

# THE CENTENARY OF JUAREZ IS OBSERVED

### Mexico Honors Memory of Patriot Who Defeated Napoleon III.

City of Mexico, March 21.—In all parts of the Republic of Mexico fetes were held today in celebration of the centenary of Benito Juarez, the "Liberator," who was born March 21, 1806. In the capital and in all other cities throughout the republic the day was observed as a national holiday. Public buildings were decorated, business was suspended and anniversary meetings were held in which speakers of prominence told of the life and deeds of the patriot. Outside the City of Mexico the principal celebration is held in the city of Juarez, where a program of festivities covering several days has been arranged. A monument of Juarez is to be unveiled and a banquet given which will be attended by many public men.

It was due chiefly to the unconquerable courage of Benito Juarez that the attempt of Napoleon III. to establish an empire in Mexico was frustrated. The French ruler did succeed in placing the unfortunate Maximilian on the throne, and the Austrian archduke assumed the functions of emperor at the Mexican capital. But when the British sailed away from Mexico with his French troops, Juarez soon crumpled up the elaborate imperial structure that had been constructed of material little more enduring than glittering tinsel.

Juarez was an Indian of humble origin, but by the utmost industry and perseverance he acquired great learning and gained his first distinction through his own talents. He began his active political career at about 30, and from the time he was 36 he was one of the most notable figures in the public life of Mexico, though Santa Ana, his implacable enemy, drove him out of the country for two years, when he lived in New Orleans until 1855. Three years after his return he made himself president of the republic and was recognized by the United States, entering the City of Mexico early in 1861 and being confirmed in the presidency by a general election.

By a decree which suspended payment of foreign debts and all national liabilities he brought down on his government the allied wrath of England, Spain and France, which powers invaded the republic. He soon made peace with England, and Spain, but with France he could not treat. Napoleon III. saw in the civil strife that rent the United States an opportunity to introduce imperialism into Mexico, and he declared war against Juarez in 1862.

Juarez' body was driven from the capital by the French army, and thereafter he abandoned one seat of government after another, retreating before the victorious French. Meanwhile, although Maximilian had been declared emperor of Mexico, Juarez had something more than a moral support of the United States, and he went on fighting while feeling until he was driven as far north as El Paso del Norte.

Here at last he made a successful stand, and soon began a steady advance southward until he invested Queretaro, where the imperial army was captured. Maximilian was taken prisoner, court-martialed and shot.

In July, 1867, Juarez re-entered the capital, and in October he was re-elected president against Porfirio Diaz, the present president of Mexico. In the next five years he was busy suppressing revolutions that Diaz mainly conducted. In 1871 he was again elected president, but died the following year of apoplexy.

### SCAVENGERS OF THE OCEAN.

#### Sharks Have Their Own Field of Effort and Do Not Neglect It.

The shark is undoubtedly "a dog with a bad name." He is called opprobriously the "tiger of the seas," or the "sailor's foe," or any other scurrilous name which happens to be handy. Much mud is thrown at him, and as he seldom finds a defender most of it sticks to him.

Hard lines this! says Pearson's Magazine. Because in reality this blue water bogie is a humble and useful public servant, who performs uncomplainingly the duties connected with the sanitation of the seas. The shark is the common scavenger and general undertaker of the ocean. He is not, and, for reasons connected with his

very moderate speed limit, never can be primarily, a fish of prey.

Open the captured shark and you will find clear proof that this is so. A few battered bits of rope yarn, a battered corned beef tin, a corked bottle containing an insulated message to the finder (thrown overboard by some nautical wags) or a sailor's cap which has been lost in a gale, all tend to show that the shark is a fish of businesslike habits with a keen eye to any chance windfalls which may come in his way, but the more digestible contents of his stomach, consisting mainly of carrion of every kind all give the clearest evidence that the original owners of them were not alive—in fact, were very much dead—when this marine sanitary inspector came along and, condemning them as nuisances, removed them into his own internal refuse bin.

A large accumulation of carefully collected evidence on this point proves conclusively that there are, as a matter of fact, only two articles of his ordinary menu which the shark is able to capture alive; namely, an occasional unwary sea fowl which he may happen to surprise asleep on the surface of the water and the ugly, octopuslike squid. Whost limited powers of locomotion give a chance to our hungry four-knot prowler.

The shark then, so far from being the gore-eyed pirate which the novelist paints him, is a mere hard-working commonplace drudge, and as such deserves if not kindness, at any rate toleration.

### CENTRAL A REPORTER.

#### Independent Companies to Furnish News to Iowa Newspapers.

Webster City, Iowa, March 21.—E. H. Martin, president of the Martin Telephone company, with headquarters in Webster City, is chairman of the committee appointed by the Independent Telephone association, to inaugurate a news system to be furnished to the papers of the state. A press bureau will be established and the news will be collected and distributed in much the same manner as is done by the Associated Press. The service is expected to begin within a few weeks. The larger independent telephone companies, which have extensive toll lines, will be included in the organization.

