

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Most Interesting Account of the Philippines, Their Resources, Climate and People.

BEAUTIFUL SOUVENIR HOLIDAY CARDS

Latest Works of the Romance Writers and Other Books for Holiday Season—Story of the Spanish War as Depicted by a Camera.

The last fortnight has been full of activity at the leading publishing houses of the country and the week to come will be equally so.

A work that may be considered as especially timely is "The Philippine Islands and Their People," by Dean Worcester.

"The Story of Beautiful Porto Rico," by C. H. Rector, is valuable for the many pictures reproduced from photographs and for the facts given in regard to the resources and productions of the island.

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A very recent work is "The Potentate," by Miss Forbes-Robertson, which has originality in both style and matter.

H. B. Marriott-Wilson has told an excellent story in "The Adventurers," which deals with the exciting experiences of a young London lawyer in a wild country.

"The True History of the Missouri Compromise and Its Repeal," by Mrs. Archibald Dixon, is a work that will appeal to the widest of our new colonial possessions.

During the last two months attention has been directed to new boys' books by James Otis, and quite recently an extended account was given of this voluminous writer of juvenile literature.

The makers of books as well as magazine publishers have given a great deal of attention to the late war and episodes growing out of it.

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HUNT IS IN A TIGHT PLACE

Cross-Examination of the State's Witness Gets Down to Business.

HIDING BEHIND STATUTORY PROTECTION

Refuses to Answer Many Questions Because of Fear of Incriminating Himself and Forgets All About Important Transactions.

The cross-examination of A. J. Hunt, the principal witness of the state in the case in which W. F. Bechel is charged with embezzlement, which has been in progress since last Friday, was finally completed yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday morning the examination was brought back to the destruction of credit letters by the witness.

"Did you not destroy these stubs," continued Mr. Connell, "because you thought it would be to your advantage to do so?"

"I refuse to answer," said the witness, "on the ground that it might tend to incriminate myself."

The same answer was returned to other questions along the same line and the defense insisted that since the witness had voluntarily gone into this matter in his direct examination, they were entitled to answers in the cross-examination.

On this question there was another tilt between the attorneys, in which the ruling of the court was decidedly favorable to the defense.

Connell insisted on an answer to the question, and the county attorney contended that even if it was proved that the witness was short in his accounts, this was no defense to Bechel.

The court stated emphatically that he did not agree with this proposition. "This witness," said Judge Sibaugh, "has given testimony, the object of which is to show that the defendant is guilty."

Hunt then answered the last question in the affirmative, but persisted in making the question whether his shortage covered any of the drafts that he had evidence in this case.

Then the investigation took a new tack and the witness stated, since the previous hearing he had talked with Wetling and the county attorney, relative to what evidence he should give in regard to his two bank accounts.

In the afternoon the attention of the witness was again called to an alleged confession by him which he had told Mitchell and Hopkins in Denver, which he had admitted to be \$14,000 to \$15,000 in the Armistice mine, that he had put up all the money, as Bechel had none.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Maryland has in its public schools 236,003 scholars, an increase of 6,056 over last year.

A new school board of Chicago is opposed to married women as teachers and has introduced a resolution excluding them from the schools.

A new scholarship has just been conferred on the scientific school of Harvard university by a gift of \$10,000 from J. R. Jennings of the class of '77.

On an average, "said Superintendent Jasper of New York," the number of pupils in the New York schools increases 15,000 a year, requiring 250 new teachers.

Now comes a new and unexpected phase of public school discussion in New York City in the department of the school year.

A noteworthy teacher who has just died in Philadelphia at the advanced age of 89 was Miss Florence F. Purshouse.

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ACCUSED CONFESSES TO HIS GUILT

Has Been Plundering the Stamp Drawer of Small Change for a Long Time, but is Finally Caught.

Even old Robert Major, who for nearly eight years has been a trusted employee at the postoffice building, has erred and has been placed under arrest. He has been accused of stealing stamps and money of the value of \$100, and has admitted his guilt.

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The burning and discontinuance of the Lincoln Normal college has added about fifty new students to the university. It will probably mean a permanent addition in the future to the attendance in the department of pedagogy.

The two rooms occupied by the American history department are to be decorated so as to illustrate the chief periods in our national career by Prof. Caldwell. One room will be given to the constitutional and early years of our history, the other to the subsequent time.

Prof. Lawrence Bruner is delivering a series of ten lectures before the teachers of the Omaha city schools, at the invitation of Superintendent Pearce. The lectures are on the subject of insects and birds and their relation to man. They are assigned to help the teachers in bringing nature studies into their schools.

Prof. Haecker of the Minnesota Dairy school writes Chancellor MacLean that since the starting of the school in 1932 there have been added to the state from seventy-five to 125 separator creameries every year and from 200 to 100 young people have gone forth from the school annually to take charge of them. The result has been a revolution in the farming districts of a large part of the state, which is still going on.

In Science for November 18 Dr. Bessey has an article reviewing a very recent publication from the British government press at London, which reports the progress of the presidency. The region covered extends along the Arabia sea for a distance of 1,000 miles and inland 200 miles. There are 273 species of grasses growing there, and the region. Some of them promise to be of value in other regions, which makes the publication of Nebraska interest—the greatest agricultural need of this state today being a strong perennial forage plant that will endure dry seasons.

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More than 50 per cent of the children of school age in St. Louis do not attend school.

University of Nebraska Notes. Holiday vacation will begin December 24 and continue until January 3.

The year's debating contests begin December 16, 17 and 18, with the preliminary round on the 16th.

Prof. Fosler lectured at Stromsburg last week. Prof. Fling has several lecture engagements for early fulfillment.

The college settlement workers gave a reception to the department of English literature at their home building on the flats Wednesday night of last week.

The great topic "Insurance" was the subject of an interesting series of lectures by Judge Fawcett of Douglas county, just concluded before the senior law class.

Miss Mabel Metcalf has been appointed a special teacher for my teacher's lecture to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Hannah A. Wallace.

Dr. Bessey delivered his lecture on "Some Features of the History of the State of Nebraska" at Palmyra this week. The demand for lectures from the university faculty continues to grow.

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