

OBLIGATIONS OF A. P. A.'S

Candidates for Initiation Sworn to Eclecticarian Proscription.

A SECRET ORDER FOR POLITICS ONLY

Each Member Takes Oath to Aid by His Vote in the Exclusion of Catholics from Public and Private Employment.

For more than four years the eclectist letters "A. P. A." have had a great deal of alleged significance in Omaha. The letters are the abbreviated sign of an order the influence of which has been felt in political, business and social circles in this city and state.

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Investigating the work of the order in Omaha and this county a marked discrepancy is discovered between the claims of the association, as outlined in its platform of principles, and the practical results of the carrying out of the plans of the outboard organization.

"We have nothing to do," said Rev. E. J. Oldknow of New Jersey, one of the chief organizers of the order, in the early days of the question, but only with the political. Our desire is to minimize the power of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in politics, to counteract it at every possible turn.

Either Rev. Oldknow is mistaken or the A. P. A.'s of Omaha have not been following in the paths laid out by the founders of the order. The order, as stated in its platform, is a political party and has no political ambition.

Members of the order in Omaha have been loud in their denunciations of men who have refused to vote for candidates nominated by A. P. A. star chamber decrees. The very oath of the order makes a boisterous member of the order in case the party to which he belongs is defeated and nominate a Roman Catholic for any office.

The technical name of the A. P. A. organization is "The Amoreans." According to the official platform of the order, the admission to membership must go through several stages of initiation, in the course of which he must make a declaration of principles and subscribe in accordance with the iron-clad oaths. These oaths are here reprinted, word for word.

I hereby declare that I am of sound mind, of good moral character, and a firm believer in a Deity, and not a member of any society opposed to good government; I am competent to pursue some useful and lawful occupation; I am not a member of the Roman Catholic church, nor have any sympathy with Roman Catholicism; that in my opinion no Roman Catholic should be allowed any part or parcel in the control, or occupy any position in our public schools, or hold any political or military offices in this country.

On the contrary I realize that the institutions of our country are in danger from the machinations of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and that only by the removal of Roman Catholics from offices of public trust, can justice, equity and true liberty be maintained and preserved, and by the concerted and continuous efforts by the lovers of American liberty only can such results be consummated as are desired.

I hereby pledge myself to defend the government of the United States, and of the state in which I live, against all enemies, foreign or domestic, whether by sea, land or air, and against all usurpation of temporal or spiritual power, whether by men or devils, or slaves to party and the Roman church. I pledge myself to stand by the principles of this order, I am willing to bind myself by the sacred and inviolable, I am a Protestant, and have been for years. I belong to the church and the following secret societies:

FIRST OATH. The candidate is led by ritualistic mummery up to the oaths, which are recited by the officers of the order and repeated by the prospective member.

Second Oath. I do most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, without any mental reservation or evasion, that I will not reveal anything that I have seen or conjectured to any person in the world not entitled to know, and then only in such manner as I may be justified, after consulting the right of him to whom it is revealed, and then not to reveal even to them more than I am allowed by the instructions of the order so to impart, further, that I will not reveal, impart, or convey, by word, deed, act, sign, mark, figure, or letter, either indicated or written upon anything solid or plastic or traceable in any manner or nature whatsoever anything which I may see, hear, or discover in connection with this order, to any person in the world who is not personally known, or has been watched for by me, as a member in good standing in this order by some friend whom I know to be such.

a member of the same. I further swear, upon my sacred honor as a man, breathing, living and having a belief in the existence of a Deity and an Immortality, that I come not here as a spy, for my own ends, or in interest of any person or persons as their spy, neither do I come here out of idle curiosity, but with an honest desire to associate myself with those who are striving to save this commonwealth from the perils that threaten to destroy it. I furthermore swear that I do not come to gain admission here for the purpose of divulging to any society, organized or to be organized, of any nature whatever, or to any theological institution, college, or class whatever, nor to any church organization, more especially the Roman Catholic church, of this or any other country, nor to any priest, bishop, cardinal, archbishop, or to the pope of Rome, or to agents or confederates of any of the above fractions, present or future, of the secrets, doings, works, discussions, orders, obligations, business, words or signs of this order, whereby the same may become known.

To all of which I most solemnly swear, in sight of just heaven and the call of my conscience, so help me, Most High, under all, and if I have falsely sworn or perjured my soul may God punish me as I deserve. Amen. Amen. Amen.

