NEW PUBLICATIONS.

MRS. CUSTER'S RECORD OF ADVENTURE WITH GENERAL CUSTER.

TENTING ON THE PLAINS; OR, GENERAL CUSTER IN KANSAS AND TEXAS. By Elizabeth B. Custer. Pp. x. 403. (Charles L. Webster & Co.)

It would be hard to imagine a volume more replete with entertaining anecdote than this record by Mrs. Custer of life with her husband in the Southwest and on the frontier. Every day brought something worthy of remembrance, for life in camp and post was wholly different from the humdrum monotony of existence within the bounds of civilization. Almost everybody that came within the circle of the author's acquaintance was a character, as the saying is, utterly unconventional, with peculiarities that distinguished him from all those about him. The book abounds in sketches of character, sometimes by way of description, sometimes by illustrative anecdote. One rises from the perusal of the book feeling that he has made the acquaintance of a numerous group of wonderfully lively people. General Custer, though stern in discipline, seems to have loved a joke, even a practical joke, with all the enthusiasm of a bad boy. He came by the taste legitimately, for some pages in this book show that his father was as ready for fun as he. One of the amusing episodes related here shows that when the elder Custer visited the General in camp he was always on his guard against the mischievous tricks of his son. The General and his brother purloined the old gentleman's purse. He had his suspicions, but was silent until the conspirators exposed the trophy between themselves in a group of strangers. Then he pounced upon them, and as nobody knew the relationship of the three men who seemed to be quarrelling in dead earnest, the situation of the jokers who had been caught in their own trap can be imagined. Of course there are some scenes of historic interest, troubles with mutinous regiments in Texas, conversations with Indian chiefs on the frontier; but for the most part the book introduces the reader to the details of army life that would be passed over without allusion by a more pretentious writer, or by one who thought himself engaged on a more dignified theme. But these details make a most vivid picture, and the reader can live over again the life which the courageous author passed at the side of her husband. What sympathy is aroused by the description of her sleeping with her neck almost dislocated by the rough army overcoat that had been rolled up for a pillow! How delighted she was to find that when she had surreptitiously obtained a real pillow, she did not lose caste as a good campaigner! How ruefully she confesses, as if her conscience still troubled her, that she concealed a fall from her horse, in order to avoid the ridicule that was in store for all unfortunate horsemen or horsewomen, and how her husband kept her continually in terror by hinting at the mishap! All the trifles that made up the life of the little circle of officers and their families far from the comforts of civilization are recorded with a zest that makes them seem like a part of the reader's own experience. The narrative in its minuteness is like a journal of the life of Custer and Mrs. Custer from the day of leavetaking in the Army of the Potomac in 1865 down to the first fight of the 7th Cavalry with a band of 300 Cheyennes near Fort Wallace in the summer of 1867. Not only in her own case but in those of other women Mrs. Custer gives numerous instances of feminine bravery and fortitude. Apparently she does this all unconsciously. They were worthy of their husbands, those wives of soldiers and frontiersmen in the days of adventure that seem, so far as territory of the United states is concerned, to be gone forever.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

IN THE WAKE OF COLUMBUS. Adventures of the Special Commissioner sent by the World's Columbian Exposition to the West Indies. By Frederick A. Ober. 8vo, pp. 515. (D. Lothrop Co.)

WOMAN, CHURCH AND STATE. An Historical Account of the Status of Woman Through the Christian Ages. By Matilda J. Gage. Crown 8vo, pp. 554. (Charles H. Kerr & Co.)

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A LOST TRUTH: and Other Short Sermons. By Rev. R. G. Starr. 12mo, pp. 259. (James Pott & Co.)

GUY TRESILLIAN'S FATE. A Sequel to "Tresillian Court." By Mrs. Harriet Lewis. 12mo, pp. 280. (Robert Bonner's Sons.)

THE SCIENCE OF BOXING. By Prof. "Mike" Donovan. 16mo, pp. 78. (Charles L. Webster & Co.)

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ASLEEP AND AWAKE. By Raymond Russell. 12mo, pp. 199. (Charles H. Kerr & Co.)

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HILL'S GUIDE TO CHICAGO AND WORLD'S FAIR. 12mo, pp. 218. (Laird & Lee.)

THE HATTER AND FURRIER TRADE DIRECTORY. 16mo, pp. 404. (The Gallison & Hobson Company.)

THIS OUGHT TO IMPROVE CROTON WATER.

