

TALE OF WOODS AND WILDS

"Rex Wayland's Fortune" Deals with the Mountains and Rivers.

NEW STORY OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST

What a Pair of Writers Saw in a Buggy Ride Half Across the Continent—Some Recent Literary Productions.

There are but few people who do not enjoy a tale of the woods and wilds, and to all such "Rex Wayland's Fortune," or "The Secret of the Thunderbird" will appeal most strongly.

The secret of the Thunderbird will appeal most strongly to the lovers of the romance of the state of Washington and the neighboring Olympic mountains.

There has just come to hand a copy of a new book bearing the title "Mr. Eagle's U. S. A." by John L. Wright and Mrs. Abbie Ames, as seen in a buggy ride of 1,400 miles from Illinois to Boston.

"A Manual of Modern International Law" is a recent publication which is highly recommended as a model of concise statement of existing international law.

"Worry and Its Cure" is the subject of the leading article in the September Temple. After picturing the nature of this complaint and its consequences the author gives cogent reasons for considering it entirely a needless and curable ailment.

Theodore Waters has a poem and W. L. Calver an article in the September Home Magazine on the Battle of Harlem.

Books received: "The Young Bank Messenger," by Horatio Alger, Jr.; "Henry T. Coates & Co., Philadelphia."

"A Great Love," by Clara Louise Burnham. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., New York.

Literary Notes. Dr. Max Nordau's new novel will not be published in London until the autumn.

The Macmillan company will publish early in the fall "The Princess" by Zola, translated by Mary J. Serrano.

Mme. Sarah Grand is said to be at work upon a short dramatic sketch founded upon the life of Cleopatra.

Henry James' new novel is promised early in the autumn. The story will appear under the title, "The Two Magicians."

The Funk & Wagnell company announce that the Cyclopaedia of Classified Dates, which has been under completion for several years, is now ready for publication.

It was only a very few weeks ago that the latest work by Winnie Davis was given to the public and her death following soon will be a great shock to her admirers.

A portrait of Edmond Rostand, the suddenly famous author of "Cyrano de Bergerac," appears in the September issue of "The Atlantic Monthly."

Mr. J. A. Altshuler's "A Soldier of Manhattan" has been published in Australia. Among the many favorable English reviews of this novel has been a notice of considerable length in the London Times, which gives cordial praise to the book.

Mark Twain is the next famous person to be introduced by Onoto Watanna. Mr. Putnam's earlier publications in the order of their appearance were "Mark Twain," "The Impressions," "Songs of the Cedar," "The

OPENING OF CITY SCHOOLS

First Day Sees a Handsome Increase in the Number Attending.

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY ONE BADLY CROWDED

Pressure for Room There Requires the Classes to Be Raised to a Minimum of Forty Instead of Thirty.

The public schools of Omaha opened Monday with an increase in attendance over last year of about 750. Reports of the teachers show that a total of 14,400 pupils responded to the roll call against 13,710 last year.

The increase in the attendance was noticeable in every school in the city and was pretty well distributed among the whole number. As a consequence none of the grammar schools were overcrowded with scholars, although the Cass, Central, Lake and one or two other schools are slightly crowded.

The high school, however, is more crowded than it was last year. The attendance has been increased almost 100. The number who responded to the roll call on the opening day was 1,047, against an attendance of 925 last year.

The cause of this action lies in the fact that the supply of kindergarten teachers in this city is far in excess of the demand. There are at the present time some seventy young women who are waiting for positions in Omaha's public school system, and these are all occupied.

According to the action of the Board of Education kindergarten training will no longer be given in the public schools to volunteers who expect in time to become regular kindergarten teachers.

Deaths—Albin Ulander, 973 North Twenty-sixth, girl; Valentine Szozzok, girl; Andrew Johnson, 424 North Thirty-third, girl; Frank Rohrbach, 1750 South Thirtieth, boy; Joseph Schneider, girl; Joseph Muech, boy; George Oshenben, 2418 Parker, boy; Thomas L. Roberts, 2412 Grand, boy; Ludwig Landen, 1907 Paul, boy; Jonas Fritz, 2936 Castellar, boy.

