

GLIMPSES IN SECRET CIRCLES

What the Devotees of the Goat and Rita Are Doing.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MEET AT FREMONT

Large Attendance and Much Interest at Their Annual Conclave—Knights of Pythias Fraternize at Columbus—General Gossip.

The grand commandery of the Knights Templar of Nebraska met in annual convocation at Fremont on Tuesday of last week and adjourned Wednesday. The sessions were held in the Masonic temple, which had been beautified and adorned with flowers by the members of the commandery and many garlands of beautiful flowers. The members of the Masonic order in Fremont gave the visitors a royal welcome and extended every courtesy possible to make their stay in the city pleasant and profitable.

The time of the convocation was devoted to the transaction of business of interest to the order, listening to the reports of the officers and the election of officers. The attendance was good, the session was very interesting and a great deal of benefit to the commandery was accomplished. The following officers were elected: Grand commander, William H. Bowen, Omaha; deputy grand commander, James A. Tulley, Red Cloud; grand generalissimo, Charles B. Finch, Kearney; grand captain general, Richard P. B. Miller, Lincoln; grand prelate, Rev. John Hewitt, Lincoln; grand senior warden, Edwin C. Webster, Hastings; grand junior warden, Wilton K. Williams, York; grand treasurer, James S. France, Omaha; grand recorder, Thomas A. Crighton, Omaha. Norfolk was selected as the place for next year's convocation.

The following were in attendance and participated in the proceedings: Grand official commander, Beatrice; James A. Tulley, deputy grand commander; Fred Cloud, Charles B. Finch (by Henry Gibson, proxy), grand generalissimo; Richard P. B. Miller, grand captain general; Lincoln; William T. Whitmarsh, grand prelate; Omaha; Edwin C. Webster, grand senior warden; Hastings; Wilton K. Williams, grand junior warden; York; James S. France, grand treasurer; Omaha; Frank H. Young, grand standard bearer; Custer; Elias W. Bightol, grand sword bearer; Holdrege; Thomas G. Heese, grand warden; McCook; Joel A. Green, captain of guard, Fremont.

Past Grand Officers—Lewis M. Keene, Allen B. Smith, Francis White, Roland H. Oakley, Henry Gibson, Harry P. Deuel, Louis H. Kory.

Representatives of Nebraska Commanderies—P. Deuel, Omaha; Francis White, Lincoln; Rolsten, Geiger, Plattsmouth; Henry D. Boyden, E. A. Stevens, George P. Dean, Grand Island; John Dwyer, A. V. S. Saunders, B. Frank Taylor, Beatrice; H. B. Smith, Falls City; N. H. Brown, Fred W. Vaughan, F. H. Fowler, W. S. McKinney, David M. McKimney, W. M. Kline, Hastings; Robert E. French, Kearney; Frank H. Young, North Platte; James A. Tulley, Red Cloud; Berra M. Wiley, Blair; Thomas Reese, McCook; William A. Palmer, Robert Conarchy, Robert McGinnis, York; Adam D. Werner, Charles R. Richards, John M. Fitzgerald, Hebron; Robert H. Henry, Carl D. Evans, Columbus.

Past Commanders—Harry P. Deuel, William R. Bowen, L. H. Kory, Omaha; Roland H. Oakley, R. P. R. Miller, Lincoln; F. E. White, Plattsmouth; Eli A. Barnes, Grand Island; John Dwyer, A. V. S. Saunders, E. C. Salsburg, Beatrice; L. D. Richards, W. H. Munger, William Frisell, L. M. Keene, N. H. Brown, Fremont; Jacob Fisher, E. C. Webster, J. F. Benedict, Hastings; Henry Gibson, Robert E. French, Kearney; Frank H. Young, North Platte; James A. Tulley, Red Cloud; Thomas G. Heese, McCook; W. R. Williams, York; Adam D. Werner, Hebron; E. W. Bightol, Holdrege; S. W. Home, Miller, Norfolk; Robert H. Henry, Columbus.

