## GOVERNMENT NOTICES

PROPOSALS FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES.—Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., March 24, 1906.—Sealed proposals, plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Proposal for rubber goods, boots and shoes," etc., as the case may be, and addressed to the "Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.," will be received at the Indian office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Thursday, April 26, 1906, and then opened, for furnishing the Indian service with rubber goods, boots and shoes, hardware and medical supplies. Sealed proposals, plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Proposal for crockery, furniture," etc., as the case may be, and addressed to the "Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.," will be received at the Indian office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Tuesday, May 1, 1906, and then opened, for furnishing the Indian service with crockery, agricultural implements, paints, oils, glass, tinware, wagons, harness, leather, shoe findings, saddlery, etc., school supplies and a long list of miscellaneous articles. Bids must be made out on government blanks. Schedules giving all necessary information for bidders will be furnished on application to the Indian office, Washington, D. C.; the U. S. Indian Warehouses at New York City, Chicago, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., and Omaha, Neb. The department reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or any part of any bid. F. E. Leupp, Commissioner. A802

PROPOSALS FOR CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY HORSES.—Chief Quartermaster's Office, Omaha, Nebraska, April 25, 1906. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office, until 11 o'clock a. m., central standard time, May 24, 1906, and then opened, in the presence of attending bidders, for one hundred and thirty-six (136) Cavalry, and one hundred and seventeen (117) Artillery Horses, for delivery at Omaha, Neb., or other prominent railroad points. The animals to conform to specifications. United States reserves right to accept or reject any or all proposals or any part thereof. Particulars and blanks for proposals will be furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals to be indorsed "Proposals for Horses," and addressed to Major M. GRAY ZALINSKI, Chief Quartermaster. A25 26 27 28 M22 23

OFFICE CONSTRUCTING QUARTERMASTER, Sheridan, Wyo., March 30, 1906.—Sealed proposals in triplicate will be received at this office until 10 a. m. (mountain time), April 30, 1906, for construction, including plumbing, heating and electric wiring, of an administration building and a post hospital, both brick, at Ft. Mackenzie, Wyo. Plans and specifications may be seen at office of Chief Quartermaster, U. S. A., at Denver, Omaha, Chicago and St. Paul, Depot Quartermaster, U. S. A., at St. Louis, and at this office, at which latter place all information may be obtained. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be endorsed, "Proposals for Public Buildings," addressed, Capt. James S. Parker, Q. M., U. S. A. M30-31-A2-3-27-28

## RAILWAY TIME CARD

UNION STATION—TENTH AND MARCY.

| | Leave. | Arrive. |
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| **Union Pacific.** | | |
| Overland Limited | a 9:40 am | a 8:15 am |
| The China and Japan Fast Mail | a 4:15 pm | a 5:10 pm |
| Colo. & Calif. Ex. | a 4:15 pm | a 9:30 am |
| California & Ore. Ex. | a 4:25 pm | a 5:10 pm |
| Los Angeles Limited | a11:30 am | a10:45 pm |
| Fast Mail | a 1:55 pm | a 3:30 pm |
| Colorado Special | a 7:45 am | a 7:44 am |
| North Platte Local | a 8:10 am | a 4:50 pm |
| Beatrice Local | b 3:15 pm | b 2:00 pm |
| **Chicago Great Western.** | | |
| St. Paul & Minn. | a 8:20 pm | a 7:15 am |
| St. Paul & Minn. | a 7:45 am | a 7:45 pm |
| Chicago Limited | a 5:00 pm | a10:30 am |
| Chicago Express | a 5:05 am | a 3:30 pm |
| Minn. & St. Paul Ex. | b 8:00 am | b 8:55 pm |
| Minn. & St. Paul Ltd. | a 8:30 pm | a 7:25 am |
| **Chicago Rock Island & Pacific.** EAST. | | |
| Chicago Limited | a 2:25 am | a 7:10 am |
| Chicago Express | a 7:00 am | a 9:55 pm |
| Chicago Express, Local | b11:15 am | a 4:30 pm |
| Des Moines Express | a 4:30 pm | b11:50 am |
| Chicago Fast Express | a 5:40 pm | a 1:15 pm |
| WEST. | | |
| Rocky Mountain Ltd. | a 7:20 am | a 3:15 am |
| Colorado Express | a 2:01 pm | a 1:15 pm |
| Oklahoma & Texas Ex. | a 4:40 pm | a12:05 pm |
| **Chicago & Northwestern.** | | |
| St. Paul Daylight | a 7:50 am | 10:00 pm |
| Chicago Daylight | a 8:00 am | 11:50 pm |
| Chicago Limited | a 8:38 pm | 9:15 am |
| Carroll Local | a 4:32 pm | 9:50 am |
| St. Paul Fast Mail | a 8:25 am | 7:05 am |
| Sioux C. & St. P. Local | b 3:50 pm | a 9:30 am |
| Fast Mail | | 2:30 pm |
| Chicago Express | a 5:50 pm | a 7:30 am |
| Norfolk & Bonesteel | a 7:40 am | 10:35 am |
| Lincoln & Long Pine | a 7:40 am | 10:35 am |
| Casper & Wyoming | a 2:50 pm | a 5:15 pm |
| Deadwood & Lincoln | a 2:50 pm | a 5:15 pm |
| Hastings & Albion | b 2:50 pm | 5:15 pm |
| Chicago Local | a11:30 am | 3:45 pm |
| Chicago Limited | a11:00 pm | 11:15 am |
| **Wabash.** | | |
| St. Louis Express | a 6:30 pm | a 8:40 am |
| St. Louis Local (from Council Bluffs) | a 9:15 am | a10:20 pm |
| Stanberry Local (from Council Bluffs) | b 5:00 pm | b11:30 am |
| **Illinois Central.** | | |
| Chicago Express | a 8:00 am | a 3:55 pm |
| Chicago Limited | a 6:00 pm | a 7:30 am |
| **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.** | | |
| Chicago & Colo. Spec'l | a 7:55 am | a 7:35 am |
| California & Ore. Ex. | a 5:45 pm | a 3:10 pm |
| Overland Limited | a 3:35 pm | a 9:20 am |
| Marion & Cedar R. Lo. | b 6:45 am | b11:00 pm |
| **Missouri Pacific.** | | |
| St. Louis Express | a 9:00 am | a 6:20 pm |
| K. C. & St. L. Express | a12:15 pm | a 5:00 pm |

