NEW BOOKS OF THE MONTH

Works on Current History and Descriptive of Newly Acquired Provinces.

VOLUMES FOR ALL CLASSES OF READERS

An Abundance of Valuable and Entertaining Fiction for Readers Both Young and Old—Halstead's Account of the Philippines.

The stirring events of the last twelve months have furnished an abundance of material for the writers of current history, as well as works on travel. The Spanish war has proven an almost inexhaustible mine and it would seem as if the makers of books would never tire of telling, or the public of reading about that short, but decisive struggle. The annexation of new islands, concerning which little was known in this country, has furnished great opportunities for descriptive writing bearing upon the people, the products and the scenery of these newly acquired provinces. A work that would answer to this latter description is Albert Gardner Robinson's, "The Porto Rico of Today." The author went to Porto Rico in August, 1898, as a special correspondent of the New York Evening Post, and his book is based upon the letters which he wrote for his paper. The most interesting and apparently the most carefully prepared portions of the work are those in which the author deals with the industrial possibilities of Porto Rico. The resources of the island are almost exclusively agricultural. It is a wonderfully fertile land, capable of extraordinary things in the way of coffee or sugar raising, and Mr. Robinson points out the directions in which American ingenuity and capital may develop it. The most obvious need seems to be that of adequate facilities for transportation. With 3,600 square miles of territory, there are in the whole island, 150 miles of roads, good bad and indifferent. This is due to Spanish corruption which taxed the people heavily for highways that were never built. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

Another work of this same character and one that is bound to attract attention by reason of the prominence of the author is "The Story of the Philippines," by Murat Halstead. The veteran newspaper man has gone to the bottom of the subject, sparing no pains in research, and the results of his observations as set forth in this volume will be found most interesting reading at the present time. Authentic information about the Philippines is hard to secure just when it is most needed by thoughtful people anxious to settle in their own minds the all-important question of annexation. The Dominion Company, Publishers, Chicago. Price $2.

A book on the Nicaragua canal project is certainly very timely in view of the discussions that have been carried on in congress and through the columns of the daily press. To meet the general desire for reliable and full information bearing upon this great project Henry I. Sheldon of Chicago has published a second and enlarged edition of his "Notes on the Nicaragua Canal." The author says of his work: "The business men of the country wanted more information of a practical kind about the proposed Nicaragua canal, more details about the country, people, climate, labor supply and sanitary conditions, and after thirty years of business life in Chicago I volunteered to visit Central America and examine the whole subject like any other strictly business proposal. To be thorough, I then looked at the ship canals in other countries. For convenience in distribution my report has been printed in book form." Mr. Sheldon carefully evades the mass of statistical tables generally to be found in works on large commercial subjects and still gives full ideas as to the probable cost, profits, etc., of this important work. The book fully describes a trip taken over the entire canal route after cessation of operations by the company which undertook the construction of the canal and shows how little effect the trying climate of the tropics has had on the canal work already done. The book gives not only valuable information on the subject of the Nicaragua canal, its concession, work done, prospects, etc., but enters into a full and careful description of the country, its people and their habits, its industries, etc. Aside from the value of the book as treating of the canal question it is a valuable addition to our literature of foreign countries. A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago. Cloth, $1.25.

Recent Works of Fiction.

