PROGRESS OF FOUR YEARS.

At the prohibition national convention Tharles R. Jones, chairman of the prohibition national committee, presented a report showing the progress of the prohibition idea in the four years from 1904 to 1908. The following statements are copied from it:

During the four years the amount of prohibition territory has been doubled, and 20,000,000 people added to those living in prohibition cities, counties and states, making an aggregate of over 40,000,000 now in saloon free districts. United States and nearly one-half of the people are under prohibition protection. In 1904, 17,000,000 people in the south were under prohibition; in 1908, 25,000,-800. There are today 250 prohibition cities in the United States having a population of over 5,000 each, with a total there were scarcely a hundred prohibition cities of 5,000 or over; there are over. The prohibition party is organized and at work in practically every state of the union. Since 1904 five new prohibition states have been gained .-New York Sun.

A farewell reception was held at the home of Mrs. Viola Austin on Tuesday evening, in honor of Mrs. Bertha Berry, who, with her children, left for her new home at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Wednesday evening. The reception rooms were crowded with the many friends of Mrs. Berry, who are sorry to part with her. She has been a devoted church worker, having practically built up the Epworth League by her zeal and untiring efforts since she came here nearly four years ago. She is also a W. C. T. U. worker and will be missed from that organization. Many friends were down at the depot to see them off.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES.

Travel, 41: Fiction, 1186; Juvenile, 1100; ors. total 2439.

estimating its USEFULNESS.

Compare the appearance of most of dollar bill which occasionally finds its business on September 22, 1908. way into your purse. You would never place a higher value upon the much worn, much soiled, much circulated five dollar bill because it bears the marks of greater use. Its purchasing power since last report. determines its value. While it is true Samuel J Fitzgibbons et ux to that the five dollar bill, passed on four times, will purchase twenty dollars' worth of goods, yet no man has received Edward P Daharsh et ux to the value of twenty dollars from it.

Darrying the analogy into the world of books: A book's usefulness, or entertaining power cannot be rightly determined by its appearance. It is quite possible for it to look respectable, and William G Flint, single and yet contain between its covers a most delectable feast for the reader whose mind is hospitable to its message. It is true of books as of bills, their value R E Jennings et ux to C W and cannot be determined by their circula-

It is true of the feast of books as of the feast of the table, we get from them | C W Snyder et ux to James W in the measure of the appetite we take to them; and each reader must make his own discoveries, and train his mind to a right estimate of what is "good" to

What Ten Ears Will Win. Advance sheets of the premium list of the Nictional Corn Exposition, which is to be held in Omaha during December, show that a 10-ear sample of corn will win \$1,000 in gold on the ground effampion sweepstakes award and in addition the sample will also win the Brand Premier Commonwealth Trophy, valued at \$1,000. Besides this large amount, in qualifying for the sweepstakes and trophy the sample will have won several hundred dollars in cash and merchandise premiums, thus making it the largest amount ever offered in a grain or grass contest. This is certainly making money on corn-at least \$250 per ear, and according to Omaha papers the announcement of such a prize has L. D. Vanderhoof et ux to excited so much wonder among the business men that many declare their intention of renting a "patch" of ground Ernest Pearson to A J Pearnext year and if money will buy good seed and give a crop of corn good care, jump in after some of the prizes. Until they heard of the prizes which the National Corn Exposition offered, they did not think it worth while to play with corn growing, but \$2,500 is more than they win at the horse shows, golf

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tournaments and horse races.