The plan is to have the news of the state gathered at the Des Moines clearing house of the independent lines, and from there disseminated to the papers throughout the state. The plan contemplates the use of the telephone in gathering and distributing the news, but it may be necessary later to bring the telegraph into requisition. The toll operators at the larger centers are to be used to gather the news in their localities.

The formation of a press bureau grew out of a demand of the Iowa Evening Press association, made up of the larger daily evening papers of the state, for a larger and better state news service. A committee from this association met with the telephone men and as a result of a conference a joint committee was appointed to inaugurate the service.

### FLASHES FROM THE WIRE.

By Associated Press to The Evening Times.

### RAILWAY OFFICIALS MEET.

Chicago, Ill., March 20.—Railroad presidents, managers, superintendents and engineers from every important transportation line in America began their annual meeting of the Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way association today, organized at Buffalo seven years ago. The sessions will continue three days, the place of meeting being the Auditorium hotel. The purpose of the organization is the advancement of knowledge pertaining to the scientific and economical location, construction, operation and maintenance of steam roads. The annual report of the secretary shows that there are represented in the association railroads having a total mileage of over 170,000 miles in the United States, or about 85 per cent. of the total mileage. In addition about 28,000 miles of foreign roads are represented.

### NEW LINE OF STEAMERS.

#### Will Operate From Buffalo on the Great Lakes.

Associated Press to The Evening Times. Buffalo, March 20.—The Seneca Transportation company has been incorporated to operate a line of steamships between Buffalo and other ports on the Great Lakes. It is a subsidiary corporation of the Lackawanna Steel company, which holds the majority stock.

Officials of the Lackawanna Steel company are directors of the transportation company. George N. Smith, resident representative of the traffic department of the steel company, will be general superintendent of the transportation company.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC WINS.

#### In Case Restraining Gould Line From Infringing Upon Rights.

Associated Press to The Evening Times. San Francisco, March 20.—United States Circuit Judge Morrow has handed down a decision in the case of the Southern Pacific company against the Western Pacific Railway company, generally known as the Gould line, which is seeking to obtain terminal facilities on the eastern, or Oakland, side of San Francisco bay. Every contention of the Southern Pacific company as to rights of way and precedence along the bay shore was sustained by Judge Morrow. The judge also granted an interlocutory decree of injunction restraining the Western Pacific from interfering in any way with the work of the Southern Pacific company in the extension of wharves from its bulkhead to navigable waters. A cross bill filed by the Western Pacific company was dismissed.

Smoot denies that he is a polygamist. Gee! Will all that have to be proven again?

The Yerkes-Mizner honeymoon is on the wane.

## Of Interest to East Siders

### CITY COUNCIL MEETS

#### Session Marked By Playful Discussions, Consideration of Electric Light, Smoke Accessories and Telephone Ordinances.

The city council met in special session last night, all the members being present except Alderman Craig.

Some time was saved by a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which was unanimously carried.

A petition relative to the construction of sidewalks was received and referred to the committee on public improvements.

Alderman Sherlock reported on the matter of repairing the Red Lake river bridge, and suggested that inasmuch as considerable of the old flooring could be used, the committee having the matter in charge had decided that the best method of repairing would be by day labor, the city furnishing the material. This position was sanctioned by Mayor O'Leary and on motion the plan was accepted and the committee on public improvements in conjunction with the mayor, were empowered to act.

On motion it was decided to include in the bids for lumber asked for in this particular, all lumber to be used by the city during the present season, and bids were ordered advertised for to be opened April 10th.

The matter of Reed's lights which were reported as not being so connected as to register the electricity used, came up on a report of the special committee which in addition to the standing committee on water and lights included the auditor, city attorney and superintendent of the electrical light plant. The report was unanimous and found that at some time in making changes in the wiring of the building some connections had been made that did not carry the current through the meter. The committee found the loss to the city so far as it was able to ascertain to be \$7.62. Westberg and Barlow wanted the report laid over until the next meeting, and some vigorous talk was had. Sherlock insisted on having a clearance card that would stop the reports circulated that certain parties had entered into a combination to rob the city. The fellow that was circulating the story got hit with a brick bat during the talk but he said nothing. Incidentally it seemed an awful pity to spoil a vindication of those scare head news items, but it was done accordingly.

During this discussion Superintendent Allard demonstrated the workings of a meter which everybody but himself did not understand, and after waving the olive branch, peace once more spread her gentle wings over the deliberations and the fragrance of the Havanas increased.

It was found that much of the wiring in the city is defective, especially that placed in when the plant was installed, and that lighting—other than political—might do serious damage. Allard said he would have arresters installed in a short time that would make everything safe.

