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MINOR MENTIONS.

Grand, Council Bluffs. E. F. Clark, prop.

Mayne Real Estate agency, 539 Broadway.

The funeral of Mrs. Augusta Kleeblatt took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of Henry Lefferts, 618 Ninth avenue, and was largely attended. Dr. Askin conducted the exercises.

Council camp No. 14, W. O. W., will meet in their hall on Middle Broadway tonight at 8 o'clock sharp. A full attendance desired. Work in the protection degree. All visiting members cordially invited.

The jury in the $1,500 suit of Charles Gregory against Wade Cary came in yesterday morning, after being in the jury room since Saturday afternoon. The verdict was a sealed one, which will be opened this morning in the district court.

The funeral of Oliver Anson took place yesterday afternoon from his residence on Upper Broadway. The Union Veteran Legion had the matter in charge, but the members of the Grand Army and the High school cadets attended in a body, the latter in full uniform. Rev. H. P. Dudley officiated.

J. L. Finnegan, the insurance man, was taken to Red Oak last evening by an officer to stand trial on the charge of beating a board bill. The case seems to arise from a dispute between him and his ex-landlord, James Messler, the latter claiming a balance due him of $14, while Finnegan claims it is only $3.50.

Officer Weir gave chase to a tramp yesterday afternoon who had been loitering about the Wabash yards. After running a couple of blocks Wier shot off his revolver in the hope of inciting the tramp to still further efforts in the sprinting line. His trampship evidently gave Wier credit for being a good shot, however, for he immediately stopped and gave himself up. He will eat at the city's expense for a few days.

Two desirable cottages for rent. Plenty of money for farm loans. Fire insurance. Money loaned for local investors on best of security. Special bargains in real estate. Lougee & Towle, 235 Pearl street.

Read the following list of bargains. Everything guaranteed as advertised.

BOSTON STORE.

A heavy serge umbrella, "warranted not to fade," natural wood handles, and worth $1.00, on sale at 75c each. Extra heavy twilled silk umbrella, Acacia handles, on sale at $1.25, worth $1.75. An all silk umbrella, worth $3.00, offered at $1.95.

An extra quality of gents' hose in black and tans, worth 19c, on sale at 12½c a pair.

Gents' genuine British hose, worth 25c, at 17c, or 3 for 50c.

Gents' heavy cotton socks 5c a pair.

Gents laundered percale shirts, collars attached, worth $1.00, on sale at 69c and 75c.

Gents' fancy Random underwear, worth 40c, on sale at 25c each.

Gents' fine Egyptian lisle underwear, worth 75c, at 50c each.

Ladies' all silk mitts, worth 19c, at 12½c a pair. A regular 40c mitt for 25c.

SEE SHOW WINDOW DISPLAY FOR PRICES ON SILKS AND DRESS GOODS.

A new line of embroidered Swiss handkerchiefs, would be considered cheap at 19c; our price 12½c each. See them.

Extra value in ladies' and gents' handkerchiefs at 5c each.

In ladies' shirt waists we handle the Standard, which guarantees a perfect fitting garment.

An extra good shirt waist, perfect fitting, for 75c; big line of styles and colorings.

See our line of shirt waists at $1.50, which includes plain black, reds and tans.

FOWLER, DICK & WALKER,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Ex-Senator J. J. Ingalls of Kansas was at the Grand hotel yesterday.

Dr. D. H. Cooly and wife leave this evening for their home in Morgan Park, Ill.

Hon. W. W. Thomas of Maine, American minister to Sweden, stopped at the Grand hotel yesterday.

John H. Martin, son of Officer Martin of the police force, has gone to College Springs, Page county, Ia., to take a position as foreman on a newspaper. His family accompanied him.

Dr. Stephen Phelps is in Oak Park, Ill., where he went to attend the funeral of his wife's father, W. T. Miller. He is expected home Tuesday. Rev. B. C. Swank of Shelby occupied his pulpit yesterday morning.

D. A. Holmes of Sioux City, who has been engaged by the Council Bluffs shippers to look after the interests of this city in the bridge differential case, which is to be tried before the interstate commissioners in Omaha this week, registered at the Grand hotel yesterday.

E. G. Bartlett's Statement.

He says it is all bosh about gasoline being so high, for the Bartlett Grocery company is selling 5 gallons for 70c.

50,000 Pansies in Bloom.