Grand Representatives of Fellow Grand Commanderies—California, Louis, Kory; Omaha; Indiana, Harry P. Deuel, Omaha; Iowa, Robert E. French, Kearney; Louisiana, James A. Tulley, Red Cloud; Maryland, Francis E. White, Plattsmouth; Minnesota, Fred J. Bennett, Hastings; Mississippi, Samuel W. Hays, Norfolk; New Jersey, Frank H. Young, Broken Bow; New York, Roland H. Oakley, Lincoln; North Carolina, William K. Williams, York; North Dakota, Robert H. Henry, Columbus; Ohio, William H. Munger, Fremont; South Dakota, Henry Gibson, Kearney; Texas, Adrian V. S. Saunders, Beatrice; Wyoming, Edgar C. Salsburg, Beatrice; Georgia, Elias W. Bightol, Holdrege; Pennsylvania, William R. Bowen, Omaha.

Knights Templar.

Mt. Lebanon Commandery of Grand Island has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Eminent commander, George P. Dean; generalissimo, Edward C. Hockenberger; chaplain general, W. M. Geddes; senior warden, Sumner Davis; junior warden, David Jamison; treasurer, George Hantron; secretary, R. H. Barr.

At the last regular meeting of Hebron Commandery No. 12, of Kearney, the following officers were elected: Eminent commander, F. J. Seltz; generalissimo, Henry Williams; chaplain general, H. J. Allen; treasurer, R. M. Hankin; recorder, W. B. Nance; senior warden, Norris Brown; junior warden, Wallace C. Bierve. The following nobles were also selected to attend the interstate meeting of the Mystic Shrine at Sioux City, April 28. H. E. French, Henry Gibson, S. M. Nevins, Norris Brown, H. J. Allen, Gid E. Newman, George Downing and John Wilson.

The officers elected by Mount Tabor commandery No. 9 of Fremont are as follows: Eminent commander, H. H. Brown; generalissimo, F. W. Vaughan; grand generalissimo, F. H. Fowler; prelate, R. C. McDonald; senior warden, W. T. Crook; junior warden, G. H. Taylor; treasurer, Julius Beckman; recorder, E. Schurmann; standard bearer, J. V. N. Biles; sword bearer, C. B. Nicodemus; warden, J. H. Howe; third guard, F. W. Hayes; second guard, J. A. Shank; first guard, George F. Wolf; captain guard, Joel A. Green; finance committee, L. M. Keene, W. H. Munger, William Fried.

The Mystic Shrine.

A grand interstate convocation of the order of the Mystic Shrine will be held in Sioux City, Friday, April 28. It will be one of the largest meetings of its kind ever assembled in this section of the west, and will be attended by members of the order from all the states adjoining Sioux City. For several months the arrangements have been in progress, and are now nearly perfected.

A large number of the nobles of Tangier of this city and Sesostris of Lincoln will pilgrimage across the desert to the oasis of Sioux City and participate in the festivities.

The holding of an interstate or any other general meeting of the shrine is a very elaborate affair. For the Sioux City meeting the general officers of the order will come from Cedar Rapids in a special train, which has already been chartered for the occasion. There are about thirty-five of the general officers, and for the performance of the rites of initiation and other ceremonies that are carried out on these occasions something like two carloads of special paraphernalia are required.

The special train will arrive here on the morning of April 28, about 7 o'clock. After dinner the officers and visiting members of the shrine will meet at the opera house, from which the grand parade will start at 2 o'clock. It is expected now that over 200 shriners in full regalia will take part in the parade. After the parade the business meeting will be held at the opera house. This will be a secret meeting, to which only members of the order will be admitted. In the evening, beginning at 6 o'clock, the interesting part of the services will take place, the chief feature being the initiation of a large class of nobles with whom the members of the order will proceed to construct a bridge across the sandy desert and perform various other ceremonies that have very little significance to the outside public, but a great deal to the members of the order and a very serious meaning to the nobles in process of initiation.

This ceremony will be completed about 11 o'clock, when an adjournment will be taken

to the dining room of the Hotel Garretson. Here a grand banquet will be served to the old and new members of the shrine. It is assumed that this banquet will be the most elaborate affair ever given in Sioux City.

There is a large class of candidates for admission to the order. The resident members have been actively canvassing for applicants and now have a list of over fifty. The initiation fee is \$50, and it is one of the fundamental rules of the order that there never be received all of them. In fact there is no such officer as treasurer of a shrine. A meeting is not held until there is assurance of enough receipts to pay all expenses and all the money received must be spent by the end of the meeting, as there is nobody to care for any possible surplus.

