

A. O. U. W. TO BE LOYAL

CONCESSIONS GRANTED BY THE SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS.

AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE HERE

Nebraska Was on the Point of Revolt From the Supreme Jurisdiction, but Agreement Makes a Difference and the Order Can Fix its Own Rates.

A revolution, secession, rebellion or whatever you might call it, has been narrowly averted in Nebraska. The Nebraska jurisdiction of the A. O. U. W. was just on the point of withdrawing from the supreme jurisdiction of the order. The officers favored a withdrawal, and the members with very few exceptions, were in with the officers. The "secess" talk was started by an attempt on the part of the supreme lodge to increase what is known as the guaranty fund rates. This guaranty fund goes to the aid of jurisdictions that have levied more than twelve assessments a year and Nebraska, with other jurisdictions of the west, has contributed liberally to the fund which has been drawn on continuously by some of the eastern jurisdictions.

The supreme lodge proposed a great increase in the amount of this tax and was going to force Nebraska to meet the demands. It was either pay the tax or withdraw and Nebraska was in favor of withdrawing, the action to be taken at the coming session of the grand lodge in South Omaha next May. This action has, however, been averted by action of officers of the supreme lodge in conjunction with officers of the grand lodge.

At a recent conference between the supreme master workman, chairman of the committee on laws of the supreme lodge and the grand master workman, recorder and members of the finance committee of Nebraska it was agreed that this jurisdiction should be permitted to take care of its own affairs without the interference of the supreme lodge officers and it is probable that at the coming meeting of the grand lodge the guaranty rates will be decreased instead of raised. This will be cheerful news to members of the order who desired to remain loyal to the supreme jurisdiction but objected strongly to the proposed increase in guaranty rates.

A number of grand jurisdictions had already made their objection to the proposed guaranty rates manifest by taking action contrary to the rules of the supreme lodge and were practically in a state of revolt, proposing not to submit to the raise. Nebraska had an agreement to abide by the old rates until the meeting of the grand lodge in May and now it is certain that it will not withdraw, having a further concession from the supreme lodge officers. Perhaps with this concession to Nebraska the supreme lodge will likewise make concessions to the other grand jurisdictions and that the entire order will be again working in harmony very soon. With all the disturbance in Nebraska over the proposed rates there has been a continued and steady growth of the order, but with this matter settled it is expected that the 40,000 members set as the objective point for the membership by Grand Master Workman Jaskalek before the meeting of the grand lodge in May, will be better than realized.

It is a concession that comes as a Christmas gift to the Nebraska jurisdiction and the order will endeavor to prove its loyalty by making large increases. The Nebraska jurisdiction now has more members than any other grand jurisdiction and it proposes to forge ahead until it has a greater membership than any grand jurisdiction ever had.

OPENING OF DACH FESTIVAL

Town of Moravian Fame Celebrates With Music Program.

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 28.—This quaint little city which owes its fame chiefly to the fact that for nearly two centuries it has been the center of activities of the Moravian church in America is just now the Mecca of musicians and music lovers from many parts of the country. The occasion is the Bach festival, for which preparations have been going forward ever since last year when a similar festival was given and proved a great success. The series of concerts opened this afternoon and will continue until Saturday. The present festival is only a part of a cycle of unusual proportions. The cycle is to be divided into three parts, a Christmas, a Lenten, and an Easter festival. It was decided to separate the nine days of the cycle in this manner in order that the music might be presented, as nearly as possible, at the proper church seasons for which the works were originally composed. The concert opened this afternoon with the "Christmas Oratorio," which was presented in its entirety. The festival is under the general direction of J. Fred Wolfe, a pupil of Rheinberger, and who has been organist of the Moravian church here since 1885.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

William Musselman went to Sioux City to spend the holidays. Miss Hitchcock of Pierce is spending the holidays with Norfolk friends.

R. A. Haskins of Anoka, and M. J. Booth of Plainview, were in the city Tuesday.

John Musselman and Jennie Just have gone to Battle Creek to spend the holidays.

E. P. Hummel was over from Sioux City to spend Christmas with Norfolk relatives and friends.

Miss Emma Parker and Joseph Parker of Plainview, are in the city for a visit at the home of their brother, Dr. C. S. Parker.

Mrs. S. K. Long and daughter, Miss Ethel, left for Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, for a ten days' visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Bertha Pilger, principal of the Anoka schools, is in the city to spend her vacation at the home of her mother, on South Fifth street.

The Eagles are making preparations for an annual ball Friday night that shall be a marker in the history of amusement functions of Norfolk. Nothing will be lacking that will add to the comfort and happiness of their guests and they expect to make the occasion one long to be remembered by those who delight in the merry dance.

