BOOK REVIEWS

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DAILY — WITH HER THE UNION SHE FLIES OWN WINGS

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LADY OR THE TIGER? STOCKTON HIMSELF COULD NEVER DECIDE

Author Declares He Intended to Finish Story, But It Wouldn't Be Finished.

WRITERS KEEPING BUSY

Peace and Preparedness Given Considerable Attention in Literary Works of the Season.

"Perhaps the most interesting thing about 'The Lady or the Tiger?'" Frank R. Stockton once said, "is its great popularity among the savage races. It has been told again and again by the story tellers of Burmah. A missionary once told the story to a tribe of Karens in Burmah. When she came back a year later the tribe surrounded her and wanted to know if she had found out whether the lady or the tiger came out of the closed door."

"I cannot answer the question for I have no earthly idea myself. I have never been able to decide whether the lady or the tiger came out of that door. Yet I must defend myself. People for years have upbraided me for leaving it a mystery, some used to write me that I had no right to impose upon the good nature of the public in that manner.

"However, when I started in to the story I really intended to finish it, but it would never let itself be finished. I could not decide and to this day, I assure you, I know no better than anyone else."

It is interesting to compare the military program recently announced by the administration with expert estimates of our military needs like that contained in "Arms and the Race," the resume of the question by Professor R. M. Johnston of Harvard and the war college in Washington. Numerically the estimates are somewhat far apart, and it will be a surprise to some perhaps to find the war expert a good deal more modest in his demands than our peaceful government officials.

Secretary Garrison proposes an army of 665,000 men, divided as follows: A regular army of 140,000, a continental army of 400,000, enlisted for six years; and a national guard of 125,000. With reserves it is estimated that under this plan the army would muster six years hence almost 1,300,000 men.

Professor Johnston's plan, on the other hand, comprises: An army of 425,800 men for the defense of our possessions, three army corps, 130,800 men, immediately available for national emergencies, and militia to the number of 150,800; a peace total of 305,200, the whole capable of being doubled in six months, rendering available a war total of 610,400 men.

Although H. T. Webster, the cartoonist, is only 30 years old, he declares he had a real Indian adventure. As a small boy living in Tomahawk, Wis., he with a crowd of friends discovered an abandoned Indian birch bark canoe. They decided that a canoe was the thing which they needed and that all treaties were scraps of paper. They had just started dragging it toward the river, when they discovered a whole tribe of supposedly peaceful Indians coming on a run. Mr. Webster states that the larger part of the adventure was in doing the two mile distance at the hundred yard dash rate.

Between such experiences, smashing a few windows, and delivering groceries for the local magnate, Mr. Webster got decidedly at first hand his impressions of a real American Huck Finn-reading boyhood, which he has expressed in his cartoons now collected as "Our Boyhood Thrills."

Arthur Conan Doyle, whose friendship has meant much to young authors, unconsciously gave the start to one of the cleverest of the young English humorists — A. A. Milne, author of "Happy Days." Mr. Milne's first accepted article was a parody on Sherlock Holmes. It came at a time when Mr. Milne had every reason to expect not to succeed, and started him on a road which has made him the chief contributor to Punch.

"Johnny Appleseed," Eleanor Atkinson's recently published story of "the patron saint of American orchards," has just been placed on the Pupils' Reading Circle of Indiana. This is the first state thus to honor the memory of her gentle pioneer.

NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY

Among the books recently added to the public library are the following:

Biography.

Dawbarn, "Makers of New France." 1915.

Description and Travel.

Lane—"Round Erin; or, Highways and Byways in Ireland." 1915.

U. S. Interior, Dept. of the—Publications regarding the national parks. 1915.

Fiction.

Adams—"Little Miss Grouch."
Cather—"Song of the Lark."
Couch—"Nicky-Nan, Reservist."
Griffith—"Angel of the Revolution."
Maxwell—"Ragged Messenger."
Norris—"Story of Julia Page."
Russell—"Convict Ship."
Wilson—"Bunker Bean."

Fine Arts.

