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Novel Reading.

The book shelves and tables of the stores present quite an animated appearance with the gaily lettered literature which covers them, the most of which is what we denominate fiction. In fact the amount of novel writing and reading at the present day is almost past computation. It cannot be said that this kind of literature is supplanting the more permanent and scientific, for the solid literature of the country has never been in such demand as now. But argue as you may, it is evident that the novel has come in force and has come to stay. The old traditional picture of the novel reader, as a limp, lackadaisical person, without purpose or prudence—a mental and a moral wreck—must give place to other conceptions, for at the present day the readers of fiction include, lawyers, statesmen, clergymen, teachers, men of affairs, business men, and can present an array of the strongest and sturdiest names of the nineteenth century. Old men and young children are alike familiar with the characters and events portrayed by the graphic pen of the novelist.

This state of affairs serves many desirable uses. It is better to have people cultivated to a consciousness of the power of self-entertainment outside of present companionship, even at the expense of good literature. Such people had better read poor books than not read at all. There are multitudes in this country who never get a chance of self-adjustment; they cannot inspect themselves because of the inevitable dominance of society. They depend on others, cannot think, talk, commune, and dare not undertake without the interminable cackle of society in their ears. Anything that will help young people to pull out, to shake the rattle, to see what a great blip and bubble the average society is, and form some self-centered habit of self-reliance will prove a priceless boon, and this style of literature, from the fact that it sets these weaklings reading and helps them forget the world, is a manifest help.

But the old idea that the novel is a source of enervation, if it is rightly directed, is a mistake. There are some manifest uses of novel reading to-day which commend it to the best minds. The works of W. Gilman Simms, of past revolutionary fame, have just been republished in a cheap form, and will serve as an illustration. Mr. Simms makes but a sorry figure as an artist amid the cultured writers of this century. His style is heavy, his set rude, and his expressions favor of the cyprian swamps. The fame of Marion and Sumpter are secure upon the pages of history and the student of history can find an outline of their doings and an estimate of their worth on the records of the historical page, and when you have read all history has to say you feel that you have contemplated a price of statuary. If you read the works of Simms you get such a type, and truthful type, of the wrongs of those patriots and patriots—their daily lives in the slimy recesses of the swamps, of their marches, scouts, hiding places, methods, hard hand to hand fights, of their poverty and patriotism, their wounds and victories, as all the histories in the world can never give you. The youth who has read two or three of his novels of the revolution will know more about the real living patriotism of South Carolina than can be found in all the histories of our land. On the other hand to read such works as Cooper's can be pernicious, for no such Indian ever existed as he has painted on his chromo pages.

The finest contribution to early practical, colonial history is "Agnes Surriage." The youth can know more and will know more of the manner of life in Massachusetts a hundred years before the revolution, after reading that charming novel than after reading Bancroft.

Oregonian: A good many years ago there was a great fever here about burl maple, and several persons, Dan Holton among them, spent considerable money in sending parties in search of maple burl and curly maple logs, along the Columbia. A considerable quantity of sticks and "chunks" of this wood was secured and brought to this city, and some of it was cut and polished and used in making furniture and fixtures for a barroom. It was esteemed very handsome, but for some reason the wood was never utilized, and has for years been piled in a shed on Sixth and D streets. This shed was torn down a few days since, to make room for improvements, and the maple burl was carted off and thrown into Couch lake. This will be the end of them, and of several thousand dollars which they represented.

The latest gold story is started on its travels by the Eugene Register, which says: "A commission merchant recently received a number of geese, and when dressing one of them found \$2.40 worth of gold in its crop. He made an investigation to see where the goose came from and found that it had been shipped from Myrtle Creek and had been raised where the Myrtle Creek Mining Company is operating. This is the sworn truth, and is a good showing for those mines, where a goose can pick up \$2.40 in gold at one meal."

