

JOHN L. WEBSTER SARCASTIC

Thinks the Water Board Might Have Invited Him to Meeting.

BOARD HOLDS SECRET SESSION

Loud and Angry Sounds Flood Through the Keyhole and Webster Comes Out Smiling—"He Wins," Say Spectators.

Attorney John L. Webster of the Water board, being the same and the very soul of punctuality, stepped lightly and merrily into the assembly room of the board at the city hall last night.

John L. Webster's cheerful face wore its smile for fifteen minutes. When a quarter of an hour had slipped by and no water boarder had appeared the attorney began to frown.

"Where's the board?" he asked of Heafey. "Howell's office." "Meeting?" "Yes."

Silence ensued and after several minutes, in his most cultured, sarcastic drawl the general said: "They might have invited us to that meeting. Any chance of their adjourning and coming up here."

"Oh, yes." W. H. Bucholz came in. "I'm about to adjourn this meeting," said Webster. "They're going to read minutes. I had that fixed once, but when this administration came in they insisted on changing it and taking up time reading minutes." It looked like the general was ready if not looking for trouble.

In Secret Session. It was 8:30 o'clock when the board met. After awarding the contracts for two thirty-six-inch and one four-inch meter to the Simplex Meter company and the contract for four 40-horsepower boilers to the Wickes Boiler company for \$14,578 a recess was taken and the board went into secret session in a room just off the assembly room.

For thirty minutes the muffled sound of argument came through the keyhole and then loud and angry voices and the word "Dundee" impinged upon the eardrums of those in the outer office. Suddenly W. H. Bucholz came stamping out. "Ten o'clock is my limit," he said, "and they know just where I stand on the Dundee matter."

When the board came out of its secret session all was serene. "Heard high voices and angry arguments in there," said a reporter to Attorney Webster. "Anything to report?" "They've left it in my hands. Nothing definite."

Howell was grim; the general cheerful. "General wins," said spectators. "The Dundee matter" concerns the claim of the George Bros. for pay for a main they laid at their own expense. It was over this main that Howell accused Webster of drawing a contract and leaving out the things he wanted in it.

Members of the board will leave Sunday night for Minneapolis to attend a meeting of the American Water Works association. Howell, Heafey, Wead and Sherman will probably go. The new boilers for the Florence plant will increase the horsepower pumping capacity of the station to 400. The boilers must be in by the latter part of November.

EFFICACY OF PRAYER SHOWN

Fairly Adequate Response to Mother's Appeal Soothes the Pains of Tragedy.

Triplets, all boys, were born to Mrs. Louis Isler of 73 Prospect street, Brooklyn, in the burning of whose home, at El Rogers avenue, on January 31, last year, she and her husband lost all of their four children.

Isler, who is a prosperous kosher butcher, called Dr. Harold Rabinowitz of 44 Kibben street to his new home yesterday afternoon and soon the physician ushered three little boys in to the world. Each weighed six pounds and each was healthy and possessed of lusty lungs. Mrs. Isler was reported as doing well.

When the Isler home burned last year, through the explosion of a kerosene lamp, their four children were asleep. Two were dead when found and the other two died soon afterward. Mrs. Isler suffered from mental shock for several weeks and seemed to be inconsolable. All of their household goods were destroyed.

After a few weeks they established a new home in Prospect street and recently Mrs. Isler has been very happy. Her neighbors said she had prayed every day, many times every day, for children to take the places of those she lost. She told the physician today that she knew her prayers had been answered. Three of the children killed in the fire were boys. Three boys came yesterday.

Isler said that no mother in his family or in that of his wife had ever had triplets or even twins before.—New York Herald.

Obedient Orders.

Murphy was a new cavalry recruit and was given one of the worst horses in the troop. "Remember," said the sergeant, "no one is allowed to dismount without orders."

Murphy was no sooner in the saddle than the horse kicked and Murphy went over his head. "Murphy," yelled the sergeant, when he discovered him lying breathless on the ground, "you dismounted!" "I did."

"Did you have orders?" "I did." "From headquarters?" "No, sir, from headquarters."—Ladies Home Journal.

