

THE BOOK PAGE NEWS OF NEW BOOKS, WRITERS AND MAGAZINES.

CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY TELLS HOW, WHEN AND WHY HE WRITES HIS TALES

Started Because He Wanted To and Never Finds It a Mechanical Task.

Cyrus Townsend Brady, from whose pen under the imprint of G. P. Putnam's Sons appear this fall two volumes—only a full length novel, entitled "The More Excellent Way," the other a Christmas fantasy, entitled "And 'Twas He Came"—gives an interesting sketch of his literary and other activities:

"I started to write because I wanted to; because preaching and writing are the two things that I love to do above everything else. I can do both because one relieves the other. My preaching is founded on fact, my novels are fiction. Neither do I ever mix the two; yet I hope that my preaching is as interesting as my fiction, and I hope that my fiction is as true to life as my preaching. Happy contradictions, are they not? My first book was accepted on sight. There are at present some unpublished volumes to my credit, eliminating sermons, addresses, essays and sketches which have been published in pamphlet form.

Appeal to Publishers. "Most of these have been accepted on sight, so that I know but little by experience of the pros and cons of authors. Once in awhile I have had to seek ardently and persistently for a publisher for a book, but not often. And singularly enough it usually happened that the few books which have not found ready acceptance by the publishers have been the most successful.

"I am writing of a story is never a mechanical task. If it were, I would not or I could not write it, and it would not be worth anything after I did. I always think the story I am writing is the very best I ever wrote, and it is the best of the best of the world's masterpieces, and I keep thinking that in the face of 60 arguments to the contrary, I live through all my stories, and I walk through them usually for I generally dictate them standing up. When I am through with the daily dictation, I am physically, as well as mentally, tired. Some one always has to go through the manuscript, either the preacher gets tired or the congregation does. In the case of a book, either the author gets tired or the reader.

Try to All Kinds. "I write all kinds of books—adventure stories, social studies, problem novels, island romances, historical novels, and I have a number of serious history and biographical books to my credit. Besides, I write usually sermons, I contribute frequently to magazines and newspapers, controversially and otherwise. And I have lately entered the moving picture world. I write everything but poetry. I have even tried that, but so far no one has thought well enough of my efforts to publish the tiniest scrap of verse. I do not wait for opportune times.

Open Competitive Tests Announced. United States Civil Service Examinations Will Be Held: Dates and Subjects Are to Be Named. The United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examinations as follows: December 6—Technologist in sugar-beet seed production, for men only, to fill a vacancy in this position in the bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., salary ranging from \$2100 to \$2500 a year.

Henry Laselle Dies At Albany, Aged 81. Albany, Or., Nov. 11.—Henry L. Laselle, a prominent farmer, for many years a resident of Linn county, died at his home late Friday. He was 81 years of age. Born in Vermont he went from that state to California, and then to Oregon in 1887. He has resided in this county continuously since that time.

Laborer Lost Elbow; Asks \$10,000 for It. La Grande, Or., Nov. 11.—The George Palmer Lumber company of this city is defendant in a \$10,000 damage suit brought by Ely Mirich, a Serbian immigrant, in connection with the construction of the Vincent branch logging railroad. He was working on the roadbed prying a rock with a bar when a rock from above fell and caught his arm between the rock and the bar, thus necessitating the removal of part of the elbow.

Poems by Bralcy. "Things as They Are," by Berton Bralcy, is a new volume of verse by the author of "Songs of the Work-day World."

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Introducing Some Beauties and a Beast—the Latter, by the Way, a Spinach-Eating Hound



Holding the dog at your left is Miss Nancy Palmer, noted beauty, who posed for Howard Chandler Christy's popular drawing, "The Seven Darlings." The dog's name is Brassie, hound of the wolf family, and a vegetarian. Brassie's meals are prepared by a French chef. His (the dog's) favorite dish is spinach. Miss Marie Louise Broeswald, middle, prominent in society and war relief work in New York, is engaged to wed Lieutenant Allen Dyson Perrins of the Welsh Guards, England. At the right a happy scene from Venice, Cal. Ruth St. Denis and her husband, Ted Shawn, lead the maids through their paces in rehearsal for a pageant recently staged in the southland. Happy, happy days for Venice.

Portland Man Is Author of Poems

"Under the Northern Lights," by "Platinum Bill" (W. R. Smith) is a book of Alaskan verse which will be off the press in a few days.

The author is a Portland man and his production is entirely in the hands of Portland companies. The printing is by the Columbia Printing company, the binding by the Dudley company will be distributed by the J. K. Gill company.

