ELECTS HOFELDT CHAIRMAN

Board of County Commissioners Reorganizes for the Ensuing Year.

O'KEEFFE LOOKS TO BARREL'S BUNGHOLE

New Member Wants an Investigation Before Number and Salaries of County Employes Are Fixed for Ensuing Year.

When the new Board of County Commissioners had organized yesterday morning by electing Peter Hofeldt of the Fifth district as its chairman, and after he had named the standing committees for the ensuing year, Richard O'Keeffe, who is the new member from the Fourth district, succeeding Thomas Hoctor, presented a resolution which was taken to mean that he intends if possible to put a plug or two in the bunghole of the county barrel.

The resolution, for which the other members voted without exception, requests the county attorney to furnish the board with a written opinion on certain questions before it shall designate the number of employes in the different county offices. Of these questions the first is, "Can the sheriff, treasurer, county clerk, register of deeds, county judge or clerk of the district court have any deputies or assistants in their offices except those designated by the board?" The second question reads: "Is it not the duty of the board to fix salaries and designate the number of such deputies and assistants?" The third question is: "Are not deputies and assistants in the offices of sheriff, treasurer, register, county judge and clerk of the district court to be paid out of the fees of the respective offices and not out of the general fund? And if any of the deputies or employes are to be paid out of the general fund, which are they?"

Waterman Not in Evidence.

The meeting in the morning was called to order at 10:45, after the members had agreed on Commissioner Hofeldt to succeed Connolly in the chair. Harry C. Miller, the new county clerk, was first to swing the gavel. He called the roll, beginning with the name of A. C. Harte of the First district. Commissioner Harte was in his chair to respond and Lyman Waterman was not in evidence to make the rumored protest. Commissioner Connolly presented Mr. Hofeldt's name for chairman, Ostrom seconded the nomination and the ballots read four for Hofeldt and one blank. Connolly moved to Hofeldt's desk in the rear of the room, remarking as he went, "I'll go way back and sit down."

After a brief address of acceptance by the new chairman and the adoption for 1902 of the rules that had governed the board in 1901, these committees were announced: Finance, Harte, Connolly, Ostrom; judiciary, Ostrom, Harte, O'Keeffe; court house and jail, Ostrom, O'Keeffe, Harte; charity, Connolly, Harte, O'Keeffe; poor farm, Connolly, Ostrom, O'Keeffe; roads, O'Keeffe, Ostrom, Connolly; bridges, O'Keeffe, Connolly, Harte; construction, Harte and the board.

Frank Dewey's appointment as deputy county clerk was concurred in on motion of Ostrom, but when L. Blickensdorfer's appointment as deputy surveyor was taken up O'Keeffe declined to vote aye until he had been informed as to whether such office had existed continuously and if there was work enough to justify its longer existence. Harte made the same inquiry before voting to approve the appointment of Charles Leslie as clerk of the county court.

O'Keeffe Lights on Sheriff.

When the sheriff's list of deputies was presented O'Keeffe balked. He said: "I am opposed to approving any appointments at this time. We ought to get together and find out just how many employes are actually needed in these offices and I move that this and all other matters of appointment be referred to the committee of the whole." No member evinced an inclination to debate the point and the chairman disposed of the motion by remarking to the clerk, "So ordered."

Ostrom moved the approval of a contract bond offered by the Chicago Lumber company, but O'Keeffe thought that such things should go to the proper committee and the motion was withdrawn.

Chairman Hofeldt then presented the resolution declaring the estimated expenses of the county for the ensuing year to be as follows:

General fund	$250,000
Road fund	65,000
Bridge fund	70,000
Bond sinking fund	60,000
Soldiers' relief fund	10,000
Total	$455,000

Ostrom moved the reappointment of Thomas L. Hull as a member of the Soldiers' Relief commission and Connolly moved that it go over. The latter motion prevailed, but Ostrom took revenge by adopting the same course a moment later when Connolly moved the appointment of E. G. Floyd as a member of the same commission.

The board at 11:30 adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday morning, January 18.

Politicians Out in Force.

