

#### YANKEE CHARACTER LAUDED a valuable influence in eastern life.

Franklin and Edwards Two Great Types, Says Prof. Phelps.

OMAHA CLUB HOLDS CELEBRATION

Washington's Birthday Dinner Observed with Banquet and Addresses --- Shallenberger Wants Desirable Citizens in Office.

bristling with sound, common sense was the address delivered Tuesday evening at the Washington birthday dinner of the Omaha club by Prof. William Lyon Phelps

the characters of two great Yankees, Hen-While paying tribute to these two representatives of American character

Covers were laid at the dinner for John Lee Webster acted as toastmaster. introducing Prof. Phelps and Governor Shallenberger, the latter responding to the toast "Good Citizenship."

Rousing Yell Greets Speaker. There was a lusty yell from the gueste when the educator from New Haven rose for his address. The toastmaster in introducing the speaker declared that the boast of Americans was in the future and not in the things that have been wrought in the past.

said Mr. Webster. "Schools and colleges form the advance guard for the conquering of ignorance and the attainment of commercial success.'

"Two representatives of American char-Franklin," was the theme announced by Prof. Phelps. These two men, he said represented every trait in the good

Every virtue that we can attribute to the typical American we can find in the personalities of these two types.

'On the one side we see Jonathan Edwards-deeply moral, spiritual, intellectual,

highly religious. On the other side, we and Benjamin Franklia,-practical, useful, "We can look upon Ben Franklin only

in the light of a great benefactor. He was the most useful man in the world at his time, for his contributions to American life were manifold. We can safely call him the greatest American in history. He represented the practical in life, the progressive, the industrious,

'We may represent these two men in still another comparison. Edwards was the reflective, the conservative character; Franklin was the every-day, the useful, the

"Today we might say that Edwards represents the east and Benjamin Franklin represents the west. Here we can see the contrast between the eastern and the western man in conquering commerce. Both the Drug Co. east and the west are winning out in the conquests of commerce.

In an interview Prof. Phelps paid a high compliment to the western men in the eastern universities. He declared that they were among the best students in college; that they were winning out in all fields of

Wanted-The Citizen Mayor. Governor Shallenberger in his address on "Good Citizenship" sounded a clear note when he lamented the fact that many publie spirited men kept out of municipal affairs. He alluded to the office of mayor. and pointed out such characters as General Charles F. Manderson and John Lee Webster as desirable eitisens for the office of the mayor.

"The highest tribute to the country is good citizenship," said the governor. "The right of representative government is a great and valuable asset, yet we win that only by personal sacrifice. Things worth having in life are wen in this way-hy personal sacrifice.

not so long as there is an English tongue. We have freedom today, one of the greatest Bli held his audience intensely interested in privileges of citizenship. In the progress of civilisation Nebraska must not forget jamin Franklin and Jonathan Edwards, that good citizenship is one of the most desirable assets in life."

This afternoon, at the request of William speaker did not overlook the virtues of the M. Davidson, superintendent of public in-Father of His Country George Wash- struction, Prof. Phelps will address the ington, to whom he gave all glory and teachers of the public schools on 'How to Get the Best Out of Books."

While in Omalia the eastern educator is 130 guests. Dinner was served at 7:30 the guest of Victor Caldwell, with whom o'clock, after which came the program of he graduated from Yale in 1887. This is the toasts, consisting of but three numbers, teacher's second trip in the west, during which he has filled engagements at St. Louis, Kansas City and Jefferson City.

#### SOUTH OMAHA PIONEERS OUT IN SPITE OF COLD

Washington's Life Reviewed and Lessons Drawn from it for Modern Use.

About the only formal celebration of Washington's birthday in South Omaha was the meeting of the Pioneer Historical society during the evening in Library hall. This meeting was attended by a fair audience considering the cold wave which seems to beset these monthly meetings of seten Jonathan Edwards and Benjamin the ploneers. A program was presented consisting of a review of the life of Washington by Mrs. C. L. Talbot and a discussion by members of the club. The girl's quartet of the South Omaha High school "Franklin and Edwards were exact op- rendered a number of selections which materially The young women have exceptionally good. voices and their efforts were confined to a class of music well within the range of their voices and experience

> The duet by Mrs. Sage and J. C. Carley was much enjoyed. Only three of the Pioneer quintet were present. These were Carley, Smith and Broadhurst. Their selections always please.