Chabrier—"Espana; Rhapsodie Pour Orchestra."
Dickson—"Practical Organ Building." 2 pt. 2 vol. 1882.
Greening—"Greening Practical System of Landscape Gardening." 1910.
"How to Train for Bicycling." *1903.
Merchant and others—"Dream of Mother Goose and Other Entertainments." 1908.
Mozart—"Symphonie IV."
Rhodes—"Art of Lithography." 1914.
Rimsky-Korsakov — Scheherazade d'apres "Mille et une nuits"; suite symphonique pour orchestre, op. 35, reduction pour piano a deux mains.
Sgambati—Serenata napoletana; ed. and fingered by Hugo Riesenfeld; op. 24, No. 2. 2v.
Vaile—"How to Learn Golf." *1915.
Waugh—"Rural Improvement." 1914.

Language.

Baumbach — Woldnovellen; "Six Tales." 1899.

Literature.

Andrev—"Sorrows of Belgium;" a play in six scenes; tr. by Herman Bernstein. 1915.
Gibson—"Fires." 1912.
Jones—"Theatre of Ideas," a burlesque allegory, and three one-act plays; "The Goal." "Her Tongue." "Grace Mary." *1915.

History.

Fornaro—"Carranza and Mexico." 1915.
Priest—"Germany Since 1740." *1915.
Soutter—"Surgeon in Belgium." 1915.

Philosophy.

Hough—"Getting a Wrong Start." 1915.
Peabody—"Christian Life in the Modern World." 1915.

Religion.

Hutchins—"Graded Social Service for the Sunday School." *1914.

Sociology.

Auginbaugh—"Selling Latin America." *1915.
Daniels—"Girl and Her Chance." *1914.
Klapper—"Principles of Educational Practice." 1912.
Palmer—"Trades and Professions." *1914.
Parker—"Methods of Teaching in high schools." *1915.
Smart—"Economic Annals of the Nineteenth Century, 1801-1820." 1910.
Stevens—"Russian Army From Within." *1914.

Useful Arts.

Anderson—"Electricity for the Farm." 1915.
Benedict and Cathcart—"Muscular Work." 1913.
Boxell and Nichols—"Principles of Bookkeeping and Farm Accounts." *1913.
"Credit and Collection Methods." *1913.
Hirshberg, ed.—"What You Ought to Know About Your Baby." 1910.
"How to Write Advertising." *1912.
"Personal Salesmanship." *1909.
Pretlow, comp.—"Small Family Cook Book." 1915.
Sherman—"Food Products." 1915.
"365 Cakes and Cookies," selected from Marion Harland, Mrs. Lincoln, "Good Housekeeping," and others. *1904.
Wardell and White—"Study of Foods." *1914.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

Those who are planning to purchase books for Christmas presents will be interested in the fine editions on display in the circulation department of the central library. Assistants will be glad to help in selecting suitable books and to give information about price and publisher, if desired.

The intermediate department of the circulation room where the collection of books of interest to boys and girls of high school age is kept, is displaying from time to time special bulletins and books on subjects of timely interest. The bulletin now on display is one on Vocations. In connection with this are books on vocations for boys and girls, men and women, with the lives of people who have followed certain vocations. A few illustrative stories and books bearing on the special callings of the business man, namely, transportation, manufacturing, telephony, telegraphy, stories of inventions, commercial geography, etc., are included, also a number of books on special training—domestic art, why go to college, women in the fine arts, and various other subjects.

In the children's room at the central library on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock the older boys and girls will hear the rest of the "Last Days of Pompeii." Interesting pictures of Pompeii will be shown. On Friday afternoon at 3:15 the little folks will have their usual story hour, and at 4 o'clock the boys and girls of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will listen to the myths and legends of India.

The next lecture in the course on children's literature will be given in room A of the central library on Saturday morning, November 20, at 10:30 o'clock.

"The Songs of Israel: The Book of Psalms" will be the subject of Professor Norman Frank Coleman's lecture in library hall on Tuesday evening, November 16, at 8 o'clock.

Friday evening, November 19, in library hall, Professor Kenneth Scott Latourette of Reed college will lecture on "The Origin and Growth of the Idea of World Peace."

Wednesday, November 17, at 4 p. m., Professor Torrey will lecture in room B on "Biology."