The author was for many years in the north and his nicknames were given him at the time of platinum discovery at Dawson. The book contains 112 pages plus 20 full page half-tones and 20 smaller illustrations. It will appear in three styles of binding and is printed on heavy India antique endpaper.

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December 6—Assistant in tobacco investigations, for men only, to fill two vacancies in this position at salaries ranging from \$2400 to \$1500 a year in the bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture. The headquarters of one position will be in North Carolina, and the appointee will carry on this work in that state, and the other will have headquarters in Washington, D. C., and will conduct his experiments in Virginia and the District of Columbia. November 11—December 6—Junior explosive engineer, for men only, to fill a vacancy in this position in the bureau of mines at Pittsburgh, Pa., or at other places in the field, at salaries ranging from \$1200 to \$1500 a year.

Food and drug inspector, for men only, to fill vacancies in this position in the bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture for duty in Washington, D. C., and in the field, at salaries ranging from \$1400 to \$2000 a year. As a result of the examination three registrars will be established from which certification will be made to (1) food inspector, (2) drug inspector, and (3) food and drug inspector. For further information and application blanks, apply to M. K. Wigton, Local Secretary, Postoffice Building, Portland, Oregon.

Cobb Funny Again. "Fibble, D. D.," by Irvin S. Cobb, three funny stories about the nifty, puffy young rector and his adventures with a boys' camp and girls' seminary, etc.

New One by Dehan. "A Gilded Vanity," by Richard Dehan, author of "The Pop Doctor," a Man of Iron," etc. A surprise for this author's followers—this is a light, sparkling story of marriage a-la-mode.

NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY

The following books have recently been added to the Portland public library:

- Books in Foreign Languages. Corneille—Le Cid. Moliere—Les Precieuses Ridicules. Racine—Esther, Tragedie en Trois Actes. Description and Travel. Frantzius—Book of Truth and Facts. 1915. Fiction. Cleghorn—"The Spinner," a novel. Sorchaire—"The Precipice, Kelland—Hidden Spring; a novel. Fine Arts. Pavullo, ed.—Echoes of Naples (Thirty Neapolitan songs). L'Esprit—Costume Design and Home Furnishings. Mendelssohn—Bartholdy. Sammltliche Lieder und Gesange Fur Eine Singstimme. Mozart—Twelve Klavierstucke. History. Chapman—Deutschland Uber Alles, or, Germany Spoken, 1914. Clarke—Paris Walks, 1914, 1915. Powers—Things Men Fight For, 1916. Ruhl—Antwerp to Gallipoli: A Year of War on Many Fronts—And Behind Them, 1916. Thayer—German vs. Civilization, 1916. Literature. Dimsdale—History of Latin Literature, 1916. Gosse—Inter Arma: Being Essays Written in Time of War, 1916. Newcomer—The Andromeda. Coppy—Twelve Centuries of English Poetry and Prose, c1910. Science. Drownlee and others—Chemistry of Common Things, 1908. Galloway—Reproduction, c1916. Robbins, Firm Wire Manufacturing, c1916. Three lectures covering investigations of aviation wires and cables, 1916. Solla—Ancient Hunters and Their Modern Representatives, 1915. Sociology. Apperson—Social History of Smoking, 1916. Black, ed.—Married Women's Work, 1915. Brewer—Rights and Duties of Neutrals, 1916. Kelton—Straight America; a Call to National Service, 1916. Taft—The Presidency, Its Duties, Its Powers, Its Opportunities and Its Limitations, c1916. Usher—Challenge of the Future; a study in American foreign policy, 1916. Bowers and Bovington—Furniture making, 1915. Stanley, comp.—Milling Machine Kinks, 1908. Press Tool Kinks, 1908. Toolmakers' Kinks, 1908. Mergenthaler Linotype Co.—Speed; How to Achieve It, Suggestions to Linotype Machineists, 1916. Soda Fountain Dispenser's Formula, c1916. United States Steel Corporation—Methods of the United States Steel Corporation for the technical sampling of iron and castings, c1916. Wilkinson—The Apple; a practical treatise, 1916. References. Brinton—Official Catalogue, Swedish art exhibition, 1916. Bullfinch—Golden Age of Myth and Legend, 1916. Hawaiian Phrase Book, c1906. Hispanic Society of America—Painting and drawings, by Francisco Goya, 1916. Junge—Book-plates, 1916.