Initial Clerk-Carrier Examination. Information from the postoffice department announces the initial clerkcarrier examination for McCook to be held on September 26th, 1908, for which

a suitable room in the new high school

building has been secured. Clerks and carriers in second class offices are divided into four grades: First grade, salary \$600; second grade, salary \$800; third grade, salary \$900; fourth grade, salary, \$1,000.

provided satisfactory service has been

The examination will consist of the subjects mentioned below, and weighted as indicated:

1. Spelling (twenty words of average

2. Arithemtic (simple tests in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, common and Idea of an omelet had always been a decimal fractions, and United States money)......20

3. Letter writing (a letter of not less than 125 words on some subject of general interest. Competitors will be perpopulation of nearly 3,000,000. In 1904 mitted to select one of two subjects given)......20

4. Penmanship (the handwriting of the competitor in the subject of copying now 90 prohibition cities of 10,000 or from plain copy will be considered with special reference to the elements of legibility, rapidity, neatness, general farmer was surprised, but answered

> in copying accurately a few printed lines in the competitor's handwriting. 10 6. United States geography (relative to the boundaries of states, and to capitals, largest cities, rivers and other bodies of water, and the location by states of prominent cities etc.).....10

7. Reading addresses (test in noting with pen or pencil on a printed sheet of addresses differences between the printed addresses and the written of which they are copy)......10

Age limit, 18 to 45. The age limit is waived, however, in the cases of persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service by REASON OF DISABILITY resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty.

Male applicants must be at least 5 We are rejoicing over the victory of feet and 4 inches high in bare feet, and county option at the recent primary 125 pounds in weight without overcoat

Applicants must be physically sound and in good health. Hunchbacks; per-During the months of June, July, and sons having defective hearing, sight or and finds something which, if he lost August, the library has had visitors to speech; persons blind in one eye; onearmed, one-handed, or one-legged per-Books loaned during the same period, sons, or those having crippled arms or 2439, districuted among the classes as legs or those suffering from asthma or follows: Philosophy, 5; Religion, 16; hernia. Applicants having above-men-Sociology, 7: Philology, 1; Natural tioned physical defects will be rejected, Science, 3; Useful Arts, 9; Fine Arts, 1; unless such persons are honorably dis-Literature, 70; History, Biography, and charged United States soldiers or sail-

For application blanks, instructions A "good book" is often so adjudged and further information applications because of its worn, fringy, bedraggled should be made to Edward J. Brady at appearance, telling eloquently of it USE, the McCook postoffice or to J. M. Shoebut by no means a safe criterion for maker, secretary of 8th civil service district, St. Paul, Minu.

No application will be accepted unless the five dollar bills which come into properly executed and filed with Mr. | Pinch. your possession, with that of the twenty | Shoemaker prior to the hour of closing

Real Estate Filings,

The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office

Paulina Dobson, wd to se gr

1-2 28.....\$5,000 00 William Uerling, wd to lots 18 and 19, blk 23, Indianola.... 700 00 Anna A Walker et cons to Edward H Daharsh, wd to lots 2 and 3, blk 17, Indianola... 1,200 00 Ivan B Clark et ux to Frank

Ball, wd to lot 3, blk 3, Central addition to Bartley 1,200 00 H M Snyder, wd to n 50 f of lot 1,blk 1, West McCook and pt sw qr ne qr 30-3-29 (2-5a).. Wentz, wd to n 50 f of lot 1,

blk 1, West McCook, pt sw qr ne qr 30-3-29 (2-5a) hf int.. Wesley M Rozell to Nels J Johnson, wd to hf int in lots 19 and 20, blk 4, McCook 1,250 00 Lincoln Land Co to Con Eck-

hard, wd to lot 8, blk 6, Mc-Cook.... Conrad Eckhart et ux to Julius Houn, wd to lot 8, blk 6, Mc-

Fred Blair et ux to Margaret V Mecham, wd to lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, blk 1, HEsther park add to Bartley 2,200 00 J M Little et ux to Wm B Whittaker and C B Gray, wd to lots 48, 49, 50, blk 2,

Levi Brown vs Edgar G Brown et al, m lien to lots 71, 70, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, blk 2, Welborns add Indianola.....

Charles K Dutcher, wd to e hf ne qr 25-3-28..... 2100 00 son, wd to n hf sw qr, se qr sw qr,nw qr se qr 11-11-26.... 12000 00 Journal.

