The Franklin Bicentonary Ben Franklin. Scientist and Inventor Born Jan. 17. 1706 ; Died April 17, 1790



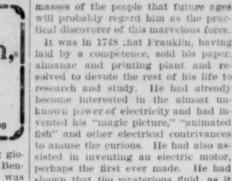
E of the crowning glories of the life of Benjamin Franklin was that he would accept no pay for his inventions. When urged to take out patents, he refused to do so on the him the advantage of inventive ability and he had no right to withhold his discoveries and inventions

from the use of all As a printer he was a mankind. shrewd business man and made money sufficient to lay aside a comfortable fortune for old age. In science he gave the world his best without money and without price.

From his earliest boyhood Franklin mad shown a genius for invention. One of his first contrivances consisted of paddles on his hands and flaps on his feet to aid him in swimming. Later he so arranged a kite that it pulled him t the

only kite with which he experimented, But it was the first. The one he used to coax the lightning on to a string came some thirty years later. This was the famous kite that is destined to fly down the ages, carrying Franklin's mame with it. The early one only carried his body across a pond.

Franklin made an extensive study of fireplaces and drafts, doubtless occasioned by the fact than on one of the coldest mornings of winter his fire failed to draw. Then he observed that about three-fourths of the fuel was wasted, and this was a sorrow to his economical soul. The upshot was that he wrote an essay on drafts that is an authority even unto this day and invented a stove which was used extensively in the colonies and even in Europe, which was still on deck in the memory of people now living and which made a very snug amount of money-for the manufacturers. This Franklin stove was patented in England, but not by the inventor. The anan who starts some new thing for the benefit of the race may get the



perhaps the first ever made. He had shown that the mysterious fluid, as it was then called, could be drawn off by sharp metal points and had propounded his startling theory that light ning and electricity are one and that therefore buildings might be protected ground that others in past ages had given that was laughed at in England, but was taken up by the celebrated Buffon their researches and in France and resulted in the lightning rod

> It was then that the kite experiment came. This kite was constructed out of his silk handkerchlef, attached to which was a pointed wire. The result probably had the most profound effect on the popular mind of any scientific experiment ever made.

Four characteristic circumstances are connected with that kiteflying episode, and, while they are not all scientific, they are so illuminating as to the character of Franklin as to be worth telling. In the first place, the experiment was exceedingly dangerous, and Franklin knew it to be dangerous. He had already killed birds by the current, had propounded the theory that electricity would take life and had himself been shocked into insensibility and nearly killed in a former experiment. But, though he knew the hazard, he faced it so calmly as to suggest that he had never thought of it.

The second circumstance was his calm deliberation about giving the fesults of his investigation to the world. He waited three months. Then a very short letter appeared in a London magazine reciting not that he had made the experiment, but merely that it had been made in Philadelphia, and signed by the modest initials "B. F." That was all-no hint of boasting or flourish of trumpets. It is real greatness that can afford to be humble.

The last thing connected with that world illuminating experiment was that Franklin was assisted in making it by his son William, which is a story in itself. For William Frant-lin was a "natural" son, born out of wedlock. He was the fruit of the philosopher's early indiscretion. But like a man Benjamia Franklin acknowledged the

JOHN Y. HILL NOT GUILTY

Acquitted of Fraud Charges.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13 .- John W. Hill, former chief of the bureau of flitration, was acquitted of the charges of falsifiration of records and forgery, for which he has been on trial nearly two weeks. The verdict was rendered by the jury, according to binding instructions by Judge Audenried, who declared that there had been no evidence presented to show that the defendant was guilty under any of the counts in the indictment. When court adjourned Mr. Hill was surrounded by a mob of men who struggled to shake his hand and congratulate him.

Senator "Jim" McNichol and his friends, who were present, were jubilant over the result of the trial and predict victory in the coming trials of other persons accused of fraud in connection with the filter contracts. Mayor Weaver and District Attorney Bell both refused to make any comment on the outcome of the Hill proceedings, and the former chief himself asked to be excused from making a statement.

