

### Review of Current Literature By Mermaid Tavern Book Club

A Guidepost to the Best in Late Books as Selected by County Librarian Miss Fay Woolsey and Reviewed by Discriminating Readers.

**The Red Star of Samarkand.** by Anna Louise Strong. Reviewed by Victor Dolla.

The red star that begins to shine on Samarkand casts not a glow of misery and despotism on that land of Central Asia, but rather, indeed, a healthful beam of modernism and democracy. This phenomenon has been described by a clever observer, Anna Louise Strong.

The red star, of course, is the soviet. Contrary to the general belief, this is not a harsh rule by Russians away in Europe, but a comparatively gentle home rule. Of course, the central government in Moscow is head of the entire U. S. S. R., but even there two central Asia are on the ruling committee.

Little stories are told in an entertaining manner by the author to illustrate the strange way in which the changes are taken by the ancient people in the heart of Asia. Numerous accounts of bearded Uzbeks with their veiled harems who every day come into contact with airplanes, tractors and other modern inventions are found frequently.

The great struggle for women's rights that is going on in Samarkand is well cited. One almost is led to believe that the author is an adherent of that movement. She adds vividness to her narrative by tales of opportune happenings.

In this story names such as Kokhara, Samarkand, Salskent and Fergana, famed in story and song, are unceremoniously used with such appellations as Central Committee, Peasant Co-operatives, and other less high-sounding, but more practical terms.

The book as a whole reads more like a news story than the modern Arabian Nights which some call it. All in all, the author presents her viewpoint in a calm, matter-of-fact manner that is worthy of favorable comment.

**Iron Man.** by W. R. Burdett. Reviewed by John Reddy.

If, as some critics contend, true art is realism, then "Iron Man," W. R. Burdett's latest novel, is an outstanding piece of artistry.

The author of the brilliant "Little Caesar," pursues the narrative in a rambling style which detracts nothing from its color and realism. A rough story of the prize ring with its attendant background of gamblers, newspaper men, hangers-on, and sudden shifts from training camps to city streets makes an invigorating action throughout.

The book is radically different, the action moving smoothly, yet with gripping intensity. Burdett's gift for realism holds the attention of the reader.

The story deals with "Coke" Mason, mechanic's helper, who is engineered to the world's championship by George Regan, his manager. The simple Coke's matrimonial ventures go on the rocks, he breaks his beloved George, and wrecks his career. If it may be so called, yet, it is not the plot that gains the interest so much as it is Burdett's brilliant characterization.

George Regan dominates the story, and captivates the imagination of the reader. Regan, in the vernacular of the "ring," was a "wise guy," and the dapper, sarcastic manager, with an inevitable cigar cocked in his mouth, and with his hat pushed back on his head, walks right into the heart.

Throughout the story there is between the strange pair a vein of masculine friendship which manifests itself in beer parties and poker games.

The story is crude if one is easily offended. The talk and action are unvarnished, and the back-stage scenes of the big fight are coarse. Yet their apparent realism saves them from gratuitous disability.

The tale summed up is an epic of the ring, sordid in spots, but with most human and appealing characters. It is a pleasant and surprising change with its share of pathos.

**Tiger! Tiger!** by Honore Willie Morrow. Reviewed by Winifred Warner.

This book is especially recommended to high school students of this generation, because it depicts the struggles which people underwent before the prohibition

amendment was passed. It brings a realization of conditions as they were. We are aware of the prohibition laws, but how many of us are cognizant of the fact that agitation for temperance began as far in the past as 1809? How many of us realize the battles which the early agitators engaged in for the sake of our country? "Tiger! Tiger!" promotes a clearer understanding of the real purpose of prohibition, and can not fail to bring the reader to the decision that liquor is the curse of a nation and the root of all our social problems.

"Tiger! Tiger!" is the story of John B. Gough, one of the leading temperance workers and orators during the nineteenth century. His mother is faithfully drawn as the mother who sacrifices all for her son's education. At the age of twelve, John leaves his native land, England, and comes to the United States. Living alone, he edily falls into habits of intemperance, and at the age of twenty-five he is the village drunkard of the New England community where he lives. Vivid descriptions are given of his life as an inebriate.