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| **Burlington.** | | |
| Denver & California | a 4:10 pm | a 3:20 pm |
| Black Hills | a 4:10 pm | a 6:30 pm |
| Northwest Special | a 4:10 pm | a 7:10 am |
| Northwest Express | a11:30 pm | a 6:30 pm |
| Nebraska Local | a 8:00 am | a 7:45 pm |
| Lincoln Local | | a 9:05 am |
| Lincoln Fast Mail | b 2:15 pm | a12:20 pm |
| Ft. Crook & Plattsm'h | b 2:50 pm | b10:25 am |
| Bellevue & Plattsm'h | a 7:50 pm | a 8:20 am |
| Denver Limited | | a 7:10 am |
| Bellevue & Pac. Junc. | a 3:30 pm | a 8:30 am |
| Bellevue & Pac. Junc. | a 9:10 am | a 2:00 pm |
| Chicago Special | a 7:25 am | a 7:25 pm |
| Chicago Express | a 3:45 pm | a 3:55 pm |
| Chicago Flyer | a 4:00 pm | a 7:25 am |
| Iowa Local | a 9:15 am | a10:53 pm |
| St. Louis Express | a 4:45 pm | a11:30 am |
| Kansas City-St. Jos'h | a10:45 pm | a 6:45 am |
| Kansas City-St. Jos'h | a 9:15 am | a 6:10 pm |
| Kansas City-St. Jos'h | a 4:45 pm | |

WEBSTER DEPOT—15TH & WEBSTER

| Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha. | Leave. | Arrive. |
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| Twin City Passenger | b 8:30 am | b 9:10 pm |
| Sioux City Passenger | a 2:00 pm | a11:20 am |
| Emerson Local | b 6:20 pm | b 9:35 am |
| Emerson Local | c 8:45 am | c 6:50 pm |
| **Missouri Pacific.** | | |
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# COUNCIL BLUFFS

## ARGUMENT ON WATER CASE

Stockholder Seeks to Enjoin Enforcement of the New Rates.

### BASES HIS CLAIM ON THE FRANCHISE

**City Contends Franchise Has Expired, and Even If It Had Not Law Grants the Power to Fix Rates if They Are Reasonable.**

Arguments for and against the injunction asked by George N. Smalley, an eastern stockholder of the Council Bluffs City Waterworks company, to restrain the putting into force of the ordinance providing for a reduced schedule of water rates by the city council of Council Bluffs were heard by Judge Smith McPherson in federal court yesterday. The court took the case under advisement.

The city was represented at the hearing by C. M. Harl of the firm of Harl & Tinley, special counsel, and City Solicitor C. F. Kimball, while Attorney George S. Wright appeared for the petitioning stockholder.