"The Two Standards" is a new novel by Rev. William Barry. It is seldom that the author of a successful novel waits twelve years before following it up with a new one, but that is exactly what Dr. Barry has done. His first success, "The New Antigone," appeared in 1887 and it was a charming story. In his new work Dr. Barry presents very vividly many phases of English social, artistic and religious life at the end of the nineteenth century. His heroine, Marian Greystoke, a girl of 19, "perverse, willful, obstinate and proud," rebelling against the narrow existence of a country vicarage, marries a millionaire, without loving him and goes to London to live, but soon realizes that Vanity Fair is a poor home for a serious minded woman. Her husband, Lucas Harland, is a great company promoter, of the type of E. T. Hooley, whose rise and fall have attracted universal attention within the last few months. This is a very striking character, and is painted to the life. But the hero of the book is Gerard Elven, a famous musician, devoted to his art, yet capable of loving strongly. The "Two Standards" of the title are moral standards and the great lesson of the story, as revealed in the experiences of the hero and heroine, is renunciation. The author's delicate appreciation of music, art and literature, his love of nature and knowledge of the world, lend a charm to his writing which mere skill in the weaving of a plot could never give it. All his charaters, and there are many of them, are real people, and the great financier is hit off as truly as the Catholic priest. This is the more remarkable as the author is himself a churchman. His masters in divinity were Italian cardinals; he celebrated his first mass at the shrine of St. Peter; it was his privilege to attend the public sessions of the Vatican council in Rome, and he witnessed the taking of the Eternal City by the Italian army. In England he has been a professor of metaphysics and theology, and a contributor of The Quarterly and the Dublin Review. In 1894 he lectured in London at the Royal Institution on "Masters of Modern Thought," and in 1897 was invited to deliver the centennial address on the death of Edmund Burke in both London and Dublin. He has also traveled and lectured in this country, and his story teems with appreciative references to America, the scene being laid in part in New York and Chicago. The Century Co., New York.

"The Knight of the Golden Chain," by R. D. Chetwode, is an English romance of the twelfth century and is quite as affluent in adventure as could reasonably be expected of a story of that period. It is the tale of the younger of two orphan brothers of a noble family, who, to save the family estates from a complication, permits himself to be charged with a murder committed by the elder and heir of the house. The occurrence is placed in 1139, when King Stephen was the lord of England and Matilda, daughter of the first Henry, and known as the countess of Anjou, was plotting for the crown. Escaping from prison after an incarceration of two years the young man found Stephen a prisoner in Bristol castle and Matilda the sovereign of England. Through family influence he became a member of the royal household. A French countess, given when a child to a company of strolling players by her guardian and encountered by the young man while escaping from prison, furnishes the romantic feature of the story, which ends in their union and the establishment of her identity through a golden chain which she managed to retain through her wanderings. It is a romance of the old type and is related in good style. D. Appleton & Co., New York. Cloth, $1.

"Katharine Conway" is the title of a new work of fiction by Margaret E. Blackburn, who is already known to quite a circle of readers as the author of "Things a Pastor's Wife Can Do." "Katharine Conway" is the story of a young woman, the youngest of a large family, very deeply interested in all charitable and religious works. An older sister, the reverse of the heroine in character, plots to marry the young Chicago millionaire who is deeply in love with Katharine, but the scheme fails and the story ends most happily. Charles Wells Moulton, Buffalo. Cloth, $1.25.

Florence Converse is a new southern author and a promising one, if her recent novel, "Diana Victrix," may be taken as an indication. It is a story of New Orleans, the White mountains and Boston, and portrays both southerners and northerners. The writer is naturally most at home in the Dumaris family, with its striking inmates, the refined and scholarly monsieur, his volatile but lovable second wife and the stepbrothers and little sister. To this household, proud but impoverished, come two northern girls to board for the winter. Sylvia and Enid are capital specimens of what is known as the "bachelor girl" and as a matter of course the young southerners fall in love with them. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Paper, 50 cents.

"Some Persons Unknown" is the title of a volume of stories by E. W. Hornung. The stories are good and in addition to being well written touch the deeper springs of human feeling in many a case and illustrate more or less unconventional types of human nature. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Cloth, $1.25.

Juvenile Literature.

