

LIBRARY



News Notes

Dr. P. W. Wolcott, for many years president of the library board of the Highland Park public library, called on the library staff recently. He was on his way from Denver to Jacksonville, Florida.

The following items of interest were taken from the report of the librarian at the regular monthly meeting on September 11:

21053 books were borrowed for home use during the summer months of June, July, and August.

381 new library borrowers were registered during the summer.

Next to fiction and literature, the fine arts, including gardening, music, painting, etc., followed by biography and travel were the subjects most sought for.

Miss Ida M. Agruss of St. Louis began her work as the new children's librarian at the Highland Park public library on September 1. Miss Agruss is a graduate of the St. Louis Library school and has for the past two years been a member of the staff of the St. Louis library. Every boy and girl in Highland Park is invited to visit the children's room on the second floor of the old city hall where Miss Agruss will help you to find your favorite book friends and also help you to make new ones. Watch for an announcement of the first story hour.

Miss Margaret Armstrong, for the past two years a member of the library staff and for the past year in charge of cataloguing, leaves soon to enter the Library school at the University of Illinois where she has been accepted as a member of the fall class.

Old and Rare Books

Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, on his trip to England and the Continent, became the possessor of one of the most valuable pieces of Americana ever brought to this country. It is, in brief, a contemporary manuscript written by a friend of Columbus, giving an account of his voyages and discoveries in the New World, taken from the lips of the great navigator himself. We have here first hand information that Columbus was once a bookseller, although the reference is a casual one. This acquaintance of the discoverer of America writes: "There was a man in the land of Milan who was a merchant in books and who traveled in Andalusia who was called Christopher Columbus, a man of high genius, who was not a man of letters, but who was very shrewd in the art of the cosmography of the world, who followed what he had read from Ptolemy and other works regarding the world in which we navigate and walk." This presents a new view of the younger life of Columbus, concerning which general knowledge has been slight. The inference is that Columbus was a peripatetic bookseller, carrying his books with him, and seeking trade where-

ver he might find it in that pleasant Spanish province.

—The Publishers' Weekly.

For the Defense

"Hast thou named all the birds without a gun?"

Emerson—Forbearance.

American Naturalists, by H. C. Tracy—To substantiate his plea for recognition of our nature literature as ranking with the greatest in the world, the author has written a series of essays on American naturalists of the past and present, ranging from Audubon and Thoreau, through Burroughs and Baird, to Andrews and Beebe.

In Berkshire Fields, by W. P. Eaton—The invariable charm of the author is enhanced by the exquisite harmony of the illustrations by Walter King Stone. The book opens with a vigorous brief for the licensing of cats as a measure to save the birds, 2,000,000 of which are lost to their feline enemies each year.

Sanctuary! Sanctuary! by D. L. Sharp—In the great world war between man and nature man has won, and the game is disappearing from the forests and the fish from the sea. Only when a thoughtful man pauses to make sanctuary for the vanishing wildings, can some measure of perpetuation for their race be assured.

—Your Library,

Washington, D. C.

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J. C. D. —Libraries.

Kapschul Gets Large County Road Contract

With the letting of the contract for the paving of a little less than four miles of highway on the Buffalo Grove road, from the Lake county line to route 22, practically all of the construction plans in Lake county for the present construction period were completed last week.

The contract for the Buffalo Grove road was awarded to the Deerfield Engineering Company of Deerfield for \$103,365 of which Chas. C. Kapschull is head. This was the largest single contract made this summer by the road and bridge committee and County Superintendent of Highways R. M. Lobdell.

Including this road there have been contracts let for \$514,000 for county and state aid roads during the present construction period. Up to this letting approximately \$211,000 in contracts were let by the county.

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