In this connection the city attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance providing for a wire inspector to see that hereafter all wiring be properly done.

D. J. Sullivan asked to have an old dilapidated building next to his business house torn down because it was a public nuisance, and the matter was referred to the committee on public improvements and the city attorney with power to act.

Mayor O'Leary stated that the Pennsylvania Oil & Supply Co. wanted to locate a storage plant in the city which would employ five or six men and teams in distributing oil and similar products, and wanted the city to furnish the concern two acres of land adjoining the Great Northern. He stated that the concern claimed to be in opposition to John D. Rockefeller and thought it might reduce the cost of lights to those who did not use electricity. On motion the matter was referred to the public improvement committee to see if a site could not be obtained on the Great Northern right of way.

The mayor also asked for new uniforms for the police force, and the purchasing committee was instructed to purchase two suits per year for each member of the force, the suits to remain the property of the city.

The public improvements committee was directed to look after the couleau on Fourth street and to act in the matter.

Allard wanted more room to smoke—stated that one of the boilers in the light plant was not doing more than half work because of the insufficient draft and asked for more smoke stack. The matter was referred to the committee on water and lights, and the purchasing committee with power to act.

The Tri-State telephone franchise ordinance was amended in some particulars, one fixing the price when there are less than 100 phones at \$30 for business and \$20 for residence phones, and when there are more than 100 phones at \$25 per annum for business and \$24 for residence phones, and in this amended form passed its second reading.

The Valley View was made the official paper of the city at the same legal rates as paid last year.

The council thereupon adjourned.

### CHANGE IN SALARY.

#### County Commissioners Are Hit By the New Code.

According to the new code which went into effect the first of March, there is a change in the salary of the county commissioners over the entire

state. Instead of receiving a salary for the exact amount of time that is put in and also the mileage while traveling, their salary will hereafter be on a flat basis, all of them receiving practically the same amount for their services to the county.

They will each be allowed \$150 and mileage while working for the county, cutting out the \$3 per day. In this county the change will amount to practically nothing, as the number of days that is put in on committee work by each member would not average more than the fifty days that the \$150 covers. It so happens that this county, having a valuation of over \$12,000,000, which brings the salary of the commissioners in the \$150 class, while in many other counties their salary is fixed at \$100. In these places it is reported that there have been many resignations on account of the salary change.

The whole change here will mean that all work will be evenly distributed among the members of the board with the result that there will be better satisfaction all around.

### GRADUATION TALK

#### The Probable Graduates This Year—

#### Competition for Girard Medal Keen—Possibly No Class Play for High School This Year.

The East Grand Forks Central school will add only two members to the alumni this year from the present indications, these two being Miss Julia Zengel and Mr. Oscar Bakke. The class had five or six probable graduates at the beginning of the year, but for unforeseen reasons the two above mentioned will probably be the only two who will get honors. Several of the head teachers have signified their intention of not having the time honored custom of a high school commencement play this year and the students in general seem highly dissatisfied with the plan and it is thought that the weight of the majority will prevail and that the instructors will finally consent to having the play. The pending play, "Down in Maine," will be played as soon as possible and then work on commencement will start.

Competition Keen. The students of the high school are all making hard efforts to have a chance for the Girard medal which was offered by the popular jeweler at last year's commencement to the student who would make the largest gain in his yearly percentage over that of last year. The question of deciding the recipient will not be an easy one and considerable speculation is rife as to who the successful one will be.

Will Play West Side Tennis. The local basketball team has been unable to secure a game with Fosston or Emerald and have decided to play the Y. W. C. A. on Friday of this week and to play the Grand Forks highs the week after. Two fast games are expected as a result and the locals will endeavor to do the West Siders up in good style, and to repeat the performance accomplished several weeks ago of badly defeating the Grand Forks highs.

Getting Acquainted. T. T. Morken is at Crookston spending a couple of days at the court house, getting acquainted with his neighbors and the affairs of the office of the judge of probate, which he will take up on the first of the month. The transfer would have undoubtedly been made before this time had it not been for the fact that his appointment did not reach him in time for his bond to be approved at the last meeting of the county commissioners and so that matter had to wait till the meeting on April 2, which comes on Monday.

OUTLAWS ARE TAKEN. Missouri Officers Believe They Have Two of the Indian Bandits.

Associated Press to The Evening Times. Springfield, Mo., March 20.—Two men, whom it is believed may be members of the Wickliffe trio of Cherokee outlaws, who have been chased in the Indian Territory, just over the border from here, for the past week, came to Springfield yesterday. One of the men surrendered to the local police after a desperate struggle. The other tried to shoot Officer Wilberly and was shot and killed by the officer. Both men were desperate characters. They are not known here and had only been in Springfield a short time when attacked by the officers. The captured prisoner refuses to talk.

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