

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUT CONSTITUTION OVER

BY ITS RATIFICATION

Was Ninth State to Approve and By Its Action the Measure Was Assured Success, Says Writer

Most students of American history are aware of the fact that New Hampshire, as the ninth state to ratify, clinched the authority of the Constitution as the fundamental law of the United States.

There was a great deal of argument and debate as to the soundness of the Constitution after its framing and at times its friends feared that it might not be ratified by the required nine states.

General Rejoicing There was general rejoicing in New Hampshire and the National Republic in its current issue gives an interesting account of the way New Hampshire celebrated the event.

On Sunday morning last we received the agreeable and interesting intelligence of the ratification of the new Constitution by the convention of this state, whereby we have in effect, laid the top stone to the grand Federal Edifice, and happily raised the ninth pillar.

Mutual Congratulations "Mutual congratulations took place, and public thanks were returned in all the churches. It being Lord's Day, no other testimonials of joy took place until Monday morning, at one o'clock, at which time the bells rang a joyful peal.

What added greatly to the brilliancy of the scene was the appearance of a great number of ladies, whose smiling countenances bespoke that congeniality of sentiment which ever ought to subsist between the sons and daughters of Adam.

Thursday being the day appointed to celebrate the ratification of the Federal Constitution by the state of New Hampshire, a numerous concourse of the inhabitants of Portsmouth and the neighboring towns being assembled on the parade, about eleven o'clock an armed ship was espied from the State House bearing down under full sail; being hailed on her approach, she proved to be the ship Union, Thomas Manning Esq., commander from Concord, out five days, bound to the Federal City, all well and in good spirits."

The line up of the parade shows that all classes of citizens with floats and in costumes took part so that the demonstration was one which would have done justice to present-day effort.

Wonder what the political artists would have found to write about if President Coolidge had not issued his "I do not choose" message.

The floods along the Mississippi have been stopped but the flood of oratory at Washington will soon let loose again.

It is our calm judgment that Rapid City probably is not quite so rapid since the presidential party left there.

SATISFACTORY WATER SUPPLY IS PROBLEM

IN MANY ILLINOIS TOWNS

State Engineers Are Making Survey With View to Offering Suggestions For Reservoirs

The question of a satisfactory water supply is always staring us in the face, the officials of many towns in southern Illinois tell the engineers who are sent out from here by the state water survey.

Supplies have been most unsatisfactory, the engineers find, in the coal and oil fields where there are no large streams and where the water from wells is heavily loaded with minerals and has a disagreeable taste. As a result, some communities are turning to the impounding reservoir as a solution to their problem.

Scores of other towns in the same region are feeling the need of new supplies, according to the survey reports, but they are hesitating because they do not know how large a reservoir to build and how much territory should drain into it.

Gauges Installed In order to furnish the needed information, the state's engineers are measuring the rainfall and stream flow in the drainage area of Centralia's reservoir in co-operation with the city officials, and efforts are being made to get similar data from West Frankfort and other places.

The land draining into the Centralia reservoir has been surveyed, and the amount of rainfall there is measured each day by a standard gauge. The amount of water pumped out by the city is metered, and the water level in the reservoir is recorded by an automatic gauge.

These measurements, the engineers believe, will show exactly how much water is available in similar areas in southern Illinois and should prove useful to all municipalities desiring to build reservoirs that will be both adequate and economical.

The geological survey is co-operating in this work and is issuing a series of topographic maps which show areas suitable for reservoirs in many parts of the state.

It would occur to a man up a tree that the League of Nations, if it decides to "consider" the Panama treaty will find itself a great deal like in the story who took in too much territory.

The old fashioned minstrel show has gone completely out of date, and maybe it was because it didn't carry any sex appeal.

Illinois River carp avoid small-mesh nets and traps but are readily caught in large-mesh nets and traps.

Forty-three kinds of mussels have been found in the Rock river in Illinois, and the shells of 24 kinds are suitable for making buttons.

REPORTS ON CONDITION OF JOINT LAND BANKS

Institutions Shown to Be In Very Good Shape, According to Reserve Board

The federal reserve board has made a report on the condition of joint stock land banks throughout the country, which shows the institutions to be in very good shape. The inability of farmers in certain sections of the country to meet their obligations has made it necessary for the land banks to begin many foreclosures. This has been rather hard on them but they seem to be weathering the storm.

MOST AUTO ACCIDENTS ARE BETWEEN 5 AND 6

Occur in Early Evening as Drivers Are Returning Weary to Homes

Available statistics show that the largest number of accidents occur between five and six in the afternoon when business men and workers are returning hurriedly to their homes, according to the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club.

At this period of the day congestion on the street and highway is at its height. The psychological phase also enters into the fact that accidents are numerous at this hour. Drivers and pedestrians who are wearied from a day's work are not as mentally alert as during the earlier hours of the day, and as a rule are in a hurry to reach their homes. Confusion and carelessness result, and, from them, accidents.

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