NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Notes Made by Thomas Jefferson on His Personal Experiences.

CRIME IN RELATION TO SOCIAL PROGRESS

Several Works of Fiction Worthy of Consideration-Bishop Potter Discusses Relation of Citizen to the Industrial Problem.

"The Anss of Thomas Jefferson," edited by Franklin B. Sawvel (The Round Table Press), is a work unique in the year and one which, more than any other book possibly could, throws light upon the character and thoughts of the man credited with framing the declaration of independence. The work is a compliation of notes made by Mr. Jefferson on his personal experience from 1791 to 1809. It is not a diary nor a blography, but notes of conversations and conferences made by the statesman to reinforce his memory, which he found could not be relied upon at all times. In these notes he speaks of war and events in the most free manner and by so doing throws side lights upon himself and associates which are valuable to a person interested in the early history of

"Crime in its Relations to Social Progress" by Arthur Cleveland Hall, fellow in sociology, Columbia, 1894-98, (The Columbia University Press). This book is volume XIII in "Studies in History, Economics and Public Law," edited by the faculty of political science of Columbia The author in his preface says "The first few pages of this book seem very pessimistic, but in truth the author's view is a broadly optimistic one " * * Crime is in large part social product, in-creasing because of this growth. * * * An increase of crime, however, does not myself desired, I think it is fair to say mean necessarily an increase of anti-social conduct."

"Romance," a novel by Joseph Conrad and F. M. Hueffner (McClure, Phillips & company), tells of the experiences of an English youth who in a spirit of adventure goes, under a cloud, to the West Indies when they are under the absolute control of Spain. A dark eyed senorita, a dying cousin, a malignant Irishman, a case of mistaken identity which results in the hero going on trial for piracy brings a climax to the tale which is fairly well

"The Hayfield Mower,"-Anon, published by The Hayfield Mower press, Boston, \$1.25, purports to represent a "genuine country newspaper, edited with aggressive horse sense and homely fearlessness..... the writer sincerely hopes that some will not agree with him." The chief thing in the book is the able way the scribe knocks the chips from the shoulders of impostures and shams, or anything else he does not agree with. He is right in the main, too, but he would need to edit his paper with the pen in one hand and a gun in the other keep the respectable shams from holding a war dance over his remains.

The author of "Pitfal's of Mining Finance," Harry J. Newton, for some years managing editor of the Daily Mining Record, has rendered a great service both to mining investors and the mining industry. No mining investor has the excuse of ignorance for making blind investment in sential requirements for careful investigation, which alone insures ultimate success. Every investor should secure and read a copy of "Pitfalls of Mining Finance," published by the Daily Mining Record of

A second edition of a magazine in midrecords in many notable instances, and as proved to be insufficient, they announce a second edition. The Lawsen story of Amalgamated Copper, advertised largely in this and other leading papers of the country, is the immediate cause of the immense increase in circulation which has come to this magazine the last few months. Written in a fluent and masterly style by the Boston millionaire financier, it appeals not only to men, but has attracted widespread interest among the intelligent women of the country.

The Scott-Thaw company has published a new novel by William Sage, entitled "Frenchy; the Story of a Gentleman." Mr. Sage was well known to the reading public by his successes with his previous novels "Robert Tournay" and "The Claybournes." His latest work is the story of a French gentleman of noble birth, the Marquis de St. Hilaire, who, by his chivalry and selfsacrificing nature, finds his place in America among its best citizens. He gives up his fortune to save the honor of a friend, and thus impoverished leaves Paris for America, assuming his family name with-His adventures, his trials and struggles in this country form a story of an interesting and captivating kind. The end finds "Frenchy" happliy placed and married to the right woman.

"The Magnetic North," a novel by Elizabeth Robbind (Frederick A. Stokes company), is one of the many stories made out of the material to be found in the Polar and of gold, with its long nights and yet longer frails; its warm hearts and frozen The story is well told and deals principally with the development of a young man's character under the adverse circumstances to be found where "gold" s the word upon every man's tongue; and "gold" is the motive for almost every

"Felice Constant." a novel by William C. Sprague, L. L. B., (Frederick A. Stokes opany) is one of the timely novels of the year, being a tale of the winning of the Northwest territory by Clark, who has been the theme of many writers this year and last. Folice Constant is the daughter of a French settler of Detroit who is not satisfied with British dominion over the land once held by France and the sacrifices made by himself, his daughter, and a Virginia lieutenant form the story, which is well worth reading.