Loons and Their Plumage. A nature student who was viewing recently arrived feathered migrants through a field glass in Mill Creek park one afternoon was approached by a small boy, who said to him: "Say, mister, there's a funny looking bird on the upper lake. Did you see it?" The nature student replied in the affirmative. "What is it?"

"It's a loon in its winter plumage." The boy was silent. "Do you think you can remember that?" smiled the man. "Sure I can," the boy answered. "There's a girl next door to us that wears thin stockings and k-w-e-e-d dresses in the coldest kind of weather. I'll just think of her."—Youngstown Telegram.

Dreadful Fright. A nature student who was viewing recently arrived feathered migrants through a field glass in Mill Creek park one afternoon was approached by a small boy, who said to him: "Say, mister, there's a funny looking bird on the upper lake. Did you see it?" The nature student replied in the affirmative. "What is it?"

New Books

DESSERT GOLD. By Zane Grey. 25 Pp. \$1.30. Harper & Bros. In this story of love and warfare on the Mexican border the author has given his readers plenty of thrilling excitement. Richard Cole, a rich man's son, after a disagreement with his father, has drifted about the west in half-hearted pursuit of work or adventure. In Casta—a village that lies half in the United States and half in Mexico—he meets an old college friend—George Thorne, now with the United States cavalry patrolling the border. Picturesqueness of scene blends with the vigorous action following the rescue of a beautiful Spanish girl by Thorne, and the love of the hero for a charming American girl, makes the story colorful and spirited to the end.

OUT OF THE DEPTHS. By Robert Ames Bennett. 25 Pp. \$1.30. A. C. McClurg & Co. The chief figure in the story is a young engineer who has been ruined in character by the usual upbringing of a rich man's son. Having been discovered in the theft of another engineer's plans, he is disowned and seeks service on a ranch. The influence on his character of the ranch owner's daughter, the jealous hatred of a cowboy, who is himself in love with this girl, and the part the eastern youth plays in enhancing the rancher's fortunes, make a story true in its lust for power and love.

GERTRUDE. By Edward Hungerford. 28 Pp. \$1.25. McBride, Nast & Co. The book tells first of the rejuvenation of an old country tavern into a fascinating sort of inn, and then of the rejuvenation of the family that moved into it. The story moves, of course, about its central figure, Gertrude, the girl, who made herself strong and winsome and then conquered the tragedy of her own life. The characters are quaint and lovable, and the theme of the story is rather novel.

THE BEARS' CLAWS. By Grace Sartwell Mason and John Northern Hilliard. 31 Pp. \$1.25. A. C. McClurg & Co. From her bronze cage in the rotunda of a New York hotel a tired stenographer who inherits the wanderlust and dreams and writes stories of romantic adventures in far lands is swept, at a day's notice, into the very whirlpool of the oriental life of which she has always dreamed. It becomes her lot to help her intrepid, resourceful engineer husband as he plans to build railroads through the Persian desert, and to thwart the practiced spies of Russia in their efforts to block his work. The story is a thrilling narrative of life and adventure in the far east, spiced with a flavor of the devious ways of international politics.

FARO NELL. By Alfred Henry Lewis. 24 Pp. \$1.25. G. W. Dillingham Co. Faro Nell, herself, has all the honor and honesty of a Colt's .45, and the love of Wolfville is seen in its hours of sunshine and its hours of gloom. The characters which Mr. Lewis has used in his tales of the western frontier are all there and their lives and actions faithfully reflected.

THE FLORINS OF THE PLAINS. By Kate A. Arlington. 40 Pp. \$1.25. P. G. Browne & Co. A story of the old Santa Fe trail telling the adventures of a pioneer group of travelers. It abounds in romance and its thrills are many. It is an interesting tale, told in a vivid and charming way.

THE WINGS OF PRIDE. By Louise Kennedy Mable. 24 Pp. \$1.25. Harper & Bros. This story leads the reader from social amenities in New York to a life of self-sacrifice in a western city. The transition from dilettante living to a battle with actual and basic problems makes the romance one of love and trial, but charming and interesting withal.