Hon. Binger Hermann has written to the Portland chamber of commerce as follows: "Have consulted the census department. The recount of Portland and Salem is quite sure, assisted by department special agent; have strongly recommended person resident in Portland for principal. Oregon's population is notably 305,000. Two representatives are assured, on the proposed basis of representation. The house census committee concur with me."

The following important order was issued to the army last Friday by Secretary Proctor: By direction of the President the following changes of and assignments to commands are ordered to take effect September 1st next:

First—Brigadier-General John Gibbon will relieve Major-General Nelson A. Miles in command of the Department of California and the Division of the Pacific, consisting of the departments of California and the Columbia.

Second—Major-General Nelson A. Miles is assigned to the command of the Division of the Missouri, comprising the departments of Dakota and the Platte.

Third—Brigadier-General Alexander McCook is assigned to the command of the Department of Arizona, with headquarters at Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Some members of congress are expressing anxiety concerning the river and harbor bill. They have no doubt but it will pass the senate whenever that body determines to consider it, but intimations have been given out that the president is not friendly toward it and may put his little veto on it. This is said in connection with the delay regarding the elections and tariff bills, and the threatened veto is probably being used more to bring the filibustering democratic members to time rather than a serious intention on the part of the president; but even this will not change the democratic attitude. They would rather lose the river and harbor bill with all its benefits to the South than vary one jot of their opposition to the election bill. Some of the senators are willing to put through the river and harbor bill without regard to the tariff and election bills, and to let the president veto it if he chooses. It would be promptly passed over a veto, and no one knows it better than the members of congress.

It is expected by naval officials that the bidding on the four new big ships, three great battle ships, and the triple screw cruiser, which is to take place on October 1st, will be quite spirited, as these old rivals, the Cramps, of Philadelphia, and the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, declare their determination to oppose each other again. Some naval authorities are of the opinion that the bidders will be more eager for the swift cruiser than the battle ships on account of the opportunity offered to make large premiums; but as the requirements as to speed are to be very high—twenty-two knots—the risk is a great one. There are some who believe that the battle ships will be sought after with greater avidity on account of the very great novelty of the triple-screw plan, which is yet to be demonstrated successfully. The appropriation for the battle ships is \$12,000,000, or \$4,000,000 for each vessel, and that for the cruiser, which someone in the department has, for a lack of a better name, dubbed the "pirate," is \$2,750,000, each inclusive of armament. There is a rumor that the Bath Iron works, which is now building two 1000-ton gunboats, intends to bid on a battle ship, the facilities and tool plants having been lately enlarged with this view.

Senator Mitchell recently said: "Whatever may have been the errors or omissions on the part of either supervisors or enumerators in the taking of the recent census in the state of Oregon, it is simply absurd and ridiculous to attempt to charge these to the account of the Oregon delegation in Congress, or to hold them or any of them responsible for them. The Oregon delegation were called upon by the superintendent of the census last spring for recommendations for the appointment of two supervisors of the census in Oregon. After consultation the delegation unanimously recommended Hon. John H. Shupe, of Oakland, Douglas county, as supervisor for the western district of Oregon, and Hon. J. W. Strange, of La Grande, as supervisor of the eastern district of Oregon. Subsequently these were both appointed and confirmed by the senate. Mr. Shupe, however, declined the appointment and there being a vacancy, the delegation recommended Hon. John Kelly, and he was appointed. If these appointments were unfit to be made as alleged in the Oregonian why is it that no protests were made at the time, through the press or otherwise, in Oregon against them. If any such protest or word of complaint was made I never saw it."

Families not already supplied should lose no time in procuring a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is the only remedy that can always be depended upon for bowel complaint in all its forms. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by H. Sengstacken, Marshfield and Empire.

Golden has started his soda works, for the season, and is ready to furnish fresh bottled goods made with improved machinery from pure fruit juices. Send in your orders. The only bottling establishment on the coast that manufactures exclusively from pure fruits.

