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GEORGE THE FIRST AND BEST

Early Observances of the Anniversary of the Birth of Washington.

THE PATRIOTIC CUSTOM A CENTURY OLD

Chronicles of a Celebration in 1792-Romance of a Mitten-Philadelphia Statue of Washington-Valley Forge as a Public Park.

The public observance of Washington's birthday has become as fixed as the institutions in the founding of which he was preeminently the leader. The passing years serve to increase the general character of the observance, intensifying admiration for the grandeur of his deeds and fanning anew the fires of patriotism in the hearts of the people.

Some writers maintain it was in 1793, just 100 years ago, that the idea of observing Washington's birthday with public demonstrations originated. According to one of Harper's publications, the ladies connected with what has been wrongly called the "republican court" were first to encourage the idea, and dinners and balls were proposed, while some special testimonial to the chief was advised. But a storm of opposition arose from a political party who tried on all occasions to belittle the first president's claim to anything personal in the way of homage or attention. They declared that to celebrate the day would be but the begin-ning of a monarchy. They stormed and raved, and said many bitter and unjust things of the man whose fidelity, skill, patience and endurance had led them out of bondage. But the other side won the day, and February 22, 1798, the 65th birthday of George Washington, was celebrated with some display, but not so generally as in the years which followed.

Easter Celebrations.

Authentic records show that the luca originated and was carried into effect before 1763. A facsimile of the New York Journal and Patriotic Register, bearing date. February 25, 1792, contains a long account of cele-brations of Washington's birthday in New York City by the Society of the Cincinnati and the Tammany society. The day was ob-served also "in many of the principal" towns served also "in many of the principal towns in the union." It is instructive to note how this early chronicle patted Tammany on the back. "Wednesday last being the anniver-sary of the birth of George Washington, the illustrious president of the United States of America, the same was celebrated in the evening by the the patriotic sons of Tam-many, in their great wigwam, with that har-mony botheriv love and true patriotic free mony, brotherly love and true patriotic fire which so conspicuously distinguish the real guardians of our rights and liberties. It appears there were thirteen tribes, represented, one from each of the original thirteen states. "Each tribe respectively partook of a collation, during which times a number of patriotic songs were sung and toasts drank There were thirteen tonsts on the card, thir-teen patriotic sentiments, and thirteen speeches. The festivities closed with the following patriotic recitation:

Ye bells, be hush'd! than voice of flattery Can you applaud our chief in war and peace? E'en be the cannon's thunder heard ap more. But let cach heart with gratitude addre That power, that governs air, and earth and

He gave us Washington, who made us free! Such be the strains on this auspleious day, As may evince, with reason we obey; And let this truth the solemn page adorn— That Washington for all the world was born

The Society of the Cincinnati gave a ban-quet at which "a number of patriotic toasts were drunk." "The revenue cutter com-manded by Captain Dennis was hauled in the stream and beautifully decorated with the flags of the different nations in alliance with the United States : at 12° clock a salute

was fired and at night was illuminated." At Philadelphia, we are told, "both houses of congress walked in procession to wait on the president of the United States, to con-gratulate him on this anniversary." The Custom Popularized.

A few years later, when on the eve of re-tirement from his exciting public life, a birth-day celebration occurred which well de-serves recording. The opposition to honoring February 22 had quite died away, and all

called the "Atlas of America." The English soldiery called him by the sarcastic nick-name of "Lovely Georgius." Red Jacket, the Seneca Indian chief, called him the "Flower of the forest." The Italian poet, Vittorio Aifferi, called him "Doliverer of America." In the "Gazette of the United States" he was called the "Savior of his pomater." His bittor opponents sorcastic country." His bitter opponents surveilled ally called him the "Stepfather of his country" during his presidency.

Philadelphia's statue.

The largest statue of George Washington ever made has just been completed in Berlin by Dr. Rudolph Siemering, the eminent German sculptor. It will be erected at the Green street entrance to Fairmount park, Philadelphia, by the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati. Washington was the

first president of the general order. The statue is nearly fifty feet high, in-cluding base and pedestal. The base is octagonal and a little more than thirty feet in diameter. The pedestal is oval, of ornate design and embellished with characteristic American designs in bas relief. At the top of the steps of the base is an upper platform, about which are several emblematic figures in easy attitudes. Two of the most beauti-ful of these are an Indian hunter and an Indian maiden. They are both reclining, and the latter is engaged in repairing her fishing

Each of these figures is about fifteen feet in length and the perfection of the pose, no less than the beauty of the lines, has elicited unstituted praise from the Berlin art critics. The fisher maiden is entirely nude and the brave wears nothing but a breechcloth of feathers. At each corner of the pedestal are similar figures in bronze. Below are beautifully executed statues of buffaloes and deer and other animals emblematic of America are artistically distributed about the base Columbia has "a place in the picture" and

is represented as a beautiful woman reclin-ing against the pedestal, holding in her hand a horn of plenty. Another sub-statue is of America. This is one of the best things about Siemering's work. It is said to be boout Stemering's work. It is said to be perfect and would make a creditable statue of itself. It shows most of the famous offi-cers of the revolution offering America the laurels of her victories. Beneath this the American eagle perches on a shield. The effect is particularly striking from a patri-otic viewpoint.

