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This Year Contains the Following Important Information, viz:

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ECHOES FROM THE ANTEROOM

Officers Selected to Bear the Honors of the Coming Term.

ALL THE GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

The Pythian Club and Its Officers—Doings of the Daughters of Rebekah—District Lodge I.

K. O. P.

The following is a complete list of the officers elected by the various lodges during the past week to serve during the ensuing year:

Viola, No. 80—C. C. James, A. Faris; V. C. J. L. Alvord; P. F. Gifford; M. of E. A. G. Hunt; M. of P. D. H. Christie; M. of A. J. A. Stangland; trustee, A. Ganster.

Marathon, No. 82—C. C. W. Jay; V. C. E. A. Johnson; P. C. L. Conner; R. P. and S. J. W. Hobbs; M. of E. Fred Matson; M. of P. J. S. Stone; M. of A. L. H. Herrick; trustee, William Hare.

Virginius, No. 95—C. C. W. A. Hostetter; V. C. R. A. Thompson; P. J. Henry Eick; M. of E. W. D. Whelan; M. of P. E. J. D. Weiland; K. R. and S. A. E. Ralph; M. of A. Frank Summers; trustee, J. T. Dalley.

V. C. R. Brown, P. H. Brayton.

Nebaska, No. 1—C. C. John Hayward; V. C. J. W. Mallon; P. H. B. Brown; K. R. and S. Charles J. Johnson; M. of E. M. Telford; M. of P. H. H. Horner; M. of A. Joseph Withers; trustee, M. of A. E. Frank Marshall; M. of P. T. C. Marsh; M. of A. C. Heinger.

Back, No. 62—C. C. L. L. Babby; V. C. M. K. Over; P. H. Clements; K. R. and S. W. H. Wood; M. of E. Richard Tizzard; M. of P. W. H. Woods; M. of A. A. Leo Hartley.

Joe Hus, No. 5—C. C. V. L. Vodka; C. C. Joseph Novak; P. R. V. Miskowicz; K. R. and S. J. Corina; M. of E. A. Kuznetz; M. of P. M. B. Letovsky; M. of A. A. Melchior.

Mt. Shasta, No. 71—C. C. John S. Widener; V. C. W. S. Mary; P. E. L. Howe; K. R. and S. J. C. Mitchell; M. of E. W. F. Stetter; M. of P. Charles H. Howe; M. of A. A. G. Kear.

Frederick, No. 1—C. C. U. B. Halomb; V. C. J. S. Gault; P. W. W. Gault; K. R. and S. H. R. Weber; M. of E. A. F. Wolf; M. of P. J. A. Patrick; M. of A. Lee N. Yates.

Orion, No. 70—C. C. F. J. Sackett; V. C. D. P. Curtis; P. L. H. Bear; K. R. and S. E. E. Zimmerman; M. of E. W. G. Perret; M. of P. W. A. Saunders; M. of A. W. W. McMillan.

Forest, No. 81—C. C. John Moffatt; V. C. G. D. Armstrong; P. Charles Reynolds; M. of E. C. A. Olson; K. R. and S. A. Vinay.

Good Samaritan, No. 67—C. C. H. H. Howe; V. C. W. T. Wood; P. N. J. Edholm; M. of P. N. H. Nelson.

At the meeting of York lodge No. 17 last Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. C. T. Eddy Bennett; V. C. J. L. Kidlow; P. Patrick; K. R. and S. M. of E. W. A. Stetter; trustee, James D. D. A. J. Hill.

Omaha division No. 19 has carried the honors in the election of officers. The following are the members who have been elected to that position in the elections held during the past week: W. A. Hostetter, James D. D. A. J. Hill and John Hayward, elected to that chair in Virginius, Myrtle and Nebraska respectively.

Triangle lodge is rapidly acquiring a repu-

tion for doing the best work of any lodge in the city or state. The most care is exercised in all the affairs of the lodge, to comply strictly with the Pythian law with a very beneficial effect upon the members. This is the largest lodge in the city, but the only one in Omaha which is represented in the grand lodge by delegates. It is the intention of Triangle to have a public installation of officers the first week in January, which will be a decided innovation in Pythian matters in this state.

On December 19 the Pythian hall association will hold a grand opening and entertainment for the purpose of raising funds to assist in defraying the expenses connected with the rearing up of the magnificent hall in the Paxton block. The entertainment will comprise literary and musical numbers by first-class talent both in and out of the order, and will be held in the new lodge room. The program will include a dance to be held in an adjacent hall. Aside from the pleasure afforded by attending this entertainment, every knight should feel in duty bound to assist this enterprise in every way in his power. The Sir Knights commencing the Pythian hall association have done wonders in the way of providing an elegant hall for the order, and they should receive the hearty support of every member who is interested in seeing the order lifted out of the old rut.

