ECHOES OF THE ANTE-ROOM

Knights of Pythias Hold Annual Election of Officers.

TO ORGANIZE A NEW SOCIETY

Scandinavian Brotherhood Will Initiate Charter Members of the Omaha Lodge on Monday Evening.

Nebraska lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, held its annual election last Wednesday night, choosing officers to be installed at the first meeting in January, when a special ceremonial will mark the event. Following is the roster of officers chosen: Chancellor commander, A. A. Taylor; vice chancellor, L. B. Day; prelate, L. A. Mangold; master of work, Garvin Brown; keeper of records and seal, Dr. Roy A. Dodge; master of finance, Edward Arnold; master of exchequer, J. W. Fyfe; master at arms, Fred J. Sullivan; inner guard, H. C. Larson; outer guard, M. B. Jennings; trustee, H. Friedman; delegates to the grand lodge, B. B. Anderson, C. W. Britt, G. W. Gonder and Hugo Melchior; alternates, U. B. Balcombe, J. W. Cooper, T. B. Bryant and S. R. Patton.

The third open meeting of the winter season will be held next Wednesday evening, when the knights will entertain their ladies, a special program having been planned for that purpose.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Last Monday night Benson lodge, No. 221, conferred all four degrees of the subordinate lodge upon T. B. Morton of Benson. A special dispensation was necessary to do this, and as Mr. Morton was 21 years old on that date, he now bears the proud distinction for the present of being the youngest Odd Fellow in the world. A large number of visiting Odd Fellows were in attendance and the degree work was not finished until after midnight. Benson lodge, No. 221, conferred the initiation degree; State lodge, No. 10, conferred the first degree; Benson lodge, No. 221, conferred the second degree; Jonathaan lodge, No. 225, conferred the third degree; Canton Exra Millard, No. 4, was present in full uniform and took part in the degree work.

Most of the Omaha lodges held elections last week for officers for the ensuing term of six months. Three of the lodges will elect officers tomorrow night on account of the election falling on the last meeting night in November.

Rose Rebekah lodge, No. 139, elected the following officers last Tuesday evening: Mrs. Maude Reeves, noble grand; Mrs. Bertha Morgan, vice grand; Mrs Agnes Baker, recording secretary; Miss Jennie Peterson, financial secretary, and Mrs. J. P. Peterson, treasurer.

To Organize New Society.

A lodge of the Scandinavian Brotherhood is to be organized in Omaha Monday evening under the direction of Frank Burman, grand secretary and treasurer, who formerly lived in Omaha for seventeen years. The organization will be perfected at Danish Odd Fellows' hall, Twenty-fifth avenue and Leavenworth street. There are now in the United States 186 lodges, one being installed at Minneapolis last Monday evening, that being the first for Minnesota, and the one to be organized here tomorrow night will be the first for Nebraska. A deputy will be appointed for Nebraska and the headquarters of the order will be in Omaha. It is strictly an American organization, English being spoken, the object being to arouse a better American spirit among the people who have come from the Scandinavian countries. It also provides for sick benefits. If benefits are not desired a man may join as a social member. Once a month a lecture and musical entertainment is provided.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

Mecca court, No. 13, Tribe of Ben Hur, will hold election of officers Thursday evening at Baright hall. Following the business meeting there will be an entertainment and refreshments will be served.

Olcott Lodge.

A lecture in the assembly hall in the City National Bank building under the auspices of the Olcott lodge will be given Sunday at 8 p. m. by Laurie J. Quinby. Subject, "Morals the Science of Happiness." The lecture is free.

Ladies Auxiliary to Clan Gordon.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' auxiliary to Clan Gordon, No. 63, will hold their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Hislop, 3182 Fowler avenue, next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Woodmen o the World.

The annual election of officers for Alpha camp, No. 1, Woodmen of the World, will take place on Tuesday evening, December 1, at Baright's hall, Nineteenth and Farnam streets.

Ladies of the Maccabees.

