

IRVIN S. COBB TO SPEAK AT RED CROSS RALLY

Big Mass-Meeting Will Be Held Next Thursday at Forrest Theatre



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A big Red Cross rally, with Irvin S. Cobb, who has been called America's greatest reporter, as the principal speaker, will be held in the Forrest Theatre next Thursday afternoon.

The gathering will be public and admission will be free, reserved seats being obtained for invitations which were issued yesterday.

Great interest is being taken in Mr. Cobb's talk. The boxes of the theatre will be occupied by almost 200 persons who are prominent in this city's affairs.

Mr. Cobb's lecture is to be on a quotation from Shakespeare, "Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just."

In addition to the meeting in the Forrest Theatre, Mr. Cobb will be the principal speaker at a "Red Cross night" to be held next Thursday at the Huntington Valley Country Club.

The women's committee in charge of the arrangements for the big mass-meeting includes Mrs. Benjamin Rush, chairman.

Mrs. George Horace Lorimer, vice chairman, Mrs. Joseph Leidy and Mrs. David Lewis.

Mrs. Rush and Mrs. Lorimer are chairmen and vice chairmen of the Independence Square branch, and other officers include Mrs. Thomas Heath, vice president.

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PRESIDENT'S WAR CALL WITH SUNDAY LEDGER

Eight-Page Supplement Will Also Contain Resolution and Patriotic Songs

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Not only will the President's speech be given, but there will be in this eight-page supplement the "war" resolutions adopted by Congress, a full-page portrait of the President, pictures of the Capitol and of scenes of war-time preparedness measures under way.

WILL ORGANIZE NEW CHURCH "Gaelic" will organize a new church in the city, which will be known as the Gaelic Reformed Methodist Church.

Through the work of the evangelist, who is M. A. Titchener, many members of the automobile trade and workers have been converted and "hit the trail."

PLAYTHINGS OF FATE A man with the blind, unshakable faith of a child and a woman with the pure heart of an infant are "The Children of the East" in the new novel of that title by Louis Dodge.

THE WICKED JOHN GOODE A town of a drunken Irish father and a hard-working mother. He was one of many children. His mother was too busy to give him any teaching and his father saw him only to beat him.

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HOW YOUNG MEN REACT WHEN CONFRONTED BY WAR—GROW'S TITLE TO FAMOUS

IS LIFE WORTH LIVING IF YOU ARE AFRAID TO LOSE IT?

This Question Is Answered in St. John G. Ervine's New Novel That Reminds One of DeMorgan

EVERY mature patriot is wondering in these critical days how the young men of America will act when confronted by war. Will they respond willingly and gladly to the call of their country, as they react to the call of the natural instincts? Will they feel that America is not worth living for if it is not worth dying for, or will they be "slackers"? Will there be among them physical cowards who will be great enough to take their fear in their hands and cast it behind them, and will there be men who will go into the army and navy without a thought of what great sacrifice they may be called upon to make?

We are in a fair way to have these questions answered within the next few months, as they have been answered in England and France.

Much has been written of the effect of war upon the youth on the other side of the ocean. There are tragic pages in "Mr. Britling Sees It Through" which throw much light on the subject. Those readers who found "Mr. Britling" absorbing will find St. John G. Ervine's new novel, "Changing Winds," of compelling interest.

It is a young woman's book as well, for it exhibits young men and their ways of thought in a manner seldom equaled. There is a frankness in the discussions to which young women are never treated and of which they know nothing unless they chance to hear young men talking freely among themselves where they have no fear of being overheard. The female youth can learn from it what the male youth is like when he is speaking out what is really in his mind.

It is a book for fathers and mothers as well as young people, for there is a fond father in it and a heroic mother. Mr. Ervine has entered into the heart of motherhood when he makes a widow whose only son has enlisted says:

I feel proud and afraid. I'm glad that Ninian has joined. I think I should hate it if he hadn't. I've never been able to understand those women who read about who their sons go to. I don't offer Ninian gladly. I offer him. I don't offer that's all. I know that men have to defend their country, and I love England and I'm proud to be English. I don't know when I've said all that, it's very little when I remember that I love Ninian. I suppose that that's a selfish thing to say. I don't care whether it is or not!