The opening engagement of the new board was played to a full house, politicians interested in possible contests having crowded into every available inch of space outside the railing. After the adjournment Sheriff Power was among the first to besiege the democratic members of the board and explain to them what a busy place the sheriff's office is and how utterly impossible it would be for him to do with a force smaller than the one Commissioner O'Keeffe had declined to approve until investigating.

BAUM SUCCEEDS CARPENTER

Executive Committee of Commercial Club Elects a Chairman and a Secretary.

At the meeting of the new executive committee of the Commercial club yesterday D. A. Baum was elected chairman and J. E. Utt secretary. D. A. Baum, D. B. Fuller and H. S. Weller were nominated as candidates for chairman. On the first ballot H. S. Weller, over his protest, was declared elected, but resigned. Mr. Fuller declined nomination and upon his motion Mr. Baum was chosen by acclamation. There was no opposition to the election of Mr. Utt.

The insurance committee made a report, in which it said that the insurance rates were 4 2-7 per cent higher in Omaha than they would be were the building ordinances to be enforced and that this penalty would be removed if the laws were strictly enforced. In consideration of this fact the committee moved that the building inspector be requested to strictly enforce the laws; that the council be requested to grant to no one the privilege of constructing buildings contrary to these laws and that the mayor be asked to veto such resolutions if passed by the council. On motion of Euclid Martin the report was laid over for one week, the secretary to have copies of it sent to each member and the matter made a special order for next week.

It was stated that the chairman of the finance committee of the school board had agreed to fix a date for hearing the expression of the executive committee on the subject of the levy for the coming year and that as the old committee on taxation had been discharged, a new committee should immediately be appointed to take the matter up. The chairman was authorized to appoint such a committee.

D. A. Baum was not present at the meeting of the committee, so a committee consisting of C. H. Pickens, George E. Ribbel, Euclid Martin, D. B. Fuller and the president of the club was appointed to notify him of his election.

Franklin C. Tym was elected a member of the club.

THIS BLUE SIGNATURE J. Liebig GUARANTEES LIEBIG COMPANY'S EXTRACT OF BEEF. BEWARE OF "JUST AS GOODS"

Amusements

The Strollers.

A musical comedy in prologue and two acts. Adapted from the German of L. Krenn and C. Lindau. Book by Harry B. Smith. Music by Ludwig Englander. Produced for the first time in Omaha at Boyd's theater Tuesday night by Nixon & Zimmerman's company.

THE CAST.

August Lump ..... John Henshaw
Kampfer ..... Edwin Foy
Prince Adolar de Bomsky ..... D. L. Don
Roland ..... Harry Fairleigh
Moki von-Muggenheim ..... Wilmer Bentley
Rudi von Rodenstein ..... Harry Stuart
Bratwurst ..... Al Morris
Sprat ..... Joseph Ratliff
Bertha ..... Marie George
Mimi ..... Josie DeWitt
Anna, Roland's betrothed ..... Louise Lawton
Frau Bratwurst ..... Mary Ament
Little Goody Two-Shoes ..... Mazona Bradcombe

If funny comedians, pretty-faced, sweet-voiced and shapely girls, beautiful costumes, gorgeous scenery and elaborate staging throughout were all that were necessary to the success of a musical comedy, "The Strollers" would be that in every sense of the word; but unfortunately, for its owners at least, tuneful, catchy music and some original wit and humor are also important requisites that in this advanced age of music and the drama are quite essential if an author or composer hopes to establish for his works any permanent degree of success. In "The Strollers" these latter requirements have been almost wholly overlooked, save in a few instances, where its authors have borrowed from former musical or comedy successes. Not only is the music of the piece reminiscent, if not positively familiar, but the dialogue and business smack of something seen and heard somewhere yesterday or the day before. It is hardly to be wondered at that Francis Wilson, who was featured in the original production of the piece in New York, left it to create a part in a new comic opera recently produced in the east. As in a wornout mirror, there are a few bright spots here and there, but they are so few and far between that before it can be of any use to its owners a new coat of silver will have to be given it by the author and composer.