Now is the time to make selections and plant them. Other plants and cut flowers cheap. J. F. Wilcox, 1132 E. Pierce. Tel. 99.

All kinds of plants and flowers. J. R. McPherson, green houses 1250 E. Pierce st. Telephone 244, night or day.

Hay for sale, by the ton or carload. W. A. Wood, 520 Main street.

Ice—Nice, clean reservoir ice, cheap. Mulholland, 5 Baldwin block. Telephone 186.

A splendid line of men's suits at Metcalf Bros.' for $6.50.

Sigler Was Terrified.

A petition has been filed in the district court in which E. W. Sigler asks that an injunction be issued to restrain Theodore Bachelor and wife and Thomas Skinner and wife from interfering with his peaceable possession of an eighty acre tract of land lying south of Manawa, which he claims to have leased from another party. This land has always been a source of trouble to its owner and every one else that had anything to do with it. Sigler claims that the defendants assaulted and threatened to kill him and told him they would take his crops if he raised any. They tore his house down and made things so uncomfortable generally that he was glad to be able to get away with a suit of clothes on.

S. M. Williamson

Carries the largest stock of high grade bicycles of any dealer in the west. Also has the best equipped repair shop in the west. 106 South Main street; telephone, 202.

I have some very nice bed room furniture, folding beds and pictures, etc., to sell in the next two days. Mrs. R. M. Osborne, 620 1st avenue.

Telegraph Poles.

100 carloads of telephone, telegraph and electric light poles for sale at special short prices. A. Overton, Council Bluffs.

A splendid line of men's suits at Metcalf Bros.' for $6.50.

Bicycle Trip to Glenwood.

The Tourists of Omaha and a number of wheelmen from Council Bluffs took a ride to Glenwood yesterday morning. The party numbered about eighty. The day was spent in the way common to wheelmen off for an outing, and the riders returned in the afternoon. A number of records were broken, but there were no accidents more serious than that.

S. M. Williamson

Sells the Standard and Domestic sewing machines; also agent for Standard in Omaha. 106 South Main street.

Japanese camphor kills moths and Persian insect powder kills bugs. Both at De Haven's.

For rent, suite of rooms after May 1, at 710 1st avenue.

Miss M. E. Keen, stenographer, 106 S. Main.

Dr. Laugel, office 410 5th ave.; tel. 150.

The Hardman, the piano par excellence.

Davis, drug, paint, glass man, 200 B'way.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Union Revival Meetings Opened at the Opera House Yesterday Afternoon.

STARTED OFF IN AN ENCOURAGING WAY

Platform Occupied with Many Prominent Religious Workers—All Joining Together for an Advance on Satan.

The union services under the leadership of F. T. Pierson and F. T. Johnson commenced yesterday afternoon, a men's meeting in the opera house giving the opportunity for the two gentlemen to make their bow. There was a large audience, composed of men of all ages, and great interest was shown. About forty of the leading church workers of the city were upon the platform. The meeting was opened by the singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," led by Mr. Johnson, and it was joined in by every one present with a vim that promised well for the future work of the singers. Secretary Harry Curtis of the Young Men's Christian association read the scriptures, and Rev. John Askin, D.D., of the Congregational church, offered prayer. Mr. Pierson followed with an earnest, thoughtful address, intended for the benefit of the men particularly. The meeting closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

The management of the meetings have commenced active operations, recognizing the power of the newspapers, and have established a press headquarters in the Presbyterian church, where the meetings are to be held. One of the rooms just off the prayer meeting room has been set aside for this purpose, and is fully equipped with pencils, paper and tables, but no shears or paste pot have yet been procured. A blackboard stands at one side, and each evening the program for the next day will be written upon it.

The crowd that assembled at the First Presbyterian church in the evening was the largest ever packed into the building. Every seat was occupied in the auditorium and the lecture room, and the aisles were full. Hundreds were turned away from the doors for lack of room, and for their benefit an overflow meeting was held late in the evening at the Baptist church, with Messrs. Johnson and Pierson both present.

A choir of perhaps fifty voices was hastily gotten together by Mr. Johnson and drilled a little while before the opening of the doors. The big organ and the singers led the congregation well. After the usual preliminaries, Mr. Pierson was introduced. The question he discussed was the authenticity of the bible. There have been 200,000 books written about the bible, but the old bible is, after all, the only book.

BANKS ON BIBLE INERRANCY.

