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**SOCIETIES**

**IMP. O. R. M.**

Sitting Bull Tribe No. 22, Improved Order of Red Men, meets every second and fourth Friday evening of each month at Davenport's Hall. Visiting brethren are fraternally invited to be present at the councils of the tribe.  
 J. H. SEARS, F. M. MARCH, Chief of Records, Sachem

**A. F. & A. M.**

Minnekadusa Lodge, No. 192, A. F. & A. M. meets in regular communication, Saturday evening on or before the full moon in each month, members of the order in good and regular standing cordially and fraternally invited to attend.  
 J. T. KREELY, W. M.  
 W. W. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

**O. E. S.**

Northern Star Chapter, No. 59, Order of the Eastern Star, meets on second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month in Hornby's hall.  
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**A. O. U. W.**

Valentine Lodge, No. 70, A. O. U. W., meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.  
 J. C. PETTIJOHN, Rec. O. W. HAHM, M. W.

**D. OF H.**

Valentine Lodge No. 22, Degree of Honor, holds regular meetings first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.  
 M. CHRISTENSEN, MRS. J. C. PETTIJOHN, Recorder, Chief of Honor

**I. O. O. F.**

Valentine Lodge No. 205 I. O. O. F., meets every Thursday evening. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend our meetings.  
 D. H. THURSTON, FRANK BRAYTON, Secretary, Noble Grand

**G. A. R.**

Col. Wood Post No. 208, Department of Nebraska regular meeting 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month at 2 p. m. sharp. Comrades from other Posts are cordially invited to attend.  
 J. W. TUCKER, JOHN DUNN, Adjutant, Commander

**M. W. A.**

Valentine Camp No. 171 Modern Woodmen of America, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at Davenport's Hall. Visiting neighbors cordially invited to attend.  
 W. S. JACKSON, W. E. HALEY, Clerk, Venerable Counselor

**K. of P.**

Cherry Lodge No. 189 Knights of Pythias meets every Tuesday evening at Davenport's Hall.  
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**J. A. R.'S PROUD YEAR.**

THE ORGANIZATION IS THIRTY-ONE YEARS OLD.

First Conceived in Illinois, the Order Has Had 8,000 Posts with a Membership of Over Half a Million—Death Making Inroads.

A Famous Society.



ILLINOIS is the birthplace of the Grand Army of the Republic—the first post organized—writes J. A. Watrous in the Chicago Times-Herald, but Wisconsin bears an honor equal to it in the fact that thirty-one years ago the first State of department encampment of the order assembled within her borders, at Madison. But few posts were represented. One each at Milwaukee, Madison and Berlin and less than a half dozen others. It was a small body of young men who composed this first department encampment. Among them were the late Gen. Lucius Fairchild, Col. Tom Reynolds, the Irishman who refused to have his leg amputated because it was impeded; the late Gen. Jerry Rusk, Gen. James K. Proudfit, Gen. George E. Bryant, Private Henry Sanford, Private George Baker, Private Nelson Bowerman, Col. Henry A. Starr, Capt. Edward Ferguson and a few others. Gen. James K. Proudfit, who had served as adjutant of the Twelfth and later as its colonel and was

the high station when the order was first on earth are Gens. Logan, Hurlbut, Surgeon Grimsshaw, Gen. Cal Wagner and Gen. Hartranft. Gen. Devens of Massachusetts was in at the new birth.

National encampments have been held twice at Indianapolis, one each in Philadelphia, New York, Washington, Boston, Providence, Portland, Me.; San Francisco, St. Louis, Columbus, O.; Pittsburg, Milwaukee, Louisville, St. Paul. The next session will be held at Buffalo the last week in August.