"Through the Year," books I and II, by Anna M. Clyde and Lillian Wallace, are two delightful little books intended for supplementary school reading for third and fourth year pupils. The topics selected are those which are most seasonable for the several divisions of the calendar. They follow through the procession of the months the life of the plant from germination to seed-making; the life history of the moth and butterfly; the history of a little drop of water that "within the ocean lay," through all its varied changes into vapor, rain, hail, snow, ice, etc.; the winds and their work; also the work of the sun and rain; the appropriate history lessons clustering around the lives of the great men whose birthdays we celebrate, as Lincoln and Washington, and the important national holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Decoration day, Flag day, etc. "The First Thanksgiving" affords opportunity for an interesting account of the Pilgrims; "The Story of Columbus" appears in the month of October, and "The First Flag," with its interesting description of how Betsy Ross made the first "Stars and Stripes," appropriately ushers in Flag day. The selections are chiefly from the best standard authors and include some charming poems, while the original articles are bright and crisp. Both books are beautifully illustrated and attractively bound in buff cloth with a dainty design. Silver Burdett & Co., New York. Cloth, 36 cents each.

"The Cruise of Cachalot," by Frank T. Bullen, is a graphic story of the life and adventures of the crew of a South sea whaler which started from New Bedford and circumnavigated the globe. Mr. Bullen has given the public one of the most complete reviews of whale fishing yet presented by any writer. It is written with racy freedom of literary expression and there is an abundance of incident, so that it is really a very fascinating story and one that will be appreciated by all admirers of works of adventure. D. Appleton & Co., New York. Cloth, $1.50.

Written for the Clergy.

It has been observed that a story containing an appropriate and striking illustration of a moral truth is the pleasantest and surest medium of enforcing a character lesson. Such a story arouses the attention, stimulates interest and causes conviction. Dr. Banks has incorporated this idea that proverbs are better teachers than platitudes in his new book, "Anecdotes and Morals." Over 550 interesting anecdotes with forceful lessons have been gathered in this valuable work. They are almost entirely composed of incidents happening throughout the world within the last few months. These practical facts have been carefully selected and arranged so that they illustrate important themes and point out clear and helpful principles. All the stories are well told, with facts succinctly stated and morals lucidly explained. Although there are so many selections, each new page contains some original lesson and a constant variety is maintained throughout. They contain qualities which are sure to make them of more than ordinary value to public speakers who are anxious to present divine truths in new and captivating ways. Preachers, Sunday school teachers, prayer meeting leaders and other Christian workers will find fresh inspiration and a rich fund of suggestion in this book. All the stories are easily comprehensible, and will be found available for both young and old. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York. Cloth, $1.50.

New books received:

"Short Rations," a novel, by William Fish. Harper & Brothers, New York. Cloth, $1.25.

"Ragged Lady," a novel, by W. D. Howells. Harper & Brothers, New York. Cloth, $1.75.

"The Seapegoat," by Hall Caine. D. Appleton & Company, New York.

"Rieroft of Withens," a novel, by Halliwell Sutcliffe. D. Appleton & Co., New York. Cloth, $1.

"The Eternal Building, or the Making of Manhood," by George T. Lemmon. Eaton & Mains, New York. Cloth, $1.50.

"English Meditative Lyrics," by Theodore W. Hunt. Eaton & Mains, New York. Cloth, $1.

"Report of the State Superintendent of Public Schools of the State of Maine," by W. W. Stetson, state superintendent of schools, Augusta, Me.

Literary Notes.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. will issue in the near future a second edition of "The Magic of the Horse Shoe," with other folk-lore notes, by Robert Means Lawrence.

All lovers of the woods and fields will hail with delight the appearance of "How to Know the Ferns," by Mrs. Frances T. Parsons, a companion volume to the same author's "How to Know the Wild Flowers," which, during the few years that have elapsed since its appearance, has reached the extraordinary sale of 40,000 copies.

Mrs. Spofford's "Hester Stanley at St. Marks," lately issued in a new edition by Little, Brown & Co., contains the whole story of Samoa, together with facts about the islands not to be found elsewhere. They were all told to Mrs. Spofford personally by the Chief Mamea, who negotiated the existing treaty. The heroine of the book, it will be remembered, was a child sent from Samoa to be educated.

