

Belles Lettres and Bell Ringers

Adventure on Red River, edited by Grant Foreman. University of Oklahoma Press, 1938. \$2.50.

THE distinguished members of the American Statistical and Geographical Society were meeting in New York.

A young captain of the United States army read a paper on his explorations in a remote and little known country. Their close attention and much applause were a tribute to the novelty of his report, which was on a country "far beyond the limits of civilization."

In view of the fact that the country he dismissed is the territory along the upper Red River, where thousands of Oklahomans now dwell in a reasonable measure of civilization, the accounts of this early-day exploration form a valuable and interesting chapter in the history of the Southwest.

The speaker in the incident described above was Capt. Randolph B. Marcy, and his account of his discoveries, first published by the United States government in 1853, has been edited by Grant Foreman and published by the University of Oklahoma Press under the title *Adventure on Red River*.

Captain Marcy was a close observer, intelligent in reporting what he found, and not lacking in a sense of humor. The result is a book that is quite readable, as well as presenting excellent source material on Southwestern history.

An introduction by Grant Foreman describes the circumstances under which the explorations were made.

Oklahomans will find in this book a refreshing view of their own state in the eyes of a man viewing the country for the first time. As the jacket blurb remarks, the day-by-day entries of Captain Marcy's contacts with the various Indians of the country have something of the fascination of Robinson Crusoe's exploration of his island.

Sooner writers

Green Corn Rebellion, by William Cunningham, '25, Oklahoma City, originally published by Vanguard in 1935, has just been published in England by John Long, Ltd. The author was interested to note that the English publishers had attempted to "translate" Oklahoma language into English. A sentence in the original book that read "He was old enough to ride fence and carry a gun" was interpreted by the English publishers' staff to mean "He was old enough to ride, fence, and carry a gun."

An article by J. D. Deason, '29journ, city editor of the Lawton Constitution, is scheduled in a new book, *Photographic Hints and Gadgets*, published by the American Photography Publishing Company. The article is on adaptation of the Graflex camera for aerial photography . . . Dr. Paul Sears, head of the University Botany Department now on leave of absence, has written a number of magazine articles recently, one being *Death From the Soil* which was published in *The American Mercury*. Dr. Sears is author of two widely praised books, *Deserts on the March* and *This Is Our World*.

Groundwork of Music is a new textbook on theory of music for high school students by C. F. Giard, professor of piano in the University . . . Arnold W. Johnson, assistant professor of accounting, is author of a 691-page textbook, *Principles of Accounting* published recently by Farrar and Rinehart.

Historical material on the Cherokee Indians from 1832 to 1872, consisting mainly of excerpts from letters, has been prepared for publication by Dr. E. E. Dale, '11, head of the history department, and Gaston Litton, '34, who is employed in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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department, was elected to the committee on interpretive speech at the meeting of the National Association of Teachers of Speech held in New York City.

Dr. Charles M. Perry, head of the philosophy department, was elected vice-president of the Southwestern Philosophical conference at a meeting held in Dallas.

The largest delegation from the University went to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and associated groups.

Dr. Alice Sowers, nationally known specialist in parent education, has been appointed by the Board of Regents to serve as lecturer in the Extension Division.

Herschel Elarth, Los Angeles architect, has been appointed assistant professor of architecture for the second semester, to take over classes of Otho Sparks. Mr. Sparks is taking a leave of absence to do commercial architectural work in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Ralph Records, professor of history on leave of absence during the first semester because of illness, will continue on leave during the second semester to do research work for two books.

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