

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Minnesota Man Writes of Birds and How to Encourage Them

TRANSLATION OF OLD GREEK IDYLS

Fourth Volume of World's Best Orations at Hand—Several Recent Works of Fiction—Literary News of the Week.

Quite a remarkable translation of "The Sicilian Idyls of Theocritus," by Marion Mills Miller, has been brought out by Richard G. Badger & Co. The introduction is by Hamilton Gardner and the following quotation from it will give an idea of the quality of the work...

LOOKS BRIGHT FOR THOMAS. Recent of Police Judgeship Ballots Proceeds with Renewed Energy. FIGURES FOR THREE WARDS COMPLETED.

Numerous Questionable Ballots Are Unearthed, All of Which Adds to the Cause of Thomas. So it is Claimed.

The election contest between S. I. Gordon and B. F. Thomas, which started last Friday before Judge Vinsonhale in the county court, is still going on and interest is increasing.

Up to date 120 questionable ballots have been found. These are marked as exhibits in the case and the validity of such ballots will be argued before Judge Vinsonhale at the end of the recount.

As previously explained the point upon which Mr. Thomas bases his contest is that numerous ballots were counted for Judge Gordon when they should have been thrown out for the reason that they were marked with an X instead of a check.

JUDGMENT AGAINST W. R. HEARST. Referee MelHugh Submits Report in Suit of Bee Publishing Company.

W. R. Hearst has filed his report in federal court as referee in the suit of The Bee Publishing Company against William R. Hearst of the New York Journal, wherein the complainant sought from Hearst an accounting for fees received for the collection of claims against the government.

The report shows that in 1887 Hearst was operating a bureau of claims in connection with the San Francisco Examiner, known as the Examiner Bureau of Claims.

The January Cosmopolitan contains many interesting features. What to Eat starts out the year with an artistic number fully equal to the high standard attained by that publication during 1899.

"Home Science" in Japan and "Maori Housekeeping" are among the leading features in the current number of the American Kitchen magazine.

The leading article in the January Home Magazine is Will P. Pond's "Tales of the Diamond Fields." Mr. Pond was one of the old time vigilance committee at Kimberley, whose duty it was to look out for illicit diamonds being sold.

"Truth and Penitence" is a monthly magazine which deals exclusively with American art and is richly illustrated. It is decidedly unique in its field and it is improving with every issue.

"The Rambler," "Old and New Masters," "Collections of Modern Drawings," etc. Health-Culture, which has been published for five years as a quarterly magazine, opens its sixth volume as a monthly, under the editorship of W. R. C. Latson, M. D.

The Sphinx is a thoroughly first-class publication that cannot fail to interest cultured and thoughtful people. It is edited by Mrs. C. H. Thompson and supported by the best writers on astrology in England and America.

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Health Authorities at Honolulu Burning Infected Buildings—Sugar Men Worried by Disease.

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Three cases were discovered on the night of December 28 and four cases have been reported during the last forty-eight hours.

The Board of Health has decided to take radical steps to stamp out the scourge. A portion of the infected district was condemned and burned to the ground yesterday.

Three buildings and a large warehouse were destroyed by fire. The future policy of the health authorities will be to destroy all infected buildings.

The Board of Health is severely criticized by the two leading papers here—the Star and the Advertiser. In short, these journals assert that the members of the health board are incapable of handling the present trouble.

The presence of the plague in this city is commencing to worry the sugar men. They have an idea that Hawaiian sugar may be refused at United States ports if shipped from Honolulu.

To get around this difficulty the new crop may be shipped from ports outside of Honolulu. Honolulu being the only infected port, it is believed that the federal authorities will agree to this plan and allow the marketing of the 1899 crop.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—A letter from Honolulu, dated December 30, says: The curious spectacle is presented here of a revival of the shotgun quarantine around the plague-infected district while sanitary measures and disinfection have been practically abandoned.

The Board of Health called out the National Guard three days after Christmas because of the discovery of a case of plague. The original method of preventing fatal cases of plague, two of which proved fatal, is now paying \$1,000 a day for this protection and the result of this strict guard is demoralizing and many poor Chinese and Japanese who worked in the American quarter are starting.

Theordon drawn around the "Asiatic district" includes many of the leading Chinese and Japanese dealers, who live in sanitary fashion and who are making a strong protest against needless hardships to which they are subjected.

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