The next volume in Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.'s Cambridge edition of the poets will be devoted to Milton. Its editor is Mr. William Vaughn Moody of the University of Chicago, a comparatively recent graduate of Harvard, and it is said that his work has been done with rare success. This volume will be followed shortly by an edition of Keats, prepared by the general editor of the Cambridge series, Mr. Horace E. Scudder.

Mr. Frederic Palmer, who is a well known journalist, has written a book on the Klondike, which includes the account of a winter journey, as well as of a winter residence, in that famous mining field. Mr. Palmer has told the interesting story of his adventurous trip in a capital manner and has succeeded in giving us the best picture that has yet been drawn of a Klondike mining town. His book, which is to be thoroughly illustrated, will be published by the Scribners.

Following the "Memoirs of Alphonse Daudet," issued last fall, Little, Brown & Co. continue their edition of Daudet's works, with "The Nabob," translated by George Burnham Ives, with introduction by Brander Matthews. The novel is accounted one of Daudet's masterpieces, ranking with "Numa Roumestan." It is a brilliant picture of Parisian life under the second empire. The work was first issued in 1878 and has since reached a sale in France of over 160,000 copies.

A work which will be awaited with great interest is Mrs. Flach's translation of Selma Lagerlof's, "The Miracles of Antichrist," soon to be issued by Little, Brown & Co. The work is said to surpass the author's first book, "The Story of Gosta Berling." The story has already been extolled to English readers by Mr. E. Nesbit Bain in a recent number of Cosmopolis. It is worth while to learn Swedish, Mr. Bain says, "in order to read this one astonishing book in the original."

The new volumes announced for publication in the spring in Macmillan's Classical Series are "Selections from Plato," edited by Lewis L. Forman, Ph.D., instructor in Greek at Cornell university; "Selected Letters of Pliny," edited by Elmer Truesdell Merrill, M. A., professor of Latin language and literature at Wesleyan university; "Selections from the Greek Lyric Poets, Vol. I. —The Melic Poets," edited by Herbert Weir Smyth, Ph.D., professor of Greek at Bryn Mawr college.

Prof. Leo Wiener, the instructor in the Slavic languages at Harvard, has written "The History of Yiddish Literature in the Nineteenth Century." This book is an essay in an entirely new field. Yiddish, Judisch, or Judeo-German, the language, though in a baser form, of the New York Ghetto, grew up originally among the Jews, who, driven out of Germany in the middle ages, settled in Russia, Poland and Lithuania. It is still the language of nearly half a million people in the United States, most of these in New York City.

"On the South African Frontier" is the title of a book by William Harvey Brown, which Charles Scribner's Sons have now in press. It is the narrative of the adventures and observations of an American in Mashonaland and Matbeleland during the critical period of that colony. Mr. Brown spent seven years as collector, big-game hunter, gold seeker, farmer and soldier and the story of his adventurous experiences is absorbingly interesting, affording the reader a vivid series of pictures of life on the African frontier.

A notable contribution to the literature of the recent war, and one which is sure to be accepted as authoritative, is an account of the Santiago campaign by Lieutenant Colonel John D. Miley, entitled "In Cuba with Shafter," which will be published immediately by the Scribners. Lieutenant Colonel Miley, who, by the way, has recently sailed for Manila, was General Shafter's chief of staff, and is thus peculiarly qualified to be the historian of the Santiago campaign. The author's story achieves, through directness and simplicity, an interest wholly foreign to expressly picturesque writing and his pages set vividly before us the scene at Santiago and furnish those details which make possible a just estimate of the campaign.

An even dozen of notable features comprise the March menu of McClure's. Two of these are exceptionally attractive to art lovers. These are reproductions of Tissot paintings of scenes in the Holy Land, accompanied by a short sketch of the famous French artist, and Charles Dana Gibson's sketches of life in Egypt. An instructive description of "Liquid Air," the new wonder, is copiously illustrated. The Americanizing of Santiago under General Wood is breezily sketched and Lieutenant Peary's projected Arctic campaign is outlined. Kipling's story of "Stalky & Co.," Ida M. Tarbell's sketches of Lincoln and his generals and Captain Mahan's fourth instalment of the "War on Sea and Its Lessons" complete the number.