Attorney Wright, on behalf of Smalley, contended that the hydrant rental contract with the city did not expire until December 19 of this year and that the franchise ran to January 24, 1908, by reason of the extension of time granted the company in which to complete the construction of its plant. He argued that under the Iowa statute the franchise did not inure to the company until the plant was completed and ready to be operated. The extension of time in which to complete the construction of the plant resulted from an injunction suit brought against the construction company by citizens.

Counsel for the city contended that the city council had the right at any time, irrespective of the question of the expiration of the franchise, to regulate the rates. Further, that suit brought by private citizens, to which the city was not a party, could not operate to extend a franchise granted by the city. While counsel for the city argued that the franchise of the waterworks company expired January 24 of this year, they maintained that this question did not enter into the case at bar as the city, under the statute, had the right to pass ordinances regulating rates whenever it deemed fit to do so. The only grounds on which such an ordinance could be attacked, they argued, would be the question of the fairness of such rates.

Judge McPherson, in the case of J. W. Taylor and others against the National Masonic Accident association of Des Moines and the North American Accident Insurance company of Chicago, set aside his former order remanding the case to the district court and ordered a rehearing at a time to be agreed upon by counsel for both parties. This is the suit brought by stockholders of the National Masonic Accident association to have set aside its sale to the Chicago company and for the appointment of a receiver.

Judge McPherson returned to Red Oak last evening.

### POLITICIANS ARE UP IN THE AIR

**Defeat of Herriott in Home County Disarranges Plans.**

The news from Guthrie county caused considerable consternation yesterday among the Herriott adherents in Council Bluffs and they promtly realized that to secure a Herriott delegation from Pottawattamie county would be impossible. In fact it was stated by several of Lieutenant Governor Herriott's friends that it was doubtful if even an effort would be made to secure an anti-Cummins delegation from this county. Some of those who were known as belonging to the anti-Cummins faction expressed themselves as pleased with the result of the Guthrie convention and it is expected that most of the antis will now scramble into the band wagon.

The turning down of Lieutenant Governor Herriott by his own county naturally came as a welcome piece of news to Governor Cummin's friends in this city. A well known republican who is regarded as one of the Cummins leaders in this city, felt sufficiently optimistic yesterday after reading the news from Guthrie county to assert that the Cummins crowd, as he termed it, would control the coming Pottawattamie county convention.

Friends of Lieutenant Governor Herriott asserted yesterday that the statement emanating from Des Moines that Mr. Herriott had announced his withdrawal from the gubernatorial contest was not true and that he still remains a candidate. At sthe same time they are frank to admit that his failure to secure his own county leaves him practically no show to obtain the nomination.

### Sues Two Saloon Keepers.

Mrs. Maggie A. Harter, wife of Eli E. Harter of Sac City, Ia., now in the Pottawattamie county jail under two indictments for passing worthless checks in Council Bluffs, brought suits in the district court yesterday to recover $5,000 each from the proprietors of two saloons whom she alleges were responsible for her husband getting into his present trouble. Holst & Spetman, owners of the Kiel hotel, are named as the defendants in one suit and Harry W. Robinson & Co., together with the bonding company which furnished the $3,000 bond required of all saloonkeepers, are named as the defendants.

The petitions in both cases are subatantially identical. Mrs. Harter recites that up to August, 1905, her husband was city assessor of Sac City and was receiving a salary of $100 a month and that prior to his election to that office was employed by his brother in the agricultural implement business, at which he earned $60 a month, besides receiving large sums of money for a number of inventions he had patented and sold. She states further that prior to November, 1903, her husband had used intoxicating liquors to such an extent that it was found necessary to send him to Blair, Neb., to take the Keeley cure. Up to April, 1905, he abstained from intoxicating liquors, but in that month he made a visit to Council Bluffs with a considerable sum of money and fell by the wayside. He drank to excess, she states, and while under the influence of liquor, for which he had dissipated all the money he had with him he wrote and cashed the checks, for which he is now in jail. Fearing the consequences of his wrongdoing, her husband, she says, deserted her and his family, and finally on January 13 of this year returned to Harlan, Ia., where he was taken into custody.

### Frank Canning Dead.

Frank Canning, brother of Sheriff Canning, died yesterday at St. Bernard's hospital, where he had been a patient for a year. Eight years ago a sunstroke affected his eyes and resulted in the gradual destruction of the optic nerve so that at the time of his death he was almost blind. He had been a machinist since 1888 in the Omaha shops of the Union Pacific and despite his failing eyesight, continued at his work until a little over a year ago. Worry over his infirmity and the fear that he might become a dependent on some one finally impaired his mental faculties and he was placed in the hospital a year ago. He was 51 years of age and single. Mr. Canning was a member of Nebraska lodge No. 1 of Masons and it will have charge of the funeral, for which arrangements have not yet been made.

