NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Haworth Edition of the Life and Works of the Sisters Bronte.

GUY BOOTHBY WRITES ANOTHER NOVEL

First Volume of the Kipling Note Book Complete—Many Other New Books of History, Poetry and Fiction.

Admirers of the talented Bronte sisters will be pleased to know that the fourth volume of the Haworth edition of the "Life and Works of the Sisters Bronte" is at hand. It contains "The Professor," by Charlotte Bronte, and poems by Charlotte, Emily and Anne Bronte, and the Rev. Patrick Bronte. The introduction is from the pen of Mrs. Humphrey Ward. The first mention of "The Professor" is found in a letter bearing the date of April, 1846, from Charlotte Bronte to Messrs. Aylott & Jones, the publishers of the little volume of poems by the sisters which made its appearance that year. In the letter they ask the advice of the publishers as to bringing out three tales already written by them—whether they should be published in three connected volumes or separately. Whatever may have been the advice given it evidently did not help the appearance of "The Professor." The story went without acceptance to many publishers. It returned to Charlotte, from one of its later quests, on the very morning of the day on which she began "Jane Eyre." After the great success of the first two books she would have liked to publish "The Professor." But Mr. Smith and Mr. Williams dissuaded her; and to their dissuasion we owe "Villette," for if "The Professor" had appeared in 1851 Miss Bronte could have made no use of her Brussels materials, as she did actually put them in "Villette." The story was finally published after the author's death and when the strong interest excited by Mrs. Gaskell's memoir led naturally to a demand for all that could yet be given to the public from the hand of Charlotte Bronte. There is little to add to the writer's own animated preface. As she herself points out the book is by no means the book of a novice. It was written in the author's 30th year, after a long apprenticeship to the art of writing. She says in her preface: "This little book was written before either 'Jane Eyre' or 'Shirley,' and yet no indulgence can be solicited for it on the plea of a first attempt. A first attempt it certainly was not, as the pen which wrote it had previously worn a good deal in practice of some years. I had not, indeed, published anything before I commenced "The Professor," but in many a crude effort, destroyed almost as soon as composed, I had got over any such taste as I might once have had for ornamented and redundant composition, and come to prefer what was plain and homely." According to her own account of it, as Mrs. Ward observes, the publishers interfered with this process. They would not have "The Professor," and they welcomed "Jane Eyre" with alacrity. She was, therefore, thrown back, so to speak, upon her faults; obliged to work in composition that was more ornamented and redundant, and thus the promise of realism in her was destroyed. In concluding her most entertaining introduction, Mrs. Ward adds: "But because of what came after, and because the mental history of a great and delightful artist will always appeal to the affectionate curiosity of later generations, 'The Professor' will continue to be read both by those who love Charlotte Bronte and by those who find pleasure in tracking the processes of literature. It needs no apology as a separate entity; but from its relation to 'Villette,' it gains an interest and importance the world would not otherwise have granted it." Harper & Brothers, New York. Price, $1.75.

"A Maker of Nations," by Guy Boothby, is a romantic and stirring tale of what befalls certain adventurers in their attempt to overturn a South American republic. Joseph Spielman, head of the nefarious enterprise, is one whose business is the fomenting of revolutions and other public disturbances, for gain, in any part of the world. With him are MacCartney, a soldier of fortune, Dick Durrington, who was once a gentleman, and Coralie Vanhoysen, a beautiful adventuress. The story opens in Cairo, but its scene of action soon shifts to the threatened republic, where a meaner gang of rascals have plotted the downfall of President Cavarro, whose intelligent rule has made the country peaceful, orderly and prosperous. The hero, however, falls in love with the daughter of the president and the plot ends very differently from what its promoters intended. The situations are very dramatic and the action intense and rapid. From the thrilling scene between Durrington and Coralie the interest rises gradually, without once flagging, to the splendid denouement with which the story closes. Appleton & Co., New York. Price, $1.

