

RECENT WORKS OF FICTION

A Romantic Historical Novel Dealing with a Scottish Pretender.

CARTOONS OF HOMER DAVENPORT

A Polish Novel with Glimpses of Russian Oppression—Story of an Invisible Man—Short Stories and Sketches—Literary News.

One of those charmingly picturesque historical novels with the title of "Spanish John" has nothing to do with Spanish things but a great deal to do with the history of Scotland and the lives of some well known characters in Scottish history.

"Gloria Victa" is a love story beginning with a crime and ending with another. It is a story of a woman who is in the story to permit attractiveness, but it is after all a love story in which human emotions and unfortunate circumstances are the main factors.

The publication of a book of the old and new cartoons of Homer Davenport cannot be properly termed one of the literary events of the year.

Much of the comment current in regard to "The Invisible Man" is to the effect that the author is such as ought to discourage the author from further efforts in the line of fiction.

The sub-title of "A grotesque romance" doesn't make a beginning for the story of the remarkable story H. W. Wells tells under the name of "The Invisible Man."

A series of stories in which are given children's tales of town and country life bears the title of "The Little Window" by the author of the collection to W. Robertson Nicoll.

In the story of "Secretary to Byrne, M. P." W. Pett Ridge gives a picture of a prince of an eastern principality who settles in London in order to marry an English woman he has met.

Margaret Sutton Briscoe is the author of a collection of short stories which is named from the leading story, "Jenny," the leading character in which is the son of a ruined Virginia.

which of two girls he shall marry by following the lead of a book of legends and then wins his choice by clearing her potato patch of beetles.

"The Embassy Ball," by Virginia Rosalie Cox, is a thoroughly modern novel in that the characters are up-to-date and speak in the conventional talk of the ball rooms and club houses.

The Lincoln Literary collection has been named in honor of the martyred president, who was noted for his habit of committing to memory poems which he enjoyed and chose passages of prose which he was wont to quote in his orations.

The biography of the Prince of Wales, which Messrs. D. Appleton and Company have had in preparation for some months, has been published immediately.

The annual Almanac of the New York World is a complete encyclopedia of current events, well arranged and thoroughly reliable.

New books received: "The Rockley," by A. Maynard Barbour. "The Rock of the Lion," by Mally Elliott.

Literary Notes and Comment. The bookman learns that the end of Trilby is not yet, but that a German musician in New York is working on an opera.

Another letter is engaged to writing a new series of Letters to Dead Authors, which are to appear during the coming year in The Chap-Book.

At the suggestion of the editor of the Young Men's Association, Boston, Boston, has recently completed the manuscript of an autobiographical sketch, entitled "How I Went to the Mines."

Francis, by John Edward Courtney Bodley, is a story of a woman who is a patient at a sanitarium in Brooklyn.

Leslie, a weekly publishes some impressive and beautiful pictures of the Nebraska building on the exposition grounds has been adjusted in accordance with the terms of a resolution passed by the commission at its last session.

Another Notable Victory for Organized Labor in Omaha. The threatened difficulty between the Nebraska Exposition commission and the labor organizations of Omaha over the wages being paid to plasterers on the Nebraska building on the exposition grounds has been adjusted.

Before the construction of the Nebraska building was commenced the commission with the labor organizations, regarding the scale of wages adopted by the Omaha four unions should be the guide in fixing the wages to be paid men employed on the Nebraska building.

LINCOLN, Jan. 31.—Hon. W. H. Dearing, Secretary, Omaha: Dear Sir—Your letter of the 27th inst. is received, insuring that we comply with the request of the board of the building the Omaha four unions should be the guide in fixing the wages to be paid men employed on the Nebraska building.

Prerequisites Ordered to Leave. Briggs Grace and John Wilson were brought before Judge Gordon on a charge of being suspicious characters.

Urging Government Aid for Canal. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 1.—In the senate today Mr. Port offered a resolution which was adopted urging the Illinois members in congress to endeavor to secure immediate aid from the government for the project of constructing the Nicaragua canal.

HITCOCK GETS OFF EASY

Displeasure of the Court: Expressed in Very Mild Terms.

JUDGE KEYSOR LETS HIM DOWN GENTLY

His Attack on the Court Was Unnecessary, but Contempt is Avoided Through a Technicality in the Indemnifying Bond.

Judge Keysor yesterday morning handed down his opinion in the case of the State of Nebraska against Gilbert M. Hitchcock, publisher of the World-Herald.

Judge Keysor holds that so long as Mr. Hitchcock published a resolution adopted by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners as a matter of news he was not guilty of contempt. The court further holds that when he issued the injunction, restraining the publication of the resolution heretofore referred to, he was in no wise abridging the liberty of the press, as was claimed by the defendant.

The court desires to say at the outset, however, that the defendant's conduct was not a disobedience of its orders, as was necessary to test defendant's rights.

Charles W. Hamilton died November 19, 1886, in this city and left an estate valued at \$129,000, consisting largely of personal property.

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OMAHA FIRM AND DENVER BUILDING Trouble Anticipated for the Builders. A story has been sent out from Denver, Colo., to the effect that the local contractors who bid on the construction of the new United States mint building to be erected in that city are expressing doubts as to the ability of Hubbard & Co. of Omaha to erect the structure at a profit.