THE AIR PILOT. By Randall Parrish. 318 Pp. \$1.25. A. C. McClurg & Co. The hero of this romance is Lieutenant Philip Desaud of the French army, the inventor of an improved aeroplane. Why his machine was withdrawn from the contest at the last moment and lost to sight, and why its inventor disappeared mysteriously, are the questions answered in a breathlessly moving yarn of international intrigue and the loyalty to Desaud of a young American newspaper woman, who hanks a plot to steal the secret of his invention.

THE SOJOURNER. By Robert Dull Elder. 258 Pp. \$1.30. Harper & Bros. From boyhood Jack Holliday has been in love with Violet Spencer, the sister of his best friend, Kenneth Spencer, his roommate at Princeton, cheats in an examination, and Jack feels bound to report him. Late on the night following

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attempts at cultivating the soil. There is plenty of exciting adventure in the course of the story, and the author has managed quite skillfully to keep the main threads of the latter well entangled until they are all cleverly separated at the end.

JOHN O' JAMESTOWN. By Vaughan Kester. 253 Pp. \$1.25. Bobbs-Merrill Co. The hero of Jamestown is the central figure in the story, which is told by a young Englishman. The greater part of the book is filled with an account of the first three years at Jamestown—the hardships, the starvation, sickness and death, the relations with the Indians, the intrigues and conspiracies among the colonists, the explorations, and the first

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HARPER'S BOOK FOR YOUNG NATURALISTS. By Alpheus Hyatt Verill. 27 Pp. \$1.50. Harper & Bros. Written with the aim of helping boy collectors to gather and arrange their collections intelligently, it is difficult to imagine a book more valuable or interesting to every boy. Here are no dry discussions of species, no long technical terms to frighten the boy, but valuable suggestions and directions from actual

experience. Taxidermy, trapping, catching and mounting insects, dredging at the seashore—all are explained. Directions are also given for the making of a museum; then follow the divisions devoted to birds and bird nests; insects, fish, reptiles and batrachians, mammals, marine invertebrates, rocks, minerals and fossils, Indian relics and botanical collections. The illustrations are all original and many unique photographs show the subjects in their natural haunts and attitudes.

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SPECIAL TRAIN OF VETS TO PASS THROUGH OMAHA. Next Saturday a special train of Washington and Oregon civil war veterans will arrive over the Union Pacific, en route to the reunion at Gettysburg. They will arrive at 1 o'clock in the morning, and half an hour later will leave for the east over the Northwestern.

POLLY OF LADY GAY COTTAGE. By Emma C. Dowd. 238 Pp. \$1. Houghton, Mifflin company. Those who have had the delight of reading "Polly of the Hospital Staff" will anticipate the pleasure this new book holds in store. It begins with the marriage of Dr. Dudley, the chief physician of the hospital, and Miss Lucy, the head nurse, and their adoption of Polly as their little girl. Polly continues on the hospital staff, but many new and wonderful things happen to her. For one, she finds her "truly relations." They are all one could wish them to be, and while Polly remains loyal to her old friends, events so take their course that every one concerned seems likely to "live happily ever after."

MISTRESS DAVENANT, THE DARK LADY OF SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS. By Arthur Acheson. Walter M. Hill Publisher. Mr. Acheson has struck a new note in criticism, dealing with a phase of the Shakespearean controversy somewhat neglected. In this work Mr. Acheson pursues further the idea he advanced in his former work, "Shakespeare and the Rival Poet," and identifies both the patron and the heroine of the sonnets; the patron being Henry, earl of Wrothesley, while the heroine is Mistress Davenant, landlady of the Crown Inn at Oxford. The line of thought pursued by Mr. Acheson in his critical observations is most interesting.

PRUE'S JOLLY WINTER. By Amy Brooks. 250 Pp. \$1. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co. A center of interest is the dancing school with its funny, fussy teacher, and the ungraded village day school, with its pupils of all sizes, is amusingly described. A mystery is furnished by the "haunted mill" until it is learned who haunts it, and a more real excitement by the loss of little Prue in a snowstorm that closed the school.

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