More prairie chickens were killed in October and November this year in the neighborhood of Ansley than ever before, but the pot hunter who kills birds in the summer has been stopped, and the result is that on Clear creek, in the neighborhood of Mrs. Menary's farm, is a flock of prairie chickens that is worth going a long way to see. When all are together there must be 400 of them and they are so tame that they will scarcely get out of the way. They have been so thick in the trees by the road that the limbs were bending, reminding one of the great flocks of pigeons in the eastern states back in the 60's.

There was a very pretty wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bovee, northwest of the city, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock when their daughter, Miss Anna, was united in marriage with Mr. Louis Rautenberg, by Rev. J. F. Poucher of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the presence of a number of guests who were there in defiance of the storm that was raging outside the comfortable home.

The bride looked very pretty in a wedding gown of blue silk. After the ceremony a bounteous dinner was served. Many very valuable and beautiful presents were received from the friends of the bride and groom, who are so well known in the community. The young couple left on the 1 o'clock train for Cherokee, Iowa, where they will visit with relatives of the bride, Mr. Will Bovee, principal of the Elgin schools and Mrs. Ellis Bradford, of Cherokee, Iowa, brother and sister of the bride, were present at the ceremony.

The blizzard is over. As predicted by the Associated Press in yesterday's News dispatches, the storm area has moved northeast, will strike the great lakes, and will go out into the ocean to spend itself, following the St. Lawrence river to its mouth. During the night the wind quit blowing and the snow quit raging. Although cold, because of the high pressure that followed, the intensity was not so severe today as yesterday. The whole west suffered from the effects of the storm. Telephone wires were down and telegraph wires broke. Early in the morning two wires of the Western Union, running into Norfolk, snapped with the heavy coating of sleet upon them, and the strings of communication ended abruptly. It was with difficulty that The News received its telegraphic service, but the Associated Press can be depended upon to find a way where there is any possible show, and in spite of the storm that held the whole country in its grasp, reports of the news of the world clicked into this office the same as usual, after once getting started.

Telephone linemen today are busy in Norfolk and on all lines leading into Norfolk, but communication was not seriously impaired at any time. The trains yesterday were all delayed on account of the wind and the snow, but they have been restored to schedule time again today. There was little business done in Norfolk yesterday, no one caring to stir about more than was positively necessary. The restaurants and hotels did a good business at noon, nearly everybody who had ventured down town, lunching in the city. Dray lines and the like shut up shop at 5 o'clock last night on account of the weather. Buildings were heated with great difficulty all day yesterday and during last night.

NEW YORKER ARRESTED.

Charged With Perjury in Connection With Dodge-Morse Divorce.

New York, Dec. 24.—After a sensational all night session at police headquarters at which he is said to have made a confession, Chas. E. Dodge, former husband of the wife of Charles W. Morse, banker and principal promoter of the American Ice company, was today made a prisoner and guarded by both federal and local authorities.

Dodge is charged with perjury in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce proceedings.

WINTER'S WORST STORM

NORFOLK AND NORTHERN NEBRASKA STILL IN ITS GRASP.

BUSINESS IS AT A STANDSTILL

With a Severe Wind Cutting in From the North, Sharp Sheets of Snow, Ice Underfoot and Intense Cold, There is Little to it Today.

Northern Nebraska is today in the grasp of the fiercest storm of the winter, thus far. With the temperature nine degrees below zero, with the wind whipping along at a terrific rate and sharp, thin sheets of snow driving through and through the every obstacle that it encounters, there has a storm developed which is severe on man and beast. And, what makes it worse on the man, a slippery layer of ice underfoot has so coated the country—the walks and the streets and the railway tracks, that traveling is uncertain and unsafe at best, to say nothing of the disagreeable feature.

It is feared that stock must have suffered already from the severe storm. Trains have been delayed to a certain extent and business in Norfolk is practically at a standstill. The cab man is about the only fellow doing any really rushing work just now, and he has his hands full.

The storm began on Christmas night. Along toward dark the dampness began dropping around from the skies and the temperature began falling. Then the freeze resulted and before an hour was up, the sidewalks and the streets and the lawns and the fields were pasted beneath this slippery robe of ice. During the night the cold grew more intense and by morning the wind had begun to whip down from the north. Then the fireworks.

And the way in which it whipped was a pitiful sight to see. Especially if you happened to be in the whipping Snow flaked up from the northland, and grew heavier as the day progressed.

By noon the fury had become severe. Walking against the wind or tacking cross-wise of it, were equally impossible. With a force that came from somewhere, the gale tossed men about as handily as could be, and the fellow who started for any particular destination was lucky if he ever arrived. The ice underneath aided the wind in this stunt and many a pedestrian fell flat in trying to get along. The locomotive whistles shrieked with a wretchedness that was bewitching and the thin smoke vanished into nothingness before the strength of the storm.