There are several notables in the cast, principal of whom is John E. Henshaw, an old-time favorite with Omaha audiences. Mr. Henshaw makes the most of his rather mediocre part and succeeded in creating laughter by his clever comedy methods. Eddie Foy is just the same Eddie Foy, and when that is said it's enough. Josie DeWitt has an opportunity to wear several stunning gowns and sing a little. Marie George was somewhat of a disappointment as a soubrette. D. L. Don made much out of the part of the eccentric Prince De Bomsky. He is a clever comedian.

A performance this afternoon and another this evening will terminate the engagement.

JOHN ROLFAS A FREE MAN

Grand Jury Finds No Bill Against Assailant of Haas Timme.

John Rolfas, who shot Constable Timme in the stomach with a Zulu musket January 8, is a free man, the grand jury having investigated his case and returned no bill. The good news was conveyed to him by the city jailer at 11 yesterday morning. Rolfas, who was in his cell at the time, reading a German newspaper, was so overcome with joy at the announcement that he went and wanted to embrace the officer through the bars.

He was led out into the waiting room, where the articles that had been taken from him at the time of his arrest were restored to him.

"Am I free now?" he asked of the desk sergeant.

"Yes," was the answer, "unless Constable Timme gets worse, and if he does we'll have to lock you up again."

"How is Timme?"

"They say up at the Clarkson hospital that he's getting along all right, but he says you'll have to buy him a new pair of spectacles."

"What was that about the spectacles?" was the next question. "They tell me that the doctor took a lot of buckshot out of him and a pair of spectacles. I know I didn't have the musket loaded with spectacles."

He was told that the spectacles were the property of Timme and that they had been in his vest pocket.

"Oh, that's the way of it!" he exclaimed. "Well, I've had that old gun loaded with screws and nails and scrap iron, but I didn't remember putting in a charge of eyeglasses."

He then sat down to wait for the Zulu musket, which had been before the grand jury for inspection, and when it came he walked away with it over his shoulder, waiving an adieu to the officers.

TROUBLES OF TWO SAILORS

They Become Involved in a Fight with Traveling Companion and Land in Jail.

Clarence Taylor, H. P. Martin and William Lewis are detained at the police station, Taylor charged with stealing $40 from Lewis and the two latter as prosecuting witnesses. Lewis and Martin are both sailors, the former of Iowa and the latter of Brooklyn, and are enroute to New Jersey, having been discharged from the service. While in California the two fell in with Taylor, who made the trip across the country with them. Lewis had $40 in his cap. Taylor knew of this, and when the trio arrived at the Union depot, it is charged, pulled off Lewis' cap and took the money. A fight started between the sailors and Taylor, which was ended by Officer Crowe arresting the trio.

At the station the charge of theft was made. Taylor had no money on his person when searched. In the fight Martin sprained his left hand. Lewis was under the influence of liquor and suffering from the effects of a sprain in his side. Both the men were fixed up by Police Surgeon Borglum. Lewis and Taylor are colored.

First Rain in Over a Year.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 14.—Reports from a large section of the southwest and central Texas tonight tell of heavy rains today. The drouth had begun to be distressing in much of the territory covered by these reports. In Nuevas county the downpour lasted for sixteen hours, the first rain in more than a year.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

School Board and Board of Health Have a Misunderstanding.

ALL ABOUT COMPULSORY VACCINATION

Officials of the Public Schools Deny that Any Formal Order Ever Reached Them from the Board of Health.

Members of the school board declare they never received word of any mandate for compulsory vaccination from the Board of Health and that the school board was not to blame for disobedience to the desires of the Board of Health.

Superintendent J. A. McLean said: "It is queer that the impression has become so common that the Board of Education is in opposition to the health board. While I cannot say what the school board will do if the matter is brought up to them, still I know of no official communication having come from the health board to the schools. With this being the case, I cannot see how it is able to do anything, or the teachers expected to carry out the ideas of the Board of Health. At the present time we are not demanding that the pupils be vaccinated because we have no right to."

At the last meeting of the Board of Health a committee was appointed, consist- of Watkins and O'Hearn, to wait upon the school board and request that compulsory vaccination be adopted. However, according to the statements of the Board of Health members, since that time the school board has not held a meeting, so that it was impossible for the health board to make the suggestion.

