

FUNERAL DIRECTORS NEXT

Three-Day Convention to Be Held This Week.

CHANGE IN STATE LAW WILL BE ADVOCATED

General Desire for Appointment of State Board to Examine Candidates as to Their Fitness to Engage in the Business.

A question that has been agitating undertakers all over the country for some time will engage most of the attention of the state convention of the Nebraska Funeral Directors' association when it meets here July 12-14.

There is a general desire to have boards of examiners established in every state to pass upon the fitness of undertakers and embalmers to prepare bodies for shipment.

In Missouri there is such a board, called a "State Board of Embalmers." It was established in 1895. In Alabama there is a board and shipping papers are issued with coupons attached, which the licensed undertaker must use whenever a body is shipped.

The coupon to be returned by the baggage agent at the point of consignment in case the body does not arrive in good condition. None but licensed undertakers can use these papers.

A temporary arrangement exists in Iowa, based upon a position taken by the attorney general, and in Indiana the state convention has passed a resolution in favor of voluntary co-operation with the State Board of Health.

In speaking of this matter President P. C. Healey of the Nebraska Funeral Directors' association revealed what had been done by this state in this direction, and said: "The last legislature almost succeeded in passing a bill providing for a state board. The senate passed it all right, but it was killed in the house by two votes. Indeed, the governor signed it, thinking it had been passed. Our state is just as far advanced as any other in the matter of preparing bodies for shipment, for we have had the best of professors of this branch here every year.

This year we will again have Prof. W. J. Hohenshuh, of the national association, Western College of Embalming at Chicago, and ex-president of the national association. He will lecture and demonstrate every one of the three days of our state convention.

Baggagemen Co-operate.

"I have just received a letter from A. Traylor, of Council Bluffs, the president of the American Association of Baggage Agents upon this very subject. The baggage agents will meet this year at Detroit on July 20, and he is very anxious to have our association do something so that he can refer to it in his address. The baggage agents are, next to our profession, more immediately interested than any other, but it is a matter that vitally concerns the public health generally.

"A letter from the president of the Missouri state board of embalmers tells me of a case where, before their new law in that state, a corpse was shipped from Illinois, of a person who had died of diphtheria. The family, of course, was all taken down with the same disease, such was the bad condition of the body when it arrived at its destination. Most any undertaker can prepare for shipment the body of a person who does not die from any contagious disease, but when the death is from contagion, it is different, and then a man must be up to par in his business.

"We have a very good class of undertakers in this state, but of course there may be some who may not prove properly fitted for this very important particular of the trade. In the states having state boards of examiners candidates for licenses are usually required to pass examination in anatomy, sanitation, disinfection and embalming."

Many Speakers on List.

There are to be several other speakers at the state convention besides Prof. Hohenshuh, mentioned by President Healey. Dr. Dellison A. Foote will be one. He will give an instructive talk on anatomy. M. Wulph will have something to say about a crematory and J. C. McElhinney is to conduct an interesting question box. Delegates will be chosen to the national convention, which is to meet in this city in October, and Walt Roberts of Lincoln, who was a delegate to the national convention, which met in Milwaukee last year, will have a report to make.

The convention will convene in Creighton hall next Tuesday afternoon. As Mayor Moore will make the address of welcome, the response to be by J. M. Doyle of Belleville, Kan. The president's annual address and the report of Secretary-Treasurer P. F. Bell of Norfolk will follow. To quote from the call as to the real object of the convention since pleasure has been made to give way to business:

"The old style of meeting once a year for a good time (for a few) has been done away with, and a new order of business established. Our meetings are now simply a school of instruction to further our knowledge in the science of our profession. As business men this is what we need, and this alone. As professional undertakers and embalmers we should insist upon some such course of study at least once a year and take advantage of the same when the time

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The Texas Editors

Will be here tomorrow, and as Drexel L. Shoeman was phased out of Texas he will be in hiding, and we're going to take advantage of his absence and cut prices—tomorrow! and all are sold you can get for \$2.50 any Bicycle Boot in the house—this means Ladies' Bicycle Boots, Men's Bicycle Shoes—that have sold at \$5.50, \$4.50 and \$4.00—the high cut—the low cut—the medium cut—the all-kind tops—the cloth to s—it don't make any difference.

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CONFERENCE ON THE DEPOT

Union Pacific and Northwestern Officials Hold Another Consultation.

CONSTRUCTION MAY SOON COMMENCE

Rumor that the Delay is Occasioned by a Probable Conflict with the Burlington is Denied Officially.

An important conference of Union Pacific-Northwestern railway officials was held yesterday at Union Pacific headquarters in this city. A special train bearing President Bart, General Manager Dickinson, Freight Traffic Manager Munroe, General Passenger Agent Lomax and Director Merriam of the Union Pacific arrived here from the west shortly before noon yesterday. President Munroe, Freight Traffic Manager and General Manager Dickinson of the Chicago & Northwestern arrived in another special train from the east during the morning.

