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NEWS FORECAST OF NEXT WEEK

Republican State Conventions in Ohio and Kansas Will Be Features.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 29.—Political happenings promise to absorb much of the attention of the people of the United States during the coming week. Attracting most attention will be the Republican state conventions in Ohio and Kansas to select delegates to the national convention. Both states are expected to instruct for Taft. In Louisiana the so-called black and tan faction of the Republican party will hold a state convention to name delegates to Chicago. The Republican state central committee of New York will meet Saturday to fix the date and place for holding the state convention.
There will be more or less activity among the presidential aspirants during the week. Secretary Taft is slated for three addresses in Massachusetts, and William J. Bryan will be heard at various points in the south and middle west.
The only Democratic convention of the week will be held in Omaha, where Nebraska Democrats will assemble to choose delegates to the Denver convention.
Other events of the week that will attract more or less attention will be the progress of the American battleship fleet up the western coast of South America, the annual Mardi Gras festival in New Orleans, the opening of the annual automobile exhibition in Boston. Devotees of baseball will be interested in the departures of many of the big league stars for their spring practice work, and for followers of pugilism there will be the bout at Los Angeles between Battling Nelson and Jimmy Britt.

New Notaries.
(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Salem, Or., Feb. 29.—Notarial commissions have been issued to the following persons: Kees, F. L. and J. Campbell, Eugene; Daniel Webster, Salem.

THE TRUTH ABOUT KIDNEY TROUBLE (BACKACHE)

Backache as a cause of kidney trouble is outrageously abused, for there is not one case in five of backache that is an evidence of inflammation in the kidneys. The kidneys are not sensitive and seldom reflect pain.
Backache is commonly an evidence of lumbago, or sprain of the muscles or tendons of the back. In those cases in which it does proceed from the kidneys it reflects an acute inflammation that usually yields very quickly and definitely to Fulton's Renal Compound.
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UNUSUAL USE OF PLAIN CONCRETE

Racquet Club of Philadelphia Remarkable Type of Newest Construction.

It is often said that concrete possesses sufficient merit to warrant using it boldly and without recourse to plaster or facings of brick or stone. This statement is so often repeated and reiterated whenever and wherever the subject is discussed, that the unthinking are more than apt to give it full credence. But looking for practical exemplification of what is declared to be a truth, it is found that these examples are chiefly confined to factories and mills, where good taste and economy demand perfect simplicity.
When it comes to the construction of the more refined type of buildings, many who advocate exposed surfaces and structural members of concrete do not have the courage of their convictions and resort to the various well-known methods of covering concrete. Therefore, the frank use made of concrete in the Racquet club in Philadelphia, one of the largest and most magnificent club buildings in the world, is all the more remarkable.
Liberal use was made in this case of colored tiles and mosaics, not for the purpose of hiding ornament but to relieve the monotony. The columns show plainly of what material they are made and the exposed parts are left just as they appeared when the forms were removed. In other words, they do not represent brick or stone, but show at a glance that they are concrete.
The purpose of ornament, even where it may occur to the degree of profusion, is not in the nature of a practical application, but one of the few buildings of its class in which concrete has been treated in this frank fashion.
The Racquet club building, as construction, as opposed to the usual practice of decorating construction. This is a most important distinction, and in its practical application would make for honest, straightforward work, a result certain to please because of this virtue and the absence of all sham and pretense. Then decoration would exercise its true function by emphasizing instead of hiding structural beauty. It is almost needless to say that where this effect is sought, concrete, being plastic material, is admirably adapted to the purpose.

Opium Traffic in Philippines.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—Tomorrow is the date fixed for the law prohibiting the importation of opium into the Philippines to become effective. For many years a large quantity of opium has been consumed in the islands, mainly by the large Chinese population, but more recently the traffic of opium smoking has been rapidly extending among the native Filipinos and even among the American residents. Futile efforts have been made by influential persons in the islands to secure an extension of time in regard to the Philippines to become effective. Acting on the advice of the insular authorities congress has declined to grant any extension of time and the internal revenue officers have been directed to employ their utmost efforts to stop the traffic from this date. There will doubtless be many attempts to smuggle the drug into the islands, but the authorities believe that in the course of time it will be possible to bring about a total stoppage of the traffic.

Big Elsteddfod at Scranton.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Scranton, Pa., Feb. 29.—The annual Elsteddfod or Welsh musical festival took place here today and proved to be one of the biggest affairs of its kind that has ever been held in America. More than 2,000 people attended the opening session this afternoon. The gathering was held in the big armory, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting and various emblems of Wales. Prominent singers and musicians from many parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio took part in the program.



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BIG INCREASE IN PERMITS ISSUED

February's Larger Than January's by a Quarter of a Million.

DOUBLE THOSE OF EARLY WINTER MONTHS

Close Up to a Million Dollars Is Spent in Construction Work in the City—Dwelling Houses Most Popular With Investors.

