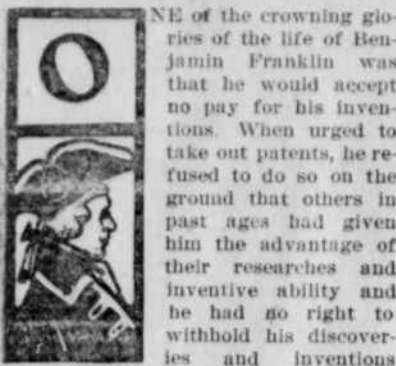


The Franklin Bicentenary
Ben Franklin,
Scientist and
Inventor
Born Jan. 17, 1706; Died April 17, 1790



ONE 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 ground that others in past ages had given him the advantage of their researches and inventive ability and he had no right to withhold his discoveries and inventions from the use of all mankind.

masses of the people that future ages will probably regard him as the practical discoverer of this marvelous force. It was in 1748 that Franklin, having laid by a competence, sold his paper, almanac and printing plant and resolved to devote the rest of his life to research and study. He had already become interested in the almost unknown power of electricity and had invented his "magic picture," "animated fish" and other electrical contrivances to amuse the curious.

JOHN Y. HILL
NOT GUILTY
Former Philadelphia Filtration Chief
Acquitted of Fraud Charges.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—John W. Hill, former chief of the bureau of filtration, was acquitted of the charges of falsification 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.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE
Meets in Extra Session to Enact Reform Measures.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 15.—The Pennsylvania legislature convened in extra session Monday for the enactment of reform legislation proposed by Governor Pennypacker in a proclamation issued the Saturday following the last general election, and a supplementary call. The reforms specified by the governor in his calls are: To consolidate the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny into a Greater Pittsburg.

A Year of Prohibition.
Is prohibition a failure?

For the past year the eyes of many people throughout this 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.

Second Hand
Sewing : MACHINES

I have for sale several Second-hand Sewing Machines. The prices on them range from ten dollars up. All machines sold for \$12.50 or more are guaranteed. These machines must be sold within the next two months. If you want to buy one of them come to see me or write to me, stating what price machine you want and how much you can pay cash.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

glory for it and does not always receive even that, but some one who does not know enough to invent a mouse trap usually takes the money. Genius and graft never did go together. For a long time Franklin, by his own account, ate only bread and milk for his breakfast, and that out of a twopenny earthen porringer with a pewter spoon. He did this because he could afford nothing better. Yet he let an English firm of stovemakers get rich out of one of his inventions. Or maybe he couldn't help himself. At any rate they got the profits—and oblivion—while he ate bread and milk and is now one of the immortals.

fault to the world. He took the boy to his home, raised him, educated him in the best schools of the time, took him to Europe, and introduced him everywhere. His son had had him appointed colonial governor of New Jersey. The boy after ward turned Tory, but that was no fault of the father. So, while the lightning flashed for this modern Prometheus, bringing the celestial fire down to mortals, there were accompanying it little human lightning flashes revealing the character of his own soul.

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 council, 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 were arrested in various wards, the fights were carried into the conventions.

A DARING ROBBERY

\$3150 in Satchel Stolen When Man Turned His Back. Newark, N. J., Jan. 13.—A daring robbery took place in the National 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.

FUNERAL OF DR. W. R. HARPER

President Roosevelt and Emperor William 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.

Wood's Seed Book

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Is one of the handsomest and most valuable publications of the kind issued. The useful and practical hints contained in the annual issues of Wood's Seed Book make it a most valuable help to all Farmers and Gardeners and it has long been recognized as an up-to-date authority on all

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