A good farm of 240 acres on Tenmile lake for sale cheap. Inquire at this office of Gray & Hill.

Vexlar på alla plaster i Europa föreläsa genom Flanagan & Bennett's bank, Marshfield, Oregon.

Curry County.

[From Gold Beach Gazette.]

We learn that John White will have the Winchuck bridge completed before the end of the present month.

John Smith, formerly of Rogue river, was married at Myrtle Point, Coos county, on July 19th, 1890, to a Miss Carter, of that place.

Fred Olsen was down from Port Orford the first of the week. He was appointed administrator of the estate of Asa Carman, deceased.

Married, in Ellensburg, Oregon, on Sunday, August 3d, 1890, by Hon. M. Riley, county judge, Mr. Will H. Crook and Miss Katie Woodruff.

Louie Knapp completed his road contract the first of the week, and the stage began running through from Port Orford to Ellensburg last Tuesday.

The spring fishing season closed last Wednesday, and the fall fishing season is at hand. The scene has already been drawn a few times, but it is evident the regular fall run of salmon has not yet set in.

Hon. A. H. Crook and wife were visiting friends in our burg during the week. Asa is enthusiastic for a road up Rogue River to Grant's Pass, and if we don't get an appropriation from the state for that purpose it will be no fault of his.

The people of Curry county desire to let the world know that they have the finest wagon road, considering the distance in the state of Oregon. As will be seen by 'ad' in another column, a grand ball will be given on August 29, to which all our neighbors, north and south, east and west, everywhere except west, are invited to attend.

On August 2d the steamer Truckee arrived at Port Orford, bringing Charles Post, who had been to the city for medical treatment. When the steamer anchored his wife went on board and Charles, who was in a feeble condition, was brought on deck in a chair, preparatory to taking him ashore. He talked with his wife a short time, when suddenly his head fell to one side and he was dead. He was about 25 years of age, and leaves a wife, two children, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Gravel Ford.

A nice picnic was held at Gravel Ford in the grove of Mr. Jackson, where everything was nicely arranged by the committee. The speakers and singers acted well their parts, and also the ladies, as was witnessed by a well spread table of sumptuous fare. Hon. I. E. Rose was president of the day, and Hon. C. Krantz was marshal. The following programme was carried out:

Oration, by Hon. J. S. Coke.
Song, "Welcome Home," by the choir, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Fellows, Mrs. Ida Hansen, Mrs. B. A. Johnson, Miss Effie Johnson and Taylor brothers.
Declaration, by D. J. Taylor.
Song, "Home Sweet Home," by Misses Bright, Colbertson and Johnson.
Song, by the choir.
Song, "Happy Land," by Taylor brothers.

Select reading, by Mrs. B. A. Johnson.
Song, "Life's Harvest," by Miss Effie Johnson and D. J. Taylor.

Song, "The Old Bachelor," by Miss Effie Johnson.
Closing song, "America," by Mrs. Ida Hansen, Mrs. B. A. Johnson and D. J. Taylor.

The next in order was a nice dinner for all. After dinner came the races for boys, young men, old men, and an egg race for girls under 12 years.
Prof. K. H. Hansen won the prize of a pocket-knife for being the homeliest man at the picnic. The following vote was polled by ballot: Hansen, 85; J. P. Taylor, 3; Mr. Parish, 1; Mr. Johnson, 1; Mr. Fellows, 1. Therefore, Mr. Hansen was declared unanimously elected by 82 majority.

The picnic wound up by all repairing to J. P. Taylor's barn and tripping the light "fantastic toe," till all cried I've got picnic and candy enough.

CHARITY.

Sarskildt for Skandinavener
Ett fullt lager af Svenska mediciner finnes alltid att tillga i Golden's drug store till billiga priser. Hoad Ni behöfver af mediciner, bocker, juveler, toalettrydnader m. m. bor Ni kopa hos Golden for att inbespara penningar. De finaste viner och likörer for medicinska och andamal finnas der också. Besök Golden's drug store, hvarst Ni skall rona ett godt bemotande och inbespara penningar.