How a Wonderful Song Was Written

"The Story of the Battle Hymn of the Republic," a book by Florence Howe Hall, is just published by the Harpers. The daughter of Julia Ward Howe tells how the song which set a nation singing, and roused its patriotism to white heat, came to be written. She tells in detail of the influence of the "Battle Hymn," how it was sung at Libby prison, at Washington, and how Lincoln listened, "with a strange glory on his face," and of how through half a century its popularity has continued. In other chapters Mrs. Hall enumerates occasions when Julia Ward Howe herself recited the poem, and gives some of the tributes to it and its authors which have come from many famous men.

GIRL OF THE EAST IN THE WILD WEST



Grace L. Lutz, who takes an old theme in the story "A Voice in the Wilderness," and dresses it up in new colors. The tale has to do with the experiences of a young woman of the east in the "wild" west.

November Current History. Current History Magazine for November is a cyclopedia of the significant episodes in the European war during October, being a fascinating survey by most of illustrious witnesses and commentators. Among eminent names represented by important matter are H. G. Wells on "The Cause and Effect of the War"; Morris Maeterlinck "The War's Legacy of Hatred"; General Kurt W. von Ffuef, president of the German Red Cross; Rev. Sidney M. Berry, "War and Religion"; Lord Bryce's report on Armenian atrocities; Dr. W. W. Rockwell of the Armenian relief fund, narrating facts of the Armenian massacres.

A few other salient features in the November number are: Articles by eye-witnesses on the treatment of prisoners of war in Germany and England; story of the personal experiences of a prisoner of war; paper showing that Americans invented many of the new methods and weapons used in the present war; Dr. von Harnack on the "Duty of the New Germany After the War," and 26 pages of international cartoons, 16 full-page rotogravure illustrations, numerous charts, maps and diagrams.

Vest Pocket Edition. Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge, Inc., New York city, has published a vest-pocket edition of the constitution of the United States which sells for 15 cents. Included in the handy little volume, too, is an index and bibliography. A valuable ally.

"The Last Ditch." "The Last Ditch," by Will Livingston Comfort, is said to be a return to the style of "Routledge Riders Alone"—a great adventure story, with two wonderful women characters and the colorful far east as a background.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

As a criterion for determining the interests and activities of Portland people—a few days' questions in the circulation room of the Central library is suggestive. Material was asked for these topics:

Territorial acquisition of the United States, clay modeling, "New Thought" books, lamp shade designs, one-act plays, old songs, ghost stories, great orations, books on fern culture, pruning, interior decoration, chivalry, palmistry, Mr. Benson's "Socialism Made Plain," house plans, recipe for salt-riking bread, a good detective story, a late book on Russia, "Principles of Bond Investments," criminal law, anything of Tagore's, "Psychology of Boiling," "How to Know Architecture," "The Job, the Boss and the Man," "The Spell of the Yukon," ethnographic expert, world geography, business law, "Gives Worth Living," spring reform, Chinook jargon, Mary Arfitt's "Promised Land," "A Year in a Coal Mine," Sheridan's "School for Scandal," Bellamy's "Equality," De Maupassant's works, "The Fifth Wheel," shorthand systems, children's clothing, rice polishing, "Two Years in the Forbidden City," Leacock's "Moonbeams From the Larger Lunacy," "Short Stories in French," "Singing Uncle Sam," "In the Days of Handel," Burroughs' "Summit of the Years," Strindberg's "Son of a Servant," "America at Work," peppermint culture, physiological chemistry, "Seventeen," Ingersoll's tribute to Lincoln, Spanish grammar and reader, Sheldon's "Art of Sealing," "Keeping Physically Fit," "Mr. Britling's Lives," "Thoroughly" by H. G. Wells, "Economic Novels," "Sunny Side of Diplomatic Life," "Kings, Queens and Pawns," "The Texas Triumph," "Diary of a New England School Girl," Osborne's "Within Prison Walls," "Dawn of History," English garden cities.

The Story Hour at the Central library will be held as usual at 3:15 p. m. for the little folks and at 4 p. m. for the older boys and girls on Fridays. The boys' Pioneer club will meet in the Story Hour room on Tuesday afternoon, November 14, at 4 o'clock. "John Ruskin: On a visit to the Northwest" will be Dr. Foster's theme at the North Portland branch library, 120 East Killingsworth avenue, Tuesday evening, November 14, at 8 o'clock. William L. Brewster will discuss "The Tax Rate" in Room H of the Central library on Monday evening, November 13, at 8 o'clock.

