

The Book Page News of New Books, Writers and Magazines

Come, gentle spring: ethereal mildness, come—Thomson.

O wind, Winter comes, can spring be far behind?—Shelley.

'PREPAREDNESS' AND POLITICS DISCUSSED

Current Magazines Handle Subjects With Articles on the Great War.

George Harvey discusses in the current issue of The North American Review the question of "Wilson and a Second Term." Ex-Secretary of State Richard Olney contributes to this issue a paper in which he urges the necessity of "a speedy and comprehensive revision" of our Latin-American policy before we can hope to embark upon an effective program of preparedness.

The Review's group of articles relating to the great war and its problems is further enlarged by Demetrius C. Boulger's "The Front in Italy," by Charles Johnston's presentation of the military and political situation at Suze; Henry Rutgers Marshall's "War and Human Nature," and E. G. Nourse's "The War and the Back-to-the-Land Movement," in which this author expounds a number of fallacies concerning this subject.

In "The Proposal for a Tariff Commission," Professor F. W. Taussig of Harvard throws a light into many dark corners. "The War and the Problem of the Future," by Stephen Phillips; and the young English poet, "The Biography of an Artist," by Mr. Gilman discusses about a certain "Book of the Month."

Reed College Closes For a Lack of Fuel

Heavy Snows Have Rendered It Impossible for Oil Wagons to Reach the Institution.

After keeping open as long as possible, Reed college has finally had to close for a short time owing to the inability to get fuel.

The dormitory students are making the best of their "captivity," cards being enjoyed most every evening and apart of the day the classes are stopped. After supper dances also help to pass away the time.

Printers vs. Writers. An old woodsman friend who knew that Henry Owsen, author of "The Man Train," a tale of lumberjacks, had been in newspaper work, but who had only a vague idea of what that was, recently met Owsen's brother up north, and after greetings said:

"What's the matter, couldn't Hank make a go of it as a printer?" "Oh," replied the brother "Henry's quit the newspaper business and is writing stories. His book published just a short time ago."

WRITES OF PLUCK OF GIRL OF SOUTH

Ellen Glasgow, whose new novel, "Life and Gabriella," tells the story of a southern girl who refused to be bound by circumstances, was born and still lives in her favorite setting, Richmond, Va. Miss Glasgow's first book, "The Descendant," was published in 1897, and has been followed by a number of popular narratives, among them "The Ancient Law," "The Deliverance," "The Battle Ground," "The Romance of a Plain Man," "The Miller of Old Church," and "Virginia," "Life and Gabriella" is on the Doubleday-Page lists.

Physician Writes of Painless Childbirth. "Painless Childbirth," by Dr. Carl Henry Davis, associate in obstetrics and gynecology, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Forbes & Co., Chicago, 1.00 net.

In this book Dr. Davis discusses the various methods employed in the attempt to secure painless childbirth; and gives the first report of the results of varied experience with the nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia, which he says will undoubtedly become the analgesic of choice in obstetrics.

Cartoons for February. Seldom have the cartoonists had such an opportunity as was afforded them by the junket of the Ford peace party. Cartoons Magazine for February presents a resume of best efforts. Thus, the New York Herald cartoonist rechristens the "Oscar II" as "The Elvish Torments at either end," and shows this strange craft full of dummies, one tire punctured, and with Mr. Ford at the wheel, speeding past the laughing and jeering figure of the emperor of Austria.

The Limit of Devotion. Dear Heart, I'll dance with you all from eight to one—hour you please, but I won't go to dancing tea! I will not go to dancing tea!

The Three Things is Popular. A sixth printing is announced by Little, Brown & Co. of Mrs. Mary Raymond Shipman's "Three Things," a fiction of the "Three Things."

Short Hand as Fame's "Short Cut"

The Gregg Publishing company, 1122 Broadway, New York, has just issued an attractive brochure containing sketches of some of the many men and women who began life as stenographers and who have since attained national prominence.

