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The B. C. and the University.

The cause of the university received a lift at the armory Saturday night, when the alumni met to take stock of its interests and their relation thereto.

Not to exceed 10 per cent of the expenditures of the university, one of the speakers said, was for supplies such as the board of control contracts for.

The proposition to enlarge the board of control to five members and to appoint one man especially qualified to run educational institutions does not meet the case.

The police private is a failure. But yet he is not so unsatisfactory as the upper officer. The patrolman will generally do his duty under proper control.

What is the matter with Gumbo Bill Stone? He has not given the senate a score on reform for seven days.

Progress vs. Prejudice.

What has become of the good roads and highway commission bills introduced in the Minnesota legislature weeks ago? Are they doomed to follow the same old stony path to destruction, to clear the way for the biennial "grab"?

From the way \$600 bridge bills are rolling in every day, it seems that this is the program decided on by a large share of the members. The committee on roads and bridges already have more than enough such bills on hand to cut up all the "pie" in the biennial distribution, and the session is young yet.

The road and bridge "grab" is a time-honored method of paying political debts and making a reputation as a successful member. For that reason it has been up-hill and discouraging work to break the practice and put the state's road system on an up-to-date and practical basis.

Joe Chamberlain, who is over 60, has recently had a tip from a number of bright physicians that if he expects to be prime minister of England, he would better hurry up. Joe has been hurrying all he could. The trouble is that Balfour is most annoyingly slow about resigning.

Looking for John Paul Jones' Remains.

Our ambassador to France, General Porter, is still searching for the remains of John Paul Jones, the founder and the most gallant captain of the American navy. Jones, after a career that transcends in romance any of the romances that have been built upon it, died in Paris and was buried in an obscure cemetery in the city.

The search is entirely a labor of love on the part of the American government, as nothing the United States could now do would add to the fame of the celebrated commander of the Bonhomme. Richard. Nor could a home-bringing of the remains efface the mis-

takes made by the American congress in its treatment of Jones. He was never given the command that his talents and experience deserved. His recommendations as to the creation of a force of cruisers to harass the coast of England were only partly carried out, but he did marvelous execution in this regard himself, his captures of English shipping running up toward the hundred mark.

A Non-Political Police.

New York is in the throes of another police discussion with the usual result that the newspapers and the people agree that the police force is rotten and always has been. They demand reform and the elimination of politics from the force, but they do not know how to get it.

The fact of the matter is that the police force of New York is too valuable an asset for either political party to give it up. As the nucleus of an organization it cannot be rivaled. As the right arm of a political plot it has a farther reach than any other agency that could be devised.

The legislature is still dry-nursing the revised code, trying to decide whether to give it Mellin's food or arsenic. Some people look upon this delay as a disadvantage to the state, and perhaps it is. Perhaps we should have a revised code right away, and have it bound in half calf or all morocco, but let us be patient with the legislature and let us specially keep in mind that while the members are revising the revised code they are not doing anything else.

The senate's amendments to the arbitration treaties seem to reduce them to the form of a preamble and a whereas, to be followed at the proper time with "Resolved, That we will arbitrate whenever we are resolved to arbitrate." The president is to send this abroad that the chancelleries of Europe may know that we are favorable to arbitration whenever arbitration seems favorable to us.

Congress is smiling at Secretary Shaw's English. The secretary sent a letter to congress recommending that a person injured in an accident in the treasury building be given relief by congress. After explaining how the accident happened, Secretary Shaw said: "The right leg was broken between the first and second floors."

The tobacco lobby in Indianapolis was shocked to learn that their drastic cigarette bill had passed the Indiana senate by a majority even much greater than the friends of the measure had hoped. The fight is now on in the house, as to whether it is to be lawful for the children of Indiana to be slowly poisoned.

President Roosevelt's cabinet have all resigned, but there will be no crisis, as he will reappoint them all on March 6. Almost any of us would resign under these circumstances, just for the feeling of independence it would give while signing the document.

The conscientious cable reports that Consuelo, duchess of something or other, had the earache so hard "she had to quit the bridge table." We are glad it cannot be recorded against the duchess of whatever it was that she got "cold feet."