Knights of Pythias. A large number of delegates from subordinate lodges in this state assembled at Columbus last week to participate in the lodge of instruction, which was called to order there by Grand Chancellor Dale. The object was the simplification of lodge work under the new ritual, and from nearly every lodge in the state two members were present to profit by the instructions, which they will impart to the officers and members of their lodges. The number in attendance was estimated at 350.

Hon. W. W. Blackwell of Henderson, Ky., supreme chancellor of the order, was present and exemplified the work. He delivered an address that was interesting and has been the subject of much favorable comment. In the evening a special meeting was held in the Maennerchor hall, which was participated in by Grand Chancellor Dale, Past Grand Chancellor Seism, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Schaffer. Other of the visiting knights were entertained at Pythian hall in witnessing the third rank work by Columbus lodge with the new paraphernalia.

Mertle lodge of this city is holding regular meetings in its new quarters in the Continental block. Monday evening work in the third degree was done under the new ritual and it proved very interesting. The lodge has not yet received all of its new paraphernalia, but will in a short time.

The Pythian Hall association of Washington, D. C., has about decided to take steps to erect a Pythian hall immediately, and expects to have the structure completed before the meeting of the supreme lodge in 1894.

During the past twenty-five years the order has paid out over \$16,000,000 for the alleviation of distress, including help to the widows and for educating the orphans of deceased members, and is now paying out over \$1,000,000 annually. The endowment rank is also distributing over \$1,000,000 per year.

Ancient Order of Hibernians. At a recent meeting of Division No. 5, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Omaha, the following resolutions were passed relative to the death of James Brady, who was formerly a member of the division.

Resolved, That in His infinite wisdom, God has called for one who had been once an excellent member and brother, and whose untimely death has left behind him a heartbroken wife and fatherless little orphans, we cannot refrain from expressing our sympathy in common with the regret of all members of our ancient and honorable order of this whole state, for being cut off from performing the functions for which we are banded together, namely: As to each other in sickness and in death, and the widow and the orphans of each brother with "more" than heartfelt sympathy; therefore:

Resolved, That whilst bowing in humble submission to the will of our dear Lord, with whom we trust and pray our dear departed brother, James Brady, rests, we also with the same submission pray that the growing hand of God may be extended to the afflicted wife and little orphans who have been deprived of the protection of a kind and loving husband and a tender and solicitous father.

Resolved, That our sincere and heartfelt sympathy be extended to those who were so beloved by our departed brother.

Resolved, That we, in common with all other law-abiding citizens of this community, regret the untimely demise of one who was an honor to his every calling, and in the capacity of a public officer, firm, bold and unflinching in the discharge of his duty, as a private citizen and brother Hibernian, charitable, devout and Christian, as the governor of his household, kind, affable and gentle.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and that an engraved copy be sent to the family of the deceased and that the resolutions be inserted in each of the Omaha daily papers.

Resolved, That the following resolutions be adopted: That the resolutions be inserted in each of the Omaha daily papers.

Patten Lodge Anniversary. Monday evening Patten lodge, No. 173, of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, celebrated the third anniversary of its organization by having a nice, social time. The fact having been made known through the columns of THE BEE, a large number of visiting brethren from other lodges were present.

The ladies of Washington lodge, No. 72, of Degree of Honor, came to surprise the boys and kindly brought material for an elegant lunch. After a few introductory remarks Master Workman Baldwin introduced Supreme Representative Dr. Patten, the father of the lodge, who briefly reviewed its history and that of the order in general, and the great good that is being done by the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Short speeches were also made by Brothers Farmer, Rosewater and Ralph, and Brothers Reed and Pickard entertained the gathering with some pleasing selections on the piano and violin.

This was followed by a dance in which quite a number of those present joined, and then after a vote of thanks had been tendered the ladies of Washington lodge Degree of Honor for their assistance, the members scattered to their homes.

When Patten lodge was organized three years ago there were but nineteen members, but today it numbers 290 and is second in size in Omaha and third in Nebraska, with a ratio of increase which gives promise of still greater achievements in the future.