NEW "CLASSMATE" STORY

"In Camp on Bass Island," by Paul G. Tomlinson.—This new volume in the "Classmate Series" is an exciting story of the adventures in fishing, boating and swimming of the four classmates, who, in a former story, "To the Land of the Caribou," travelled so adventurously to Labrador.

The mystery of a hermit, whom the boys discover, and the solution of the mystery in a tragic manner add to the thrills of the story. There is a description of a regatta at a summer colony, a fire, storm and other events of human and elemental interest.

Charles Scribners' Sons, New York. $1.25 net.

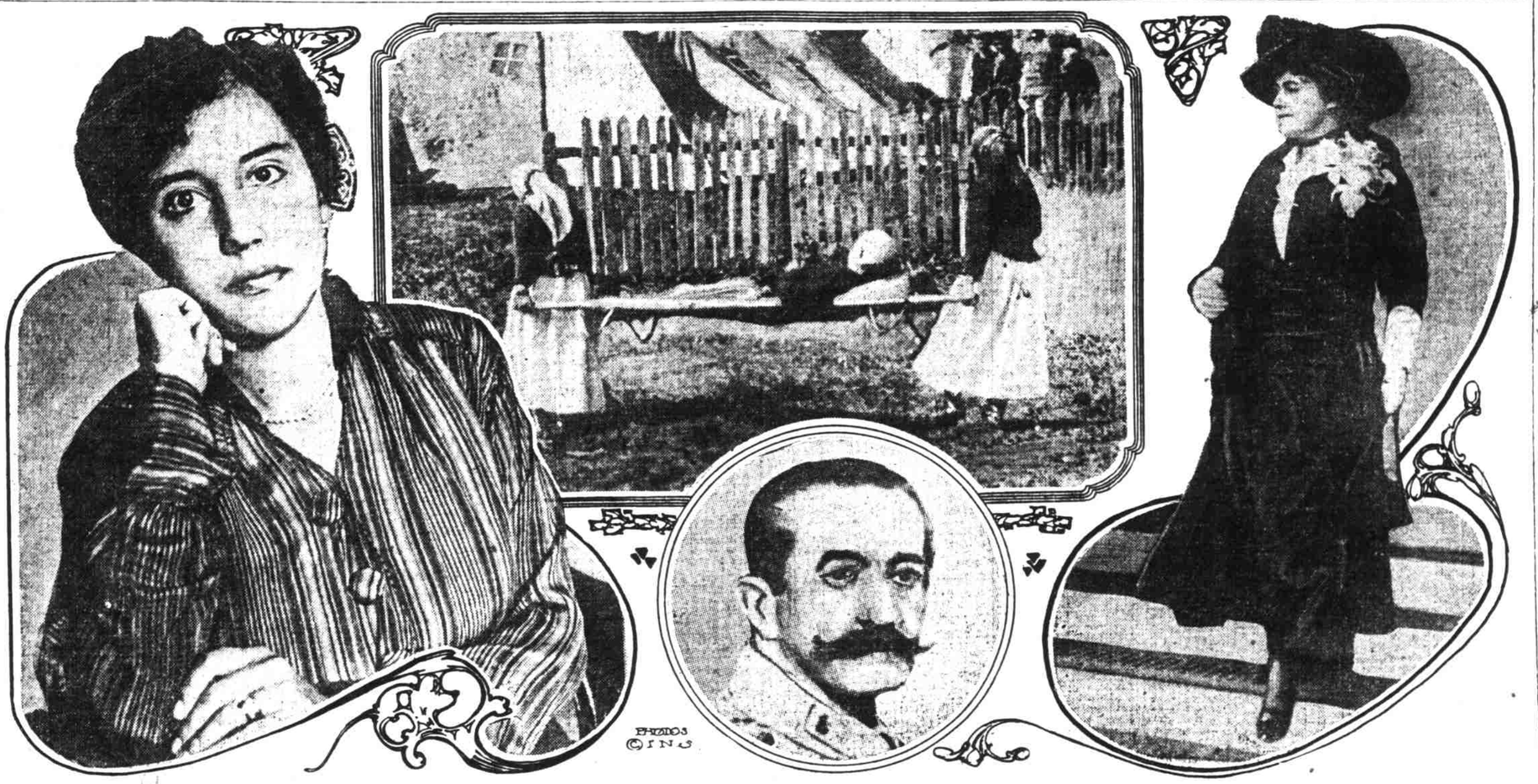
HOW TO MAKE GOOD TOYS

"Home-made Toys for Girls and Boys," by A. Neely Hall.—This is a book of suggestion for interesting home-made toys, many simple ones, some more complicated, worked out by a man who has written a number of books on kindred subjects. Many of the merry-go-rounds, Ferris wheels and other models usually made with the specially prepared "construction outfits" are shown in this volume built of pick-up materials to be found in most any home.

The book is illustrated from photographs and working drawings.

Lothrop, Lee & Shepard company, Boston. $1.25 net.

Women of Three Countries Who Have Figured in the News of the Week



Left—Senora Juana Torres de Villa, wife of the Mexican bandit-general, Francisco Villa, who fled to Los Angeles recently where a baby was born to her. Center—Serbian women serving as stretcher-bearers bringing in a wounded soldier. Right—Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, leaving the St. Regis hotel in New York. Below—General von Bissing, German military governor of Belgium, who hastened the execution of Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was shot as a spy.

REAL PIONEER TELLS STORY OF HER LIFE— AND HER VICTORIES

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw as a Girl and Young Woman Had Hard Struggle.

FINALLY WON HER WAY

Growth of the Cause of Suffrage for Which Woman Labored Is Considered.

"The Story of a Pioneer," by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw.—"The Story of a Pioneer," by Dr. Shaw, written in collaboration with Elizabeth Jordan, is the life-story of a fighter, but not of a fanatic; a story rich in personal experience and interesting incident, yet broadly significant and universal in its appeal.

Although the autoblography deals largely and enthusiastically with the progress of "the Cause," it is not aimed narrowly at Suffragists. It reveals breadth of view, an extensiveness of observation and appreciation, above all, a genuineness of humor, that are the signs of a big personality.

