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NOTES AND COMMENT

The book section of the *Boston Evening Transcript* contains a full page devoted to *Hamlin Garland—The Hardy of the West*, by Joseph Edgar Chamberlin.

Recently 200 copies of the *Autobiography of Black Hawk* were discovered. Persons who are interested in obtaining a copy may write to Mr. George Erp, Monmouth, Illinois.

The fourth Commonwealth Conference will be held at the Old Stone Capitol Building at Iowa City on June 28-30, 1926. The subject of the Conference for this year will be "Local Self Government".

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