Scottish Rite Reunion. Great preparations are being made for the third annual Reunion Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the southern jurisdiction, which takes place in this city Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week in Freemason's hall. The degrees of the rite from the fourth to the thirty-second will be conferred upon all affiliated master Masons who apply for the same and are found worthy.

The program as prepared calls for Wednesday being devoted to conferring the degrees from the fourth to the fourteenth; Thursday to the seventeenth to eighteenth; Friday to the twenty-first and twenty-second to the thirtieth; Saturday to the thirty-first and thirty-second, and at 9 o'clock in the evening a banquet will be served in the parlors. A fine musical program has been prepared in connection with the degree work.

I. O. F. M. Yah-Nun-Dah-Sis Tribe No. 2, kindly their council hall Monday evening April 17, in Red Men's hall Parkers building, 8 o'clock sharp. The new adoption ritual will be exemplified on two palaces. All visiting chiefs will be welcome to our wigwam.

Many people have no time, and sensible people have no inclination to use pills that make them sick a day for every dose they take. They have learned that the use of Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers does not interfere with their health by causing nausea, pain or griping. These little pills are perfect in action and results, regulating the stomach and bowels so that headaches, dizziness and lassitude are prevented. They cleanse the blood, clear the complexion and tone up the system. Lots of health in these little fellows.

Astonishing to the stranger is the sudden development of the far northern summer. Snow covers the ground in the Adirondack lands until well in June, but by that time the day lasts nearly all night, and in a few weeks rank vegetation has taken the place of snow. The hills become carpeted with brilliant flowers and the grass is waist high. The vegetation dying winter after winter covers the ground to a great depth and makes it difficult to walk, and adds especially to the task of mountain climbing. It simplifies the descent, however, for a person wearing stout boots and a pair of a quarter of a mile down the mountain on this loose deposit.

There are three things worth saving—Time, Trouble and money—and Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers will save them for you. These little pills will save you time, as they act promptly. They will save you trouble as they cause no pain. They will save you money as they economize doctor's bills.

Ho! For the World's Fair.

In order to arouse the enthusiasm of our citizens, and at the same time sustain our reputation for enterprise, we are going to hold a most unique voting contest. This contest will appeal to every man, woman and child in Omaha. Therefore we ask everybody to read carefully our advertisement and we promise you all lots of fun before the contest is over. Everybody can take part in it.

OUR PROPOSITION—Commencing tomorrow, we will give with every purchase of 25c worth of goods, a coupon which will represent one vote to be cast for one of the five personages here represented. The one receiving the largest number of votes we will send to the World's Fair for 20 days all expenses paid.

The one receiving the second largest number, we will send for 10 days, all expenses paid. The votes will be deposited in a box in our store specially prepared for the purpose, and will be counted daily, a record of the votes will be kept and announced from time to time. You can vote to send your favorite minister, letter carrier, policeman, fireman or school teacher to the World's Fair. Why not give them a good time? Everybody should lend a hand. Two of them go to the World's Fair. Which will they be?



Here's the Letter Carrier. He's the best fellow on earth. Rain or shine, heat or cold, he travels up hill and down dale to bring you the letter from some loved one. Why shouldn't he have a good time at the fair and all expenses paid, the same as first prize.

WHO IS GOING?

The minister, the teacher, the fireman, the policeman, the letter carrier.

First Prize---

To the one receiving the largest vote: Twenty days at the World's Fair.

Room and board at the Palmer House. Railroad fare to Chicago and return. \$3,000 accident insurance for thirty days. \$1 a day for horse car fare and admission fee.

Second Prize---

To the one receiving the second largest vote: Ten days at the fair and all expenses paid, the same as first prize.



Here's the Policeman. Early and late he watches over you. He saves you from violence. He is the terror of evil doers and the guard of the good. The world could hardly spare him. Why shouldn't he go to the fair and all expenses paid, the same as first prize.

This Contest is open to the cities OF Omaha, South Omaha AND Council Bluffs.



Here's the Teacher. Sweet and engaging. The instructor of our future senators and presidents. The children all love her, well they may. She labors hard and meets a well earned approval. Boys and girls vote for your teacher.

A VOTE WITH EVERY 25 cent Purchase Vote Early and Often. There's Fun in It and Lots of It.