As the hero is Irish, Mr. Ervine has much to say about Ireland and the Irish question. As he is a Protestant, his bias need not be further explained. Many of the things which he makes his characters say will be offensive to the Roman Catholics, and some of them will be pleasing. His characterizations of English and Irish statesmen and literary men—he mentions them by names—are penetrating and entertaining.

For instance, he says that his lecture would have been funny if it could have been heard, but he laughed so heartily at his jokes as he saw them approaching that he forgot to make them. Wells was deprecating and almost inarticulate as he told of the importance of the novelist. And so on with half a dozen other great names.

The book has many of the qualities which have made Will DeMorgan's writing famous, and if I mistake not it is bound to be popular.

GEORGE W. DOUGLAS, CHANGING WINDS. By St. John G. Ervine. \$1.60. New York: The Macmillan Company.

MOVING STORY OF A MODERN MIRACLE How a Grafting New York Policeman Was Transformed Into a Decent Citizen

Whoever is in doubt whether miracles can happen has the evidence at hand to solve his uncertainties into certainties if he will only study it. They are happening every day. A record is made of some of them and others occur where only a small group takes notice of them. Here is the story of a modern miracle:

A boy was born in a western mining town to a mother who was a Bowery Mission girl and a father who was a grafting New York policeman.

He grew up in a mining town, and after two stumbles on the way upward he made a home for her and earned an honest livelihood and devoted his spare time to helping men to find the better way to which he had been guided by the Bowery Mission.

It is this boy's story, told in the kind of a miracle with which religious workers are familiar. It might have happened earlier in this case if our courts and prisons were conducted for the purpose of saving men.

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GALUSHA A. GROW A famous Pennsylvanian, who pushed the homestead law through Congress.

GROW'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE MAKING OF AMERICA

Pennsylvania's Famous Congressman Did More Than Any of His Contemporaries to People the Great West

AMONG the men whose careers are part of the history of Pennsylvania few if any have done greater service to the nation than Galusha A. Grow. His life spanned two centuries, as he was born in 1823 and did not die until 1907.

He lived from before the building of the railroads, the invention of the electric telegraph and the telephone to the days of wireless telegraphy, the electric street car and the automobile. It is difficult to realize now that when his mother with her six children migrated from Connecticut to Susquehanna County, in the northern tier of Pennsylvania counties, that this was regarded as a western State.

Yet the families that came here from Connecticut were said by those who remained at home to be "going out West."

Mr. Grow and her children were one of a group of families that joined in the migration in the early thirties of the last century. They started a boat on which they loaded their household goods at Mystic, Conn. They sailed up Long Island Sound, down the East River, around New York, which then did not extend above Twenty-third street, and continued up the Hudson to Rondout. There they transferred their belongings to canal boats and traveled through the new Delaware and Hudson Canal to Homestead, whence they were carried by wagon to settlement on the Tunkhannock Creek ten miles above its junction with the Susquehanna.

Here Galusha Grow, who died only ten years ago grew up in the wilderness where sturdy men and women were carving farms out of the forest. And here he got his first dream of the duty of the nation to its pioneers that led him to devote ten years of his life in Congress to obtain the passage of the homestead law.

We of this generation do not realize the importance of that great statute which entrenched the authority of the nation in the States and opened up the public lands to bona-fide settlers free from the exploitation of speculators. Yet the Car of Russia, who has lately been deposed, understood its greatness, for when an American who attended his coronation asked him what he was going to do with the Siberian land Nicholas replied:

"We intend to do with it what your great statesman, Mr. Grow, did with the time we shall give it to the people, because we are convinced that the homestead law is the most useful enactment ever placed on the statute books of nations."

James T. DuBois, of Hallstead, in Mr. Grow's old county, a journalist and diplomat—his last public service was as minister to Colombia—has written a life of the distinguished father of the homestead law. He was assisted by Gertrude S. Mathews. Mr. DuBois has devoted the greater part of his volume to a history of the homestead legislation that preceded the Grow law and to the fight which the South made for the recognition of slavery in the new territories and to the southern insistence on the rights of the States to the public domain. It was not until the South seceded and its representatives were no longer in Congress that it became possible to pass the act which had peopled the West with men drawn there by the offer of a homestead from the Government.