SECOND OATH. The second oath is as follows: I do most solemnly promise and vow that I will always deal justly with my fellow men, that I will measure out to him his just and equal and just portion of that which belongs to him of right to demand of me, that in the relations of life I will be just and equitable as an employer or employee, or as a counsel, or as a judge, or as a jurymen, or in the capacity of an arbitrator, in any and all of these I will be faithful and do and perform to the best of my ability, so help me, Most Merciful God, and may He measure out to me as I do to others, with his keener vengeance should I knowingly or willingly violate this my solemn obligation. Amen. Amen. Amen.

THIRD OATH. The third oath required is as follows: I do most solemnly promise and vow that I will not make known to any one in the broad world, upon the land or upon the sea, anything I may hear, see or discover during the last few weeks, in view of the future period, in the least job or little, unless directed by the proper authority to confer this degree or communicate this work to a regularly organized and recognized body of Amoreans, and neither to any of them unless duly advised of the genuineness of the body to be so instructed.

I furthermore promise and swear I will, to the best of my ability, preserve the purity of the ballot at any and all elections, that will discontinue, frame and amend laws by art and trickery upon the people.

I furthermore promise and swear that I will maintain a right enforcement of the principles of honor and honesty against political usurpation and oppression; that I will maintain and defend the government of the United States and the government of the state in which I live, against foreign, national or ecclesiastical, against rebellion, treason, or the foes of good government, and in order to do so I promise my lands, money and every life; that I will forever renounce and abjure any foreign power, king, prince, potentate or ecclesiastical power whereby the same may in any way conflict with my rights as a citizen or my rights of conscience, and, if need be, I will take up arms and fight for the same.

FOURTH OATH. The final oath in its most binding terms completes the obligations which the candidate undertakes. I do most solemnly promise and swear that I will always, to the utmost of my ability, labor, plead and wage a continuous warfare against ignorance and fanaticism; that I will use my utmost power to strike the shackles and chains of blind obedience to the Roman Catholic church from the tamper and bounden consciences of a priest-ridden and church-oppressed people; that I will never allow any member of the Roman Catholic church to become a member of this order, I knowing him to be such; that I will use my influence to promote the interests of Protestants everywhere in the world; that I will not aid in building, maintaining, by my resources, any Roman Catholic church or institution of their sect or creed whatsoever, nor will I aid in any way to break down the power of the pope in this country, or any other; that I will not enter into any controversy with a Roman Catholic on the subject of this order, nor will I enter into any agreement with a Roman Catholic to strike or create any disturbance whereby the Roman Catholic employs may understand and substitute them as workers; that in all grievances I will seek only Protestants and counsel with them to the exclusion of all Roman Catholics and will not make known to them anything of the nature of anything matured at such conferences.

I furthermore promise and swear that I will not consent to the nomination, in any caucus or convention, of a Roman Catholic for any office in the gift of the American people, and that I will not vote for any other person to vote for a Protestant; that I will endeavor at all times to place political positions of government in the hands of Protestants.

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MINE SYSTEMATICALLY ROBBED.

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Rich Ore Taken.

DENVER, June 15.—A special to the News from Lake City, Colo., says: A scheme of gigantic proportions has been unearthed by the Golden Fleece Mining company. It has been systematically robbed for a number of months and yesterday it was announced the mine will shut down at once for an indefinite period. The thiefing has been confined to high grade ores and will reach enormous proportions, as the amount stolen has exceeded one-half the monthly production of the mine, valued at \$40,000 per month. These figures seem possible in view of the extraordinary richness of the high grade ore, which is taken into consideration. Rumors imply that many of the employees and various citizens of the camp have been current all day, but nothing positive has been made public. The company has offered a reward of \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of each person implicated in the robbery. The management insists there has been an organized gang at work, with shipments to various parts of the country and even to Mexico, from where the ore was re-ship to the smelters. They say they run down every member of this gang if it costs \$50,000 to do so. This mine had been paying regular monthly dividends of \$12,000 for over two years. The Golden Fleece is the richest mine in Colorado and probably in America. The company has placed armed sentries at all the workings to prevent further thefts.

Railroad Situation is Improving.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Sir C. Van Horns of Montreal, president of the Canadian Pacific railroad, is at the Brunswick with a party of Canadians. The party has been on a tour of the Canadian Pacific lines and is visiting several of the northwestern mining camps. He was very much impressed with the pronounced improvement of the country I have passed through," said Sir William. "Railroads are doing a better business and there is more confidence on the part of all the people."