"I haven't come here," said the speaker, "to advocate any new theory; there is only one good being, God, and only one bad, Satan. There is a place of happiness, called heaven, and a place of woe, called hell. Do we depend upon a lucky turn of the wheel for our future existence, or is life a certainty? I take the latter view. As a seaman takes his chart and compass out with him when starting on a voyage, so man must take the bible and the dictates of his own conscience as guides to eternal happiness. Much of the bible must be taken by faith, for we can't understand it all. The man who says the bible isn't true is only trying to hide behind a guilty conscience.

"The bible must have been written either by good men, bad men, or by God speaking through inspired men. Paul, Peter, and all the rest of them claim it is the Word of God, and if it is not they deceive us, and cannot therefore be good men. It cannot be the work of bad men, for a bad tree does not bring forth good fruit. The third theory, then, is the only one left.

"Christ himself could not have been a good man and not divine, for he held himself out to be divine. If, then, he was not divine, he became a rank impostor. You cannot call him a bad man until you can pick a single flaw in his character. No other religion has elevated its followers as has the Christian. Men have done their best to break down the bible, but the saying of Christ that his word should not pass away, even though heaven and earth should pass away, has been fulfilled, and the bible stands through everything. You cannot upset a cube, you can only expose a new surface. The men who have tried to overthrow the bible have merely exhibited new truths to the world. It is like the Irishman's wall, which he built five feet wide and four feet high; when it is tipped over it is a foot higher than it originally was."

This afternoon there will be two meetings, at 1 and 3 o'clock, at the Presbyterian church for boys and girls. At 3:30 Mr. Pierson will preach to men and women at the same place. At 7:30 the workers and choir will assemble at the church and at 7:45 the doors will be opened to the public. The subject this evening will be "Taking Away the Stone."

BENNISON BROS.

Monday Attractive Bargains.

Look to your own interest. Spend your money where a dollar will go farthest.

Lawrence LL 36-inch unbleach muslin 3½c yard.

Monday 5c apron check ginghams, 3c yard.

25 pieces light shirting calico, 3½c yard.

300 ready made up pillow cases with 2-inch hem, Monday 5c each.

Monday all our 75c quality check taffeta silks, all colors, 39c yard.

46-inch, our $1.00 all wool black crepon, Monday 59c yard.

The genuine Kabo high bust $1.00 corset, again, Monday only, at Bennison's, 79c pair.

Our long waist 50c summer corset, 37c.

CARPET AND CURTAIN SALE.

Jointless Jap matting, a nice quality, 12½c yard, worth 20c.

45c linen warp matting still selling at 29c yard.

50c opaque curtain shades 29c each.

If you need rugs, carpets, curtains or matting, we are headquarters. Come in Monday.

BENNISON BROS.,
Council Bluffs.

A Warm Weather Sign.

Refrigerators that refrigerate. The celebrated North Star, $6.00 and up. Ice chests very low. And don't forget our very low prices on gasoline stoves. P. C. Devol, 504 Broadway.

Yes, the Eagle laundry is "that good laundry," and is located at 724 Broadway. If in doubt about this try it and be convinced. Don't forget name and number. Tel. 157.

Garden hose, big stock, good and cheap. New York Plumbing Co.

Evans' Laundry Co., 520 Pearl; tel. 290; shirts, collars, cuffs, fine work a specialty.

PROSPECTS FOR THE FRUIT CROP

Southwestern Iowa at Present Bids Fair to Break the Record.

The Glenwood Opinion, published in the heart of one of the greatest fruit raising districts in the state, has the following to say of prospects:

With the coming of spring comes the inquiry from almost every citizen of this section of the county, "How is the fruit looking?" It is not at all surprising that such a question should come from our people, as upon a satisfactory answer hang tens of thousands of dollars, and where dollars are reckoned people some way or another are interested.

The Opinion has been giving careful attention this week to the fruit question and has endeavored to put itself in touch with many fruit growers with a view of learning as near as can be ascertained at this time what the "signs of promise" are for a good fruit crop this year. So far as the inquiry has been pressed it has resulted in the one answer, viz.: "As fine a prospect for a heavy crop as has ever been known at this season of the year." This seems to be the general opinion of all orchard people in this vicinity. The older trees are loaded with bloom and thousands of young trees, which have reached the bearing age since the last heavy apple crop, are this spring swelling the ranks of the prospective wealth-producer.