"The Jessica Letters," anonymous, (G. P. Putnam's Sons), is called an editor's romance. In these days when writers run out of material they turn to the grind of



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throwing over it a glow of the unreal give eculiar ideas to the uninitiated of the work, and play of the editorial sanctum, and as such the Jessica letters, with the alleged experience of a fair contributor and a man who "reads copy" are above the

"Frederick the Great and the Rise of Prussia," by W. F. Reddaway, (G. P. Putnam's Sons), is primarily a biography of the German ruler, but it gives much interesting to the general reader from an his torical standpoint.

"Stony Lonesome," by Arthur J. Russell (Rand, McNaily & Co.), is a boys' book which it will pay grown-ups to read for every one of its 12-mo, pages is full of youthful philosophy and told just as the boys tell it. It is a book which never ends, as it says itself, for Stony Lonesome is a town and when one set of boys change with the passing of the years, another set arrive and the book can then be read over

WARREN GIVES HIS POSITION President of Nebraska Bitulithic Company Talks on Paving Speci-

fication Controversy. BOSTON, Aug. 27, 1904.-To the Editor of The Bee: My attention has been dalled to an article in The Bee, under date of August 17, which puts City Attorney Wright in the position of quoting me as follows: Mr. Warren said, "You are absolutely right." He said, "No man can bid under these specifications unless he has the Board of Public Works with him."

It is a fact, as Mr. Wright states, that he called on me at my Boston office, At a previous visit to Omaha I had urged him to do so for the purpose of investigating the bitulithic payement and going over the specifications with him. In view of the fact that I was very busy at the time, and we did not have as much opportunity to go into the details as either Mr. Wright or that I did not make the statement attributed to me in the words in which I am quoted, but in effect I made the following statement, and Mr. Wright must acknowledge that I did not say that he was right in his past contentions with the board. I did state and insist that the specifications which he advocated, those submitted by the city engineer, were the most fliegal and unjust specifications which I had ever read; they specified nothing definitely in the way of bituminous material and were absolutely illegal. I acknowledged that some of the clauses in the specifications adopted by the board were ambiguous, but not nearly as ambiguous as the specifica. tiops which the board rejected and as recommended by the city engineer. I pinted out, in detail, that the specifications for bituminous concrete paving, which were submitted by the city engineer, and which were drawn for the purpose of evading the patents of Warren Brothers company on the bitulithic pavement, were illegal and the worst specifications which I had ever

In building from the general form of specifications which has previously been in vogue in the city of Omaha, and all of which specifications contain certain clauses, which, I believe, are contrary to law, in that they delegate to the city engineer authority which should never exist in any person, I believe that the board has overstepped itself and placed in the discretion of the board matters which should be specified in detail, but in the specifications or asphalt paving adopted by the board mining, now that he can learn all the es- they have not gone to the extreme, and the specifications can be more easily justified than the specifications which were submitted by the city engineer.

I made the general statement, in effect, that no specifications for asphalt paving in the city of Omaha were, in my judgment, strictly legal, and that the reason for their illegality was that they delegated summer is one of the unheard-of things in | to the board certain matters which should magazine-making. But the publishers of be determined in advance. The specifica-"Everybody's Magazine" have broken all tions specified nothing as definitely as they should, and I said that there had never the August edition of 330,000 copies has been specifications adopted by the city of Omaha, in my experience during the last ten years, under which any responsible contractor could afford to bid, unless he felt that the Board of Public Works, and especially the engineer, were his friends. and it had been my personal policy, in view of the fact that the engineer was unfriendly, that with such specifications a contractor could not afford to bid on asphalt paying.

I can hardly conceive that Mr. Wright intended to put me in the position of criticlaing the present specifications of the Board of Public Works as compared with other specifications which they have had before them for consideration, for I was very emphatic in the opinion that the present specifications, as adopted by the Board of Public Works, were more nearly legal than any specifications which had been in-