Dr. Shaw's life story not only holds one's interest by its varied attractions, but above all shows what men (and women) may most profitably live by—how happiness may be built up out of hard work, hardship cheerfully endured, the consciousness of service.

In 1849 Anna Shaw's father, who had "dreamed the great dream of those days"—the dream of prosperity in the New World—went to America. Two years later, when Anna was four years old, his wife and family followed him. For a time the Shaws lived in New England. The family left New England for the west in 1859, and from then on the story of Dr. Shaw's life becomes a tale of almost ceaseless struggle against heavy odds. It is the story of a pioneer in the work for women and of a pioneer more way than one—of a pioneer in the literal American sense of the word.

In the "forest primeval" in Michigan in which Thomas Shaw, the husband and father, left his large family to hew an existence, Anna Shaw began to work for an ideal end—the end, in the first place, of getting a college education. The story of how she toiled as an illpaid school teacher, of how she worked as a seamstress in Big Rapids, always with her ambition in view, of her meeting with her "first woman minister," the Reverend Marianna Thompson, of her early experience as a preacher, of the spiritual struggle through which she passed before she became convinced that she had a "call"—this story made up of high aspirations, brutal realities, and quaint incidents is fairly unique.

Nevertheless, despite poverty and despite opposition of the sort that hurts, Anna Shaw won the fulfillment of her desire, entering Albion college in Albion, Michigan, at the age of 25. After two years, she reluctantly gave up her college course and went to Boston to prepare herself for the ministry in the theological school of Boston university. Grim years followed—years of privation and disappointment, of no work or of unremunerated work. With the author's work as a substitute preacher in Cape Cod pulpits during the summer of 1876 the brighter period begins. The experiences of this period, indeed, are especially rich in amusement and in sometimes affecting revelations of simple and genuine human nature.

From this point on her story becomes practically the story of "the Cause"—a story of victory and disappointment and ceaseless toil, told with intimate knowledge and with zest.

Harper & Brothers, New York. $2 net.