"The Story of the Princess des Ursins in Spain," by Canstance Hill (Camarera-Mayor), will be published at once by R. H. Russell. This book presents the picture of a brilliant French woman of the early eighteenth century, who is a central and dominant figure during the turmoil and chaos of the wars of the Spanish succession. Her history presents scenes of ever-varying fortune and adventure and affords glimpses of Spanish and French court life, the work of the Holy Inquisition and the intrigues of the time and forms a live and vital chapter in a period of history of never-ending value and interest. Amusing scenes of domestic life and character are not wanting, revealed in an unreserved correspondence with intimate friends, which shows that the woman who could stand alone against Europe and save a dynasty could also delight in all that was bright and charming in social life. A number of reproductions of admirable contemporary portraits further enrich a work which throughout is most interestingly, as well as most carefully, written.

Wild Rush of Diamond Miners.

A wild rush of excited miners is reported at Nullagine, Western Australia, where diamonds have been discovered in large quantities, and it is feared that many will lose their lives in the mad struggle for riches. In this country the rush for gain is causing many other men to break down in health and strength. Nervousness, sleeplessness, loss of flesh and appetite and general debility are the common symptoms. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will cure them all.

Private Matters Discussed.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Commercial club this afternoon the following new members were elected: P. B. Myers, J. P. Fallon, George S. Brown, George E. Mickel and F. W. Judson. The remainder of the session was occupied by the discussion of matters that are not yet sufficiently matured for publicity.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Members Start In to Do a Little Cutting Down of Expenses.

REDUCTION OF THE COMPTROLLER'S FORCE

Scheme to Plant Gas Lights Strikes a Snag by Mayor Interposing a Veto and Calling Attention to Condition of Funds.

The city council convened Tuesday night shortly after 7 o'clock and hustled business through in order to permit the members to attend the Elks' production of "A Night in Bohemia" at Boyd's theater for the benefit of the Nebraska soldiers in the Philippines. All business was not disposed of and consequently an adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock this morning.

The tenor of the proceedings was very largely in the direction of a reduction of expenses. The finance committee reported in favor of the resolution introduced several weeks ago, cutting two men off the force in City Comptroller Westberg's office, who were employed last summer for special work and have been retained since that time. The report recommended that the date of discharge be March 15. Owing to the absence of Councilman Burkley, chairman of the finance committee, however, the report was laid over by unanimous consent and without discussion.

Councilman Stuht also introduced a resolution that the office of assistant building inspector be dispensed with commencing with March 1. He moved to adopt the resolution, but no second was forthcoming and consequently the resolution was referred to the finance committee, also without discussion.

Mayor Moores vetoed a resolution to place a gas lamp at Twenty-ninth and Hamilton streets and the following extract from the veto message will indicate that the people of Omaha need have small hopes of more light during the coming year:

Expresses Some Surprise.

I must say that I was rather surprised that in view of the present condition of the funds your honorable body should see fit to order another gas lamp placed, when it is a fact known to all the members that if all the present lights are maintained there will be a shortage in this fund of more than $5,000 at the end of the year. It seems to me that if your honorable body is going to be consistent you will at once order enough lamps discontinued to bring the expenditure of the year within the levy and not pass resolutions ordering new lights placed, increasing the deficit. I take it for granted that a majority of the council in passing the recent levy did so with the full knowledge of the consequences and with the intention of showing good faith during the year in cutting down the expenditures to meet the levy. The citizens of Omaha certainly have a right to expect that they will do so at once, although such a course will require the cutting off of 100 gas lamps, 100 gasoline lamps and a number of electric lights. I desire to state that until such action is taken by the council I will be compelled to veto every resolution calling for the placing of additional lights.

