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New Star Shines Among Nebraska's List of Authors

Bess Streeter Aldrich's "Mother Mason" Fine Picture of Home Life in West.

"MOTHER MASON," by Bess Streeter Aldrich. D. Appleton & Co., New York, publishers. Nebraska adds a new star to its firmament of novelists in the publication of "Mother Mason" by Bess Streeter Aldrich.

Mrs. Aldrich resides at Elmwood where her husband and the father of their four children, is a banker. Her book is of just such a family in similar circumstances, and in a small midwestern town.

Mother, as we find her, had been promoted to mahogany staircase chairs, but still loved her own breed. She was favored with the demands of a loving family and friends and didn't know it.

Spurred on by the Byron quotation on her motto calendar: "Know ye not her initial move is a dash for liberty meaning a week's trip to the nearby city. Her plan was to elude thereby the missionary meeting she was to lead, a game of Somerset with the Marstons, the Woman's club meeting at her home and a "pinner" for its members, church supper, or meeting of the library board and Junior's Sunday school class party in the basement of the church.

On the pretext of dental work she got away, took a \$5-room at the hotel and at the end of the first day wired curtly to Appleton: "Hot to be done. Home Friday night."

All week she remained in the city, nibbling candy at theaters, loitering through stores and ordering food for the first time in her life without running her finger up and down the price column, window shopping, street car riding, and altogether luxuriating in her solitary freedom.

Restored and contrite, mother returned home Friday night. Met by the family, she learned that for one reason or another all the meetings she had excitedly thought she was missing, had been postponed until her return.

Humor, her faithful partner, had some back from his mysterious vacation, and with it was with happy heart, mother, facing the daily routine and depending people, knelt by her bed to confess in prayer, "Oh, Lord, the job's on me. It was then that she was fed on the calendar, which, grinning at her in black and gilt, said in the words of Schiller: "Freedom is only in the Land of Dreams."

One by one, we meet the family. First, Henry Y. Mason, who was not only a part of the First National bank of Springtown, but who was he bank. A sometimes refused to come at the bank window because there was no security; then called the applicant into a back room to give him a personal check.

Portraits of Former Judges Given to Otoe County at Impressive Ceremony



OTOE COUNTY COURT HOUSE, NEBRASKA CITY. Sixteen large pictures of deceased judges of the Second district of Nebraska were formally presented by the Otoe county bar association Saturday to Otoe county, at the courthouse in Nebraska City.

County Attorney W. F. Moran of Otoe county made the presentation, and Judge James T. Begley, judge of the Second district, delivered the address of acceptance. Chief Justice Andrew M. Morrissey of the Nebraska Supreme court discussed "The People's Court." Judge Paul Jessen, who presided over the district court for eight years, gave a historic address, and brief reminiscences were given by representatives of Cass, Sarpy, Richardson, Nemaha, Lancaster, Johnson and Pawnee counties, which have been at one time or another joined in the Second judicial district.

The portraits are of former Judges Edward R. Harden, Fenner Ferguson, Eleazer Wakeley, Joseph Miller, Samuel W. Black, Oliver P. Mason, Joseph E. Streeter, Daniel Gantt, Stephen B. Pound, James L. Mitchell, Monroe L. Hayward, Samuel M. Chapman, Allen W. Field, Basil S. Ramsey and Harvey D. Travis. The pictures will be hung in the district courtroom of the courthouse.

Work Still Lives. "These portraits of the deceased judges of the district are presented with the hope that their faces as well as their work may become familiar to this and coming generations," said Judge Jessen in his address. "The rules of conduct laid down by these judges, the decrease defining rights of person and property still live, still serve as safe guides for our conduct. The men took part in establishing organized government where no law had been before, except the savage rule of might. It is for the purpose of paying some respect to these judges and assisting in perpetuating the names and memory that this presentation is held."

The first official act performed by any member of the judicial department of the territory of Nebraska, continued the speaker, "was when Chief Justice Fenner Ferguson administered the oath of office to Governor Burt, 70 years ago, just two days before his death at Bellevue, Neb."