Mr. DuBois has produced an admirably condensed history of the controversy over the West question and the issues tied up with it. Only a single chapter is given to the career of Mr. Grow after he left Congress in 1863, but for Pennsylvania this was a most interesting period. In Mr. Grow's history is illustrated the evils of the boss system in State politics. Grow had written a letter to Simon Cameron, who was Lincoln's first Secretary of War, urging him to take decisive action while it was in his power and telling him that if he did not act soon he would be impotent before he knew it. Cameron resented the implied criticism and while Grow was still Speaker of the House he had the Congressional district in the State so reappointed that Grow's district, made famous by David Wilmot and honored by Wilmot's successor, became Democratic and Grow was defeated for re-election. Fifteen years later there was a demand for Grow's nomination for the governorship, but the Cameron machine would have none of him. In 1881

A Poem in Prose JOAN AND THE BABIES AND I. By Cosmo Hamilton. \$1. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. There is more poetry in Cosmo Hamilton's new book, "Joan and the Babies and I," than in many a volume of verse. Indeed, the book is a romantic poem in prose. It is the brief story of a lonely man and a lonely woman who discover at first sight that they were made for each other's comfort and companionship. They meet without an introduction as though they had known each other always. There is a suggestion that they were kindred spirits in some previous existence, say in the time of the Vikings. It is a clean and beautiful bit of sentiment projected upon the background of a New England seashore resort. It would be as easy to tear it to bits as to trample on a rose, but we all know that a rose is its own excuse for being, and we treat it accordingly. Thus will the discriminating treat Mr. Hamilton's story.

MEXICAN WAR DIARY OF GEORGE B. McCLELLAN Edited, with introduction and notes, by WILLIAM STARR MYERS.

The campaign journal, 1846-47, of the Lieutenant of Engineers who became commander of the Army of the Potomac in the Mexican War. Reveals a new McClellan. A vivid picture of regular and volunteer in camp and field in Mexico. Cloth, 63 pp., ill., \$1 net; by mail, \$1.00.

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the members of the Legislature from more than two-thirds of the Republican counties were pledged to the election of Grow as United States Senator, but the machine was still relentless in its opposition. Its candidate was the late Henry T. Oliver of Pittsburgh. There was a deadlock and John I. Mitchell, of Tioga, was chosen as a compromise candidate, only to turn on the machine within two years and defeat Beaver for the governorship and elect Pattison. Mr. DuBois makes brief mention of these incidents, doubtless for the reason that he wishes his book to be a homestead law manual. As such it will serve the purpose very well. G. W. D. GALUSHA A. GROW, Father of the Homestead Law. By James T. DuBois and Gertrude S. Mathews. Illustrated. \$1.75. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.

Advice to Mothers For those women expecting to become mothers, who are reluctant to seek the family physician about what they wish to know, and should know, many books have been written. One of the best, because one of the most complete and detailed, has just been published under the title "Advice to Women." It is written by a woman of large experience in such matters in England, and has been revised by an American woman to conform to the practice in the United States. Every expectant mother should have all the information which this volume contains, whether she is recently married or whether she has had several children since her marriage. There is a surprisingly large number of mothers who do not know what this book tells them. If they had known it in time they would have saved themselves much suffering and many needless worries.

FACE FOR PIAZZA READING Maximilian Foster's new story, "Shoestrings," is really diverting. There are many characters who figure prominently in the travesties of real people, but the adventures (such as they are) of one J. Lester Tams constitute the story. Tams, an erstwhile floor walker in the "office," a linen shop, is persuaded to invest \$1700, the result of many years of sacrifice, for "re-educating" purposes. Something goes wrong at the bank, and J. Lester comes in contact with the Aladdin's Lamp of the social world—the "war bride"—much to the disgust of Messrs. Belcher and Lubin, the swindlers. In consequence, Tams reaps a golden harvest. But he is not alone. Every member of the boarding house where he lives meets with the same good fortune.

Then the entire household goes to Coronado Beach, Cal. It is here that the real fun commences, when Tams, armed with a goodly sized bank roll and the knowledge of the contents of "In the Drawing Room," a book of social etiquette, sallies forth to take the social world in one blazing assault.

The story is in the up-to-date variety: present-day finance, motion pictures in the making, christened dresses to become social lions and kindred ideas. There are many laughs in this tale.