Myrtle No. 3 has had two applications for membership at their last meeting.

Planet No. 4 had two applications also, and will confer the rank of page on two candidates tomorrow evening.

U. S. K. of R. & S. Boshall records that he has received applications for petition blanks for forming new lodges from Mr. Edholm of Omaha, and from Vesta, Johnson county.

Omaha division No. 19, gave a ball and supper at Goodrich hall, Wednesday evening. The hall was handsomely decorated by outlining the four pillars with the national colors and arranging an immense flag in the center of the hall. The handsome banner of the division and the second regiment colors conspicuous at the musicians' stand. The attendance was large and select. Captain John Hayward officiated as master of ceremonies, and was as thorough in the arrangement of details as he is in matters pertaining to the drill and conduct of his division. He was ably assisted in his efforts to make the entertainment a success by the following committee of arrangements: Sir Knights, Dr. H. R. Weber, H. W. Snyder, W. S. Stuart, I. N. Gull, Alfred Wolf. These gentlemen attended strictly to business and neglected no detail which would contribute to the comfort and enjoyment of the guests. A delicious supper was served in the banquet room, consisting of oysters, turkey, etc.

Lily division, No. 5, gave another of their very enjoyable parties in Metropolitan hall Thanksgiving eve. The attendance was all that could possibly be desired, both in point of numbers and in character. The hall was well filled with Sir Knights in full uniform and their friends. A New England luncheon was served before midnight, after which dancing was resumed with renewed zest.

Royal Masonic Rite.

A chapter of the Royal Masonic rite has been instituted in St. Louis by a deputy grand representative sent from Boston for that purpose. The Royal Masonic rite is a confederation of the Rite of Misraim, the Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis and the Ancient and Primitive rite, which was accomplished at a convention held in Boston, December 5, 1864. At this convention there were 1,200 members, representing every working body in the United States, present, and it was unanimously voted to ignore all former charters, and constitute and proclaim themselves the Union sovereign association of the Royal Masonic rite, controlling all degrees above the third, heretofore known as Egyptian Masonry. Lucius Wilson, M. of E. of Boston, Mass., is the grand master general.

The Royal Masonic rite should not be confounded with the Scotch rite, about which there has been so much controversy, as no connection whatever exists, and while the latter rite is virtually new as a matter of fact it has been introduced in this country in some form on several occasions, and many of the prominent Masons of this city have attended the thirty-third degree.

N. B. S.

Masonic Temple of St. Louis, R. F. Nelson, illustrious potentate, held a regular

meeting on Wednesday evening, with sixteen nobles present. It was decided to have the special session for work on December 4, on which occasion a large number of nobles will cross the hot sands. A number of rehearsals were ordered.

The Shrine temple of New York city and Chicago have the "O. G." attachment, and the nobles of Tangier temple should see that a branch is established in Omaha.

An Important Point.

A very interesting decision has been handed down by Judge Clifford of Chicago, which is one of great moment to members of benevolent insurance companies. The case involved the point of whether a person may retain membership in the supreme lodge of a society, though he has been suspended or expelled from the subordinate lodge. The case came up in the suit of Mrs. Bertha Dahlberg against the supreme lodge of Knights of Honor to recover the death benefit due her in case her husband at the time of his demise was a member in good standing. (Dahlgren, Joint Chicago Lodge No. 132, Knights of Honor, in 1883, and for some time continued to pay his dues. Some dispute over a sick benefit caused trouble and he failed to pay his next assessment. The subordinate lodge dropped him from the roll, but in its remittance to the supreme lodge it failed to deduct the amount. Dahlberg died and a demand was made for the insurance money, which was refused. Judgment was rendered in favor of Mrs. Dahlberg for \$242.50.

D. of H.

The officers of the Nebraska grand convention elected at the recent session are as follows: Mrs. E. L. Armstrong, Omaha, president; Mrs. Heaton, Lincoln, vice president; Mrs. Utley, O'Neill, secretary; Mrs. Hoagland, North Platte, treasurer; Mrs. Sadie Wright, Omaha, Mrs. J. R. West, Omaha, and Mrs. Williams, Lincoln, representatives of the grand and sovereign lodges; Mrs. Hagy of No. 6, first warden; Mrs. Flagg of No. 38, Omaha, second warden; Mrs. Burger of No. 33, Hebron, conductor; Mrs. Katsbin of No. 39, Grand Island, Mrs. Hancock of No. 28, near Christendom, from Denmark to Spain, from Ireland to Cyprus. Before the middle of the thirtieth century Matthew Paris reckoned their manors at 9,000. Some fifty years earlier their income from Armeina alone was equal to \$44,000. Both in Paris and London their houses were used as strongholds for the royal treasury, and high lords to them for loans when in financial straits. In the Spanish peninsula they occupied a peculiar position, and more than one king of Aragon is said to have been brought up under their discipline.