COMMISSIONER EDSON ASKS FOR A BUILDING WHEREIN TO USE THE NEW ELECTRICAL PROCESS PERMANENTLY.

Health Commissioner Edson said yesterday that he would make an application to the Department of Public Works for permission to build a plant at one of the reservoirs to carry on the new process of purifying Croton water by electricity. Dr. Edson said that the new system was cheap and productive of good results.

The Board of Health has had an analysis made of water from a spring in Morningside Park. The result shows that its condition is worse than the Croton water. Water from this spring is used by many residents in that neighborhood for drinking purposes. The analysis shows that the water is turbid in appearance, colorless, and has a faint odor when heated. The Board of Health will make an investigation to determine, if possible, the cause of pollution.

Few complaints have been received by the Health Board in the last few days about the condition of the Croton water. By yesterday's analysis there was a slight increase of nitrites found.

SUSPENDED FROM THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

Louis Schepp, a member of the Stock Exchange, was suspended yesterday for one week by the Board of Governors of the Stock Exchange, on the complaint of S. Lansburgh. The trouble which resulted in this action by the board arose on Wednesday last. Lansburgh was asked by Schepp for a quotation on Chicago Gas. When Lansburgh made a quotation Schepp made another one-eighth below that of Lansburgh. This made Lansburgh angry, and some hot words passed between the two, and Schepp is quoted as saying:

"You're no good, anyway. Your house cost me $500 last week, and I don't want anything to do with you."

The presence of a number of brokers prevented a more serious encounter. Lansburgh took the matter before the Governing Committee, which had a special meeting after the exchange hours to act upon this and other troubles. Mr. Schepp said, after the board had acted, that it came opportunely, as he was about to take a train for Canada to be gone a week, anyway.

A NOVEL SCENE IN A KENTUCKY COURT.

Happodsburg, Ky., July 21.—Kentucky leads in novel methods of punishing criminals. On Wednesday eight negro boys, ranging in age from eight to fourteen years, were caught breaking into a house whose owners were absent for the summer. They were arraigned in the police court before Judge Caldwell. Using his discretion, he called the mothers of the young offenders into court, and proposed to them that if they would give the boys a first-class whipping in court he would not send them to the penitentiary. The women eagerly accepted the proposition. Yesterday morning the space in front of the judge's bench was cleared; the mothers seized the eight struggling sons and time was called. Rawhides cut the air and fell with terrible force on the backs of the thinly clad culprits. There was a yelling that startled the people for the next fifteen minutes. Blood was brought in more than one instance. Once the judge interfered to prevent too serious a beating for one or two of the boys. When he thought they were sufficiently punished the judge stopped the whipping. A large crowd witnessed the novel scene.

SOON IN WORKING ORDER AGAIN.

THE FIRE AT EIGHTEENTH-ST. AND BROADWAY CAUSES LITTLE DELAY TO THE TELEPHONE SERVICE—LOSSES NOT SO LARGE AS AT FIRST ESTIMATED.

The telephone girls are calling "Hello" again in the Eighteenth-st. branch of the Metropolitan Telephone Company, at No. 867 Broadway, which was partially burned out Thursday night. The majority of the wires which were affected by the fire were in working order early yesterday morning, and little trouble was experienced by connecting wires. A large force of linemen was put to work immediately after the fire had been put out. The large switchboard communicating with districts outside of the Eighteenth-st. branch was not injured. Night Manager Crother threw a large tarpaulin over it.

The damage to the telephone company and to the other firms in the building is not as large as at first reported. Eighty-five thousand dollars will cover everything. Ditson & Co. lose $20,000; G. L. Kelly & Co., the Centreville Manufacturing Company, Arnold & Ellos and Keys & Lockwood jointly lose $50,000, and the Whiting Manufacturing Company $10,000.

WORK FOR THE FRAUD-ROLL COMMITTEE.

IMPORTERS COMPLAIN THAT THEY ARE FORCED TO PAY FOR ADVERTISEMENTS.

The quartet of "fraud-roll" employes at last has something worthy of itself to investigate, something which is equal to the calibre of the men who make up this quartet. Some of the officials in the Custom House have organized a company to get out an elaborate book descriptive of the Custom House and the Appraiser's Stores, with excellent photographs of the two buildings, the various offices and the most prominent heads of departments. This book is to be similar to the one that was published some time ago by the clerks in the Navy Department, and the clerks in the Postoffice. Some of the importers who have been asked to put advertisements in the new book have complained to the special agents that they fear that they will be interfered with in their work of getting through goods unless they pay for the advertisements which are expected from them. The special agents consequently have reported the matter to the Treasury Department, and it is expected that the members of the fraud-roll quartet will have this as an excuse for drawing a few more days' pay out of the fund set aside for the employment of spies, detectives and informers.

