

MEET TO HONOR FRANKLIN'S MEMORY

Associated Press to The Evening Times.
Philadelphia, Pa., April 17.—The eyes of the intellectual world will be centered upon Philadelphia during the next three days, when there will be gathered here for the bicentennial celebration of the birth of Benjamin Franklin men who are foremost in every human activity. Seldom in the history of this, or any other American city, has there been recorded an assemblage of such thinkers, and of those who have contributed to the literature of science. The celebration takes place under the auspices of the American Philosophical society, founded by Benjamin Franklin, of which he was president and with which he was identified the greater part of his life.

The meetings open with a reception in Witherspoon Hall this evening, at which Dr. Edgar F. Smith will preside and give the address of welcome to the delegates. The day sessions tomorrow will be given up to the reading of papers of general scientific interest. In the evening addresses will be delivered relating directly to Franklin and his scientific work. Thursday morning will be devoted to exercises at the grave of Franklin. These ceremonies will be held under the auspices of the Masonic grand lodge, of which fraternity Franklin was a member. Later in the morning honorary degrees will be conferred on members of the society by the University of Pennsylvania. The last and most notable ses-

WESTWARD HO TO THE LAND OF PLENTY

Western North Dakota Fast Filling With a Thrifty Class of People.

Herbert Vanderhoof, in Minneapolis Journal.
There is a sort of superstitious belief on the part of many of the new men who are coming to the state of North Dakota that there is only one section of the state that is worthy of consideration—that is, the Red River valley. I must confess that when I came here and traveled over the state and saw the abounding prosperity that is so visible on every hand, I had the same conception of conditions. But now I know differently.

The Red River valley, it may be said for the information of those who may not be posted on its geographical details, is a section of territory extending north and south along the eastern border of North Dakota, and which is from two to three counties in width from east to west. There is no question about the fact that richer soil does not exist in the country, and this section of the state has been quite thickly settled up. The richness of the soil and its close proximity to the markets of St. Paul and Minneapolis have, of course, been potent means in its development. They call it up here a second "Delta of the Nile," and the term is fully justified. As a consequence of this agricultural richness the two most important cities of the state, Fargo and Grand Forks, both on the extreme eastern border, have sprung into being. Neither one is what would be called in the east a city of the first class, but both are what are called by every one cities of unexpected beauty and enterprise.

But what takes the attention of every visitor to these two cities is the tremendous extent of the trade that they do a trade that in the aggregate will exceed in volume from five to ten times that of any other city of the north, per capita of population. Their stores are of the most modern and the stocks of goods of every description they carry are out of all proportion to the city's size. Especially is this true of agricultural implements of every description, in which the trade is simply amazing.

If a state of amazement at first exists in the visitor's mind, it is removed when he finds that these two cities are practically handling the trade of one of the richest states of the union. Of course, they do not enjoy this without competition, but the people of North Dakota are a loyal people to their own, and the merchant from outside generally holds no show unless he can offer inducements.

A Monopoly of Development.
This tier of counties of which I have been speaking for many years has monopolized the development of the state. Newcomers would perhaps take a look at lands in the Jim valley, which is immediately west, and in some cases would even go to the Missouri slope, still farther west, which are the three great agricultural divisions of the state. But almost invariably, until the past few years, they would return to the Red River valley and take up lands the productivity of which had been proved and of which no doubt existed. Of course, they had to pay a price for these lands, but, compared to the prices of lands where they came from, the price seemed mere bagatelle.

Always, however, there were a few adventurous spirits who were attracted by the nominal prices of the lands farther west, and who were perhaps better judges of what the land was really capable of. Hence, from the central and even the far western and northern counties began to have a fair sprinkling of population, and this on land that could hardly find a purchaser at the most insignificant prices. But they proved their judgment was good, and presently the stories began to be circulated about first one county and then another of the wonderful returns the farmers were getting from land that had been accounted largely worthless.

Also, it began to become a matter of general knowledge that previous misconceptions about the character of this country were wholly matters of hearsay, and based on ignorance. Arid and semi-arid regions were found to have as abundant rainfall, and an even more temperate climate than the famed Red River valley could boast of. Why, out on the Missouri slope, in the extreme western and northern part of the state, it was demonstrated by the observations of the United States weather bureau, covering a period of ten years, that the supposedly arctic winters were in reality 10 degrees warmer for most periods than the winters in the Red River valley.