American Oil Superior to Russian.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Consul General Kirk at Copenhagen has sent to the State department a report upon the consumption of American and Russian petroleum in Denmark. The report shows an increase in the consumption of American oil, and a decrease in consumption of Russian oil. It is attributed to its superiority over the Russian. It is stated that the Russian oil does not last as well. The difference in price is very slight.

THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY.

Lively Competition in the Telephone Business at Various Points.

HELLO RATES SLASHED IN THE MIDDLE

Dimension of the Contest and Its Effect on the Bell Monopoly—The Projected Pacific Cable—Electrical Developments.

Between the past two points the distance as the crow flies is 3,960 miles. Fanning Island lies 1,000 miles from Honolulu, and from Fanning Island to Puffin it is 1,967 miles, and from the latter point to Auckland is 1,348 miles. From Auckland to Sydney, in New South Wales, is 2,500 miles. This is the route contemplated, the total distance to be covered being about 7,300 statute miles. Careful estimates recently made by the hydrographic office at Washington show that the cost of laying a transpacific cable would be just about \$1,000 per mile, including every expense. This would bring the total expense of putting down the line from Victoria to Auckland, exclusive of preliminary surveys, up to \$7,300,000. The cost is somewhat increased by the fact that the cable, and the means to be carried all the way from England. No submarine cables are manufactured on this continent.

Victoria, which is the south end of Vancouver Island, is already connected by cable with Vancouver town, across the straits on the mainland. Vancouver town is the terminus of the Canadian Pacific line. The proposed line will convey messages direct from Europe to Australia, and the London merchant will be able to send telegrams beneath two oceans to the other side of the world. The same telegrams could be forwarded back to London by way of India and the continent of Europe. Thus it will be practically actually, when the project is accomplished, to transmit an electric spark entirely around the world. By throwing open all circuits along the wires the spark could be made to circle the earth at the rate of a fraction of a second. Already there is continuous telegraphic communication overland and under seas all the way from Victoria, B. C., to Auckland. The connection of Auckland with Victoria will make the circuit of the globe complete.

NEW TREATMENT FOR SUNSTROKE. An interesting electrical plant has been installed in the surgical ward of a New York hospital. The old treatment for sunstroke included warming drinks and hot applications to the body, with a view of drawing the blood from the head. Now the patient is immersed in very cold water and kept there until the abnormal temperature abates. The new apparatus for transferring the patient is a cot with a series of rollers carried smoothly along to a bath filled with water. Into this he is lowered by the machinery until only his face remains above water. It is packed around his head, and he is left until his temperature has lowered to the desired point. The machinery then quietly lifts him and transfers him to a pallet at the side of the room. This method of handling the patient causes least injury to the patient than any other, but it saves the doctors and nurses much exhaustive work, particularly in the case of heavy patients.

It is interesting to note, as showing that the medical profession is alive to the mechanical as well as the therapeutic advantages of electricity, that this apparatus was designed by Dr. Lewis C. Stinson, the attending surgeon of the hospital.

AN ELECTRIC GOLD DREDGE PLANT.

An interesting account has been received of the application of water power in producing electricity for use in gold dredging in Shotover river, New Zealand. The water is obtained at a creek one and a half miles distant from the dredging ground and brought by race cut and flume to a mill, or, in places where the ground is not suitable, in a timber flume, to a pressure tank at a level of 24 feet above the pipes at the generator house. From this tank the water is carried in rolled steel pipes to a Pelton water wheel, which drives the dynamo by which the dredge is actuated. The dredge is constructed of the most durable material, and is capable, when operating at a depth of twenty feet, of an output of ninety cubic yards per hour. It is worked at night by the light of arc lamps. The dredgings are delivered through a revolving screen for separating the stones and coarser material, upon tables set at an inclination of one in twelve. The cost of the installation was \$35,000, and the weekly working expenses are \$175.

SMELTING IRON BY ELECTRICITY.