## HERRIOTT STILL IN THE RACE

**Stuart Man Denies Report that He Is Out of the Running for Governor.**

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, April 27.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Governor John Herriott of Stuart over the long distance telephone today denied that he had withdrawn from the race for governor, and declared that his remarks at the convention in Guthrie Center after his home county instructed for Cummins could not be so construed. The reports of the convention which reached this city yesterday afternoon stated that he had withdrawn. Mr. Herriott declares that he is still in the race. In an interview by telephone today he said: "I have nothing to say at this time except that statements to the effect that I have withdrawn are entirely erroneous and unauthorized. Statements to the contrary or press dispatches saying that because Guthrie county endorsed Mr. Cummins I have decided to quit the contest, are misrepresentations. I am a candidate."

Arthur Cohen, the 6-year-old son of M. C. Cohen, a furniture dealer of this city, was kidnaped yesterday at noon and held captive till 5 in the evening. He then escaped and after wandering over East Des Moines for an hour fell in with persons who helped him to find his home. It is believed that the boy was kidnaped to secure information as to his father's money. The boy was induced by a stranger to accompany him as he came from school at noon. He was taken to the fair grounds by the stranger and kept there. The stranger asked him where his father kept his money and the boy told him in the bed. The parents, with the aid of police officers, searched the town all the afternoon and could get no trace of the boy till he walked into the house in the evening. Recently Mr. Cohen was robbed in his store and Harry Phillips, one of the burglars, was sent to the penitentiary. The other escaped.

At the meeting of the Iowa Retail Grocers' association in Sioux City May 8 to 10 the movement started in Council Bluffs last year to admit to membership retail dealers and all other professions in the state, will be concluded and the final changes made in the constitution and by-laws. It is proposed to change the name of the organization to Iowa Retailers' association and to make the organization the organization of retail lines in the state, thus consolidating every line of business into one gigantic association. At the Sioux City convention a movement will be started to get a national pure food law through, if one does not sooner pass congress.

The annual track athletic meet of the Iowa Track Union association will be held at Cedar Falls on the State Normal grounds. The colleges entered for the meet are Fayette, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Coe and State Normal. Simpson has asked for admission.

The two squadrons of the Eleventh cavalry at Fort Des Moines ordered to San Francisco, will leave Monday.

Governor Cummins tomorrow will hold hearings in his office at the state house on the long and short bill passed by the last legislature and to which he has not yet fixed his signature, and also the bill providing that petroleum oil and its products must be sold at a uniform price everywhere in the state.

Ringgold county in the primaries held yesterday went for Perkins by a majority of 152. The vote of the county primaries was 987 for Perkins and 835 for Cummins. Sheldon won for representative in the legislature by a majority of 200, and Smith of Mount Ayr ran a little ahead of Cummins, but failed to get the support of the county. Bedecker was nominated for county auditor, Lesan for county treasurer, Terrill for sheriff and Wright for recorder.

County primaries will be held tomorrow in Butler and Wright counties, conventions in Ida, Delaware, Clay and Taylor, caucuses in Grundy and conventions to select congressional delegates in Black Hawk, Delaware, Franklin and Hardin.

The socialist society known as the Amana society in Iowa has notified the relief commission that it has a car load of foodstuff to ship to the sufferers at San Francisco. The total amount contributed from the state of Iowa is now about $120,000, of which about $20,000 is from Des Moines.

Senator F. M. Molsberry of Louisa county, in the First congressional district, has withdrawn from the race for congressman. This leaves the field in Louisa county open to ex-Senator Carpenter of that county.

### Nurse's Mistake Fatal.

CENTERVILLE, Ia., April 27.—(Special.)—Mistaking a bottle of carbolic acid for one which contained castor oil, a nurse who was attending Mrs. Arthur McAuley gave an infant baby the fiery poison in place of the oil which she had intended to use. The baby died a few minutes later.

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### Card of Thanks.

We wish to return our sincere thanks to all who so kindly extended their sympathy on the death of our beloved wife and sister; also for the many beautiful floral tributes. We wish especially to thank Division No. 2, A. O. H.; Division No. 2, L. A.; A. O. H., Sheridan club, and the members of No. 6 engine house.

