

State Secretary Shows Largest Collection in Office During Past Year

By the collection of \$22,735.16 in fees in 1930, the various departments under direction of Secretary of State William J. Stratton registered the largest income in the history of the secretary of state's office.

The total is an increase of \$1,494,233.79 over the 1929 collections. All of the collections are paid into the state treasury to await legislative appropriation. The collections of the automobile department are placed in the road fund by the state treasurer and are appropriated out by the legislature for road work. The collections of the other departments are paid into the general revenue fund in the state treasury and contribute toward the reduction of taxes.

Of the \$22,735,735.16 collected, the automobile department contributed \$18,417,246.79; the corporation department \$4,118,159.90; the securities department, \$104,297.20 and the ex-

ecutive department, \$30,626.02. The increase in the automobile department was \$1,360,037.68 while that of the corporation department was \$180,738.74.

As has been the case for a number of years, the major increase was registered by the automobile department. This resulted from the sale of 1,429,146 passenger car plates and 209,114 truck plates. The passenger car increase was 18,233 and the truck increase 4,939.

The fees paid to the secretary of state's office in 1930 were approximately 12 times those paid in 1916 when the total was \$1,815,695.

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Dudley Crafts Watson Talks Art to Teachers from Milwaukee Schools

A group of 150 teachers from Milwaukee, under the direction of Dudley Crafts Watson, met in the Birch-Bartlett gallery of the Art institute recently, where Mr. Watson talked on Modern Art. Seurat's large canvas, "Sunday Afternoon on the Grande-Jatte" was spoken of as a masterpiece made with infinite pains by the gifted Frenchman, Georges Seurat, who died in his forty-second year.

The speaker called attention to the tremendous advance in the value of Seurat's work when he said that from a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars, which was paid for the canvas, an offer had recently been received of four hundred thousand dollars for it from a French syndicate. Pointing out the merits of Picasso's "The Guitarist," and of the work of Matisse, Rousseau, Van Gogh and others, the speaker declared there was nothing in Europe to compare with the Birch-Bartlett gallery.

Mr. Watson has been conducting tours throughout Europe for the past six years, having visited 21 capitals in his journeys. This year he returned more than ever convinced that Chicago, in point of stirring activity, in constructive ability and in assured destiny, outranks any city he has ever seen.

It is hard to learn from the advertising columns of the newspapers that Pat Harrison's billion dollar increase in the cost of living under the new tariff has really showed up.

Children's Museum at Art Institute Mecca for Youth These Days

Youngsters of both sexes should be sure to visit the Children's museum in the Art Institute and enjoy the present exhibition of the work of the Saturday classes. Seven large panels done in pastel, the work of pupils of Miss Helen Beach's class, are vivid and brilliantly colorful, conveying with joyful abandon the true holiday spirit.

There is a Noah's Ark, with Mr. and Mrs. Noah looking over the animals as they assemble to enter the great boat, and in another case we see Santa Claus' workshop, with all the toys he has manufactured, scattered about the floor. In the high school classes in modelling we find some very effective work. There are mothers with children, done in a reverent and convincing manner, and the animals, such as the deer, the dog, the horse and the buffalo, are endowed with spirit and a feeling for reality. A cleverly made frog suggests the Irishman's definition of this little animal: "A broad faced, wide mouthed boog; he sits behind and stands before, and goes by jerks."

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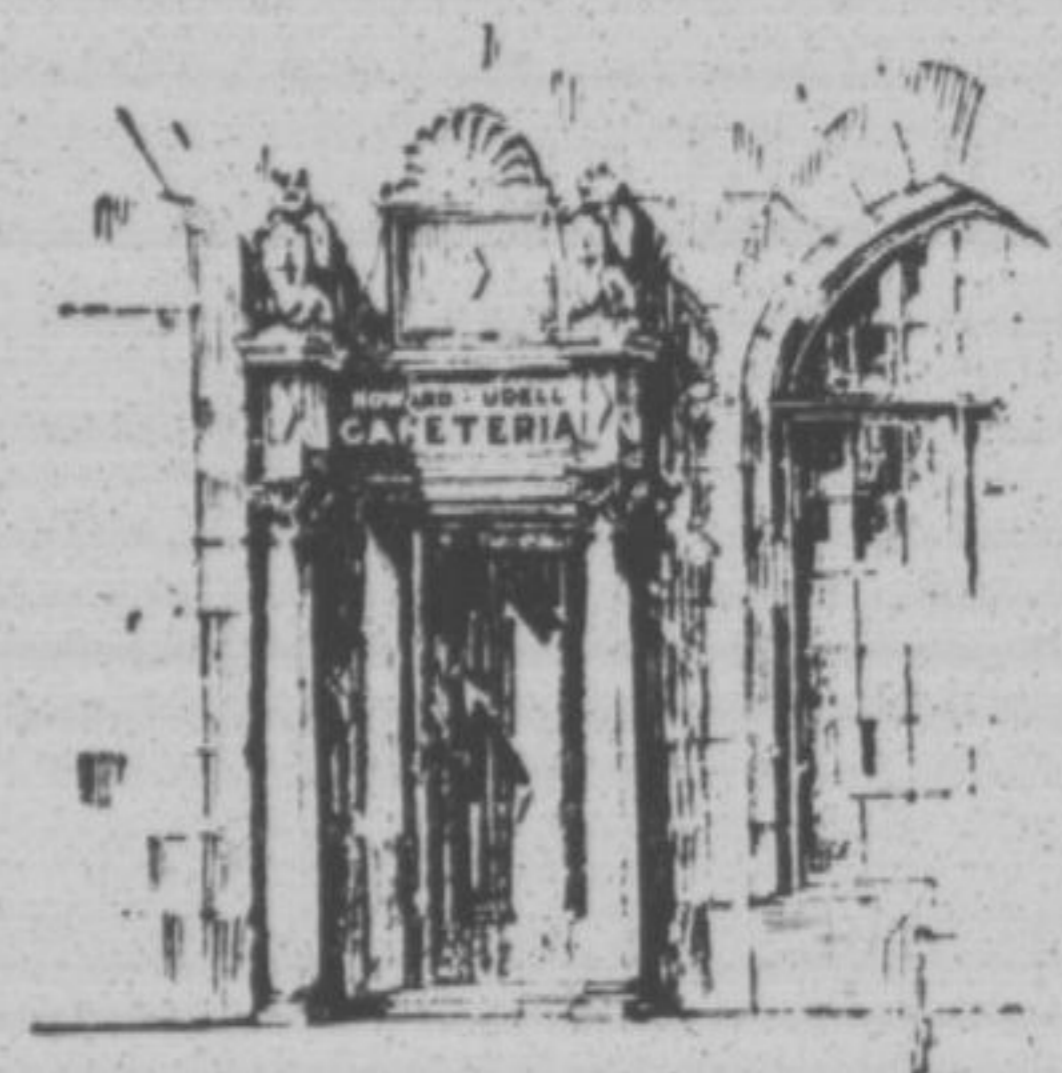
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