

GRAND SIRE OF ODDFELLOWS.

Sketch of Hon. Charles Manly Busbee, recently Elected Grand Sire.

UNIFORM RANK BIENNIAL CONCLAVES.

Movement to Organize the U. R. K. P. Into Department for Holding Conclaves—News in the Lodges.

Hon. Charles Manly Busbee, who was chosen grand sire of the Independent Order of Oddfellows at the last session of the sovereign grand lodge of the order, is the youngest man who has ever been elected to this high position. He is in his forty-fifth year, having been born October 23, 1845. He is a native of Raleigh, N. C., where he was prepared for college in one of the local schools. He afterward attended the junior class at Hampden-Sidney college, in Virginia. He was not destined to remain long in the classic walls of that old institution, as the civil war broke out, and the cap and gown of the student were exchanged for the uniform of the confederate soldier. In 1863, while not much over seventeen years of age, he enlisted as a private, and after some service was appointed sergeant major of the Fifth North Carolina infantry. On May 12, in the hard fought contest at Spottsylvania court house, he was captured and confined in prison at Fort Delaware, from which place he was subsequently transferred to Fort Pulaski and Morris Island.

It was while at the last named place that he was forced to become exposed to a most unusual danger in the civil war of the South. He was placed in front of the rebels on Morris Island and exposed to the shells from the fortifications on Sullivan's island. This act of the confederates in retaliation for a similar act of the confederates, who placed 500 Union prisoners in the exposed portion of the city of Charleston, which was being shelled by the federal batteries. Passing through this ordeal unharmed, the young soldier was afterwards paroled and subsequently exchanged. He at once joined his regiment again, finding it intruded here by Petersburg, and he was engaged in the struggles of the war, surrendering with his command at Appomattox.

Returning home, he lost no time in enrolling himself as a member of the North Carolina university, at Chapel Hill, where he remained not all of the whole season. He went to Raleigh and applied himself studiously to reading law. In 1867 he was licensed to practice, and from that date up to the present he has enjoyed a steadily increasing success as a lawyer. He is a member of the Raleigh law firm of Messrs. Rodehe, Busbee & Busbee, who hold one of the largest practices in North Carolina.

Mr. Busbee joined the I. O. O. F. in 1871, becoming a member of Mantoo lodge No. 8, in the city of Raleigh. He was an early recipient of distinguished honors at the hands of his brethren of the three links.

Less than a year after his initiation as an Oddfellow he was elected grand patriarch of the grand encampment. In 1875 he became a member of the grand lodge of his native state, and in 1881 he was elected grand master of the grand lodge. The year following the highest office in the gift of the state organization, grand master, was given to him.

In 1874 he was elected as representative to the supreme grand lodge, the national organization of the fraternity. It assembled in Atlanta, Ga., that year, and here it was made his first appearance among his brethren who have recently imposed upon him their highest trust. For fifteen years with an unbroken record he has been grand lodge in the national body, and in 1888 he was made deputy grand sire, and in the meeting a short time ago at Topoka, Kan., he was promoted to the office of grand sire.

From the first he has been an enthusiastic Oddfellow, and has made a painstaking and thorough study of the laws of the order. There are today in the grand lodge of 700,000 members of the I. O. O. F. who are more familiar with the tenets of the order than its grand sire.

Mr. Busbee was married in July, 1868, to Miss Littlejohn of Granville county, N. C., who died in 1877. He has six children.

Mr. Busbee has several times been intrusted by his party with responsible leadership. In 1874 he received the democratic nomination from the county of Wake for a seat in the North Carolina state senate. The county was republican in politics, and had not given a democratic nomination in a long season. He was elected an member of the state house of representatives.

He is an eloquent speaker with fine address and pleasant manner, and is a man of humor and a fund of ready repartee that makes him a popular and entertaining after-dinner talker.

K. of P. Kansas City intimates that she will put up \$40,000 for the building of a new opera house. Each subordinate lodge officer in Missouri is required to pass an examination by the district deputy and must be able to confer the three ranks before he can be installed, and is required to do so for one year.

The lodge at Friend installed officers as follows: W. F. Wolfe, C. C.; H. L. Lewis, P.; J. D. Pope, M. E.; Leonard, P.; G. E. Hopkins, K. of R.; H. P. Schmidt, M. of E.; A. E. Mueller, M. of E.; H. Wisenberger, M. of A.; W. A. Allison, I. G.; J. Steyer, S. of S.

Star lodge No. 9 of Ashland installed the following officers for the ensuing year: P. J. Hall, chancellor commander; Shaler Wells, P.; J. D. Pope, M. E.; Leonard, P.; G. E. Hopkins, K. of R.; H. P. Schmidt, M. of E.; A. E. Mueller, M. of E.; H. Wisenberger, M. of A.; W. A. Allison, I. G.; J. Steyer, S. of S.