DANIEL O'CONNOR.
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### GREELY TO MAKE INVESTIGATION

**General Says Number of Deaths Has Been Exaggerated.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—It is the opinion of General Greely that the number of casualties has been over-estimated. "So many and grossly exaggerated reports of the number of deaths due to the earthquake have been sent out that we have determined to make a systematic investigation," he said. "For instance, it has been stated that there were as many as seventy-five lives lost in the Valencia hotel, but so far as we have been able to ascertain the loss did not exceed twenty. I believe that there are similar discrepancies, which will be discovered later after a thorough examination of the records and search of the ruins."

### Royal Party at Naples.

NAPLES, April 27.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra arrived here today from Messina after a stormy voyage. It is said that they will be unable, on account of the weather, to make their proposed ascension of Mount Vesuvius.

Make your wants known through the columns of The Bee Want Ad page.

### Robbers at Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., April 27.—Robbers entered the general store of Becker Bros. last night, removed the safe, weighing 1,000 pounds, rolled it along a road three blocks away, pried it open and took $500 and a certified check for $2,000.

## HONOR FRANKLIN'S MEMORY

Celebration in Paris on Occasion of Unveiling Statue of American.

### M'CORMICK AND SMYTH MAKE SPEECHES

**Orator of Day Says that Statesman and Scientist Was Personification of New Era in Civilization.**

PARIS, April 27.—2:30 p. m.—The Franklin celebration preceding the unveiling today of the statue of Benjamin Franklin presented to the city of Paris by John H. Harjes, the American banker of this city, was held in the palace of the Trocadro this afternoon.

The great auditorium of the Trocadero has been handsomely decorated for the occasion with the flags and emblems of France and the United States intertwined. The formal exercises were as follows:

Address by Ambassador McCormick.

Oration on Franklin, by the delegate appointed by the United States government, Prof. Aired Henry Smyth of the Boys' High school, Philadelphia.

Reply by the representative of the French government, Minister of Public Work Barthou.

The ceremony was then transferred to the Trocadero square, where the exercises continued as follows:

Presentation of the statue of Franklin to the city of Paris by Mr. Harjes.

Acceptance of the statue by M. C. Hautaurd, president of the municipal council of Paris.

**Address by McCormick.**

In opening the ceremony, the American ambassador said in part:

When my friend and compatriot, Mr. John H. Harjes, esteemed at home and abroad, informed me of his intention to present a statue of Benjamin Franklin to the city of Paris it seemed to me that the occasion should be seized upon for a demonstration of that warm friendship which exists between the world's two great republics and for which Franklin so firmly laid the foundation. The happy coincidence of the approach of the bicentenary of Franklin's birth opened the way for us to broaden the unveiling ceremonies into the fete which you have been asked to honor with your presence. The spontaneous and hearty co-operation of the French government has given to this fete the international character which brings into relief that chapter in Franklin's life which belongs to France as well as to the United States and which I trust will ever be held dear to the hearts of citizens of both countries.

These celebrations have their practical value in keeping the fires of patriotism alive with that love of country which inspires the soldier to leave home and family to take up arms for the defense of its honor and its rights.

**Advances Cause of Peace.**

On the initiation of France's ally, his majesty, the emperor of all the Russias, The Hague tribunal was established that governments might have a court of arbitration ready to their hand for the settlement of such differences as could be submitted to it. But today the voice of public sentiment holds from or impels governments to action, and that better acquaintance, that closer entente between peoples which such international celebrations as this warm into life or keep alive makes as never before for the cause of general peace and the wellbeing of mankind.

The president of the United States has already shown in the most practical form and with notable success his desire to contribute to this end. In appointing a suitable person to speak for the United States on this occasion it was therefore his purpose not only to celebrate the bicentenary of Benjamin Franklin, and by this joint celebration link closer the ties that bind France to the United States, but with that broader aim which has found its strongest international expression in the establishment of The Hague tribunal.

I have now the honor to present Mr. Albert Henry Smyth, special representative of the United States for the Franklin bicentennial celebration in Paris.

**Address of Mr. Smyth.**

Mr. Smyth said in part:

The story is told that at a certain exhibition of historical portraits Thomas Carlyle was seen absorbed in the contemplation of a picture of Benjamin Franklin. A small crowd, attracted by curiosity, gathered about him, to whom the sage of Chelsea said, as he pointed to the portrait, "There is the father of all the Yankees."

It would seem that Carlyle expressed the sentiment and opinion of mankind; for upon this two hundredth anniversary of the birth of the greatest American, the world has united in spontaneous and splendid celebration of his vast achievements and matchless public service.

