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**BEARS STILL ROAM IN NEW YORK** Shooting of Bruin Shown in Official Report of State Conservation Commission. Albany.—The report of the conservation commission for 1919, published here, shows that one bear was shot in that season. A New York county hunter brought him down. In 1918, 2 bears were shot. A total of 15,996 ducks, an increase

## Where Men Were Scarce

By MONA COWLES

Jane Burchard in college had vowed that she would never teach. She had been encouraged by the success that came to some of the girls who had graduated from Reynolds college in war days. But the men were back from the war and wartime stress of business was over. The situation became apparent to Jane Burchard when, a week after her graduation from Reynolds, she discovered the best job that she could find through the aid of agencies and newspaper want advertisements was that of a learner in a candy factory at \$12 a week or a job selling ribbons in a department store at \$15.

So Jane decided to teach. But she knew her friends and classmates would not forget the derisive remarks she had expressed about the teaching profession. "I know why you don't want to teach," her young brother had explained. "You think teachers never meet any men, get're afraid you won't get a husband."

Jane Burchard was annoyed. "Precious little use I have for men," she snapped. "And just to show you, I'm going to start in teaching next autumn."

But Jane didn't want to face the inquiring faces of her friends after she had begun her career as a teacher so she chose to select from the positions offered to her that of teacher in a district school in a remote end of the state. It helped a little to feel that she was filling a job that no one else wanted. A special appeal had been made for teachers for these remote districts where several schools had actually been closed down because no one could be induced to take the positions. Moreover she wanted to show that impudent brother of hers that men didn't count in her career.

Human beings of all descriptions were scarce in the rocky region around Berwick district school, but men—young men—were singularly infrequent. "You'll be perfectly safe to live alone in the little cottage that goes with your job," the county superintendent of schools had told her. "There isn't a man in the district, not even a tramp. Oh, there's the minister and the doctor and a dozen old farmers and old Stebbins that runs the store, but they aren't likely to annoy you."

So Jane Burchard was installed as district school teacher in Berwick township, pleased in knowing that, though her salary was not large, she did not have to spend any of it for shelter and would be able to save more than with twice the salary in the city. For two or three months all went well, it was not until after the Christmas holidays that Jane became disturbed in her little cottage near the school.

One day Jane took pains to dismiss her pupils all on time and overlooked the fact that several of the older children had deserted to "stay in." Back in her cottage she donned heavy walking boots and neat, though certainly not very jaunty walking togs. Then she started out in her search. As she walked through the country roads and lanes that afternoon she enumerated to herself the occupants of the various farmhouses and cottages she passed.

She was looking for something, and it was quite apparent that none of the houses she passed contained it. So she walked in the region on the outskirts of her district, where there was an occasional house with which she was not familiar. Finally she drew up beside a small but recently renovated two-room cottage. A man of uncertain age, but surely not aged, was sitting out in the cold winter sunshine on the front steps of his diminutive home. He was smoking in solitude. Apparently Jane had found what she had been seeking.

"Excuse me, stranger," she said, "but I wonder if you will help me. I'm the district school teacher, and I've been out looking for—well, the truth is, I've been looking for an able-bodied man. They are all rather old or feeble up by the school. I wonder if you would do me a service?" The rather unkempt young man rose with an alacrity and good manner that rather surprised Jane. "By all means—I'd do anything in the world you asked me." "Well, I'll tell you," Jane said, a little embarrassed at the obvious urbanity of the younger man, "I live alone in the cottage. Lately some one has been prowling around—it seems to be a man, and I hear him every evening just about the time I'm getting tea, and then as I sit by the table getting ready the next day's lessons. I don't want any of the neighbors to know I'm timid. Besides, I am quite as well able to protect myself as any of the men down there. Fancy old Doctor Warren or Parson Jones trying to stand up against a man-sized tramp. So I've been looking around trying to find a—well, a regular man. I thought maybe you'd come down one or two evenings and when the prowler appears you'd go out with me and scare him off. I'm a little afraid to do it alone."

returned and the prowler usually came as soon as her lamps were lighted. Both Jane and John Dawson were ill at ease as the meal began, but before Jane had poured her guest's second cup of tea and had persuaded him to take a second helping of the light omelet she had made for their repast all their embarrassment seemed to have vanished as if by magic. "It is funny," Jane was thinking, "when one hasn't seen or talked to a young man for months how easy conversation seems to come. And John was thinking, "I thought I'd feel embarrassed and shy when I first had a chance to look into the eyes and hear the voice of a young and pretty woman again—but I was never less shy in my life."

Meantime they forgot the object of John's visit. It was not until John said something about going home like a sure enough caller that Jane thought of it. "I forgot all about the prowler," she laughed. "He might have come and gone while we were talking."

John laughed heartily and suggested that they try the experiment again the next evening, only "of course not for supper." And Jane said tea would have to be included as it was tea time that the prowler always came.

So it was agreed and after John had gone down the road Jane reproached herself that, while she had told John Dawson all about her own work and her own anxieties, she had not succeeded in getting him to tell her it was that he was living out here on the inhospitable rocky soil of Berwick township.

