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This is the latest photograph of Booth Tarkington, whose latest novel, "Cherry" (Harper's), is likely to be his greatest popular success. Mr. Tarkington was born in Indiana in 1869. He is a graduate of Exeter Academy and of Princeton in 1890, taking his A. M. degree in 1890.

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Columbia's Bride. Rivers have ever been hot tames to the poet, and the Willamette is no different from the rest. Dr. E. F. Eldridge, of Grand Junction, Colo., forwards the following verses which he entitled "Columbia's Bride."

Where Columbia flows, From his home in the snows To welcome his bride in the West As she comes from the South With a rose in her mouth; These Nature in grandeur is dressed.

Like a lover's fond dream, Is that beautiful stream In the heart of its waters are gold; When the stars shine above Thy waves sing of love, As over the pebbles they're rolled.

Like a brave knight of old, His strong arms unfold, And clasp to his long-waiting breast His beautiful bride, "Columbia," The Willamette's tide— The fairest of all in the West.

Then the true and the brave, Rippled on toward the grave That awaits in the shimmering sea; With a kiss and a song They frolic along— As happy as happy can be.

"Conquest" Arouses Interest. That the interest being taken by Eastern people in the Lewis and Clark Fair is much increased by the "Conquest" is shown by the following review of Mrs. Dye's book from the Brooklyn Standard-Union:

The third edition of Mrs. Dye's work comes as a timely and efficient complement, or sequel, to Senator Mitchell's pending bill and notable development such as is nowhere else available. The Lewis and Clark expedition is traced from its germ in the first advance of Virginia through the Alleghenies to the mountains of Kentucky, and the spread of civilization over the West and Northwest is graphically shown as a process of natural and inevitable evolution, assisted by forces which have made the United States. The persons of the drama are living and effective. The romance of Sacajawea, the Indian Princess, who accompanied the expedition, is traced from its germ in the first advance of Virginia through the Alleghenies to the mountains of Kentucky, and the spread of civilization over the West and Northwest is graphically shown as a process of natural and inevitable evolution, assisted by forces which have made the United States.

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L. C. Page & Co. announce: "The Bright Face of Danger," by Robert Neilson Stephens, author of "An Embassy to the King," to which the present novel will be a sequel. "The Watchers of the Trails" will be a new Nature book by Charles T. Roberts. "A Psalm of Romance of Old Judea," "Hemming the Adventurer," and "The Sign of Triumph," a story of the children's crusade, are other volumes of fiction to be published this Spring.

James Pott & Co. announce for Spring publication, "Flower of the Fort," by Charles Hammett, who is said to have written an exciting historical tale on "absolutely new lines." The Bookman Biographies, popular illustrated monographs on great writers will be continued, early in the Spring. "Pennyworth," by G. K. Chesterton and Ruben Garnett; "Browning," by James Douglas, and "Thackeray," by G. K. Chesterton and Lewis Melville.

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Dodd, Mead & Co. will soon begin the publication of their complete and definitive edition of the Journals of Lewis and Clark. The original journals of exploration and discovery of the West, the early territorial between the Mississippi and the mouth of the Columbia, from 1804 to 1806, are now in the possession of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia. Although these journals have formed the basis for many published accounts of the expedition, they have never before been made public in the exact form and manner in which they were actually written by the explorers. A still more remarkable fact is that the accounts heretofore published have been not only more of a paraphrase than a reproduction, but they have totally ignored a great mass of valuable information. They have also secured a mass of material heretofore unpublished. This material is of the highest importance and interest. Dodson & Goddard, the editors of this definitive edition, is the secretary and superintendent of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, member of the American Historical MSS. Commission and lecturer on American History in the University of Wisconsin. He is especially fitted to edit this and careful study of everything relating to the early settlements of the West. The publication will be especially timely, because of the celebration of the Louisiana Purchase, and of the Lewis and Clark

NOTES OF THE MAGAZINES. The February issue of the Macmillan Company's "The Bookman" contains a number of interesting articles. The "Bookman" is a monthly magazine of literary criticism and book reviews. The February issue contains a number of interesting articles, including a review of "The Bookman" by G. K. Chesterton and Ruben Garnett, "Browning" by James Douglas, and "Thackeray" by G. K. Chesterton and Lewis Melville.