On Wednesday evening, November 15, in library hall, Professor William Osburn of Reed college will speak on "The Life of Primitive Men and Modern Play." This is the seventh lecture in the course on Boy Scouts and Scouting. Professor Jasper J. Stahl will continue the discussion of Hebbel's "Maria Magdalena and the Beginnings of the Social Drama in Europe" in Room H of the Central library on Thursday evening, November 16, at 8 o'clock. University of Oregon extension courses in child psychology, philosophy, graphic statistics, clay modeling, architecture and descriptive geometry are being held in the Central library.

Mrs. Mable Holmes Parsons of the University of Oregon will meet her Short Story class in Room H on Saturday, November 18, at 7:45 p. m.

Vote Fraud Evidence Sought in Indiana

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 11.—(P. N. S.)—Sixteen Democratic attorneys were dispatched post haste through the state yesterday to gather affidavits of all alleged vote frauds. Bernard C. Hays, Democratic state chairman, declared: "We may show the Republicans what a contest means."

Highway Bonds Get Big Vote. Los Angeles, Nov. 11.—(P. N. S.)—The total city and county vote on the state highway bonds, announced last night, gives a majority of 55,855 for the bonds. The vote stood 125,632 to 25,759.

Castle Rock Trail Being Constructed

The summit of Castle Rock is being made accessible to the most fastidious of mountain climbers. Formerly the agility of a steeplejack was necessary to gain the top of this imposing Columbia river monolith, but the new trail being constructed up the sides of the rock will make the going comparatively easy. Henry J. Biddle, owner and builder of the trail, and its environs, Wednesday invited John B. Yeon, Amos Benson, D. C. Freeman and W. A. Schwartz, a visiting road engineer from Washington, on an inspection trip over the new trail, which will be completed next spring. The party declared the construction splendid and of an enduring quality. They completed the ascent in spite of the trail being only partly completed. A scenic park in the vicinity is also in contemplation by Mr. Biddle.

METER EXPERT PASSES OUT AT HIS RESIDENCE



A. W. Lembach, who died in this city Thursday, was 48 years of age and was born in Baltimore. He had been foreman in the meter repair shops of the Portland Gas & Coke company for the past seven years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie Lembach, and one son, Arthur W. Lembach. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the residence at No. 3327 Sixty-sixth street, southeast, and interment will be in Mt. Scott Park cemetery.

Austro-Hungary to Send Ambassador. Washington, Nov. 11.—(I. N. S.)—Austro-Hungary has begun negotiations with the United States for filling the ambassadorial vacancy in this country that has existed since the late Ambassador Dumba was handed his passport. The Austro-Hungarian government, through Ambassador Penfield, in Vienna, has formally asked this government whether Count Tarnow Tarnowski, Austrian minister to Bulgaria, would be acceptable as ambassador to the United States. Secretary of State Lansing this afternoon announced that this government had formally told Austro-Hungary that Count Tarnow Tarnowski was persona grata. His appointment will now be announced in Vienna.

Soldier Killed Companion. San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 11.—(I. N. S.)—A sentence of life imprisonment at Leavenworth imposed on Private Robert Dyer of the Sixth cavalry, who was convicted of killing Michael Wainamy by shooting him in the back, was approved today by General Funston. The shooting occurred at Espia, Mexico, May 17 last. The men were both of troop D.

Tells Boys How to Be Circus Players

Amateur Circus Life.—By Ernest Balch. The Macmillan Company, New York City. \$1.50 net.

This is a book for boys. Around the "circus" idea the author builds up a very interesting and practical system of physical training, a system which will greatly benefit the growing lad, which will appeal to his love of "show," and which at the same time calls for no extensive outfit for equipment. Mr. Balch has chapters on tumbling, an exercise which is the basis of his entire scheme of training, on giving a circus, on the minstrels, of the training of animals, on clown work and on a great many other topics about which every boy, as long as there have been boys, has wanted to know. There are also one or two articles for the instructor or parent, which make clear how, underlying all of the subjects, there are certain fundamental precepts and rules, drawn from years of experience with boys, which cannot help but be of great value in building up strong bodies.

Most Engaging Tale Of Colonial Days

With McBride.—By Benja Marie Dig, author of "The Indian Boy." The Macmillan Company, New York. \$1.25 net. A story of adventures of a young girl in the early colonial days. Of her voyage across seas to this country, of her courage in saving a little girl from falling overboard, of her ingenuity in protecting herself and the babe of an Indian, of her escape from the Indians and of the ultimate reward that is meted out to her for her bravery, the author has made a most engaging tale and one which recreates to good purpose the colorful days of the seventeenth century.