His marvelous gift for platform speaking is discovered by temperance societies and he becomes a lecturer. Once he breaks his pledge, and a powerful description is given of the battle he has with himself.

John Gough's conception of prohibition is as follows: "Only when the principle of prohibition is grounded on the organic law of the nations, beyond the reach of politicians, has placed liquor beyond the reach of men, will it be possible for men to be total abstainers."

Coronet, by Manuel Komroff. Reviewed by Marguerite Watson.

How a bit of gold in the shape of a crown may act as the determining factor in the lives of many people throughout three centuries is the theme. Tracing the delicate coronet from the time of its creation by Captain of Florence, in 1600, to the time when it was restored to a descendant of the original owner, Count de Senlis, in 1919, the story goes forward in a fascinating manner.

The lives it influences are many and varied, ranging from the lowest serfs and slaves to Napoleon himself. Among the people woven into the tale are Chopin, a famous French actress, an opera star, Czar Alexander of Russia, and numerous of high degree in European history.

The book is composed of a great collection of details, but these details are so skillfully interwoven that the result is a pleasing unity which carries one on and on to the more or less surprising end. One of these details is the story of a small silver whip which had been in a certain aristocratic Russian family for generations. The whip finally was lost forever when it was buried with its owner, Count Burin, who was killed by a girl while raiding a town in southern Russia during the world war.

**Howard Orchestra  
Oriental Gardens  
Dance Tonight**

Aviation enthusiasts were out at the Medford airport this afternoon, viewing the plant 12-passenger, all-metal, tri-motor, Ford cabin plane "West Wind," with many enjoying the thrills of riding in the plane.

Preparations are completed for the airplane dance in the Oriental Gardens tonight. Music will be supplied by Tex Howard and his 11-piece orchestra, brought here in the airplane from the Triana ballroom in Seattle. Manager Merrick of the Oriental Gardens declares that local dancers will be pleased by this orchestra tonight.

A capacity crowd is expected to attend tonight and dance to the super-syncoated music offered by the big orchestra.

Trucks Produce 1,100 miles. LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—H. Hoff, man, a produce merchant of Rock Springs, Wyo., is probably the long distance champion garden truck tricker. He transports in his own machines vegetables from southern California to his home town, a distance of 1,100 miles.

### GUARD MEMBERS MAY BE EXCUSED TO ATTEND CMTC

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., May 2.—(Special)—Information of importance to prospective applicants for the citizens' training camp who are members of the Oregon National Guard, is contained in memorandum No. 15 released April 22 by Major General George White, commanding the latter organization.

Under the provisions of this memorandum eligible guardsmen who are accepted for C. M. T. C. may be excused from the National Guard field training camp upon approval of their commanding officers, on June 21, 1930. Members so relieved will draw their National Guard pay for the period spent at camp with their units, and transportation to Portland. They will be eligible for C. M. T. C. mileage to and from their homes.

General Paul A. Wolf, U. S. A., commanding at Vancouver Barracks, has agreed that such eligible Guardsmen will be accepted at the citizens' military training camp up to 6 p. m. of June 22, 1930.

### CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY BELLVIEW RESIDENT

BELLVIEW, Ore., May 2.—(Special) Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burns gave a birthday dinner at their home last Sunday in honor of Mrs. Burns' father who was 74 years old, with 74 candles graced the table.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Helfrich of Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Anderson, Shirley Anderson, Helen Anderson, Thos. Anderson, Mrs. W. J. Wright and W. J. Wright, guest of honor; Bobby and Dale Burns and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burns.

Mr. Wright received many beautiful gifts and well wishes from those present.

### SAMS VALLEY HIGH PIE SOCIAL ENJOYED

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., May 2.—(Special)—A successful social was given by the high school Friday night. The program given by the ladies' club included a two-act play, reading, music and snappy songs. Those taking part in the program were Mesdames R. H. Seegmiller, Aletha Bigham, George Backus, Joe Dusenberry, Dick Straus, Laura Crawford, Geo. McDonough and O. T. Wilson, Misses Ruth Frink, Doris Richardson, Grace and Ruth Bigham and Frances Wilson and Messrs. E. H. Seegmiller, A. E. Collett, James McDonough and Herbert Fitzgerald.