At the thirty-first department encampment of the order in Wisconsin, at Eau Claire recently, probably not to exceed a dozen of the men who belonged to the Grand Army in 1865, when the first department encampment was held, were present. Among the men who have held the office of department commander in that State, still living, are James K. Proudfit, Thomas S. Allen, Edward Ferguson, George A. Hannaford, Henry G. Rogers, S. F. Hammond, G. J. Thomas, H. M. Enos, Phil Cheek, Henry P. Fischler, Michael Griffen, A. G. Weissert, L. Ferguson, Benjamin F. Bryant, W. H. Upland, C. B. Welton, E. A. Shores, J. A. Watrous, W. D. Hoard and D. Lloyd Jones. Messrs. Watrous, Weissert, Griffen, L. Ferguson, Watrous, Weissert, Griffen, Cheek and Rogers are the only ones who were present. The department has had as high as 14,000 members. Its present membership is between eight and nine thousand.

It was the department of Wisconsin that first moved to establish a State home for the veteran soldiers, their wives and the widows of soldiers. It has been in operation near Waupaca for ten years and has proved a great success. The example set by Wisconsin has been imitated by a number of States and several others are contemplating the step.

**HELD FOR SMUGGLING.**

**Millionaire Dry Goods Merchant of St. Louis Is Accused.**

Richard M. Scruggs, the millionaire dry goods merchant who was arrested in New York Saturday for smuggling jewelry and fine laces, is one of the most eminent and respected citizens of St. Louis. He and Edward G. Langhorn, general manager of the American Arithmometer Company, who were passengers on the American

**LEADING ASPIRANTS FOR THE OHIO GOVERNORSHIP.**



JOHN R. McLEAN.



PAUL J. SORG.

prevented a brigadier, was made department commander. The work of organizing in 1867 and 1868 went forward with great enthusiasm. By the end of 1868 there were about 100 posts in the State. The fame of the new order in Illinois and Wisconsin attracted the attention of Pennsylvania, New York and several other Eastern States, and it was extended to their borders, charters being given by the department of Wisconsin. The chief post in Philadelphia is working under a charter signed by Department Commander James K. Proudfit. This is true of posts in other States.

There are now over forty Grand Army departments, and there have been as high as 8,000 posts, with a membership of nearly half a million. The birth of that order resulted in bringing into existence the Woman's Relief Corps, which has a membership of nearly 200,000. The two orders have expended for charity many millions of dollars. They have led in patriotic education and demonstration; they have led in suggesting and in agitating for the establishment of several of the national homes and the establishment of all of the State homes; they have exercised much influence in pension legislation, sometimes unwisely, but in the main wisely and justly, and they have given us Memorial Day, with its beautiful and inspiring ceremonies.

Wisconsin is the possessor of the post that has been in existence without interruption the greatest length of time, Williams, No. 4, of Berlin.

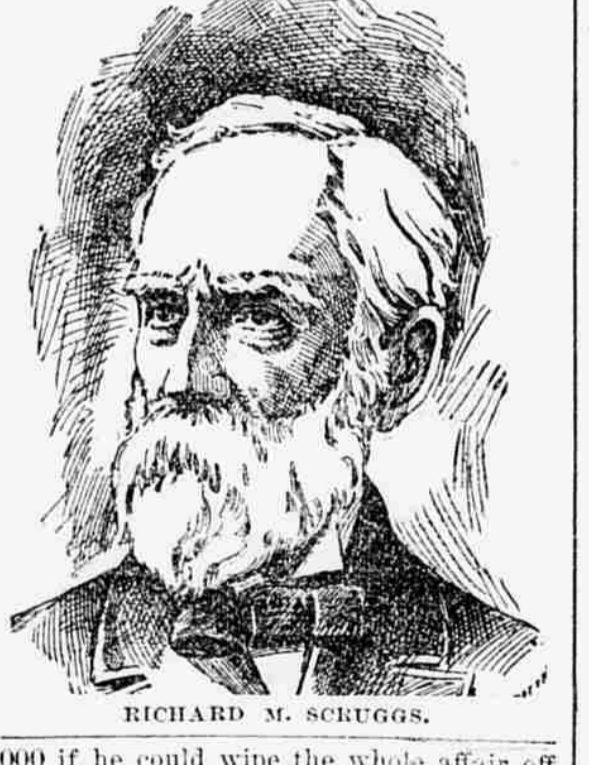
From 1868 to 1875 nearly all of the Grand Army posts in the country died of an overdose of politics. It was along in 1879 that the order began its resurrection on a new foundation, rigidly excluding politics and demanding utter non-interference with religious beliefs. On that foundation it grew more rapidly than it had at first. It sprang forward like a frightened fawn under Commanders-in-chief Major Merrill of Massachusetts, Paul Vandervoort of Nebraska, Col. R. B. Beath of Pennsylvania, the one-legged drummer boy, Johnny Kountz of Ohio, Gen. S. S. Burdett of Washington, Gen. Fairchild of Wisconsin, Capt. Rex of Minneapolis, Major William Warner of Kansas City, Gen. R. A. Alger of Michigan, Judge Veazey of Vermont, Adjutant John Palmer of New York and Col. A. G. Weissert of Wisconsin.

