't done right by our Nell!

JUDGE LATOURETTE HAS NEW SECRETARY

The appointment of Miss Grace Bottler as secretary in the circuit court office was announced today by Judge E. C. Latourette.

Miss Bottler, who comes here from Portland, where she has been employed, is a member of the state bar. She succeeds Mrs. Parker Mount (Agnes Essig), who recently was married, after being secretary more than a year.

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BULL RUN

Mr. Glenn Goss has returned home on December 29, from the Portland Sanitarium, very much improved from his sick spell.

Mr. L. E. Kealher is reported improving from his operation at the Portland Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Robley A. Butler, of Camas, Wash., spent Xmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Butler.

NEW MAXIMUM LOAD LIMIT PLACED ON SANDY-BULL RUN ROAD

The Clackamas county court Tuesday issued an order fixing the maximum load limit on road No. 391, between Sandy and Bull Run due to unduly heavy damage caused by logging trucks. The court fixed the load limit at 2500 pounds per axle and 5000 pounds per maximum load. The limit on this road had been 19,000 pounds maximum load.

200 LICENSE STICKERS ISSUED MONDAY

Deputies in the sheriff's office were busy from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday, issuing temporary automobile stickers in lieu of license plates which are mailed from the secretary of state's office. Approximately 200 stickers were issued Monday.

COURT BUSINESS SLACK

Justice of the Peace, J. R. Hall has had 'slack' business the past month as only 25 arrests, nearly all minor, have been made. No drunken drivers were cited during Christmas, and only one for reckless driving.

TARDY MOTORISTS SUBJECT TO ARREST

Any motorist who does not have a new license plate or a temporary sticker on his car is subject to arrest, police officers announced. Stickers in lieu of plates are issued at the sheriff's office, with an extra charge of 1 cents being made.

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