UNCLE SAM'S ONE GOOD MAN

Government's Only Personal Testimonial Given to Capt. Lawrence.

BACK TO THE SEA IN OLD AGE

After Retirement as Omaha Business Man He Will Return to Spend Declining Years by Ocean Where He Spent His Youth.

"But he is a good man."

The only testimonial of character ever given by the United States is borne by Captain F. B. Lawrence, a retired business man who is leaving for the east, where he will live by the sea on which he spent the days of an adventurous and romantic youth.

Captain Lawrence in other days sailed the ocean in the service of the United States navy. His career led him into all the ports of the world and back again. He fought with the unregenerate Fiji down at the other end of the world and returned to do battle with Johnny Reb.

When Captain Lawrence left the navy he declared himself done with the sea and was given what was then called in the parlance of the service a "short discharge." "Long discharges were issued only to men who were to re-enlist. This short discharge was a point blank, blunt sort of document, with no ornamentation. In recognition of his worthy service to Seaman Lawrence's discharge was added the pen written postscript: "But he is a good man."

Through all the years Captain Lawrence has treasured his discharge from the navy with its unique testimonial. He is a good man and has the word of the great United States for it.

Kidnaped in South Sea.

While a sailor Captain Lawrence was engaged in a conflict in the Fiji islands when he and several of his fellows were kidnaped to become of his fellows were supplies for a hungry cannibal chief. He was slashed across the right wrist by the stroke of a bolo in the hands of a lusty savage. The fighting seaman came near losing his hand by the wound, but recovered on the long voyage home, after the rescue by his shipmates.

At the outbreak of the civil war Captain Lawrence attached himself to Bartlett's naval brigade, a rather unique organization designed for either land or sea service, but more particularly for coast service. Practically all of the men were former seamen, and the regiment, which was organized as an infantry regiment, known later as the Ninety-ninth New York infantry, saw considerable service at the very outbreak of the war, taking part in the battle of Big Bethel, the first battle of the war. Some of the companies were assigned to ship duty, one of them being on the frigate Congress that was sunk by the Merrimac in Hampton Roads in 1862.

On Both Land and Sea.

The regiment occupied a distinct position in the service and though technically known as the Ninety-ninth New York, still maintained its greater reputation as Bartlett's Naval brigade.

Captain and Mrs. Lawrence have been residents of Omaha for over twenty years. He is a member of the Nebraska Commandery Loyal Legion and was at one time its commander. Captain and Mrs. Lawrence will leave Monday for New London, Conn., where they will make their future home. Captain Lawrence has purchased an eighty-acre farm near New London, a portion of which lies along the sea coast. He and Mrs. Lawrence will spend their summers in their new home, but will winter in Nebraska.

Now to Live in Ease.

"I do not think that I shall do much personal farming," said Captain Lawrence. "But the place is a beautiful one and we have just bought it as a nice place to end our few remaining days. We hate to leave Nebraska and Omaha, as we have made many dear friends here that we shall always cherish, and will come back each winter to visit with them."

Captain Lawrence, through his long residence in Omaha, was long connected with the lead industry. He was president of the Omaha Shot works, founded in 1882, and later sold his properties to the trust.

BRICK FOR PAVEMENTS IS PROPERTY OWNERS' CHOICE

Petitions on File at City Hall Denote Preference—But One Plea for Creosoted Blocks.

Promoters of paving material are getting exceedingly busy at this time in securing the signatures of property owners to petitions designating the kind of pavement to be laid. So far the promoters of brick pavement have the best of the game. But one petition has come in for creosoted block, and those concerned seem to doubt if it will go through, because of the increased cost over asphalt or brick. Petitions already in the office of the city clerk designated material as follows:

Thirty-fifth avenue and Leavenworth to south line Mason, brick.

Twenty-third from Cass to alley between Webster and Burt, brick.

Twenty-sixth, Leavenworth to Rees, brick.

Mason, Eleventh to Thirteenth, brick.

Twenty-first, California to Burt, brick.

Wirt, Fourteenth to Sherman avenue, asphalt.

Douglas, Twenty-seventh to Park avenue, brick.

Harney, Twenty-sixth to Twenty-eighth, brick.

Seventeenth, Webster to Cuming, brick.

Dewey avenue, Park to Thirty-first, brick.

Tenth, Dodge to Douglas, brick.

Twenty-seventh, Hickory to Leavenworth, asphalt.

Thirty-fifth, Hawthorne avenue to Franklin, asphalt.

Rees, Twenty-fifth to Twenty-seventh, brick.

Harney, Tenth to Fifteenth, brick.

Twenty-seventh, Leavenworth to Hickory, brick and asphalt.

Davenport, Thirty-second avenue to Thirty-eighth street, asphalt.

Twenty-sixth, Leavenworth to Rees, asphalt.

