

ODD FELLOWS ORDER.

Rain the Predominating Feature of the Diamond Jubilee.

REPORTS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

Many Resolutions Offered—The Matter of Admitting Negroes to the I. O. O. F. Expected to Come Up, but Will Probably Be Voted Down.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 19.—Hard, persistent rain was the predominant outward feature of the opening day of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' diamond jubilee yesterday. Adverse weather conditions, however, failed to dampen the spirits of the Odd Fellows enough to keep them away from the public welcomes extended at the Detroit opera house by Mayor Maybury and Michigan Odd Fellow officials.

Albert S. Pinkerton, grand sire, in his annual address said:

December 31 last, our subordinate lodge membership was 8,091 and the number of sisters enrolled in the Rebekah lodges, founded 1867, 67. These figures enable us for the first time to honestly claim fraternal affiliations with over 1,000,000 persons.

J. Frank Grant, the grand secretary, reported the condition of the order on December 31, 1898, as follows:

Sovereign grand lodges, independent grand lodges (Australasia, Denmark, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland) and subordinate grand lodges, 65; subordinate grand encampments, 55; subordinate lodges, 11,756; subordinate encampments, 2,641; lodge members, 859,959; encampment members, 1,818,671; Rebekah lodges, 5,971; members of Rebekah lodges, 313,193.

The whole income in all branches of the order for the year was \$9,223. The report showed the relief expenditures by lodges to be \$3,125,600; relief by encampments, \$249,788, and by Rebekah lodges, \$47,149, making a total of \$3,422,537. The total expenses of subordinate lodges figures \$4,159,756. The revenue of subordinate lodges amounted to \$7,752,322; subordinate encampments, \$570,762; Rebekah lodges, \$443,193; total, \$8,766,277. The total invested funds aggregated, \$27,185,341.

Treasurer M. Richard Muckle, of Philadelphia, submitted his report and the reading of it and the other officers' reports were dispensed with. After committees had been appointed many resolutions were offered. The most important one was introduced by Representative Young, of Maryland, and is aimed at the mileage paid representatives of the sovereign grand lodge. A resolution ordering the abolishing of "visiting cards" was referred to the resolutions committee. It is proposed to make the receipt for dues sufficient.

The matter of admitting negroes to the I. O. O. F. is expected to come up at this session, as it has done for a number of years. Resolutions providing for admission of negroes have always heretofore been voted down and the sentiment among the present delegates causes predictions of a similar fate for any introduced at this session. The Rebekah branch is working to obtain representation on the floor of the sovereign grand lodge, but there is a deal of opposition to such an innovation.

BRYAN ON THE STUMP.

The Presidential Candidate Touring Nebraska in Behalf of the Fusion Ticket—The Topics of His Speech.

O'Neill, Neb., Sept. 19.—W. J. Bryan started in here yesterday on his tour of the state in behalf of the fusion ticket. In the afternoon he addressed about 2,000 people. His remarks were greeted with moderate enthusiasm. Judge William Neville, candidate for congressman in this, the Sixth district, occupied the platform with Mr. Bryan and yesterday evening spoke to a fair sized audience.

Mr. Bryan, referring to the income tax, wanted the president, congress, supreme court and an amendment to the constitution, if necessary. Speaking of trusts, he arraigned the administration, particularly the attorney general, for failure to enforce the anti-trust law. Silver, he said, had been buried annually and semi-annually since 1891, but that another funeral would be necessary this year.

New York Labor Organizations Unite.

New York, Sept. 19.—Delegates from every central labor organization but one in Greater New York met last night in the Labor lyceum and decided to unite the forces of labor in one great central body which shall dictate the policy of organized labor in all matters. The one dissenting organization is the board of walking delegates of the Building Trades of Brooklyn, which resented the admission of the Brooklyn Central Labor union, with which it has been at war for some months. It is expected, however, that they will soon be forced into line when the amalgamation of the other central bodies is completed.

Improved Order Knights of Pythias.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 19.—The fourth supreme session of the Improved Order Knights of Pythias opened this morning in Castle hall. There were 50 regular delegates from all parts of the country, and almost as many visiting members of the order. The order had its first meeting in Indianapolis six years ago. It is entirely independent of other Pythian organizations. The sessions are all secret.