Since then the order, from natural causes, has ceased to increase. It has been growing smaller rapidly; it will continue to speedily grow smaller. A fair sized army corps—14,000—will have died by Sept. 1 next. Ten years from now there will not be one-third as many posts and members as there are to-day. Fifteen years from now there will scarcely be more than one post in a county. Twenty years from now one or two posts in the State will answer. Twenty-five years from now the Grand Army of the Republic will be only a memory.

Since Weissert, in 1862, there have been at the head of the national organization Capt. Jack Adams of Massachusetts, Col. Tom Lawler of Rockford, Ill., Col. Walker of Indianapolis and Major Clarkson.

Illinois has the honor of having had at the head Gen. John A. Logan two or three years; Gen. Stephen A. Hurlbut, two years; Lawler, one. While Clarkson is now a resident of Nebraska, he was an Illinois soldier, thus giving the State four commanders-in-chief.

Pennsylvania has had three—Wagner, Besh, Hartranft. Among those who held



RICHARD M. SCRUGGS.

Line steamer St. Paul, were taken into custody by the United States customs officials when they landed. Jewelry valued at about \$2,000 was seized and a charge of attempting to defraud the United States revenues was made against them.

Mr. Scruggs is the senior partner of one of the largest dry goods houses in the west. He is 76 years old, and is the president of one of the leading charitable organizations of St. Louis. When there was great suffering among the poor of that city last winter \$50,000 was raised and distributed mainly through his efforts. He had been in business in St. Louis for nearly half a century. He had never been abroad until he took the trip which ended so unfortunately.

From his own explanation, Scruggs brought over presents for relatives and friends and neglected to declare them. It seems a case of inexperience and bad counselors, and the old gentleman said he would gladly write his check for \$10,000 if he could wipe the whole affair off the slate.

Scruggs and Langhorn went to London to dispose of the European rights for the manufacture of the arithmometer, a calculating machine. The sale was made to English capitalists, and Scruggs, as president and treasurer of the company, signed the contracts and received \$200,000.

Having completed his business, he bought a few watches, rings and pins to present to relatives and employees. He was told that it is customary for Americans to bring in articles for their own use or intended for presents without declaring them and paying duty as on articles intended for sale. The penalty for smuggling may be anything from a light fine to a fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment for two years.

R. W. Stewart, a merchant of Lindale, Tex., was recently enticed from his home by a negro and murdered. Edward Jones, a negro, was arrested and in a confession implicated Will Jones, a white man. Jones was placed in jail. Shortly after 1 o'clock in the morning a mob appeared at the county jail at Tyler, broke in the doors and shot Jones to death. They refused to kill the negro who killed Stewart.

John Wolf, who had been scolded by the foreman, drowned himself in a vat of beer at the Moerlein brewery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**NATIONAL SOLONS.**

REVIEW OF THEIR WORK AT WASHINGTON.

Detailed Proceedings of Senate and House—Bills Passed or Introduced in Either Branch—Questions of Moment to the Country at Large.

The Legislative Griad.