Meda Carney unmd to Clarence C and Clara H Harless, wd to lot 4, blk 2, 4th Mc-Clarence C Harless et ux to Hattie Wait, wd to lot 4, blk 2, 4th McCook..... Clara H Harless et cons to W S Wait, wd to lots 1,2, blk 1,

6th McCook.....

DIDN'T NEED IT.

Why a Scotch Farmer Refused a Portion of Dessert.

Could the funny sayings and incidents at the tenants' dinners in Scotland be collected they would make an unrivaled book of humor. Mistakes of amusing and sometimes embarrassing nature occur frequently at such functions. One story is told of a guest at a Scottish tenants' dinner who tasted ice cream for the first time on that oc-Promotions are made successively to casion. He pushed a large spoonful of the higher grades after a year's service, the frozen mixture into his mouth and jumped from his chair with agony expressed on his face. He let out a yell and cried out, "Ow, ow, ma rotten tooth!" and could not be induced to eat any more.

At another Scottish affair of the kind a good old farmer was seated next to the hostess. She served him a bit of savory omelet, which seemed to cause the old man deep disappointment. His dessert with sugar or fruit or jams, and after tasting the sample before him he turned to the hostess and said. "Weel, ma lady, I canna compliment you on your puddin's."

The late Duke of Buccleuch told a story of a tenant at one of the farmers' dinners on his estates who was asked by the duchess if he would take some rhubarb, a dish she was fond of. The 5. Copying from plain copy (a test grace, but I dinna' need it."

FINDINGS NOT KEEPINGS.

Lost Articles Are Always Crying Out For Their Owners.

When one is on the public thorough fare or in the street car or train or boat and picks up an object that is valuable, is it his?

True, he may find something which is too small and trifling to warrant searching to find the owner, such as a handkerchief, a pair of gloves, etc. But when he finds something of value it is not his until be has done everything in his power to find the owner.

The street railways and trains are so systematized today that if, when one finds an object of value, he returns it to the company's representative it is almost sure to eatch up with its owner. Every person of intelligence knows that the first place to inquire for it is at the lost and found

When, however, one is on the street it himself, he would very much like to have returned, there are the columns of a newspaper in which to advertise.

If he fails to find the owner after this, then he can rightfully call it his own and have a clear conscience, but if he avoids looking over the lost and found columns and fails to do his part toward finding the owner he is almost as dishonest as if he took the goods .-Chicago Record-Herald.

Serious For Once.

An army captain on returning home from India brought with him a goodly stock of souvenirs. Among them was a pair of laughing jackasses, which he intrusted to one of the sailors, Tom

Alas! The unaccustomed shipboard life did not agree with the creatures, and in spite of all Tom's care they pined and finally died. When he discovered the catastrophe,

Tom was in despair.

"I daren't tell the captain!" "Don't shirk it, mate," said his pal. "Break it to him gently. You'll find it'll be all right." The advice seemed sound, and Tom

sought the gallant captain. "Scuse me, sir," he said, "you know them things below-what you call larfin' jackasses? Well, sir, they ain't got nuffin to larf at this morning."-London Scraps.

His Choice of Weapons.

M. Victor Noir, an illiterate bully of the time of the second empire, for no real reason whatever sent a French statesman a challenge to fight a duel.

Noir was a densely ignorant man, and nearly every word in the challenge was misspelled. The statesman responded with the following letter: "Dear Sir-You have called me out without any good reasons. I have therefore the choice of weapons. I choose the spelling book, and you are a dead man." The duel was never fought.

Counting It Up.

There is a son of Erin in Newton, Mass., who is quite a character. He has a number of children and was asked one day how long he had been married. "Well," he said. "there's Eugene is forty and Norah thirty-five. that makes sivinty-five, and Lizzie is thirty-two, and how many do that make?"

The Wise One.

Thin Boarder i don't see how you manage to fare so well at this board ing house I have industriously conri ed the lamillady and all for daughters but I'm bull starved Fat Boarder-I coursed the enck - Kausas Chy Inde pendent.

Arrang ments Complete. "Arrangements for the wedding are all complete."

