

LIBRARY

The circulation for November was 1977, showing an increase of 280 over the circulation for October. The average daily circulation was 43. The largest circulation for one day was 85. The number of books borrowed by grown people was almost twice the number borrowed by children. The number of "new" regular readers steadily increases. There are a number of country people who are regular readers. Country readers pay \$1 a year for a card. We also issue cards for six months, three months or one month's time.

Quite a number of people are taking advantage of the evening hours to read the periodicals that are always to be found on the reading table. Every one is welcome to the use of the reading room and the books.

The library has four daily papers: the Omaha Daily Bee, Morning World Herald, Chicago Daily Tribune, and The Norfolk Daily News.

The library has the following books on electricity: "How Two Boys Made Their Own Electrical Apparatus," by Thomas St. John; "Experimental Electricity," by Edward Trevert; "Electricity for Everybody," by Philip Atkinson; "The A-B-C of Electricity," by Meadowcroft; and "Electricity of Today; Its Work and Its Mysteries," by Chas. R. Gibson.

Probably the most popular of the recent books of fiction is "The Winning of Barbara Worth," by Harold Bell Wright. It has never remained on the shelves over night since it was placed in circulation. Many consider it Mr. Wright's best book. Certainly it is the most pretentious as far as the theme is concerned.

Another book that is "out" all the time is "The Rosary," by Florence Barclay.

LITTLETON'S SPEECH SHARP.

Martin, in Turn, Asks that the New Yorker Be Impeached.

Washington, Dec. 4.—A scathing denunciation of the so-called American Anti-Trust league by Representative Littleton of New York, a democrat, was followed this afternoon by the presentation of a resolution by republican leader Mann to appoint a committee of seven members to investigate the attack on Mr. Littleton. Mr. Mann's resolution referred to the respect in which Mr. Littleton was held as a representative.

The resolution was referred to the rules committee.

A sensational development was a petition by Hendy B. Martin of the Anti-Trust league, for Mr. Littleton's impeachment. The demand was in the form of a memorial and was accompanied by a resolution. They were presented at the speaker's office by Mr. Martin and a committee while Mr. Littleton was on the floor of the house making an impassioned speech, denouncing Martin and "his antitrust league."

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts (republican), a member of the steel trust investigating committee, interrupted Mr. Littleton to endorse the latter's statements. "Every word that the gentleman from New York has said as to his attitude on the investigation committee is absolutely true," said Mr. Gardner, amid the applause of the house.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Both houses of the Sixty-second congress convened at noon today. Practically every member of each house was in his seat. The galleries were crowded and hundreds of persons were unable to gain admission.

The expected speech of Representative Littleton of New York regarding the steel trust was the sensational incident featuring the opening day.

Stephens Sworn In.

The house will continue as usual at noon. New members sworn in were Browning of New Jersey, Albany of Pennsylvania, Stephens of Nebraska, Taggart of Kansas and McKellar of Tennessee.

President Taft's message to congress will be sent in Tuesday.

BOAT EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR.

Cause of Disaster is a Mystery—Five Are Injured.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 4.—Capt. E. A. Swamer and four members of the tow boat Diamond were killed in the explosion of the boat's boiler while she was lying in the Ohio river off Avalon, six miles south. Five others were injured, two fatally.

The boat refloated and now lies at the bottom of the Ohio, a part of the after-deck exposed. The cause of the explosion has not been learned.

Would Abrogate Treaty.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 4.—United States Senator Rainey announced his intention of supporting the senate resolution calling for the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia.

COMPERS AGAINST IT.

Refuses Sanction to Movement for Maximum Punishment of McNamara.

New York, Dec. 4.—"I am not a hood; I am not a bound; I don't seek human life in punishment for crime."

This was the angry exclamation of Samuel Compers on his return from Troy when shown a dispatch from Spokane saying the Central Labor council of that city is planning a countrywide movement to obtain the maximum punishment for the Los Angeles dynamiters.

"I do not believe in capital punishment under any circumstances," he continued. "I do not believe the state has a right to take human life. This

FOUND SHE WAS A COUNTERFEITER'S WIDOW.