Representative McMillin Monday introduced in the House a resolution providing for the consideration of a Senate resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents "from day to day until disposed of." The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules. The resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the relief of distressed American citizens in Cuba reached the White House at 12:20 o'clock, just as soon as it could be sent up after being signed by both houses, while they were in open session. The President signed the resolution immediately. The conferees on the sundry civil appropriation bill have agreed. The most important amendment to the bill was that revoking the order of President Cleveland of Feb. 22, 1897, setting apart 21,000,000 acres of lands as forest reservations. The appropriation for Pearl harbor, Hawaii, is reduced to \$10,000. The Senate amendment for improving Salmonberry, Washington, is stricken out. The appropriation for a Government exhibit at the Omaha exposition is left at \$200,000, the \$75,000 increase of the Senate being stricken out. The amendment for investigation of sugar production remains in the bill. The appropriation for the improvement of the lower Mississippi River is increased to \$2,933,333. The net reduction from the Senate amendments is \$500,000. The Mobile bay improvement is made \$25,000, instead of \$40,000 inserted by the Senate. The total of the bill as agreed to is \$53,622,651.

The debate on the tariff bill began in the Senate Tuesday with crowded galleries and a large attendance of Senators and the tariff leaders of the House. Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Vest and Mr. Cannon were the speakers. Early in the day Mr. Mallory, the new Senator from Florida, was sworn in and took his seat. Senator Cullom introduced by request a bill to amend the interstate commerce law. The bill prescribes relations for pooling, requiring that pooling contracts shall not extend beyond five years and that they shall name the maximum and minimum rates to be charged, requiring the approval of the interstate commerce commission before the agreements can become effective. The bill provides for a complete revision of the interstate commerce law. The House was not in session.

The Senate Wednesday resumed consideration of the tariff. Mr. Vest, opposition leader, moved a reduction in the duties upon boracic acid, and was defeated, 34 to 20. The debate was participated in by Senators Vest, Jones of Arkansas, Aldrich, Perkins, White, Caffery, Gray, and Stewart. Mr. White, a Democratic member of the Finance Committee, opposed Mr. Vest's amendment, urging that the California industry required the rate allowed by the committee. Seven paragraphs of the bill were considered during the day, the committee being sustained in each instance. The resolution was agreed to authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to employ any suitable ship in forwarding relief supplies to India. The House was not in session.

The Cuban resolution was brought before the House Thursday. A motion to refer to committee, none of which are yet appointed, was declared by Speaker Reed to be out of order. Mr. Lewis appeal was tabled—91 to 57. Adjourned. The Senate made good progress on the tariff bill, disposing of ten pages. Several votes were taken, the Finance Committee being sustained in each case by majorities varying from six to fifteen. The drug schedule was under discussion and the debate was largely technical. Before taking up the tariff the final conference report on the sundry civil bill was agreed to, including the provision suspending until March 1 next the executive order creating extensive forest reserves.

After a long period of silence Senator Tillman of South Carolina started the Senate Friday by a speech no less dramatic in its delivery than sensational in its allegations. He declared the public statements of Senators were speculating in sugar stocks, pending the settlement of the sugar tariff schedule, were getting to be so persistent and forceful that it was a national scandal. He preceded his speech by presenting a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of five Senators to investigate the charges. The Senate then took up the tariff bill. The House did nothing. The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds agreed to report favorably the bills for public buildings at Baltimore, Md., to cost \$1,500,000; Durham, N. C., \$125,000; McKeesport, Pa., \$200,000; Washington, Pa., \$75,000; Wilkesbarre, Pa., \$225,000; Butte City, Mont., \$300,000; and Aberdeen, S. D., \$100,000.

For the first time in many years a member of the United States Senate was Saturday afternoon directed to take his seat as a result of statements made in debate. The Senator who offended was Mr. Morgan of Alabama, and the man who called him to order was Senator Hale, of Maine. Mr. Morgan was at the moment soundly berating Speaker Reed for his exercise of the one-man power in the House. The president officer at the time was Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, but after the spurt of indignation on the part of Mr. Hale was over, Mr. Morgan continued his speech declaring, for the first time during the twenty years he had served in the Senate, this was the only occasion on which he had been directed to cease debate and take his seat. He wanted the American people to know that such demands were made at a time when the Senator so dealt with was defending the Constitution. The whole day was consumed in a further consideration of the glass schedule. The Senate adjourned over Monday.

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