Such were the power and wealth of the Templars when Philip IV. of France accused them of heresy and worse offenses, had them arrested in 1307 and forced them to confess by tortures of the most execrating kind. Five years later the order was suppressed by decree of the council of Vienna and its goods transferred to the hospital of St. John.

The order consisted of knights' chaplains and men-at-arms. The knights were bound for life or a fixed period, and were the only members entitled to wear the white mantle. They were obliged to attend religious services daily. They were allowed but two meals a day and must but twice a week. Every brother owed the most absolute obedience to the master of the order and was to go wherever he commanded by God without delay, as if commanded by God. They were to dress in woolen gowns, wear their hair short, and a rough beard became one of the distinguishing marks of the order.

They were controlled by the strictest discipline, which prescribed the form of every act of their life, their clothing, and associations. The brethren of the Temple were exhorted to abstain from the kiss of every woman, whether maid or widow, mother, aunt or sister. The secular spirit of the Templar statutes remained unaltered to the end. At the time of its suppression it was calculated to number 15,000 members.

Philip IV. of France had secured the election of Clement V. as pope by his gold and influence, and this pope lent himself to the grand lodge, which alone has control of the meeting of the subordinate, and he gives some pertinent points in which the subordinate lodges are deeply interested. The chief point is the payment of dues. If the meeting fails on a legal holiday and is omitted and a member comes to pay his dues, and is debarred because the lodge is not in session, and that member is taken with the law of the sovereign grand lodge declares that he is not

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She—Why do you look so unhappy, George? Don't you know we are one, now? Ho—Yes, I've heard that, but when it comes to carrying the hotel bill the landlord doesn't seem to think so.

Prof. Starganza (unraptured)—And you really love me? I thought your heart belonged to that scapegrace boy of mine, Lucy—No, it is you, you dear, and gone. And then—a man of science—I thought you would like me to show you a total eclipse of the sun.

"Oh, near," said Mrs. Honeyman to her spouse, one day at dinner. "The doctor says that you should not think about business matters at meal times, as it impairs digestion and sours the heart." "Pray, dear, what do you think about when we sit down to meals?" "Sweetest," replied the old man, "I only think about how to get the bill out of her. I put her arms around his neck, and kissed him.

Adam Kenick and Augusta Krankauer, of Minnesota, were to have been married, in an unattended moment. Adam was at a Sunday school picnic, Augusta fainted and was sick for some days in consequence, being delicate most of the time. She swore most awful oaths while out of her head, and her father suspected Adam of having used such language constantly in her presence, and the wedding is declared off.

John St. Georges of Florida and Emily Laine of Louisiana, never met until they had been married a month. The engagement and courtship was by letter. The marriage was by telegraph, in order that the bride could execute certain documents in New Orleans as Mrs. St. Georges without having to return. It took a month to get the business transacted and reach her husband. The latter says he is tolerably well satisfied with his bargain, but thinks his wife lied about her age and sent him some other girl's picture.

A Vermont justice of the peace the other day thought he could marry them for fifty cents. The young man allowed that he might recede that sum. After the ceremony the justice called for pay. After much fumbling in the pockets of his overall the groom said he had left it "to him." The justice then said they were unmarried. "The ceremony was met by a witness, who loaned the young man a half dollar, which was handed to his honor. The justice then remarked to the couple that they were again married and that they were at liberty to resume their journey.

"Do you remember when and where we first met?" I heard a loving wife ask her husband. "Certainly, my dear. I'll never forget it. It was in a saloon, and I don't believe you can tell me now." "The first time I met you," he said quite readily, "was at a charity ball at the—hasn't it? It is very nice to know you remember so well." And when she left the room he turned to me and said "For heaven's sake don't say anything, but I remember because that night some fellow walked off with an \$80 overcoat of mine, and I had to go home without any."

Bishop Williams, of the Protestant Episcopal mission in Japan has resigned because he thinks that the present marvellous condition of affairs in that empire requires the services of a younger and stronger man in the episcopate. He has not revisited the United States since he entered, upon his work more than twenty years ago.

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