Hats of men flew off men's heads, and shot, like little toy balloons on a circus day, high up into the unknown skies. Many of them were never returned.

The streets were practically deserted. Business was suspended, in the first place, on account of the holiday observance, and in the second place because there was nothing to it anyway.

Norfolk avenue looked worse than a Sunday afternoon. Frozen brittle along the ruts that wheels had cut during softer days, the thoroughfare was a hard row at best. Only those who positively had to do it, ventured out in the weather. The coal man was busy, for people needed fuel. His horses, well blanketed, dug their noses down into the wind and plowed through like heroes. The grocery delivered a little, too, and during a portion of the day other deliveries were made. But every individual who found it at all convenient, stuck his feet inside the kitchen oven or before the grate fire.

The cabs were on the go constantly. All day long and for that matter all through the night, could be heard the rumble of the heavy vehicles, the click of the sharply shod hoofs and the encouraging words of the driver as his plucky team drew through the air.

Dancers found it a bit chilly going to and from, but an admirable night for the mazy gliding, once at hand. Trains were late getting in from the east.

The barometer, which stood yesterday at 29.60, rose today to 29.80—a very slight rise and one which indicates that there is more storm to come. The fact that the low pressure is now hovering over this section, with a mighty high one north, shows that the end is not yet.

An attempt to resume business today was made, but there was as little done as is possible to do, and still keep from retrogression.

MISSOURI DOCTOR SENTENCED.

Gets Twelve Years in the Penitentiary for Killing a Farmer.

Nevada, Mo., Dec. 24.—Dr. J. T. Todd, a practicing physician and formerly a member of the state legislature, who shot and killed R. T. Wall, a wealthy farmer, May 26, last, was today found guilty of murder in the second degree and his punishment fixed at twelve years in the penitentiary.

The jury was out twelve hours. Todd claimed self defense.

DEATH OF MRS. E. B. KAUFFMANN

Passed Away at the Home of Her Parents Monday.

Mrs. E. B. Kauffmann died at the home of her father, John Benning, on South Fourth street Monday morning at 7:15, and the funeral will be held today at 1:30 from the Benning home and at 2 o'clock from Christ Lutheran church. Mrs. Kauffmann had been sick eight months, nine weeks of which time she had been confined to her bed. During her sickness everything possible that a loving husband and family could do for her was done, even to taking her to Colorado, in the hope that her health might be restored, but it was unavailing, and the end came yesterday morning. Besides the husband, a baby daughter two years and three months of age survive her. A baby boy died February 5, last. Of her immediate family, the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Benning, and two brothers and two sisters survive. Two sisters preceded her, one passing away six and the other seven years ago. The family all live in Norfolk except Gottlieb Benning, who is cashier of the Meadow Grove bank.

Mrs. Kauffmann was born January 31, 1881, at Ethingham, Illinois, but came to Norfolk when still a young girl. When Mr. Kauffmann engaged in the bakery and confectionary business in Norfolk four years ago his future wife took a clerkship in his place of business and served faithfully in that capacity until they were united in marriage September 9, 1901, since which time she has been a worthy helpmeet.

Mrs. Kauffmann was a dutiful wife, a loving daughter and a loving mother. She has numerous friends in Norfolk and vicinity who sympathize sincerely with the bereaved husband, the motherless little daughter and the sorrowing father, mother, brothers and sisters.

IS RAILROAD MEN'S NIGHT

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL BALL A GREAT SUCCESS.

MADE NO STOP FOR CROSSINGS

More Than 200 Persons Enjoyed the Party—Superintendent C. H. Reynolds Held Trains Off—Specials Ran to the Junction Last Night.

(From Friday's Daily)

"Welcome to the Railway Trainmen's ball!" That was the text of the massive sign which stretched a quarter of the way along the east wall in Marquardt hall, and that was the expression of the spirit which prevailed among the railroad boys of the Norfolk lodge, in greeting more than 200 delighted guests for their seventeenth annual party.

It was a great dance. The railroad boys proved once again—and for the seventeenth time—that they can run a party as well as a train. And they run trains mighty well.

There were no long stops. There were no delays for crossings. Everything was on schedule time, and every trainman helped keep the things going.

The right of way was cleared early and every crew had orders to go at high speed. And when it was all over, it was found that the longest run and the smoothest run that had ever been made on the trainmen's track, was finished.

Solidified with years, and having grown better with each succeeding annual ball, the road had become something superb—and the whole crowd appreciated that!