### ENDEAVOR DELEGATE RECOVERING HEALTH

BELLVIEW, Ore., May 2.—(Special) Miss Jean Putman, one of the delegates to the Crater Lake Union of Christian Endeavor, who was taken very ill after reaching Marshfield and was taken to the hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis last Sunday, is reported as getting along nicely, but will not be able to return home for three or four weeks.

### SAMS VALLEY GRANGE WILL MEET SATURDAY

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., May 2.—(Special)—Sams Valley drill team has been practicing and expects to give the first and second degrees to four new candidates at the next Grange meeting Saturday night. The legislative committee has also arranged for interesting speakers to discuss present legislative matters. The H. E. C. has arranged to serve ice cream and cake.

### FORM LIVESTOCK CLUB FOR SAMS VALLEY 4-H

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., May 2.—(Special)—The 4th boys and girls organized a livestock club Tuesday night when H. G. Fowler, county club agent, was present and assisted.

### VAN HOEVENBURG HAS BIG IRRIGATION TANK

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., May 2.—(Special) A large tank conveyed by the Reinking Trucking service of Gold Hill was hauled on two large trucks to the Van Hoevenburg place Wednesday and will be used for irrigating the lawn and flower gardens of the Van Hoevenburg home. Water will be pumped into the tank from nearby wells.

### JACKSONVILLE STUDENT WITH FORESTRY PARTY

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, May 2.—(Sp.)—Ho-

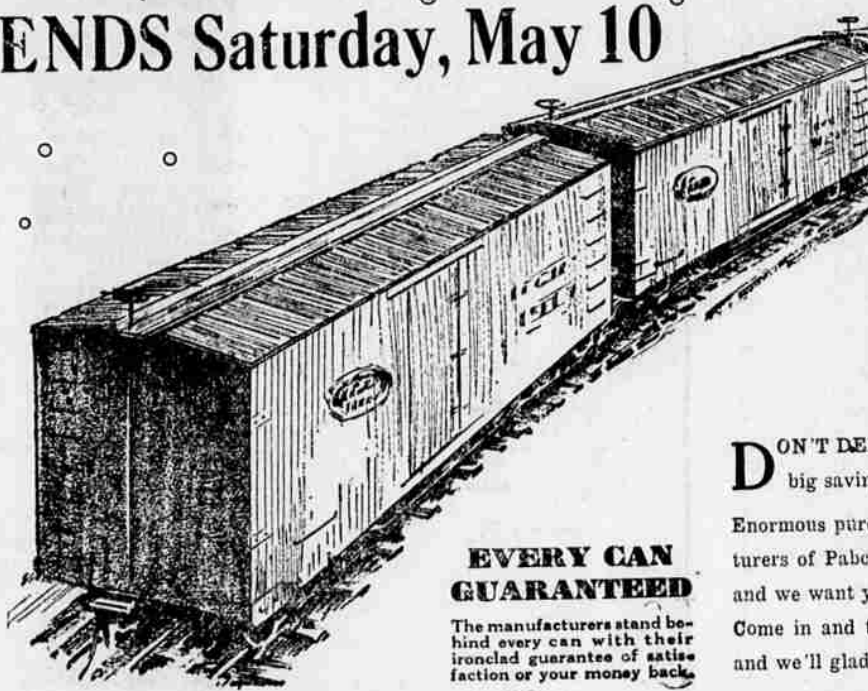
mer Hartman, of Jacksonville, a senior in forestry at the Oregon State college, was one of the party of foresters leaving last Wednesday on a tour of inspection of commercial lumber concerns of the northwest.

The party of 31, composed of seniors in lumber manufacturing and juniors in silviculture, was under the supervision of T. J. Starker, professor of forestry.

"Hanky" Disqualifies Her. GRUNDY CENTER, Iowa.—(AP) Handkerchiefs have been officially declared here as a "stage accessory." A girl who won a declamation contest was disqualified under a rule which prohibits the use of "stage accessories," because she carried a handkerchief during her recitation.

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