George S. Graham, chief counsel for the defendant, Thursday asked the court to give the jury binding instructions to acquit the defendant, and the commonwealth had combatted his argument. In granting the request Judge Audenried went into the case at length, taking up each of the commonwealth's charges and explaining why he had decided that there was no evidence to show that the defendant had falsified in any of them and why the jury should acquit. In each case he said the responsibility rested with the director of public works and not with Hill, who could not go behind the orders of the director unless he knew of fraud. There was no evidence, said the court, to show that the defendant did know of fraud.

In explaining why he took the responsibility of deciding the question of guilt or innocence, Judge Audenried said that it was the duty of a judge to decide first whether the facts adduced by the prosecution supported the charges made, and that in the case before him the commonwealth had failed to make out a case, and it was, therefore, his duty to instruct the jury that the defendant could not be convicted on any of the counts in the indictment.

PHILADELPHIA POLITICS HOT Bitter Fight For Control of Republican

City Committee.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13 .- The regular Republicans of Philadelphia held conventions for the nomination of candidates for magistrate, city councils, school directors and for the selection of delegates to the state convention. Not in years have there been so many bitterly-fought ward or district contests as occurred throughout the city. Beginning with the primaries, when many participants wore arrested in various wards, the fights were carried into the conventions.

Since the defeat of the Republican organization last fall new combinations have been formed by the ward leaders in their efforts to get control of the city committee. In many of the wards Republicans who were promi-

PENNSYLVANIA LEODELATURE

Meets In Extra Session to Enact Reform Measures.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 15 .- The Pennsylvania legislature convened in extra session Monday for the enact-Former Philadelphia Filtration Chief ment of reform legislation proposed by Governor Pennypacker in a proclanation issued the Saturday following VERDICT ORDERED EY JUDGE the last general e'etion, and a sup-plementary call. The reforms specified by the governor in his calls are:

To consolidate the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny into a Greater Pittsburg. To increase the interest on state de-

posits, limit the deposits in each bank, and make it a misdemeanor to give or receive state deposits for political influence.

To reapportion the state and senatorial and legislative districts. To provide for the personal registra-

tion of voters in cities. To repeal the Philadelphia "Rip-

per," passed by the legislature, limiting the authority of the mayor over the departments of public, safety and public works.

To limit the amount of state money annually paid for county bridges. To abolish the fees of the secretary of the commonwealth and the insur-

ance commissioner. To provide for a uniform primary elections law

To establish civil service regulations in the state offices.

To regulate the coming expenses by and for candidates.

A DARING ROBBERY

\$3150 In Satchel Stolen When Man Turned His Back.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 13 .- A daring frays, and a marked decrease in robbery took place in the National number of cases of larceny, vag-Banking company's offices in this city, when a satchel containing several thousands of dollars disappeared from the counter while the man who had just drawn the money turned for a minute to speak with a friend. Both he and his friend say they saw no one approach the spot where the satchel had been placed. The police have no clue

Leban Dennis, secretary of the went into the bank about noon to deposited the money in a satchel, but

as he started to leave he met a friend and placed the satchel on the check shelf, and then turned to his acquaintance. When he looked for the satchel a few moments later it was gone. The empty bag was found in the afternoon by a boy in the hallway of the building at 204 Market street.

FUNERAL OF DR. W. R. HARPER President Roosevelt and Emperor Wil-

liam Sent Floral Tributes. Chicago, Jan. 15 .- The body of William Rainey Harper, late president of the University of Chicago, was laid to rest in a vault in Oakwood cemetery.

The final resting place of the body of the distinguished educator will, however, be on the university campus, where it is planned to build a memorial chapel and crypt.

The body lay in state in Haskell Louis Post-Dispatch hall, in the room where Dr. Harper had led the faculty meeting in administering the educational aaffirs of the university. Addresses were delivered by President William H. P. Faunce, of Brown University; Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, of the University of Nebraska: Dean Harry Platt Judson. of the University of Chicago, and Dr. Lyman Abbott, of New York.