The history of the career of Franklin is the story of a struggle. It is the record of a life that began in humble and obscure surroundings and ended in splendor; it contains, therefore, the substance of tales that have charmed sedentary mankind. Every one is familiar with the incidents of his flight from Boston to Philadelphia, where on a Sunday morning he walked the quiet streets of the sober city—a ridiculous figure munching his roll—how he found shelter the first night in a strange city at the old Crooked Billet in Water street.

The strange mutations of life! This vagrant, adventurous lad, ragged, travel stained, awkward, his pockets stuffed out with shirts and stockings, and a Dutch dollar his whole stock of cash—this humble soap boiler's son was destined to become the most conspicuous and admired figure of two continents, to stand before kings, to converse with scholars, and to receive every honor that the most venerable academies of learning could bestow.

**Franklin Idolized.**

Never lived there a man more idolized. Everything about him was imitated and extolled; his spectacles, his marten fur cap, his brown coat, his bamboo cane.

It is impossible to trace in a few words the growth of Franklin's vast European reputation. It rested primarily upon his scientific achievements. The mind of Europe, pondering with all the intensity of first enthusiasm upon natural science, was thrilled and amazed by the magnitude and meaning of Franklin's researches. At once he became, in a world enamored of natural science, the object of universal interest and admiration. Louis XV., through Abbe Mazeas, returned his thanks and compliments to Dr. Franklin of Pennsylvania for his discoveries in electricity. Artists printed him with lightnings playing on the background of the picture, or lighting up his benign features. Condorcet addressed him as the modern Prometheus. Voltaire erected a lightning rod upon his house at Ferney.

It was not alone in the domain of electricity that Franklin made important contributions to knowledge. He established the science of meteorology, demonstrated the geological theory of the earth in advance of Kant, had new views upon light and heat that are perfectly consistent with those held by Cavendish and Clerk Maxwell, wrote upon contagious colds and the colica pictonum so successfully that he was elected to membership in the royal societies of medicine in London and Paris, and touched informingly upon every subject, familiar and unfamiliar, in the eighteenth century. It is not strange that the world came to regard him as an encyclopaedia of universal knowledge. Men of learning, the foremost in their professions, approached him in the attitude of pupils soliciting his explication of old problems and his judgment upon new theories.

Filangieri relentlessly examined the European system of law, civil and criminal, and at each step of his progress turned to Franklin for direction. Lorenzo Manini created the Cisalpine republic and leaned upon the encouraging arm of Franklin. The physiocrats, Dupont de Nemours, Dubourg, Mirabeau, Turgot, Morellet, and the venerable apostle, Quesnay, were strengthened by the presence of Franklin in their speculative group.

**Living Presence of New Age.**

Franklin was the living presence of the new age, the incarnation of democracy, the successful antagonist of tyrants, the builder of happy states, founded upon freedom and justice. Franklin was as unconscious as any fair dame or giddy courtier that strong current, whose compulsive course was carrying the nation rapidly and irresistably to ruin. During his residence in Paris he enjoyed familiar intercourse and in some instances close companionship with those who, in another decade, in the wild delirium of the revolution, were to be first in the ranks of death.

To understand the political career of Benjamin Franklin it is necessary to revert to the years preceding the revolution. Before the complaints of the colonists became loud and impatient he was an ardent and loyal imperialist. His ideal was a firmly confederated union of states, enjoying liberty and autonomy. He believed that a citizen of Boston or Philadelphia should enjoy precisely the same rights and privileges as a citizen of Leeds or Sheffield. When it was urged that in time the colonies by their growth would become the dominant half, he answered, "Which is best, to have a total separation, or a change in the seat of government?" But after years of labor he could only say, "I do not find that I have gained any point in either country, except that of rendering myself suspected by my impartiality; in England of being too much an American, and in America of being too much an Englishman."

If, after a slumber of a century, his eyes had opened, upon what a world would their calm gaze have rested. The vast images that he saw in glimmering dawn have become the commonplaces of schoolboys; his daring prophecies in philosophy and politics have been more than fulfilled. He would have beheld two great and proud nations, justifying his unchanging faith in popular instincts and institutions, celebrating in comradeship the words he spoke and the deeds he did, and holding in grateful and perpetual memory his life-long labors and sacrifices.

In presenting the statue to the municipality Mr. Harjes made a brief speech.