The season is about ten days or two weeks earlier than usual, and should the fruit meet with no hard freeze or other unforseen destroyer, this country will see the coming autumn a large share of the results of its planting and patient waiting in the shape of a bountiful harvest. All kinds of fruits, except perhaps raspberries and strawberries, promise well. These were damaged very seriously by the long continued drouth of last season, and some of the grapes were held back by the same cause, but with good rains this season, it is thought the grapes will come forward with a heavy yield. In all of this there is cause for rejoicing, and the Opinion being somewhat scripturally inclined, is ready to "rejoice with those that do rejoice."

WON'T STAND A LIBEL.

Manufacturers of Copp's Cheer Will Prosecute Its Jealous Traducers.

We have this day instructed our attorney to give notice of filing legal proceedings against parties for malicious circulation of the report that Copps Cheer and Herb Tonic, as manufactured by Wheeler & Hereld, Council Bluffs, Ia., require a government or any other license, unless they cease such action at once.

We refer the public to Deputy Revenue Collector J. C. Lange and Commissioner J. J. Steadman, Council Bluffs, for official information that no such license is required.

We are protected by the official analysis and report of the internal revenue commissioner at Washington, and give a bond to all our customers guaranteeing them against all trouble in selling and dispensing these goods unless it be the annoyance occasioned by the small would-be rivals.

WHEELER & HERELD,
Council Bluffs.

Sole brewers and originators of the great non-alcoholic beverages, Copps Cheer and Herb Tonic.

Those gentlemen's suits at $6.50 come in all the different colors. Metcalf Bros.

Get prices on wall paper at the Boston Store.

Gas cooking stoves for rent and for sale. C. B. Gas company.

Want Band Concerts.

The good weather yesterday took a large number of people to Fairmount park, that being the only resort available in this vicinity. No trains were run to Manawa on account of some of the crossings still being unlaid. All the park motors were well filled, going and coming. The plan of having band concerts in the park is again being talked of, and a hope is expressed that some agreement may be entered into between the commissioners and the motor company by which amusement of this sort can be afforded the public during the summer months. A lack of funds has usually been pleaded by the commissioners and the company officials alike at this time of year, and the same plea will probably be raised this year.

Buy an Illinois Automatic refrigerator at Cole's. Call and see the model work. It is the only one that is right in its circulation. See it and be convinced. 41 Main street.

Garden hose, big stock, good and cheap. New York Plumbing Co.

Largest stock of wall paper in the state. Boston Store.

Best Roman gold for china painting, 45 cents, at Chapman's new art store, 17 Main street.

AT THE NEBRASKA SOLDIERS' HOME

GRAND ISLAND, April 28.—(Special.)—The advisory board of the home, consisting of M. H. Barbee, president, of Fullerton, Mrs. Lana Bates of Aurora, secretary, and Mrs. O. A. Abbott, this city, A. N. Brown of Hastings, and W. E. Morgan of Scotia, were in session Thursday and Friday.

Among the business transacted was the fixing of wages to employes. The wages of the laundryman were raised from $25 to $30 per month; that of his assistant from $8 to $10; cooks, $40 to $50; dining room assistants $19 to $25; assistant to diet cook in hospital $4 to $6; one hospital nurse was added; the number of farm hands was increased from 14 to 17; the wages of the night fireman was raised from $10 to $25, and the duties of night watchman were added.

Every inmate of the home sympathizes with Mrs. Laura Bates, secretary of the advisory board. Mrs. Bates' daughter, a young woman about 27 years old, died recently, as the result of injuries received in an accident. She was carrying a lamp when the same exploded and she was terribly burned, yet suffered for a long time.

Louis Schwartz, an inmate of the home, was yesterday granted a pension of $4 per month from 1881 to 1890, and $8 per month from 1890 to date.

Everything at the home is running smoothly.

The most serious thing at the grounds is the sewer. It will need a good deal of repairs at its outlet, about a quarter of a mile north of the home, to be in proper condition. It has very little fall and has become stopped up.

