

ECHOS FROM THE ANTE-ROOM

Important Changes in the New Knights of Pythias Ritual.

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Series of Hops to Be Given by Union Pacific Council, Royal Arcanum - Election of Officers in Various Lodges About the State.

At the meeting of Gauntlet lodge No. 47, Plattsburgh Knights of Pythias, Thursday, the following officers were elected: Claus Brockenfeld, chancellor; commander, A. E. Helms...

In speaking of the new ritual which goes into effect July 1, 1893, the Pythian Knight of Rochester, N. Y. says pertinently: The adoption by the supreme lodge at its recent session of a new ritual was a step indicative of progress...

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At the regular meeting of Gem Lodge No. 14, Kearney Knights of Pythias, held last Monday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. D. Lowe, past chancellor...

At the regular meeting of Loyal Lodge No. 129, Knights of Pythias, held Wednesday evening, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year: O. L. Green, past chancellor...

Mars lodge No. 130 Knights of Pythias held its regular meeting on the evening of the 30th at their hall, Thirtieth near Brown, Chancellor Commander Gladstach presiding.

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It is said to be a beautiful and talented young debutante actress. The comedienne was the hands of M. J. Gallagher, J. A. Wilkes, Hugh J. Ward and Miss Edith Pollock. Mr. Armin has added a new part, the "Frisson's Mascot" and placed it in the hands of his 5-year-old niece, Little Tuesday, who is to be the cleverest child ever known.

The attraction at Boyd's new theater Tuesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening will be "The New Devil's Auction." This spectacle is not the old "Devil's Auction" since the production was last seen here...

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Jeffrey Lewis is herself acting that is, she is playing "Forget-Me-Not" once more, and it is with this play that she has become so strongly identified that her admirers ascribe to her the epithet of "Forget-Me-Not."

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There is talk of an elaborate revival of "Martha" in Chicago next year, with Lillian Russell, Jessie Bartlett Davis and other theatrical stars, who will be in the city at the same time.

The Columbia theater of Chicago has made extended world's fair engagements for next year with the Heilmann, Frohman's Lyceum company, the Lillian Russell Opera company and Henry Irving.

Bill Nye is said to have received nearly \$20,000 for his platform work last season. His syndicate letter is reported to have netted \$35,000 a year, and the royalties on his books brought his income up to the salary of the president.

When Seabrook went to Philadelphia with "The Isle of Champs" the theater managers, who controlled the bill boards and were picking the news, refused to advertise the show, and the business was very unsatisfactory.

Alcegon Charles Swinburne, the English poet who may be chosen to succeed Lord Tennyson to the laureateship of England, has been in a theater, it is said, only twice in the last fourteen years.

Robert Downing has a new play, "Richard the Lion Hearted," based on the romantic career of King Richard I. of England. The interest begins in the first act, when Hugh Morvay is forced by Richard to marry a girl he has wronged, and continues through all the vicissitudes of civil war and the crusade in the Holy Land until Morvay falls in a hand-to-hand encounter with the king.

A London correspondent says: Germaine Lutz, now Mrs. Ivan Caryll, has just her voice completely, and is only charming when she is not singing. She is to be seen, looking very lovely as to her face, and very very smart as to her figure, dressed as a "vivandiere" in the dainty little opera of "Cigarette."

The Chicago Inter Ocean has these pertinent observations on the opera season: Opinions as to the result of the recent opera festival in Omaha appear to be more favorable than those in the past. Undoubtedly great credit is due to Miss Chary, who organized the movement, and it is cheerful to note the commendation her personal efforts received.



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THE RELIGIOUS WAR.

OMAHA, Dec. 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: I propose for one as a Protestant, the son of a Protestant minister, married to the daughter of a Protestant minister, and a member of a Protestant denomination, to enter publicly my protest against the reckless, relentless and unreasonable warfare which is now being waged in this city against my Catholic fellow citizens.

Nothing is quite so unreasonable, so bigoted, so virulent and so dangerous as religious hatred. No cruelties have ever exceeded those perpetrated in the name of religion. Nothing is more un-American than political partisanship based upon religious differences.

Omaha is not a city of Catholics, and is not a city of Protestants. It is a city of Americans. It is a city of people who are here for one or both of two reasons. Either they are fanatical anti-Catholics, as they have for political and business reasons, or they are fanatical Catholics, as they have for political and business reasons.

This is unfair. Omaha has never suffered any evil from the presence of Catholics. Her members are adherents of that faith. There has never been any attempt, or suggestion, to do it. Perhaps that is the church, or any of its members, to control the schools, the city government or the county localities.

I am in favor of an amendment to the national constitution, which shall be strong enough to make it impossible for any citizen to have political consequence or importance. I am also in favor of taxing such property belonging to religious bodies as is not used by them for religious, educational or charitable purposes.

RELIGIOUS.

There are 500 priests and 800,000 Catholics in Archbishop Corrigan's diocese. J. C. Henneberry and wife are in San Francisco, after thirty-three years of missionary work in Japan. Mrs. Henneberry was the first white woman to enter that country.

Rev. W. F. Fabus, who for some time years been pastor of the Westfield, N. Y., Presbyterian church, has resigned, and is a candidate for the Episcopal ministry. He is one of the Dr. Briggs school, and leaves the Presbyterian church on that account.

The general missionary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church has appropriated the magnificent sum of \$1,200,000 for mission work this year. The Methodists as a denomination are not rich, but from such a showing as this they must be deeply in earnest.

Cardinal Lavigne, who died in Agaña, a week ago, has been called the "Apostle of the Pacific." After having succeeded in establishing missionary stations in the heart of the dark continent, he set himself to the task of suppressing the slave trade in central Africa, and by his efforts and those of the devoted band of unselfish men who labored with him, the horrors of that traffic have been largely mitigated.

At a dinner of the Episcopalian club of Boston Bishop Brooks declared the holding of secret sessions by the Episcopal house of bishops. "It is," he said, "absolutely un-American in its practice of sitting with closed doors, and it is a practice that is sure to be abandoned some day or other. This is one thing that certainly needs change—the breaking open of its concealment so that the people can see not merely what has been done in the house, but why it was done. To do as they do now is not only un-American, but it is not in accord with the open and free spirit of Christianity."

Statistics of the Salvation army read at the general convention held in New York city recently show that the indoor congregations for the past twelve months numbered 13,199, 888 persons; that 12,700 persons were "occupied," that 557 cars and outposts were established, and that 32,433 converts were made. It was also shown that the continental army had 250 officers and 1,100 soldiers and recruits, and 2,307 local officers and bandmen. The amount of storm work accomplished by twenty-one officers during the past year was reported as follows: New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago 35,534 families were visited, 19,134 saloons were visited, 25,134 persons were dealt with on the streets, and in saloons 5,927 men were given away, 6,884 children were cared for, 718 sick eyes nursed, 238 rooms scrubbed, 629 hours were spent in mending. The Shelter brigade found employment for 654 persons, provided clothing for 428 persons, provided beds for 14,996 persons and distributed food to 21,600 persons. During the past year an auxiliary brigade has been established, with 531 members, including ten officers and twenty-three ministers and ten physicians.

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