
At a time when so much western material is appearing written by men who either lack knowledge of the west or literary ability or both, it is refreshing to find a book written by a man who knows whereof he writes and who, moreover, so eminently qualified by scholarship and training for the task he has set for himself. It is doubtful if there is any man in the country so well prepared to write a biography of Kit Carson as Stanley Vestal. A westerner who spent many years of his early life among the Indians with whom Carson lived, a professor of English, highly trained in the universities of Europe and America, and a gifted and experienced writer of undoubted literary ability, the author has produced in "Kit Carson," a book that can but prove a real joy to the discriminating reader.

The story of the Happy Warrior's life moves rapidly from his birth on Christmas Day, 1809, to "the last smoke" in May, 1868, without a dull line in the entire volume. To those who have specialized in the field of historical scholarship, Mr. Vestal's knowledge of history is at once surprising and delightful. Across the stage he has spread before us, flits such western heroes as Fremont, William and Charles Bent, Bill Williams and a host of others, yet, the indomitable Kit is properly the central figure at all times and whether he appears in the role of mountain man, plainsman, pathfinder, soldier, rancher, Indian agent, patriot or peacemaker, he is always interesting and the reader cannot help but feel that "here was a man we shall not see his like again."

Valuable as the book is as history, it is not fair to judge it by its historical merit alone. It is a prose-poem, an epic of the Old West. It has color, warmth, vividness of style as the following passage well illustrates:

"All at once the sky line sprouted lances, tossing like grass blades in the sun, then black and white eagle feather crests, horses' heads, naked painted warriors. The charge was on. At the same moment, the war whoop like the quick chatter of a machine gun pulsated upon Kit's ears. The whole hill side was covered with Indians."

The pages of the book are crammed with romance and high adventure, with tales of heroism and man love and derring-do, of hardy pioneers who daily looked upon "the bright face of danger" and found it good.

The homely philosophy of the plainsmen is set forth in interesting fashion.

"And war—wal war it allus was a pore make out. You might save yore skin but what's yore mule?"

One wishes that some of these old frontiersmen might return to present their ideas to the various peace conferences.

"Kit Carson" is a book to read and enjoy and then to think over and read again. No volume dealing with the West has been published in recent years that is more valuable. It is not too much to say that it will undoubtedly live and take its place as a permanent contribution to the literature of the old West.

—Edward Everett Dale.

**ELECTING A PRESIDENT**

Tully A. Nettleton, '23 arts-sc., news writer for the Christian Science Monitor, recently wrote a series of special articles for the Monitor, on the subject "How a President Is Elected." The articles appeared in the issues from August 27 to 29 and were signed with initials "T. A. N." Tully is a former editor of The Oklahoma Daily.
ates sociology this semester at the University of Missouri. Her address at Columbia is 605 South Fifth street.

Her husband, T. Earl Sullenger, '20 arts-sc., who is professor of sociology at the University of Omaha, is on a year's leave of absence this year, and is completing work for his Ph.D. degree at the University of Missouri. Recently he published a study, "Divorce and Its Causation in Douglas County, Nebraska." This has received favorable comment in that state.

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**Home Making**

Mrs. Maude Richman Calvert, M.S.'20, state supervisor of home economics for the state board of vocational education, is achieving a national reputation with her two books, "First Course in Home Making" and "Everyday Living for Boys and Girls," both books being published by Smith, Hammond & Co., Atlanta, Georgia.

Eight states have adopted "First Course in Home Making" the most recent one being Louisiana. Many large cities also have adopted the book as a text, including such cities as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Denver, as well as Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii.

In addition to her many duties and her work as a writer, Mrs. Calvert finds time to devote to her two little daughters, Mary Ann and Betty Lou. Her home address is 1101 East Eleventh street, Oklahoma City.

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**A Tough Rooster**

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darted through to good gains. They passed well and their touchdown by the great Tom Churchill was the result of a prettily handled lateral pass.

But what's the use of telling you all this? You know, as well as anybody, that any Nebraska team is worth going hundreds of miles to see, and especially when it is to be opposed by a light, scrappy Sooner team that might, might, mind you, topple the big team from the Northland. Stranger things than that have happened on the green turf of Owen field.

A peek at Oklahoma-Nebraska games of the past is not particularly complimentary to Oklahoma but then what school in the nation, even Notre Dame, can boast of more victories than defeats over the Cornhuskers? The record shows that Oklahoma has won once, Nebraska five times and that one game was a tie. Here you are:

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I predict that both the old west wing and the new east wing of memorial stadium will be chock full when Captains Howell of Nebraska and Hamilton of Oklahoma flip for position on November 10, provided the day is good. That would mean a crowd of 32,000 spectators.

Now the record for homecoming day crowds at this university was set in 1926 when Frank Potts galloped sixty yards, twenty of that sixty after the timekeeper's gun had terminated play, to help Oklahoma beat Mizzou, 10 to 7. The official attendance that afternoon numbered 16,656. Last November 15,000 spectators saw Oklahoma beat Kansas, 26 to 6.

Now a crowd of 32,000 spectators would be exactly four times as large as the greatest crowd ever to throng old Boyd field, and twice as large as any mob that has yet collected at new Owen field.

And here is something that should interest those who plan to come in their own cars. Many of you will remember what a traffic jam resulted last year after a football game, due to the one-way exit. Now, there are four good roads to Owen field. The main trunk road is the paved Purcell-Oklahoma City highway. From this lead four well built roads to the parking area. And there will be ample parking space for all. This, I know, will be good news to all alumni.

Incidentally it might be interesting for you to know that 2,000 seats for the homecoming day game had already been reserved on October 8, a month before the game.

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The Oklahoma Daily has introduced a Sunday book page this year. Savoe Lottinville, '30, of Tulsa, is editor of the newspaper.

"Someone has said that trying to run an alumni association without publicity is like winking at a girl in the dark—you know what you're doing, but nobody else does—not even the girl" -Rollo George Reynolds.

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