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It is 65 years now since the book publisher Oskars Jēpe (1875-1951) passed away. His motto was "I ... am not joining any political party; the book is and has always been my politics". Oskars Jēpe started his publishing activities in 1905 together with Kārlis Egle, a translator and a man of letters, as his literary consultant. Oskars Jepe published literary works both by beginners and well-known authors, for example, works by Burtniece, Jānis Grīns, Jānis Kārstenis, Zeltmatis, Jānis Jaunsudrabiņš, Pāvils Rozītis, Teodors Zeiferts and others. Jēpe published numerous important books, such as the collections of works by Augusts Bračs, Juris Neikens, Edvards Treimanis-Zvārgulis, Aleksandrs Dauge, Zeltmatis and Eduards Veidenbaums with extensive biographic essays, as well as the book Atmiņas no tautiskā laikmeta (Memories from the National Period) by Matīss Kaudzīte and the collection of autobiographies of Latvian writers entitled Atzinas (Cognitions) in three parts compiled by Kārlis Egle among many more. Oskars Jēpe published about 220 books during his lifetime. Although Oskars Jēpe was a small publisher, he has a respected, prominent and permanent place among other book publishers in the history of Latvian book publishing.