

NOTES AND COMMENT

The National Civil Service Reform League held its thirteenth annual meeting in Baltimore on December 15 and 16, 1910.

The third National Peace Congress will be held at Baltimore under the auspices of Johns Hopkins University, May 3-5, 1911.

A Bureau of Economy and Efficiency has been established in the city of Milwaukee to perform a service similar to that performed by the Pittsburg Survey.

Mr. Francis W. Dickey, formerly of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, now occupies the position of instructor in political science at Western Reserve University.

The amount of work devolving upon the Legislative Reference Department of the Indiana State Library during the recent session of the legislature was so large that four additional assistants were required.

An effort is being made at Grinnell College to raise a fund of \$450,000 for the establishment of a Department of Public Affairs embracing chairs in political science, sociology, economics, and modern history.

Elihu Root, John W. Foster, Andrew Carnegie, Eugene Wambaugh, Charles Noble Gregory, Simeon E. Baldwin, and Harry Pratt Judson were among the speakers at a conference on international arbitration held at Washington, D. C., December 15-17, 1910.

Governor Deneen in his message to the legislature of Illinois in January urged that action be taken providing for the marking of the route traversed by Abraham Lincoln when removing from Kentucky to Illinois. He suggests that the route thus marked shall be known as "The Lincoln Way".

The movement in favor of the so-called "Short Ballot", limiting the number of elective offices in State and local governments, has

become quite wide-spread. During the year 1910 the movement received decided encouragement in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Iowa, South Dakota, Washington, and California.

The commission form of municipal government is rapidly gaining ground in Illinois where a number of the smaller cities, including Springfield, Joliet, Quincy, Kewanee, Galesburg, Peoria, Jacksonville, Moline, and Rock Island, have either decided to vote on the question or are actively agitating the subject.

Professor Herbert E. Bolton expects to return to Mexico during the coming summer to continue his work in the archives of that country. He spent the greater part of the mid-winter holidays in tracing the route of Father Kino, an early missionary and explorer who is thought to have been the first white man within the limits of Arizona after Coronado. It is understood that Professor Bolton is planning to publish Father Kino's chronicle of early Spanish explorations which has recently been discovered. It is largely as the result of Professor Bolton's work that provision has been made for indexing the Mexican archives.

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