Julia Magruder, who will be remembered by many readers as the author of "A Magnificent Plebeian," has written a new story under the title of "A Manifest Destiny." The story, in some of its more essential parts at least, has been enacted more than once in real life within recent years. The scene of the story is laid in New York and thence shifts to London. It is really a story of society life as found at the present day in those two cities. The heroine is an American girl who marries an English nobleman and the story has to do with the difficulties and complications of her married life. The plot is developed in an interesting manner and so as to hold the attention of the reader to the last. The volume, which is neatly printed and bound, is still further embellished by numerous illustrations. Harper & Bros., New York. Price, $1.25.

A. Wessels Co. has just issued the twelfth number of a Kipling Note Book, which completes the volume of this unique little periodical. In the twelve numbers will be found a most interesting collection of Kipling's fugitive pieces which are not to be found elsewhere, together with many personal and biographical anecdotes not generally known. In addition to this matter, which has been drawn together from all available sources and prepared in a bright and readable manner, will be found an excellent bibliography, which has special reference to the earlier and rarer Indian and English editions. Altogether this set of little booklets, complete in themselves, makes a most charming addition to the field of Kiplingianas. A. Wessels Co., New York. Price, each, 25 cents; set, $1.50.

Volume of Verse.

"Sword and Cross; and Other Poems," is the title of a pretentious volume of verse by Charles Eugene Banks. Mr. Banks is probably better known to the majority of readers as a writer of prose. He was the co-author of "In Hampton Roads," which was given a favorable review in these columns not long ago. The volume derives its title from the initial poem, "Sword and Cross." Much of the verse has merit and it is all of it very readable. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago.

South African War.

The South African war promises to be almost as prolific a source of new books as was the Spanish-American war. Two new volumes have come to hand this week.

"The Transvaal Outlook" by Albert Stickney is a remarkable monograph on the Boer war by an ex-military man. Mr. Stickney is strongly pro-Boer in his narrative, and shows with convincing arguments the difficulty of the task set before the British; the splendid fighting qualities of the Boers; the character of the ground; the British lack of transportation and supply; the maladministration of the English war office, and many other phases of the struggle. The political and ethical sides of the question are admirably treated, as well as the military problems and probabilities. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. Price $1.50.

Another volume along the same lines has just been issued under the title of "Who Ought to Win? Oom Paul or Queen Victoria?" a most graphic account, by Spencer Randolph, of the South African struggle from its inception to the present day. It aims at great impartiality in the treatment of these questions, and the author presents the facts in their chronological order. The history of the Boer settlers, first under the rule of the Dutch East India company, later as British subjects, finally during their checkered career as independent republics, has never been well understood by the public at large, and both the conflicting parties have tried to confuse rather than enlighten the minds of the outsiders as to their respective rights in the premises. In "Who Ought to Win?" the reader will find—perhaps for the first time—all needed information concerning this most weighty subject. Laird & Lee, Chicago. Price 75c.

Works of Fact.

The question of the evolutionary origin of man has been by no means neglected by recent authors, yet it has been dealt with chiefly as a side issue in works of a more extended purpose, and largely in technical language difficult to the general reader. Charles Morris, in his "Man and His Ancestor: A Study in Evolution," has sought to fill the void by writing a popular work embracing all the most recent knowledge pertaining to the science of evolution. It is now nearly thirty years since Darwin startled the scientific world by publishing his "Descent of Man," and while the great majority of people have some vague idea as to the theory of the evolution of man, few possess any really definite knowledge regarding the subject. The subject is one of such widespread interest as to make it probable that a plain and brief statement of it will be acceptable, both to enable those who are evolutionists in principle to learn on what grounds their acceptance of this phase of evolution stands, and to aid those who are at sea on the whole subject of man's origin to reach some fixed conclusion. The Macmillan Co., New York. Price $1.25.

Everyone expected that Thomas E. Watson's "Story of France" would give evidence of some of that well known statesman's political sympathies. It has been reviewed and criticised from as many points of view as there were reviewers. Taken all in all, it is one of the most remarkable historical studies ever produced—a work of such distinct character, positive strength and inherent worth that it will live for years as one of those few historical works which survive the period in which they were written. Mr. Watson will come to be regarded not only as one who has thrown a new and truer light on a great history, but also as one who has done something more than ordinary toward opening human minds to a better understanding of the rights of man. Mr. Watson shows conclusively that contrary to the oft-repeated statement that the French revolution was unnecessarily bloody it was indeed accomplished with remarkably little loss of life if its magnitude be taken into account; less indeed than in any revolution of its importance. Never before has the history of the French revolution been written by one so deeply or so avowedly in sympathy with the masses as Mr. Watson. No one with any liking for history should fail to read this work. It is as entertaining as any novel can be and much more so in that it relates the most dramatic episode in the world's history. The Macmillan Co., New York. Price $2.50.

