

SIGNS AND PASS WORDS

Movements of Secret Bodies and the Work Being Done.

ORIGIN OF THE ORDER OF ELKS

Knights of Pythias Getting Ready for Their Supreme Lodge Meeting—Arrangements Hoping for a Grand Lodge in Nebraska.

Grand Secretary Allen O. Meyers has prepared an interesting sketch of the founding of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, an order which is flourishing like the bayonet tree.

The order of Elks is essentially and solely a child of America. It could not have been developed by the mind of man under any other conditions than those that exist in our country and under our free institutions.

The order of Elks, like Topsy, "grew." The founders of the order had no conception of the scope and possibilities of the present organization, but they are entitled to the credit of having sown the seeds that have produced such magnificent and gratifying results.

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well defined in the book of duties, but in many cases, when called upon by the regent to perform their work of the evening, they rise and state that as the session has been prolonged to an unusual extent they will refrain from saying anything. The married members are happy at this turn of affairs, because it means early closing. But the interest in the meetings is at very low ebb. Attendance at the meetings has been very satisfactory, and everybody is glad when the gavel falls and the lodge is closed. Orators should prepare papers or devise some scheme each meeting night to hold the members, arouse their interest and thus increase the membership. This talk is commended to orators in every lodge in the state. Assessment No. 101 has been called, to the supreme treasury, being the second assessment for 1892, and is payable by members on or before February 29.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS.

A second subordinate camp of the Royal Neighbors of America, the ladies' degree of the Modern Woodmen of America, was instituted in this city last Thursday night, with a charter list of over fifty members. The camp was instituted by the officers of the head camp, among whom were Supreme Oracle Mrs. Eastman, Supreme Manager Mrs. Van Gilder of Omaha and others.

In the presence of an audience of nearly 100, composed principally of Woodmen and their wives, about twenty of whom were from Omaha, the beautiful and impressive ritualistic work of the order, which was originated and written by Miss Lillian Huff of this city, was exemplified in ample form by a well drilled corps composed of members of the home team, assisted by members of the degree staff of Ivy camp of Omaha.

At the close of these ceremonies the following officers of the newly instituted camp were elected and installed: Oracle, Mrs. Emma L. Belknap; vice oracle, Mrs. J. R. Carothers; chancellor, Mrs. N. J. Swanson; recorder, Miss Clara Wright; receiver, Mrs. W. M. Frederick; marshal, Mrs. H. J. Bubbitt; past oracle, Mrs. E. E. Adams.

This ceremony was followed by a social entertainment, during which refreshments were served, interspersed with instrumental and vocal selections. The general remarks, many expressions of admiration were elicited by the work and several prominent persons who are members of other secret organizations expressed themselves as never having before witnessed anything that could be compared with the elaborate ceremonies displayed, the magnificent costumes and floor movements and the impressive lessons of the ritualistic work of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Among the charter members are the following: Mr. J. R. Carothers, Mrs. J. R. Carothers, Mrs. J. R. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed E. Belknap, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carothers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed E. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bubbitt, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ebert, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grow, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Good, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hennessey, Mr. C. P. McKesson, Miss Lillian Huff, Miss Clara Wright, L. C. Huff, W. C. Estop, A. B. Crane, Dr. C. H. Johnson, W. A. Joseph, W. A. Slack, W. A. Goehring, Frank Weatherbe, and a number of others.

This is the seventh subordinate camp of the order, there now being two in Iowa, two in Nebraska and three in Illinois.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

A clergyman, recently asked why he was a Knight of Labor, responded:

I am a Knight of Labor because I believe its principles are synonymous with the true and Christianly applied to our social and industrial relations.

The order stands for four great principles, all of them Christian principles. First, that moral and industrial worth, not wealth, should be the standard of individual and national excellence.

Second, that the use of natural opportunities, especially that of land—opportunities created by God for the use of all men, and not for the benefit of a few.

Third, that the right of man to a material to human life—a right, notwithstanding the declaration of independence, not yet acknowledged—a natural and inalienable right when hundreds of thousands of human beings are out of work today; and yet, as no man has the right to demand employment of another, it is to maintain life he must have the right to demand opportunity to employ himself.

Fourth—the duty to work—the first great law of God: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" is a duty totally opposed to the existence of those who are rich or poor, who do not work because they will not, not because they cannot, and who form the parasites of our modern society.

These principles, it may be observed, are not only truly Christian, but thoroughly American in their character as well, hence I am a Knight of Labor.

LINKS FOR ODD FELLOWS.

Grand Sir Charles M. Busbee has issued an interesting proclamation to the officers and members of grand and subordinate lodges enjoining upon them "to take appropriate action for the due commemoration on the 26th day of April, 1892, of the seventy-third anniversary of our order, by suitable exercises in observance of the day and by public exercises in the evening."

The ceremony authorized to be observed at the celebration of the anniversary may be obtained from the grand secretaries of the several grand lodges, the grand scribes of the grand encampments, and at the office of the grand secretary of the sovereign grand lodge, Columbus, O.