February building permits show an increase of about \$250,000 over those of January, and are more than double those of November or December of last year. The total value of this month's permits is about \$800,000, which is a few thousand dollars less than those of February, 1907, when the building boom reached its peak, and was still at its height.
Considerably more than half of the construction begun in this month consists of dwelling houses. But one permit for buildings of the class "A" type was taken out during the month, and that was for the Oregon Hotel annex, which was put down to cost \$175,000.

Many Small Dwellings.

Over 200 new dwellings were commenced during the month, not more than a dozen of which will cost over \$5,000 each, while the remainder will cost between \$1,500 and \$3,500 each.
Among the large brick structures, which were begun last fall and are now nearing completion, is the Henry-Mallory building, covering half of the block between First, Front, Columbia and Jefferson streets. The building is to be occupied by a building similar to the Salem electric line. At either end of the half block stands a one-story brick structure, connected with a metal-roofed structure, divided into booths, which will be rented for various kinds of small shops. It is reported that the remainder of this block is to be improved with a building similar to the one put up for Messrs. Henry and Mallory.

Out at University Park.

F. M. Pflizer is having plans prepared for a two-story frame building at University Park. The first floor will be occupied by five stores, with plate glass fronts. The second story will be utilized for lodgerooms and offices.
Architects Goodrich & Goodrich have completed the plans for a three-story brick building for the Home Telephone company, to be erected at Vancouver, Washington. The building will cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000.
Contractor John Almeter has just completed a modern, four-series flat on Savier street, between East Twenty-eighth and East Twenty-ninth streets. Almeter has begun the erection of a four-series flat on Jackson, between Fifth and Sixth streets, for Architect Jacobberger. The building adjoins a flat owned by Mr. Jacobberger, of which it will be a duplicate, and will cost about \$7,000.

Dr. McCormack's Residence.

Dr. McCormack has begun the erection of a modern two-story frame dwelling in Walnut Park. The house will cost about \$4,000. Architect Ernest Kroner prepared the plans.
Mr. Kroner has completed the plans and will soon let the contract for a seven-room dwelling for Henry Gurr, which is to be erected near the corner of East Seventeenth and Division streets. He also has in preparation plans for a four-series flat for Frank Amason, which he will begin the erection of a four-series flat for S. J. Rafferty's dwelling, to be erected at the corner of Union avenue and Pearl street.
Mrs. Loveridge and associates have begun the construction of a four-series flat at the northwest corner of Grand avenue and Pacific street. The building when completed will represent an expenditure of about \$8,000.

LITTLE LUMBER IN CALIFORNIA

Engineers' Strike Puts New Obstacle in Way for Time Being.

LOGGERS SHOW HOW PRICES HAVE FALLEN

Logs That a Year Ago Brought \$13 per Thousand Feet Are Now Selling for \$9—Foreign Lumber Buyers Still in Market.

Inducements to builders are still strong as regards lumber prices, and many are taking advantage thereof. Rough is today from \$4 to \$5 cheaper per thousand feet than a year ago and other material is in proportion. Shingles, too, are lower.
Loggers, in looking up conditions of today as compared with those of a year ago, say they are not by any means on the same footing. A year ago, they contend, yellow fir logs of the highest order brought \$13 per thousand feet, whereas today they do well by disposing of them for \$9. The use of red fir is being discouraged on every hand for the protection of the forests, the red fir being young trees of the same species as the yellow fir of mature growth.
With yellow fir logs costing them \$9, millmen say there is not much profit in disposing of lumber at from \$11 to \$12. In cargo lots considerable lumber is said to have been sold as low as \$8 during the winter, which millmen declare barely pays for the cost of production, figuring logs at the lowest basis.
While foreign business has been quite satisfactory for several weeks past, California is going to draw very little after a settlement between the engineers and the steam schooner owners' association. Most of the vessels in the coastwise trade have been tied up to await the outcome of the strike and in the meantime very little lumber is being moved. A prolonged struggle between the owners and the engineers will probably press into service again a large fleet of sailing schooners, but until this is done very little lumber will find its way south and the mills will suffer.
With another quietus put on the California market, coast lumber manufacturers will feel another jolt from a quarter to which everybody has been looking for relief this spring. Optimistic dealers hold out the hope, however, that while the strike will kill the cleaning up of the yards throughout the territory and eventually mean a real live awakening when things begin to move down there. For several months California purchases in the lumber line have been light in order to work off tremendous stocks that accumulated when everybody was shipping lumber.
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The three structures will cover the quarter block, 100 by 100 feet, and will represent an investment, including the site, of about \$40,000.

Memorial for St. Gaudens.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Feb. 29.—Mayor McClellan, Will H. Low, the artist, and other persons of prominence are to speak in Mendelssohn hall tonight at the exercises arranged in memory of Augustus St. Gaudens, the sculptor, who died recently. Next week an exhibition of the works of St. Gaudens will open in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and will continue for six weeks.

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