

SOME BOOKS OF THE YEAR

Sarah Grand's New Novel of English Life and a Strange Woman.

VOLUME BY AN OMAHA WOMAN

Journey Down the Ohio River—New Story by Charles Egbert Craddock—Stockton's New Novel—A Story of the Lakes.

The second effort of a novelist to score a success in one particular field is apt to be a failure. Sarah Grand, in "The Beach Book," has not made a failure by any means.

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NEW COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Administration Will Be in Different Hands Next Month.

CHARGES COME WITH THE NEW YEAR

Commissioner Stenberg Will Retire to Become a Dealer in Real Estate.

Acting in accordance with the provisions of law, the present members of the Board of County Commissioners will hold their last meeting on January 1st.

The personal of the new Board of County Commissioners is as follows: Kirkland, Hotel; Hector and Ostrom, holdovers, and Hart, the member-elect.

There is to be a revival of interest in John Brown, and the publishers of Peterson's Magazine report a series of papers on the hero of Osawatomie from the pen of Will M. Clemens.

Leonard Huxley, the son of the great Prof. Huxley, will contribute a series of papers on the life and work of the great biologist.

John Muir, whose name is a synonym for the accurate and sympathetic observation of nature, has prepared for the Atlantic Monthly a characteristic series of papers upon the life and work of the great naturalist.

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OMAHA MEN CUT MUCH ICE.

Rush to Fill Houses Begins Earlier Than Custom.

While the retailers are congratulating themselves on the fine weather and snappy atmosphere that infuses life into the holiday trade, the ice men are smiling a happy accompaniment.

The South Omaha ice company has about 100 men at work on the Burr street reservoir. It has already cut its proportion of the ice in the Florence reservoir, which was fully a foot thick and as clear as crystal.

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VALUE OF THE FRANCHISES

Tax Commissioner Gets Intangible Property Listed for the Levy.

ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL CORPORATIONS

Board of Review Fixes a Value on the Charters of the "Natural Monopolies" for the Board of Equalization.

Tax Commissioner Sackett and his assistants are slowly completing the tabulation of the assessment, and it will be ready in time for the consideration of the board of equalization early in January.

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CHASE GREASED PIG IN SPIRIT.

Omaha Pastors Give the Sunday Sport a Poor Little, Greased Pig.

A poor little, greased pig, of purely ethereal nature and character has raised a commotion in the ministerial circles of Omaha.

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MATTERS IN FEDERAL COURT

Cause of Great Interest to Thousands of Nebraska Citizens.

MODERN WOODMAN CASE COMING UP

Officers of the Order and Attorneys Are Ready to Proceed to Trial at Once Before Judge Munger.

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YOUNG LETTER HAS GOOD BACKING.

Prepared to Take All the Wheat that is Offered.

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COAL IS THE GREAT NEED.

Associated Charities Runs Short of Fuel Supplies.

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MURDERER COMPLETES SUICIDE.

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DRANK CARBOLIC ACID.

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