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A HAPPY REUNION

By MINNIE DEARBORNE.
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Jack Harding had two hours to wait before his train was due to leave. He was strolling along with the crowd, when he felt a heavy hand on his shoulder, and turning around he was exceedingly surprised to greet his old friend and college chum, Dick Harrington. After the usual exclamations and hearty hand-shakes, they proceeded to talk of their college days and business interests. "Excuse me, I had quite forgotten to inquire about Mrs. Jack Harding," Jack blew a puff of smoke into the air, and turning to his friend, said: "Dick, I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Jack Harding." Dick looked at Jack with a quizzical smile, and a merry twinkle in his dark eyes. "After I heard that Jean and you were engaged, I expected every day to receive an invitation to the wedding, and for some time I scanned the dailies to see where Jack Harding had succumbed to the charms of the beautiful Miss Jean Wetherbee, only daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Douglas Grant Wetherbee." Dick suddenly closed his reticent, as Jack moved uneasily, and tossing his cigar away, exclaimed with apparent surprise: "Dick, Jean and I were very happy until her mother decided to take Jean on a European trip for several months. After an absence of four months, which had seemed a lifetime to me, I received word that they were about to return, to which I was looking forward to a happy meeting with Jean, and vowed nothing would separate us again.

"Father called me into his office one morning and told me I must pack at once and sail for England. It was of the utmost importance. The business had to be attended to at once. Father was not able to make the trip. I was to remain away at least three months, and then go to Paris for several weeks. I tried in vain to persuade father to send Proctor, who had been for years in his employ. There was nothing left for me to do but pack and leave on the next boat for Liverpool.

"I had just time to attend to these details and write a hurried note of regret to Jean's home to be delivered to her on her arrival. I was not so busy but I found time to write every day to Jean, but all my letters were returned to me unopened. This made me feel very down-hearted, as I had explained everything, if Jean had only been reasonable and read my letters. It was just five months to a day when I returned to the States.

"It did not take me long to spin in the direction of Jean's home, only to find she had left the day before on a western trip. I could find out very little from the servants, until one of them came with a package that Jean had left to be delivered to me. It contained, with other presents, the engagement ring. That was five years ago. I have never seen her or heard from her since."

Jack paused and hastily looking at his watch, exclaimed: "Well, Dick, it has got to be good-bye. I have just time to make my train. Dick grasped Jack's arm and with a firm but kindly voice, exclaimed: "Do you suppose I have found you to lose you so soon? You are not going on that train. You are going home with me. I want you to see Elsie again. You know Jean and Elsie used to be the dearest of friends. I want you to see my new home and how happy we are. I know Elsie will be delighted to meet an old friend," said Dick hurriedly, as he saw Jack was about to decline.

PADEREWSKI AT THE PIANO

Description of Great Master's Playing Well Called a Gem of Humor.—Bus Composition.

The death recently of Ed H. Smith recalled the humorous editorials which made his little newspaper, the Chula News, noted. The one which first drew attention to it follows: "We heard the Polander, Paderewski, play the piano in Kansas City last night. The fellow is deceitful. He makes you think all the time that he is going to play a tune, but in never does. He flirts all around a tune, but never touches the keys. His hair looks like a wig, but it isn't. He deceives you in a hundred ways. He makes the sweetest sounds you ever heard that were not a tune. He has his piano so trained that the doggone thing will keep right on playing when he is not touching it. He reaches out slowly and strokes it, drawing back his elbows like a man brushing a girl's hair. You see the moonlight and you're there with your girl, but somehow she don't love you. We know the song like that, and that's why we don't like 'Paderewski.' There are a troubles enough in the world without hearing Paderewski. A man don't want to feel like he had thrown the mutilated remains of his grandmother in the sewer. If this is Paderewski's last visit to America we're glad of it. But we wouldn't take \$100 for what we heard."

LOOKED AS IF HE KNEW

Good Reason Why Soldiers Urged Lieutenant to Take Military Policeman's Word for It.

A colored detachment under a white lieutenant was making its way through the shattered territory near Dunsmuir during the thick of the Argonne drive. At a crossroads it encountered a traffic-directing M. P. who halted the column.

"Sorry, sir," he said to the officer in charge. "You are not allowed up that road. We have information that it is about to be shelled by the enemy." The officer carefully examined his orders. "My instructions read differently," he declared. "I cannot believe that this is the road to be shelled. Have you any verification of this?" At this moment a shell burst within a hundred yards, tearing up the earth and sending debris flying in every direction. The entire landscape was obliterated, and a dead silence, broken only by the crash of falling stones, ensued. Then, out of a cloud of settling dust, a soldier, terrified voice:

"Fo' Gawd's sake, lieutenant, please take de gemman's word fo' it!"—The Home Sector.

Business Welcomes Radio Circuits. With the new radio circuits in operation between America and the far East, it is comforting to know, even if one has infrequent occasion to communicate with Japan, Hawaii and the Philippines, that the new service is considered quite reasonably inexpensive. One may communicate with Manila from the California stations for 6 cents a word, and with Hawaii for 5. Even if the rates were higher, however, the new circuits would be welcomed by American business interests.

Some interesting facts regarding the work required in building a large modern ship are given in a recent issue of the Engineer, which states that the general problems of design are closely allied to those of naval architecture, although the ship designer must be a highly skilled mechanical engineer and also must have a knowledge of textile technology. For the work on construction, owing to the multiplicity of parts required, a very efficient shop organization is necessary. In a rigid ship structure, excluding the machinery, there are 20,000 different parts, a total length of structural material of 20 miles, 60 miles of wire and more than 2,000,000 rivets.