A lady who claims a grievance of some kind or other is waving a bunch of Senator Platt's loveletters aloft. When it comes to "the sex," a man who expects to be a statesman later on in life, should wear blinders in his youth.

If you have been believing that you took fusel oil into your system with your whisky, get rid of the thought. It is soap oil with which you wash your "innards." Fusel oil is worth more than the whisky.

The New York Evening World has an appreciative criticism of Maxine Elliott's "young back." We contend that the back of an actress, or any other person, is entitled to a certain genteel privacy.

With the sale of giant crackers made a misdemeanor, the work is but begun. There are still various degrees of felony that may be applied and capital punishment is in reserve.

The gift of a loving cup to Colonel Hepburn may tend to assuage his grief over the pernicious activity of certain unmentionable scribblers.

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AT THE THEATERS

Orpheum—Well-Balanced Bill. "Paris," given by Clayton White, Marie Stuart and Adelaide Novak, at the Orpheum. The play is a strong flavor of romance from the woes of frozen waterpiper and frost-burned ears. The playlet "faces the barrier with impatience," to lapse to the parlance of the turf and to continue in the same strain. It "goes the distance under the whip." It is uproariously funny and hurdles in safety spots where it might easily become offensive.

Mr. White, in the dual roles of Judge Stanley and Max the Goat is funny. Last night he had his auditors half suffocated with their own mirth. Marie Stuart furnishes action from the flirt of her head to the flip of her heel—and she does dance well. The play is a well-built vehicle for the trio and caught on in great style last night.

Hastings and Burns present a ludicrous takeoff on the strong men, and Fido Adler, with a balcony echo, caught the fancy of the crowd with the "Jolly Me Along" feature. The crowd jollied Fido until it exhausted his repertoire and left her bowing breathless and pleased. Godfrey and Henderson presented "A Daughter of the Gods," in which an Egyptian princess who flirted with Pharaoh and "sassed" the builders of the pyramid, came out of her long slumber to make violent love to a pipe-hitting youth of the present era. The story is born of "dope," but the Hendersons make the best of it. The costuming is tropical for a Minnesota winter, but then, a princess of Egypt, madly in love, is not supposed to mind a little thing like that.

Vernon was as successful as ever with his ventriloquism, winding up with a severe but successful test of his powers, working under the spot-light and inviting the audience to detect, if possible, any movement of the lips. The Bards again

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CITY NEWS

SHORTER HOURS FOR LITTLE TOTS. MORNING SESSION OF SCHOOL MAY BE CURTAILED. Superintendent Jordan Recommends Lopping Off Half an Hour upon Testimony of Primary Teachers That from 11:30 to 12 No Good Can Be Accomplished with the Youngest Pupils.

Dr. C. M. Jordan, superintendent of the public schools, has recommended to the board of education a study of the board of education a reduction of the school hours of the beginning primary children half an hour a day, closing the morning session at 11:30. The action has grown out of an investigation of school hours in the principal cities of the country and conferences with principals and primary teachers in the city. The teachers' testimony is unanimous that they can accomplish the same results with shorter hours, and that the small children are spending a longer time in school than they are profiting by mentally, with a possible detriment to their health. The last half hour in the morning is given up to simply holding the children and keeping them quiet and entertained by means of games, stories, etc. More desirable recreation for the children could be obtained in free play out of doors, and the strain of this restless half hour upon the teacher is greater than any other portion of the hours of the day. The excellent results obtained with children attending school but half a day during their first semester or year in school has had much weight in bringing about a feeling that the hours of the school should be shortened. The teachers consulted quite generally agreed that the morning session of both morning and afternoon sessions, aggregating about an hour a day, or closing the morning session at 11 o'clock, making one two-hour session, would be the best. The plan recommended by Dr. Jordan is a tentative one and may lead to other changes or a return to the present hours, and the latter alternative is not a probable one.

