

WOODMEN IN A FIGHT

RIOT FOLLOWS AN ATTEMPT TO MOVE RECORDS.

One Man Fatally Hurt and Several Injured—Rock Islanders Repelled by Citizens of Fulton—History of the Trouble in the Order.

A Spirited Battle.
In an attempt by people of Rock Island Friday afternoon to secure possession of the books and belongings at the headquarters of the Modern Woodmen of America in Fulton, Ill., a general riot ensued. The list of injured is: Ed. Bare, head and arms injured; Will Bennett, city marshal, head cut, wound believed to be fatal; James Carrier, head cut; P. J. Casey, badly injured on head; W. H. Flanagan, head badly cut; Chris Miller, head cut; L. D. Plank, cut about the head; J. Slongerg, cut about the head.

Start from Rock Island.
Judge Gesi of Rock Island had rendered his decision dissolving the injunction which restrained the officials of the Modern Woodmen of America from removing the books and other belongings of the head office from Fulton, Ill., to Rock Island. A special train was started from Rock Island over the Burlington road for Fulton, carrying about 600 men, well armed. They reached Fulton about 6 o'clock and marched up to the Woodman building in military style. The Fulton people had been apprised of the move by telephone and were ready to defend the books and papers of the head office. They were assisted by a large force from Clinton and Lyons, their neighboring cities, just across the Mississippi.

General Fight Ensues.
A general fire alarm was sounded and hose laid to repel the invaders. When the train arrived the track was torn up on both sides to prevent their escape. A Rock Island man cut the hose. This was the signal for hostilities. Many shots were fired and clubs, rocks and missiles of all kinds used. Quite a number of Rock Islanders are more or less hurt, none very severely. They secured a few books before they were stopped, but were penned in their train by armed deputies. Head Attorney Johnson of the Modern Woodmen, Engineer Mitchell of the special train and a number of others are under arrest.

Another Injunction Secured.
J. D. Andrews of Chicago, attorney for the city of Fulton, went to Sterling on a special train and secured an injunction from J. E. McPacran, master in chancery, which was accompanied by a restraining order. It was served immediately and the records will now remain until it can be tried in the courts.

HISTORY OF TROUBLE.

Fight Centered Around J. C. Root, Founder of the Order.

The great fight, prolonged for so long, to remove the headquarters of the Modern Woodmen of America from Fulton, Ill., to other points, has a very intimate bearing on Omaha, since that city is now the home of one J. C. Root, who established that order and started the long fight by making an effort to have the records of the organization removed to Omaha.

It was in 1879 that the Modern Woodmen of America was organized under the laws of Illinois. The charter expressly stipulated that the headquarters should be located in the State of Illinois. As Fulton was the home of Root, he selected that place as the headquarters of the organization.

It was in 1890, eleven years later, that the idea of a change entered Root's head. Omaha was in the boom and he selected that place as the future home of his company, when he suddenly discovered that the people of Fulton proposed to have a word to say about the matter. When Root attempted to remove the records from the town he was interrupted by an injunction.

The case was determined in favor of Fulton. Root appealed and the Supreme Court confirmed the decision. This fight had provoked much bitterness in the organization and there were many who were not satisfied to have Root at the head of the order, which was essentially an Illinois institution and which he was anxious to remove to some other State.

Then a personal fight was started on Root to oust him as sovereign commander or supreme head of the Modern Woodmen. The matter went through all the State courts and Root was finally defeated.

At once went to Omaha and started a rival order known as the Woodmen of the World. In the past year he has had some trouble with the Omaha contingent of this order, and some of the members seceded and formed a new order, claiming that Root had perjured himself as sovereign commander and was degenerating it into a one-man affair.

The fight to keep the headquarters at Fulton was not reopened until two years ago, when, during the Milwaukee convention, the city of Rock Island, Ill., offered to furnish the order a permanent building at that place if the headquarters were brought there. It was accepted and the records ordered removed.

Told in a Few Lines.

While crossing the river at St. Louis Frank Collins and Joseph Kelly were drowned by the capsizing of their skiff.

George E. Stuart, property clerk in the department of charities of New York City, is short in his accounts \$6,000 and missing. He lost on the race.

John Gordon, alias Lewis Nelson, the negro who murdered William Allen at Brunswick, Miss., on July 15 by clubbing him with a gun barrel, and who was captured in Louisiana, was hanged by lynchers.

Michael Devine fatally shot Alexander Gowry at Colon, an Oskaloosa, Ia., suburb. Devine's wife was also slightly wounded. Devine charged Gowry with breaking up his home. He surrendered to the sheriff.

All gambling resorts at Joplin, Mo., have been closed and Marshal Morgan says they shall not be opened during his term. He also proposes to strictly enforce the Sunday saloon law.