We have had biographical sketches of Lincoln by the score, some from the pen of political contemporaries, others of the product of editors, lawyers, preachers, soldiers, artists, poets, congressmen and diplomats, and, finally, a fifteen-volume history of his life by Nicolay and Hay, who were his private secretaries. The last of these would appear to be comprehensive and leave nothing worthy of mention untold. Ida M. Tarbell, however, in her "Life of Abraham Lincoln," proves that other writers have overlooked a vast amount of interesting matter. She shows the great man as seen by his fellow-man, and as revealed by his own acts and words. It is more of a personal life of the man from earliest boyhood to his tragic end than a history of the times in which he lived or a description of the scenes in which he was one of the principal actors. We have seen Abraham Lincoln, the man, described, and not Abraham Lincoln, the president. A perusal of the volume leaves a very satisfactory feeling. It makes our hearts warm more than ever toward that homely figure and the homely speech. The man Lincoln seems to loom up more prominently than ever from the midst of his contemporaries as the great central figure of his generation. We see him freed from many of the mists which seem to surround his early life. We note with pleasure the explanation of many points in his life which before were not satisfactorily understood. In prosecuting this labor the author wrote thousands of letters and traveled thousands of miles to secure new material for her work. The larger portion of the material here presented appeared in McClure's Magazine since 1895. The great value of this work lies in the new facts and documents brought to light by Miss Tarbell in the course of her researches. Doubleday & McClure Co., New York. Price $5.

Books Received.

"Municipal Government, as Illustrated by the Charter, Finances and Public Charities of New York," by Bird S. Coler. D. Appleton & Co., New York. Price, $1.

"Thoughtful Hours," a book of verse by S. M. Herrick. The Literary Shop, Cincinnati.

"The Elements of International Law," by George B. Davis. Harper & Bros., New York. Price, $2.50.

"The Northwest Under Three Flags," by Charles Moore. Harper & Bros., New York. Price, $2.50.

"The Post-Millennial Advent: When the Church May Expect the Second Coming of Christ," by Rev. Alexander Hardie. Eaton & Mains, New York. Price, 25 cents.

"Christ Came Again," by William S. Urmy. Eaton & Mains, New York. Price, $1.25.

"The Standard Guide to the City of Mexico and Vicinity." Modern Mexico Publishing Co., 120 North Fourth street, St. Louis. Price, 50 cents.

"The Will In Nature," by Arthur Schopenhauer. Peter Eckler, publisher, New York. Price, 50 cents.

"Man, Whence and Whither?" by Richard B. Westbrook. Peter Eckler, publisher, New York. Price, 50 cents.

"The Prelude and the Play," by Rufus Mann. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, $1.50.

"Poor People," a novel by I. K. Friedman. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Price, $1.50.

"Charles Sumner," by Moorfield Storey. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Price, $1.25.

"The Fortunes of War," by Elizabeth N. Barrow. Henry Holt & Co., New York. Price, $1.25.

"Principles of Colonial Government Adapted to the Present Needs of Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippines," by Horace N. Fisher. L. C. Page & Co., Boston. Price, 20 cents.

"Hearts Importunate," by Evelyn Dickinson. Dodd, Mead & Co. Price, $1.25.

Literary Notes.

Lippincott's Monthly Magazine for March contains a complete novel by E. W. Hornung.

Dodd, Mead & Co. announce still another edition of "Janice Meredith," bringing the total to 223,000 copies.

Max Pemberton's new novel, "Feo," will shortly be issued by Dodd, Mead & Co. It has already been widely read as a serial.

"Malay Magic," being an introduction to the folk lore and popular religion of the Malay peninsula, by Walter W. Skeat, is being published by the Macmillan company.