The statue itself is a fine specimen of equestrian sculpture. Washington is repre-sented in his continental uniform, and is supposedly riding at the head of his troops The head is thrown back and a little to one side. The face wears a determined but half expectant look. The right hand rests lightly at the side, while the left gracefully holds the reins which keep in check the flery stal-lion which the figure bestrides with the naturalness of life. Washington's cloak apappears to have been blown back by the wind. The statue is considered the masterwork of Sculptor Siemering.

Valley Forge as a Public Park.

Valley Forge is one of the most memorable of all the many historic names which cluster around revolutionary events, and it is one that must ever be dear to every worshiper at the shrine of freedom. It was in the very darkest days of the struggle of the infant colonies for American independence that Washington located at Valley Forge, and was compelled to spend the winter of unusual severity there with his army ragged and illfed, and when the hopes of the patriots had almost perished in dispair. The fact that the army could be kept together at all during the terrible winter of 1778.9 without ade-quate pay, clothing or rations, proves the sturdy devotion of the heroes of that time to the cause of independence.

"It seems strange," says the Philadelphia Times, "that a spot so historic should not have been dedicated as a monument to perhave been dedicated as a monument to per-petuate one of the most trying periods of the battle for liberty in the New World; but with the exception of a very small portion of the property that has been secured by a number of pariotic women, the Valley Forge camp is still held in private hands. We are glad to know, however, that a bill is now uending in the begislature providing s now pending in the legislature providing for the purchase of the entire providing for the purchase of the entire property by the state, as the right of eminent domain will enable the commonwealth to take pos-session of it for the uses of the state by reasonable compensation to the owners.

"The bill makes an appropriation of \$30,000 for the purchase or payment of the ascer-tained value of the lands, and authorizes the governor to appoint ten citizens of the state to serve as commissioners of Valley Forge park, who shall be empowered to purchase or otherwise obtain title to the property for the state, and thus set it apart forever as a monument to the heroism of those who bat-tiled for the freedom we now enjoy. "There is every reason why the legislature

Co-operative and Social Orders the Spirit of the Day.

ECHOES FROM THE ANTE ROOM

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVE ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Pythias Lodges Consolidate-Odd Fellows Employment Bureau-Many Social Functions Among Members of Fraternal Societies.

At no previous age has the spirit of co-opperation so taken possession of mankind. All orders are fraternities in a greater or less degree, because the members are linked together for one common object. Orders as a whole present two main attractions, the social and fraternal, and the beneficial features. If one desires to enjoy the fraternal advantages of a society, impressive ceremonies, royal regalias, uniformed processions, and a wide acquaintance, he naturally

turns to the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, or the Elks. If he wants plenty of fun in his bill of fare and has a good insurance upon his life, he may venture to knock for admission at the doors of the Red Men. If, however, he seeks pecuniary benefits only, some protection for his home in case he is unexpectedly taken away, he will look refully over the list of insurance orders. e will, of course, prefer the society that fornishes the largest amount of protection at the lowest expense per annum, but he stands back in amazement at the multitude

of organizations from which to choose. Now co-operative insurance is the oldest scheme of insurance known and dates back almost 200 years, or forty years before any old-line company existed. Co-operative insurance differs from id-line insurance in one important old-line insurance in one important feature, viz : In the former the members

get the profits by procuring their protection at actual cost, while in the latter the officers who run the company get the profits which come out of the policy holders who pay twothirds more than the actual cost of protec-

That people are realizing this fact more and more each year is evidenced by the re-markable growth of fraternal beneficial societies, while their competitors, the oldline companies, are having a hard struggle to epair the damage done each year by deaths and lapses.