City Physician C. E. Sapp was seen last night and told what Superintendent McLean had said regarding never having received official notification of the desire of the board in regard to compulsory vaccination. After reviewing the fact of the health board having appointed the committee to confer with the Board of Education, he said:

"About a month ago Mr. O'Hearn and I called upon the school board and at that time I presented to it the views of the Board of Health regarding the stamping out of smallpox. I told them that in the opinion of the board compulsory vaccination was one of the best means of acquiring this end, and I was assured by President Bulla, and by almost all of the members of the board individually, for that matter, that the Board of Education would be only too glad to carry out whatever plan the Board of Health adopted. If I remember right Superintendent McLean was present at the meeting. However, this was not an official communication."

New Bank Officials.

With but one exception no changes were made in the officers of the three local banks at their annual meetings yesterday. The change was in the Union Stock Yards National bank, where P. A. Valentine succeeded J. J. Roche. Officers and directors of the three banks are as follows:

Union Stock Yards National Bank—John A. Creighton, president; F. H. Davis, vice president; Thomas B. McPherson, cashier; directors, J. A. Creighton, L. L. Kountze, Herman Kountze, F. H. Davis, C. T. Kountze, P. A. Valentine, S. M. Roberts, J. C. French and Thomas B. McPherson.

Packers' National Bank—John F. Coad, president; A. W. Trimble, vice president; F. J. Moriarity, cashier; directors John F. Coad, A. W. Trumble, Elmer E. Bryson, Amos Gates, J. E. Curtl, C. D. Brown, Luther Drake, F. McGiverin and F. J. Moriarity.

South Omaha National Bank—Guy C. Barton, president; E. A. Cudahy, vice president; H. C. Bostwick, cashier; directors, Guy C. Barton, E. W. Nash, T. W. Taliaferro, H. C. Bostwick, E. A. Cudahy, J. P. Lyman, Truman Buck.

Contracts Now Ready.

The contracts for furnishing the city with supplies for the year 1902 have been drawn up and all that is now needed is the approval of the council. The contracts have been drawn up in accordance with the accepted bids, and every department seems to be fully covered, so that nothing, in all probability, will have to be purchased outside of those things which have been contracted for. These documents were ready on Monday night, but the council failing of a quorum, stopped all proceedings temporarily.

Police Judge Lonesome.

Police Judge P. J. King said yesterday that in all the time that he has acted as police judge of South Omaha he has never seen affairs so quiet as they are at the present time. There are very few arrests being made and the police report that the town has become a model for good behavior. When seen yesterday, Judge King said: "I see that they are having quite a time up in Omaha in the police court, and it makes me almost homesick when I read of it. Here, all one has to do is to come down in the morning, read his paper, kill time and go home. If there is any truth in the proverb that a storm follows a calm, we are going to have a cyclone of business here in this court some day, because just now there is absolutely nothing stirring."

Watching the Boulevard.

Members of the East Side Improvement club were out in force yesterday afternoon looking over the ground where the proposed boulevard is to run through Syndicate Park. Now that the South Omaha Land company seems to be willing to do all, and even more than the club has asked of it, the improvement club proposes to keep up the good work by asking that some changes be made as to the course of the boulevard through the park. These changes will be such as will show off the natural lake in the park to the best advantage, making a beautiful driveway throughout. But the rest of the work will be allowed to go just as first proposed.

Magic City Gossip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Munshaw have gone to Illinois for a short visit.

Mrs. T. T. Ford of Fullerton, Mo., is visiting with W. B. Van Sant and family.

The revival services at the United Presbyterian church are attracting large crowds.

John Cronin is in jail, charged with having stolen brass from the Cudahy Packing company.

Mrs. Alice Craver, who died at the South Omaha hospital Monday, will be buried in Council Bluffs today.

Richard Estes and Miss Clare Adams, popular young people of South Omaha, were married yesterday afternoon at the home of W. I. Hoops, in Omaha.

J. M. Guild has been elected secretary of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange. The executive board is composed of E. S. Harrel, Samuel Mort, F. F. Saunders and Jay Laverty.

Jerry Berry, who is under arrest, charged with having made an assault upon August Papez, is in a serious condition from the effects of the affray with Papez. His jaw is said to be fractured and he is nursing it in a plaster cast.

