

School Books of Covered Wagon in Eugene Woman's Library

By MARIAN LOWRY
Two books of 1836 were "stern
serious" volumes, with few
frills, judging by two now
in the library of Mrs.
Hampton, Eugene.
The two books are: "The Sec-
ond Reader: Designed for the
middle class schools in
United States," by B. D. Emer-

son, and an old arithmetic book,
author unidentified because the
first few pages are missing. The
reader was published by Hogan &
Thompson, Philadelphia, and its
author previously had been prin-
cipal of the Adams grammar
school in Boston.

Reminder of things pioneer is upset in the Green river and they

the home-made buckskin binding
that covers the arithmetic book,
sewed together in an attempt to
preserve the text whose previous
binding had worn out.

Crossed Plains
Both little volumes are yellowed
and stained because of a mishap
in their trek to the west. They had
belonged to Mrs. Hampton's
grandfather, Joseph Hunsaker,
and her father, D. S. Hunsaker,
brought them west from Missouri
in a covered wagon train of 1847.
The wagon with these books was

were soaked with water. D. S. Hun-
saker settled in the Dexter com-
munity on the Willamette in 1848.
In the preface of his reader
Emerson comments: "... If teach-
ers of youth shall find it an aux-
iliary in their honorable vocation
of cultivating the intellectual pow-
ers of their pupils, as well as dis-
ciplining their organs of speech,
the compiler's wishes will be re-
alized and his reward ample," this
preface being written in October
of 1833. Earlier, Emerson stated
that the author "has sought for a
requisite number of Lessons suited
to the understanding of young
persons, and likely to interest
them; and whose style is at the
same time easy, perspicuous, and
unaffected."

Light Reading for Youth

"First specimen for examina-
tion" in the reader is a poem, "The
Murdered Traveller," and the
questions following the composi-
tion start off with "Where were
the murdered traveller's bones
found?"

The reader certainly offered vari-
ety, the second specimen being
an essay on "Perseverance," while
the lessons following include "se-
lect sentences," including this one
as example: "The virtue of youth
is modesty; and when a young
person has lost his modesty, pos-
sess what he will, he is an object
of horror." Other dissertations as
lessons include little articles on the
Bible, winter, an Indian, poems on
snow and spring, an essay on the
importance of well-spent youth,
the self-taught mathematician,
history of a school desk, happy
death, advice to young ladies, re-
bellion in Massachusetts state
prison, etc.

Tare and Tret

The mathematics text appears
a bit dry, with every phase of the
study explained in detail, includ-
ing some phrases not found in
texts today—"tare and tret" allow-
ances made by the seller to the
buyer, on some particular com-
modities; fellowship, vulgar frac-
tions, inverse proportion, alliga-
tion, arithmetical progression, etc.
It is a very compact little volume
that would certainly insure the
reader knowing his "figgers" when
he finished it.

Boys Burned Severely In Bomb Accident

PORTLAND, July 5.—(AP)—A
phosphorus bomb, set off acci-
dentally by Camp Adair soldiers
yesterday, severely burned Bruce
Howe, 9½, and slightly injured
four other boys, all newspaper
salesmen.

The boys asked soldiers demon-
strating at Oregon shipyard for
a repeat performance, and two
soldiers, without authorization,
set off a bomb which proved to
be a phosphorus bomb rather
than a smoker.

Softwood Plywood Production Increases

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—
Production of softwood plywood
in the first four months this year
increased 8 per cent over the
same period of 1943, the com-
merce department reported yester-
day.

The increase was attributed to
an improved log supply. The
504,000,000 square feet produced
in the January-April period was
nearly 20 per cent below 1942,
the record year.

Gov. Snell Presides At St. Paul Rodeo

PORTLAND, July 5.—(AP)—St.
Paul wound up its three-day holi-
day rodeo yesterday, with Gov.
Earl Snell, mounted on a white
horse, presiding as Grand Mar-
shal.

Shorty Rutledge, Deadwood, S.
D., and A. J. Pettigrew, Las Vegas,
Nev., tied for first in calf roping.
Guy Lay, Salem, came in second.
Other winners: Cowgirl race,
Arlene Kuhne, Carlton, Ore.; bull-
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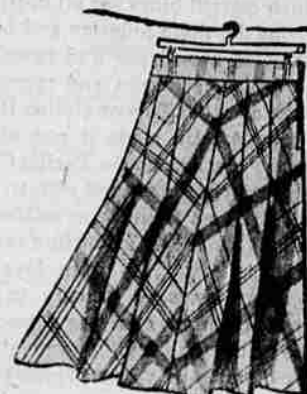
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