Co-operative insurance on the assessment plan has always been a favorite method of protection, especially with the poorer classes, but of late years it is surprising to see the large number of wealthy business men who

Arge number of weating business men who seek life insurance in the orders. Although our beneficial societies in this country for the past quarter of a century have made wonderful progress and learned from experience many important lessons, still the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the phenor of them all heads in point of the pioneer of them all, leads in point of numbers, and, in many jurisdictions, in the

cheapness of insurance. For the information of many who are not equainted with this organization it should be stated that it ought in no way to be con-founded with the Knights of Labor; neither is it a labor brotherhood of any sort. The word "Workmen" is misleading, for the order is made up of all classes, like any

It is strictly for the purpose of furnishing insurance payable upon the death of mem-bers. It was organized at Meadville, Pa., by Father Upchurch in 1868. The insurance is \$2,000 and during twenty-four years exis-tance the average cost of all states combined has been but \$9 per \$1,000. The fact that the Ancient Order of United Workmen has a level assessment of \$1 for all ages from 21 to 50 and has been so great a success, having now nearly 300,000 members, completely controverts the theory that no

order can prosper except upon the graded assessment plan. The Knights of Honor ranks second in age but third in number, having about 130,000

members. The third in age, but second m size, is the Royal Arcanum, which was the first to adopt a system of graded assessment. Although a Massachusetts society, it is one of the most popular in the west, especially in Illinois, which has over 11,000 members, while the entire membership exceeds 136,000. It is about eighteen years since the experi-ment of permitting women to carry insurmembers.

ime has proved it to be a wise measure. In

party given by the ladies of the lodge and it was a great success latercry particular. The fair members proved themselves excellent entertainers and the North Omaha Workmen are fearful lest they loss their laurels to the ladies, who have so genlously entered the field and are making such a success of their lodge. Another social event will be given before a great length of time has clapsed, as It is the intention not to overlook the social feature.

Knights of Pythias.

Two of the Omaha lodges have been consolidated-Myrtle No.3 and Marathon No. 82. This makes the strongest lodge in the city, and it will be enabled to accomplish a great deal of good. It will be remembered that Myrtle lodge was a sufferer by reason of the Continental fire and was burned out of its home, sustaining almost a complete loss of its property. The membership is of that character, however, that rallies with adversity, and is not to be downed by disaster. They have made arrangements to again fit up the same quarters, and will soon be located in the same place where prosperity has always followed the order.

Thursday evening of this week the mem bers of Enterprise lodge of South Omaha will give a dancing party. That lodge has given several parties during the winter and they have all been successful, both socially and financially. and financially.

The members of Pythagoras lodge have presented to the retiring C. C., J. C. Brew-ngton, a handsome P. C. jewel.

B. W. Wolverton has been appointed deputy grand chancellor, and has orders to institute a lodge at Bloomfield in the near

The grand lodge of Maryland met in Bal-timore Tuesday of last week and that of Mas-sachusetts in Boston on Wednesday. The order is in a flourishing condition in those two states.

Three new lodges have been instituted in the state and they start out under the most auspicious circumstances. They are located at Elgin, Fairfield and Alma.

An assembly of the Pythian Sisters was instituted at Gibbon last Monday evening and a number of the members of the sister hood from Shelton were in attendance.

Woodmen of the World.

A reception and ball by the members of Druid Camp No. 24 was given at their hall, Thirty-second and Ames avenue, February 10. A more enjoyable occasion has not occurred this season. Everybody present entered heartily into the program of the even ing and the consequence was that everyone pronounced it a grand success. About 140 pair of feet kept time to the exquisite dance music furnished by the boys of Company H of Fort Omaha. It was a charming and delightful evening, made all the more so because everybody present seemed to know each other and the backbone of formality was broken at the start. The goodwill and benevolence of the camp was shown by its representatives, who seemed to enter with a peculiar grace into the festivities of the oc-The program of the evening consisted of

The program of the evening consisted of a welcome address by Consul Commander T. A. Reed, who being detained by sickness, was delivered by R. J. Grant, followed by a brilliant address from our national secretary, John T. Yates. Instrumental music by the musicians. A glowing recitation by Miss Meredith, followed by a grand march, in which everybody participated and kept time to the merry music until interrupted by the sovereigns' wives, who served up a delicious lunch, which was heartily appreciated by all lunch, which was heartily appreciated by all present.

Robin Hood Camp No. 30 of Florence is in a prosperous condition and is keeping up with the procession. Wednesday evening of this week the lodge will give a masquerade ball, and bushels of fun is in store for those who are privileged to attend. A cordial in-vitation is extended to all visiting sovereigns to attend to attend

Royal Arcanum.