The South Omaha market and most of the South Omaha merchants conducted business as usual during the day. The postoffice was closed after 10:30 a. m., and the city hall building was closed all day. The flags were displayed over all public buildings. A holiday was declared for all the school children during the afternoon, and in most of the schools the teachers gave a period to the discussion of the reasons for observing the day.

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Perhaps the most important movement in

ing to held its annual sessions in Indian- that the kindergarren was first made an apolis beginning March 1 and continuing adjunct of the public schools. The movefour days. Upon this body of men devolves the work of planning the most effective administration of the laws of the states as they relate to the schools. Expert age schoolboy used to know at 10. The administration or superintendence is a National Story Tellers' league also will comparatively new thing. The office of have a convention this summer. Hamilton county superintendent long has been political more than educational. Today the and it is growing rapidly. The effort is to aim is to have every teacher backed up revive the gentle art of story telling, and by a strong superintendent. Even in the each community is expected to organize rural communities these superintendents a local club. The league is now able to are being selected more for their availa- support a journal in the interest of the bility as trained school workers than as politicians to be rewarded for service.

Some Things You Want to Know

New Ideas in Education.

the school world, from a national standpoint, is the effort to teach scientific agriculture in the country schools. Of course this was impossible so long as the little red school house remained the expression of American educational tendencies. No teacher could impart even a smattering of agriculture in an ungraded school where he had to run the gamut of instruction. But the recent success of the effort to consolidate the rural schools, and to transport the children to and from them, has been followed by a movement to teach agriculture to them. Assistant Secretary Hays of the Department of Agriculture, says there are 300,000 little red school houses in the United States, two-thirds of which are situated in communities where farming is the principal occupation. He believes that the 200,000 situated among farmers could be consolidated into 30,000, so that scientific agriculture could be taught in each of

In these times of high prices it is interesting to note what effect such a consolidation and course of Instruction would have upen the production of staple crops in "The name of George Washington is one America. It is a conservative estimate that of our greatest among the names of good the technically trained farmer can get citizens. We can never forget his examples, one-half more out of his soil than the man. who operates his farm by main strength and awkwardness. But suppose he got only one-fourth more out of his operations? He would add 200,000,000 bushels to the annual wheat crop, 600,000,000 bushels to the corn crop, and more than 3,000,000 bales to the cotton crop. The total increase on these three crops alone, therefore, would be worth more than \$1,000,000,000 at current prices-and these do not constitute more than half the products of the farm. And it is inevitable that such increases would force prices down, so that the world could Mive without spending everything it makes on its living.

The growing demand for teachers of agriculture has meant a corresponding demand for higher courses in that branch of study, and many of the colleges and universities are beginning to make a feature of courses in it. Dr. T. O. Heatwole of the University of Maryland is seeking to have established in Baltimore a great school of technology, medelled after the Massachusetts institute. youths may be trained in the higher branches of technical education. Among these branches, of course, is agriculture He takes the view that if the south is to develop to its full industrial possibilities it must have a great school where its men can be fitted for leadership in the solution of its industrial problems.

While the possibilities of agricultural education are so great, it is interesting to note that the people spend \$29 per capita for tobacco and liquor and only \$3.50 for education. They spend \$7,000,000 for perfurnery, \$24,000,000 for mineral and waters, \$51,000,000 for confectionery and only \$12,000,000 for school books. What might be the result to the nation if it were to reverse the proportion and spend \$2.50 per capita for drinks and tobacco and \$29 for

Open-air schools for tubercular children are among the new developments in the educational world, eight cities now having such schools. The children who are found to be suffering from tuberculosis are segregated and sent to these schools just as many days as the weather will permit. It has been found that the little sufferers themselves are immeasurably benefited and that at the same time it serves as a great protection for other children.

Nearly all important cities are beginning te consider the health of the children. Statistics were recently gathered from 360 leading American cities with a population of 22,000,000 and an enrollment of 4,000,000. Of these 211 have examinations to discover the presence of transmissible diseases, 234 make examinations for defective vision, 171 for breathing troubles and 119 for bad teeth. The legislature of Washington has passed a law providing that no school whall be built hereafter on a site which affords less than sixty square feet of playground for each pupil.