A good deal of straight information is given in regard to the management of the home in the report which President M. H. Barbee of the advisory board made at the meeting of the North Western Soldiers' Home association at Milwaukee December 20, 1894:

Our home is at Grand Island. We have 640 acres of land and eighty or ninety head of cattle and as many hogs. We milk about twenty cows, which furnishes all the milk we need. The products of the farm are used as far as needed. The money from what we sell is used for the home as a sort of an emergency fund, to be drawn on for repairs and other incidentals, by order of the board. About $2,000 worth has been sold and expended by them in the last biennial period, in addition to what has been used in the home. As to organization, the governor appoints five, who are called the visiting and examining board. The law vests the sole control of the home in this board. The governor appoints the commandant and board. The board consists of three ex-soldiers and two members of the Relief corps of the state, who are either wives, sisters or daughters of soldiers. They have equal power with other members of the board. The state has appropriated something like $55,000 for buildings. We have a large main building of three stories and basement. The basement is used for kitchen and dining rooms; second floor for administrative rooms, reception and guest rooms and wards. The third and fourth floors are wards for soldiers and rooms for the adjutant, his wife and matron.

We have eight cottages. One large cottage is the home of the commandant and one is used by the surgeon and his family. Six double cottages are occupied by old soldiers and their wives, twelve families. They do their own cooking and take care of their own rooms, conduct their own home and keep house just like any one.

We do not interfere with pensions at all. Any member of the home who has a family to support, outside or inside, in fact, any man who behaves himself, has full control of his pension. If one gives trouble by drinking or carousing we require him to furnish his family with the money or put it in the hands of the commandant. We have no rule by which we touch one penny of the old soldier's pension for the use of the home. As a rule we do not admit a soldier who has over $12 a month. We make exceptions where a comrade is sick or needs hospital treatment or has a family to support. Work on the farm is not done by detail. We employ citizen help. When soldiers are employed we pay them by the day. Inmates are furnished with clothing. Those getting over $8 a month buy their own tobacco; others are furnished all they need. Ample clothing and maintenance is furnished to all. Applicant for admission must have lived two years in the state and have an honorable discharge. The wife must be 50 years of age to be admitted. Cost per capita is about $148 for maintenance. This does not include salary. Commandant gets $1,500, house and maintenance; adjutant, $900, maintenance and rooms for his family; matron, $480 and maintenance; surgeon, $900, cottage and maintenance. Population, 210 on the rolls, besides officers and employes. We have a nicely seated chapel building, and ministers from the city take turn about preaching every Sunday without charge.

Daniel H. Stout, an inmate, died Thursday at the age of 72 years, and was buried in the home cemetery yesterday, the funeral being held under the auspices of Ashlar lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of this city, deceased being a member of the Masonic order. Stout was admitted to the home in 1890. He was a member of company G, Seventh Indiana infantry. He had a son living in Lock Springs, Mo., who has been notified of his death.

Farm Residence Burned.

ROCK RAPIDS, Ia., April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The residence of G. M. Henry, three miles northeast of town, was destroyed by fire last evening. Mrs. Henry was seriously burned about the head and neck. Mr. Henry was away from home. Loss, $1,200; no insurance.

ECHOES FROM THE ANTE ROOM

Supreme Tribunal Knights of Pythias Meet at Indianapolis Tuesday.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT

Entertainment by Social Lodge, Degree of Honor, to Be Given Monday Evening—Tangier Temple Has Thirty Barbarians in Tow.

The supreme tribunal of the order of Knights of Pythias will hold its next meeting in Indianapolis April 30. The sitting will be held in the club room of the Dennison hotel, which has been made headquarters. This body is the supreme court of the order, and before it are heard all cases of appeal and writs of error coming up from the decisions of grand lodges or grand chancellors in the different states throughout the country. It holds relatively to the order of Knights of Pythias the same position that the supreme court of the United States holds to the general government. The members of the court are: Chief tribunal, George E. Seay, Dallas, Tex.; associate tribunes, John H. Alexander, Leesburg, Va.; Ed A. Graham, Montgomery, Ala.; Benjamin T. Chase, Lewiston, Me.; Frank H. Clark, Cheyenne, Wyo.; recorder, William D. Kennedy, Chicago, Ill.

In addition to the members comprising the court it is understood that there will also be present the following:

Supreme chancellor, Walter B. Richie, Lima, O.; supreme vice chancellor, Philip T. Colgrove, Hastings, Mich.; supreme keeper records and seal, R. L. C. White, Nashville, Tenn.; chairman of finance committee, John C. Burns, Mansfield, O.; supreme representative, H. O. Kline, Pittsburg, Pa.; supreme representative, A. P. Butterfield, Cincinnati, O.; grand chancellor of Louisiana, S. A. Calongne, New Orleans, and many others interested in the cases which are coming up before the supreme tribunal.

