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HEIRESS 43 TO WED REFUGEE 23



When Mrs. Marion R. Stephens, 43, of Chicago, divorced, and heiress to millions, announced she was going to marry A. A. Vonsiatsky, 23, Polish refugee to the U. S., then the news movies started to grind. The young Pole slipped an overcoat over chemical stained overalls to pose for this picture at the Baldwin Locomotive plant, Eddystone, Pa., where he works. The insert is of the heiress, who says she will live with her husband in an humble cottage near his work. She was the former wife of a prominent Chicago clubman.

CERTIFIED WHEAT SAVES FARMER MONEY
 COUNTY AGENT CHIEF TELLS HOW CERTIFIED WHEAT SAVES MORROW COUNTY \$100,000 A YEAR.

Two years ago Morrow county farmers were losing \$100,000 a year because of mixed wheat, according to F. L. Ballard, leader of county agents of Oregon. Oscar Keithley, an extensive wheat grower, and president of the Morrow county farm bureau, began to investigate the matter and took it up with the farm bureau executive committee. This led to a campaign to improve seed wheat.

Some members of the committee were familiar with the work done the year previous in Sherman county in running a system of certification whereby those fields passing inspection for purity of variety are listed throughout the county as sources of seed. This piece of work had, in fact,

attracted the attention of farmers in the state of Washington and six carloads of Turkey red had been shipped here at a substantial premium to the growers.

The Morrow county farmers decided that the same plan was the method to follow in improving the purity of stands in their county and instructed the county agent to devote considerable of his time to that work. He secured the assistance of Professor G. R. Hyslop, and they were able to secure only 400 acres of wheat sufficiently pure for certification. The location of this clean seed was published throughout the county and a gratifying acreage was sown that fall with seed from these fields with the result that next year 4000 acres passed the certification inspection.

This last summer Morrow county led all the counties of Oregon in acreage of certified wheat with approximately 13,000 and is making rapid progress in the quality of its general run of wheat offered for sale. Samples of Morrow county wheat took high places in the Northwest Hay and Grain show at Pendleton and at the Land Products show held in connection with the Pacific International Livestock exposition.

Similar work was carried on in 14 counties last summer, most of these being in eastern Oregon. In most counties certification was confined to a few varieties particularly adapted to the districts in question. In Umatilla county 6941 acres were certified. This was largely Jenkins club, which was grown from certified wheat shipped in by Fred Bennion, county agent, the year previous. Sherman county certified 2421 acres, Wasco 488.

An example of the results of certification is found in Friend a small community in Wasco county, where about ten carloads of wheat are produced annually. In 1919 when the fields were visited for inspection it was found that all of them were producing badly mixed wheat. There was a dozen or more varieties of wheat in the neighborhood. All of the crop marketed was shipped out graded as mixed wheat. The purest field found was one of Fortyfold, carrying a mixture of 2 per cent. This entitled it to a certification in grade "B." Several farmers were in attendance when the field inspections were made, and becoming interested, sent to other parts of the county to obtain certified wheat for sowing that fall. They cut the number of varieties down to Fortyfold and Tur-



THE VILE GOSSIPER

I don't believe in gossip which can do a neighbor harm. The gossip is hated, in the town, or on the farm; I never seen a gossip that commanded any love—peddlin' out their slanders, which they know they couldn't prove.

For instance, here's old Hawkins, that don't live fur from me—picks around a budget that he's learned from A to Z. 'Never misses nothin' that concerns his nearest friends.' Talks about his neighbors with a zeal that never ends.

People told these views of him, he'd find out where he's at. . . They tell me, if he had means, he wouldn't feed his cat. . . Thinks he is the smoothest stick you ever came across. . . Lets on just like he doesn't know his gran dad stole a hoss! An' then he used to gamble like the devil, I am told. . . Neigh-

One of the outstanding new wheats of Eastern Oregon is Federation, of which there are two types—the hard Federation, a dry land wheat, and the common Federation, adapted to irrigated land. These wheats have been tried out in the last two years in every county in Eastern Oregon having a county agent, and every indication is that they are five to seven bushels better than any competing variety.