There will be a public installation of officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief corps in their hall, over the South Omaha National bank, tomorrow evening. Officers will be installed by Department Commander Wilcox and by Deputy President Mrs. Ackwith.

Sugar Takes Another Drop.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—All grades of refined sugar were reduced today by the American Sugar Refining company and the independent refiners. Grades Nos. 6 to 11, inclusive, were cut 5 points and the rest of the list 10 points.

GORDON BRINGS ON A FLURRY

Returns to Mock Court After Guard Davis Goes Off Duty—Only Wanted His Overshoes.

A little flurry of excitement was caused in police court yesterday by Judge Gordon's "doubling back" after having left the station.

He sat in the upper hallway during the greater part of the forenoon, guarded as usual by Officer Davis and presiding over a court that wasn't even a kangaroo court. It might perhaps be called a cockroach court, since cockroaches, ants, waterbugs and an occasional mouse were the only malefactors to appear before him. At 10:30 he notified these insects and rodents that court would be continued until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, when they were to be on hand with their witnesses. He then thanked Officer Davis for his attentions and walked down stairs to the street.

A moment later a stentorian voice was heard shouting up the staircase: "Watch out up there! Gordon's coming back!"

Meanwhile Officer Davis had left his post as guard. Court officers and attendants ran hither and thither searching for him. He was not to be found. Judge Gordon, now in plain sight, had turned in from the street and was climbing the outer steps. Captain Hayes was notified.

"Is Davis up there?" he called.

"No! Can't find him!" was the answer.

"Well, then, put Sergeant Whelan on guard at the door!"

Judge Gordon, smiling and bowing serenely to the officers as he passed, climbed the stairs to his wicker-bottomed dais on the upper landing. He reached underneath and drew out a pair of rubber overshoes.

"It's most too warm for these," he remarked, "but I don't like to leave them off for fear I'll catch cold. I'm always forgetting them."

The shoes donned, his deposed honor again withdrew, and Sergeant Whelan went to a window and watched him until he had passed out of sight. Then the jail crew breathed freely.

While this was going on Judge Berka was holding court in the court room. Pete Nickolson was fined $5 and costs for being drunk and disorderly and Birdie Martin was assessed a similar amount for soliciting on the street. Charles O'Neil paid $1 and costs for the privilege of getting drunk.

Attorney Eller, Judge Gordon's counsel, made his debut as a police court lawyer Tuesday afternoon by appearing in behalf of Bud Weatherford, charged with disturbing the peace by fighting. Of course everybody thought that Eller's new role was but a ruse to get a poke at Police Judge Berka, and such is proved to be.

Being arraigned, Weatherford pleaded not guilty.

"Well, we'll have to object to this proceeding," said Attorney Eller, addressing no one in particular. "In the first place, my client objects to being arrested on a warrant signed by Louis Berka, purporting to be police judge, and in the second place he demands to be arraigned before the rightful police judge of the city of Omaha, Judge Gordon. I demand this of all the police officers within my hearing and of all the officers of this court—of you, Mr. Thomas, of you, Sergeant Whalen, of Officer Gibbons, Officer Wooldridge, Martin Shields—"

"Make a list of them!" shouted someone.

"Who is Judge Gordon?" asked another voice.

"Oh, he's playing horse with Officer Davis out here in the hall!"

Judge Berka set the case for hearing one week from today, which was another rude shock to the Eller-Gordon plan.

"If that case had come to trial," said Attorney Eller, "I would have done my best to defend Weatherford. That would put Mister Berka in this position: If he turned him loose it would be a tribute to my ability as an attorney; if he fined him or sent him to jail it would give me a chance to test in the district court the validity of his claim to the bench. Now that the heart has been deferred a week I'll have to wait around and get another client, I guess."

HYMENEAL.

Berline-Chase.

SIDNEY, Neb., Jan. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—George W. Berline of Bridgeport and Miss Maggie Chase of Papillion, Neb., were married here this evening at the Episcopal parsonage by Rev. Earle. Mr. Berline is extensively engaged in cattle raising on the North Platte river and the young woman has recently arrived here from Papillion, where she has lived a number of years and taken up a homestead near Mr. Berline's home in Cheyenne county.