At the same time as the meeting of the supreme tribunal the first organization meeting of supreme council of the military branch of the order of Knights of Pythias will be held. This latter meeting will convene at Pythian castle and is for the purpose of organizing the legislative body of the military branch, under the law passed at the last convention of the supreme lodge. This assembly will be presided over by the commander of the military branch, Major General James R. Carnahan of Indianapolis. The following brigadier generals commanding the brigades in their respective states have signified their intention to be present:

General Frank Merguire, Oakland, Cal.; General E. O. Shaler, Meriden, Conn.; General James H. Barkley, Springfield, Ill.; General James R. Ross, Indianapolis, Ind.; General John C. Loper, Des Moines, Ia.; General Joseph H. Lyon, Leavenworth, Kan.; General George E. Currie, Dayton, Ky.; General J. H. Abbott, Fall River, Mass.; General William E. Gage, East Saginaw, Mich.; General Frank S. McDonald, Minneapolis, Minn.; General S. B. Prevost, Kansas City, Mo.; General H. S. Hotchkiss, Lincoln, Neb.; General George H. Rhodes, Elizabeth, N. J.; General Charles A. Lutton, Amsterdam, N. Y.; General Peter Weidner, Dayton, O.; General Charles E. Bentley, Corry, Penn.; General Alex Allison, Knoxville, Tenn.; General K. M. VanZandt, Fort Worth, Tex.; General Harry A. Bigelow, Seattle, Wash.; General John W. Mather, Parkersburg, W. Va.; General Daniel J. Turner, Norfolk, Va.

In addition to the names given it is understood that in a great many instances the brigade commanders will be accompanied by some of the members of their personal staff.

Degree of Honor Entertainment.

Although Social lodge No. 102, Degree of Honor, Ancient Order of United Workmen, is only a month old, it is fast coming forward as a factor in secret society social circles. On Monday evening it will give its first entertainment, and an excellent program of musical and literary numbers has been prepared for the occasion. The place of the entertainment will be Myrtle hall in the Continental block. The following is the program:

Overture.....No. 17 A. O. U. W. Band
Quartet—Selection ..... Robyn
Violin, Miss Pinder; 'cello, Mr. S. Hyne; flute, Mr. Pinder; piano, Mr. S. Landsberg.
Recitation .....Miss Flora Patten
Waltz Song ..... Byer
Miss G. Berthus.
Piano Solo—Roses Fantasie.....E. Dworzak
Prof. E. Dworzak.
Address .....Mrs. Adelia Harding
Piano Solo ..... Miss Gore
Impersonation..... W. G. Price
Zither Duet—Ida..... E. Dworzak
Prof. E. Dworzak and O. Hochman.
Selection .....No. 17 A. O. U. W. Band
Address.....J. G. Tate
Piano Duet—Felsenmuehle.....Reisiger
Miss Fay Wolff and Mr. William Wolff.
Trio—Violin selection.....
Prof. J. C. Shadduck, Miss Sadie and Master Bronson Shadduck.
Recitation.....Mrs. George B. Laurie
Duet Song.....Selection
Mrs. Lundbeck and Miss Fairchild.
Trio—Nocturne..... Behr
Violin, Miss Pinder; flute, Mr. Pinder; piano, Mr. S. Landsberg.
Banjo Duet—Mill Dam Galop.....Acher
Messrs. Tagger and Miller.
Declamation ..... Lew Pixley

Special invitations have been issued to the members of Myrtle lodge No. 12 of Council Bluffs, Upchurch lodge No. 2 of South Omaha, Washington lodge No. 27, North Omaha lodge No. 28 and Hopeful lodge No. 70 of Omaha, all of the degree of honor, and to Union Pacific lodge No. 17, Ancient Order of United Workmen. Invitations have also been sent to a large number of friends.

Of the grand lodge of the degree of honor the following grand officers will be present, some of them to take part in the program: Mrs. Adalia Harding of Hebron, grand chief of honor; Webster S. Houseworth of Lincoln, grand recorder, and Mrs. C. W. Clark of Fairmont and Mrs. Ella M. Hostetter of Shelton of the committee on laws. Grand Master Tate of the Ancient Order of United Workmen will also attend.

Modern Woodmen of America.