The floral tributes were numerous, and included wreaths from President

A Year of Prohibition.

Is prohibition a failure? For the past year the eyes of

State have been upon Charlotte Our own people have been more or less anxious as to results because of reports as to blind tigers, the jug trade, and greater still the Salisbury evil (we regret to say it, but Salisbury is a curse to all this section of the State) but we publish elsewhere in this paper the official figures compiled by the police department, and they show beyond any question that prohibition does prohibit, and that it has been a remarkable success in the city of Charlotte. These figures are ex ceedingly gratifying to the prohibitionists of this city, and no doubt will be to friends of temperance throughout the State.

This remarkable report shows that there were 371 arrests for dunkenness in 1905 against 915 in 1904, a decrease of 544, or considerably more than onehalf It is also gratifying to note that nearly every species of crime has decr-ased largely. The ex-act figures show 1,520 cases docketed in 1905 against 2,418 in 1904

Of course there was a large increase in number of arrests for selling liquor, but it is exceedingly significant that there were only about one-half so many afrancy, disorderly conduct, etc.

A decrease in the number of cases of robbery, arson, bigamy, bastardy, bawdy houses, and at-tempt at rape tell more eloquently than words of the good work of prohibition. A careful perusal of these figures will convince all fair-minded people that prohibition in Charlotte has been George Brown & Co. stone works, a magnificent success. We cannot suppress our delight at this draw \$3150, the weekly pay roll. He magnificent showing. -Charlotte News.

> "How did you cure your boy of swearing?'

> "By the laying on of hands, principally. - Chicago Record-Herald.

> "De major done left the waterwagon?

> "Yes; dar wuzn't room 'nuff fer him; en his motto in dis worl' is Don't crowd.'"-Atlanta Constitution.

> "What did he say when you told him he was the worst liar you ever knew?"

"He merely remarked that he had been flattered before."-St

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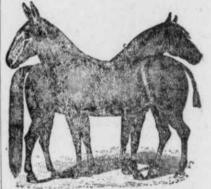
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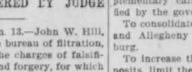
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ceive even that, but some one who does his home, raised him, educated him it not know enough to invent a mouse the best se, its of the time, took him trap usually takes the money. Genius to Eur.) and introduced him everyand graft never did go together. For a long time Franklin, by his own ac-ed colo in the sol and had him appoint. count, ate only bread and milk for his The ber a or vard turned Tory, but breakfast, and that out of a twopenny that was the fault of the father. earthen porringer with a pewter spoon. He dld this because he could afford nothing better. Yet he let an English firm of stovemakers get rich out of accompanying it little human lightning one of his inventions. Or maybe he flashes r.v. aling the character of his couldn't help himself At any rate they got the profits-and, oblivionwhile he ate bread and milk and is now one of the immortals.

It was Franklin who discovered that northeast storms start in the southwest. which created quite a stir in his day. He also contrived some improvements for shins. He crossed the ocean several times and probably noticed that there was room for improvement. He also discovered that waves may be quieted by pouring oil upon them, an idea also invented the phrase about pouring oil on the troubled waters, but he made

that it would diffice pairs not be surprising if he w found to have been the author of this. 's accused of even more beinous thin, example, he wrote poetry and was one of the first humorists in America.

But Franklin's supreme contribution to science was in the field of electricity. So thoroughly did he identify himself with the first development of electrical knowledge and so fully did he succeed in bringing that knowledge to the

giory for it and does not always re- fault to the world. He took the boy to ed colonia governor of New Jersey. So. while the ightning flashed for this modern 1 cometheus, bringing the celestial fire lown to mortals, there were own soul

> Despite his modesty this achievement. at.once made Benjamin Franklin one of the most illustrious men of his age. He was elected a member of the Royal society : ...d other learned bodies of Europe, was given doctors' degrees by Harvard Yale and other universities, which, by the way, he regarded with a feeling of half amused contempt, and he was the lion of the hour both at home and abroad.