stigated by any other sources. My principal objections to the Rosewater specifications were that they permit good and worthless asphalts to compete against each other. They permit experineed and inexperienced contractors to bid on the same basis, and they delegate to the engineer or the board the power to discriminate after the bids are in as to whether a material is suitable or not. The law contemplates that specifications shall be so specifically in detail before bids are asked that they specify the class of work to be done and specify only good materials. Take the Rosewater specifications for bituninous concrete paving. They are no more specific than a specification would be for house which said that it should be forty feet in dimensions. Every bituminous material, whether coal tar, oil, asphalt, material made from sulphur and oil or otherwise can be used. It is no more a specificaion for a particular thing than a specification for a pavement which specified brick, wood, dirt and clay. Any material of a bituminous nature which is known to be good, bad or worthless would come within the limits of the specification. The power delegates to the board to determine after bids are in what they will use and such a pecification would be absolutely illegal and a property owner could successfully contest the assessment. There is no more legal right for specifying asphalt in cometition with coal tar under a given specification than there is for specifying brick in competition with wood. Every point in the present Omaha specifications could possibly be declared illegal is among those which have been copied from the Rosewater specifications. The city engineer of Omaha naturally is inclined to set himself up as an expert and assume the right to pass on all technical matters for the poard, and in effect that Rosewater specifications are inclined to delegate to the city engineer arbitrary functions which should be denied anyone after the bids are in. I

do not believe the Rosewater specifications

could possibly stand the attack of a prop-

erty owner's suit, if experts were put on

have explained this view of the matter to

no reason to question anyone's motive in

the matter, I feel that prejudice is largely

responsible for the conditions which exist.

The city attorney apparently agreed

with me in the proposition that the specifi-cations of the city engineer were indefinite

and illegal and I cannot believe that he

quotes me as criticising the legality of the

pecifications of the Board of Public Works

to the same extent that I criticised the

legality of the specifications recommended by the city engineer. FRED J. WARREN.

their ordinary work for subjects and STOCKMEN FIGHT FOR RIGHTS

Rangers of West Wage Campaign for Pair Treatment by Railroads.

RATES RISE AS COST OF HAULING FALLS

Frank Barry, Secretary of Interstate Commerce Law Convention, Talks of Evils Which Are to Be Corrected.

A strong campaign is being waged by the cattlemen of the western states to secure a correction of wrongs which they claim have been suffered at the hands of the railroads for several years in spite of the efforts which have been put forth by those interested in the various branches of this industry. One of the evils complained of is in the matter of the increasing and excessive cost of transportation. Among the other troubles complained of is faulty service, lack of shipping facilities and general negligence. To correct the first named fault a bill now is before congress.

Frank Barry, secretary of the interstate commerce law convention, was in Omaha vesterday in the interest of this question. He said:

"One of the things that the live stock people are seeking to accomplish is to amend the interestate commerce laws so they will have the force originally intended. As the law now exists the Interstate Commerce commission is practically powerless to do anything. The original law was strong enough, but it has been weakened from time to time as the result of court decisions which have made its provisions inoperative. One of the bad features of the law as it exists on the statute books today is that it gives the commission the right to prohibit an unjust rate, but robs it of the power to say what the rate shall

Only Congress Can Regulate. "Only congress has the right to regulate these rates and it does so through this commission, which makes its investigation and

reports to the legislature. "The discrimination against the shippers of live stock has been more unfair than with the other shippers. Appeals are made to the railroads, but the relief obtained is only temporary, while the conditions have been growing constantly worse, but the present law is futile against the abuses. The prosperity and growth of the railroads are essentially the country's welfare and the interests of shipper and carrier are too intimately related for one to seek the injury of the other. The shipper, however, has inalienable rights which he must protect and encroachments upon those rights must be restrained by the federal govern-

"One of the most significant facts brought out by the Interstate Commerce commission in its annual report for 1908 is the steady advance in the cost of transportation by rail. There is today no way these advances can be stopped.

Rates Rise and Cost of Hauling Falls. "While rates are increasing the cost of transportation is constantly decreasing. Grades and curves are being reduced and facilities of carrying are improved. An engine today hauls double the weight it did fifteen years ago, without a corresponding increase in the cost of operating the train. "The net earnings of the last fifteen

years have increased 54 per cent. "In sending his cattle to market the shipper has no voice in the matter. There is no bargain. The company fixes the rate. It gets its share of the proceeds first, and always in cash. The fact that the lines fight for this traffic looks as if it must be profitable. Take the rates from Winnemucca, Nev., to Omaha, of 160 per standard car. cific deducts \$62.85 to Ogden. The Denver & Rio Grande gets \$62.70 on the 779-mile haul from Ogden to Denver and the line east of Denver gets the rest, \$36.43 on the haul to Omaha or Kansas City. That makes the local rate from intermediate points west of Denver, such as Grand Junction to Pueblo, of \$70 per car seem exorbitant, and the shipper naturally thinks some one is being 'held up,' for the Rio Grande makes the haul at the rate of 7.8 cents per car mile, while the Grand Junction to Pueblo shipment is at the rate of 23.3 cents per

