

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Very Few Volumes of Any Kind Have Come from the Press This Week.

CHARACTER TOLD FROM THE PALMS

Kansas Editor Writes a Breezy Book of Fables of a Distinctly Western Character—What Magazine Publishers Are Doing.

A decidedly amusing book and one that will be found agreeable to any reader fond of a little harmless fun and not afraid of up-to-date slang is "Tom McNeal's Fables and Breezes." The author, editor of the "Mail and Breeze," has written this book in a customary way for the author to write a preface or introduction, which is supposed to serve as an excuse for the publication. Sometimes the author gets a gifted and indulgent friend to write the preface for him. This is the reason why the preface is often the best part of the publication. While that is not true in this particular case, the author's description in his preface of Asop, the man who first started in the fable business, is a most interesting thing in the book. A fair idea of the character of the fables may be gained from the one entitled "The Coyote and the Crane." "A Kansas coyote while dining at the carcass of a jackrabbit got a splinter of bone fast in his throat and seeing a sandhill crane fishing near by ran to it, saying: 'My friend, you seem to be mighty handy with that neck of yours. I wish you would be kind enough to fish that piece of bone out of my throat.' But instead of complying with the request the crane slowly closed one optic as it prepared to make a dive for another fish and said: 'I would have you understand, my sharp-toothed chicken thief, that I am no Houben. I was out there in Kansas during the boom and learned that there are a lot of things it is safe to keep out of. You will have to ask some tenderfoot to pull that bone for you, else manage it yourself.' Moral—It is the part of wisdom not to put yourself in the power of a scoundrel." Most of the fables contain specially good hits on various topics and are of a decidedly western flavor. The book is nicely printed and contains illustrations by Albert T. Reid adding no little value. Crane & Co., Topeka, Kan.

"City Boys in the Country, or, Howard and Weston at Bedford" is the title of a book by Clinton Oswego, the author of "The Boy Who Loves Nature and Country Life," now will it fall to hold the attention of more mature minds by recalling many a boyish prank and experiment that has been omitted from the memory of the boys of a generation. The book is a fund of information about lake and stream fishing, making of traps and hunting small animals. The habits and haunts of many of our North American birds are interestingly described, as well as several brilliant illustrations. The book is handsomely illustrated by Alice L. Upstart, besides having the photographs of both Howard and Weston Sharp. It is well printed and attractively bound in cloth. The Abbey Press, publishers, New York. Price, \$1.

Visitors to the Transmissipi exposition at Omaha will remember as one of the attractions of the midway a booth where fortunes were told from the palm leaves. The same people have now published a book entitled "The Twentieth Century Guide to Palmistry." It is an exhaustive treatise of the so-called science of palmistry and will undoubtedly prove interesting to all who are fond of trying to fathom character from the study of the palms. The tennerby Co., 409 Dearborn street, Chicago. Price, \$1.

Current Magazines.

The Macmillan company announces that it has come to act as the publishers of the International Monthly. All communications for that journal should be addressed to the International Monthly, 120 Broadway, New York. In variety and worth of contents, McClure's Magazine for January is notable, as are the issues of the International Monthly. The first in a series of memoirs by Miss Clara Morris appears in this number, and by the grace of her style and the interest of her facts given added value to a narrative full of interest. In this is told the story of her trials and triumphs on her occasion of her first appearance in New York.

Music, Song and Story is the descriptive title of a forthcoming new magazine to be ready early in December, with a holiday issue dated January 1901. It is designed to answer every demand for home reading and entertainment, and in addition to the ordinary contents of a magazine, this magazine will provide sixteen pages of new sheet music with every issue. It is to be published monthly, for one year, for \$1 a year, from 74 Fifth avenue, New York.

The National Magazine usher in the new year in a most fitting manner by presenting in the January number an amount of variety of articles of interest, unsurpassed by any popular-priced periodical. In this issue, United States Senator Marcus A. Hanna, the first to have been forth the benefits that would accrue to the American commerce and industry by the passing of the proposed tariff subsidy bill, in an article entitled "The Revival of American Shipping."