Petition.

To the Honorable County Court of Coos county, Oregon.
We, the undersigned, residents and legal voters of Empire City precinct, county and state aforesaid, hereby ask that a license be granted to Jones & Roberts to retail spirits, malt and various liquors in less quantities than one gallon, for the term of six months from the first Monday in September, A. D. 1890, in said Empire City precinct, Coos county, state of Oregon.

P. A. Bullion, J. P. Ott, J. McCulloch, Wm. Beach, Victor Anderson, Frank Brown, J. E. Henderson, M. Stenholm, L. Briggs, G. W. Hultbert, L. H. Wolf, G. O. Burton, Wm. O. Phillips, Sam McFarland, Morton Tower, R. S. Littlefield, Geo. Hunt, V. W. Bouton, J. G. Cook, A. G. Giam, Thomas Hansen, George Roberts, J. Jackson, Leander Corbitt, C. Geiser, E. A. Thayer, Ole Evenson, Geo. Rhoda, L. Larson, E. W. Schetter, J. A. Palmer, Andrew Hansen, August Farley, Chas. Grelman, Chas. Rogers, Allen Urquhart, Timothy Hayes, J. S. Young, T. Neuhais, J. R. Beard, August Berg, J. Keffert, H. Schaeferberg, C. J. Pavitt, John Bynagan, George Nicholls, J. McCulloch, R. W. Getty, Galvie Westerland, A. Soderstrom, Andra Jan-san, F. T. Crew, John Telfson, Thomas Scott, A. Evans, Wm. Klahn, C. Kilstrom, Edward Daugherty, John Kone, W. Rookamp, John Erickson, Herman Schuerhoff, John Burke, Carl Goodman, Charles Root, W. Josephson.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the county court of Coos county, state of Oregon, on Monday the 21st day of September, 1890, at the court house in Empire City, state and county aforesaid, for a license in accordance with the above petition.

JONES & ROBERTS.

Programme of the Coos County Teachers' Institute, to be held at Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, August 18th to 22d, 1890.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
J. J. Stanley, T. P. Brinegar,
J. G. Lerew, Frank Weeks.

COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT AND MUSIC.
F. S. Bunch, Florence Smith,
R. W. Airey, Annie Clinton,
L. A. Reed.

Mrs. Wino. Organist
MONDAY, AUGUST 18th.

Evening session—7:30 o'clock.

Music.

Address of welcome—Hon. R. H. Rose

Response—L. A. Reed

Music.

Recitation—Prof. R. W. Airey

Music.

Lecture—Prof. R. W. Airey

Music.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th.

Morning session—8:30 o'clock.

Opening, enrolling, etc.

Reading—Frank Weeks

Language lessons—Prof. J. M. Williams, of Eugene.

General discussion by teachers.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 o'clock.

Organization and Government of Schools

Penmanship—Prof. Ira Taylor

Book keeping in Public Schools

General discussion—J. J. Stanley

Music.

Evening session—7:30 o'clock.

Music.

Select Reading—Prof. J. M. Williams

Music.

Recitation—Prof. J. M. Williams

Music.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th.

Morning session—8:30 o'clock.

Physiology and Hygiene—Prof. J. B. Horner, of Roseburg.

Orthography—Miss May Bunch

Geography—Miss Alice Clinkenbeard

General discussion.

AFTERNOON.

Excursion across the bar on tug, and strolling on the beach.

Evening session—7:30 o'clock.

Music.

Recitation—Prof. J. M. Williams

Music.

Lecture—Rev. J. R. N. Bell, of Roseburg.

Music.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21st.

Morning session—8:30 o'clock.

United States History—R. W. Airey

Grammar—D. L. Root

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 o'clock.

Grammar continued.