Here's Sports Editor Who Has Reformed

Charles E. Van Loan, author of "Buck Parvin and the Movies," the first novel for movie fans—but, aside from that, a thoroughly good story—is doubly Californian, because he was born there and has now returned to that state of vine-covered bungalows and movie actresses, after star newspaper work in New York and other cities.

June 29, 1876—six days after Irvin S. Cobb was born in Kentucky—the justly celebrated light of day as it appears in California saw Mr. Van Loan's birth. This may possibly explain why Mr. Cobb and Mr. Van Loan are friends, hunting companions and star contributors to the magazines, as well as regular book authors. Mr. Van Loan alleges that the sign of the bull was in ascendency at the time of their birth.

From 1903 to 1907, Mr. Van Loan was sporting editor on the Los Angeles Examiner. Then for three years on a New York morning paper, he exercised his budding gift for fiction, broke into the magazine game in 1910 and has firmly abided there ever since. During the time of his newspaper work, he did a weekly letter for the Hearst's News Service, which was syndicated all over the United States.

It was during his work as sporting editor that he got the material for the baseball, racing, etc., stories that have made him famous, but it is very recently that he has turned to the movies, which he celebrates in "Buck Parvin and the Movies." For months he lived with the movie actors and got their lives first hand.

How Many Fairies In Your Home?

Havelock Ellis, the noted psychologist, studying the life histories of 400 eminent men and women, found the remarkably low percentage of 6.9 for only children, indicating unmistakably the persistance of intellectful inferiority where children are not brought up with others. That only children are also, in an extraordinary number of cases, selfish, conceited, and badly adapted for life is well known, for their upbringing too often tends to develop excessive occupation with thoughts of self.

H. Addington Bruce, the well known writer on problems of applied psychology, has studied this subject and will, it is announced, contribute to the December Century an article on "The Only Child." The article will give instances of abnormality characteristic of only children, explaining how they are produced, presenting also the vital statistics of the question, the most recent discoveries with regard to it, and the relation it bears to problems of the home in general.

"KEEPING IN CONDITION"

"Keeping in Condition," by Harry H. Moore.—This volume tells boys how to achieve the vigor of manhood by faithful training. It deals with the selection of wise exercise and proper foods, with the providing of sufficient rest and fresh air, and with the control of the sex instinct.

While it is desirable to train at certain periods for particular kinds of athletics, a wiser way, the author explains, is to keep in training, in the best possible condition, all the time. It describes how the spark of life is passed on from generation to generation, the relationship of training to the progress of the nation.

Though intended primarily for boys 14 to 19 years of age, the book will be found useful to parents, teachers and all others associated with boys.

The MacMillan company, New York. 75 cents net.

Edna Ferber Never Did Sell Skirts

When Edna Ferber, whose newest book is "Emma McChesney & Co." was asked "How did you know all about a business woman, a woman 'drummer'? Have you ever been in business?" she replied:

"I never was in any business, except the newspaper business. I had no real right to talk about a woman in the business of selling petticoats on the road; I might just as well have written about French law or the war weapons of the ancient Norsemen; I knew just as much about them as about Emma McChesney's business. It was all due to Ida Tarbell. I wrote one story called 'Representing T. A. Buck,' and sold it to the 'American Magazine.' Then I started another story, about a scrubwoman, I think. But there was a meeting of the editors of the 'American Magazine' and Ida Tarbell said that I had created a new type, so she wrote to me and asked me to write another story about Emma McChesney. I said that I did not think I could write anything more about her, but I'd try. I did try, and I wrote 'Roast Beef Medium.' Then I wrote many others."

Fishing De Luxe.

The declamatory talents of Anna Howard Shaw, whose autobiography, "The Story of a Pioneer," has just been published, have been often praised, but it is doubtful whether they have ever been put to a stranger use than during her childhood as a pioneer in Michigan. She tells how her brother and she became expert fishermen. "We had no hooks or lines, but he took wires from our hoop skirts and made snares at the ends of poles. My part of this was to stand on a log and frighten the fish out of their holes by making horrible sounds, which I did with impassioned earnestness. When the fish hurried to the surface of the water to investigate the appalling noises they had heard, they were easily snared by our small boy, who was very proud of his ability to contribute in this way to the family table."