Woman on Deathbed Threw Light on a Mystery of the Early Seventies.

Carrying since his death in 1882 a secret that touched on the life of her husband, Mrs. Mary Clancy, who has just died at the home of her nephew, George Haskins, at Holton, Mich., on her deathbed divulged a story that back in the seventies puzzled the government secret service officials.

According to her story, she was married in 1808 in London to Robert Dale Clancy, a young engraver. Two years after their marriage they went to New York city, where Clancy found employment in a large engraving establishment. He fitted up rooms in the basement of their home and spent much of his spare time there. He told his wife he was making experiments that would result in great wealth for them both, and she never was allowed to enter the basement except with her husband. He had frequent visitors—men who came late and departed before daylight the next morning.

One night he came home very much excited and informed his wife that they were to move that night. He was joined by three men, who assisted in the packing of their household goods, and before day dawned large vans came and took away the goods. Clancy and his wife took the train for Philadelphia. Her husband never left the new home till after dark and seldom left at all. Some men visitors came to see him, and they spent their time in rooms Clancy had fitted up in the rear of their residence. He always seemed to have plenty of money and never staid her in any way.

In 1882 Clancy was taken ill with pneumonia and, realizing that he was going to die, gave his wife instructions about the workshop. He told her where to find a large sum of good money, and never to her knowledge did she handle any money that was not genuine. He told her always to keep the little chest in the workshop and never allow any one to know what was in it.

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Mrs. Earl Blakeman and daughter Margery left at noon for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Blakeman's mother. The baby is very strong, and the family physician advises the change. Mr. Blakeman accompanied them to Columbus and will join them in California later in the winter.

THACKERAY AS A TALKER.

A Grand Oratorical Display That Did Not Take Place.

Thackeray was terribly self-conscious and usually presented a very poor appearance when he attempted to deliver a speech. "Why can't they get Dickens to take the chair?" he grumbled when he had to preside at the general theatrical fund. "He can make a speech, and a good one. I'm of no use. They little think how nervous I am, and Dickens doesn't know the meaning of the word."

An amusing story is recorded of the occasion when, with Mr. Fields, the well-known American publisher, Thackeray traveled to Manchester to make a speech at the founding of the Free Library institution in that town. The would-be orator declared that, although Dickens and Bulwer Lytton and Sir James Stephen were to precede him, he intended to beat each of them on this occasion. He insisted that Mr. Fields should be seated directly in front of him so that he should not miss a single word.

Later, as he rose, he looked at his friend as much as to say, "I'll show you what speaking is." He began fluently, was excellent for two minutes and then in the midst of a most earnest sentence he tripped suddenly, gave a look of comic despair and sat down.

"My boy," he said when the meeting was over—"my boy, you have accidentally missed hearing one of the finest speeches ever prepared by a great British orator."—"Some Aspects of Thackeray," by Lewis Melville.

What He Wanted to See.

It cannot be denied that the saddest thing in the world is a man trying to buy in a department store a garment for a woman. Discouraged before he begins, a walk through acres of garments which are none of his business depresses him still further. Saleswomen are pitifully tolerant, even kind, but his sense of inferiority grows.

One unfortunate who tried to buy a sweater for a wife who was out of town did at last retail. His first mistake was in language. "Thirty-six chest," he said. "Thirty-six bust," corrected the young woman. At last in a helpless tangle he bought meekly what he was told to buy. Then she asked, "Is there anything more I can show you?"

"Yes," he said solemnly, "the quickest way out."—New York Sun.

A New Way to Religion.

A clergyman recently said, "If I were to start a new religion, do you know what I would do?"

"You'd go out and preach, wouldn't you?" I asked.

"I'd do something else first," he replied. "I would go to the popular song writers, writers of words and writers of music, and I would get them to write songs expressing the spirit of the new religion. If we can only make people feel religion, if we can make them realize that it is already there in their hearts, make them love it, we can move the world."—San Francisco Bulletin.

Her Suspicions Aroused.

"My father persuaded me to take a course in domestic science."

"And how do you like the course?"