If Japan and Spain ever decide to unite for the purpose of thrashing Uncle Sam the rest of creation will witness a performance which will beat "Don Quixote" and "The Mikado" combined.

A post to which a hammock swung broke and fell across the stomach of Leslie Fultz, the 8-year-old son of A. J. Fultz of Sedalia, Mo., inflicting internal injuries from which he died in a few minutes.

A NEW REPUBLIC.

South American States Have Formed a Federation.

Quietly and unostentatiously the greater republic of Central America has become an accomplished fact. The first step was taken a year or more ago, when Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua united in a confederation for mutual defense. Now Costa Rica and Guatemala have joined and the new republic is complete. It would have been still better had the confederation been established half a century ago and thereby developed the resources of the five countries as they should have been and also prevented a score of miserable civil wars and revolutions brought about by ambitious and corrupt military adventurers. They naturally should be under one authority so far as their national policy is concerned, and now that this has been accomplished there is little doubt it will tend toward conditions of peace and order in domestic affairs.

The new republic will possess considerable strength. Its population will be a little over three millions, of which Guatemala has nearly one-half. The area will be 185,825 square miles, divided as follows: Guatemala, 63,400; Costa Rica, 23,000; Salvador, 7,225; Honduras, 45,000; and Nicaragua, 49,200. As compared with South American State Chile has 23,470 square miles of area, Peru 463,747, and the Argentine Republic 1,778,195, though the population of the latter is only about 917,000 larger than that of the new republic. Compared with Illinois, its area is about three times as large, while its population is about a million and a half less. The Central American population is largely made up of native Indians and mixed races, but the Europeans and those of European descent are steadily increasing.

The arrangement of the new federation is both wise and sensible. The individual States retain complete autonomy and absolute control of their domestic affairs. Outside relations, treaties, commercial and industrial relations with other nations are managed by a sort of congress which meets in the various capitals at stated times and which is regularly elected. Representation to foreign governments also proceeds from the authority of this body. In a word, the relations of the greater republic to the outside world are practically managed as ours are, and the rights of the States to control their own affairs remain untouched. Undoubtedly one of the impelling motives to this union was the fact or the fear that Mexico had its covetous eyes on those States adjoining her own southern boundary, which has had the effect to expedite this fusion of the five States. The union will give the republic an army of about 175,000 men, regulars and militia, which will be sufficient for all ordinary purposes of defense. As to the commercial and industrial resources of the new republic, they should be greatly developed under the new management. If it has no other result than to put an end to the interminable revolutions and civil wars in that section it will be a blessing.

A Forgotten Author.

The oldest American man of letters is Theodore S. Fay, now living abroad at Berlin, at the age of 90. He is mostly forgotten, and his books are all out of print. Yet he was a man of some note in the literature of his day. His novels, "Norman Leslie" and "Hoboken," were in every circulating library, and were widely read, fifty years and more ago. He was a contemporary of Irving, Willis, Bryant, Halleck, Perceval and others of that period. He had a position in the diplomatic service, being given the place of Minister to Switzerland by President Van Buren, who was very kind toward literary men. Irving was appointed Minister to Japan by him. Hawthorne had his position in the Boston custom house during his administration. Bancroft was made collector of the port of Boston, and James K. Spaulding, who had written at least one novel, was a member of his Cabinet. It was noted as a curious fact at that time that the literary men of the country were generally Democrats. Mr. Fay has never resided at home since he lost his foreign mission. The charms of European life were too much for him.—Boston Herald.

Life Should Be Longer.

It was the naturalist Buffon who asserted that human beings should live to 140 years instead of merely 70. Buffon argued that all creatures of the animal kind live at least six or seven times as long as it requires them to obtain full development. Thus the horse is full grown at 3 years and lives to 18 and 20. The ox is fully developed at 4 years and the dog at 2. The former lives to 24 and 25 and the latter to 12 and 14. There is no doubt that in these respects Buffon was right, and if his theory were borne out in the case of humankind the period of life should be at least 120 to 140 instead of 70.

New Uses for Glass.

Attention was recently called to the proposed use of glass brick in building. It is now said that the Government of Switzerland has approved the use of glass for making weights to be employed with balance-scales. A peculiarly tough kind of glass is to be selected for this purpose. From England comes the suggestion that glass would be a better and more lasting material than stone for making monuments which are exposed to the wearing action of the weather.

Swallows Medals to Effect Cures.

The Churchman reports that the daughter of the principal notary of Placenza, Italy, was found to have in her stomach an accumulation of medals of a Madonna locally celebrated for powers of cure in cancer. She had swallowed a medal each day for a week, on advice of her confessor.

HINTS ABOUT DIVING.

HOW TO ACQUIRE ABILITY IN THIS RECREATION.

Rules to Be Followed When Rescuing One Who Cannot Swim—A Knowledge of This Art Is Essential to Life Saving.

Saving Persons from Drowning.