It is understood that the proposed union station in this city is under consideration, and early start on its construction may reasonably be expected. An official of the Union Pacific yesterday absolutely denied the rumor that the Union Pacific is holding off on the new station because a plan for entering the Burlington's new station is under consideration.

On the western trip of the Union Pacific officials the lines that were once branches of the parent system, but passed under separate managements during the receivership, were carefully inspected, and calls exchanged with the officers of these lines. The trip of inspection is accepted in railway circles as indicative of the return of the Oregon Short Line and a part of the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf to the Union Pacific railroad. The month of October is said to be set for the extension of the reorganized company. The officials who have returned set no time for the absorption of the branch lines to take place. They report a fine trip, and none of them was hurt in the wreck to the special which occurred last week in California.

EXPRESS COMPANIES MUST PAY.

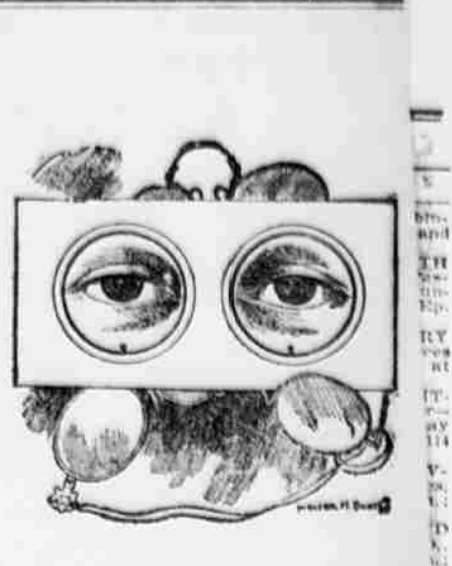
Commissioner Preparing a Ruling on the Stamp Tax.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—The commissioner of internal revenue has been made for a comfortable camping ground and most of the uniformed rank men will live in tents while in the city. Considering the great number of Odd Fellows in the United States it is



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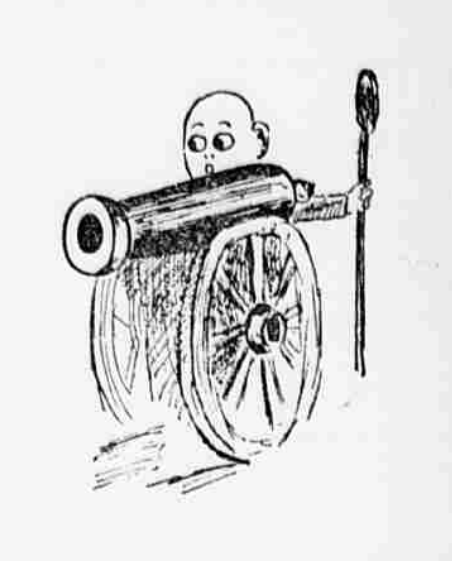


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thought that fully 20,000 may be expected to take part in the parade and exercises.

The following are the members of the committee which has the matter in charge: Lodge No. 2, G. Striffler, C. A. Harkley, Louis Heintze, Lodge No. 10, J. Marks, D. Hartson, Colonel N. B. Heim, Lodge No. 29, J. L. Aleson, M. McCoy, C. A. Gaines; Lodge No. 183, A. E. Samuelson, G. Sein, John Edd; Lodge No. 216, Haug Eilker, Peter Jensen, Dr. Clausen; Lodge No. 118, J. Eitner, Miller, P. Szwarcman, G. Striffler. President of the committee, C. A. Gaines secretary and D. Hartson treasurer.

Knights of the Maccabees.

September 20 has been settled upon as National Knights of the Maccabees day at the exposition and the local members of that order have commenced making arrangements for the entertainment to be furnished visiting guests. Many of the chief officers of the order will be in attendance, Supreme Recorder Boynton, F. W. Stevens, editor of the Bee, Miss Anna M. Johnson, supreme keeper of the Ladies of the Maccabees, and Lillian M. Hollister, supreme commander of the ladies, having already assured the committee that they will be present at that time.

North Omaha gave a very successful musical and edificationary entertainment on Wednesday evening.

Dewey Hive of the Ladies of the Maccabees, which was organized in Omaha about two weeks ago by Emma P. Johnson, has elected and installed the following officers: Mrs. Bradley, L. P. C.; Mrs. Dunton, L. C.; Mrs. McCoy, L. L. C.; Miss D. Clark, L. R. C.; Mrs. Hough, L. F. C.; Dr. Martha Clark, M. C.; Mrs. Taglie, L. C.; Mrs. Lewis, L. S.; Mrs. Baker, M. A.; Mrs. Hays, L. S.; Mrs. Leydecker, L. P.