Deaths—Nora Ciba, 607 South Seventeenth, 26 years; Jerry Calahan, Thirty-third and Dodge, 75 years; William Bechtel, Winfield, 78 years; Bernard Connelly, 1615 Cass, 43 years; Eddie Samuel, Tenth and Paul, 11 months; Joseph Womzoe, 1705 St. Mary's avenue, 39 years.

Will Let the Matter Rest. The ordinance which was introduced at a special meeting of the city council last week providing that right of way should be given to the East Omaha Bridge and Terminal company, 78 years; Bernard Connelly, 1615 Cass, 43 years; Eddie Samuel, Tenth and Paul, 11 months; Joseph Womzoe, 1705 St. Mary's avenue, 39 years.

County Commissioners Meet. The trial of Simon B. Clarke, justice of the peace for West Omaha, on charges of malfeasance, was again postponed from county court this time until the 30th, owing to the illness of a witness.

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WOMAN Baffles Sneak Thief

Mrs. Peckham of Chicago Has a Wreath with an Intruder in Her Room at the Paxton.

Two hotel sneak thieves were balked in an attempt to commit a robbery in the rooms of Mrs. C. H. Peckham of Chicago at the Paxton hotel yesterday morning at 7:30 by the plucky actions of Mrs. Peckham.

Mrs. Peckham was only prevented from following the men by her scant attire. The robbers secured but a silver dollar. Prior to the visit to Mrs. Peckham's room one of the men sneaked into the elder Mr. Kitchen's room and ran into that gentleman who was dressing. With an apology to the effect that he had entered the wrong room the thief withdrew.

Mr. and Mrs. Peckham occupy room 52 on the second floor of the hotel. At 7 o'clock Mr. Peckham arose and went down stairs to breakfast, leaving his wife half asleep. She was so drowsy that she neglected to lock the door behind her husband. He had been gone about ten minutes when Mrs. Peckham was aroused by a noise at her bureau drawers. She sat up and saw a man work rummaging about the bureau. Instead of covering her head in the blankets and going into hysterics the plucky woman sprang for the room door, opened it and began to scream.

The thief was not disconcerted in the least by her screams. He simply smiled at her and leisurely made his way to the door to make his escape. Mrs. Peckham stood in the entrance and barred his way, and when he sought to push her aside, grappled with him and screamed.

The two struggled for a moment and finally the man threw her off and left the room. As he went he snatched his fingers as a signal and he was joined by another man who had been keeping guard on the outside of the door. Despite the fact that the corridor was in a state of hubbub the two with cool effrontery made their way down the front stairway and escaped. Half way down the stairs they met H. J. Jurking, head waiter in the hotel, who was on his way to Mrs. Peckham's assistance. One of the sneaks said to him in a voice that betrayed no excitement: "Say, you had better hurry up. There is a crazy woman in 52, and she is very violent." Jurking said that at the very moment he really thought the screams uttered by some insane woman. Mrs. Peckham's first scream brought out a dozen or more guests in various attitudes, who looked wonderingly about. None of them, however, went to the rescue, although it must have been plain to them what the trouble was, as she repeatedly called for the police and to "stop thief."

Mrs. Peckham said that she could identify the man who was in her room among a thousand. She says she was fashionably dressed in a black frock suit and wore a black stiff hat. His face, which is a prepossessing one, was adorned with a heavy sandy mustache. He weighs about 140 pounds and is in height about five feet and a half. His companion she did not get a good look at.

Mr. Peckham is the western agent for the A. C. McClurg book and holiday goods company of Chicago.

FRATERNAL UNION PROGRAM

Local Lodges Entertaining the Supreme Officers of the Order During the Present Week.

This is fraternal week for the Fraternal Union of America at Omaha and the exposition. The following supreme officers arrived this morning from Denver, Colo.: Colonel John L. Handley, supreme secretary and ex-G. A. R. department commander; Dr. S. T. McDermit, supreme physician; and the prominent in state and national medical associations; S. S. Baty, supreme treasurer, for many years prominently identified with fraternal work; Hon. C. W. Stephenson, ex-district attorney and orator of the order.

The supreme officers will visit the exposition today and on Thursday evening Banner Lodge, No. 11, will extend to them a public reception and banquet. All members of the order will be admitted to this reception upon giving the regular pass-word of the order. Their friends will be admitted upon special invitations which may be had by calling upon the secretary, J. H. Mason at 1614 Farnam street.