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EDITORIAL.

PREPAREDNESS.

The Alibi believes in preparedness, the more the better, if of the right kind.

We believe that the way to prepare for peace is to behave yourself first, be square with your neighbors, charitable to your friends and respectful to those of your enemies who are bigger and better prepared for immediate hostilities than you are.

By all means be prepared for trouble if you start any, or go hunting for it. Otherwise, hoe your own garden and keep sober, and nobody is likely to molest your rights and liberties.

Europe was prepared.

TOWN TALES.

Dr. Andy Hall is said to be opposed to nearly everything.

M. E. Crumpacker, who is going without lunch to reduce weight, breaks training at dinner.

Henry Hanno, w. k. Turne Halle philosopher, is opposed to prohibition for ethical reasons.

Will Warren, private sec. to Mayor Albee, was resting easily when we were up at the city hall Tues. a. m.

Dave Smith is getting so that he can run his car up the new runaway into the garage without breaking anything.

Earl Bernard, the silvertongued lawyer of the Morgan bldg., received a letter threatening to sue him for "defacation of charter."

Clythe R. Buxton, who used to go to N. D. university, was in Wed. and talked of the old days when he thought Grand Forks was a big town.

Tommy Ryan, dep. dist. att'y, sprained his wrist this wk. while trying to solve the combination of a small bank, such as is used by children.

Dr. Henry Suzzalo, pres. of Wash. U., was here this wk. Although he has been there only a short time, he is said to be already more popular than Gil Dobie.

W. B. Cheney, who put the bee in Bend's bonnet to be a metropolis, was here this wk. Mr. C. is a poet, but worries so little about being one that he makes a good living.

Matt Welch takes almost as much pleasure in fixing up his car as he does in running it.

Tom Dillon, of the Lyric, is a comedian, and takes life very seriously. He says that all jokes are old ones if you know 'em.

L. M. Lepper was over from the east side Wed. and reports that on acc't of the weather they have quit playing horseshoes over there for the season.

Ned Baldwin, who private secretaries for Cong. Nick Sinnot, will start for Wash. today, where the first thing he will do will be to get all the corn bread he can eat.

We understand that A. J. Hill, of the Warren Con. Co., has the best shooting preserve on the river, and gets the limit right along. This is only hearsay information.

M. L. Gumbert says he hears that a movie show is very wicked and then goes and goes to sleep. Most of them are so tame, he says, that he'd hate to be a censor.

Chief Signal Eng. Mckeen, of the O.-W. R. & N., used to carry papers in S. F., with Frank Burkhalter, S. P. supt. There may be no other ways to start, but this seems to be the only sure way to get to the top.

Charley Short, of Bend, and Charley Byrd, of Burns, were here of late, both being molders of public opinion in Central Ore., where it is hard to mold on acc't of the large amount of room.

We are pleased to chronicle the fact that Edgar B. Piper's hand, which he hurt while splitting wood last wk., is well enough for Mr. P. to write editorials for our est. morning contemp., as The Alibi relishes nothing like strong competition.

AMERICAN CITIZENS DISCUSSING THE WAR

Please do not write and ask us what they are talking about; they don't know either.

Eastern Oregon Entertains Hungry Scribes.

Ye scribe was the guest of Baker, Union and Morrow counties at the Imperial house Wed. ev'g, everything that was consumed having been taken from the exhibits of those counties at the land products show by Bill Meachem, of Baker, Fred Currey, of LaGrande, and W. W. Smead, of Heppner. It was a long way from soup to nuts, but we were right there at the finish, not being one of those who ate too much in the 1st and 2d quarters, as did Charley Myers and Elmer Kennedy, who used to live at La Grande. We feel that we played a good steady game throughout, tackling low and often. Dean Collins, who played right end, was weak at the finish, but the Morrow county cheese revived him. Bob Withrow of ye Telegram, he felt, at times, talked rather too much, but his loquacity was more than made up for by the splendid silence maintained by Stew Blythe, of our est. w'k contemp., The Journal, who seldom spoke except to ask for something. Among the scientific subjects which were discussed was that of sheepherders, and a great deal of information new to ye scribe was brought out. Bill Meachem in an eloquent speech explaining the fact that if the marachino cherry industry is properly encouraged it will stimulate the pink industry, and thus contribute to that consummation dear to all our hearts, he said, a greater Oregon, owing to the fact that each cherry that is consumed requires one tooth-pick. One of the wittiest speeches of the ev'g was made by Horace Thomas, but as our space is limited we cannot quote from it. Suffice it to say that the laughter resounded to the rafters, and brought young Phil Metschan in to see what was the matter. Messrs. Currey, Meachem and Smead were as a unit in verifying each other's statements. A pleasant time was had by all present.