Gill Writes Book On Oregon's Fishes

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Feb. 5.—By request of the history department of the Oregon Agricultural college, John Gill of Portland, has written and published an interesting, descriptive booklet entitled "Common Fishes of the Waters of Oregon." This booklet includes 20 large engravings in life color of the different varieties of trout and salmon found within the borders of this state.

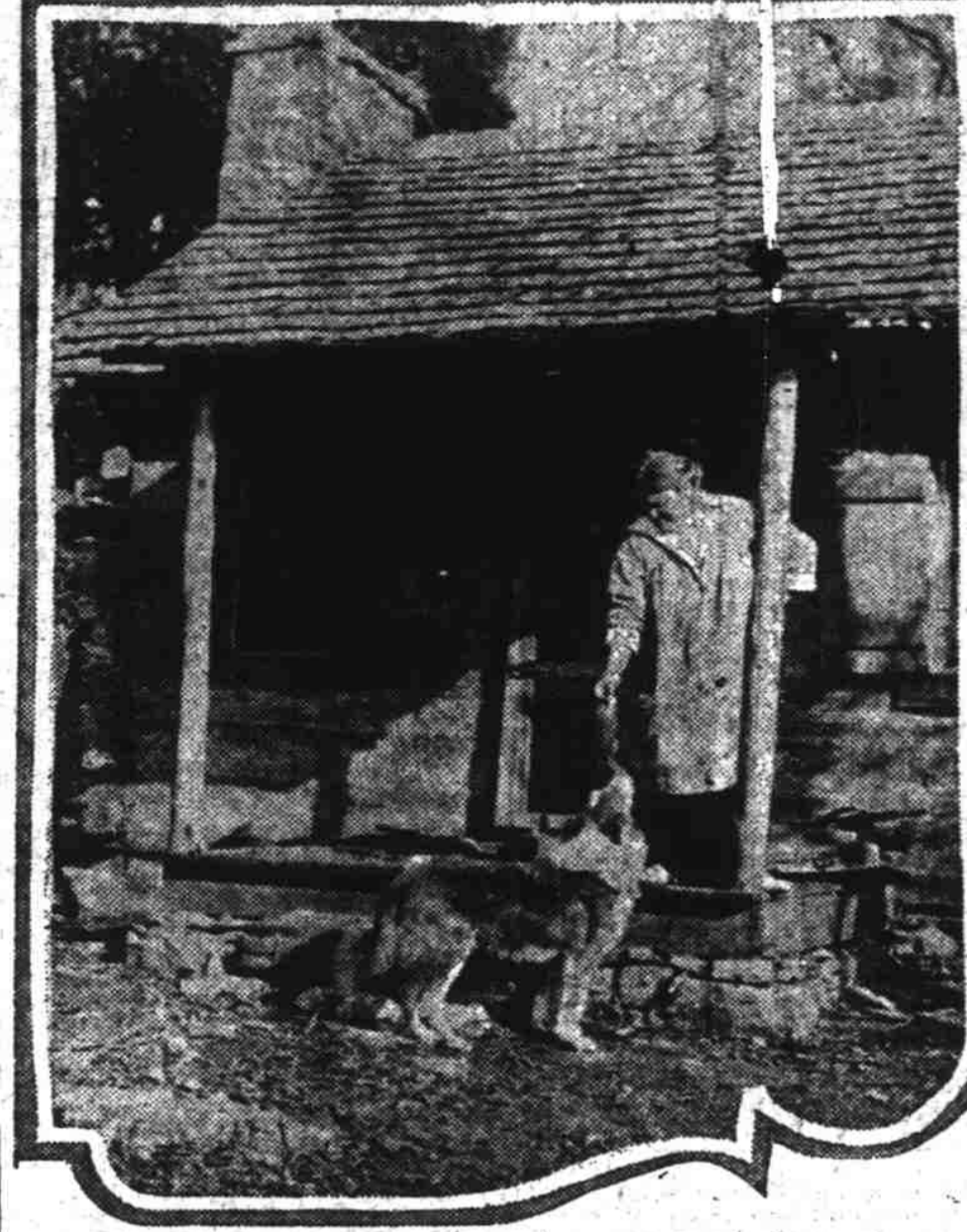
Argument by Epithet. Of all sneers none is so carelessly thrown as the charge of cowardice. To call a man a coward is almost to obliterate him from discussion. The man who uses the term always implies that he himself, of course, is a brave man. He acquires at once a kind of moral superiority, and puts his opponent on the defensive.

