

A fool uttereth all his mind; but a wise man keepeth it till afterwards. —Proverb.

THE BOOK PAGE

NEWS OF NEW BOOKS, WRITERS AND MAGAZINES.

Stolen waters are sweet and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. —Proverb.

PRESIDENT'S RECORD IS REVIEWED BY CREEL

Woodrow Wilson, a Leader, He Says, in Greatest Crisis Since 1860.



Wilson and the Issues, by George Creel. The Century company, New York city, 60 cents net.

A summing-up of the president's record as a constructive statesman in the fields of social, financial, and political reform, and in relation to such vital issues as war, Mexico, preparedness, and national honor; with an analysis of his policies for the future and his position in the electoral campaign.

Mr. Creel points out that, with the possible exception of 1860, the presidential campaign of 1916 presents a group of problems of larger importance and more tremendous meaning than any other in our history. Among the biggies of partisanship akin to treason and betrayal, it is the responsibility of a people for self-government that is on trial. "Woodrow Wilson," says the author, "comes as a leader, as a nuclear force, as a clear rallying cry to the almost hysterical passions that are peculiarly the dominant note of the day, bringing purpose and courage to the struggle for real democracy."

Wilson and Preparedness.

In his chapter on Wilson and preparedness, Mr. Creel writes: "The Wilson administration found an army without air-craft, and an air force without planes, and a navy without muddle. Today the army possesses three complete squadrons, each consisting of 12 biplanes with 160 horsepower motors, and the navy's auxiliary equipment of motor-torpedoes and traveling machine shops. Orders have also been placed for additional machines, the sum of \$3,200,000 having been provided for the purpose. Civilian experts, selected by the naval consulting board, have been placed in the factories to aid in the work, to hurry it, and to see that specifications are followed. Aviation schools are being conducted for officers and enlisted men, and arrangements have also been made for the commissioning of expert aviators from civil life."

Other Results Big.

"By far and away the most effective feature of the Wilson preparedness program, however, is the great work that has for its object the mobilization of the industrial resources of the United States. Two truths have been made to stand clear by the European war; one that battles are lost by things, and the other that a fighting force is no stronger than the factories behind it. In the naval consulting board, formed by Secretary Daniels, President Wilson saw the big idea in industrial preparedness, and straightaway wrote the request that brought 30,000 engineers into the work.

Who Is Creel?

George Creel has been described by Peter Clark Macfarlane as "an everyday American who has been able to keep faith with his belief that life need never be dull." He has made a record for himself not only as a progressive political journalist, but also as a practical political reformer. Born in Missouri, 1877, he began his newspaper career in Kansas City, and made a more than local reputation as an independent, non-partisan crusader against graft and crookedness in general. In 1909 he went to Denver as an editorial writer on the Post, where he fought valiantly on behalf of the popular cause against privilege, and finally found himself in the position of state commissioner, which enabled him to work with special effectiveness against the social evil, and in other reforms. His wife, Blanche Bates, the actress, frequently going on the platform and speaking with him. On the day of his removal from office on charges brought by his political enemies, Judge Ben B. Lindsey wrote: "George Creel is one of the great souls. His remarkable abilities, with which he could have coined thousands, have ever been devoted to the triumph of democracy and the attainment of equal justice. His whole life is a record of sacrifice and devotion to the cause of humanity."

William Baxter in the Movies.

Booth Tarkington's novel, "Seventeen," is now being adapted for the movies. According to the official figures of the September "Bookman," "Seventeen" was far and away the best-selling book of fiction for the month of July.

Fuel Shortage Expected.

Indications now point to a shortage in fuel for the winter. This should not be a trouble, however, as the government has a large stockpile of coal.

AUTHORS' LEAGUE IS OPPOSED TO CENSORS

Alleged Suppression of Dreiser's Book "The Genius" Causes Protest.

The question of literary censorship has been brought before the Authors' League of America through the attempted suppression of Theodore Dreiser's book "The Genius," by the New York society for the suppression of vice. This body, self constituted, and supported by private contributions, has demanded not only that publication be suspended but that the plates and all existing copies be destroyed.

Although Mr. Dreiser is not a member of the league it acceded to the request of his publishers that he be permitted to present his case before the executive committee of that body. It was the sense of the committee that "The Genius" was not subject to condemnation by the vice society, that it was neither "lewd, licentious, nor obscene," that the test applied in such cases was narrow and unfair and that unless modified it would prevent the sale of many classics and of much of the serious work which is now being offered, and that the Authors' League take such action as may be possible to prevent the suppression of the work complained of.