"Well, it looks like ordinary kitchen work to me. If my suspicions are confirmed I shall drop the course and make father buy me a fifty dollar hat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Buying Precious Stones.

In buying gems always beg, buy or borrow a microscope and examine the stone carefully through the telltale lenses. Flaws invisible to the naked eye which depreciate or entirely destroy the value of the gem will be easily recognized.

EARL LYTTON'S BAD TASTE.

A Dinner Speech That Called Forth Howls of Derision.

I once sat at a banquet given in London by Wilson Barrett to Lawrence Barrett, says a writer in an English magazine. Earl Lytton presided, a curled, oiled, effeminate, supercilious fop. He had a Roman tragedy to sell to Wilson Barrett. This was why he came.

He eulogized Wilson Barrett in a speech. "I believe," he said, "that Mr. Barrett won some success with a piece called 'consulting his notes' ('The Lights of London'). I suppose it was the work of some dramatic hack." George Sims sat facing him and never said a word.

Then his lordship went drawing out: "I next find on the list of Mr. Barrett's successes something called 'The Silver King'. Here again I know nothing of the authorship. The names of those dramatic carpenters do not interest me." At which Henry Arthur Jones glared and a flush came into the face of poor little Henry Herman.

"Finally," said Lord Lytton, "Mr. Wilson Barrett has placed on his boards what he humorously calls a Roman tragedy. I refer to 'Claudian,' attributed to one W. G. Wills, of whom I have never heard." This was too much for the banqueters. All of them were personally acquainted with Irving's pet poet, the modest Wills. So they howled derisively.

And Earl Lytton's tragedy, produced a month later, was a dismal failure.

Her Dearest Friend.

Maude—I'm a little uneasy in my mind. Ned asked me to marry him, and I told him I might some day. Now, would you call that a promise?"

Marie—No; I should call it a threat.

APPEAL TO AMERICA.

Persian Council Telegrams to Sister Parliaments of the World. Teheran, Persia, Dec. 4.—The na-

SHONKA IN HIS LIST.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—W. H. Eckersall, former star of the University of Chicago football team made part of the following selection of an all western football team:

Hoeffel, Wisconsin, left end; Conklin (captain), Michigan, left tackle; Shonka, Nebraska, left guard; Morrill, Minnesota, center; Scruby, Chicago, right guard; Rademacher, Chicago, right tackle; Wells, Michigan, right end; Moll, Wisconsin, quarterback; Rosenwald, Minnesota, left halfback; Sauer, Chicago, right halfback; Thompson, Michigan, fullback.

CHICAGO POLICE SCANDAL.

Other Arrests Are Likely to Be Made During the Day.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—One witness, May Ward, who was brought back to Chicago from Pittsburg, Meb., it was expected would be called to testify before the civil service commission today before the prosecution rests its case against Inspector Charles C. Dorman and Lieut. W. Ambrose and Thomas J. Howard, charged with incompetency, inefficiency and neglect of duty. Council for the policemen would not say whether their clients would be witnesses in their own behalf but it was the general impression that at least one of them would testify.

It was taken as practically certain that charges similar to those already filed against the defendants and Inspector John L. Revora, Capt. Bernard Baer and Lieut. John Hanley would be made today against still another inspector, a captain and three lieutenants.

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GUilty OF ASSAULT.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 4.—After five hours deliberation the jury hearing the case of Fred Mathlessen, charged with shooting Herman Wassmer with intent to kill, brought in a verdict of a simple assault.

Wassmer had found his wife in Mathlessen's store one day last summer and had assaulted him. Mathlessen went into a rear room and seized a revolver, returning and shooting Wassmer. The bullet struck near the heart but glanced off and caused only a flesh wound.

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H. R. HENRY DEAD.

Former Heit County Legislator Was Father of Plainview Editor.

H. R. Henry, a former member of the Nebraska state legislature, passed away Saturday at his home, Mt. Vernon, Ia., aged 83 years. The immediate cause of his demise was pneumonia.

Mr. Henry was a resident of Mt. Vernon about two years ago. He formerly resided in Holt county and held the office of county treasurer for two terms. In the nineties he served two terms in the state legislature.