The "Shipping Age" has been published for nearly fifty-seven years. Its frequent issue of a weekly amount of the magazine is available to it to present, with a completeness and freshness attempted by no other publication, the ablest and most interesting, the most interesting sketches of the most valuable biographical, historical, scientific and political information from the best sources of current literature, and from the pens of the ablest writers of the day.

Cutting opens the century with a number on the highest plane of the literature and art of sport, travel, adventure and country life. The "International Monthly" is one of the incomparable nature sketches, "The Moonlight Trail" and "The Mystery of the Moon," and by S. Watson illustrates, "The Automobile in French Revolutions." "The Horse Ketcher" and "The Home of the Rifles for Big Game." H. Ingalis Kimball.

Head of the House

Johnathan Oden Armour, the new head of the Armour business interests in Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City, is an object of great interest and his personality is eagerly scanned. Chicago papers contain several sketches of Mr. Armour, from which these extracts are taken.

J. Oden Armour was born thirty-seven years ago in Vermont in the public schools and was later sent to Yale, graduating in the class of '82. After an extended European tour he returned to Chicago and the second day after his arrival was invited by his father to accompany him to the yards. From that time he has worked steadily.

Up to a year ago, when his younger brother, Philip D. Armour, Jr., died, the two were brought up in the packing business side by side, mastering the intricacies of the operations in a thorough manner and gradually fitting themselves for posts of complete responsibility in all departments. When death claimed the brother the shock went to such an extent on the father that J. Oden Armour was called upon to take active charge of the business affairs of the Armours.

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BEAUTY OF PARKS REVEALED

City and County Officials Make Pleasant Tour of Inspection.

RIVERVIEW ANIMAL SHOW MAKES A HIT

Park Commissioners Exhibit the Results of Their Work and Receive the Praise of the Crowd and Other Guests.

A finer day than yesterday could not have been selected for a trip through the Omaha parks and the city and county officials who made a tour of the city's breathing spots yesterday afternoon as guests of the park commissioners have only words of praise for the changes which the board has brought about within the last twelve months.

The party left the city hall shortly after 1 o'clock and it was dinner time before the tour of inspection was completed. Riverview was the first park visited. It was entered on the north and the party was driven through the portion of the park which was recently purchased and thrown open to the public. After inspecting the improvements which are being made on the lake and the new sewer which has just been completed in the lower portion of the park, visitors were driven to the animal cages and the deer pasture.

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Landscapes Admired.

There were many expressions of surprise at the variety of landscapes afforded in Riverview park and the magnificent view of the river and surrounding country which may be had from the park points. After leaving Riverview the party drove through Deer park and along Vinton street to the new viaduct, which affords the best view of the city a direct route to South Omaha. This viaduct was thrown open to travel a few weeks ago and forms an important link in the boulevard system of the city.

At Hanscom park the greenhouses were inspected and the visitors were shown a banana tree which bears a fine large bunch of fruit. The park commissioners have eaten bananas which were ripened in this greenhouse at a time when Nebraska weather was down to the zero point. In the pavilion at Hanscom park the party were shown the new playground in the great open fireplace and lunch was served.

The next stop was at Curtis Turner park, which has recently been graded and will be parked as soon as the weather permits. From there the party was driven to Koniouze park and was shown the proposed park along the bluff tract.

Commissioners E. J. Cornish, J. H. Evans and H. E. Palmer and Superintendent W. R. Adams were in charge. The party and the tour of inspection, Councilmen Carr, Whitehorn, Hoye, Hascall, Trostler and Lobeck; Judges Lee Estelle and W. W. Keyser; W. H. Eilbourne, city clerk; R. B. Carter, city building inspector; E. W. Scott, city house inspector; J. N. Westberg, city comptroller; William Fleming, city tax commissioner; James H. Adams, assistant city engineer; and County Commissioners Harte, Ostrom and Hofeltz were in the party.

South Omaha News.