Such vogue had the lightning rod that only now is being put to practical | that the king had rods placed upon his account. It is not on record that he palace. Then, when Franklin went with the colonies at the approach of the Revolution, a pseudo scientist named Wilson convinced his majesty that he should have rods topped with balls. Anent this there was a piece of punning doggerel that had quite a vogue at the time. One stanza of it ran, the party. like this:

While you, great George, for safety hunt And sharp conductors change for blunt, The empire's out of joint. Franklin a wiser course pursues And all your thunder fearless views By keeping to the point. J. A. EDGERTON. .

nent in the reform movement were enlisted in the fight, with the result that the "re-organizers" are now in control, and the old city organization of which Israel W. Durham was the leader, is practically out of existence. The city committeemen selected will meet next Monday, name a new city chairman and otherwise organize the committee.

Of equal importance with the fight for control of the city committee was the election of 114 delegates to renresent Philadelphia in the state convention, which meets at Harrisburg on June 6. This convention will select candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of internal aairs and auditor general.

Of the 114 delegates elected it is claimed that United States Senator Penrose and his friends will control between 70 and 80. Recently it has been intimated that Mayor Weaver will, as a result of his fight for reform, be urged as a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, and the statement has been made that the delegation from Phil delphia will support his candidacy. The surprising result of the conventions, it is stated, means that Mayor Weaver is eliminated from consideration for a Republican nomination for governor. Mr. Durham and other friends of Senator Penrose claim that with Mayor Weaver out of the contest for the governorship the Philadelphia delegation will without doubt be unanimous in the state convention for the candidate Senator Penrose will favor.

On the other hand, those opposed to Senator Penrose and the Republican state organization claim that the dele gation elected will be against all nominees favored by Senator Penrose and his friends. They assert that upwards of 100 of the 114 delegates are not in

Would Bar Football From Virginia. to \$100 is prescribed for each oncase. Thas been found.

Roosevelt, Emperor William, of Germany, and many other distinguished persons.

YOUNG CORBETT KNOCKED OUT

Defeated By Herrera In Fifth Round of Fight.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 12 -- Aurelio Herrera, of Eakersfield, Cal., knocked out Young Corbett, of Denver, in the fifth round of a fight at the Pacific Athletic club's pavilion. Herrera's victory was an easy one. Corbett's exhibition was disappointing. He lacked the vim and dash that had won so many battles for him, and his once forceful blows failed to inflict any damage on the well conditioned body of his opponent.

The fight came near ending in the first round. In the last minute of this round Herrera caught Corbett on the jaw with his left and ringht in quick succession and sent him staggering against the ropes, but over-anxiety to land the finishing blow caused him to swing wildly, and Corbett quickly gathered his wits and stalled off defeat until the fifth round.

Douglas For Tariff Revision. Brockton, Mass., Jan. 15 .- Former Governor William L. Douglas issued a statement, declaring himself unreservedly in favor of immediate revision of the tariff, and stating that the interests of Massachusetts demand the admission duty free of hides, sole leather, coal, lumber, iron ore and wood pulp. Mr. Douglas devoted the principal part of his statement to the probable effect of tariff revision on the branch of industry in which he is engaged-the manufacture of shoes.

Murder Over \$50 Loan.

over a loan of \$50, Charles Dellusio, an Italian, shot and instantly killed Rocco Lenisena, his brother-in-law, sympathy with the Penrose wing of Leniseno demanded the return of the money he loaned Dellusio, but the latter said he was without funds owing to the long and serious illness of his are counterfeit. PREPARED BY Richmond, Va., Jan. 12 .-- Delegate R. | wife, Leniseno's sister. He, however, S. Powell introduced in the Virginia insisted on getting the money, which assembly a bill to prohibit the game of ended with the guarrel and the shootfootball in Virginia. A penalty of \$50 ing. Dellusio fied and no trace of him

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