Laurel hive, No. 19, Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, will give a card party Thursday afternoon in their hall in Continental building, Fifteenth and Douglas streets.

Woodmen Circle.

Garfield circle, No. 11, will meet for election of officers Thursday night.

Druid camp No. 24, Woodmen of the World, will give a card party and reception for the members and their families on Monday evening at Frenzer hall, Twenty-fourth and Parker streets. During the month of November fifty-six applications were received. The new club house at Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue will be ready for occupancy about February 1, 1915. Election of officers will take place on Monday evening, December 7.

Immense Addition to Hudson Factory

Cheering evidence of satisfactory present and future business conditions is shown by the announcement of immense additions to be made to the already enormous factory of the Hudson Motor Car company. So pronounced has been the success of the Hudson Six, and so insistent the demand of the public for cars that the present plant, large as it is, has proved inadequate to handle the business. It has therefore been decided to add a third story to the main factory building and to three of the largest wings, an addition of floor space 2,200 feet long by 60 feet wide.

In construction the addition will conform to the present style of pressed brick and concrete. Work on the additional story will begin at once. It is to be completed and the enlarged premises ready for occuppany on March 1, 1915. This is arranged so that the company will be in the best possible shape to handle what promises to be the record year of its history.

COMING CHANCELLOR COMMANDER NEB. LODGE NO. 1, K. P.

A. A. Taylor

YOUNGEST ODD FELLOW IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.

T. B. Morton

—Photo by Barr.

Baker Electric Road Show is to Exhibit in Omaha

The Orr Motor Sales company, Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets, has secured a complete exhibit of Baker electric pleasure car models, which will be shown in their display rooms from November 30 to December 5.

The new light Baker coupe, which has created unusual interest all over the country since it was announced about a month ago, will be one of the chief centers of interest in the exhibit. This car weighs one-half ton less than many of the big five-passenger electrics seen on the street. It is designed with a unique seating arrangement that makes it instantly convertible from a four-passenger into a two or three-passenger car, merely by folding the front seats out of the way. The showing of this new light car will in itself attract a good deal of attention, but in addition the exhibit will include the beautiful Baker double drive brougham, a magnificent electric of the larger type.

Detachable Sedan Top Kissel Feature

"The KisselKar detachable sedan top is making immediate buyers of many who did not intend to invest in a new car until spring," says L. L. Clarke of the Kissel-Kar.

"These buyers appreciate that winter driving is of more practical benefit than in the summer, but have hitherto felt that the expense of two cars or two bodies was excessive. With the one compartment KisselKar and the detachable Sedan top they get the same luxury at a cost but little in excess of that of a touring car alone.

"Motorists seeing this combination for the first time are astonished at its fine appearance, every important detail of the most up-to-date closed car being preserved, even the hinges of the door are concealed. It costs practically nothing in either money or delay to change from closed to open car. It is really a wonder and no one should miss seeing it."

PROPER CARE OF THE MINOR TIRE INJURIES

Many motorists do not realize the importance of prompt attention to small cuts or injuries in their tires, says L. Greenwald, manager service department, Firestone Tire and Rubber company. It is especially important, at this time of the year, that this warning be heeded.

A cut in the tread or cover of the case has a tendency to expand when that part of the tire is in contact with the road. This permits mud, grit, pebbles and other foreign matter to lodge in the opening. When the injured part of the tire is relieved of the weight of the car the foreign matter, which has accumulated, acts as a wedge and with each revolution this foreign matter is forced further and further between the cover and fabric, not infrequently completely separating them.

Examine your tires carefully at regular intervals and especially after long trips. Tacks, glass or any other matter which may have become imbedded in the tread should be removed before any serious damage is done. Wash away all mud to permit a thorough examination of the tire.

By the use of "Curt-Cut," or similar preparations intended for emergency repairs, small cuts, punctures or snags can be healed and thus prevent them growing and becoming serious. Large cuts or injuries should be vulcanized at once by an experienced and competent repair man.