Important developments are taking place in the iron-smelting industry. The days of smelting iron with charcoal are passed, especially in districts where the cost of fuel is high. An Oregon manufacturer says that while iron ore manufacturers in Germany at \$8 per ton, it costs here \$10 per ton for fuel to smelt the metal. In Alabama, where coal and iron mines are close together and negro labor is cheap, the iron is smelted for \$5 per ton, and the freight on it to Portland is \$10 per ton. Pig iron used to bring \$30 to \$35 per ton in Oregon, but finally was reduced to about \$20, and but little profit, when the fuel cost \$10 to the ton of iron, and rendered competition with Alabama iron impossible. The Oregonian points to the fact that the use of electricity as the only power for the iron industry in his state. By utilizing water power to generate the electricity it will be possible to smelt iron at a cost of only \$10 per ton. Electric smelting works have already been started in Portland, where a piece of iron was recently exhibited which had been made by electricity from black sand in twenty minutes.

TOLD ABOUT THE PREACHER.

The church of an orthodox Pittsburg minister is located near the blast furnaces which frequently serve him in illustrating a burning question. Not long ago he discoursed on hell, and graphically described the lofty temperature of that section of the hereafter. "Look!" he suddenly exclaimed, pointing toward the illumination produced by the flow of the molten metal in a nearby furnace, "hear it gurgle and roar and explode, he continued. 'You know what it is that he knew to show with truth, that was in hell the residents would call it ice cream!'"

History teems with examples of the power of eloquence. A good story of an incident which occurred the other day in a Carignan-chapel, where the congregation was made up principally of sea-going men, is told by a London paper. "A figure used by the preacher related to a captain at his wit's end when navigating his ship through a narrow channel, when, abandoning with rocks and strong currents. The faces of some of the listeners were perfect white, and the preacher, who had just described the details of a shipwreck, suddenly described the details of a shipwreck, and a thrilling burst, the preacher shouted, 'Believe me, that is the way you are going stern foremost!'"

AN UNREALIZED DREAM.

New York Evening Sun. He went fishing in the wildwood. In the dancing mountain brook. Not that he used to fish in children. With a beer pin for a hook. He thought him of the catches. "That was the best I ever had." And the sunburn and the scratches. That adorned his youthful hide. Now, he has fancy fables. Flicking reel and silk line, too; With a twelve-pound basket laden, Harassed up with straps and bands, He had patent boots to wade in. And kid gloves upon his hands. Gaily then he started fishing. In a shady nook and cool. Where the willows, gently swishing, Overhung a well known pool. Not that he whipped the creek to foam. When he was an urchin small. Surely now he ought to match them. With his fancy rig and all. "Fiddleston," he said, "you can't make a sneak out of this game. Pungle up or I'll throw you out the window." He recited the addendum at once plunked-up to the extent of \$5 for the first and only time in his religious career.

Traveling Man Died by Poison.

SAN ANTONIO, June 15.—The body of J. K. Keating, a traveling salesman for a Kansas City cigar firm, was found dead in bed in a boarding house in this city today. He died by poison, but whether taken with suicidal intent is not known.

Lieutenant Backus Dies at Dallas.

DALLAS, Tex., June 15.—Lieutenant George C. Backus of the United States cavalry died last night at the city hospital of pneumonia with which he was seized about a week ago while on a visit here.

Murderer Hired Out His Hair.

FORT WORTH, Tex., June 15.—Mont McCullough in a fit of jealousy shot and killed his wife at Jacksonville, Tex., and afterward blew out his own brains.

Secrets Cracked (Going to Denver).

DENVER, June 15.—The Denver Wheel club has received a telegram from A. A. Zimmerman saying that he and John S. Johnson will race in Denver the latter part of July.

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When the Judge Reached the Mountain Side he Took up the Paper, and Immediately Saw its Nature, but Maintaining his Self-possession, he Recited the Form of Summons, which he Fortunately Remembered.

He then returned and found the horse thief in a boarding house in the bottom to the highlands, saying the rains would flood the lowlands.

Supposed to Belong to Dalton's Gang.

VICTORIA, Tex., June 15.—Excitement prevails over three counties—Victoria, Dewitt and Jackson—on account of the presence of supposed members of the Dalton gang who have been committing depredations on the borders of these counties for several weeks. Three sheriffs with posse are now hunting them down. One of Sheriff Steeda's posse from Dewitt county has been shot away by the gang.

San Antonio, June 15.—The San and Fox Indians have a new method to get rain.

They appealed one day last week for all tribes to assemble at one place to dance for rain and at the same time they invited several neighboring tribes to join in the festivities for showers. Large numbers of Indians were present and danced until Sunday. It came and this so buoyed them up that they are still dancing that more rain may come. Before they commenced their festivities they gave out the wigwags from the bottom to the highlands, saying the rains would flood the lowlands.

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