Dimitri Mudeleff, an eminent Russian Odd Fellow and the inventor of terroite, a new explosive material, died on Friday the 15th, in San Francisco, and was buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

The man who lost insurance through the bankruptcy of the Missouri Mutual Aid association will, it is hoped, be reimbursed in some other similar organization.

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lodge will give a dance and supper for the benefit of the Relief fund.

The signs of the times are that Pythianism will gain more followers by half in 1892 than any previous year since its institution.

The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Kansas is in session last week in Pittsburg, Kan. The reports of the various officers were particularly interesting. The reports showed the largest net increase in membership ever made in one year in that jurisdiction, a disbursement of \$30,000, and 3,400 beneficiary certificates issued, the average membership during the year being 18,000—3,500 suspensions, and 3,973 reinstatements. The order in Kansas represents a liability of \$37,182,000 to be paid to possible widows and orphans. Number of deaths during the year, 101; death rate, 5.71 per cent; average age at death, 43 years; average duration of membership, five years.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. S. E. Wetzel of Galena, grand master workman; J. W. Hughes of Topeka, grand foreman; J. S. Rogers of Pittsburg, grand overseer by acclamation; E. M. Ford of Emporia, grand recorder; T. A. Beck of Topeka, grand receiver; B. F. Bailey of Parsons, grand guide. The visiting workmen were given a most interesting and profitable opera house previous to their departure. City-Attorney Morris Cliggett, in behalf of the city of Pittsburg, welcomed the visitors to the city, and by a letter to "Past Master Workman Webb McNeil.

M. Ben. C. Smith, chairman Board of Trade, Macon, Ga., says: "I consider Brandy-crotone one of the greatest medicines I ever used."

Dr. Cullimore, oculist, Baso Billings

MILITARY MATTERS.

A Record of the Doings in Army Circles. General Nelson A. Miles was a guest at the Chamber of Commerce banquet at Rochester, N. Y., recently and spoke on coast defenses. He favored land batteries, with the most powerful steel breech-loading rifled cannon and mortars and torpedoes and submarine mines as the only safeguards upon which we could rely for the protection of the twenty-seven principal ports. There was no prospect of our navy soon attaining more than a fourth of its former number of vessels of the world. Hence it would be useless to rely upon our navy alone to protect our coasts and lake ports.

A general order was issued from the headquarters of the army amending paragraph 276 of the regulations to read: "The food of prisoners will be sent to their places of confinement, where military and naval commanders may arrange to send the prisoners under proper guard to their messes for their meals."

The bound volumes of the new infantry regulations have been received from the government printing office and will be distributed to the commands immediately. The advance sheets of the new cavalry regulations will be sent to commands in that form of the service during next week.

Fort Sully Items.

Post Quartermaster Lieutenant M. F. Waltz is credited with having put up the best ice ever put up at Sully.

Company I, Third Infantry, the warrior company, consists at present of six members, three of whom have been joined a few days ago.

Second Lieutenant M. McFarland of the Twenty-first infantry, who arrived here on the 17th in command of a detachment of men, departed the same day for his station, Fort Randall, S. D.

Divine service is held every Sunday evening and is well attended by officers, ladies and enlisted men. Chaplain W. T. Barry is, without a doubt, the right man in the right place—a favorite with everybody.

Miss Annie Judge, a young lady of this garrison, met with a serious accident recently by spraining her right ankle. Miss Judge has the sympathy of the garrison and wishes for a speedy recovery.

The mail stage arrives daily at 3 p. m., and is in charge of the old reliable, Mr. Bergen, an ex-regimental clerk. We also receive a blizzard, Mr. Bergen is always on time.

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We want your trade---and we'll get it if you know the value of your dollars, and where they'll procure the most for you.

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NICOLL THE TAILOR,

207 South 15th Street. Bet. Farnam and Douglas.

winter. The Elements of Modern Tactics, by Shaw, has been almost finished and the new infantry drill regulations will be systematically studied, commencing work after next.

Last week Lieutenant William M. Morrow read an interesting and instructive paper on "Observations on the Russian Campaigns in Turkey, 1878-79." This week Lieutenant Le Roy S. Upton read an interesting paper on "The Bicycle War," which called forth discussion lasting a couple of hours.

The ladies of this post, though far away from the brilliant whirl of society, being less fortunate than their sisters in and near camp, of gaiety like Omaha, determined that they would put their ingenuity to the test and make this year one to be remembered by all the sterner sex at this post. They consequently got their pretty heads and active brains to work and the result was a gem on the night of the 18th inst., and such a gem as it was. Not a man was let into the secret until they were actually in the hall. The ladies invited their partners to the ball and the result was a gem on the night of the 18th inst., and such a gem as it was.

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Nicoll the Tailor advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and text describing his services and location.

To Cure Sleeplessness advertisement for Dr. Betts & Betts, including a testimonial and product information.

Advertisement for Dr. Betts & Betts featuring a portrait of a man and text describing their medical services.

Advertisement for Kings of Specialists, Dr. Betts & Betts, listing various medical conditions treated.

Advertisement for JAPANESE PILE CURE, describing the benefits of the medicine.

Advertisement for STOPS THE ACHE, featuring an illustration of a man and text describing the product.

Advertisement for TO WEAK MEN, including a testimonial and product information.