

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Purpose Novel Having to Do with Religious Controversies.

STORY OF EARLY NEW YORK FRONTIER

Irish Scenes and Country Life—Romance of Modern Greek Life—Outdoor Life in Kentucky—The Bastable Family.

"Casting of Nets" is frankly a novel with a purpose, namely, the exposure of certain practices and methods of the Church of Rome, especially those by which, in the opinion of the author, its English converts are gained. It is to the credit of the author, Richard Henry, that in spite of its controversial tone and the slightest of plots he has written a story of real interest. Absolutely unlike any of the books, "Casting of Nets" suggests both "Eleanor" and "The Master Christian." Not only is the spirit of all initial to the Church of Rome, but in all it appears a saintly priest who has risen above creeds and is more or less under the ban of the church; and in all the aged pontiff comes upon the scene it seems a pity that the author should expend his very deep insight and dramatic power upon this form of fiction, which can but provoke theological discussion. "Casting of Nets" gives conclusive proof that its author is capable of unusually fine work should he bestow upon the canvas of a large humanity instead of the particular phase to which at present he is limiting his powers. John Lane, New York.

H. A. Stanley, author of "The Backwoodsman" has much of the story in his making. For years, while the editor of the Herald in Binghamton, N. Y., he tramped the woods and river valleys, searching out the sights of Indian villages of revolutionary days. The Mohawk and Delaware valleys are familiar to him. In "The Backwoodsman" even the names and characters of the Indian and white settlers, as well as taken from history. Of late years, because of ill health, Mr. Stanley has become a resident of the state of Washington. "The Wonderful Northwest," in a recent number of "The World's Work," speaks his ability to know at first hand what the story of the forest and what past and even current history means. In "The Backwoodsman" Mr. Stanley has written a readable story of the New York frontier during the revolutionary war. The author has a most intimate acquaintance with this period and has succeeded in writing a book which carries the reader into the heart of the forest, where a man's life depended upon the keenness of his senses and his ability to outwit nature herself as well as his savage enemies. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. Price, \$1.50.

Under the title "Irish Pastorals" are collected a number of sketches of the Irish peasantry by Shan P. Bullock. They are really pen pictures, some stern and somber, some pathetic, some genial and abounding in humor. The bit of description at the beginning of each sketch will usually be found to be an indication of its nature. In this harmony is found the author's greatest art in the blending of these true children of the soil with the earth which gives them sustenance. Yet even in the hour of gloom, when the sky bores no good and the rain is a dreary wail, they exhibit admirable elements of keen native wit, irrepressible good nature and shrewd practical wisdom. With little certainty of a winter's provision, they will make their way with the one ring about a board which offers nothing but boiled "praties" and the milk "noggin." But when sorrow comes, it is pathetic, so hopeless it seems and so forlorn. "Spouty" is a story of such pathos, while in "The Hero" "The Diggers" and "The Reapers" it is mingled with a note of tragedy. In "The Planters" humor and sentiment predominate; in "The Mowers" a certain austerity. "The Brothers" differs from all the rest in subject and treatment. It is characteristic of the people they represent, no one of the sketches will be found devoid of humor. McClure, Phillips & Co., New York. Price, \$1.50.

Realizing that the life and customs in some parts of modern Greece are little known to his American readers, George Horton has again happily chosen that country for the background of a story. "The Promising of Father Anthony." During his long residence there he made a close study of the ways of the people in the smaller villages, and many of the episodes and scenes in his latest book are based on actual occurrences. Father Anthony is a light-hearted, cheerful, and sprightly man. Mr. Horton made his literary reputation with his first novel, "Like Another Helen." A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago. Price, \$1.25.

John Fox, Jr., has brought out a new book this autumn under the captivating title "Bluegrass and Rhododendron" with the subtitle "Outdoor Life in Kentucky." It has the Scribner imprint and is planned for that class of splendidly illustrated books which always finds a popular demand. In character it may be classed with the outdoor sketches of Henry Van Dyke, but which it resembles in distinction and beauty. It contains many homely Kentucky sketches of the sort that brought Mr. Fox his first literary reputation, including lively sporting scenes, glimpses of fox, con and rabbit, hunting, sports on horseback and racing, with much else that will throw the picturesque, the romance and the beauty of Kentucky life into strong relief. The illustrations are by F. C. Yohn, Louis Leeb, Jules Guerin, W. A. Rogers, Max E. J. J. and C. M. Ashe. There are twenty full-page drawings, besides numerous sketches of similar size. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Price, \$1.

Mrs. Edith Nesbit Bland, who writes under the pen name of E. Nesbit, has published a volume bearing the suggestive title, "The Wouldbegoods." This charming book for young people relates the adventures of a certain English family of boys and girls, the Bastable family and some friends who come to visit them at a country house. It is a story of children and interesting to children over 10 years of age. But there are many fine touches of unconscious humor and irony in the tale told by the eldest boy, Oswald, which make the story even more attractive for "grown-ups." The name, "Wouldbegoods" is that of a society formed among themselves by the children to help them in keeping in the straight path of duty; the "Book of Golden Deeds" is the record of the times when they succeed in keeping to that narrow path. Mrs. Bland knows her subject thoroughly and gives in this book a delightful picture of the heartiest, happiest, clearest of English boys and girls, whose attention to details in their way of life is to be found in every garment that bears the name of Browning, King & Co.