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pled to stand back because of lack of memory, yet, on the whole, it is an improvement on the old way of permitting an officer to sponge his way through an entire year as officer of the year of the order. If the grand lodge and grand officers do their duty it will result in having better work everywhere, and that without any increase of expense, which never can remedy the deficiencies of the delinquent officer.

A movement is on foot, says the Pythian Record, to organize the Uniform Rank in the states and territories west of the Mississippi river into a department, with the purpose in view of creating an interest in the rank among the knights by holding regular conclaves, similar to those now held at the time and place of the supreme lodge meeting, but on the alternate years, in some part of the proposed department that will be convenient of access to all, so that those Sir Knights who are delinquent the privilege of attending the supreme lodge sessions may have an opportunity of attending some general gathering of the rank. The proposal is that the rank, as so organized, shall go into effect for a year, and then, if approved, a military life without the trappings of the rank, and naturally large large accessions to the ranks. Many of the Sir Knights are now purchasing uniforms, and participating in the festivities of such an occasion would then, in all probability, be able to attend such conclaves, when held at a lesser distance from their homes, thus reducing the expense and loss of time consequent upon traveling so great a distance.

As the project meets with the approval of the Major General J. R. Carnahan and is being widely agitated in the region to be included, there is a strong probability of its success. In fact he has already attempted to carry it into effect to prove its advantage and add to its interest, and such succeeding meeting will be held at the same place, and keeping a desire and feeling to be present in the interim between meetings. It will also have a tendency to popularize the rank among those who are woefully ignorant of the purpose of the rank and labor under a mistaken belief that it is a higher rank than the ordinary rules governing the order proper. Thus far in its history the Uniform Rank has been productive of good results, and the national organization, and, while refused representation on the floor of the supreme lodge, yet it contributes in a large measure to the income of the supreme lodge, and in a greater proportion than the subordinate lodges. Anything legitimate, therefore, will bring the more prominently before the order and the outside world, and make it more popular with those knights who are or have been opposed to it, should be carried into effect at once, to the end that the rank may contribute in a greater degree yet, if that were possible, to the further advancement of the order, and in the laudable object of the Sir Knights of the rank and conscientious study of its purposes and aims, and such assistance and help as they can consistently afford it.

O. S. C. Clan Gordon No. 63 will celebrate the 122nd anniversary of Scotland's minstrel, the immortal Burns, at Washington hall tomorrow evening. An entertaining programme has been arranged, consisting of an address of welcome by the Grand Master, J. P. Carter, followed by a banquet, to be followed in turn by toasts interspersed with songs and instrumental music. The following is the programme of toasts, responses, etc.: Toast: The Memory of Burns. Response: John M. Burns, Grand Master.

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Royal Arcanum. Fraternal council at its regular meeting Thursday evening installed the following officers, who had been elected, for the ensuing year: Frank L. Wagner, Grand Master; Robert M. Richmond, vice regent; George Ker, past regent; Frank Gregory, secretary; William Gill, collector; Thomas O. Eichelberger, treasurer; Dean C. H. Gardner, chaplain; William E. Finley, judge; James S. Stone, warden; James Calder, scribe; Deputy Supreme Master, M. J. Johnson, officiated as installing officer and was aided by Brother Duval of Pioneer council No. 118, Brother Frank Colley of Union Pacific No. 1003, and Brother Riddell of Chicago. There was a good attendance and all present enjoyed a fine evening and fine cigars, the latter at the expense of Brother Riddell. Before the close of the meeting it was agreed to take steps at once toward having in the near future a joint meeting of the three Omaha lodges, one of the features of the entertainment to be a lecture on Robert Burns by Brother Riddell of Chicago. It is hoped by the members that the committee will meet with success, and that the meeting will soon be held and that it will be made an "open meeting" in every sense of the words. It will not only be a meeting of the Royal Arcanum but of all persons who may feel an interest in the affairs of the order or in the subject of Brother Riddell's lecture, "The Great Robert Burns."

Masonic. John Finzer, a prominent Mason of Louisville, Ky., died at Berno, Switzerland, last Sunday evening. Mr. Finzer was well known as a tobacco manufacturer and was president of the Elva Brothers tobacco works at the time of his death. A cablegram announcing his death was the first intimation of all health which reached his family in Louisville. He had gone to Berno to visit his birthplace, as had been his annual custom.

Mr. Finzer was prominent in Masonic circles, was a master of the Elva lodge, No. 8, a member of Europa Royal Arch Chapter No. 101; Louisville Council No. 4, R. C. No. 1; and a member of the Elva lodge, No. 12, Knights Templar, of which he was past commander; in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite, of Free Masonry he had attained the 32nd degree; he was also a member of various other orders, prominently Oddfellows, Knights of Honor, Knights of Honor, Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and many years an honorary member of the Liederkreis society; for years he was a member of the famous Elva lodge of Elva, Switzerland, where he was running through its active existence with engine No. 1.