Thirty-fifth, Dodge to Davenport, asphalt.

Marcy, Twenty-fifth to Twenty-seventh, asphalt.

Twenty-seventh street, Fowler to Templeton, brick.

Twenty-fifth avenue, Cuming to Indiana, brick.

Pine, Thirty-third to Thirty-sixth, asphalt.

Pierce, Thirteenth to Sixteenth, brick.

Twenty-eighth avenue, California to Burt, brick.

Alley between Jones and Leavenworth, block 196, artificial stone.

Building Permits.

H. P. Cote, 2402 Central boulevard, frame, $3,000; Frank Criss, 618 Hickory street, frame, $1,800; Fred Hamilton, 608 South Thirty-eighth street, brick dwelling, $18,000; E. Jepsen, Twenty-fifth and Cuming streets, brick store and flat, $10,000; Frank W. Bacon, 432 North Thirty-eighth avenue, frame, $7,500.

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Haskell Case is to Be Pushed

Trial of Oklahoma Governor Will Not Drag, Says Sylvester R. Rush.

The trial of Governor C. E. Haskell of Oklahoma, and others indicted by the federal grand jury at Tulsa, Okl., for alleged town lot frauds at Muskogee, Okl., will be called at Tulsa May 2.

"It is the intention of the government to go right ahead with the trials," said Special Assistant Attorney General S. R. Rush, who has charge of the cases. "I understand that efforts are being made to have the cases go over in the interest of the defendants, but I can see no good reason why they should not be ready for trial in May. The government is ready in any event.

CRONK RESISTS DEMAND FOR ALIMONY PAYMENT

Declares Wife Did Not Obey Court Order in Relation to Return of Property.

George P. Cronk is resisting a payment of alimony due Saturday because, so he alleges, Mrs. Cronk did not comply with the court order relative to the return of his property, which Mrs. Cronk removed during the night from the Georgia avenue home and had stored in Council Bluffs in the name of George S. Wright, an attorney.

Mr. Cronk has filed a motion in district court praying for a modification of the court order whereby he was to give up $100 Saturday. An accompanying affidavit recites the replevining of the furniture from the Durfee Furniture company's warehouse Council Bluffs. This $100 is for suit money, the $70 a month temporary alimony having been paid the day after the court order, and another $70 note being due for some time yet.

Mrs. Cronk's attorneys say that they had until Saturday night to return the property. "They even took the mattress on which Mrs. Cronk's mother died," exclaims Judge W. W. Slabaugh. Cronk in his affidavit, charges that Mrs. Cronk has still more property of his.

The motion to modify the order will be heard by Judge Troup Saturday morning at 9:30.

ON TRIAL FOR WATCH THEFT

Man Charged with Taking Farmer's Timepiece, Leaving Spurious Substitute.

W. F. Murphy is charged with having robbed Herman Yelkin, a farmer, of a gold watch and placing a dollar time keeper on the end of Yelkin's chain in its place.

Murphy is being tried in district court on the charge of larceny from the person. It appears that Murphy and Yelkin, who is a man of 70 years, were together in some sort of luncheon room on lower Douglas street.

Yelkin says he detected the substitution and went for an officer. Returning, it is said, the two saw Murphy try to throw away the stolen watch.

New Books

Fiction.

THE RED HOUSE ON ROWAN STREET, by Roman Doubleday. 313 pp.; $1.50; Little, Brown & Co.

This is a mystery story full of dash and go. A young man goes half-way across the continent to ask a girl he has never met to reconsider her refusal to marry another man, and on reaching her home discovers that her father is charged with highway robbery. The young man straightway falls in love with the charming heroine, and the unraveling of the mystery makes an interesting story.

TESS OF THE STORM COUNTRY, by Grace Miller White. 365 pp.; $1.50; W. J. Watt & Co.

The scene of this story is laid on the shore of Lake Cayuga, mainly in a settlement of squatter fishermen, an ignorant, sullen and brutish little company of men and women whose squalid homes are a thorn in the flesh of the people of Ithaca and the summer dwellers about the lake. Of these is the girl, Tess, although the author makes her of higher type and finer character than the others, but just as ignorant and much more dirty and uncouth. Her devotion to her father, on trial for the murder of a game warden, sets in motion unexpected forces which tangle the strands of fate for her and others.

HOPALONG CASSIDY, by Clarence E. Mulford. 382 pp.; $1.50; A. C. McClurg & Co.

All lovers of western fiction will remember Hopalong Cassidy, the genial and recklessly daring hero of "Bar 20," by Clarence E. Mulford. In this new story Hopalong is found with all a man's work cut out for him in the midst of a range war—instigated by cattle rustlers who rob both sides under its cover—and in the embarrassing position of being in love with the daughter of the foreman of the opposing camp. The book is illustrated in color by Maynard Dixon.