Mondamin lodge will give a reception and banquet on Monday evening, which will be attended by the supreme officers, members of the order and their friends.

The balance of the week will be spent in visiting the exposition and other places of interest in the city. Seventy-five lodges in this vicinity have been invited to spend the week in Omaha and partake of the hospitality of the Omaha members. It is expected a large number of members will be present during the entire week.

FEDERAL BUILDING NOTES.

L. L. Troy of Chicago, superintendent of the railway mail service for the Sixth division, is in the city on official business, and is finding some time to look at the exposition.

New floor scales are to be put in the new postoffice, as the scale now in use is inadequate to the business now being done there. The new one will permit the weighing of truck loads of mail sacks at one time and will greatly facilitate the work of the office.

Judge Munge has been called upon to act judicially on his first case under the new bankruptcy law. He has approved the agreement made between L. L. Parson of Chadron and his creditors, whereby the former is to pay 40 per cent of the claims against him and is thereupon to be relieved of further liability on these debts. The money is to be paid to the First National bank of Chadron and the receipts from the creditors are to be turned in to the court for the guidance of the judge in finally disposing of the matter.

N. B. Scott, commissioner of internal revenue, has made a decision upon the new agreement to sell, which applies to the revenues at the union stock yards. The question was raised by two firms of commission men at South Omaha. The commissioner decided that in all transactions at the yards where sales of live stock are made a stamp of 1 cent shall be placed upon sales for each \$100 of value received. The stock yard is to be "classified as being under the application of 'other similar place,' where the language in the law reads 'exchange, or store of trade, or other similar place.' Where the sales are made in a private yard, in cattle cars, or while the stock is grazing upon the prairie, they are exempt from the tax, as these places are not considered general meeting places for trading. The commissioner also holds that the commission men are required to pay this tax on all sales shown by their books since July 1 last.

Fifth Ward Mass Meeting. A mass meeting of Fifth warders will be held at Erling's hall tonight to consider the advisability of asking the national authorities to donate to the city of Omaha the government building at the exposition grounds. Promoters of the meeting say the building can be had for the asking. It is well constructed of first-class material, and could with little expense be made a permanent memorial of the exposition and be put to many good uses by the city.

AGREEMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF SALE.

The books showing all such sales subsequent to July 1, 1893, must be produced and examined and the amount of tax which should have been paid must be ascertained and collected and hereafter the tax must be paid promptly in the manner provided by law.

MISSOURI PACIFIC AND EXPOSITION WILL ENTERTAIN THE SOLDIER BOYS ON FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK.

General Passenger Agent Townsend of the Missouri Pacific has tendered the use of a special train to the Twenty-second regiment of regulars now at Fort Crook, to bring them to Omaha on Friday morning to spend the day at the exposition and to return to the army post on Friday night.

The management of the exposition has arranged that the regiment will be the guests of the exposition on Friday. The soldiers will be admitted free of charge, and a banquet will be served them at Markel's by the exposition management. The railroad company has donated the special train on the condition that the soldiers will be the guests of the exposition. After these arrangements had been made a local paper endeavored to make arrangements with the Missouri Pacific for the free transportation of the regiment to Omaha and return in ninety days. It is believed that the regiment was to become its guests. The request of the paper was turned down, as the railroad company had already contributed the train in accordance with the plans of the exposition management.

HABEAS CORPUS FOR HARLOW. Judge Sibbigh Releases the Prisoner for Whom Judge Gordon Had Suspended a Sentence.

Judge Sibbigh has let out on habeas corpus the man, Harlow, whose sentence of ninety days had been suspended by Judge Gordon, but a mittimus for whose release had been re-issued by the sheriff and the jailer. Judge Sibbigh is inclined to the opinion that the police judge's jurisdiction expired when the man was committed, but there are certain considerations involved in the case which operated to induce the judge to allow the writ to have its full effect. A similar move will be made in behalf of Harris.

TALKS OF THE UNION PACIFIC.

Butte Man Makes Public Some Interests. RUTHE, Mont., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—A well known railroad man who was in Omaha a few days ago and was close to the Union Pacific officials was in Butte recently and made some important statements relative to the Union Pacific and Short Line relations.