## SERIOUS STABBING AFFRAY

**Two Italians Quarrel in Their Lodging Place and Ready Stiletto Does Its Work.**

After seriously stabbing his friend, Tony Zalona, in a room at 206 North Tenth street, at 8:30 o'clock Friday evening, Gaetano Bilingheri hurried to the police station and in his native Italian tried to tell what had happened and to give himself up. No one at the station was able to make out why the man wanted to stay at the station until a few moments afterward, when a telephone message was received stating there had been a stabbing affair at the house on North Tenth street. Detective Pattullo ran to the number and then telephoned the station to lock up Bilingheri.

The cutting took place in the Italian rooming house where the two men lived. They were alone when the blow was struck. Two other men had been with them, but while they were out the cutting took place, and when they returned they found Zalona lying unconscious. There had been a quarrel, it was said, and Bilingheri told Captain Dunn that Zalona had struck him twice before he stabbed. The quarrel was evidently over a most trivial matter, the short stature of one of the men bringing forth taunts from the other. Several pails which had held beer lay about the room, but it was studiously denied drinking had been going on.

The wound inflicted by Bilingheri bears all the marks of the regulation Italian stiletto. It is located in Zalona's right side and, while on the surface is hardly large enough to admit a man's finger, it penetrated to a depth of eight inches into the abdomen. Fortunately for the wounded man, the intestines were not severed, but the knife passed into the omentum, the point ending near the back. The blade passed almost through the man's body. The weapon with which this dangerous though innocent looking wound was made has not been found by the police.

Dr. B. M. Riley, together with a police surgeon, attended the wounded man and hastened him to the Clarkson hospital in the patrol wagon. An operation was immediately decided upon and this was performed by Dr. J. P. Lord.

The men connected with the affair are nearly all employed at the smelting works. A number of them crowded to the police station when the news had spread, chattering excitedly. Bilingheri was moved to tears and moans upon contemplation of his act. He is about 35 years old, while his victim is but 19. Dr. Lord said after the operation the young man has a good chance to recover, the knife having miraculously avoided the most dangerous places.

## COMENIUS SCHOOL CONCERT

**Five Hundred People Have a Pleasant Evening Listening to Little Ones.**

Bohemian Turner hall, Thirteenth and Dorcas streets, was crowded last night, the occasion being a concert given by the pupils of Comenius school for the benefit of the institution. The program was replete with most enjoyable numbers. Not the least interesting were the songs by the 130 pupils of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and the forty from the kindergarten. The singing was under the direction of Miss Fannie Arnold. The songs sung daily by the children in school were given and the renditions, all things considered, might be said to be truly wonderful. The little ones in their songs and games made a great impression on the audience.

Stanislav Letovsky, who is now in his third high school year, gave several selections on the piano, being freely encored. Among them was a menuetto, of which he himself is the composer. The Omaha High school octet in several songs, and Edward Wotawa on the violin, brought great applause. There was not a dull number on the program, and the list was not short. Miss De Ette Mason and Harold Thom acted as accompanists.

The concert or entertainment was the first which the school has given for some years, and the proceeds will go toward the purchase of pictures, reference books and statuary for the Comenius school. The attendance last night was more than 500, and the fund will be enriched to the extent of more than $80 through the event.

## BREWER DECISION UP AGAIN

**Supreme Court Ruling Involved in Case of Superintendent of Omaha Indian Agency.**

The hearing of the application for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of John M. Common, superintendent of the Omaha Indian agency, was begun before Judge Munger in the United States district court Friday morning.

The case is one wherein a suit was brought in the district court of Thurston county to restrain Superintendent Common and his Indian police from ejecting the Baradas from certain lands, alleged to be held by them as allotments, which contention the land department denied and ordered the ejectment of the Baradas from the lands.

It was while acting under these orders that Superintendent Common was arrested by the state authorities, and upon his refusal to give bond for his appearance to answer before the state courts he was arrested by the sheriff of Thurston county. Now comes the United States asking for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the state has no right to arrest a government official for exercising his duties.

His theory is held on the ground that the Indians in question were citizens of the United States under the Brewer decision, and that all litigation pertaining thereto should be brought in the state courts.

## NEW PEOPLE FOR BURWOOD

**Changes Made in Personnel of the Woodward Stock Company Acting at that Theater.**

Some changes have been made in the personnel of the Woodward Stock company, which has been playing all season at the Burwood theater. J. Sedley Brown, who succeeded Harry Long as stage director, leaves the company to go to Minneapolis, to direct a summer stock organization, and Carrie Clarke Ward goes with him. Mr. Cecil Owen and his wife, Dollie Davis, go to Detroit, where they will spend the summer with a stock company, and Grant Simpson also leaves. These changes come with the close of the present week.