The Kindergarten Review is a monthly magazine devoted to educational literature and kindergarten news. Published by Milton Bradley company, Springfield, Mass.

A popular book on trees, from the pen of Harriet L. Keeler, is about to be published through Charles Scribner's Sons, entitled "Our Native Trees and How to Identify Them."

The author of "The Duenna of a Genius," M. E. Francis (Mrs. Frances Blundell), has a new novel, which is being issued by Longmans, Green & Co., entitled "Yeoman Fleetwood."

The March issue of the International Monthly is well up to the standard set by the preceding numbers. It is, if anything, more interesting than either of the preceding issues.

The well known naturalist, Mr. Frank M. Chapman, has written what will doubtless prove a most interesting nature book on "Bird Studies with a Camera," which D. Appleton & Co. will publish early in April.

An important edition of "The Historical Memoirs of the Emperor Alexander I and the Court of Russia," by Mme. La Comtesse de Choiseul-Gouffier, nee Comtesse de Tisenhaus, will shortly come from the press of A. C. McClurg & Co.

Keith's Home Builder is an illustrated monthly magazine devoted to the mutual interests of owners and contractors. It is a publication of the very greatest value to people who contemplate building. Keith's Home Builder, Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn.

A new novel by Ellen Anderson Gholson Glasgow, author of "The Descendant" and "Phases of an Inferior Planet," is in active preparation by the Doubleday & McClure company. It is to be entitled "The Voice of the People," and is said to be a very strong piece of moving fiction.

Cassell's Little Folks for March is as bright and entertaining as ever. The cover illustration, "What Fun," is especially attractive and the contents will be found fully up to the high standard attained by that publication long ago. It is just the kind of a magazine to amuse young people. Cassell & Co., New York.

The March number of Harper's Magazine is rich in timely and interesting features. Prominent among these is the illustrated article on "Pretoria Before the War," by Howard C. Hillegas, author of "Oom Paul's People," in which the writer gives a comprehensive sketch of life in the South African capital at the time of his visit shortly before the breaking out of hostilities.

The editors of the Bookman have high hopes for the success of their serial story for the year 1900, beginning in the March number. It is entitled "Stringtown on the Pike." While it is not the first book of the writer, yet it is his first venture in fiction. It is a thoroughly American story in spirit and in execution. The writer, John Uri Lloyd, was born in western New York and removed to Cincinnati.

Another of the world's great masterpieces will be added to the Riverside literature series by the immediate publication by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. of No. 140, Thackeray's "Henry Esmond." This book, which represents the culmination of the author's genius, will be issued complete with an introduction especially written for this edition, and illustrated with seventy-four pictures by Du Maurier and others. Quintuple number, paper, 60 cents; cloth, 75 cents.

The Macmillan company and J. M. Dent & Co., in America and England, respectively, will begin to publish a long series of international primers forming a Primer-Cyclopedia. The aim is to provide in a convenient and accessible form the information which the usual bulky and high-priced encyclopedias place beyond the easy reach of the average reader. The series will accordingly aim at the comprehensive inclusion of the chief departments of literature, science and art.

"The Norwegian North Polar Expedition, 1893-1896," the first volume of which will be immediately published by Longmans, Green & Co., is not, as has been stated, written entirely by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, but is edited by him. The work, when completed, will present the actual scientific achievements of the expedition. It will be published in English only. It is now estimated that the entire account of the scientific results will be included in five or six quarto volumes, which will probably be issued in the course of about two years.

There has been a very brisk demand for the two famous pictures which are offered to Bee subscribers. We thought we should be able to supply an unlimited demand, but would suggest that it might be well to call soon if you want pictures.

BANK TRIUMPHS OVER STATE

Attorney General Defeated in His Action Against Omaha National.

MOTION OF DEFENDANT IS SUSTAINED

Judge Baker Holds that Action of the Supreme Court is Equivalent to Affirming His Decision—State Excepts.

In the case of the state against the Omaha National bank and J. H. Millard, for the collection of $200,000, Judge Baker has decided in favor of the defendants, as he did when the case was originally tried by him prior to appeal to the supreme court.