"I was told," he said, "that all negotiations for a consolidation of the two lines have been dropped and by agreement no change in the present relations of the two roads is to be made for at least two years. During that time it will be determined what is best for the Short Line, whether it shall remain independent or be taken over by the Union Pacific system. The Short Line is planning for the expenditure of more money in improvements during the next year than ever before in the history of the road and it is done with the understanding that the road shall be operated independently for at least two years."

It is stated that a consolidation had been practically decided upon and several dates had been set for the consolidation to go into effect, but the Short Line people made such a strong representation against the matter that the consolidation was postponed and the road is to be given an opportunity to show during the next two years what course will be best for the benefit of the stockholders.

Opening a New Line. WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Sept. 20.—Information from Grand Forks this morning shows that at least 2,000 North Dakota business men and citizens will come to Superior on the excursion which makes the formal opening of the Fosston branch of the Great Northern. The people of Superior are today making final arrangements for the visitors' entertainment and the city is being decorated for the memorable occasion.

President Hill and other prominent railroad men will be here to witness the formal opening of a branch of his great system, which is to make a great change in the current of traffic from northern Minnesota and North Dakota to the Fosston branch traverses a rich new territory between Superior and Posston which will be quickly developed and gives the Great Northern direct connection with its Dakota lines. A big cut in fares has already been announced, to take effect the 25th, and lively competition will follow.

Engage Gold for Import. NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Brown Brothers have engaged \$1,000,000 and Zimmerman & Forsyth \$100,000 gold for import.

Lazard-Freres have engaged \$1,000,000 gold in London for import to New York. A member of the firm of Brown Bros. & Co. said today that the gold they were importing consists of American coin (eagles) and that it had been purchased from the Bank of England. Importation was a regular natural exchange operation, the result of purchases of commercial and bankers' bills, and was of course, a profitable transaction. The price charged by the Bank of England for the American coin was not learned. The transaction, however, disclosed the interest of the Bank of England in holding any American gold coin, and the news of today purchase by Brown Bros. & Co. was in the nature of a surprise to some persons.

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VICTIMS RECOGNIZE THEM

Identification of the Long and Short Men Made More Complete.

THEY HELD UP A PAIR OF FRIENDS

Acquaintances Stopped, Robbed, Chatted with, Given Back Their Money and Placed Under a Pledge to Say Nothing.

Two more victims of the "Long and Short" highwaymen, James Cook and "Soapy" McDonald, positively identified the men yesterday morning. The two, whose names are John and Henry Brown, are brothers, and friends of the highwaymen. Their identification of the men was effected from them by the police and their relatives. They did not want to give Cook and McDonald away, because they feared the footpads' gang. When they faced the two highwaymen the recognition was mutual.

The Henry brothers were victims of the last of the series of Sunday night hold-ups Cook and McDonald committed. The two were walking north on Fourteenth street, near Center street, when they were accosted by the footpads, who ordered them to throw up their hands. They did so and the robbers proceeded to do. When they left the footpads gave them their money back and wished them good night.

Brown called to Cook and asked him what he meant by holding him a friend up. Seeing they were recognized the two took off their masks, and entered into conversation with the Browns. They begged the boys to say nothing about the occurrence to any one, and not to mention their names. This the Browns promised to do. When they left the footpads gave them their money back and wished them good night.

Later being unable to keep the secret the brothers confided in an elder brother who identified the men by taking them to the police station and identify the two men.

Samuel Newman, the grocer at Tenth and Center streets, where rooms were robbed a week ago of diamond jewelry to the value of \$1,000, called at the station this morning and identified the men. Cook said he was a burglar who held a revolver on him the night of the robbery while his partner was looking for plunder.

John Cook McDonald was arraigned before Judge Gordon in police court yesterday. He pleaded not guilty to four counts of robbery and his bond was fixed at \$1,000 in each case.

Three counts cover the four hold-ups then committed, the victims being James Rooney, James S. P. Harrington and Anton France. Captain Sigward's name appears in each complaint as informant. McDonald's father and sister were in court and promised the "long" man that a bondman would be secured for him and that he would be released before nightfall. But he was not. None of Cook's friends made their appearance. Carrie Hart, whose buggy was used by the two men in their effort to leave the city, was an interested spectator of the proceedings.