There were no wrecks. There wasn't even an obstacle on the whole track. Though there were danger lights on every hand, ready to guide the unwary ones, still the accident list remained at nihil.

Strikingly decorated in the colors of the trainmen, with red lanterns and green lanterns and white lanterns, each indicating in its own way those signals which are life to the trainmen—danger, safety, other trains, and the like, the hall presented a fantastic appearance. Trainmen's flags, too, bounded about the ceilings and the walls, with good effect.

An act of Superintendent C. H. Reynolds, who was present, brought a great deal of hearty appreciation from the railroad boys. In order that as many of the men as possible might enjoy the dancing party, Mr. Reynolds gave orders that only those trains which were absolutely necessary should run last night, and made it possible for just as many as was possible of the men to attend.

At 2 o'clock Master of Ceremonies Taylor announced that the first train for the Junction would leave at 2:30. Shortly after another train for 3 o'clock was announced, so that the railroad men and their wives and sweethearts enjoyed a special to their homes.

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BRISTOW JAIL DELIVERY

LOCK ON THE DOOR IS SMASHED AND THE PRISONER GONE.

MARSHAL HUMER IS AFTER HIM

Peace Officer Will Make a Determined Effort to Retake the Escaped Prisoner—Opinion Prevails that Outside Aid Was Given.

Bristow, Neb., Dec. 24.—With the lock on the door of the village jail smashed, the door forced open, and the prisoner gone, Bristow is the latest to experience a jail delivery, and there was some excitement when the fact was discovered.

The prisoner was placed in the lock-up Thursday and now he is at liberty, but Marshal Humer has entered upon a determined effort to recapture and confine the fugitive, and hopes to bring him to justice. It is the prevailing opinion that outside aid was given the prisoner owing to the condition of the smashed lock on the door which could hardly have been accomplished by the prisoner.

KING BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Ruler of Greece Attains to the Envious Distinction.

London, Dec. 24.—It is always supposed to be peculiarly lucky to be born on Christmas or Christmas eve, yet only one sovereign has had the privilege—this is King George of Greece, Alexandria's favorite brother, and one of the few royal personages in Europe who may be counted a sincere well-wisher to the British empire and its many peoples. So far as luck is concerned the career of King George seems to bear out the popular superstition, for he has succeeded in "holding down" a shaky throne for more than forty years and at the same time accumulating a fortune through shrewd investments and speculation that has made him one of the richest of the world's rulers.

NEWPORT FOUNDRY AGAIN.

Another Attempt Made to Wreck the Buildings by Strikers.

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—Another attempt was made during the night to blow up the Newport foundry of Newport, Ky., where a strike is in progress. The entire building was shaken by a terrible explosion of dynamite which, however, did little damage.

GOSSIP DRIVES TO SUICIDE.

Neighbors Could Not Forget Postmaster Had Been Liquor Dealer.

Indianapolis, Dec. 24.—Alexander White, postmaster of Lawrence, near here, committed suicide last night. It is believed that the suicide was the result of gossip by White's neighbors, who refused to forget that at one time White was engaged in the liquor business.

REMINDER OF OLD TIMES.

Prairie Fires That the Pioneers Used to Witness.

A prairie fire in the hills to the south of town Sunday recalled vividly to the minds of old settlers of the west those times when prairie fires were the real article and filled on-lookers with fear as well as awe. The writer can recall many instances where the loss of property was great and where human lives came near falling victims to the terrible flames. We have seen a fire start in the Platte river bottom as far east as Fremont and go rushing west for miles and miles before a strong wind, with nothing to stay and little to impede its progress. One such occurrence is as vividly recalled as though it happened only a year ago. The grass in the valley grew tall, ranging from a foot to as high as ten and twelve feet in the big slough or "cane break" as it was commonly called. Early in the evening the flames were seen to the east. As night came on they became more vivid, the flames leaped skyward as high as twenty or thirty feet and the crackling was heard for miles away. This was the signal for strengthening and broadening fireguards around buildings and hay stacks or for making guards around those not already guarded. Almost the entire night was spent in this manner and in fighting out the side fires long after the head fire had passed and was speeding westward toward Schuyler on its uninterrupted way.

Those were times that tried men's hearts, made heroines of the women and gave the boys wisdom and courage beyond their years. But in point of speed no one is familiar with the racing record of the fiend who has not witnessed a prairie fire sweep over the vast plains of some western state, such as Colorado, or western Kansas, where there is little else than the short, curly buffalo grass which in a dry time burns like cotton, and ignites fully as quickly. When under full headway and driven by a strong wind a fire on these plains travels almost with the speed of the wind and leaves only a trail of destruction in its wake.—Stanton Picket.

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