And this ruling on the bond acquits Mr. Hitchcock of any contempt of court. Mr. Hitchcock's attorney, Mr. King, is understood to be satisfied with the ruling.

NEGLIGENT HIS RIGHTS. The police board knew that said affidavits were on file, and if any of the material facts therein stated were not true, it was its duty to inform the court.

The Denver story alleges that Mr. Scrier has announced that all three of the firms who underbid his firm have proposed in their bids the available granite above the quarries of Geddis & Scrier in Colorado and that this firm has quoted none of them absolute prices.

Not the Omaha Willing. A picture of Joe Williams, which was enclosed in a letter from Chief McMahon of Little Rock, Ark., to the governor, was shown to the Omaha Willing.

Answers Her Husband's Suit. In the divorce suit of Robert A. Brantly against Juanita Brantly, the defendant has filed an answer in which she says that she is the one who is seeking a separation.

Denies the Writ. The domestic difficulties of Lizzie and Louis Krotzsch were given an airing in Judge Krotzsch's court today, when the plaintiff sought a writ of habeas corpus.

SHOWS LIFE SAVERS AT WORK

Lieutenant McLellan Comes to Establish a Branch of the Service.

PLAN OF THE EXPOSITION MANAGEMENT

Government to Make an Exhibit of the Great Work of This Important Branch of Its Functions.

Lieutenant C. H. McLellan, an officer of the United States Life Saving Service, is in the city to arrange the details regarding the exhibit to be made by that department of the government at the exposition.

This officer has had extensive experience in this line of work, having been in charge of the exhibits made by the department at the Philadelphia Centennial, the exhibitions at London and Paris and at Chicago and Atlanta. He stated to the exposition officials that it is the desire of the service to install a complete station of the life saving service and equip it with a full crew of men and all the latest life saving devices in use in the actual work of the department.

Provision has been made by the architect of the exposition for the installation of such an exhibit at one side of the broad pool forming the west end of the lagoon, known as the Mirror.

Claims Against Hamilton Estate. Charles W. Hamilton, a resident of New York, has filed claims against the estate of Charles W. Hamilton, deceased, aggregating \$38,638.52.

Restrains the Hackmen. J. B. Hitchcock, the Kitchen Brothers' Hotel company has secured an injunction against John W. Carver and about all of the other hackmen of the city.

Need for Such an Institution is Becoming Very Apparent. The Department of Exhibits will soon begin to receive applications for a building to be erected for the exposition.

HOUSING FOR FOREIGN EXHIBITS.

Southwestern Nebraska Interested. There will be a meeting of vast importance to the eight counties of southwestern Nebraska today at McCook, at which arrangements will be made for their representation at the state session of the Transmississippi Exposition.

For Stock Growers' Headquarters. Peter Jensen of Jensen, Neb., is in the city attending the beet sugar convention and is also taking advantage of his presence here to make arrangements for a building to be erected for the exposition.

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THREE MEN BADLY SCORCHED

Were Chased Out of Bed by a Fierce Wave of Flame.

RESULT OF FIRE AT A RESTAURANT

Escape by Stairs Cut Off and Six Men Forced to Seek Safety by Jumping from the Second Story.

Six men narrowly escaped death in the burning of the Rose restaurant, 1304 Farnam street, early yesterday morning. Three were burned quite severely and are at present confined at St. Joseph's hospital.

At 4:45 yesterday morning a peevish intruder passing the restaurant heard cries from the second story of the building and looking up saw several men gesticulating wildly at him.

THE FIRE STARTED. The origin of the fire is a mystery, although it is supposed to have started in some way near the kitchen range which is situated near the middle of the building.

Late Applications for Space. Among the applications for space for exhibits which have been received by the Department of Exhibits are the following: The St. Louis Well Machine and Tool company, 900 feet for an exhibit of machinery in operation; the Whiteacre company of Grand Rapids, Mich., 200 feet for carpenter's work; the W. S. White company of New York, 300 feet for a very fine exhibit of sulphur in all its forms; Harron Portrait and Picture Frame company of Grand Rapids, Mich., 200 feet for a display of water colors; Antonio DeCaro of Chicago, space in the Italian section for imported art goods; Callahan & Gluck, New York, 5,000 feet in the French section for a display of tapestry, enameled jewelry, silk shawls and French products.

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INCREASE IN INTERNAL REVENUE.

Receipts in Omaha Office Show a Tremendous Growth.

During the month of January the total receipts in Omaha of the United States internal revenue department, according to the report of Collector Houtz, were \$189,848.01, as against \$95,880.26 in the corresponding month of 1897.

Honors for Boyles. Kendrick C. Hill of New York City, chairman of the National Stenographers' association, was appointed to the position of official court reporter of this city, chairman of the Nebraska committee of the national association, and it is expected that the association will meet in Omaha during the Transmississippi Exposition.

Overcoat and Thief Secured. An overcoat belonging to James Donaldson, stolen out of the Midway saloon by Jeff Bates, was recovered yesterday afternoon and Bates was placed under arrest.

Prospects for Kansas Exhibit. E. S. Tucker, the Kansas commissioner for the exposition, reports that he has just made a tour of the state in the interest of the

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