Members of Beech camp, No. 1454, Modern Woodmen of America, on last Friday evening held memorial exercises in memory of their late neighbor, John T. Williams, who died in Toledo, O., April 16. The exercises were most impressive, and a great many of the members paid their respects to their deceased neighbor in a manner which showed that all who knew him or were in any way associated with him held him in the highest esteem.

Neighbor John T. Williams was active in the formation of Beech camp, and was one of its charter members, and ever since the organization of the camp has been most energetic in the development and success of the organization. The neighbors will miss the genial companionship and kind greeting of their deceased neighbor at their camp fire, and his unerring judgment and calm deliberation will be missed in the councils and committee work of the camp. The member all attest the fact that Neighbor Williams as an officer was efficient and faithful in the performance of all duties devolving upon one of its most helpful workers.

There was a large number of visiting neighbors who attended the memorial exercises in Beech camp, and all were deeply impressed, and from the manner in which all the members expressed themselves this meeting may be the occasion of the matter of memorial ceremonies being inaugurated in other camps, and no doubt, in the case of active members, they will be remembered in a fitting manner. Secret societies and many other societies and organizations have been and are prone to look upon the matter of memorializing their dead as a mere formal matter, and appoint a committee on resolutions, which prepares a formal set of resolutions, and then report, and the formal report to adopt the resolutions is made and the deceased passes from their memory. Beech camp has, by its action in the case of its neighbor, Williams, broken away from that custom, and hereafter its dead will be remembered in a fitting manner, and the occasion will be one long to be remembered.

The committee from Beech camp and also from the other camps of the city have almost perfected the arrangements whereby they expect to entertain the delegates from Nebraska at Omaha the evening of June 1, on their way to the head camp of the order at Madison, Wis. The committee on transportation has arranged for having the delegates make the trip by way of Omaha if they desire, and then all can go in a special car from Omaha to Madison, and by that means become better acquainted and also prepared to do much more effective work for the interests of the order in Nebraska.

"Tribe of Ben Hur."

A new fraternal insurance order has made its appearance in this city bearing the above name, which will be recognized by every one as that of the hero of the most remarkable work of religious fiction which has appeared in this century. The home of General Lew Wallace, the talented author of "Ben Hur," was the birthplace of this new order, which was incorporated in January, 1894. The order was organized by a large number of the most prominent business men of Indiana, and the insurance plan was founded upon the most approved forms of modern life insurance.

The ritual of the order was written by General Lew Wallace, and is of a higher order than those used by other fraternal insurance societies. General Wallace is a Mason of high degree, and the ritual of Ben Hur shows the influence of the elaborate and instructive higher Masonic degrees.

A court of the Tribe of Ben Hur is in process of institution in this city, the first meeting having been held last Tuesday evening in Royal Arcanum hall, 1312 Douglas street. Seventy-five members were admitted at this meeting and officers were elected as follows: Thomas Magrane, past chief; A. G. Edwards, chief; A. E. Parmalee, judge; L. E. Lucas, teacher; Van B. Lady, scribe; F. B. Millar, keeper of tribute; George Anthes, captain; B. B. Cooms, guide; Paul Getzschmann, keeper of inner gate; John Grant, keeper of outer gate; Drs. Martin, Rosewater, Hinchey, Merriam, Edmiston, Blythin and Larimer, medical examiners.

O second meeting was held at the same place Friday evening and several more members admitted. A special meeting will be held Friday evening, May 3, at the same hall.

The social features of the order are very attractive. It combines the advantages of a lodge and literary club membership. The expense of membership, above the cost of initiation, will be small. Women will be admitted to full court degree membership the same as men and will be entitled to certificates in the beneficiary department by the payment of the regular monthly payments.

Will Handle Thirty Novitiates.

This evening Tangier temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic shrine, will take in hand some thirty barbarians for a few hours and make them wish that they had never been born. A good time is promised the novitiates after they get out, but will travel before reaching the well of Zem Zem and the land of milk and honor over the sands which have already reached a heat of several thousand degrees Fahrenheit, and the nobles are still below piling on coals and the sinful. Besides several imported specimens of the labyrinthodonts and ichthyopterygia have been received from Margiasturythie of Toothurlasuytland to make the unregenerate repent that they did not enter the gates of paradise sooner.