More Cases of Yellow Fever.

Key West, Fla., Sept. 19.—Fifty-four new cases of yellow fever have been reported in the past 48 hours and three deaths, making a total number of cases to date of 362 and 17 deaths.

MEXICO'S CELEBRATION.

The Illumination of the Cathedral Seen for Thirty Miles—The Prediction of the Clerical Organ.

City of Mexico, Sept. 18.—The wife of President Diaz was unable to take part in the national independence celebrations which went off with unusual eclat. The magnificent illumination of the cathedral of Mexico by electricity was the cause of general admiration and the great building could be seen for 30 miles away like a vast mound of blazing light in the center of the valley of Mexico.

The new clerical organ La Luz, of Chihuahua, raises the usual cry of the conservative party, predicting the absorption of the country by the United States and the danger to Mexico of so many Mexicans who have become Americanized in all their ideas and which are the worst foes the fatherland has.

THE TRUST PROBLEM.

Several State Legislatures May Convene in Special Session for the Purpose of Dealing with It.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 18.—It is said one of the probable results of the anti-trust conference of governors and attorney generals in St. Louis will be the convening of several state legislatures in special session for the purpose of dealing with the trust problem. The convention, it is said, will outline legislation that shall be found desirable and that governors in harmony with the movement will immediately after the adjournment of the convention summon their state legislatures together to enact uniform laws in the different states, following the lines laid down by the conference.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Fears That It May Spread Over Europe and Be Brought to America Through the Paris Exposition.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The marine hospital corps has made public a report received by the state department from United States Consul Thomas Heenan at Odessa, Russia, in which Mr. Heenan treats of the precautions taken by Russia for the suppression of the bubonic plague and the fears which are entertained of its spread over Europe.

Among other things he says: "There seems to be a general belief in this section of Europe that with the advent of the Paris exposition the bubonic plague will be spread all over the continent of Europe, and may even reach the states of North and South America."

Death from an Unusual Cause.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 18.—Hon. Daniel Ermentrout, who was elected in November last to his sixth term in congress from the Ninth district (Berks and Lehigh counties) died at his home here yesterday. He was 62 years of age. On Thursday last while at dinner a piece of meat lodged in his throat and a physician had to be called to save him from strangulation. Paralysis of the parts affected followed, but his death was unexpected. Mr. Ermentrout is survived by a widow and a son and daughter.

New Baseball League.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—A new baseball league, whose circuit will include cities in both the National and Western leagues and which will be known as the American Association of Baseball clubs, was formed yesterday at a meeting here of baseball men and lovers of the national game. The circuit as decided on will include the following cities: St. Louis, Milwaukee, Detroit and Chicago in the west, and Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia and Washington in the east.

To Hold Lands in Common.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 18.—A colony of 75 families from the vicinity of Butterfield, Minn., mostly Germans, has purchased 3,200 acres of land on the Omaha railway a few miles east of Shell Lake, Wis. It will be called the Christian Social organization and all lands will be held in common. The land is now being cleared and houses and barns built. The railway company has put in a siding. The station and post office will be called Saronia.

An Entire Family Killed.

Las Vegas, N. M., Sept. 18.—An adobe house five miles from Mora, N. M., collapsed last night, killing Manuel Cordova and his wife and six children. It had been raining in that vicinity for several days and the dirt roof of the house, having become saturated, fell upon the inmates, crushing them. Only one member of the family, a boy of ten years, escaped, he being outside the house when the accident occurred.

England Wants Our Mules.

Washington, Sept. 18.—War department officials have been approached by representatives of the British government who wanted to buy 1,000 mules at once for shipment to South Africa for army uses. The department, however, had disposed of all its surplus stock. The Englishmen will buy the mules in open market and ship them to South Africa as fast as they can be obtained.

Democratic Anti-Trust Meeting.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—One of the immediate results of the trust conference will be the organization of a movement under democratic auspices to call an anti-trust conference in Chicago or Cincinnati about the middle of next month.