Oral Lessons on Primary Work without books—G. W. Johnson

Primary Arithmetic—Miss M. Butler

"Parents' school visits."—A discussion.

Evening session—7:30 o'clock.

Music.

Select Reading—Prof. J. M. Williams

Recitation—Prof. J. M. Williams

Music.

Lecture—Hon. J. A. Gray, of Marshfield.

Music.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd.

Morning session—8:30 o'clock.

Arithmetic—R. M. Porter

"School Examination."—A discussion.

AFTERNOON.

Report of Committees.

Adjournment, 3 p. m.

Whoever will suggest to me methods of instruction better than I now use, him will I thank. W. H. BUNCH, County Superintendent.

Special Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned on January 1st, 1890, and such debt is still unpaid, will do well to settle the same immediately. I need money and must have it. EUGENE O'CONNELL.

Pay Up.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned are requested to square their accounts immediately and oblige, JAMES L. FERRIS, Blanco Hotel.

Notice to Debtors.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me on note or book account must settle by the 1st of September, as I am going away on that date. Costs will be added after that date. J. D. GARFIELD, Marshfield, Or., Aug. 1st, 1890.

GLASGOW!

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Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., July 29, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the county court of Coos county, Or., at Empire City, Or., on

Saturday, September 13th, 1890.

vi: DAVID TALBOT, Pre-emption D. S. No. 6597, for the lots 12 and 13, section 25, township 26 south, range 14 west, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Grogan, George Cline, Matt Talbot, Edward Kelly, all of Empire City, Coos county, Oregon.

JOHN H. SHUPE, Register.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the county court of Coos county, Oregon, at Empire City, Or., on

Monday, September 15th, 1890.

vi: WILLIAM ALBERT COLLIER, Homestead Entry No. 4596, for the south half of southwest quarter and south half of southeast quarter, section 4, township 26 south, range 12 west, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Isaac Evers, Henry Palmquist, John Eliason, Lemuel Mortimer, of Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon.

JOHN H. SHUPE, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., August 5th, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the county court of Coos county, Oregon, at Empire City, Or., on

Friday, September 20th, 1890.

vi: EVELD C. SODERMAN, Pre-emption D. S. No. 5957, for the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 26, township 25 south, range 11 west, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Isaac Evers, Henry Palmquist, John Eliason, Lemuel Mortimer, of Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon.

JOHN H. SHUPE, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., July 22, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the county court of Coos county, Or., at Empire City, Or., on

Saturday, Sept. 13, 1890.

vi: Richard A. Keller, Homestead Entry, No. 5527, for the NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of section 26, township 25 south, and three sections of township 25 south, southwest quarter of southeast quarter and southeast quarter of southwest quarter section 33, township 24 south, range 12 west, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William M. Nay, Ulisses N. May, Martin Breen and George L. Wheeler, of Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon.

JOHN H. SHUPE, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., July 19th, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the county court of Coos county, Or., at Empire City, Or., on

Saturday, September 6th, 1890.

vi: STERLING P. CONROB, Pre-emption D. S. No. 6284, for the SW 1/4 of section 20, and NW 1/4 of section 21, township 25 south, range 11 west, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Harnard E. Bessley, Henry C. Smith, Isaac Landrith and John F. Hall, all of Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon.

JOHN H. SHUPE, Register.

Notice.

In the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Coos.

In the matter of the estate of G. N. Farrin, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Eugene O'Connell administrator of the estate of G. N. Farrin, deceased, has filed his final account of his administration of said estate, and that

Thursday, September 4th, 1890,

at 10 o'clock a. m., at the court room of said court in Empire City, Coos county, Oregon, has been duly appointed by the judge of said court for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

August 7, 1890. EUGENE O'CONNELL, Administrator of the estate of G. N. Farrin, deceased.

Notice.

All accounts due the Pioneer markets at either Marshfield or Empire City, must be settled on or before June 15th, 1890. E. G. FLANAGAN.

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