The International Kindergarten union is arranging to hold its annual convention n St. Louis this summer. It was there,

National Educational association is arrang- sioner of education, William T. Harris. ment has since enjoyed a phenomena growth, with the result that the child who attends knows as much at 6 as the aver-

W. Mable is president of the organization movement and high schools everywhere are

being invited to found local clubs. Newton, Mass., has brought the card index into its schools. A card is entered for each pupil when he starts to school, giving all the information about him that is im portant for the teacher and the superintendent to know. As he progresses through the succeeding grades his record is kept carefully on this card, and in this way his credentials always can be shown wherever he goes. Massachusetts cities and towns are famous for their advanced educational ideas, and Lynn has one that is equal to the best. The Federation of Women's Clubs of that city has undertaken to maintain a juvenile restaurant. It aims to keep a bill of fare suitable for the needs of school children. Coffee is left off the bill as being too stimulating for them. A sardine sandwich may be had for 3 cents, tomato soup for 3 cents, a glass of milk for 2 cents and other things in proportion. Chicken sandwiches and ice cream, at 5 cents each have the call, though the average lunch is said to cost only 5 cents. Some 500 lunches are served each day and the business self-supporting. Much of the work is done by the girls in the cooking classes, who

are paid for their services. Young America will hall Inspector James L. Hughes of Toronto as a modern John the Baptist crying in the wilderness of education. He predicts the bookless school He thinks that each child must be taught by a different method, and the whole thing must be done by the teacher. Other educators are being converted to the idea that the best learning for the child comes, not from books, but from the minds of good

schools, Miss Ella Flagg Young, has inaugurated many new departures in school work since she assumed the reins of school government. One of these innovations is to secure the consent of factory owners to the employment of boys in pairs, one boy to work one week and the other the next. In this way the factory suffers no depletion in the force, while the boys are enabled to go to school. In this way many a poor family in Chicago can send its boys to school, the while having an income from their work. The children's playground movement has reached its highest success in Chicago, where \$500,000 is spent each year. New York, second among the cities in total expenditure, gives only \$123,000 to playgrounds. Chicago gives as much to the playground movement as all the other important cities together.

Someone has been gathering statistics concerning college and non-college women. More than 3.000 random inquiries were sent found that college women have better health than non-college women, 778 out of each 1,000 enjoying excellent health, and only eight out of each 1,000 being in poor health. The average college woman was found to marry later in life, but her family is slightly larger than that of the nonadvantage of the non-college woman in height and weight, due perhaps to her athletics. On the other hand, college men are less inclined to marry and have smaller families than non-college men. Statistics of Harvard graduates show that training there furnishes the young man with a kind of armor against Dan Cupid's darts, and that in most cases this lasts for a number of years.

Perhaps the two most learned boys in the United States are both sons of Harvard professors. The work of young William James Sidis, who rattles off philosophic discussions of the fourth dimension, and other things no less involved, with the case of a Mohammedan saying his prayers, recently passed the Harvard entrance examination. He finds a rival in Norbert Weiner, who graduated last summer from Tuft's college while still on the sunny side of 15. At 18 months he knew the alphabet, at 3 years he could read and write and by the time he was 10 he could give the average high school graduate a tight educational wrestle. At 12 he entered Tuft's college and found it easy sailing, finishing the four years' course in three years. With all his education he has not lost his boyish love for sports and

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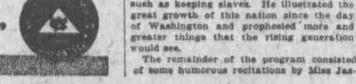
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#### Seniors Observe Washington Day

High School Students Honor Memory of First President by Formal Exercises.

The commemoration of the birth of George Washington was held at Young Men's Christian association building Tuesday evening by the students of the Omaha High school. The program was in charge spite of the inclemency of the weather, a school and their parents were present, afternoon. Chandler Trimble, president of the senior E. H. Jenks and Profs. Bernstein and Wool-

ery addressed the pupils. Mr. Bernstein made the opening speech setting forth the possibilities for the present senior class to make a lasting memoria! of themselves as a class more by making their class the most democratic one ever known in the high school than by leaving merely a picture or piece of statuary. Mr. Woolery spoke to the pupils on the life of Washington and his many noble characteristics, their effect on this country and on the present government of the United States. He showed how Washington's great spirit had always worked for

the best interests of the American people even after his death and how it was even new working to make a better government and a better people of the United States Dr. Jenks showed the many improvements of the present age over the past generation. in both material, moral and spiritual ways. He cited Washington as an example of a perfect American, even though he did thing: that in the present age are not even lawful. such as keeping slaves. He illustrated the

of Washington and prophesied more and greater things that the rising generation The remainder of the program consisted of some humorous recitations by Miss Jas-

mine Sherraden, mandolin duets by Fred Fernald and Robert McCague, accompanied by Severs Susman, and some selections sung by the Omaha High School Glee club. All in these little sketches showed that dramatics and music were not being neglected at the high school and they were all made to give several selections before the crowd would let them go.