No Criticism Received.

Mr. Dreiser contended that in the 10 months the book had been out not a single criticism had been produced. It was neither "lewd and obscene" as the vice society alleges. "I look on this interference with myself or other writers as a gross and outrageous act," said Mr. Dreiser, "and I fear for the ultimate intelligence of America. A band of wasp-like censors has appeared and is attempting to put the quietus on our literature which is at last showing signs of breaking the bonds of Puritanism under which it has so long struggled in vain. Poe, Hawthorne, Whitman and Thoreau have each in turn been the butt and ribe of unintelligent persons until by now we are well nigh the laughing stock of the world. When will we cease to be the laughing stock of the world? The year is saved largely through the efforts of one student whose exceptional ability is for a time so hampered by his selfish way of looking at things that he is neither chosen "perfect" in the student government, nor at once given a place on the first floor.

Artist Knows Life.

The artist, if himself, may be safely trusted to observe, synchronize and articulate human knowledge in the most palatable and delightful form. There is no compulsion on the artist to read. One must pay to do so. Furthermore one must have taste and a brain and heart to understand. With all these safeguards and a double score of creative critics that would lead to praise or blame, the real need is there for a censor, far less fitted than any of the working critics, and one who is not a pedant, but a philosopher, and one who is not a pedant, but a philosopher, and one who is not a pedant, but a philosopher.

Public Library Notes

"There are scientists who believe that perfected man may live five hundred years," says Mary F. Henderson, in her work on "The Aristocracy of Health." The various modern theories of "Fletcherizing," popularly called the "Chewing Pad" in America, but in England more elegantly designated as "Munching Parties."

By the "Reduction of Domestic Files," Edward H. Ross, a means of promoting life and health through elimination of fly-borne diseases. "A Fleshless Diet," by Dr. J. L. Buttner, seems to its author the most rational means of preserving health; while Dr. E. H. Dewey, in his "No-Breakfast Plan and the Fat Cure," sets forth revolutionary ideas for the betterment of both the sick and the well. "Landscape Gardening Upon the Human Face," he calls the working by natural means to produce "looks" of health.

"Poods for the Fat," by Dr. York Davies; "Fear and its Antidote," "The Care of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat," "The Public Milk Supply," "The Witchery of Sleep," "The Housemaid's Knee" and "The Cause of Massage Manipulations," are "The Feet," "Tonsils and the Voice in Science, Surgery, Speech and Song," "The Balding Head," "The Care of the Skin," "Conserving Eyesight," are "The subject and titles in the 'health' cupboard.

A colored relief map of the Columbia highway country, presented by F. W. Lee, of F. W. Bates & Co., to the technical room of the Public Library, is attracting much interest. Several new books of more than ordinary interest have been received.

Lyle Farmer Kills Himself.

Lyle, Wash., Sept. 15.—Thomas Santer, a prominent farmer residing two miles west of town, committed suicide by hanging.

Another Story of Triangular League

The Unofficial Prefect, by A. T. Dudley. Third one of "Stories of the Triangular League." Lothrop, Lee & Shepard company, Boston. \$1.25 net.

Trowbridge, Westcott and Newbury are three strong schools made up of the finest type of American youth. At Trowbridge, which needs a year of victory to keep it on even terms with the others, the outlook for athletic success is dubious.

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Tale Is This of Old New Orleans

Chloe Malone, by Fannie Heathly Lee, author of "Jacinthe's Story." Little, Brown & Co., Boston. \$1.35 net.

Her name was Chloe Malone; she lived in New Orleans, and she had all the vivacity and charm of the real old family southern girl. She possessed youth, breeding and beauty; what, then, she said, did it matter if money were lacking—why shouldn't she marry a millionaire? According to her notion, she not only should—for the sake of her mother—but she could and would.

Fate, both greivous and her French godmother decided that, it is a pleasing love story, with vivacious dialogue and charming characters, and the New Orleans background, adds much to the attractiveness of the tale.

Revenue Measure Is Frankly Indorsed by Leading Progressive

William Allen White Refers to the New Law as a "Revolutionary Step Forward."

New York, Sept. 16.—William Allen White, editor of the widely quoted Emporia Gazette, who recently declared in favor of the Adamson eight-hour law, as proposed by President Wilson, and enacted by congress, now heartily indorses the Democratic revenue measure.