IN MEMORY OF LINCOLN

BIRTHDAY OF THE EMANCIPATOR OBSERVED IN MANY CITY CHURCHES YESTERDAY. Abraham Lincoln was the subject of eulogy in many churches in the city yesterday. The birthday of the great American was observed more generally than ever before. Frank M. Gray, at the Tuttle Universalist church last evening, spoke eloquently of the character and life of the man who, as he said, was "big enough to love even his enemies." He emphasized the greater lawyer's inherent honesty, his love of and faith in his fellow men, and contended that the simple virtues that made Lincoln the greatest of Americans were in the reach of the whole people, even the poor.

Oliver M. Stewart of Chicago delivered a strong address upon the "Many-sided Lincoln" at the Hennepin Episcopal church yesterday afternoon. He gave a review of the martyred president's work and spoke appreciatively of his sterling character and patriotic service. A patriotic university address was held at the Thirteenth Avenue Methodist Episcopal church. Colonel Orton S. Clark, assistant adjutant general, department of Minnesota, G. A. R.; General L. A. Grant, W. P. Roberts and Mrs. Agnes W. Savage, each paid eloquent tribute to Lincoln's memory.

Rev. G. L. Morrill of the people's church conducted a Lincoln meeting yesterday morning. Lincoln was the subject of sermon in many other churches yesterday morning and evening.

CHURCH GYM POPULAR

Special Program at Park Avenue Gymnasium Next Friday Evening. The second of the series of gymnastic entertainments at the Park Avenue Congregational church "gym" will be held next Friday evening. The program promises a unique and interesting performance. Dr. L. J. Cooke and a squad of university athletes will appear in numerous stunts, and a class of men from the audience will be put thru the exercises for beginners to illustrate what can be accomplished without apparatus. The program will be given by the uninitiated and untrained.

Thornhill Brothers, who are well known for their clever work in connection with the university circus and elsewhere, will give a comic athletic performance at the gymnasium opening, and those who saw him at that entertainment will be glad to see him in a more elaborate performance. Charles Chadbourne is booked for Dooley's "Mick robes." Mr. Chadbourne is famous among his friends as a reader and storyteller, but seldom reads in public. Like the others on the program he has consented to help the gymnasium management in attracting the attention of the neighborhood and the work possible in such a community. A party class, under Professor Morse at the Park Avenue gymnasium, will go thru apparatus drill to show what advancement they have already made. There will also be some lively music by the young men of the gymnasium.

The ladies' class under Miss Butler, which meets at 10 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, is very popular. Ladies will be allowed as guests next week. A class for teachers and high-school girls is being organized. Led by Miss Robb at 5 o'clock Monday and Thursday afternoons. All ladies not able to attend the morning class are welcomed to this. On Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. Miss Robb has a business women's class and the gymnasium will be open in the future to the women of any of the classes on Saturday nights. The men's classes are set for Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights and the gymnasium will be open to business men for exercise at 5 o'clock p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Boys' and girls' classes are afternoons and Saturdays.

The records of the day—deaths, births, marriages, hotel arrivals, railroad time tables, real estate transfers, building permits and other information of interest—will be found together with want advertisements on page 10 of this issue.

BANKERS HAD TO WORK

LEGAL HOLIDAY NOT OBSERVED BECAUSE IT FELL ON MONDAY.—CHAMBER CLOSED. There was no session today of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Chicago Board of Trade, or New York Stock Exchange. The Liverpool grain market was open and cables showed wheat closed 3/4 to 1 1/2 higher. Nothing was called as to the cause of the strength abroad, and it was assumed here to be due to something less favorable in Argentine advices to England.

The Minneapolis banks were open today despite the holiday. Ordinarily the banks close on Lincoln's birthday, in accordance with law. A recent state legislative enactment, however, changed the rule governing payment of notes. Formerly notes falling due on Sunday were payable on Saturday, but under the new law such obligations are payable on Monday.

There was a conflict, this time, between the rule of the banks to close on the day of observance of a legal holiday, and their duties with reference to payment of notes. The latter enactment was taken by the legal advisers of the banks as rescinding the former obligation, hence the banks are doing business on a legal holiday.