Harry Long succeeds Mr. Brown as stage director, coming back to his old love. Rose Curry will join the company at once, appearing in the bill next week, and George Saren, who has lately been with Arnold Daly; Will Davis, a former member of the company, and Stuart Beebe have been engaged. They will be in the bill beginning a week from Sunday.

## ORDINANCE HELD UP A WHILE

**Lincoln Traction Company Secures Injunction Against City to Prevent Enforcing New Law.**

The Lincoln Traction company has secured a temporary injunction in the United States circuit court restraining the city of Lincoln from enforcing the ordinance reducing the street railway fares which was passed by the city council. The temporary injunction has been granted and the hearing has been set for the first day of the approaching term of the federal courts, May 7.

The ordinance in question was passed April 16 and, among other things, it provides for a single fare of 5 cents, but that the company shall sell six street car tickets for 25 cents; also that the company shall sprinkle and sweep all streets on which its tracks are laid; to light each street corner on streets where its tracks run; erect iron poles on all paved street; equip its cars with power brakes, pay a tax of $1 on each pole erected; to provide enough street cars day and night so that the cars shall not be crowded.

The traction company in its petition states that to do all these things would involve a cost of about $50,000 at the outset and that the cost of maintenance would be about $40,000. The petition further states that the object of passing this ordinance reducing fares and directing other improvements is to depreciate the value of the property of the railway company in order that the stockholders may be compelled to sell their stock at a sacrifice; and further that the passage of the ordinance is in violation of the fourteenth article of the constitution of the United States.

## IMPROVEMENT CLUBS UNITE

**All of City Send Delegates to Meeting Where Federation is Formed.**

All the improvement clubs in Omaha had representatives who met Thursday night at Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth streets and formed the Omaha Federation of Improvement clubs. After going into a committee of the whole and adopting a constitution and bylaws these officers were elected: President, J. W. Malone, of the Southwest Improvement club; vice president, Mike Kalamaja, of the Dupont Improvement club; secretary, A. F. Wilson, of the Omaha View Improvement club; treasurer, I. P. A. Bruechert, of the Riverview Park Enterprise Improvement club. The action of the council in railroading the ordinance regulating gas tanks was denounced. After a considerable discussion the club favored the paving bond proposition. The next meeting will be held at Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth streets next Thursday evening.

## CITY HAS HOUSES FOR SALE

**Must Get Rid of Dwellings to Extend Bemis Park on the East.**

The city has three frame dwellings to sell at the northwest corner of Thirty-third and Cuming streets, to make way for the enlargement of Bemis park. The council has ordered advertisements inserted for bids and the indications are that the number of propositions for the purchase of city real estate will break all records. For months inquiries have been made at the office of the Park board about the houses and when they would be sold and lately the questioners have increased manifold. The houses have to be moved off within thirty days.

## AT HOME BEHIND THE BARS

**Original Jail Breaker Draws Thirty Days on the Side from Judge Crawford.**

Charles Draper, the original jail breaker, drew thirty days from the police judge Friday morning. Draper is the man who feels more at home in jail than in the fresh air. General vagrancy was the last charge against him. He said Friday morning that springtime and its vernal charms has no attraction for him. As a rule he breaks into jail along the lines of least resistance by breaking the nearest window he comes to. He even thanks the judge every time a sentence is given him.

## PLENTY OF JEWELS ON HAND

**Over Thousand Dollars Worth Found on Pair of Omahans in Chicago.**

Detectives McCarthy and Rohan of Chicago returned Friday morning with James F. Francis and Lillian Francis, arrested last week at 2124 Douglas street by Detectives Maloney and Drummy as fugitives from justice. The Francis family is wanted at Chicago on charges of grand larceny. The Omaha detectives recovered $1,031 worth of jewelry, said to have been stolen by the prisoners at Chicago.

**All Well.**

The least thing wrong with your bowels makes you all sick. Dr. King's New Life Pills make you all well. 25c. For sale by Sherman & McConnell.

### Railway Notes and Personals.

Steven D. Hoover, in charge of correspondence in the general freight office of the Burlington, has been promoted to be traveling freight and passenger agent for the Burlington, with headquarters at Walla Walla, Wash.

T. C. Davison, formerly passenger rate clerk for the Union Pacific and now general baggage agent for the Salt Lake route, is in the city, visiting with his relatives for a few days.

The fire whistle at the Union Pacific shops broke loose Friday morning and had the whole east end of the city rushing around to see if the whole shops were burning up. It was all a mistake, as the whistle simply got started to blowing and could not be shut off.

### Insane Woman Deported.

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