DAN MERRITHEW, by Lawrence Perry. 288 pp.; $1.50; A. C. McClurg & Co.

A spirited story of young love and young courage. The hero, born with the call of the sea in his veins, is captain on a seagoing tug when he rescues Virginia Howland from a foundering yacht. Their subsequent adventures with South American revolutionists, peril on a burning steamer, and casting on a derelict, follow with a logical fatefulness and make a story well worth the telling.

CALEB TRENCH, by Mary Imlay Taylor. 300 pp.; $1.50; Little, Brown & Co.

This story tells of the fight of a northerner, Caleb Trench, who has had to make his own way against class prejudice in the south. The story reflects the inevitable contest between the ideals of the old south and the necessity of its adaptation to actual conditions. While the small-town characters are delightfully portrayed, and a love episode of rare charm is told, what is most striking in the story is the picture of the obscure northerner by sheer strength of character overcoming the hostile feeling, the discourtesy and disdain with which, because of his lack of social position, he is received.

MR. CARTERET, by David Gray. 318 pp.; $1; The Century Company.

It is evident that Mr. Gray loves horses and hunting and it is partly this sympathetic intimacy with sport and the sporting spirit which makes his stories so popular. Here are six new ones: "Mr. Carteret and His Fellow Americans Abroad," "How Mr. Carteret Proposed," "Mr. Carteret's Adventures with a Locket," "The Case of the Evanstons," "The Matter of a Mashie," and "The Medal of Honor Story." The scenes of the three first are laid in England; and Mr. Gray has made the transfer to English soil of American hunting customs and of American wooing ways tremendously funny.

Miscellaneous.

MANUAL OF GARDENING, by L. H. Bailey. 536 pp.; $2; The Macmillan company.

The author has studied amateur and commercial gardening in all parts of the United States, and in his book he expresses the generalities derived from this study. He has been assisted in his work by such able men as C. E. Hunn, a gardener of long experience; Prof. Ernest Walker, reared as a commercial florist; Prof. L. R. Taft and Prof. F. A. Waugh, well known for their studies and writings on horticultural subjects. In his long experience in this line of investigation, Prof. Bailey has also derived much from correspondents, questioners, and those who enjoy talking about gardens.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGION, by Irving King. 353 pp.; $1.75; The Macmillan company.

The author does not believe that religion sprang fully grown into the heart and mind of man. Rather, he traces, step by step, the gradual growth and development of the religious idea in the mind of primitive man. It is a serious, but a most absorbing subject, and Dr. King has illumined it with illustrations drawn from the customs and myths of primitive peoples in every corner of the globe. The volume is primarily a study of the social psychology of primitive religion.

THE CONQUEST OF CONSUMPTION, by Dr. Woods Hutchinson. 138 pp.; $1; Houghton-Mifflin company.

A helpful and practical book for all who are interested in stamping out the white plague. There are some practical appendices dealing with the construction of open-air sleeping porches, camp building, etc.

FISHING KITS AND EQUIPMENT, by Samuel G. Camp. 142 pp.; $1; Outing Publishing company.

Every detail of the fishing kit of the freshwater angler is described, from rod-tip to reel and clothing. Special emphasis is laid on outfitting for fly-fishing, but full instruction is also given to the man who wants to catch pickerel, pike, muskellunge, lake-trout, bass and other freshwater game fishes. Prices are quoted for all articles recommended and the approved method of selecting and testing the various rods, lines, leaders, etc., is described.

SWIMMING by Edward Tenney Brewster. 91 pp.; $1; Houghton Mifflin company.

A compact and well-arranged manual, giving instructions so clearly and entertainingly that the reader, given an opportunity for practice can scarcely fail to acquire the art of swimming in all its branches in a short space of time. A particularly useful section of the book is that which presents the best method for teaching very small children to swim.

THE STORY OF THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE, by John R. Spears. 340 pp.; $1.50; The Macmillan company.

Mr. Spears has made the marine history of America an especial study and the criticisms which he makes of present day conditions and the suggestions which he has to offer are interesting as coming from one conversant with the entire history of American commerce. The book carries out the main idea of the series to which it belongs: to tell interestingly, but accurately, certain sides of the history and growth of a nation which have been much neglected in the past to fill in, in other words, the gaps left by formal historians.

DUMPS GARBAGE IN MANHOLE

Restaurant Man Had Struck Easy Way to Dispose of His Refuse, but It is Too Costly.

Caught in the act of using the manhole at Fourteenth and Jackson as a deposit for garbage, Chris Thenbus, who runs an eating house at 1401 Jackson street, was arrested Thursday night by Officer Wood and taken to the police station. He was charged with violating one of the city ordinances and was fined $5 and costs in police court Friday morning.