MURDER OLD MAN FOR MONEY

Three Robbers Strangle Him to Death and Also Assault His Wife.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Andrew Cassagne was strangled to death by three men last night in a tenement in Brooklyn which he occupied with his wife. According to the story told to the police by Mrs. Cassagne she had left the room for a few minutes in which she and her husband slept. Returning she found her husband beside the bed while three men stood over him. She ran to her husband's side, but was grasped by the throat and held there nearly to insensibility, while the third man searched the room, finding \$500 under the mattress of the bed. Meanwhile Mrs. Cassagne had contrived to reach the door opening in the hall and called for help. Her assailants relaxed their grasp on her throat and she was then able to scream, which she did just as the three men fled from the tenement with the money. There were dark blue marks upon Mrs. Cassagne's neck bearing out the story of the assault upon her. Cassagne, who had been choked to death, was 54 years of age, his wife being six years younger. The police have arrested two men on suspicion. They are Michael Migel and John Taomas.

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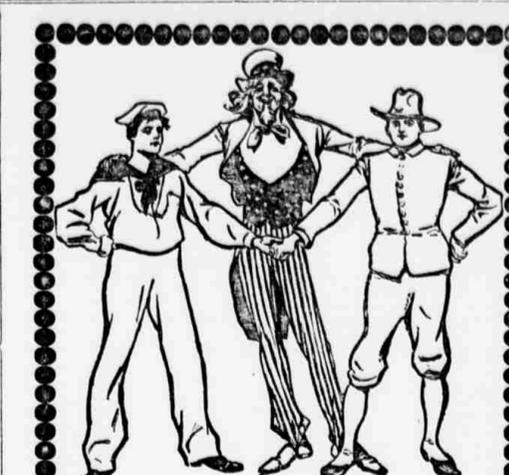
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CHANGES IN CIVIL SERVICE

Honor Order is to Be Issued Taking Places Out of the Classified List.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: President McKinley has again taken up the question of relaxing the civil service rules, so as to open more places for political appointments. Some months ago when the subject was under discussion in congress the president had the head of each executive department prepare recommendations showing which places under his department best could be exempted from the civil service rules. An executive order was drawn up based on these recommendations, and it has been on the desk of the president untouched ever since. Now that the war is not occupying so much of his attention, and as the congressional campaign is making the pressure for change stronger, the president is considering the matter, and it is expected that he will issue an order in a short time taking a large number of places from the classified civil service and throwing them open to appointment by the various heads of departments and their subordinates. The places which will be removed from the protection of the civil service law are those of private secretaries and chief clerks and confidential clerks of heads of departments and assistant heads of departments and all persons classed as firemen, watchmen and laborers. The most important exemptions will be in the internal revenue service throughout the country, where all deputy collectors of internal revenue and all storekeepers and gaugers who receive less than \$3 per day are to be taken from the classified service.

In the customs service the only places now in the classified service that will be exempted are two at New York—the counsel to the board of general appraisers and the paymaster to the collector of the port of New York. In the Department of Justice all attorneys and assistant attorneys and all deputy marshals are to be taken from the service. In the postal service all superintendents of branch postoffices and carrier stations and all clerks in charge of carrier stations, assistant cashiers, private secretaries and stenographers to postmasters in the larger cities, messengers, porters, charwomen, janitors, watchmen and laborers, are to be taken from the classified service.

A stubborn cough or choking in the throat yields to One Minute Cough Cure. Harmless in effect, touches the right spot, reliable and just what is wanted. It acts at once.

Children Turn Burglars. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—It has just been learned that on September 9 a number of children entered the residence of

Removing sick from Camp Hospital. NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The hospital steamer Shinneck, with 259 sick soldiers from Camp Wikoff on board, reached port today. About one-half of the men were transferred to hospitals here or sent home on furlough. The others, mostly regulars, were conveyed to Jersey City, where they were put on board a hospital train, to be removed to Fort Meyer, Va.

Coal Miners' Strike Ended. MONONGAHELA CITY, Pa., Sept. 20.—The coal miners' strike in the third pool is over and work will be resumed in all the pits tomorrow, pending a settlement of the differences by arbitration. Both sides have agreed to abide by the decision of the arbitrators. The acceptance of the arbitration proposition is regarded as a victory for the miners.

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