Storage Battery Needs Attention in Cold Weather

"With the coming of the cold weather, the storage battery used in connection with the starting and lighting systems may require a little extra attention," states C. J. Corkhill of the Nebraska Haynes Auto Sales company, distributers in this territory of the Haynes, America's first car. "A cold motor requires much cranking and consequently much current is used. The effect of cold on a storage battery is to make it sluggish." A hydrometer should be used frequently to see that the battery is not being discharged to too low a degree.

"A storage battery will gradually become discharged when standing idle, even when no current is being used, due to the fact that a slow chemical action is taking place at all times within the battery, regardless of whether the current is being used or not. When a car is not to be used for as long as two or three weeks, or the car is to be stored, the battery should receive a complete charge before allowing the battery to stand, and it should receive additional charging at least every two or three weeks, until the cells begin to gas or bubble freely. This charging is best done by allowing the battery to remain in the car without disturbing any of the connections, by allowing the engine to run at the same speed as is attained when the car is traveling at about twenty miles per hour.

"In order to avoid freezing of the battery, it should always be kept in a fully charged condition. A fully charged battery will not freeze at any of the temperatures ordinarily experienced."

Interesting Facts About Regal Motors

Most motorists are content to ride around over the power plants of their automobiles and leave what goes on inside the mechanism to Providence and the skill of the builder, says M. S. Young, technical man at the Regal Motor Car company.

Take the average automobile motor with a five-inch strone. How many people know that with ordinary gearing it revolves 2,444 times in driving the car one mile, while the pistons travel approximately one and one-half miles.

In the mean time 4,674 gallons of pure air and two wine glasses of gasoline have traversed the engine's system, together with a tablespoonful of lubricating oil.

Sufficient heat has been generated in the motor to cook an average meal if suitably employed.

Each valve has opened and closed 1,222 times, and, as there are eight valves in a four-cylinder motor, there have been 9,776 valve movements.

There have been 4,888 sparks at the four spark plugs. The wheels have revolved 611 times and the occupant has ridden comfortably over 5,280 lineal feet of ground in two to four minutes. If he were walking he would possibly cover the same distance in fifteen minutes, taking about 2,000 steps to do so.

With the motor running at 600 revolutions to the minute, there are 1,200 power impulses in that time, or twenty every second.

TO MAKE AUTO TRACK OF SHEEPSHEAD BAY COURSE

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—"The Passing of Sheepshead Bay. Such could be the title of a book on the transformation of the old and beautiful race course of the Coney Island Jockey club to a two-mile automobile track. It is too true that at last some one or a company had come along with $2,000,000 prepared to purchase the old home of the Coney Island Jockey club, unquestionably the most picturesque and, until a few years ago, the most fashionable race course in this country.

It is almost sacrilege to break up such a splendid institution, which for years has been the scene of some of the greatest thoroughbred struggles in the history of the American turf. Not a horse of any prominence ever raced in this country that has not at some time or other left the imprint of its hoofs on the Sheepshead Bay course. The equine struggle between the classiest of horses for the richest prizes have been so frequent that it would take columns to enumerate them.

RECORD RUN IS MADE BY MAXWELL TOURING CAR

A message from Billy Carlson, driver of one of the Maxwell racing cars the last season, tells of a remarkable run which he has just finished, from Los Angeles to Phoenix, Ariz.

Carlson made the trip in a 1915 stock Maxwell touring car. The distance was 715 miles and the car made the trip in thirty hours, including several stops along the route.

The Maxwell was "tuned up" to the minute before the trip was started, but owing to the length of the journey many adjustments were prophesied. However, Carlson's own words tell the tale:

"The Maxwell proved itself equal to the hard task. Some of the going was tough and would test the strength of any car. I certainly was surprised and pleased when I arrived at Phoenix, to look back over the trip and truthfully say that I never made an adjustment during the entire run. I know of no greater test for a car than the one through which I have just put that Maxwell."

AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS BOOMING ON PACIFIC COAST

The San Francisco representative of Dodge Bros. reports flourishing condition of trade in western states. Although California has over 120,000 motor cars registered in that state at the present time, the 1915 season shows no slowing down of automobile sales, according to J. E. French, San Francisco representative for Dodge Bros.

"Dealers on the Pacific coast are finding it difficult to secure enough cars to fill orders right now," says Mr. French, "and we are looking ahead to one of our biggest selling seasons in 1915. The San Diego and San Francisco expositions will bring thousands of visitors to California, and we confidently expect to send many of those who come by rail and boat home via the cross-country route in touring cars. California is leading the country in the making of good roads, $15,000,000 having been appropriated recently for this purpose.

Feds Get Park.

It is said that the Federal league had secured an option on a new park site in Cleveland. It is located at Euclid avenue and East Seventy-first street. Rumor has it that the Kansas City franchise was virtually guaranteed to Cleveland at the recent league meeting in New York. F. M. Bramley and other Clevelanders are said to control the franchise.

Packard Cars and Men in War Service Under French Flag

Five Packard cars equipped as military ambulances are in daily service between the firing ling in Flanders and the Red Cross establishments which serve as intermediate relief stations between the field hospitals and the military base. These cars are operating under the immediate control of the military authorities and are succoring the wounded of both sides. They were donated for Red Cross purposes by the Packard Motor Car company of Paris. The manager of this company is R. N. Goode, who arrived in Detroit this week from the French capital.

"Paris is reacting more normally than London from the first great strain of the war," said Mrs. Goode. "There is a total absence of dire predictions and of municipal apprehension. The Zeppelin bogie is a stranger there, not because the people are made of sterner stuff or that they do not fully estimae the skill of the kaiser's airmen, but because they are Frenchmen and less cautious perhaps than their stolid cousins.

"All of the French drivers from the Packard branch are in the service. Jules Faron, one of my best men, was killed by German rifle fire while acting as chauffeur for a British along the line of battle.

"Raoul Denizet, our assistant manager, was put in charge of the motor concentration camp at Dijon. He finally tired of the inaction and has since joined the aeroplane service. Airmen are in great demand."

Hupmobiles Carry French Gendarmes in Paris Streets

"Motoring to war" is the way John L. Poole, European export manager of the Hupp Motor Car company, who is in Paris, France, describes the maneuvers of the French army.

"On reaching Paris last Sunday," writes Mr. Poole, "I still found quite a number of taxicabs running about and a few motor buses. However, there are more of the old horse driven cabs in evidence than have been seen in late years. Conductors of the motor buses are women, who seem to perform their service in an entirely satisfactory manner.

"Yesterday I walked through the Champs Elysees and Avenue Grande Armee, where all the best motor car display rooms are located, but they are all closed tight now, and take on a very desolate aspect. On the streets you see many motor car ambulances carrying the wounded to the hospitals. It is only recently that the government has commenced to send the wounded to Paris, and I am sorry to say there are large numbers coming in daily.

"Army motor cars in large numbers dash madly through the streets, either going to or from the firing line. You can imagine my surprise when turning off the Champs Elysees I saw two Hupmobiles come tearing down the street loaded with French gendarmes. The little cars were shot full of holes, but they were still going. Practically every Hupmobile in France has been taken over. In fact, not one of the sub-agencies of our French distributers have a single car in stock. This, no doubt, holds good with other American agencies as well. Therefore, Detroit makers will secure practically no business from France for some time to come."

Maxwell Company Establishes a New Agency in Omaha

The Maxwell Motor company of Detroit has established an agency at Ninth and Jones streets under the management of G. H. Williamson. The new branch occupies a four-story building and an assemblying plant will be installed in the near future. The service department is a new feature that should prove popular with Maxwell owners. A. H. Wheeler, who is well known in auto circles, has full charge of the sales department. Monday a buffet luncheon will be served at the new home to all the dealers in this territory.

Ump Johnstone Joins Feds.

Umpire Jim Johnstone, this season with the American association, will be a member of the Federal league staff next season.