Editorially, he refers to it as "a great progressive measure and a revolutionary step forward." He adds: "There will be much huncbunc from Republicans about this measure. The standpatters voted against it. But the Republican administration over will dare to change the principle of the increased income tax, the inheritance tax and the tax on the consumers of luxuries and on the makers of munitions of war. The principle that government should be paid for in proportion as men enjoy the blessings of government and its protection is here to stay. It is a big vital progressive principle."

North Bend Editor Convicted of Libel

Frank B. Cameron Was Accused in Connection With Matter Connected With County Poor Farm.

Marshfield, Or., Sept. 16.—Frank B. Cameron, editor and publisher of the "Agitator," a weekly newspaper of North Bend, was Friday found guilty of criminal libel by a jury in the circuit court at Coquille.

It was alleged that matter he published regarding the steward of the county poor farm and conduct of that institution was of a libelous nature. This is the third libel suit that has been tried in Coos county during the past few months with another suit pending. Cameron will be sentenced Monday.

Salvaged Wheat Is Sold for \$73,155

Over 100,000 Bushels Saved From Warehouse at Adams, Burned Last Saturday, Goes to Pendleton Man. Pendleton, Or., Sept. 16.—There were more than 100,000 bushels of wheat in the salvage from the warehouse fire at Adams Saturday, and this lot was Friday sold to H. W. Collins of this city for \$73,155. He was one of a number of bidders. Insurance carried by Farmers and salvage will put most of the farmers in the clear.

SOLDIERING IS NOT ALL HONEY AND TEA, BUT THERE'S SOME FUN IN IT AT THAT

At the Sign of the Three Birches, by Amy Brooks. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard company, Boston. \$1.25 net.

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Couldn't Find the Card He Needed

A pal of Ring W. Lardner, newspaper correspondent, editor and author of "You Know Me, Al" (bushy baseball stories published in book form by the George H. Doran company) relates the following anecdote apropos of Lardner's interest in cards:

In company with a group of famous Yale athletes, Lardner was on his way from New Haven to New York and deep in game of pinochle when the New Haven pulled off one of its characteristic wrecks. Amidst hissing steam, shattered glass and the cries of women and children, the athletes sought egress through the nearest windows.

After half an hour or more of strenuous work with the injured, the group assembled, only to find Lardner missing. Back they went to the Pullman, Bomelster, the famous Yale end, muttering repeatedly, "Where, the devil, can he be?"

A voice suddenly answered from the inner of the Pullman. "Here I am, but I can't find the damned Jack of Diamonds!"

Veterans of Southern Oregon Hold Reunion

Twenty Have Passed Away Since Last Year's Gathering Held at Medford—Election of Officers Is Held.

Ashland, Or., Sept. 16.—Twenty places around the campfire are vacant which last year were occupied. Twenty veterans of the Southern Oregon Veteran association have answered the last bugle call since the old soldiers gathered in Medford last year, but the 100 or more who remain are entering into the activities of the twentieth annual reunion which is being held in Ashland with enthusiasm undimmed by the thinning of the ranks. From all over Southern Oregon, Roseburg to Klamath Falls, the veterans have gathered in for another few days of reminiscences. One hundred and thirty had registered up to yesterday, and many more are arriving today.

William F. Byne has been honored by the gathering with election to the position of commander of the Southern Oregon division. James Mattingly is lieutenant-colonel, and John B. Renaud, major. Mrs. A. C. Spencer of the Women's Relief Corps, members of which followed her to the reunion, was elected chaplain. Each community of the valley has been given a day on the program.

Referee Appointed in De Saulles Case

Wife of Former Yale Football Star Mentions Two Women in Suit for Divorce—He Denies Charge.

New York, Sept. 16.—(L. N. S.)—Supreme Court Justice Guy has named Phoenix Ingraham as referee to hear testimony in the divorce action brought by Blanche de Saulles against John L. de Saulles. She names two unidentified women and he has named a demoralized charged to County Treasurer John M. Lewis. He said he thought the general fund of the county would hold out until the October tax payments, which are expected to arrive in a month, will be made.

Tax Payment Short, Reports Treasurer

Road Fund "in Hole," but October Payments, Due Before October 6, May Relieve Situation. Tax payments are considerably below normal. One of the results is that the county road fund is about \$50,000 "in the hole," according to County Treasurer John M. Lewis. He said he thought the general fund of the county would hold out until the October tax payments, which are expected to arrive in a month, will be made.

"Old Fashioned" Love In a New Story

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"Freddy" seems to solve the problem of employing her energies to the best advantage by going into the real estate business. But life does not so easily adapt itself to a new career, and in view of its customary activities as Freddy attempts. Gradually, as the story progresses, love insidiously edges her forward and becomes the center of things.