In making this decision Judge Baker explained that he could not consistently do otherwise in view of the action taken by the supreme court. He said he had profound respect for the supreme tribunal, but that in this instance he had no supreme court opinion by which to be guided. One judge had sustained his original ruling, another had overruled it and the third member of the supreme bench had taken no action at all, therefore the trial court in this instance could only follow one of the three members.

As each member of the supreme court took different positions in the case it would be impossible, Judge Baker said, to follow the rulings of that tribunal as a body. The appellate court being equally divided on the proposition, Judge Baker held that such division is equivalent to affirming the decision of the lower court. Such, he declared, is the universal rule.

This case was called for trial Monday morning, but the trial was not entered into, for the defense filed a motion to render judgment according to the original verdict. The argument on that motion consumed the entire day. Judge Baker rendered his decision at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

Judge Baker's ruling puts the case back where it was before it was taken to the supreme court. The returns made by that body were peculiar, inasmuch as the opinion was divided between two of the three members of the bench and there was nothing said in the mandate about a new trial in the district court. This was one of the points brought out forcibly by the attorneys for the defense. The state still has the right of appeal from Judge Baker's decision.

Attorney General Smyth, representing the state, noted numerous exceptions to Judge Baker's ruling. Shorn of their legal verbiage, the substance of the attorney general's exceptions is that the verdict is not in accordance with the law; that there is no authority in law to sustain such motion as was filed by the defendants; that the ruling is contrary to the supreme court mandate; that there was no verdict upon which to base judgment, and several other similar assertions. This case has dragged along in the courts for many months. It grew out of the defalcation of ex-State Treasurer Bartley, it being alleged that he kept an account at the defendant bank, of which Mr. Millard is president, and that there was irregularity in the manner in which he drew deposits from the bank. The defendants set forth that Treasurer Bartley was treated the same as any other patron of the bank and that the bank had no knowledge whatever of his defalcation until the fact was made public through official sources.

SALE OF ASSETS IS CONFIRMED.

Judge Fawcett Renders Decision in German Savings Bank Case.

The receiver's sale of assets of the German Savings bank stands confirmed and the stockholders of the bank are defeated in their effort to carry the matter to the supreme court. Judge Fawcett so decided yesterday. The next movement in the case will be suits by the receiver against the stockholders. Creditors of the broken bank look upon this as a great victory.

The stockholders resisted the confirmation of the sale of assets and made an attempt to secure supersedeas in order that the question of confirmation might be passed upon by the supreme court. The hearing was on in Judge Fawcett's court for several days, and at the conclusion he took the matter under advisement. A large representation of interested parties was in court yesterday to hear what Judge Fawcett had to say, it having been previously announced that he would render a decision Tuesday. The various phases of this litigation have been dragging along in the courts for about three years.

WRANGLE OVER INDIAN SHOWS.

Mattox & Root Sue Transmississippi For Damages in Large Sum.

Judge Estelle is hearing a case wherein Pinckney C. Mattox and Allen Root, doing business as a firm, are suing the Transmississippi Exposition management for $15,000 on account of alleged breach of contract.

It is set forth by the plaintiffs that they paid $500 for the concession of producing an Indian show on the exposition grounds, and that by the terms of the contract they were to have the exclusive right. It is further alleged that the defendant company permitted Buffalo Bill's Wild West show to appear on the grounds, thereby depriving the plaintiffs of a right for which they had paid. The case has just begun and will probably last several days.

MRS. GRACE GOODWIN DIVORCED.

Decree is Granted on Allegations of Cruelty and Drunkenness.

Mrs. Grace Goodwin, a pleasant-faced matron and the mother of a family of bright boys, sat on the witness stand in Judge Keysor's court yesterday and told a pathetic story of how liquor had ruined her home. She was suing her husband for divorce. She said her home life was happy until her husband became a slave to drink, and that thereafter he heaped numerous indignities upon her, failure to support being among the allegations. One of Mrs. Goodwin's sons holds a responsible position and he supports the family, so the evidence showed. Judge Keysor granted the decree.

Notes from the Courts.