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Poem by Uncle John

bers catch him shootin' craps—at seven-year-old! Folks could tell a heap of facts from them that ort to know—of how he got his mutton, maybe forty year ago. Of course I know that gossip ain't a very savory dish. . . But I heard that Hawkins used to guzzle like a fish. . . You didn't think that scandal hung around that feller's life, but someone says he re'lly swiped another feller's wife! I've heard he wintessed in the pen one time in Tennessee, but, west of all, he gossips, an' this don't look good to me.

Neighbors knowed the truth, I spose they'd string him to a limb, but I don't peddle gossip, though I've got no use for him. . .

Alaska is in seventh place; Idaho leading with California second and Montana and Colorado in fourth and sixth places.

Of this sum \$9,500,000 known as the "National Forest Highway Fund" is set aside for roads, primary importance to states, counties and national forest communities; \$5,500,000 constituting the "National Forest Development Fund" will be used for the construction of roads and trails needed for the administration and utilization of the forests themselves.

These appropriations will mean the development of roads and trails throughout the forests which will aid materially in fire protection. At present there are large areas of trackless wilderness within the national forests that cannot be reached by trails. When lightning storms sweep over these inaccessible areas, heavy fire losses of public timber often occur.

Speed in reaching a forest fire, foresters say, is just as important in protecting the country's forests as is speed in city fire protection. But high speed within the forests means 4 or 5 miles an hour over a mountain trail. If no trail exists it is often impossible for the fire fighters to average more than one-fourth of a mile in an hour.

These appropriations will also, foresters officials say, give a new impetus to the work of opening up areas of scenic beauty for the use and enjoyment of the American people as well as tracts of valuable timber.

In the past, construction of many urgently needed forest roads in Oregon, Washington and Alaska has been deferred for lack of sufficient funds. Much of this work can now go forward. The forest service estimates that eventually over \$100,000,000 will be required to supply a thoroughly adequate system of transportation throughout the 156,000,000 acres within the national forests.

Forest Notes
 GURDANE DISTRICT.

Ranger Woods has returned from a three days trip to read the snow-stakes. Less snow was found than on even dates a year ago. Snow-stake No. 44 on the head of Big Butter creek registered 22 inches; a year ago it was 26 inches. Stake No. 31 on Ditch creek on the Heppner-Ritter road registered 34 inches; last year it was 44 inches. Due to the cold weather the top layer of snow, consisting of from 6 inches to a foot is very dry making snow-shoeing quite good.

The last wagon to pass over the Heppner-Ritter road is reported to have made the trip immediately before the storm in November. A trapper with a saddle horse and pack animals is reported to have gone over about Christmas time. The ranger states that there is nearly four feet of snow where the road crosses the summit.

Very little logging is being done at any of the five sawmills along the north boundary of the forest of this district. The Ely mill near Gurdane is preparing to begin logging. Claud Jarvis and Waldon Straight have established a wood camp at the mill. The Willow wood mill is doing some logging and is cutting some fence posts and wood as a side line.

FEDERAL FUNDS FOR NATIONAL FOREST ROADS.

\$15,000,000 has been apportioned by the secretary of agriculture among 27 states, Alaska and Porto Rico in which national forests are located for the construction of roads and trails.

Of this amount Oregon will receive \$1,875,644, Washington will receive \$1,311,022 and Alaska is allotted \$1,020,493. In totals allowed for all national forest states, Oregon ranks third, Washington fifth and

FARMERS GET MARKET REPORTS BY WIRELESS



Thousands of farmers located in middle western states are twice daily receiving market reports by wireless telephone. There is no cost to the service, once the inexpensive receiving set has been installed, and which can be purchased anywhere. The Westinghouse Electric Co., from its great free broadcasting station at Newark, N. J., not only sends out market reports at 12 o'clock noon and 6 P. M. daily, but also furnishes official weather forecasts and other entertaining and educational programs. It has been estimated that more than a half million amateurs (mostly in rural districts and on farms) "listen in" every day. Pictures show the operator sending out market reports from Newark; and map shows distances the messages are received.