SHOESTRINGS. By Maximilian Foster. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

Major Charles W. Gordon, of the Forty-third Canadian Infantry, of Winnipeg, known to the world as Ralph Connor, novelist, brought cheers from 100 ministers at the luncheon of the Clergy Club the other day by telling them that he soon hoped to see the Stars and Stripes waving over the trenches in France.

"The men in the trenches all look up to America," he said. "We will all be glad when we see the troops of the United States on the fighting line."

Publishing a book of verse, says Don Marquis, is like dropping a rose leaf into a canyon and waiting to hear the echo.

WOMAN By Vance Thompson Helen Watterson Moody says: "I hope that women not only in America but in Europe as well will thoughtfully read this book for it is the wisest and freshest interpretation of the great happenings today which are breaking up all traditions and lessening sex specializations." \$1.25 net. Postage Extra. All bookstores E. P. Dutton & Co., 681 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

EVERY AMERICAN in this fateful crisis should fully understand its causes and future effects. Read THE BOOK OF THE HOUR, characterized by the New York Tribune as "THE AUTHENTIC EXPRESSION OF THE HIGHEST ASPIRATIONS, THE BROADEST AND MOST PENETRATING VISION AND THE MOST PROFOUND CONVICTIONS OF THE AMERICAN NATION."

The War and Humanity By JAMES M. BECK Author of "The Evidence in the Case"

First published in November, 1916, this powerful discussion of America and the World War has made a deep impression on both sides of the Atlantic. It made history in its potent influence upon American public opinion. Selected chapters (as the burning indictment of the Cavell execution and Mr. Beck's now historic speech in London on "America and the Allies") have been circulated all over the World in the English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Greek and Dutch languages.

"I most earnestly hope that there will be a wide circulation of Mr. Beck's 'War and Humanity.' It is the kind of a book which every self-respecting American, who loves his country, should read. I believe that its circulation throughout the whole land would have a very real effect in educating public opinion as to the duty of America in this great world crisis."—Extract from the Foreword by THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"Mr. Beck's volume was a classic the moment it appeared. We know of no more logical and lucid discussion of the essential facts and problems of the great war, nor any more truly consistently and even vigorously American in its spirit."—N. Y. Tribune.

"One of the most virile and convincing books that the great war has produced in our country of the world."—N. Y. Sun.

"Dignified, clear and dispassionate, a masterly analysis of fundamental factors, leaving with noble and persuasive sentiments."—London Telegraph.

THE WAR AND HUMANITY—400 pages—\$1.50 net. THE EVIDENCE IN THE CASE—300 pages—\$1.25 net. (By mail ten cents extra.) New York

New Saxondom in a Novel

The great war serves as the sower of the craft for the stage in the first act of Mrs. Belloc Lowndes' new novel. The story meets the woman in the gloom of nature, midnight on a military train, darkened by military reasons as a precaution against Zeppelins.

The book is one of constant surprises, a drama of situations rather than one of characterizations and psychology. It is conducted as a sequence of surprises and suspenses until the denouement that is tragic. Inclined though it is to the melodramatic, it is not of the type of Drury



MRS. BELLOC LOWNDES

Lane thrillers. The main character, one of the heroic men bred by England in war time, is splendidly conceived and plausibly characterized. The heroine, too, is deftly limned. The problem involved is one of mating—and mismatching.

The author has handled her material not merely competently, but convincingly, and has given a realistic picture of England transformed from the social and economic conditions of the period precedent and subsequent to the Boer war, when Saxondom was at its ebb, as caustically scored by Rudyard Kipling. It is a new England now, a rejuvenated island and empire, physically and spiritually, and Mrs. Lowndes is one of the first to give a picture of the re-creation in fiction.

LILLA, A Part of Her Life. By Mrs. Belloc Lowndes. \$1.25. New York: George H. Doran Company.

"Raymond, or Life and Death." Sir Oliver Lodge's remarkable account of the communications believed to have been received by the members of his family from his son Raymond (killed at the front over a year ago), is now in its seventh large edition. Apparently the interest in "Spiritualism" is increasing rather than decreasing in this country.

By Mrs. Wilson Woodrow

THE HORNET'S NEST AN UNUSUAL MYSTERY STORY

A capital story. Mrs. Woodrow is a clever portrayer of character, and she makes her men and women real.—Brooklyn Eagle. At All Booksellers. \$1.35 Net. LITTLE, BROWN & CO. Publishers Boston