LETTERS TO US

Charges Cochran Is Poor Custodian of Cigars.

Ed. Alibi: In a recent issue of your invariably truthful publication, John W. Cochran corrects the Alibi for charging him with smoking bit cigars when he only smokes 5-centers. But this is not all, nor the worst of it. Through the same John W. I sent your worthy contemp., Dean Collins, a Xmas seegar last year. Inasmuch as Dean was on a vacation in Cali. John, very kindly, just smoked it for him. The cigar couldn't wait, and neither could John.

Perhaps, after all, the bit cigar you referred to really was a bit cigar. F. R. W.

Just Like His Pa.

Amos Benson, one of the several fathers of the Col. River highway, says a state which has great scenic attractions and a thoroughly comprehensive road system is like a dept. store well advertised and filled with bargains but without elevators and escalators.

Distressing Accident to Popular Young Man.

Jimmy McCorkle, private sec. to Town Marshal Clark, has his typewriter sitting on the counter and stands up at his work, he having inadvertently sat down on an oil stove while preparing to take his bath last Sat. ev'g.

Musical Joke.

Earl Hughes is some joker as well as tenor singer. At a recent rehearsal of the choir to which he belongs he leaned over to Johnny Tauscher, who directs, and said: "Bring up some new benches so the first tenors can get the pitch."

Weekly Alf Item.

Alf Cridge has discovered that it is a scientific fact that the scarlet tanager, or red bird, if he sees his reflection in a window pane, will get mad and fight it for hours. Alf says he knows just how the red bird feels, every time he looks in the mirror.

REEDLETS.

Eastmoreland, U. S. A., Nov. 13.—Mrs. Bill F. Foster had eggs on toast for lunch last Thurs.

Flossie Read, who reads all of Bill T. Foster's letters, says she has a fine story for The Alibi, so she is going to suppress it.

Some one put the stub of a ticket for the parquet circle of the Hellig in the back of ye scribe's coat collar last wk., and it attracted so much attention that we wish he would do it every time the bill changes.

Diplomatic Relations Severed.

A lady whom we esteem very highly saw something in the Alibi she didn't like, and dropped in and told ye scribe she was never going to speak to him again, and what a good time she had at the P.-P. I. expo. in S. F. and how everybody down there is crazy about K. C. It just like they were in Seattle and then she though of how mad she was at us and went out in high dudgeon.

Lloyd's Brow Furrowed.

We sometimes think when we look at Lloyd McDowell, who has made the land products show a big success by sheer will power, that we know how Gen'l Joffre looked after he turned the Germans back at the Marne.

An Attorney's Alias.

We note from our est. morning contemp. that the Rev. Mike Dale talked at a banquet of the Rose City Park club Thurs. ev'g. We know who it was, getting our clue from the fact that he talked.

Improvement Note.

New moulding has been put around the walls in Dist. Att'y Reames' office, and elsewhere in the Federal bldg., but we can't see that it helps any.

Eddie Foy was in good voice at the Orpheum last night, according to Carl Reiter. Carl is boosting for the show, and may be biased.

Prof. W. C. Morgan, of Reed coll., lectured Thurs. on the subject, "Is Anything Really Lost?" Speaking of ourselves, Prof., it never is. We know where we put it, but we just can't find it, that 's all.

Add't'l Town Tales.

Those mad, mad wags, the Muts, are going to hold a Mut dog show at the Armory tonight.

Adjt. Gen'l Geo. White is in S. F., and in the meantime there is trouble in the Balkans down at Woodburn.