

SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR

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## OREGON FOLK GOOD READERS

### State Stands Second in Nation, Statistics From New York Prove

"School and Society," a New York periodical devoted to education, credits Oregon with second place among all the states of the union in the percentage of its population that reads good literature. A table showing how the states rank has been received from the periodical by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools.

The circulations of seven of the leading periodicals of the nation were used as a basis for the comparison. This list was headed by the Saturday Evening Post, with 2,100,000 subscribers. Others were Ladies Home Journal, with a circulation of 1,799,002; Pictorial Review, 1,765,430; American Magazine, 1,604,432; Woman's Home Companion, 1,467,509; The Cosmopolitan, 983,290; and the Literary Digest, 900,000.

Superintendent Churchill considers that the statistics are indicative of the high standard of education in Oregon and that the people of the state think as well as read. The list shows conclusively that the people of the west are far ahead of the easterners in the matter of reading.

Oregon also made second place recently in an investigation conducted by the Carnegie Foundation to ascertain the intellectual activity of the people.

The rank of the states in the "School and Society" investigation is as follows: California, 25.83 per cent; Oregon, 24.99; Washington, 24.10; Nevada, 21.25; Wyoming, 20.85; Montana, 18.56; Colorado, 17.97; Massachusetts, 17.89; Connecticut, 17.27; Idaho, 17.09; Ohio, 16.34; Vermont, 16.52; New Hampshire, 16.42; Michigan, 16.43; Iowa, 16.38; Maine, 16.39; Nebraska, 16.31; Minnesota, 15.54; Arizona, 15.28; Rhode Island, 15.15; Indiana, 14.77; New York, 14.66; Illinois, 14.43; South Dakota, 13.92; Florida, 13.61; Kansas, 13.60; New Jersey, 13.60; North Dakota, 13.59; Pennsylvania, 13.54; Utah, 13.03; Wisconsin, 13.04; Missouri, 12.47; Delaware, 12.32; Maryland, 10.67; Oklahoma, 10.05; Texas, 9.43; New Mexico, 9.42; West Virginia, 9; Virginia, 8.02; Louisiana, 6.99; Kentucky, 5.97; Tennessee, 5.94; North Carolina, 5.86; Arkansas,

### FIRE WRECKS MILLION DOLLAR BRIDGE ACROSS CONNECTICUT RIVER.



View of the fire wrecking the big North End Bridge, spanning the Connecticut River between the city of Springfield and the town of West Springfield, Mass. The intense heat quickly buckled and wrecked the steel framework. The bridge was the only means of trolley communication between Springfield, West Springfield, Westfield, and Holyoke, while an old covered wooden bridge, scarcely safe, is all that is left for auto and horse or foot traffic. The fire severed a gas main, trunk line telephone cable, a large water main, and several trunk line telegraph cables. The town of West Springfield, dependent on Springfield for lighting current, was shrouded in darkness. It is estimated the total loss will approach a million dollars.

5.69; Georgia, 5.12; South Carolina, 4.77; Alabama, 4.36; Mississippi, 4.03.

### HOLDING A HUSBAND

#### Adelle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

##### CHAPTER 412 THE WAY DICKY GREETED GRACE DRAPER AND MASKED HIS CHAGRIN

"Huah, Dicky! She'll hear you." Dicky abruptly stopped his agitated mumbling over Grace Draper's changed appearance, lifted his hat and waved a greeting to her as she caught sight of us. I also waved to the girl whose hand I never had thought to take in even common courtesy again, and we hurried swiftly to her side. She had her suitcase in one hand, her bag in the other, and Dicky took them from her in as casual fashion as if she had been a frequent week-end guest. I reflected that I did not know the circumstances of their last meeting and parting, and I wondered if there were in Dicky's

mind a remembrance of that time. No need to ask if Grace Draper remembered. She could control her face and her voice, but there was an expression in her eyes as she glanced quickly at Dicky and then as quickly away again, that told me she had forgotten no slightest incident of their acquaintance.

"Hello, Grace!" Was it my fancy, or did Dicky carefully avoid anything but the most casual glances. "How was the trip—warm?"

"No, thank you, very pleasant," she responded in as carefully indifferent a tone, taking my outstretched hand in a firm grasp.

An Odd Experience  
"Thank you for letting me come, Madge," she said simply, and if I ever heard gratitude and sorrowful remorse for the past in any human being's voice I heard it in hers. "If I had wished I could not have helped giving her an answer in keeping with her greeting."

"I am glad to have you," I returned. "Come this way. The car is right over here."

I drove rapidly to the inn of which Dicky had spoken, with her by my side and Dicky with the luggage in the tonneau. It was one of the oddest experiences of my life, and I found myself speculating upon the mental processes of the girl. There was not the slightest remnant of the sparkling coquetry which had made her so alluring in the old days. She was simply dignity itself to Dicky, charmingly friendly to me, with just the correct touch of humility. Was the truly repentant, or was she playing a difficult part extremely well?

"Oh, what a wonderfully pretty place!"

I think the exclamation burst simultaneously from both Grace Draper and myself, as I turned a sharp corner under Dicky's directions and drew up in front of a rustic archway twined with climbing rose bushes covered with buds.

"I thought it would hit you between the eyes, Madge," Dicky said complacently, and for a long minute we feasted our eyes upon the low, rambling inn, set in a grove of wonderful old trees.

"How one can rest here!" Grace Draper sighed.

Madge's Question  
"That's right," Dicky said eagerly. "You must get a good long rest and pick up a bit before you begin work."

He was plainly embarrassed, and I think Grace Draper's sharpened wits caught the truth then from his manner.