SAT. EV'G ALIBI. Vol. 7. PORTLAND, OR., U. S. A., JANUARY 29, 1916. No. 46. "FOR YOU A ROSE IN PORTLAND FROZE"

LETTERS TO US. Those Davis Boys. Ed Alibi, I have felt for several years that Oregon has a Texas flavor.

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Noted Novelist in Homely Suit Snapped in Moment of Leisure



Miss Maria Thompson Davison on "plaza" of old cabin adjoining her bungalow at Sweetbriar Farm, in Harpeth Valley, near Nashville, Tenn., where she wrote "The Melting of Molly" and her latest book, "The Dardani," now in the hands of her publishers.

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Polk County Tax is Placed at \$383,183 FOR THE YEAR 1916. Total Includes \$242,830 for State, County, Bridges, Ferries and General Fund.

Dallas, Or., Feb. 5.—The assessment rolls for Polk county for 1915 show a total valuation of \$14,784,139, on which a total tax of \$283,183.98 is to be collected. Of this amount, \$245,830.21 is for state, county, bridges, ferries and general road purposes, outside of Dallas and Monmouth, which maintain their own roads and bridges, amounts to \$28,726.10.

County Superintendent Elected. Dallas, Or., Feb. 5.—After being deadlocked for more than a month, members of the Polk county court yesterday elected W. J. Reynolds, a teacher at Hopville, county superintendent to succeed H. Seymour, resigned to accept a position as field worker with the Oregon Agricultural college.

Petition for Injunction Denied. Dallas, Or., Feb. 5.—Judge H. H. Bell, in the circuit court, yesterday denied the injunction asked by Mayor E. C. Kirkpatrick of Dallas to restrain the county court from levying a special tax on property within the corporate limits of Dallas for the purpose of building an intercounty bridge at Salem. Mr. Kirkpatrick contended that Dallas, being an independent road district, was not subject to taxation for roads, bridges and ferries outside of the city.

Horse Was Shocked. Dallas, Or., Feb. 5.—Mrs. J. C. Gaylor this week sold her horse for sale in this city to Frank J. Chapman of Salem. The business is one of the oldest in Dallas, having been established by the late J. C. Gaylor more than 25 years ago.

Mrs. Bloom Dies. Dallas, Or., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Mary M. Bloom, who died at Mill City about six years ago, died at the home of her son, Dr. F. M. Bloom, in this city Wednesday midnight. She was a native of Pennsylvania, and was 55 years of age.

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SPOKEN CRITICISM'S NEW DEPARTURE

Viva Voce Reviews by Dr. Slosson Now Feature of Instruction.

A new departure in the art of literary criticism has been introduced into the Institute of Arts and Sciences, which forms part of the Extension Department of Columbia university.

Dr. Edwin E. Slosson, who, as literary editor of The Independent, has been reviewing books for the last 15 years, has come out from behind the shelter of anonymity and print and finds it pleasant to meet personally to talk about the new books than to write about them.

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Shipping Horses for Work in Alaska. Chehalis, Wash., Feb. 5.—A shipment of 25 head of draft horses, 51 head of lighter animals will leave this city Sunday for the White Pass Railroad company in Alaska.

Deputy Sheriff Goes After George Willey. Former Clerk of District Court Wanted to Answer Indictment Charging Misappropriation of Public Funds.

Deputy Sheriff Ward left last night for Aberdeen with a warrant for the arrest of George Willey, former clerk of the district court, recently indicted on a charge of misappropriating public funds.

Salesman Arrested On Unusual Charge. As a result of a young woman leaving the body of a new born babe under a seat in a moving picture house some time ago, Sam Perum, shoe clerk was arrested last night by Deputy Sheriff Buckman, at his apartments in the Caplan hotel.

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