Charles R. Wesmar, Evanston, Ill., writes: "My boy, 24 years old, had a severe cold which refused to yield to any treatment until we tried Foley's Honey and Tar. He was completely cured before using one bottle." Take none but Foley's.

WILL BANQUET GOVERNORS

Commercial Club Will Entertain Managers of Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben.

ANNUAL EVENT IS SET FOR OCTOBER 15

Insurance Inspector Beeson Explains Workings of Schedule Rating System to Executive Committee of the Club.

The annual banquet of the Commercial club, in honor of the Board of Governors of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, will be given the night of October 15 in the Commercial club's rooms. This action was decided upon at the meeting of the executive committee yesterday afternoon. At this meeting a representative of the New York Commercial presented a plan for placing branch offices of that publication in the various parts of the country, special service to be established in about twenty-five cities. He came to establish a special office in Omaha provided the business men of the city will co-operate. The club promised its co-operation in the matter. A. G. Beeson, state inspector of the fire insurance companies of Nebraska, was then introduced to explain the workings of the system of schedule rates now being applied to risks in Omaha. The mercantile schedule, according to the statement of the inspector, is placed upon the protection against fires in the various cities. In applying rates in towns where efficient service is in operation the first thing to consider is the wall which must be of a certain thickness. If the walls are thin a deficiency is made. Deficiency charge is made for all stories above the third, except in fireproof buildings, where no charge is made until the seventh floor is reached. Deficiency charge is made for metal or composition roof is made for shingles or roofs not up to standard; deficiency charge is made for ceilings other than lath or plaster or metal ceilings; deficiency charge is made for roof space, for skylights attached by metal or not strong glass; deficiency charges are made for elevators, unless in brick or iron shaft or are trapped on each floor. These traps are a new device which upon the application of 150 degrees Fahrenheit will automatically close communication between the upper and lower floors. Deficiency charges are made for stairways and dumb waiters, unless trapped. No charge is made for stairways leading from the street. Deficiency charge is made for electric lighting, but none for gas. Coal oil and gasoline used under heavier deficiency charges. Deficiency charge is made for openings from one building to another, unless closed by tin-clad doors. Deficiency charge is made for frame exposures and higher walls adjoining. Deficiency charge is made for additional tenants. This gives the total charge.

Additional Credits. Then there are credits in addition to those for fire department and police. Deductions are made for inside stanchion and hose, for chemical pails, for wire lath, for mill construction, for watchman on premises, with approved clock or some central reporting station. In this city the credit for fire department and water works is 45 per cent. In Lincoln the credit for this is but 25 per cent on account of the scarcity of water and the construction of the mains. The highest credit for water service and fire department is 75 per cent. Kansas City is not getting the credit given to Omaha. This credit makes for a saving of 53 per cent from the amount it would be in case there was no fire protection. This system, he said, is being used throughout the middle west from Ohio to Colorado. The new system increases the rate on stocks and decreases it on buildings. After his explanation several questions were asked him, in answer to which he said that the losses in Omaha had been smaller than in the majority of cities of the same class. The increase in the rate will be about 10 per cent. Members of the club reported increase in rate from \$1 to \$1.25 per \$100, or from 62 cents to 75 cents per \$100. The inspector stated that in almost every case the rate could be restored to the old rate by making improvements. Speaking of what could reduce the rate generally Mr. Beeson said that there was a reported shortage of water in the city; that there were not enough men employed in the hose companies, while paving is in progress in certain sections of the city. An improvement in these respects might result in lowering the basing rate. Agents present said that as the new rate was enforced it made no matter to do business, as they can explain the rate.

PREPARING FOR THE FRAY. Republican and Democratic Committees Will Hold Meetings This Week. While the democratic candidates have been campaigning for two weeks and the republican candidates have fairly started their individual booms, the county campaign will not be formally opened until next Monday. The democratic county committee will meet at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening in the rooms of the Jacksonian club for the purpose of organizing for the campaign. Some changes will probably be made in the executive committee, headquarters will be located and everything will be made ready for the campaign. The republican county committee will meet at the corner of 2nd and F streets next Saturday afternoon for the purpose of selecting a new executive committee, which will have immediate charge of the campaign. The first business of the executive committee will be to select headquarters, and as soon as this is done the real hustle begins. The republican candidates have had a conference at which it was agreed to print the entire ticket on the back of the campaign cards of the individual candidates. Attorneys for James P. Connolly are in Lincoln when they will endeavor to secure an order from the supreme court directing the county clerk to place Mr. Connolly's name on the official ballot as a candidate for county commissioner in the second district, composed of the First, Second and Third wards. A week ago these attorneys expressed the opinion that County Clerk Haverly would put Connolly's name on the ballot without having to be ordered to do so by the court, but they have evidently changed their minds.