He was a democratic member of the state legislative sessions of 1907 and 1909, and in the latter he was a candidate for the speakership. His successful opponent was C. W. Pool.

Mr. Henry is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter. Lee W. Henry, one of the sons, is the editor of the Plainview News. The body was shipped Monday to O'Neill for burial.

Joseph A. Powell.

Joseph A. Powell, formerly a Norfolk boy, a native of this city, died near Cambridge, Idaho, on Nov. 26, from typhoid fever, according to word that has just reached Norfolk friends.

Joseph Powell was born at Norfolk, Nov. 22, 1880, and grew to manhood here. He went with the Second Nebraska regiment during the Spanish war. After returning home he went to the Pacific coast with his father, U. P. Powell. Four years ago he moved to Riverside, Cal., where he resided until last September, when he went to Idaho. He leaves a widow, two little daughters, his father and three sisters to mourn his loss.

Musical Comedy Saturday Night.

Victor Herbert and Henry Blossom's tuncful comic opera, "The Red Mill" will be the attraction at the Auditorium Saturday night, Dec. 9. With a record of one entire year on Broadway, New York City, at the Knickerbocker theater, and three months each in Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia, "The Red Mill" stands out as the most popular musical hit of the past three seasons and one that will prove popular for many seasons to come, possessing all the elements of an enduring success both in story and music.

"The Red Mill" marks the nineteenth complete musical play by Victor Herbert, every one of which has scored an undoubted success, and they have proved the vehicles for most of the distinguished musical stars of the present day. Henry Blossom, the author of the book and lyrics, has already come to the front as the American Gilbert, each of his writings having, like Herbert's, proved immensely successful. Starting with "Checkers," his first and only dramatic writing, he rapidly followed with "The Yankee Consul," "Mlle. Modiste," "The Prima Donna" and "The Red Mill." In "The Red Mill" Mr. Blossom has succeeded in telling an unusually interesting story dealing with the adventures of a frisky pair of Americans who are "doing" Europe for the first time but who strike a snag in one of the small villages of Holland when their money gives out, and the most amusing complications follow, which lead them to assume all kinds of disguises. The music of Mr. Herbert, which is of the whistleable kind and satisfies not only music lovers alone, but the masses, to whom song is one of the greatest delights.

The large company has been carefully selected and embraces a cast of rare individuality, headed by James Crawley and William Moore, who interpret the two Americans, Con Kilder and Kid Connor.

Prices are 50c to \$1.50.

Resort Doors Being Closed.

Only one resort in the east part of town remains open today. The others are closed as the result of an action begun by County Attorney James Nichols to permanently close them under provisions of the Alberts law. The resort now open, it is reported, will close its doors within a few days.

County attorney Nichols came to Norfolk Friday and began investigation of the resorts. Rumors that he was planning a final action brought keepers of the places to a hurried packing and the doors were closed Sunday night.

Ruby White, an owner of one of the resorts, is now at the home of her parents near Lincoln. It is said that after she had secured a divorce from her husband she had planned to close her resort without any compulsory order from the authorities. Gene Best, another resort keeper, declared that he had not had his place open since he had pleaded guilty at Madison last week.

Boy Killed by an Auto.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 4.—Unconscious of his danger, George McNamara, aged 12 years, of Long Pine, Neb., who had been in Sioux City for less than an hour, was instantly killed at 5:15 Saturday afternoon, midway between Market and Sioux streets on West Fourth street, when struck by Frederick W. Klaus' automobile. Death was due to a fracture of the base of the skull. The automobile was driven by Mr. Klaus.

George, accompanied by his brother, William McNamara, aged 15 years, arrived in Sioux City at 4:30 o'clock and went to the home of their uncle, E. A. Bussey, 406 West Fourth street. The lads intended to make their home with the Bussey family during the winter, and were to enter the St. Boniface Catholic parish school Monday morning. R. E. McNamara, father of George, and William, a farmer at Long Pine, a few years ago was patrol driver on the Sioux City police department.

Boys Were Racing.