Next night they listened attentively for the prowler, but no sounds were heard. After a half hour of vigilance, Jane took up the subject in mild. The explanation was simple enough. After two years in France, Dawson explained simply, he had come back to this country, and then at the end of a few months' effort to get his grip back on the affairs of the business concern that had left a place open for him there came the collapse that made him and his doctor realize that his wartime experience demanded a complete change and rest. It fitted in with his mood to go as far away from human-kind as he conveniently could without taking a long and fatiguing journey. Hence his retirement to a cabin in Berwick township.

When he had explained all this to Jane he rose to go. "But we haven't heard the prowler. He must have seen you come and been frightened away—"

John Dawson laughed. "The prowler couldn't come when I am here because, Jane Burchard, I was that prowler. I didn't dream that you heard me or that I annoyed you. But as I was getting my grip back on things I grew infernally lonely—I wanted to see and talk to a woman. So I used to come around here and watch you when you lighted the lamps. I knew you'd forgive me if you knew how it helped just to get a glimpse of a human being when I wasn't quite sure I had my nerve back again."

If Jane had shown resentment and a lack of understanding, that might have been the end of it all. But instead she put a hand out to John that showed an infinity of comprehension. John Dawson took the hand in his and looked deep into Jane's frank eyes. "I can't keep it from you any longer, Jane," he said. "I'm ready to go back and buck up against the world again and I want to take you with me."

And when Jane came back to town at the end of the school term one of her old friends commented that she must have exaggerated things a little. "She said there weren't any men in Berwick, but she managed to find one."

**MUCH METAL IN HUMAN BODY** Blood Contains Iron and Copper, and Scientists Have Found Arsenic in the Liver. Many curious substances are found in the human body, and it has been discovered that, among other things, it contains a large quantity of metals of various kinds. Some years ago a famous chemist announced that he had found iodine in the thyroid gland, and this led scientists to believe that other equally unexpected elements may find their way into the human organs through some exceptional circumstances. They discovered that there was iron and in some cases copper in the blood and that copper and other heavy metals occurred in considerable quantities in the liver. Some scientists have reported that they have found even arsenic in small quantities. Bromine is found in the nerves and muscles of some animals, as well as men, but there is never more than one part in a hundred thousand. Although bromine and iodine are very similar in their chemical behavior, they are not found in the same parts of the body—Tit-Bits.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

**Corvallis.**—The city council has awarded to the Warren Construction company two paving contracts, one for paving Fourth street for \$51,352 and the other for paving Twenty-seventh street for \$6678.

**Albany.**—Systematic efforts will be inaugurated soon for a larger and better Linn county fair this fall by the employment of a manager to begin work weeks ahead arranging for exhibits and making general plans for the fair.

**Scio.**—The city attorney has been instructed to draft an ordinance to control public dances, following an unusually noisy Saturday night dance. Several men were drunk and horse racing took place down Main street at 1 o'clock in the morning.

**Enterprise.**—Bids were opened Saturday for all work on the new high school at Wallowa to replace the building destroyed by fire on January 19. The total of the best bids received was more than 50 per cent in excess of the \$45,000 available for the work.

**Salem.**—Bids for the construction of approximately 50 miles of road and four bridges will be considered at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland May 31. The cost of the projects under consideration was estimated by highway officials at \$400,000.

**Bend.**—Because of the law making the state tax a preferred claim Deschutes county's general fund of \$19,153.30, included Saturday in the turnover of taxes collected for the first half of the year, is wiped out and the county is still shy some \$4000 due the state, County Treasurer McKay said.

**Salem.**—There were three fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending May 18, according to a report prepared here by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were W. Hodgen, logger, Kerry; Otto Hansen, superintendent, Salem, and Howard Kiser, Bend.

**Albany.**—H. H. Hewitt of this city, local attorney and formerly circuit judge, has been chosen to deliver the annual address at the 50th annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer association at Portland, June 15. Judge Hewitt is one of Oregon's oldest native sons. His father was an Oregon pioneer of 1843.

**Roseburg.**—The temperature recorded in Roseburg on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week is the highest reported by the local United States weather observer since 1912, according to Observer Bell. The temperature the last two days has been 90 degrees. The highest ever before recorded during May was 94, ten years ago.

Mrs. Sarah Lamb



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**Look Upward.** If we look down, then our shoulders stoop. If our thoughts look down, our character bends. It is only when we hold our heads up that the body becomes erect. It is only when our thoughts go up that our life becomes erect.—Alexander McKenzie.

**He Has a Big Head.** A full-grown buck antelope is smaller than any adult specimen of our American deer, and quite different from any of them in form, says the American Forestry Magazine. It has a big head, which is held erect upon a short, thickest neck.

**Unethical.** "I was pretty well down in the world when an idea suddenly struck me," Slobbs—"It's a cowardly idea that would strike a man when he is down."

**The End.** "I'll never ask another girl to marry me as long as I live," groaned the unhappy fellow. "What! Refused again!" asked his sympathetic friend. "No, accepted, you fool!"

**PAINS ACROSS SMALL OF BACK** Husband Helped in Housework.— Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Made Her Strong

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