"I suppose I'm too thin, and—and—changed," she said with a gallant attempt at a smile.

"Rot! Dicky rejoined sharply. I thought too promptly. It was as if he had anticipated her question. "You look tired, of course, but that will only be a matter of a few days. And I can't possibly begin work for over a week yet. Then we'll talk things over."

"Very well." The words were quiet enough, but there was a world of disappointed mortification in her voice. I knew she must have realized, perhaps for the first time, that not only her exquisite beauty but her power over Dicky was gone, and the knowledge must have been misery itself to her. Her voice haunted me as we drove away, and I knew it troubled Dicky also, although his reaction to it took the form of irritated criticism.

"Why, she's positively haggard!" he exploded, as we drove away. "She won't do at all. Of course, she still is handsome, and she'd be graceful even cranking a mirror, and I think rest and good

food will bring back her lines in a week or two. But her face! It's hard as nails, all the youth and expression gone out of it. What the devil am I going to do?"

I made no reply, knowing from long experience that Dicky wished none when he was fighting something out with himself.

"I've got it!" he exclaimed after a minute's silence. "Didn't I tell you Miss Foster's profile was like Grace's. She doesn't know how to pose, but I can use her for the flesh curves of the face, and then with Grace for the postures I can do. I say, old dear, manage it for me, will you? Ask Miss Foster, and, yes—of course you'll have to include 'Sawbones' to dinner out here to meet Grace. Then we'll fix it up."

I could not forbear one astonished question.

"But do you think Miss Foster will consent to pose?"

"I'll bet you anything you like that she will," Dicky said, contently.

(To be continued)

Indianapolis (Ind.) monkeys got drunk on chloroform. Of course they cut some monkey shins.

### FURNITURE MADE AT PENITENTIARY

#### Also Lumber Mill There; Destroyed By Fire, But Will Be Rebuilt

Salem had, up to last Monday, a saw mill and furniture factory at the Oregon penitentiary, operated with the help of convict labor.

On Monday last, this mill and factory were burned, in the fire that destroyed also the state flax plant. But both the saw mill and furniture factory will be rebuilt, and they will be provided with buildings that will make them as nearly fire proof as possible.

The saw mill was and will be again operated mainly for the purpose of supplying the furniture factory with its raw materials; with some lumber besides for use in the building operations of the institution.

Many Saw Mills  
There are many large and small saw mills in the Salem district—at Silverton, Falls City, Mill City, Stayton, Dallas and other points. In fact Salem is a saw mill and wood working center, and is becoming more so all the time.

### RUDOLPH MIRAU WILL IS READ

#### Woodburn Man Leaves Bulk of Property to Widow—Appraisers Named

The will of Rudolph Mirau of Woodburn, who died recently, was filed for probate yesterday. The widow, Antonia Mirau, is named as the chief heir and executor of the estate, which consists of property in Marion county, Oregon and Pacific county, Washington.

The 13 children are each given \$1, and provision is made that on the death of the widow the property is to be divided among each of the children who are not in a religious convent, share and share alike. Should the widow sell the property in Pacific county, Washington, she is to give each one of the children not in a religious convent \$100.

The two youngest children, Rudolph and Martha, live at Woodburn. The oldest son, Joseph M., and Leo John Mirau, live at Crosby, Minn. A daughter, Rosalia Maria Mirau (Sister Florence) is at Tabor, S. D. Three daughters and a son are at Aberdeen, S. D. They are Elizabeth M. Stock, Maria Valeria Schumaker, Maria Regina Carmilla Mirau, and John Ann Miru, all of Aberdeen, S. D. Other children are as follows: Henry Rudolph Mirau, Leham, Wash.; Michael Joseph Mirau, Menlo, Wash.; Mary Frances Mirau, Yankton, S. D.; and Anton Mirau of Aberdeen, Wash.

Appraisers for the estate in Marion county were appointed. They are J. C. Wageman, John Alquire and C. Nelson, all of Woodburn.

### PRINGLE

The prune dryers are running night and day. Everybody seems anxious to dry prunes before the rains begin.

Mr. Kirkland and family from Scappoose have recently moved on the farm known as the Nathaniel Stapleton place.

Mr. Meeks has had his car overhauled since the accident, and it is nearly as good as before.

Charley Ferrier has delivered more than 300 cords of wood to the institution for the feeble minded institute and continues at the business.

Grabenhorst brothers bought a truck of H. E. Stewart last week and are hauling their prunes.

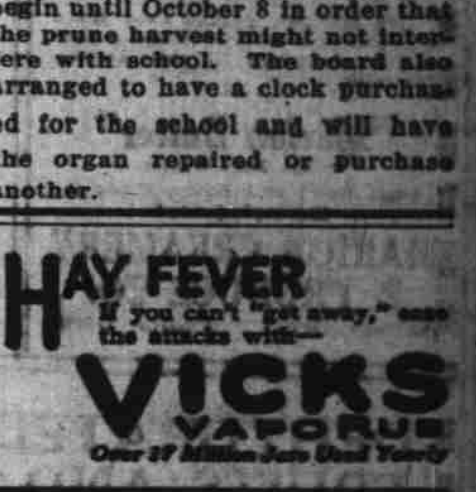
### PRINGLE

Mr. Pearsall has purchased a nice lot of pigs and is preparing them for the market.

The school board had a meeting Tuesday night and transacted necessary business. They decided to postpone the date for school to begin until October 8 in order that the prune harvest might not interfere with school. The board also arranged to have a clock purchased for the school and will have the organ repaired or purchased another.

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