The whole secret of making a dive at the first attempt is to have plenty of confidence. Beginners, as a rule, are so nervous that they start to make a dive, but change their mind before reaching the water and turn it into an awkward tumble. It has often been found a good plan for two persons to hold a towel out in front of the diver to show how high he must throw his legs in order to make a clean dive.

The low dive is about three feet from the surface. With the hands over the head take a deep respiration, and in leaving the solid surface throw the feet above the level of the head. In entering the water turn the hands upward and you come to the surface. The prettiest high dive is made when you spring far out, the body almost in a horizontal level, and allow the head and arms to decline toward the water. In making a very high dive the performer changes the position of his body by giving a peculiar quirk to his legs, which has the effect of shooting him into the water head first.

Headers are taken by running and jumping off a springboard. The body is straightened out as in a high dive, and there is but little splash on entering the water. Diving feet first and the sitting jump, with hands clasped over knees, are also sometimes practiced. Flippers are single or double somersaults make backwards or forwards from a board or solid surface.

The plunge differs from the dive in that the former is made head first from



DIVING.

a firm take-off, the body being entirely free from spring. You simply plunge into the water and rise to the surface by the guiding of the hands, which are held out in front as in a dive. While in the water the body is perfectly motionless. Good plungers can glide seventy-five feet in this way with little difficulty.

Diving is absolutely essential in life saving, it being necessary frequently to dive for a drowning person. It is also essential to know just how to approach and grip a drowning person and how to release oneself from their oft-times fatal clutch. The following method is nearly about that adopted by the life-saving service of England and the United States. Experience has



RISE TO THE SURFACE.

proved it to be most effective, and it is to be regretted that the directions are not more generally known. Briefly they are as follows:

If held by the wrists take a deep breath and turn both arms simultaneously against the drowning person's thumbs outward, and attempt to bring your arms at right angles to your own body. This will dislocate his thumbs and compel him to let go. If clutched

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—New York World.

around the neck, bring the knees between the two bodies, placing them against the lower part of your opponent's chest. Then give a quick and sudden push, straightening out your legs at the same time, and throw the whole weight of your body backward. This will press the air out of his chest as well as push him off, no matter how tightly he may be holding.

If clutched around the body and arms, lean well over your opponent and throw one arm in an upward direction at right angles to the body, or draw



RESCUING.

one arm up between your body and his. Then, with thumb and forefinger, catch his nose and pinch the nostrils close, at the same time placing the palm of the hand on his chin and push outward. This will cause him to open his mouth for breathing purposes, and he, being under, will swallow water. Choking ensues, and not only is the rescuer let go, but the other is left so helpless that he is completely under control. If clutched high around the body and arms, lean well over and turn one arm in an outward and upward direction, which move will free the arm. You then proceed as in the other case.

About the easiest way of towing a person to shore is to grasp him by the clothes or under the arm and swim on your back with a fast side stroke. If you swim better with the broad stroke, turn over on your face and let the drowning one lie on his back and put his arms about your neck. Or, if you are very strong, hold him up with one arm and swim with the other.

Patient Endurance.

Many think patient endurance is a virtue that outweighs all others in value. There never was a greater error.

Endurance is often so contemptible as to rank with cowardice. Evil is the enemy of progress in manners and morals. The endurance which tolerates evil is a defect worthy of the strongest effort to overcome it.

It takes courage, time, patience, faith to take a stand and make a fight against evil, whether the evil is threatening the nation's prosperity or individual rights and comforts. We have in all communities laws that exist for the protection of the law-abiding citizens—his protection not only of life and property, but of comfort, of health, of morals.

The laws are for the whole community, for all ages and each sex. They are constantly violated. Why? Because endurance, not in the guise of virtue, but in its common every-day garb of weakness, indifference and laziness, permits these violations, refusing to see the moral degradation that ensues.

Righteous wrath that would express itself openly would put down many evils in their first stages, which, endured, create and strengthen themselves and allied evils, compelling the expenditure of men, money and years of time to overcome.

A Timely Rebuke.

A lady, riding on a car on the New York Central Railway, was disturbed in her reading by the conversation of two gentlemen, occupying the seat just before her. One of them seemed to be a student of some college, on his way home for a vacation. He used much profane language, greatly to the lady's annoyance.

She thought she would rebuke him, and, on begging pardon for interrupting, asked the young student if he had studied the languages.

"Yes, madam, I have mastered the languages quite well."

"Do you read and speak Hebrew?"

"Quite fluently."

"Will you be so kind as to do me a small favor?"

"With great pleasure. I am at your service."

"Will you be so kind as to do your swearing in Hebrew?"

The lady was not annoyed any more by the ungentlemanly language of this would-be gentleman.

No Inducement.

Castleton—How few girls go in bathing here this season!

Dillback—Yes. The grand stand back of the bathing beach has been washed away.—Judge.

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