

News of the Lodges and Fraternities

Masonic.

Rough Ashler Lodge No. 74, A. F. & A. M., Omaha Neb. Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month. J. H. Wakefield, W. M.; E. C. Underwood, Secretary.

Excelsior Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursdays in each month.

Zaha Temple No. 52, A. E. A. O. U. M. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings the fourth Wednesday in each month. N. Hunter, Ill. Potentate; Charles W. Dickerson, Ill. Recorder.

Shaffer Chapter No. 42, O. E. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Friday in each month. Maggie Ransom, R. M. Elnora Obee, Secretary.

Rescue Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Monday in each month. Lodge rooms, Twenty-fourth and Charles streets. William Burrell, W. M.; H. Warner, Secretary.

Omaha Lodge No. 146, A. F. and A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Fridays of every month. Lodge room 1018 Douglas street. Will N. Johnson, W. M.; Wynn McCulloch, Secretary.

Keystone Lodge No. 4, K. of P., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursday of each month. C. H. Lewis, C. C.; J. H. Glover, K. of R. S.

Western Star No. 1, K. of P.—Meetings second and fourth Thursdays in each month. J. N. Thomas, C. C.; E. R. Robinson, K. of R. and S.

Omaha Lodge No. 2226, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. Meeting nights, the first and third Thursdays of each month. Lodge rooms, 2522½ Lake street. G. H. Brown, N. G.; J. C. Belcher, P. S.

Friendship Temple, No. 347, meets the first and third Friday afternoons at 2:30 each month at Twenty-fourth and Charles streets, in U. B. F. Hall, Mrs. Ella Johnson, Princess; Mrs. M. A. Walker, Secretary.

HOPE HE MEANT IT.

Irving Cobb, war correspondent and novelist, a southerner born and bred, was a guest at a recent dinner given by the Society of Composers, Authors and Songwriters at Keen's Chop House, West 41st street, New York City. James W. Johnson, contributing editor of The Age, and J. Rosamond Johnson of the Music School Settlement are the only Colored members of this organization. They were present at the dinner.

When Mr. Cobb, whose racial prejudices are well known, was called on to speak, he made the following declaration, remarkable because it was made by Irving Cobb:

"Mr. President: I appreciate the honor of being here. I am a southerner, an inheritor of all the prejudices of that section. But I esteem it a privilege to be the guest of an organization that recognizes talent and ability, regardless of race, creed, condition or the pigment of the skin, giving to that talent and ability the recognition to which it is entitled."

His sentiment aroused enthusiastic applause. James W. Johnson was one of the speakers, the others being Victor Herbert, composer, Wilson G. Mizner, playwright, Rufe Goldberg, cartoonist, Seymour Brown, songwriter, Irving Berlin, song writer, and George Cohan, actor and play writer.

UNITED STATES WARSHIP RETURNS FROM LIBERIA

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and swept the coast of the rebels from Sinu south."

According to sailors on the Chester—but this was not officially stated—the call at Madrid was productive of an incident that in its entirety added much to the strength of the moral support given the Liberian Government by Uncle Sam.

The sailors stated that at Funchal the cruiser met the United States collier Sterling and received from her 500 Krag-Jorgensen rifles and 25,000 rounds of ammunition, which ultimately got into the hands of the Government forces of Liberia. The only arms possessed by the Liberian Government up to that time were a few German rifles, for which there was no ammunition at hand.

The President is Level-Headed.

"I found President William D. Howard of Liberia a shrewd, level-headed man," said Commander Schofield. "He is a descendant of American Negroes and has some education. He is elected for four years and has a Legislature consisting of eight Senators and 13 Representatives. The country has about 12,000 inhabitants in Americo-Liberia, and about 40,000 civilized Negroes, and about 2,000,000 native population.

"There are about 100 tribes of bushmen, each having its own king and own dialect, and the Government's task of keeping peace with them is not an easy one."

Commander Schofield stated that Liberia has felt some inconvenience from the European war, through interruption of her supplies. The trade of the country was 80 per cent. in the hands of Germans before the war. The German traders are there yet, but they are getting only a little in the way of supplies chiefly from the United States. The steamships which formerly plied regularly from Germany come no more, and the occasional English steamships stop only at one or two ports where they formerly stopped at all.

Mrs. Bundy was the only woman on the cruiser, and she seemed to enjoy the novelty of her position. She expressed herself as being glad to get back to the United States, but declared with emphasis, "I want you to say that Liberia isn't as black as it is painted." Mr. and Mrs. Bundy will spend their holiday principally in Cleveland, Ohio, their home.

THE AFRICAN POETICAL.

Southern News Bureau. April 19. The native Africans have some very striking expressions, showing that they are full of poetical ideas. The Mpongues call thunder the "sky gun," and the morning is with them the "day's child." The Zulus call the twilight the "eyelashes of the sun." An African who came to America was shown some ice, which he had not seen before, and he called it "water fast asleep." When asked to give a name to a railroad car, he said: "Him be one thunder mill."

THE AMERICAN GIANTS

OPEN IN CHICAGO APRIL 30.

Seattle, Wash., April 28.—The American Giants now sojourning through the west, have planned, according to manager Rube Foster, to open the regular season at Chicago, Sunday, April 30. The Gunthers will be the opposing team.

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