Edward R. Harden was the first judge of the second judicial district, appointed by President Pierce in 1854. He resigned in 1857. Fenner Ferguson was appointed first chief justice of the territory of Nebraska in 1854 by President Pierce. He resigned when he was elected territorial delegate to congress in 1858. Black became Governor. Samuel W. Black was appointed to succeed Judge Harden in 1857. He served until 1859, when he was appointed governor of the territory. Judge Joseph Miller succeeded Judge Black from 1859 to 1863. In 1863, Elmer S. Dundy was appointed as judge to succeed Judge Miller and he continued in that capacity until the territory was admitted to statehood in 1867. Other judges whose portraits were presented to the county Saturday were: Judge Eleazer Wakeley of Omaha, appointed judge of the second judicial district in 1859; Judge Joseph E. Streeter, 1862; Judge Oliver P. Mason, 1867; Judge Daniel Gantt, 1873; Judge Stephen B. Pound, 1876; Judge M. L. Hayward, 1885; Judge James L. Mitchell, 1885; Judge Samuel W. Field, 1888; Judge Allen W. Field, 1891; and Judge Harvey D. Travis, 1909.

The second judicial district was first organized by proclamation of acting Governor Cumming in 1854 and consisted of Counties Cass, Pierce and Richardson, together with all territory lying south of the Platte river and extending westward from the four counties to the western boundary of the territory of Nebraska, which at that time was the summit of the Rocky mountains.

First Court in Nebraska City. Court in that district was first held at Nebraska City, but terms were soon arranged at Plattsmouth, Brownville and Falls City. The judges traveled from county to county. The present courthouse at Nebraska City was built in 1865. The first term of the district court held in the building occupied by the courthouse was in 1865.

War Memories Make Love Story More Real. "THAT LATE UNPLEASANTNESS," by Norman Richardson, Small, Maynard & Co., Boston. Here is a pleasing love story concerning a young American soldier in Paris, who inherits a southern man's dream of the stipulation that he must live there for a certain period of time.

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Platte Valley bank. From there it was transferred to Lewis hall, then to McLennan's hall, from there to the present courthouse. A number of prominent Omahans are related to the deceased judges. Mr. Myron Learned is a niece of Judge Fenner Ferguson and Judge Arthur Wakeley of Omaha is a son of Judge Wakeley. William C. Ramsey of Omaha is a son of Judge Basil S. Ramsey and R. U. Gantt of Omaha is a grandson of Judge Daniel Gantt. Roscoe Pound of the faculty of Harvard university is a son of Judge Stephen B. Pound. Miss Kate Mitchell of Council Bluffs is a daughter of Judge James L. Mitchell.

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Numerous illustrations enhance the value of the volume. It would really be a difficult thing to find as complete and as entertaining a book on science for children. "When I Was a Boy in Turkey," by Ahmed Sabri Bey. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, Boston, publishers. A valuable addition to the series entitled Children of Other Lands.

Like the author of all these well-known books, Ahmed Sabri Bey has lived in Turkey and, being most conversant and thoroughly informed on conditions there, no one is better qualified to tell the youth of America of the life and customs of the far east.

The tale is told with such charm of style and the accounts of the boy's life reads like a romance. To read "When I Was a Boy in Turkey" will be an education for all boys from 10 years of age up, and it will make them all beautifully acquainted with an interesting country and an unusual people.

"Topsy Tales for Tiny Tots," by Susan W. McGowan. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard company, Boston, publishers. A volume of well known old-time children stories retold by the author, Miss McGowan has had much experience in kindergarten work and knows well the story needs of the child mind. The majority of the little tales selected will be recognized by most children but the author has told them in the modern style sought by child listeners.

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Even a Young Professor Can Have His Romance

"I'll show you this town," by Elmer Davis. Robert M. McBride & Co., New York, publishers. Ironquill once poetically described a person in deep distress in the following language: "Folded up as folds a primrose when the green of day are shut, folded up as folds a jackknife when a chaw of plug is cut."

If ever there was a dejected mortal it was the assistant professor of Latin, around whom Elmer Davis has woven an intricate comedy of errors, bringing into the spotlight here's life at least seven women, six of the number having no business on the lot. He was compromised in as many ways as there are colors in the rainbow. His most innocent altruistic performances, once he really got underway, were seen as infamous exploits. In the past, women wept on his shoulder because he was considered safe; this was all changed at the advent of Agnes, the widow with millions and a yearning for the better things in life.

The young instructor had attached himself to the widow in the hope of nailing her for a large endowment to enrich the slender finances of his alma mater, Wyndham college, founded by his grandfather. He was making great headway, not only for the college, but for his own comfortable future, when Hazel, a youngster from San Francisco, and Lucile, his boyhood flame, who married a Chicago broker, hadn't appeared to complicate matters. But it ended conventionally and happily enough. Hazel was prettier and much nicer than the widow, and had twice as much money to boot. "I'll Show You the Town" is one of the best ways of spending an evening.

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