"Westward Ho" March Begins.
And then began the march "Westward ho." From the county of Cavalier, in the extreme northern tier of counties, and which was principally peopled by the Dunkards, began a stream of immigration to the west. Tower, Holte, Bismarck, Ward and McHenry counties were in turn invaded by this sect and made to blossom like the rose. The railways began to build little branch lines to care for the tremendous tonnage that these people were offering them, and today there is no more prosperous part of the state, considering the extent of population.

And right here it is in order to say a few words for the good the Dunkards have done to the state of North Dakota. A people of the most simple habits, abjuring strife and ostentation in life, living as closely as it is given to mankind to do according to their faith, they have proved a most tremendous factor in the state's development.

In the first place it is an axiom in the state that a Dunkard is the best judge of land that can be found, and I have heard many a farmer say, when some man would run down the merits of this or that section:

"Well, if it suits the Dunkards it will suit me."
But it is not only that. This same man knows, and every other Dakotan knows, that when he moves into a Dunkard community he is moving into the best community on earth. Honest, hardworking, abstemious, peaceful, charitable, and God serving, they have become a cherished factor in the life of the state. The law courts are never bothered by them, and falls are an unnecessary luxury as far as they are concerned.

With the extensions of the branch lines of railways the great trend of immigration is now, and must con-

tinue to be for some years, toward the sparsely settled western counties of the state. This section has been made accessible, and its richness has within the past few years been proved. It is one of the richest agricultural districts outside of the Red River valley in the country. It will grow crops of wheat, year after year, without fertilization, that are without precedent anywhere, or diversified agriculture, potatoes and all root crops, its like does not exist. The land is well watered, and along the water courses is heavily timbered. And in addition this entire country west of the Missouri river is the ideal cattle and hog raising section of the state, while its fertile fields and pastures have only to be scraped for a few feet to reveal beds of lignite that are inexhaustible.

Wheat and Live Stock.
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Of the thousands of immigrants who are now crowding every train that enters the state from the east, the greater proportion are bound for this western country. It is almost the only section of the state where free lands exist to any extent, or where the cheap school lands of the state can be obtained. But, even where land has to be bought, prices are cheap, and with the steadily rising tendency of land the certainty of profit is in sight, even eliminating what the land will produce.

ON TRIAL FOR HERESY.

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Batavia, N. Y., April 17.—The ecclesiastical court of the Episcopal diocese of western New York convened here today for the trial of the Rev. Dr. A. S. Crapsey, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Rochester, on charges of heresy. This is the first heresy trial the Episcopal church has had in years and is attracting attention throughout the country. The charges have been often published, and rest chiefly upon an alleged denial of the doctrine of the divinity of Christ, as held by the Episcopal church. Rev. Dr. Crapsey has retained Congressman J. Black Perkins to conduct his defense. Owing to Congressman Perkins' duties in Washington at the present time it is possible that he will seek to have the trial adjourned until after the congressional session is over.

NEE AND YANGER TO FIGHT.

Associated Press to The Evening Times.
Terre Haute, Ind., April 17.—The Wabash Athletic club of this city has prepared a promising card for its first show tonight. The star event is to bring togetheraddy Nee of Milwaukee and Benny Yancker of Chicago. Nee has recently made a splendid showing in his bouts and many close followers of the game are of the opinion that he will give the Chicagoan a hard tussle for the decision.

TEXAS BAKERS IN SESSION.

Associated Press to The Evening Times.
San Antonio, Texas, April 17.—The convention of the Texas Master Bakers' associations, one of the numerous gatherings to be held here during the carnival this week, began its sessions today with a good attendance. Members are on hand from Houston, Dallas, Tyler, Austin and numerous other cities.

GRAND MASTER HANRAHAN TO WED.

Associated Press to The Evening Times.
St. Paul, Minn., April 17.—Many prominent railroad men and members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen are here to today's wedding of Grand Master John J. Hanrahan. Mr. Hanrahan's bride is Miss Catherine M. Sullivan of this city.