Another secret session of the quartet was held yesterday, but nothing of material consequence was divulged.

TO RAISE A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS.

DIRECTORS OF THE NICARAGUA CANAL COMPANY FORMULATE A PLAN.

The directors of the Nicaragua Canal Company have decided upon a plan for raising the $100,000,000 necessary to complete the canal. Ex-Senator Warner Miller, the president of the Nicaragua Canal Construction Company, said yesterday that a sub-committee of the Board of Directors had been appointed to secure agencies in about seventy of the largest cities in the country to dispose of the securities of the company at 90 or 95 per cent of their face value by selling them direct to the people in lots of two shares and upward. The most prominent feature of this plan, said Mr. Miller, is to avoid calling upon any syndicate of capitalists to raise the funds needed.

Some of the most prominent men in the country are members of the Board of Directors of this company.

FOUGHT IN FORTY-THREE BATTLES.

AND YET HIS SMALL PENSION IS NOW TO BE CUT OFF.

Minneapolis, July 21.—Hiram Weeks, of Minneapolis, a veteran who served four years in the Federal Army during the Civil War, has received notice that his pension of $6 a month would be discontinued. While in the service he passed through forty-three battles, including that of Gettysburg. He is now near death from gangrene of the foot and various other complaints, some of which have been traced directly to his exposure in the Army. The only reason which can be found for the cutting off of his pension is the incomplete and one-sided report which was sent to Washington by the St. Paul Board of Examiners, who refused to look at his foot at the last examination.

Weeks's case has created considerable feeling among Grand Army men in this city, and prominent people have interested themselves in securing the renewal and increase of his pension.

NEW QUARTERS FOR A GROCERY FIRM.

The property Nos. 135, 137 and 139 West Forty-second-st. has been leased to the Acker, Merrall & Condit Company for a term of twenty-one years, at an annual rental of $15,000 for fifteen years, and $16,500 for the remainder of the term. The owners, Dejonge & Herzog, are to alter the buildings into stores, and about February 1 next the Acker, Merrall & Condit Company will vacate its present quarters at Broadway and Forty-second-st., and will occupy the altered buildings. The property is 60x100 feet in size. The lease was effected through Fitzsimmons & Smith, of No. 1,477 Broadway.

FOR OPENING THE CHEROKEE STRIP.

Guthrie, O. T., July 21.—Governor Renfrow, United States Marshal Nix and District-Attorney Speed have united in certain recommendations to the President in regard to the regulations governing the opening of the Cherokee Strip. They suggest that the border of the Strip be guarded by a continuous line of infantry, and people only be allowed to enter at certain prescribed points, where officers will give the signals, and that a detachment of soldiers be stationed at the county seats to keep out the crowd until the hour for throwing them open, which shall be on the day following the opening of the land. Everybody shall be removed from the strip at once, and from now until the day of opening any person caught upon the land will be photographed, and his description taken and filed at the Land Office, which will be indisputable evidence of his being a "sooner."

OLD SOLDIERS ENJOY A CLAMBAKE.

The thirteenth annual excursion and clambake of the Veteran Association of the 71st Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., took place yesterday. It was in commemoration of the first Battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861. The veterans gathered early on the pier at Jane-st. and the Hudson River, and embarked on the Mary Patten for Pleasure Bay. The day was perfect and the old soldiers enjoyed the breeze. A good, old-fashioned clambake was eaten soon after the landing was made. The stewards of the association are Harry P. Johnson, G. E. Trembley and H. K. Parkin. The veterans returned to this city about 9 o'clock last evening.

FLEW 525 MILES IN 800 MINUTES.

Philadelphia, July 21 (Special).—The lead for distance in the day for the season, held thus far at 387 miles, by Philadelphia birds, now goes to Boston for 525 miles. The birds of H. G. Brooks and William Martin, of Milton, Mass., were liberated in St. Thomas, Ont., at 5:20 o'clock this morning, and at 6:40 o'clock this evening one, Brooks No. 139, was in the home loft. The proof of the performance was the cipher "21—3 H. F." of the leg band, put on in St. Thomas by the liberator this morning. The birds of the Leavitt and Towne lofts, Dorchester, will try against this record to-morrow or Sunday.

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