After greeting their relatives the youngsters set out with Albert Bussey, aged 12 years, acting as guide, to

enjoy a run through the neighborhood streets and alleys before the evening meal. The return trip was made through an alley. When within a block north of the Bussey home a race was suggested.

The boys, running at their highest rate of speed, William and young Bussey leading George by several feet, reached the opening of the alley. The two leaders saw the approaching automobile and turned to the side, but too late to warn George. The lad, probably his only thought being of winning the race, ran ahead and was struck on the head by the projection of the right front spring of the car. The body was thrown to the pavement several feet to the right of the place of the collision.

One Juror Was Bought.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 4.—Further details were learned today of the alleged plot to influence the McNamara jury, the supposed frustration of which by the arrest of Hurl Franklin, a detective of the McNamara defense, is said to have been an important factor in forcing a confession of guilt from the McNamara brothers.

A signed statement was declared to be in the hands of District Attorney J. D. Fredericks, made by Mrs. Robert P. Bain, wife of the first sworn juror in the case, charging that \$500 was paid to her by an agent of the McNamara defense to influence her husband to secure a disagreement, if not an acquittal by the jury of James B. McNamara, then on trial for the fatalities growing out of the Los Angeles Times explosion.

"Yes, it is true," Bain himself is quoted as saying, "and the money given to my wife has been given to the district attorney."

A statement by the agent in the transaction also is said to be in the possession of the court.

A preliminary examination of Franklin for the alleged attempt to bribe George N. Lockwood, a venireman, by the use of \$4,000, was scheduled to take place today, but a continuance for a week was expected to be asked for and granted.

Other Jurors Tampered With.

Those of Bain and Lockwood—two of the ten incidents of alleged bribery—those of Bain and Lockwood—are believed not to include all the attempts to effect the verdict of the jury which have come to the attention of the prosecution, and District Attorney Fredericks is given as authority for the statement that another sworn juror had been tampered with.

The McNamaras are to be sentenced tomorrow, but the work of the prosecution here to apprehend other persons involved will go on as a corollary to the investigation of the federal government, which is believed to extend over a much wider field.

More arrests and possibly more indictments when the grand jury is impaneled are looked for here as a result of the confessions of the McNamaras.

Burns Earns Rewards.

As to the rewards which were offered throughout California for the arrest of the guilty persons who destroyed the Times building, Assistant District Attorney Ford declared he thought Detective William J. Burns was entitled to all of them, including those offered by labor organizations and subsequently withdrawn when the McNamaras were arrested, if Burns cares to sue for them.

A question has arisen as to the collection of one \$5,000 reward by Burns, as there is an ordinance providing that no person in the employ of the city can collect a reward for the arrest and Burns was then employed by Mayor Alexander. There are other large rewards, however, not affected by that ordinance, which he will probably get.

Lynch Discusses Case.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 4.—James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical union, attended a meeting of the Buffalo local. Referring to the McNamara case President Lynch said:

"Union labor does not encourage the destruction of property or the taking of human life. I have nothing to say as to the punishment of the McNamaras as I do not know the details of their confession."

Want Maximum Penalty.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 4.—Quincy Typographical union No. 53, one of the largest locals in western Illinois, in a meeting held yesterday denounced the McNamaras in emphatic terms, and by a unanimous vote instructed the officers of the union to send to Prosecuting Attorney Fredericks the following telegram urging the maximum penalty for the dynamiters:

"To Prosecuting Attorney Fredericks, Los Angeles—Quincy Typographical union No. 53 requests you to use your influence in having the extreme penalty inflicted on the McNamaras. It also hopes the investigation may be continued until all guilty persons, no matter who may be connected with this dastardly crime, are brought to justice.—Arthur C. Garrett, secretary."

Would Help Victims' Families.

New York, Dec. 4.—A proposal that the \$190,000 subscribed by labor unions to aid the McNamaras in their defense be turned over to the relatives of victims of the Los Angeles Times disaster was endorsed at a meeting of the Central Labor union of Brooklyn. The McNamara brothers were severely arraigned, and the sympathy and support of the Brooklyn unions was promised to President Gompers of the national federation.

Repudiate McNamaras.