Assistant Engineer Resigns.

Another reduction in city forces was offered, but not exactly of the same character as the foregoing. Assistant City Engineer August Stenger presented his resignation to the council to take effect March 1. A motion to accept the resignation was not seconded and on motion of Stuht, who said the resignation was sent in under pressure from City Engineer Rosewater because Stenger refused to assist him in supporting his charges against some of the councilmen, the matter was referred to the judiciary committee. The chairman of this committee is Councilman Mercer, one of the members accused by the city engineer.

The memories of the recent trip taken by the council and other city officials to Kansas City were revived in a report from the committee on arrangements. This report recited at length the pleasurable experiences of the party and concluded with the following resolutions, which will be engrossed, framed and sent to the Kansas City council:

Whereas, It was the experience of the visiting delegation to Kansas City from Omaha that their gold and silver, even though the latter contains 16 to 1, had no value or purchasing power; and,

Whereas, It was thoroughly demonstrated that our wants would be gratified and anticipated as if by mind readers; therefore, be it

Resolved by the city council of Omaha, the mayor concurring, That we, the city officials of Omaha, do hold in reverence and look back on our visitation to said Kansas City with pleasure and delight, and also feel greatly indebted to said city officials for their kindness in so successfully carrying out and anticipating our wants, thereby causing our visitation to be a continuous round of pleasure; be it further

Resolved, That the city clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of the foregoing report and resolution to the Kansas City officials.

On the Opening of a Street.

City Clerk Higby reported the receipt of the answer of General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington to the resolution passed a week ago, requesting that road and the Union Pacific to open Twenty-fourth street over their tracks by removing fences and to establish a watchman and an electric light at the crossing.

General Manager Holdrege said that the crossing would be a dangerous one and he believed that the council had not fully investigated the situation. He advised that the city engineer be instructed to investigate before any further action be taken. This suggestion was adopted, the matter being referred to the city engineer.

A committee report recommended that the city lease to the City Garbage company a tract of city land lying 300 feet east of Sixth street on Leavenworth for a period of five years or less at a yearly rental of $50 and permit the company to erect a corrugated iron stable thereon. Some opposition was evident and the matter was again referred.

An ordinance providing for the grading of Phelps street from Thirteenth to Sixteenth was introduced and read a first and second time. The February salary and claims appropriation sheet was also introduced.

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Courier Comes in Time.

ANTLERS, I. T., Feb. 28.—The race with death of the courier of United States Judge Clayton's court for the life of Wallatonka, the condemned Choctaw Indian, was won by a hair's breadth by the courier, who made the ride from South McAlester to Atikchi. Wallatonka was to have been shot for the murder of his uncle, and came to the execution grounds as he had promised to do, he having been at liberty pending final action by the court.

LOST THE MONEY AT CARDS

Cashier Cooley Said to Have Gambled Away Railroad Funds Entrusted to His Care.

Friends who have been working in behalf of Thomas H. Cooley, late cashier of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road in this city, have learned that a good portion of the funds which he is reported to be short was lost in playing cards in the quarters of the Jacksonian club. They are so certain of this that a prominent member of the club was given a petition with the suggestive remark that since the money had been dissipated in that way the club members will be expected to assist in getting Cooley out of his trouble.

Cooley was a member of the Jacksonian club and often visited it in the evening, frequently participating in a game of cards. The rules of the club provide against gambling in the quarters, but "this matter is left largely to the discretion of the steward," as one member expresses it. The steward when seen stated positively that Cooley played cards in the club rooms a number of times, but he did not notice whether any large sum of money was lost. The steward volunteered further that Cooley was in the club room Friday or Saturday evening prior to his disappearance. He could not be positive which date, he said. It is alleged that on Saturday evening Cooley had between $400 and $500 on his person and that the greater portion of this crossed the tables of the club into some Jacksonian's pocket, as he had only a little over $2 when arrested in Red Oak on February 24.