"Everything attended to?" "Yes; we have even made a deal with a photographer to have his cam-

The Cards Are Out. "Ysobel, do you think you could 1 00 learn to love me?" "Learn to love you? Oh, Reginald,

I could give lessons in loving you."-950 00 St. Louis Republic.

are not steered .- Shakespeare.

MRS. PHILIP N. MOORE.

The New President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Philip N. Moore, the new president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, was chosen to that office as successor to Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker at the recent ninth biennial session of the federation in Boston.

Mrs. Moore defeated Mrs. May Allen Ward of Boston, the candidate named by the nominating committee, receiv-



MRS. PHILIP N. MOORE.

ing 516 of the 906 votes cast. She was vice president of the General Federation and is prominent in society and musical circles in St. Louis. Mrs. Moore was one of the most active members of the board of lady managers of the Louisiana Purchase exposition of 1904.

Edgar Jepson.

Edgar Jepson, author of "Tangled Wedlock," is a writer of the day whose youthful experiences have undoubtedly helped him is the art of the romancer. In a little tin pot of a steam yacht he and two of his college friends, in order to "see the world," coasted along the shores of the Mediterranean and in six months had as many narrow escapes from drowning as the average seaman enjoys in thirty years. Then came a year as schoolmaster in a primitive Welsh village and after that three years in the West Indies, from all of which, quite naturally, was accumulated enough experience for the demands of romance.

Queer Virginia Oysters.

But, sure enough, did you know there were some oysters, and Virginia oys ters at that, which cannot live always under sheets of water? The seaside oyster does not grow in deep water, say over ten feet, and the most and best of them grow in water so shoal that it is dry ebb half the time. These latter are the most prolific seed bearers we have, but they will die if planted in deep water or in the Chesapeake bay. The inside or bay oyster should never ebb bare to thrive best. Singular, isn't it, that the Virginia oysters, one and the same bivaives, can lead a double life, but only one phase of it at a time! The seaside fellow must be out of water a good portion of his time to thrive, while the bay and river fellow will die in summer and freeze in winter if exposed to the air.-Virginia Citizen.

The Roast.

"To judge woman by her looks is to court error," said a well known woman. "I know a man who while carving at a dinner wished to say something that would please the pale, deep eyed, spirituelle girl at his side. "'How do you like Maeterlinck?' he at last inquired.

"'Well done,' she answered, not once lifting her eyes from the great roast he was working on."-Washington Post.

A Difficult Case.

A physician received late one evening a note from three of his fellow "Please step over to the club and

join us at a rubber of whist." "Emilie, dear," he said to his wife, "here I am called away again. It appears to be a difficult case-there are three other doctors on the spot al-

"I want you." said the stage manager, "to play the part of a banker, and I want you to try to play it with a touch of originality. "All right," responded Yorlek Hamm.

"I'll leave off the mutton chap whish ers."-Kausas City Journal.

The Dimoulty. "Could you brite yourself to live it a flat on fla a word ?"

"I could, Harold," answered the pan pered yet unspolled darling "But I d not know just have it would suit my French maid." Lenden Tatter

The Real Question. "Where does he get his money?" "I don't know where he ress his and I don't care. What I am inter ested in is knowing just how he gets

The Sea Serpent Myth.

mine."-Nashville American.

It is possible, even probable, that the measure from 400 to 600 feet in length. These when rolled on the beach form enormous cables several hundred feet long and as thick as a good sized tree trunk. Such cables washed out to sea by storms may very easily have given rise to the farfamed but yet undiscov-Fortune brings in some boats that ered sea serpent .- New York American.

WHAT IS A DAY?

You Probably Think It Is Twenty-four Hours, but It Isn't.

Nine persons out of ten-yes, 999 out of every 1,000-if asked how long it takes the earth to turn once on its axis would answer twenty-four hours. and to the question, How many times does it turn on its axis in the course of the year? the answer would be 3651/4 times. Both answers are wrong.