READS LIKE A NOVEL.

An Escaped Convict Returns to Serve Out His Sentence and Makes Restitution for Stolen Money.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 18.—Charles O. Summers, formerly a Pinkerton detective, an escaped convict from the Mississippi penitentiary, a gold hunter in the Klondike and a man with a deep conscience, is again within prison walls in the state of Mississippi. He journeyed all the way from Dawson City, Alaska, to New York and from New York to Memphis and Memphis to Jackson, Miss., to surrender himself. When Summers walked into Mr. Agee's office he was prepared not only to make repentance, but also restitution. He turned over to Mr. Agee \$1,500 in cash, to cover the amount of his indebtedness to the Southern Express company, even including the company's expense of pursuing him. He gave Mr. Agee a \$1,000 gold certificate and \$500 in currency besides. He then said he would reimburse the state of Mississippi for the expense of bringing him back from California and was prepared to do so.

Summers and Detective Murray worked for the Southern express on the Capt. Bunch robberies. Summers learned the details of the express office at Meridian, Miss., and he and Murray robbed it of \$5,000. Murray went to New Orleans with the money. Summers was hired to work on the case. Later he was arrested. Murray was arrested with \$4,100 on his person in Chicago. Both were placed in the penitentiary at Jackson, Miss. Summers escaped, was free a few months, but was recaptured in San Francisco, escaped again, went to New York and Canada and opened negotiations to surrender, but later he went to the Klondike and returned from there to New York.

Summers said that constant effort to evade the officers was worse than confinement, and he preferred to serve out his term and begin life again a free man.

They Sent Her Back to Kansas.

Linn Creek, Mo., Sept. 18.—Last June Miss Minnie Marshall, an orphan, who is said to be an heiress, came here from Abilene, Kan., to live with her aunt. Miss Marshall is engaged to one of Uncle Sam's boys in Manila, but her cousin, George Cooper, fell in love with her. The folks here would not allow her to write to the soldier or to send west for money. The inexperienced girl made two attempts to end her life. By this means the facts were made public and a writ of habeas corpus was issued for the purpose of restoring her to her friends. Money was contributed by the citizens to pay her expenses back to Kansas and she returned yesterday.

Manila's Big Rainfall in July.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The first official record from the Manila central observatory, now under American control, has been received at the navy department. The month was a record breaker and indicates the hardships which must have been imposed upon the troops by the unusual climatic conditions. The rainfall for the entire month aggregated 46,896 inches, the extent of which may be judged by the fact that weather bureau statistics show that the rainfall in New York for an entire year is only 44.7 inches.

Hanna Home from Europe.

New York, Sept. 18.—Senator M. A. Hanna, chairman of the republican national committee, reached New York to-day from Southampton. In regard to politics, he said the Philippine war and industrial conditions would prove great factors in 1900. He said he would as soon have so-called anti-expansion made an issue as the silver question, for silver is an old man of the sea. The republican party, he said, is just as much opposed to the amassing of wealth in a manner to injure the public as the democrats are.

Lincoln, Neb., Suffers by Fire.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 17.—Fire which started at an early hour Saturday morning caused a loss of \$500,000. It started in the North block, occupied entirely by printing firms, and spread so rapidly through the building that it was soon apparent that the structure with all its contents would be a total loss. From there it spread to the Masonic temple, Methodist church and Webster block, which were also totally destroyed. Several small buildings were also burned.

Will Exchange for Large Bills.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Secretary Gage said that it is true that there is a scarcity of small bills in the west, but he thinks there is no occasion for alarm. The treasury, he said, is prepared to exchange small notes for large bills of the same character in any amount. Silver certificates of small denominations will be exchanged for silver certificates of large denominations, the same United States notes and treasury notes are exchanged.

The Young Woman Complained.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 18.—Rev. R. S. Renfro, pastor of the Christian church at Rochester, was held for the United States grand jury to answer a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails. The minister, who has borne an excellent reputation in the community in which he resides, claims he is a victim of circumstances. Miss Pearl Waleher, a young woman living in this city, is the complaining witness in the case.



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