No demand has been made upon Cooley yet for the funds which he is alleged to be short, because it is not known absolutely just what amount will be required to square his accounts. The auditors of all the roads but one have completed their check and as soon as the end is reached, the surety company will receive a demand from the several roads for the funds. It is now said that the shortage will approximate $4,000. Cooley is staying at a hotel with a friend who keeps him company night and day. Friends have been endeavoring to raise enough to meet the shortage and it is understood that one man has guaranteed that if they will advance enough to help Cooley out of his trouble he will undertake personally to see that it is repaid.

WILD WEST SHOW IN COURT

Partners Have a Falling Out and Serious Charges Are Alleged.

The "Great Omaha Wild West Show" is yet to have its day of troubles in court. A suit has just been started by three of the parties interested in the show and against all the others, demanding the return of a money equivalent for their stock investments and asking for a general accounting and the wiping out of the corporation.

The plaintiffs are Frank Berger, John P. Fowler and Walter W. Bower.

It is charged that Pinckney C. Mattox and Allen Root ran the show as a co-partnership instead of as a corporation, as pretended; that the company was never legally incorporated; that Mattox and Root, Harry Cameron, Richard Mattox, Ernest Mattox, Charles Root and Ralph Young made stock over to themselves without putting in any money, save that Young did pay some cash for this purpose; that the secretary and treasurer allowed the books to be lost; that, notwithstanding thousands of dollars were taken in, the receipts were not properly accounted for, and that all the plaintiffs got out of the investment was a 10 per cent dividend.

Fraud is alleged and the statement is made that the truth about the receipts was covered up by reselling the tickets.

Selick Trial On in Court.

The trial of John Selick for shooting Conrad Kness last September was commenced Tuesday. In the evidence it came out that Selick and Kness had trouble over some property at Tenth and Charles streets, and both men used their pistols in the quarrel. Selick was a renter from John Dillon and Kness squatted on the land. The quarrel arose over an attempt by Selick to chop down a fence. The charge was simply "shooting with intent to wound," as Kness recovered in a short time and there was no testimony to prove that Selick had intended to kill him. Selick's defense was that he shot in self-defense, but the prosecution had witnesses to show that Kness was in a stooping position at the time the affair took place.

A verdict of not guilty was rendered.

Minor Matters in Court.

The will of Edwin R. Davis, late of Chicago, has been admitted to probate. Davis died last July leaving $5,000 worth of Omaha real estate. There are no heirs in this city.

Judge Slabaugh has committed Louise Spade, a negro girl, to the Industrial school at Geneva for incorrigibility. She is a daughter of Louis Spade, and the father was in court to urge this disposition of the girl.

Arguments are in progress before Judge Dickinson in the suit of Arthur E. English against Nelson W. Hayes over a formula for a new preparation of kalsomine. English says he was drawn into an agreement with Hayes to pay a royalty to the latter and hire him, and then discovered he had no patent. English then advanced money for a caveat. He asks that Hayes be restrained from transferring his rights over to third parties.

Railway Taxation Bill Passes.

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 28.—The Pingree-Atkinson railway taxation bill has passed the house by a vote of 72 to 23.

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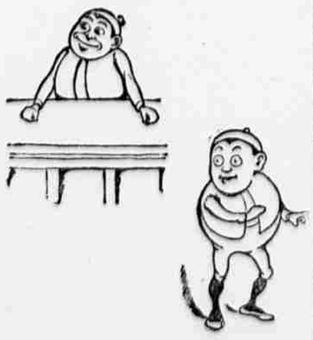

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MINING IN THE BLACK HILLS

New Syndicate Begins Operations in Search of Gold and Copper On the Side.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—James Lossen, general manager of the Detroit and Deadwood mining syndicate, has arrived from Detroit to commence active operations on the copper mine in Deadwood. This syndicate purchased over 100 acres of land, partly within the city limits of Deadwood, a few weeks ago, the price paid being $125,000. The syndicate ran a prospective tunnel several hundred feet into the mountain before buying the ground and a ledge of mineralized matter was cross-cut and found to be sixty-one feet wide.