Royal League. The new royal league of the rapidly growing young country of the Royal League, Omaha No. 65, having been duly installed at their regular meeting held Monday, January 5, decided that same evening to hold an open meeting January 12, at 8 o'clock, at the Elva lodge, where they meet the first and third Monday of each month, with a view of becoming better acquainted with the great addition of recently accepted members. The evening was very socially and enjoyably passed. No. 65, having been duly installed at their regular meeting held Monday, January 5, decided that same evening to hold an open meeting January 12, at 8 o'clock, at the Elva lodge, where they meet the first and third Monday of each month, with a view of becoming better acquainted with the great addition of recently accepted members. The evening was very socially and enjoyably passed. No. 65, having been duly installed at their regular meeting held Monday, January 5, decided that same evening to hold an open meeting January 12, at 8 o'clock, at the Elva lodge, where they meet the first and third Monday of each month, with a view of becoming better acquainted with the great addition of recently accepted members. The evening was very socially and enjoyably passed.

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HIS AUTHORITY IS LIMITED.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs in an Anomalous Position. The Relations of the Indian Bureau with Active Management of Indian Affairs—Something of a Figurehead.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The discussion of the Sioux outbreak and the relation of the government to its wards reveals the fact that very few of the people of this country, outside of immediate official circles, understand the duties of the commissioner of Indian affairs or comprehend the relations of the Indian bureau to the various Indian tribes. The office of Indian affairs is one of the numerous divisions or bureaus in the department of the interior. Like the general land office, the pension office, its chief executive officer is called the commissioner. The secretary of the interior, subject to the president is the supreme authority in Indian matters. In the secretary's office is a division of Indian affairs, presided over by a chief to whose desk all communications directed to the secretary regarding Indian affairs are opened. He has under him several clerks for the preparation of the details.

The Indian office is half a square from the interior building, on the seventh and eighth floors of the Atlantic building, having many years since been crowded out of the large building known as the patent office by the growth of the patent and land bureau. In the Indian office are the commissioner, the assistant commissioner and seventy clerks. One of these clerks is the private secretary to the commissioner and is appointed by that officer. The details of the office are referred to the following divisions: Accounts, claims, education, general, health, inspection and miscellaneous, each of which is in charge of a chief, who is appointed by the secretary of the interior. The affairs under the various divisions are entirely independent of the fluctuations of politics.

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The Ovals of St. Louis are preparing for a flight to Cincinnati, to open the great incubator for fledging a brood of the ancient and noble bird of the feathered tribe. The event is set for Jan. 24, and the banquet will be given at the Burnet house. This incident is a most interesting one, and it is to be hoped that it will result in a more active and energetic participation in the work of the order.

A CRY FROM IRELAND.

The Condition of One District Pictured by a Clergyman. CATHOW, Galway, Ireland, Jan. 22.—To the Editor of THE BEE: On behalf of a large number of my poor parishes, I beg to request you will allow me to bring under the notice of your readers the sad plight in which the calamity, with which it has pleased Providence to visit us, has left them.

I write from a district, admitted by every English visitor—Mr. Balfour, Mr. Wyndham, Sir West Rideway included—to be the poorest and most desolate in the whole of Ireland. It is also the most densely populated, and has over 1,000 school going children in a comparatively small area. The names of over 400 of these are on the rolls of one school, but owing to a want of sufficient clothing the attendance of this school has fallen below 100, and is proportionately low in other schools of the district.

By "sufficient clothing" I do not mean coats for the boys or girls, for none of our parishes has a coat-making shop, and head covering for the boys, nor a warm wrap of any sort for the little girls. Few of them possess these articles, and many of them are nakedness—a single white garment reaching from the neck to below the knees with which they are obliged to quiver and shiver. Fortunately, hundreds of them are without that single garment, and consequently precluded from the inestimable blessings of education. To my child this would be a serious and irreparable loss. To our poor children the loss is doubly deplorable, for they are almost exclusively Irish speaking, and are unable to be instructed even in the rudiments of Christian doctrine.

What then is to become of them? They cannot remain here; the place is already over-crowded. And if they emigrate they are debared from ever rising above the position of the proverbial drudge, "heavers of the earth and drawers of the water." Their eternal welfare is imperiled by their ignorance of the fundamental dogmas of religious faith. Their only chance then is education, their only hope the school, and it is to enable me to give them that chance and to realize this hope that I appeal to all those who are blessed with means to do so, promising them in return the fervent prayers of the little ones and of their parents. WALTER COSWAY, P. P.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

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A WATER HAUL.

Highwaymen Hold Up a Farmer Without Profit to Themselves. Otto Lang, a farmer residing on the bottom north of the city, was held up by five tramps near the Florence lake hotel, yesterday morning. Two of the highway men held his horses by the head while a third covered him with a gun and demanded his money. Lang had no money to give up, but the robbers would not be satisfied until they had searched his pockets and his wagon as well. When they were released they had told the police station, could not give a very minute description of the highwaymen.

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