BOTH LEGS OFF, MAN DIES George Coomstock, an Old Laboring Man, Suffers Frightful Accident

in Railroad Yards. With both legs cut off, George Coom-stock, a laborer, of 2615 North Thirteenth of the senior class of the school, and in street, died in St. Joseph's hospital as the result of an accident on the railroad tracks good number of the pupils of the high at Fifteenth and Clark streets yesterday

Coomstock was walking home when a class, presided at the exercises. The Rev. switch engine of the Missouri Pacific struck a car which hit him, knocked him lown and passed over his legs. Both were severed above the knee. Coomstock, who was an old man, was picked up by the members of the engine crew, who notified the police station and the injured man was attended by Drs. R. B. and T. T.

Harris and Dr. Thompson. He was then taken to St. Joseph's hos pital, where he died at 8 p. m. The engine crew consisted of Engineer Edwards, Firenian Nick Kracht and Fireman Frank Corbett.

DRESS GOODS SALE FRIDAY.

Brandels Stores Will Sell Pine Sample Pieces of \$2 Imported Goods at 70c Yard,

Five hundred pieces of imported sample pieces of high-class dress goods will go on special sale Friday at Brandels Stores at wonderful bargain. This group contains diagonal cheviots, coatings and French dress sermes, broadcloths, Venetian suitings and gray tailored suitings. The lengths range from 5 to 12-yard pieces. They are now on display in our 16th street show windows, and any woman who sees this display will certainly attend the sale. Worth up to \$3 a yard. Friday on special bargain square at 79c yard. BRANDEIS STORES.

## Take the Post-Office Out of Politics

In attempting to charge up the deficit in his Department against the magazines the Postmaster-General has done the country a genuine, even if an unintentional, service. He has drawn attention to the necessity for a thorough reorganization of the Postal Department. He has emphasized the importance of taking the Post-Office out of politics for all time.

The Fifty-ninth Congress authorized an investigation of postal affairs, and a joint commission, headed by Senator Penrose and Representative Overstreet, made a thorough investigation of the whole subject. As a result, the Overstreet bill, which contains many excellent recommendations, was presented. It is not from guesswork that we have concluded that the Department is in need of radical reorganization, but from the official reports of this Joint Congressional Postal Commission and of the disinterested accountants hired by it to investigate the business methods of the Department. We quote from these reports, remembering that the findings and criticisms are not ours, but those of a Congressional Commission and its authorized agents. First read these recommendations from the preliminary report of the Joint Postal Commission, in this week's number of

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Then read these extracts from the report of the public accountants employed by the Joint Commission:

" "The service has grown from small beginnings over a long period of years, hampered by restrictive laws which may have been necessary in the past and may even now be considered necessary to some extent for a Government department, but which would render it practically impossible for any private business to survive

"The general absence of any efficient methods of accounting has been brought to light by the inquiry carried out by the Joint Commission on second-class mail matter. This report was referred to Congress on January 30, 1907, and our investigation has confirmed the impression gathered from the study of it, that the whole of these methods are crude in the extreme and such as no private business concern or corporation could follow without the certainty of loss, if not of financial disaster."

There are half-a-dozen more of these extracts on the Editorial page of this week's issue of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

In the Joint Postal Commission's report of 1907 we find:

> "As an indication of the views at present entertained it is proper to say that the commission is profoundly impressed with the wisdom of the accountant's report in ommending the following:
> 'That the actual direction of the business of the

Post-Office Department and postal service be committed to an officer with necessary assistants to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for long terms, so as to insure the continuity of efficient service, and that the Postmaster-General, as a member of the Cabinet, be chargeable only with general supervisory control and the determination of questions of policy."

We ask Congress to give us a Director of Posts-as recommended by the Joint Congressional Committee of 1907, an officer who shall be non-political, and whose term of service shall not be subject to political changes, and who shall conduct the workings of the Post-Office Department with the efficiency, economy and businesslike methods which distinguish high-class American business enterprise.

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