Boy Under Arrest Gave Another Name

The "Dwight Ferguson" arrested Thursday on a theft charge by the police is in reality Harold Love. It was announced at the station at Jefferson High school, living at 1692 Dwight street, was believed to be the boy by many persons who read of the arrest. To Mrs. Ferguson, who investigated the similarity in names, Love stated that her son's name was the first that came into his mind when he was arrested. The two boys had worked for the same firm during the past summer.

Posthumous Birth Of Girl Announced

A baby girl has arrived at the home of Mrs. Mitchellson, 1342 East Madison, Mrs. Mitchellson is the widow of David Mitchellson, who was killed last May on the Base Line road in a tragic manner. Posthumous birth of the rest of a milk truck, preparatory to opening a gate for the truck to go through, he ran into the path of a machine coming from the opposite direction and the injuries he sustained resulted in his death. Mother and baby, according to their attendants, are doing finely.

Women Run Down; One Seriously Hurt

Mrs. Emma Prior, 1924 Grand avenue, is at the Good Samaritan hospital with a double compound fracture of the left leg, the result of being struck by an auto truck at the corner of Grand avenue and Stark street. Mrs. Prior, with a friend, was crossing the street, when the truck rounded the corner, knocking both women down. They were taken to the hospital. The truck was driven by Herman Meyer, 4025 East Sixty-third street southeast, Mrs. Prior is an employe of the Troy laundry.

ANOTHER TENDERFOOT, A WOMAN, FINDS A HOME IN THE WEST

Young School Teacher Heroine in New Novel Has Some Exciting Adventures.

A Voice in the Wilderness.—By Grace Livingston Hill. Luce, Harper & Brothers, New York. Price \$1.50 net.

This story recounts the experiences of an eastern girl who comes west, to Arizona this time to teach school.

Margaret Earle, thinking that her train has reached its destination, dismounts in the night, only to discover—too late—that she has been left behind at a lonely water tank in the desert. She is rescued from this situation through the kindly efforts of a young ranchman, who comes to play a leading part in the rather development of the story. Installed in a boarding house, Margaret sets to work to adjust herself to her rude but novel environment. The immediate rivals for her affection are the landlady's son, a young man named Forsythe, living at a neighboring ranch, undertakes to cultivate a clandestine acquaintance with Rosa—a courtship which Margaret endeavors to thwart. The girl's willfulness and smugly eventual triumph over a serious situation and an exciting finale. Rosa, bent on elopement with Forsythe, employs a wandering Indian and his squaw to decoy Margaret away by means of a forged letter. But the ruse is successful, and Margaret, unsuspecting, is finally abandoned by the Indians in the desert. Her rescue is brought about through the manly efforts of her former friend, Bud and Gardley, the young ranchman who found her by the railroad water tank on the night of her arrival. The story ends with Gardley and Margaret to live happily ever after.

Greater Portland Day for Charities. Charities of Portland are to benefit from plans which were discussed by members of the Greater Portland association at their regular weekly luncheon at the Multnomah hotel Tuesday, November 28, was designated as a Greater Portland Association day, which is expected to be the biggest event of its kind ever held in Portland. It was announced at the luncheon that retail stores members of the association had agreed to give away \$500 to the three Portland charities, receiving the largest number of votes on the day, the votes to be secured by purchases from stores that are members of the association. Sums of \$250, \$150 and \$100 will be paid to the charities as they win. A competitive window dressing display will be held between the stores. F. N. Clarke, president, presided at the meeting. George L. Hardy made the principal talk, speaking of the shipbuilding industry being built up in Portland and the association announced that it would be represented with a booth at the Pure Food show.

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Election Bets Held Up. Los Angeles, Nov. 11.—(P. N. S.)—Between thousand dollars in bets held up here by down town stakeholders, who declared they would not pay bets until after an official count of the Republican national committee had conceded the election to Wilson.

Will pay for the chance to heal Catarrh. After an experience of 25 years, during which time 50 million Americans have used Kondon's Catarrh Jelly, the manufacturers of this remedy feel so sure that it will relieve catarrh—that they offer to pay for a chance to prove its benefit to any catarrh sufferer. They guarantee that any resident of this community can go to almost any drug store and get a complimentary trial can at the expense of the manufacturers. If the drugist has no gratuitous packages, the person may buy a 25 cent tube with the usual understanding that if that first tube does not do that person more than a dollar's worth of good, he or she can get their quarter back from either the drugist or the Kondon Company at Minneapolis. Over 35,000 druggists now Kondon's Catarrh Jelly is an effective, harmless, clean and pleasant to apply—and they know the Kondon people will gladly live up to this offer—"quarter back if not worth a dollar." Address: KONDON'S CATARRH JELLY, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.