RAILROADS

SIoux CITY PUZZLED. Friendship of Omaha and Great Northern Beyond Comprehension. Special to The Journal. Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 12.—Why is the Omaha assisting the Great Northern railroad in its negotiations preliminary to the construction of a line paralleling the Omaha railroad from Ashland, just west of Omaha, to Sioux City? This is the mystery puzzling Sioux City.

The North-Western railroad, which controls the Omaha, has an absolute monopoly on all business between here and Omaha. Mr. Hill now proposes to build a third line between the two points, and the Omaha railroad has joined hands with him in securing the necessary terminals in Sioux City. The Omaha is asking right of way for half of Third street, the Great Northern the other half. The entire distance will be occupied by an elevated structure for the Great Northern's proposed Ashland line.

General Manager Tremholm of the Omaha has visited Sioux City and is to appear before the council in support of the two ordinances and in all things has worked with the Great Northern. The new Ashland line will not only take the business between Omaha and Sioux City, but will divert a large percentage of business from the south and west going out of Omaha for Minnesota points.

Another remarkable fact is that, while the Great Northern has been carrying out plans to build this parallel line, during the last six months, the Omaha railroad stock has advanced on being quoted at 203. Attorney A. F. Call, representing both railroads in the negotiations, advances a novel explanation of the course of the Omaha stock. It is the result of the purchase of Burlington from Ashland, giving a route skirting Omaha, will enable that road to give Sioux City the same service that the Omaha cannot; that this will enable the Omaha to give its stock more killing of livestock here; and the Omaha, having many lines centering in Sioux City, will profit more by this than by obstructing the Great Northern in its plans. An explanation cannot be accepted here.

Farmers Want Extension

Special to The Journal. Flandreau, S. D., Feb. 13.—Effort is being made by the farmers of the northwestern part of Moody county to induce the Dakota Central Railroad company to extend its line from Colton to Brookings by way of Cream Lake, Ripple and this county. A committee to confer with the company was selected, consisting of Charles Allen and George Sexaur of Brookings; Peter Lindner, Medbury; J. Ryan, Northome; R. B. Sweeney, Flandreau; John Moore, Jefferson; E. R. Kennefick, Colman; Ed Ruddy, Lynn; F. Doyal and J. B. Olson, Riverview; and Charles Coakley, Charles Chamberlain and John Johnson, Clare.

BUILDING IN PROSPECT

Minnesota & International Aids to Deeds of Right-of-way. Special to The Journal. Bemidji, Minn., Feb. 13.—Settlers living along the line of the Minnesota & International, from Northome to Ripple, yesterday received deeds for signature conveying right-of-way to the company for the proposed extension. This is the first indication that the road will be extended as far as Ripple this spring and summer with a possibility that it may be built thru to Koochiching. From Northome to Ripple there are thirty-two miles of track and from Ripple to Koochiching is about the same distance. Two years ago when the road was built from Blackduck to Bemidji, work was mentioned this sixty days of the time the company called for the deeds for the right-of-way.

EARNINGS TAXES DUE

Railroad and Warehouse Commission Files Statement. The railroad and warehouse commission has filed with the state auditor a statement of the taxes due on the 1904 earnings of six railroad companies, compared with the taxes for 1903. The statement is as follows: Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, for 1904, \$116,147.08; 1903, \$129,743.67; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, \$276,421.15; \$271,000.27; Southern Railway System, \$72.52; \$92.02; Railway Transfer of Minneapolis, \$4,392.10; \$4,172.47; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, \$28,000.67; \$28,077.70; Duquesne & Sioux City, \$2,241.40; \$2,162.55.

RAILROAD NOTES

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad, having spent over \$500,000 in the last year in reducing grades, taking out curves, laying new tracks and improving terminals, has decided to provide up-to-date stations at many of the small places along lines of the road. The cost of such improvement will range from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

It isn't necessary to go out in the cold to order your groceries and supplies. The Journal's new feature, "Shopping by Telephone," on the Want Page, is at your service.

Home-seekers' Excursions

The Chicago Great Western Railway will, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, sell tickets at one fare plus \$2 for the round trip to points in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. For further information apply to R. H. Heard, General Agent, corner Nicollet avenue and Fifth street, Minneapolis.