Elmer Gillihan has been granted divorce from Libbie Gillihan. The principal allegation was abandonment.

Timothy Fineran is on trial before Judge Baker, charged with robbery. Gustave Stephens is the prosecuting witness.

Mark Jeffrey, farmer, of Wayne county has made application to be declared a bankrupt. He gives his assets as $145 and says that he owes $2,610.50.

Judge Munger has appointed W. H. Hazard as custodian and manager of the stock of merchandise of A. C. Riddell, who has begun voluntary bankruptcy proceedings.

The case of Louisa Cathers against the city, wherein the closing of a part of Locust street in the vicinity of Twenty-first street is involved, has been continued until the next term of court.

The Bevins divorce case, in which a somewhat sensational restraining order was issued a few days ago, has been transferred from Judge Fawcett to Judge Keysor. Date for hearing has not yet been determined.

Thomas L. Phillips of Pennsylvania has begun suit in the United States circuit court against Charles F. Bentley et al. to foreclose a mortgage and Solomon Phillips of Pennsylvania has begun suit against William M. Evans and others in the same court for the same purpose.

The case of John Patten against the B. & M. and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad companies to quiet title to land in Lancaster county, which was begun in the Lancaster county district court, has been transferred to the United States circuit court upon application of the defendants.

Condition of the River.

From present appearances the Missouri river is going to be upon its good behavior this spring and is going to let go of its icy overcoat without getting up out of bed and raising a commotion about it. Reports received at the weather bureau office show that the channel is open and ice is running free as far north as Sioux City. At Omaha the channel is clear and practically all of the ice is gone. Large cakes of ice are floating down and never in the history of the river has such thick ice passed down without creating a gorge and causing more or less loss of property along the river bottoms. Reports from Plattsmouth say that the ice from the Platte is passing there, with no appearance of a gorge. From the conditions down the river and the gradual opening to the north local observers prophesy a quiet spring on the part of the Missouri.

WILL SEE PREACHER-EDITOR

Rev. C. W. Savidge and Councilman Lobeck Leave Today for Topeka to Visit Rev. Charles M. Sheldon.

Rev. Charles W. Savidge, pastor of the People's church, and Councilman C. O. Lobeck leave this afternoon for Topeka, where they go to seek an interview with the man who is running a paper "as Jesus would." Their purpose is to present to Rev. "Editor" Charles M. Sheldon the plan which Rev. Savidge is working on for the erection of a mammoth People's church and Christian home on the corner of Seventeenth and Chicago streets, with the view of arousing his interest in the matter.

"We are going to be prepared," said Rev. Savidge, "to show Mr. Sheldon the great opportunity at hand in Omaha for the spreading of God's word and the redemption of evil ones by the erection of our proposed church and home. We appreciate that it is a local enterprise, but the possibilities for the accomplishment of good are so great that it should appeal to all Christian people everywhere. Our object is to have Rev. Sheldon give some prominence through the columns of his paper to this matter. The paper will have such a wide circulation during its publication under his editorship that many thousands of people will read of our plan, and it may be the means of interesting some philanthropic-minded persons to come to our assistance."

STRIKE AT THE METZ BREWERY

Thirty Unskilled Laborers Engaged in Laying Asphalt Demand a Higher Wage Scale.

A gang of thirty men engaged in laying an asphalt floor in the new Metz brewery struck Tuesday afternoon because the pay was unsatisfactory. The contractor, D. J. Calkins, hired another gang, and for an hour trouble was threatened, as several of the former employes loitered about and attempted to induce the men to quit work.

The strikers are members of the Bricklayers', Plasterers' and Stonemasons' Tenders' union No. 8043, and claim the union wage of 27½ cents an hour. The contractor, they allege, agreed to pay them 25 cents and they consented to work for this "compromise scale," but Tuesday noon he gave notice that he would pay but 17 cents an hour, as the work they were engaged in came under the head of common labor. The contractor says the men are not members of a union and that the Building Trades' council will not support them in their position. Work will be resumed today.