It requires but twenty-three hours and fifty-six minutes for the earth to make one complete turn, and it makes make one complete turn, and it makes 3661/4 turns during the year. The error springs from a wrong idea of what is meant by a day.

The day is not, as is commonly supposed, the time required by the earth to make one turn on its axis, but the interval between two successive passages of the sun across the meridianthat is to say, the time which elapses after the sun is seen exactly south in its diurnal course through the heavens before it is again seen in that position.

Now, in consequence of the earth's revolution in its orbit or path round the sun, the sun has the appearance of moving very slowly in the heavens in a direction from east to west. At noon tomorrow the sun will be a short distance to the east of the point in the heavens at which it is seen at noon today, so that when the earth has made one complete turn it will still have to turn four minutes longer before the sun can again be seen exactly

THE ANCIENT SPARTANS.

They Flogged Men Who Grew Too Fat For Military Service.

Among the ancient Spartans everything was considered secondary to military efficiency, and with a view to securing this the boys and men were by law kept in a continual state of "training." No deformed child was allowed to live. Boys were taken from their homes and subjected to military regulations at the age of seven. They were compelled to wear the same single garment winter and summer. At twenty they joined the ranks and from that age till they reached sixty were required to dine at the public tables, where only a certain quantity was supplied for each man. The magistrates interfered in absurdly small matters. They regulated the degree of fatness to which it was lawful for any citizen to extend his body.

Those who dared to grow too fat or too soft for military service and exercise were sometimes soundly flogged. Aelian in his history relates that Nauclis, son of Polytus, was brought before the ephors (magistrates) and the whole assembly of Sparta, and "his unlawful fatness" was publicly exposed, and he was threatened with perpetual banishment if he did not bring his body within the regular Spartan compass and give up the culpable mode of living, which was declared to be more worthy of an Ionian than a Spartan.

Clock and Watch Freaks.

"A watch isn't exactly dirty when it requires cleaning," says a watchmaker. "It may need cleaning when it hasn't even been worn.

"A common cause of this is that the oil in the works has dried up and become sticky, causing the watch to go slow or even to stop. In this case it not only wants cleaning, but also the addition of fresh oil.

"The best oil for this purpose is obtained from the jawbone of a porpoise or kindred fish. Many watchmakers mix their own oil from various kinds,

"Clocks also stop for no apparent reason. During a thunderstorm, for instance, a clock may stop, only resuming work when minutes, days or even weeks have passed.

"Thunderstorms, again, have been responsible for the restarting of old clocks which have apparently retired altogether from active service."-London Answers.

Brides and Wet Weather.

A Breton bride rather likes to have a wet wedding. It is held to signify that all her tears are now shed and that she will therefore have a happy married life. I know of no similar belief in the British isles.

The Erza of Simbirsk call the day before the wedding the weeping day, and the bride and her girl friends weep all they can, with the idea, it would seem, of getting the mourning of life over so that only joy may remain.

The Badagas of the Neilgherries attain the same end by sousing the bride with water. Some Greek tribes have a similar belief in the virtue of a drenching bringing good fortune.

The Omnipresent Rose.

Every continent on the globe, with the exception of Australia, produces wild roses. There can be little doubt that the rose is one of the oldest flowers in the world, perhaps grown from the wind blown seeds in paradise. In Egypt it is depicted on numbers of early bas-reliefs, dating from 2000 to 3500 B. C. Rosewater, or the essence of roses, is mentioned by Homer in the "Had." and the flower is spoken of in the Proverbs of Solomon.

Truthful Cholly. "Cholly, have you ever loved be-

"My dear girl, I will be honest with

sea serpent myth started in all good you. I have been engaged so many faith. In the southern seas grow the times that my ex-fiancees have pergigantic algae, the largest of which feeted an organization and adopted a yell."-St. Paul Pioneer Press.

> Must Have Been a Prize. "But how could you tell, darling,

that I had never proposed to any other

"Because you were not married." she murmured rapturously and admir-Ingly.-Judge.

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