Here's the Fireman. He risks his life for you. How little you know the dangers that beset him. How often he has saved some poor mother's darling. He will do it again. He is brave and lives for others. He is a hard life. Give him sunshine and happiness. Why not vote for him?

You Need Dry Goods We have more desirable goods and a larger assortment than any other house in the state. Prices are as you want them. Why not buy of us then, and at the same time vote to send some deserving person on a good time to the World's Fair, at our expense. It's to be the greatest event the world has ever seen. Why not help somebody to see it?



Here's the Minister. He sows the seed of heaven for you. He points out the pathway to happiness on earth, and the road to happiness eternal. You should love him much. He wants a vacation. Why not give him one?

TWO OF THESE GO TO THE WORLD'S FAIR. WHICH TWO?

We pay all expenses. Read carefully and vote for your favorite. A vote with every 25 cent purchase.

Advertisement for THE HOWE CO. DRY GOODS. Includes 'Voting Closes June 30.' and 'Voting Closes June 30.' text.

THE HOWE CO. GOODS CARPETS.

A Grand, Gala Week In Carpets.

The largest, lightest, handsomest carpet department in the city. We are going to make every seeker after new carpets happy this week. We want every one to become acquainted with our stock and prices. The fourth floor of our big building is devoted to carpets and draperies. You cannot afford to overlook us.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK. 5 patterns Brussels at \$7.12c. 5 patterns Brussels at \$1, former price \$1.35. 3 patterns velvet, \$1.05. 6 patterns moquettes, \$1.15. 8 patterns 2-ply, 65c. Rugs, art squares, linoleums, matings, at the lowest prices.

CUTTING A HOLE In the Dress Goods Stock.

Are you going to the World's fair. We will help you if you need a dress. This week we propose to make a mighty hole in our dress goods department. We have been doing some terrific selling there this season, and in order to increase our sales to a still larger degree, we offer special values all this week.

BLACK GOODS. LOT 1—Worsted stripes, for half mourning. Our 50c quality, sale price 35c. Attend this sale.

LOT 2—Choice of 25 pieces of all wool black goods, fancy and plaid weaves. In the lot are styles which bring \$1.00 a yard ordinarily. Sale price, 50c.

Buy your dress goods now. LOT 3—A Run on Black Henriettas. Our 65c quality, sale price 50c. Our \$1 quality, sale price 85c. Our \$1.25 quality, sale price \$1.00. Our \$1.50 quality, sale price \$1.50. These are worth your consideration.

Our dress goods department is the largest in the city. Inspect it.

LOT 5—SILK WARP HENRIETTAS. PRIESTLEY'S BEST. A \$1.50 quality, sale price \$1.25. A \$1.75 quality, sale price 1.75. A \$2.00 quality, sale price 1.75. A \$2.25 quality, sale price 2.00. A \$3.00 quality, sale price 2.50.

Make your selection at this sale. LOT 6—RUN'S WEILINGS. Of soft wool and beautiful black. Your choice of a beautiful range of goods, not to be surpassed for value, 40 inch, 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00.

LOT 7—COLORED GOODS. A fine 40-inch French cashmere, imported to sell at 65c and 14 twist fine. For our special sale, make your selection of the lot for 49c.

We are bound to double our sales in dress goods. LOT 8—DRESS PATTERNS. All wool dress patterns at \$2.31. This is an unheard of price for all wool spring chevilles. They are worth twice that amount. Dress pattern of seven yards.

LOT 9—A very choice line of suit patterns, fancy chevilles, tweeds, homespuns, plain diagonals, Beiges and Jacquard weaves, at \$2.25 a suit of 7 yards. You could not buy them ordinarily less than \$10.00.

A new dress for the World's fair cheap at our special sale this week.

LOT 10—We have gone through our stock and taken out a good line of fine dress goods, choice assortment, marked \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50. This week they go for \$1.50. Ask to see them.

We are also showing a full line of choice colorings in silk warp Lansdowne, silk warp paisley, changeable orgones and changeable glorias. It will pay you to attend our dress goods sale.

SEE THIS. For this week only your choice of our elegant stock of 65c French all wool challis at 39c.

Desirable dress goods are scarce. We have them.

THE HOWE CO. DRY GOODS. Dry Goods and Carpets. Sixteenth and Farnam Streets