The journey to the holy city of Mecca will start at 6:31 sharp if the freight train comes in on time. All the nobles are urged to put on clothes when they come to join in the joyful season, but if they have none they will be excused if they wear their fez and jewel. The chanters Al Koran are arranging a few new pieces to make the fun for the candidates a little more excrutiating. If the sands are hot enough a few interpolations will be put in between the beautiful passages of the Koran in order to give the novitiates time to enjoy the heat.

This is the second pilgrimage of the year and the last that will be undertaken until next October after the national meeting at Nantasket beach. On the first pilgrimage forty of the unregenerates were taken.

Woodmen Planted Trees.

Last Monday Robin Hood camp No. 30, Woodmen of the World, of Florence, celebrated Arbor day by a public planting and dedication of trees in the new park of Florence. Representatives from Alpha and Druid camps of Omaha were present. The visitors and the members of the local camp formed in line before the lodge room and marched to the park, where the ceremonies were held. Consul Commander Hall of Robin Hood camp conducted the ceremonies. One of the addresses was by Sovereign Commander Root, who spoke on the principles of woodcraft. A maple and an elm were dedicated in honor of Robin Hood camp, and two mountain ashes for Alpha and Druid camps. In the evening a social dance was given in Forest hall.

A new camp of twenty-five members was recently formed in Papillion. It is named Hazelwood camp No. 77. The following officers have been elected: Consul commander, Rudolph Bader; adviser lieutenant, Charles A. Gift; banker, James A. Obanion; clerk, Tucker Babb; escort, William A. Pierce; watchman, Conrad Doenges; sentry, Fred Daniels; physician, F. E. Beal.

Kearney's Social Woodmen.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 28.—(Special.)—Thursday night was the regular meeting night of the Royal Neighbors, and just before the meeting adjourned about 100 members of the Modern Woodmen, with their families, marched in upon them, taking them wholly by surprise. After the usual complimentary remarks were exchanged between the officers of the two camps refreshments were spread and the balance of the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner. This surprise was planned and executed by the Modern Woodmen camp to pay back a similar intrusion made by the ladies a few months ago. The two lodges are growing rapidly in this city and the indications are that they will continue to do so.

The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen will be held in the Armory hall May 14, and committees on reception and entertainment are now busy making the necessary arrangements. Past Supreme Master Workman D. H. Shields of Hannibal, Mo., and the present supreme master workman, L. L. Troy of Chicago have both promised to be here and deliver addresses during the session of the grand lodge.

Notes from the Secret Orders.

Owing to the chain of circumstances that renders it absolutely necessary, the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen will convene this year in annual session. The approximate cost of holding a session was expended last winter in helping destitute members of the order in the western part of the state. To cover this expense it had been practically decided not to hold an annual session this year, but circumstances have arisen which will necessitate the holding of the session. Consequently on May 14 the grand lodge will convene in Kearney. The auditing committee of the lodge spent last week in examining the books and accounts of the grand lodge officers and found everything correct.

On Thursday night Life Boat lodge No. 150, Independent Order of Good Templars, held its quarterly election of officers, the result being as follows: Chief templar, Roger Dickens; vice templar, Gertie Wright; secretary, Marie Swanson; assistant secretary, Rosie Dewey; financial secretary, Frieda Von Weg; treasurer, Emelia Holdorf; marshal, Theodore Johnson; deputy marshal, Bertha Holland; guard, Edward Oliver; sentinel, John Dickens. The new officers will be installed on next Thursday night.

On May 2 a grand public reunion of Good Templars will be held. Arrangements are being made to make it a memorable affair. Invitations will be sent to all who are now or ever have been members of the order.

Four Stores Burned Out.

BERLIN, Wis., April 28.—A fire at midnight last night destroyed four stores, occupied by R. Jenkins, A. T. Truesdell, A. Ford and J. H. Clark, jeweler. The loss is about $50,000; partially insured.

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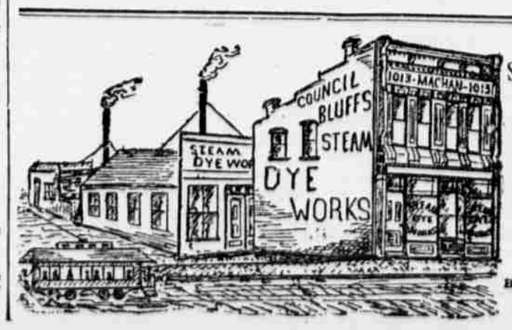

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