A WOMAN TO BE PRETTY. Must Have Luxuriant and Glossy Hair, No Matter What Color. The finest contour of a female face, the sweetest smile of a female mouth, loses something if the head is crowned with scant hair. Scant and falling hair, it is now known, is caused by a parasite that burrows into the scalp to the root of the hair, where it saps the vitality. The little white scales the germ throws up in burrowing are called dandruff. To cure dandruff permanently, and to stop falling hair that germ must be killed. Newbro's Herpicide, a germ-ticidal new result of the chemical laboratory, destroys the dandruff germ, and of course stops the falling hair and cures baldness. When you kill the germ you can't have the dandruff or thin hair. "Destroy the cause, you remove the effect."

VEGETABLES BY THE POUND

Retailers May Decide to Discontinue Selling Green Stuff by the Bushel.

STILL SUSPENDED IN AIR

Thus Far No Definite Action Comes from Consolidation Negotiations.

WIDE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION EXISTS

General Understanding is that Options Have Expired, but Others Assert that There is an Extension of Ten Days.

October 1 has come, but it has not so far brought a consolidation of Omaha electric power and light companies. Some of the parties to the deal now consider that negotiations have fallen through, while others assert that the options do not expire until October 10, and that between this time and that the eastern parties have the right to accept the terms agreed upon at the time the negotiations were first considered. A report has gained more or less currency that the deal is no further along than it was three months ago, as the reports of the expert accountants, who examined the books of the three companies to the deal, found that in at least one of the companies the showing of the officers as to the value of the property was not borne out by their investigations. This company has been in the habit of charging its improvements and extensions to its capital account, while the custom of the majority of such companies is to charge at least part of this cost to operating expenses. How it is Done. To illustrate: Where a new dynamo is purchased supplanting an old one, the Omaha company would charge the entire cost of the new machine to the capital account, leaving the expense account clean so far as this machine is concerned. Other companies would charge the entire cost to the expense account, while the more careful companies would charge the cost of replacing the old machine with one similar in power and design to the expense account, making a charge against the capital account for all additional cost of the new machine occasioned by reason of the greater powers or greater economy of the new machine. The system in vogue in the Omaha company resulted in making a small expense account, while the capital account was greatly enlarged. A price was agreed upon at the inception of the negotiations upon the basis of the earning power of the several companies as shown by the books of the various concerns. When the experts made their report and the system of bookkeeping shown the men who are to supply the cash for the proposed consolidation demurred, saying that on account of the increased expense absorbed in the capital account they could not afford to advance as much money as at first intended, and they therefore insisted upon the present holders of stock in the concern taking either a less price in cash for their stock or taking a greater amount of the purchase price in stock of the new company. This proposition is not satisfactory to the parties interested and it is understood that the great visit of Frank Murphy to the east is for the purpose of convincing the prospective bondholders that they can well afford to abide by the proposition at first agreed upon. There is no doubt that the consolidation scheme and the canal and power plan will be divorced if the pending negotiations are not closed in a short time. Persons in a position to know say that the delay in the power plan has been occasioned by a desire on the part of the capitalists interested in the negotiations to see the power using companies of Omaha settled before they proceed with the other scheme, but if the consolidation is not effected soon they will go ahead anyway. May Take It Up Locally. There was a rumor to the effect that there would be a local co-operative scheme sprung in case the eastern men failed to come to time. The "wise ones" said that investigation had shown that under a system by which the power for all of the companies would be generated at a certain point much expense would be saved and that the executive officers of the light car companies and of the electric light company were considering a plan by which in case of the failure of the present consolidation plans they could combine for the manufacture of power. The matter was brought to the attention of one of the officers of the companies party to the combination and he denied that there was any foundation to the story. "While there is no doubt that such a plan would be feasible," said he, "and that it could result in a great saving to all persons concerned, it has not been seriously considered. It will not be in the light of the fact that we all expect to have natural power in Omaha in so short a time. The canal and power company will do the work for us whether the consolidation now pending is carried out or not. Were it not for the fact that we believe the canal scheme will surely be in operation in a short time, we might consider the plan."

CHRISTIANS MAY COME HERE

Nebraska Delegation Will Make Effort to Bring Next Annual Convention to Omaha.

FORMER NEBRASKAN RETURNS

Charles W. Keys, Canadian Farmer-Stockman, is Here to Settle Business Affairs.

Charles W. Keys, for forty years a resident of Nebraska, has returned from Alberta, Canada, where he has resided for the last three years. He is in the city temporarily to settle up business affairs and will then return to his Canadian home. Mr. Keys came to Council Bluffs from England in the spring of 1853. Three years later he moved to Sarpy county, Nebraska, where he purchased a farm, upon which he resided until he left the country. Several years ago he engaged in the banking business, being interested in the Farmers' National bank at South Omaha and the Gretna State bank. The failure of the latter institution involved his property so that he decided to take a new start in another land. He is now here for the purpose of making final settlement of his affairs and remaining in Nebraska. He is now engaged in farming and cattle raising and says that he is doing well.

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