The Hive is auxiliary to Dewey tent of the Knights of the Maccabees and meets every Friday evening.

Fraternal Union of America.

Banner lodge entertained 206 of its friends Thursday night. The following interesting program was given: Address of welcome, F. F. Hooge; monologue, George Hooper; piano solo, Miss Johnson; My Husband Goes to Lodge; Mrs. P. Hough; backward drill, sixteen women; song, "Now We Are Aged and Gray, Maggie," Prof. M. Parsons. During the evening the Woodmen of the World hand played several selections which were well received.

September 8 will be Fraternal Union of America day at the exposition, and arrangements are being made for excursions to be run into Omaha at that time.

Mondamin lodge will initiate between ten and fifteen new members on Monday night.

A trolley ride will be given in honor of the event.

New lodges were organized at Ayreshire, Ia., and at Seward and Havelock, Neb., during last week.

Before Supreme Secretary John L. Handley returned to his home in Denver he visited all the Omaha lodges and the lodges at Blair, Ashland, Herman, Wynore and Union. Colonel Handley addressed all the lodges on fraternalism and was heartily received.

Red Men.

Through the efforts of Fraternal Commissioner Rose and a number of industrial Red Men in the city arrangements have been completed for sham battles to be given by Red Men at the exposition on August 10, 11 and 12. More than 300 men from Tennessee will take part in the battles and the warriors will be accompanied by large excursion parties made up in Kentucky and Tennessee. The Nashville American of July 3 speaks of the arrangements which the local Red Men are making to come to Omaha and predict a number of attendances from that city if satisfactory rates are secured. In writing to Fraternal Commissioner Rose concerning the sham battles which the Red Men gave at the Nashville exposition the president of the exposition stated that the battles were one of the great features of the exposition and that on the days they were given the attendance was greatly increased.

Odd Fellows.

Beacon lodge, No. 26, installed the following officers last week: D. J. Jallings, N. G.; George A. Smith, V. G.; Dr. Yager, W. G.; E. R. Ward, R. S.; W. H. Allen, J. S.; P. Bradley, L. G.; George A. Cole, H. S. S.; Frank Edgler, R. S.; J. W. Meekins, L. S.; George W. Reynolds, C. Past Grand Master Campbell of Lawrence,



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Kan., and Past Grand Master George L. Loomis of Fremont were among the prominent Odd Fellows who registered at the State House's information bureau during the last week.

Emil E. Darr, an Odd Fellow who belonged to an Iowa lodge, died at his home, 2005 Hurt street, on July 7, and was buried Saturday by the local lodges, the interment taking place at Prospect Hill.

Knights of Pythias.

On Tuesday night Triune lodge No. 56 conferred the first and second ranks on three candidates. Triune lodge was assisted in the work by Grand Chancellor Harry Boydston of Nebraska City and Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Will Love of Lincoln. About thirty visiting knights were present at the initiation, and after the work was over a banquet was served and an enjoyable evening spent.

On next Tuesday evening the third degree will be conferred on the same three candidates, and all visiting knights are invited to spend the evening with Triune lodge.

Business and Fraternal Association.

On Tuesday night the consolidation of lodge No. 1 of the Independent Workmen of America and lodge No. 1 of the Business Men's Fraternity was completed, and the new lodge bears the name of Omaha lodge No. 1, Business and Fraternal association. In honor of the consolidation an entertainment has been planned for next Friday night. The full details as to the entertainment will be announced at the meeting Tuesday night.

The three lodges of Lincoln have also consolidated into one powerful lodge and the two lodges of Nebraska City will be united within a short time.

Secret Society Notes.

Covert lodge, A. F. and A. M., worked the third degree on two candidates Friday night.

The Elks have given up their weekly meetings during July and August and will meet only once a month, on the 1st and 15th of each month. The date for the national encampment of the Sons of Veterans to be held in Omaha this fall.

The second annual session of the High Council of the Foresters of Nebraska will meet in Omaha July 15.

Three Hundred Spaniards Killed.

If 300 Americans can kill 300 Spaniards in 300 days, how many Americans will it take to kill 100 Spaniards in 100 days? One thousand dollars will be paid to the persons answering the above problem correctly. Many other prizes of value, all of which will be announced in the next issue of Upton's Illustrated Monthly. As a positive guarantee as to my reliability I refer to any mercantile or commercial agency. As the object of offering these prizes is to attract attention to my popular family magazine, each person answering must enclose with their answer five (5) cent stamps (or ten cents silver) for sample stamps containing full particulars. S. E. Wash, R. S.; W. H. Allen, J. S.; P. Bradley, L. G.; George A. Cole, H. S. S.; Frank Edgler, R. S.; J. W. Meekins, L. S.; George W. Reynolds, C. Past Grand Master Campbell of Lawrence,

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