Woman's Missionary Society.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Omaha Presbytery convenes at Westminster church, corner of Georgia avenue and Mason street, Thursday afternoon. All who are interested in missions are most cordially invited to its sessions, both Thursday and Friday. Christian Endeavor workers are especially invited to attend the young people's conferences from 7:30 to 8 o'clock Thursday and Friday evenings. Following is the program for Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock:

Executive committee meeting; praise service, Mrs. Hill; address of welcome, Mrs. Clabaugh; response, Mrs. D. R. Kerr; minutes of last meeting, Mrs. Morrow; vice presidents' hour; solo, "And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," Miss Doane; a talk on medical missions, Dr. Jessie C. Wilson of Persia; paper, "The Place of Prayer in Mission Work," Mrs. Miller; a plea for literature, Mrs. Van Horn; report of Christian Endeavor secretary, Mrs. Graner; announcements.

The evening program is as follows:

Christian Endeavor conference, led by Rev. Mr. Bradt of Wichita, Kan.; solo, "Jerusalem," Miss Williams; scripture reading and prayer; address, Rev. C. E. Bradt; Solo, "Abide with Me," Rev. T. S. Hawley; address, Mrs. D. B. Wells of Chicago; offering; benediction.

Mrs. Calvin Zimmerman, Milesburg, Pa., says, "As a speedy cure for coughs, colds, croup and sore throat One Minute Cough Cure is unequaled. It is pleasant for children to take. I heartily recommend it to mothers." It is the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. It cures bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and lung diseases. It will prevent consumption.

With pictures as cheap as those offered by The Bee there should be no bare walls in any home. Only 10 cents and coupons for "Defense of Champigny" and "The Balloon."

Kansas Notes and Comment.

Charley Crane and wife of Highland Station weigh 666 pounds.

A feature of a recent Sunday school concert at Emporia was a cake walk.

The roads in Kansas are so bad just at this time that the farmers can't get to town to attend the good roads meetings.

The contract for the addition to the Topeka public building has been awarded to a Chicago firm. The bid was $56,500.

It is announced that W. J. Bryan will attend the democratic and populist state conventions to be held at Fort Scott July 24.

Over 500 mules have been purchased of Montgomery county farmers at an average price of $100 to be shipped to South Africa.

Mont Williams, chairman of the prohibition state committee, has issued a call for the prohibition state convention in Topeka June 28. There will be 100 delegates.

Miss Lillian Vincent of Clay Center has been appointed assistant court stenographer in one of the courts at Washington, D. C., and will go in May to assume the duties.

There are fifty-two building and loan associations in Kansas, but a large number of them are going into voluntary liquidation and some have been closed by the bank commissioner. The new building and loan law is largely responsible for the wind-up of these institutions.

THE FEAR OF HUMBUG

Prevents Many People From Trying a Good Medicine.

Stomach troubles are so common and in most cases so obstinate to cure that people are apt to look with suspicion on any remedy claiming to be a radical, permanent cure for dyspepsia and indigestion. Many such pride themselves on their acuteness in never being humbugged, especially in medicines.

This fear of being humbugged can be carried too far, so far, in fact, that many people suffer for years with weak digestion rather than risk a little time and money in faithfully testing the claims made of a preparation so reliable and universally used as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Now Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are vastly different in one important respect from ordinary proprietary medicines for the reason that they are not a secret patent medicine, no secret is made of their ingredients, but analysis shows them to contain the natural digestive ferments, pure aseptic pepsin, the digestive acids, Golden Seal, bismuth, hydrastis and nux. They are not cathartic, neither do they act powerfully on any organ, but they cure indigestion on the common sense plan of digesting the food eaten thoroughly before it has time to ferment, sour and cause the mischief. This is the only secret of their success.

Cathartic pills never have and never can cure indigestion and stomach troubles because they act entirely on the bowels, whereas the whole trouble is really in the stomach.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets taken after meals digest the food. That is all there is to it. Food not digested or half digested is poison as it creates gas, acidity, headaches, palpitation of the heart, loss of flesh and appetite and many other troubles which are often called by some other name.

They are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package.

TUB TRUTHS.

A DROP of ink will color a whole glass of water. It is an inch of yeast which makes a pan of bread rise, and a single cake of soap containing unabsorbed alkali can ruin a hundred times its cost in laces and fine embroidery. After all, is it wise to take such risks with common soap? Of course you can get along without Ivory Soap. So can a wagon without axle grease—but it goes hard.