Pope-Maxwell.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—A sensation was sprung here yesterday by the announcement that J. H. Pope and Mrs. Lyda E. Maxwell were married at Omaha last week. Mr. Pope is one of the wealthiest and best known men in this county. The couple are now on an extended wedding trip.

Demented Woman in Custody.

The police have in custody a woman, who it is thought wandered from her home in Belleville, Kan., while in a condition of dementia. The woman was picked up at Twenty-second and Davenport streets early last night. She told the officers her name was Frank, and that she had ridden a long way on the cars. She was unable to say where she lived or how long she had been in Omaha. In her hand she carried two letters, both addressed to William Frank, Belleville, Mo., one having been mailed in Kansas City January 11. The authorities at Belleville have been notified and the woman will be held until they are heard from.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Tuesday, January 14:

Warranty Deeds.

Richard Swift to Jacob Tex, lot 2, block 1, Fowler Place	$ 900
C. G. Fisher and wife to Omaha National bank, se¼ se¼ 7-14-13 (except lot 6, block 11, Gate City add)	4,000
Same to same, lot 5, block 188, Omaha	8,600
T. R. Creigh, trustee, to D. W. Morrow, lot 2, block 3, Hamilton Square	350
H. R. Clark to same, lot 9, block 2, Stevens Place	500
Andreas Lang and wife to John Schmidt, n½ lot 6, Leis block	1
E. H. Howland et al to W. J. McCrann, lot 1, block 1, Fowler Place	1,200
Ann Appleby to Charles Betts, s½ sw¼ 20-16-11	8,600
Herman Kountze et al to United Real Estate and Trust company, w½ lot 12, block 14; e½ lot 13, block 16; lots 4, 5 and 15, block 24, Kountze Place	1
C. F. Shiverick to Winter Byles, lot 11, block 1, Redick Park	1,000
E. S. Flor to S. R. Rowley, lots 1 to 20, block 1; lots 1 to 18, block 2, Mayne & R.'s subdiv	1,900
C. S. Francis and wife to D. W. Merrow, lot 4, block 3, Hamilton Square	400
Laconia Savings bank to Z. D. Cole, lot 27, block 14, Orchard Hill	500
National Life Insurance company to J. H. Naught, w 30 feet of e 115 feet lot 11, block 10, Millard & C.'s add	900
D. W. Merrow and wife to H. R. Clark, lots 2, 3 and 4, block 3, Hamilton Square; lot 9, block 2, Stevens' Place	1
M. B. Barr to D. W. Merrow, lot 5, block 3, Hamilton Square	350
L. M. Leland and husband to John Monahan, jr., n 12½ feet of s 25 feet of n 43 feet lot 3, block 1, C. E. Mayne's 1st add to Valley	75
J. C. Harrier and wife to same, part ne¼ sw¼ 31-16-10	65

Deeds.

Sheriff to Provident Loan and Trust company, lot 8 and e 10 feet lot 7, block 48, Omaha	9,500
Sheriff to A. C. Jacobs, trustee, lot 9, block 36; lot 4 and n½ lot 5, block 126, South Omaha	1,260
Total amount of transfers	$34,502

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Very Few New Volumes Have Come to Hand Since the Holidays.

JANUARY MAGAZINES ARE INTERESTING

Bright Little Volume Having to Do with Hunting of Ducks is Dedicated to Grover Cleveland—French Conversation.

Charles Bradford very appropriately dedicates his new book, "The Wild Fowlers," to Grover Cleveland, than whom there is no greater lover of hunting. The book has to do principally with the shooting of geese and ducks and contains many practical hints concerning guns and ammunition and the best method of taking the game. Incidentally, considerable information is imparted regarding the natural history of wild fowl. While not so voluminous or so ambitious as some of the books covering the same ground, Mr. Bradford has happily compressed into the space of a small volume a vast amount of information. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

"Bacon's Une Semaine a Paris" will make the visitor to Paris acquainted with the physical features of the city and with the information and phrases necessary to get about independently. In addition it affords to the student valuable drill in modern idiomatic French. The conversations, which deal with the sights of the city, and the necessary orders in hotels, restaurants, stores, etc., were in each case written on the spot of the scene described, and are true to the life and features of modern Paris. The book is supplied with a French-English vocabulary and contains a sketch-map of the city, as well as numerous illustrations of its principal objects of interest. It is a far cry from the old Ollendorffian "Have you seen the green shoes of the gardener's daughter?" to a modern and attractive phrase-book such as this, and we hope it may meet with well merited success. The American Book company, Chicago.