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Says Roads Must Be Wider and Stronger

Seattle Man Declares They Should Be Prepared for Constantly Increasing Loads Moved at Greater Speed.

Tacoma, Sept. 16.—(U. P.)—R. H. Thomson of Seattle told a joint session of the Washington Associations of County Commissioners and County Engineers Friday that builders of country roads must prepare for constantly increasing loads to be moved at constantly greater speed; that pavements must be made wider and must be a very short time provide sidewalks for pedestrians, separating them from the main roads by guards or railings, and so paths on which livestock can be moved safely.

"No permanent pavement should be constructed anywhere so as to produce a grade crossing with either steam or interurban railways and there should be no dead man curves," he said. The commissioners and engineers will remain in session the rest of the week.

Hoosier Plans to Celebrate Riley Day

Indianapolis, Sept. 16.—(U. P.)—Hoosier will celebrate Riley day, October 7—the birthday of the people's poet.

Governor Ralston's proclamation declaring the day was published Friday. That day being Saturday, the schools will observe the day October 6 and the churches will do their part on October 8.

Source of Supply Would Be Several Large Springs Three Miles Distant

John Day, Or., Sept. 16.—A new municipal water system to cost approximately \$10,000 is under contemplation at John Day. At the council meeting Tuesday evening the project was discussed and a committee appointed to gather facts and estimates to present to the council at a later meeting.

The source of supply for the new system would be several large springs at the head of Davis creek, some three miles north of town. They have been offered for \$300.

The town is now inadequately supplied by a private system, and while there is sufficient water for domestic purposes, the town is practically without fire protection.

Light Rates Protested.

John Day, Or., Sept. 16.—A joint meeting of the town councils of John Day and Canyon City was held at the former place Tuesday night to determine on a plan of action to secure relief from what is considered to be the exorbitant rates charged for lights in those two towns by the Consolidated Electric Light company.

Picketing Injunction Sustained by Court

California Supreme Court Refuses Writ of Review to Union Man Sentenced to Serve Five Days.

San Francisco, Sept. 16.—(P. N. S.)—The state supreme court on Friday denied a writ of review to A. O. Armstrong, union cullinary picket, who was sentenced to five days in the county jail for having violated Judge Hunt's injunction which enjoined the union men from picketing the Hof Brau cafe in Market street.

Five other contempt cases are awaiting the outcome of the supreme court's decision.

Judge Hunt has issued 36 injunctions, Judge Deasy 11 and Judge Crothers 11. The attorneys for the union say they will carry the issue to the United States supreme court.

Freddy Payton New Type of Heroine

The Rising Tide, by Margaret Deland. Harper & Brothers, New York city. \$1.35 net.

In "The Rising Tide," Freddy Payton is an interesting girl, certainly cut to no ready-made pattern. She is convincingly and appealingly alive, and while her "modern" tendencies are portrayed as a natural revolt against the conventional life of her cramped and "tidy-surrounded" home life, yet betray that uncertainty of direction, though eagerly pursued, which mark a whole-hearted ambition whose end is not yet clearly realized.

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Keys of the City Tale of Boy's Dreams

Manhattan and Its Life Is Background for Story by New Yorker.

The Keys of the City, by Oscar Graeve. The Century company, New York city. \$1.35 net.

"The Keys of the City" tells the story of an imaginative boy and girl who grew up within sight of Manhattan. The boy dreams of the day when they will hand him the keys of the city over there. What happens to him as he grows into manhood, how far from his dream now close to it, the men and women that weave across his life, the businesses that he enters and leaves, the temptations that arise in his path and what befalls the little girl whom of his childhood—that is the story the author tells.

Oscar Graeve was born on Long Island in 1884. Part of his childhood was passed in Europe. All the rest of his life he has lived in New York and it has always been a passion with him to study it in all its aspects. He has contributed a number of stories to the magazine.

Debate With Death

"Father Glibney's Debate With Death" is the title of a pamphlet published by the Catholic Book and Church Supply company, of Portland. The subject has to do with man's life and preparation for death; with his customary alighting of things spiritual, and with his plea of suocor and forgiveness when sickness strikes him.

The subject is threshed out in a debate between "death" and the "poet," while the Good Father drames.

Forthcoming Harper Publications. Harper & Brothers announce that on September 14 they will publish the following new books: "Hilow Tree Nights and Days" by Albert Bigelow Paine; "How We Elected Lincoln," by A. J. Dittenhofer; "The Trail of the Pearl," by Garrard Harris, and "Worth While People," by P. J. Gould.

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