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ANNEXATION SPRUNG AGAIN

Commercial Club Appoints Committee to Take it Up with South Omaha Club.

A NECESSITY OF APPROACHING CENSUS

Thoroughly Honest Enumeration Assured This Year—Committee to Solicit Methodist Hospital Site Fund.

The Commercial club has concluded to again take up the question of South Omaha annexation and at a meeting of the executive committee of that organization yesterday it was decided that a committee yet to be announced will at once inaugurate negotiations with the Commercial club of South Omaha toward that end.

This movement was the outgrowth of an impulse to secure a good showing for Omaha in the approaching census. Supervisor of the Census D. H. Wheeler was present at the meeting by invitation and was asked if there were any way in which the club could render any valuable service in the compilation of the census. Mr. Wheeler said that it is reasonably well known that the census of the city ten years ago was somewhat padded, and that if he can prevent it this census will not be padded one single name. He explained briefly the precautions taken at Washington to prevent dishonest enumeration and the penalties inflicted by the law for crooked work in that respect. He also suggested the advisability of enlarging the area of the city to take in every suburban resident possible, so that any decrease that be shown because of fictitious figures will be as small as it may be possible to make it. He also pointed out the desirability of annexing South Omaha and declared that conditions never appeared to be more favorable for such a consummation than now. Should the city show a material decrease from the figures of 1890, he said, it will affect the value of municipal bonds, corporation stocks and the credit not only of the city, but more or less of every business man. The result of the discussion was that Harry S. Weller moved the appointment of a committee of five to take up the annexation question with the Commercial club of South Omaha at once, as it must be done, if in time to be effective, by June 1, on which date the taking of the census begins. The motion prevailed and Chairman Pickens will announce the committee later.

A letter from George H. Maxwell, chairman of the executive committee of the National Irrigation association, informed the club that he will visit Omaha and talk to the club on the question of the reclamation of arid lands of the west March 27, his subject being "The Greater West." At his suggestion the secretary was directed to invite Captain Hiram M. Chittenden of Sioux City to speak the same evening on the subject of federal storage reservoirs and control of floods in rivers.

The chair was authorized to appoint a committee to select delegates to the Transmississippi Commercial congress at Houston, Tex., April 17.

A committee comprising W. S. Wright, C. M. Wilhelm, J. H. Dumont, C. C. Belden, G. W. Lininger, R. S. Wilcox, C. H. Pickens, S. D. Thompson, A. P. Tukey, Thomas Kilpatrick, John Steel, R. C. Peters and Erastus Young was appointed to aid in the development of a fund for the purchase of a site for the promised Methodist hospital.

Our supply of pictures is being rapidly diminished. If you have not seen "The Defense of Champigny" and "The Balloon," call at the Bee office. Bring your coupons cut from The Bee.

Treasurer's Monthly Statement.

The city treasurer furnishes the following comparative statement of the tax collections for the month of February for the last five years:

	Regular.	Special.
1900	$17,146.06	$16,151.41
1899	28,706.11	41,354.53
1898	18,913.82	31,671.15
1897	14,360.75	22,760.95
1896	12,802.23	23,921.88

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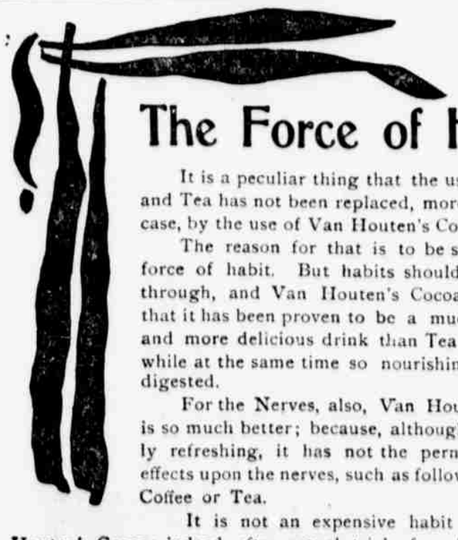

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