Says Rebates Are Paid. "The fact is indisputable that rebates have been paid by the lines east of Ogden

from their proportion of such rates as the Winnemucca to Omaha rate, "Wherever combinations have been formed by the railroads by agreement upon certain rates for certain territories it has been held that the combination formed by making an agreement on rates was to insure reasonable tariffs, but the courts have ruled that it destroyed com-

lawful. "The pressure which has been brought to bear upon the legislature for the prompt enactment of needed legislation to correct the evils of exorbitant rates from which the public in all sections of the country is suffering is tremendous and the sentiment in favor of the enactment of protective laws is growing."

petition and that the agreements were un-

AFTERMATH STIRS SLEEPERS Guest with a Hangover Raises Other

Occupants and Police Force with His Yells. The occupants of the Paxton hotel annex were aroused from their slumbers at 3:15 a. m. Tuesday by a series of the most unearthly howls that ever disturbed the sweet dreams of early dawn. Rushing pell-mell from their beds, they found Edward Arthur Johns of Pittsburg, Pa., on the landing of the fourth floor, yelling to the saints to save him from being killed. Johns, the hotel employes said, had been drinking hard since his arrival at the hotel. and this, they believe, was the cause of the man losing his mind. On the arrival of the police some highly excited men, clad in their night shirts, were found around Johns, standing near him for fear he would harm himself, but who dared not approach him for fear he might harm them. One fat man in a very small night. gown skipped about with an ugly looking 44-caliber revolver and the others were constantly doging about so as to get out of the way of the gun in case the fat man pulled the trigger. Johns was trying to get a long, lean man to open a tin of tooth powder, telling him there was pure gold inside. But from the look on the long man's face he would not have opened that tin if the treasure's of King Solomon's mine were to be had by so doing. When the police got hold of him Johns wanted to pray and carnestly desired a reporter, whom he took for a minister, to rend the second chapter of Genesis to the assembled strangers in their pajamas. Johns refused to put on his clothes until this had been done, and as the reporter Mr. Rosewater in person, and while I have steadfastly objected to "scabbing" on a minister, the demented man was bundled into the patrol wagon wrapped up in g. The climax of the whole performance

was when the patrol wagon was nearing the police station and passed a man who was meandering home with unsteady gait. As it pased him Johns suddenly jumped straight up and let out another war whoop. The effect on the man with the unsteady legs was instantaneous. He just dropped with a flop to the sidewalk, Johns is being detained at the police

station until his relatives at Pittsburg shall have been heard from. It has been learned that his mother resides at 343 Boquet avenue and a brother at 636 Smithfield street, Pittsburg. When further questioned, be gave his occupation as that of a "booze fighter and a winner of the fair sex."

M'VANN MAY SEE MILLER Goes to Chicago and Possibly Will Take Up Coal Rate Matter

Again. Commissioner E. J. McVann of the Commercial club left Monday night for Chicago. As Mr. McVann has expressed himself as dissatisfied with the concessions made to Omaha regarding coal rates, it is thought quite likely that he will call on Darius Miller, traffic manager of the Burlington, and other railroad officials in an effort to secure an absolute restoration of the old coal rates to Omaha. Mr. McVann is not expected to return to Omaha until Friday.

LOW RATES.

St. Louis and Return. Coach excursion tickets at very low rate of \$5.50 from Omaha to St. Louis and return on the Missouri Pacific will be on sale for all trains arriving in St. Louis September 4 and up to noon September 5. This in addition to every Tuesday and Thursday during August and September. For full information call or address City Ticket Office, Southeast Corner of Fourteenth and Douglas streets, Omaha, Neb. F. F. Godfrey, P. T. A.

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to September 2." Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses were issued up to noon August 30;
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LOCAL BREVITIES.

E. H. Martin, 312 Poppleton avenue, has notified the city that he will hold it responsible for damages sustained by reason of an accident causing personal injuries to himself, which occurred in front of his residence on August 12. He does not specify the nature of his hurts.

After trying married lite for twenty-one years, Mary T. Schmidt states to the district court that it is a failure. She accuses her husband, Joseph Schmidt, with drunkenness and cruelty, and demands a divorce. The couple were married at Council Bluffs in 1883, and have been engaged in truck gardening in Omaha, for several years.

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