The company intends to run another tunnel, work upon which will be commenced next week, about 400 feet lower down the mountainside, which will have to be run back about 1,000 feet to strike the copper ledge. This tunnel is run to open up the ore ledge nearer the water level, where it is expected to be much wider and richer. The copper ore found in the upper tunnel averaged from 8 to 10 per cent copper, which would make a paying investment as it is. The company intends to determine the extent of the ore ledge as far as possible before erecting the proposed smelters.

The plan of the Detroit and Deadwood syndicate is gigantic and when everything is carried out as proposed it will be the largest concern operating in the Black Hills. Copper ore is the principal metal which the company is working at, but it is almost certain that a rich gold mine will be opened up at the same time with the copper. Following alongside with the copper ledge is a wide ledge of free-milling gold ore which assays from $3.50 to $8 a ton. The ledge follows the copper vertical down and it is expected that when the thousand-foot tunnel is finished that the gold ledge will be found to be much larger and richer.

The company intends to erect some sort of a smelter at the mine as soon as the ledge is sufficiently developed to guarantee the outlay of several hundred thousand dollars. Everything needed for the smelting of the ore will be found in the mine. Iron is one of the essentials and the sulphides and copper can be mined directly to the smelting works and the gold values can be extracted with very little cost. The tunnel is to be run by air drills which will cut through to the copper ledge in about three months. This same Detroit syndicate is operating in the Two Bit district. A shaft is being put down to quartzite and there are only a few feet left yet before the lower contact is reached. A year of drifting on quartzite will be done if necessary to find ore.

The Gold Edge Mining company has been organized in this city with a capital stock of $2,000,000. The company has purchased five claims in the Strawberry gulch district, about 1,500 feet north of the Gilt Edge mine. Samples of ore assayed from the surface outcroppings of the ore shoots, which have been traced from the Union Hill properties, give values of $10 and $14 a ton gold.

Money has been paid into the treasury to commence development work as soon as the snow melts from the ground. Lumber is being hauled out to the proposed site of the shaft and a hoisting plant will be erected. The machinery for a steam plant has been ordered from Chicago. The greatest interest centers in this mining district just at present. The rich strike of gold ore which was made last week in the Norwich claim has set the camp wild. Preparations are being made by a number of other mine owners to sink shafts and run tunnels on different claims of the district.

The Golden Gate Mining and Milling company, D. C. Boley of Chicago, general manager, has made final payment of $12,000 on twelve claims on the divide between Blacktail and Polo creek gulches, which gives the company a large estate, extending a mile north and south and about three-quarters of a miles in width. The company has taken out considerable ore from the Maggy shaft, at the head of Blacktail, and a shaft is being sunk on the north end of the ground, which will be put down to quartzite, a distance of perhaps 500 feet. This is practically a new mining district, not much ore having been shipped out previous to a year ago.

Mrs. Botkin Not in Penitentiary.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, has not yet gone to the penitentiary. The Chronicle says: "Pending the completion of the bill of exceptions by her attorney, George H. Knight, her case is covered by different stays. At first twenty days were granted; last week ten days were added to that and Judge Cook will continue to extend the time until after the appeal is perfected, when, following all precedents, he will grant a writ of probable cause, which will make the convicted woman's tenure secure until the supreme, and probably the United States courts will have had their last say.

Prospect of Miners' Strike.

MASSILLON, O., Feb. 28.—William Morgan, president of the Massillon Miners' union, has issued a call for a convention on March 15. He says that under no condition will the miners of this district accept 1 cent less than the present price, which was agreed upon for another year by the interstate convention, at which the Hocking Valley was not represented. "We are prepared for a long and bitter struggle," he said, "to retain what we have gained."

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