TWO STEAMERS SINK AT SAULT STE. MARIE

Associated Press to The Evening Times.
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 16.—The most disastrous marine collision in many years in the Soo; passage occurred today when the steel steamers Saxona and Eugene; Zimmerman sunk at once in 20 feet of water on the Canadian side. The crew are safe. The Saxona; continued on down the river as far as Little Mudlake, where she sank. That side of the river the channel is not blocked. Both steamers are among the highest class of lake craft and the loss, to insurance companies will be heavy.

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HEAD OF JESUITS IS DYING OF CANCER

GENERALS OF THE JESUITS.

Father Louis Martin is the twenty-fourth General of the Jesuits. The following is a list of his predecessors, with the dates of their election:

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Spaniard	1541
Jacques Lainez, Spaniard	1558
St. Francis Borgia, Spaniard	1565
Everard Mercurion, Belgian	1573
Claude Aquaviva, Neapolitan	1581
Mathias Vitelleschi, Roman	1615
Vincent Caraffa, Neapolitan	1646
Francois Piccolomini, Florentine	1649
Alexandre-Gottfried, Roman	1652
Goswin Nickel, German	1652
Jean Paul Oliva, Genoese	1661
Charles de Noyelle, Belgian	1682
Thyrse Gonzales, Spaniard	1687
Michael Tamburini, Modenese	1706
Francois Retz, Austrian	1720
Ignace Visconti, Milanese	1751
Louis Centurioni, Genoese	1755
Laurent Ricci, Florentine	1758-1775
Thadde Brzozowski, Pole	1805
Louis Fortis, Veronese	1820
Jean Roethaan, Dutch	1829
Pierre Beckx, Belgian	1839
Antoine-Marie Anderledy, Swiss	1857

Associated Press Cable to The Evening Times.

Rome, April 17.—Though the Jesuits have, as a rule, no place in the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the greatest interest is being manifested just now in Vatican circles and among churchmen generally in the illness of Father Louis Martin, general of the order of the Jesuits. Father Martin is suffering from cancer and his death is believed to be but a matter of a short time. There is some discussion as to his possible successor, but the rules governing the election are such that the result cannot be foretold with the slightest degree of certainty.

The general places in a sealed envelope the name of some one who shall direct the affairs of the society during the interim between his death and the election of his successor. Father Anderledy, who died in 1892, named Father Martin, so the latter's election was a tribute not only to his own piety and learning, but to the former's perspicacity in the point of judging men.

The general is elected by a convention of three delegates from each province, these delegates being chosen by the older priests. At the convention which elects him are also elected his assistants, who represent five nationalities, English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. The general holds office for life. Though nominally a

resident of Rome, the general spends most of his time in his quarters in the neighborhood of Fiesole. He is known colloquially as "The Black Pope." This title the ingenious Romans derived from the black habit he wears, and is used in contradistinction to the title of "The White Pope," which is applied to the supreme pontiff, and to that of "The Red Pope," which characterizes the cardinal prefect of the propaganda.

It is a significant fact that there never has been a French, English, or Irish Jesuit at the head of the order. Most of them have come from the great old Italian cities.

Father Martin is a Spanish theologian, and was born near Burgos in 1846. He entered the Jesuit novitiate at the age of 22, and rapidly acquired a great reputation. In 1878 he was made rector of the University of Salamanca, and eight years later became provincial of the order in Castile. A year ago, when his arm was amputated, granted him the privilege of continuing to say mass.

Father Martin always has been a great opponent of the Americanization of the Catholic church in the United States, and several years ago he was sued by an Italian editor for alleged services in causing the subsidence of the movement.

WEST VIRGINIA SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Associated Press to The Evening Times.
Clarksburg, W. Va., April 17.—The city is rapidly filling with delegates and visitors to the annual convention of the West Virginia Sunday School association, which will be in session here during the remainder of this week. Many prominent Sunday school workers of other states will address the gathering, which already bids fair to be the largest and most successful ever held by the association.

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BROCKWAY-BRADFORD WEDDING.

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Washington, D. C., April 17.—A distinguished company filled St. Margaret's church at noon today to witness the wedding of Miss Katherine Bradford, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Royal Bradford, U. S. N., and Prof. Howell Angell Brockway, a member of the faculty of the Peabody institute of Baltimore. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. D. Johnson, brother-in-law of the bride, and was followed by a reception and breakfast at the Bradford home.

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