Ruskin's Birthplace for Sale. No. 54 Hunter street, Brunswick square, London, the birthplace of John Ruskin, is for sale by private treaty. In the early days of the nineteenth century, says the London Telegraph, John James Ruskin came to London from Edinburgh to enter the wine trade. In 1818 he married his cousin, Margaret Cox, and February 8, 1819, the author of "Sesame and Lilies" was born. The house in Hunter street, which is now distinguished by a commemorative tablet, is of the substantial Georgian type so well known in Bloomsbury and was erected at a time when that district was particularly in favor among city merchants.

THE WHITE CANOE

By DORA MOLLAN.
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Every person, young or old, living on the banks of the beautiful Segatchie river, has heard the tradition of the white canoe.

Now the tradition runs that Snowbird, an Indian maiden, was murdered close by the shores of the river, in the moonlight, then set adrift in her own canoe, long before the eyes of a white man first fell on the Segatchie. Ever since her ghost has appeared from time to time, to mortal eyes, so goes the legend. And always has the coming foretold the sudden and violent departure of another soul.

Cecil Horton was five when she spent her first summer on the Segatchie; she had passed her twentieth birthday when the events here recorded took place.

It was the tenth of September. The Hortons were to return to the city on the fifteenth. Cecil was planning a dance for the evening of the twelfth, the last of a series in the Horton boat house. Dick Harvey sat beside her on the boat-house steps.

Evidently the girl's thoughts were not bearing fruit for she turned to her companion, "Oh, Dick," she pleaded, "do try and think up something unique for the feature of my last dance—something exciting; something thrilling!"

Dick seized hopefully upon his opportunity. "You might announce our engagement." "But the hopeful news died choking as he glimpsed the quick frown above his companion's eyes and he continued, in tragic seriousness, "Or we might stage a murder; I'd be glad to help you out in that."

"I have it, Dick," she ejaculated—"The white canoe." Followed nearly an hour of explanations, pleadings and overruling of Dick's objections by Cecil, and finally a reluctant consent from Dick. But he made it conditional. "Now, remember," he stipulated, "not a single dance with that Perrone crook while I'm away putting the fadeaway Indian maiden stuff."

"Of course, Dick; I promise. But you've no business to speak of him that way just because you don't know every bit of his past history. Why do you?" "Shifty eyes," was Dick's favorite retort. The night of the dance came, and all too soon for Dick at least, came eleven o'clock, the time agreed upon for him to absent himself and take up the spectacular role of "Snowbird." The full moon carried out its part of the program. At half after eleven Cecil, pleading fatigue, seated herself by the broad riverfront doorway, prepared to jump up at any instant and announce to the guests, with becoming dramatic effect, that the Indian maiden was abroad in her canoe.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

An investigation will be made by the state fire marshal of the recent fire at Bend.

The census report gives Pendleton a population of 7387, an increase of 2927, or 65.6 per cent.

Issuing of \$100,000 bonds for harbor development was voted at a meeting of the Port of Portland.

Beginning July 1, clerks and carriers of the Eugene postoffice have had their salaries increased \$200 per year.

The extremely hot days in Southern Oregon recently caused many forest fires from the electrical storms in the mountains.

The Astoria city council has authorized a landing slope for hydroplanes to be constructed at the foot of Forty-second street, in that city.

Better wheat and better prices for the Linn county product constitute the purpose of a general campaign launched by S. V. Smith, county agent.

Governor Olcott appointed W. D. McCurry of Portland, to succeed Edwin A. Hatch, who has resigned as a member of the Oregon board of pharmacy.

Others' educational aid act are available only to ex-service men desiring to attend an Oregon school, according to an opinion of Attorney General Brown.

Undivided opposition to, any move toward the sanctioning of professional boxing in Albany by the municipal authorities has been presented by the churches of the city, in which a canvass of the congregations was made.

Recent action by the Port of Astoria authorities in reducing rates for handling and storing grain in the grain elevators of that port to one-half the rates in Portland and Seattle, may result in a rate-cutting war between the three cities.

The county court sold the old Wasco county courthouse at The Dalles to Friendship lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, for \$12,750. The lodge will remodel it—one of the oldest buildings in the city—into a beautiful lodgeroom and Pythian home.

In order to guard against the possible invasion of Columbia river ports by the bubonic plague, which has become a serious menace at several ports in the United States, strict regulations of shipping were put into force both at Astoria and Portland.

Pendleton, Hermonston and Stanfield will co-operate in entertaining and showing the 20 members of the house of representatives ways and means committee irrigation and drainage projects and the needs of Umatilla county on their visit July 16.

The office of county superintendent of schools, of Clackamas county, made vacant by the resignation of J. E. Calavan, was filled by the county court with the appointment of Branton Veder, who for the past six years has been county school supervisor.

Because it offered to give par and interest accrued at the time of delivery, the First Savings bank of Albany was awarded the contract to buy \$75,000 worth of the \$600,000 permanent Linn county road bonds authorized by the people in June, 1919.

Fire losses in Oregon for the month of June, not including the city of Portland, totaled \$53,725, according to a report prepared by A. C. Barber, state fire marshal. The fires number of thirty-two, the most disastrous occurring at Whitney, with a loss of \$65,000.

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