Current Magazines.

The January number of the International Studio, John Lane's monthly magazine of arts and crafts, is as sumptuously illustrated as ever. There is an interesting article on the little known work of Goya, the Spaniard, as a painter. The January number also contains the first of a series of articles on the exhibition of international arts and crafts recently held in London, describing the various notable exhibits and recording the work of the prize winners. This exhibition is the first event of what will probably be an annual institution, valuable for its interchange of characteristic national ideas, evolved in the many-sided world of artistic temperament. Glass painting, metal work of every variety, embroidery, indeed, every branch of the arts and crafts is represented by the exhibits of the leading exponents. The Studio's colored plates include one of the colored etchings by Edgar Chahine, "Upon the Ovay, Paris," and another of an exquisite design for a country house by W. A. Harvey, architect.

Gunton's Magazine for January contains well written and interesting articles on such subjects as: "Labor and Capital Conference," "Can We Raise Our Own Sugar?" "Cuba and the Sugar Tariff," "Railways and Industry," "Labor Unions and Labor Contracts," "Supreme Court and the Philippines," "The New Canal Treaty," "Suppression of Anarchy" and "The Convention and the Caucus." The Gunton company, Union Square, New York.

Current History for January opens with a graphic and discriminating article on the career and character of the great Chinese viceroy, Li Hung Chang, written by Richard Gleason Greene. A portrait of Earl Li serves as frontispiece. The usual careful review of the course and status of the world's affairs is presented in a number that promises well for the work to be done in this valuable compend for the year to come. International problems and the events of the day in all lands are presented with impartiality and clearness. Some of the special cover titles are: "The Situation in the East," "British Concentration Camps," "Movements in Europe," "Miss Stone—Who is Responsible?" "The Manufacturers and Reciprocity," "Exclusion of the Chinese," "Operations on the Isthmus of Panama," and "Prohibition in Canada." Portraits, maps and views brighten the pages and illustrate the reading matter.

Literary Notes.

No more striking proof of the vitality of that masterpiece of American literature, "David Harum," could be found than the fresh announcement from the publishers, D. Appleton & Co., that the book has gone to press again. Three printing orders, two for 5,000 and one for 2,000, were given in the month of December. The present printing makes the eighty-eighth and brings the number of copies to the grand total of 537,000.

Mr. Clarke Conwell, the Elston Press, Pelham Road, New Rochelle, New York, announces for immediate publication an important volume "The Art and Craft of Printing," by William Morris; being a complete record of Morris' speeches and writings concerning printing and his work at the Kelmscott press, including the "Note by William Morris on His Aims in Founding the Kelmscott Press," which was the last book printed at the Press.

The New York State library has undertaken a very commendable work for the benefit of blind people. It is having certain carefully chosen books embossed for the blind, and these books it will loan to such readers throughout the state without charge for transportation. A request has come to Mr. Howells and to his publishers, the Harpers, for permission to so emboss "Literary Friends and Acquaintance." The request, of course, has been cheerfully granted.

Prof. John C. Van Dyke's new book, "The Desert," was not only studied, but actually written, among the sands and barrier mountains of the Colorado desert in Sonora. It is wholly original in its observations the author having not so much as a patent medicine almanac with him for reference library. Some of the chapters on plants, animals and birds, which deal with the development of a peculiar desert character in each, shed a new light on evolution theories, and the demonstration of the colored air of the desert with its remarkable color effects, will strike even desert people as something never known before.

The series of Vale Press Shakespeares, coveted alike by the book-lover and the collector of rare editions, has just received an additional volume comprising "Twelfth Night." Being a strictly limited edition, upon which has been lavished regardless of cost all the arts of firstrate book-making, the ultimate value of a complete set is quite certain to reach a very high figure. Twenty years hence the man who can boast of possessing a set will be congratulated as the owner of a rare literary treasure reaching a value not to be despised.

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