Taxpayers generally are taking a great deal of interest in the synopsis of the charter as presented in The Bee of yesterday. Many of the features of the new ordinance are commended upon, and taken all together the charter is considered to be a very good one, as it specifically expresses the needs of South Omaha.

One feature which it is hoped will pass the legislature is the proposal to have the assessment of taxes coming under this section and general taxes in cases where repairs and omissions have been made in the assessment of the original tax. Should the legislature allow the council to make a re-assessment of taxes coming under this section the credit of the city will be raised and a great deal of litigation done away with.

Had the eminent lawyer who is now engaged in the assessment of the Twenty-fourth street paving case will be closed, as well as other paving cases which have been brought against the city. So many of these special taxes have been declared illegal that unless a re-assessment is allowed it will be necessary, more than likely, for the city to vote general independent district bonds to redeem the present outstanding district bonds.

What is considered another strong feature is the section prohibiting the passage of any ordinance the same day it is introduced. Then again, no franchise ordinance can be rushed through under a suspension of the rules, as has been one in the past. With the proposed charter, all the franchise ordinances must lay over for one week. This is for the purpose of allowing the citizens an opportunity of examining into the merits of the case. Furthermore, a majority must be paid for all franchise ordinances, the idea being to secure the plan of the existing gas franchise ordinance.

Character Sketch of J. Oden Armour.

He smiled to himself, and while keeping the office hours prescribed by his father, he took things easily enough, even while mastering at leisure the details of the business.

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More Rock Arrives.

Two cars of rock for the city rock pile arrived yesterday from the quarries. Along with the rock the city purchased two cars of rock and that will all broken up by prisoners arranged in police court for petty offenses. The rock just arrived still remains on the cars and will until prisoners are arranged to take it to the pile.

Viaduct Lumber Arriving.

Chief Engineer King of the Stock Yards company stated yesterday that the lumber for the viaduct will be delivered in the next few days. The lumber for the viaduct will be delivered in the next few days. The lumber for the viaduct will be delivered in the next few days.

That Charity Ball.

Committees of the South Omaha Hospital association are now busy engaged in making arrangements for the charity ball to be given at the Exchange dining hall. The exact date of the ball will be decided upon in the next few days. It is the intention of those in charge to have the ball brilliantly illuminated and elaborately decorated. Excursion tickets will be made to insure an enjoyable evening to those who attend.

Chargé City Gossip.

Mrs. Charlie Hill is numbered among the sick. The architect, E. Newman is on the sick list. The architect, E. Newman is on the sick list. The architect, E. Newman is on the sick list.

Other Resolutions.

Resolved, that we demand in our own behalf, in the name of our customers, the agricultural classes, the immediate enactment of national anti-trust legislation, as will effectively control all trusts and combine the interests of the people, and thereby protect them from the exorbitant profits of trusts, and thereby protect them from the exorbitant profits of trusts.

Our Bicycle Man.

thinks it is sometimes bothersome and expensive to some people if they try to repair their own stoves—When you stoves need repairing call us up and we will call and put your stove or furnace in good working order again with such small expense you will avoid getting sick over your own job or selling your good clothes and walls or making a mess in your house—While we know how it should be done and you will have the satisfaction of knowing it is done right—Remember we carry repairs for 125,000 different stoves, ranges and furnaces.

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A decision of the supreme court of Pennsylvania is cited as a precedent for continuing taking the testimony after the defendant has waived an examination. Identically the same point was raised a few weeks ago when Mayor Kelly of South Omaha was before Judge Vinsonhaber on the charge of bribery. County Attorney Shields, who instance Dunn has filed the present affidavit, was conducting the prosecution against the South Omaha chief executive and when the attorneys for the defense waived further examination, the county attorney informed the court that he wished to continue with the hearing, but admitted that he knew of no legal way of doing so. The judge found the defendant under to the district court and the examination ceased. Attorneys versed in court procedure say that the county attorney is in a quandary. Either he must admit that he has no case against Mr. Rosewater and is conducting the prosecution simply for political reasons, as is manifestly taking, or he must admit a want of knowledge in allowing the examination in the Kelly case to terminate.

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