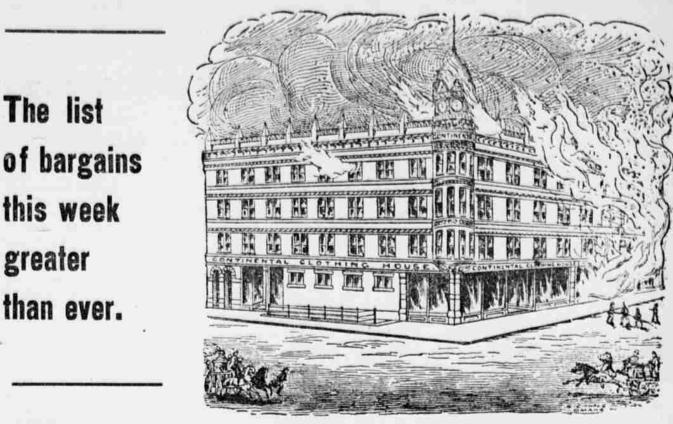
Tuesday evening the members of Knoxall ouncil of South Omaha will give a card party at Masonic hall for the members and their ladies. This is the last party of the season previous to Lent, and it is the intention to make it a very enjoyable affair. The members of the order in Omnha and Council Bluffs have been extended an invitation to be present and a large number of them will be present and a large number of them will avail themselves of the opportunity to spend a social evening with the Magic City mem-bers of the council. In addition to the card playing a short and interesting program of rary and musical numbers wi pro

CONTINENTAL CLOTHING HOUSE. GREAT FIRE SALE.

The balance of the stock on sale at 25c to 50 on the dollar.) At 25c, At 50c Every damaged garment must be sold by March 1.

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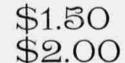
MEN'S SUITS, Price \$5. Former Price \$10 and \$12.

750 men's cassimere suits all slight-ly damaged, but ridiculously cheap at \$8, Sacks and frocks, all at the same price,

MEN'S SUITS

Over BOO suits of fancy worsteds, in sacks and frocks, and fancy cheviots, in sacks only at \$10. No suit in the lot has ever been sold for less than \$13, and some as high as \$20. This is a rare chance to get the best quality for less than 50 cents on the dollar.

Men's Pantaloons



The sale of men's pantaloons will continue this week -- in all sizes and weights--and colors--slightly damaged by water only--at \$1.50 and \$2.

BOYS' SUITS

Boys'	cheviot long pant suit	\$3	1.50
	cassimere long pant suits		
	fine worsted and cheviot suits \$8 a		
в	Boys' knee pant suits \$2.50. \$3, \$3.50; [former price \$6 to	\$8.	****

Star Shirt Waists 45 Cents Monday.

Manhattan Unlaundered Waists 29c.

Manhattan Cheviot Waists 50c on Monday and Tuesday.

ied in making this festival of 1797 as brilliant as nos was then called "a drawing room"-like the levee" of today-when General and Mrs. Washington received their friends. It was, says another eye witness, "affecting be-yond all expression by its being in some degree a parting scene. Mrs. Washington was moved to tears. I never saw the president look better or in finer spirits. But nis emotions were too powerful to be connis emotions were sometimes scarcely speak. A ball was given in the ovening at the Philadelphia ampitheater. The crowd was tremendous. When the president and his wife appeared, cheers rent the air. It was the great battle with the trucial test of the power of the ence, as Gettysburg was the crucial test of the power of the north to subdue the mili-tary power of rebellion, and both should be preserved as shrines for the worshipers of Nor did the homage end with the ball. After the president was in bed and asleep, a band serenaded him, repeating "Yankee Doodle" five times, hoping to arouse him; but he must have had a very easy conscience, as he slept through it all, and was amazed and mortified on being told of it next day!

General Washington spent his sixty-seventh birthday and last birthday at Mount Vernon, but not in rest and family joys, for the threatening trouble with France had him accept once more the command of the American armies,

Washington's First Love Affair.

tious fears.

idea.

In the drawing room of Dr. J. D. Moncure In the drawing room of Dr. J. D. Moncure-(the able superintendent of the Eastern Lunatic asylum situated in Williamsburg) hangs the portrait of Mary Cary, renowned for beauty and belleship in a family where beauty is hereditary and pronounced, writes Marion Harland in Harper's. Her sister Sally became the wife of George William Fairfax, the near neighbor and intimate friend of George Washington. The oft-re-peated tale that "Sally" Cary was the first love of the father of his country is so effect-ually refuted by a document courteously furually refuted by a document courteously furshed to me by her great-grandson, Dr. oncure, that I make no apology for preferished to me

"George William Fairfax of Belvoir, Va., and Poulston, Yorkshire, England, married, December 17, 1748, Sarah, second daughter of Colonel Wilson Cary of Celeys, near Hampton, on James river. George Fair-fax was the companion of Washington on his surveying tour for Lord Fairfax. Washington first met Mrs. Fairfax at Belvoir, near Mount Vernon, when she was brought home as the bride of George William Fairfax. Miss Mary Cary accompanied her sister Sarah to Belvoir, and there met George Washington. She was then but 14 years of age. Washing ton was only 16. * * He had never vis-ited the low country near Williamsburg prior to this and therefore could not have met Sarah Cary until her marriage. It is said that he fell in love at sight with Mary Cary and went so far, on his first visit to Wil-liamsburg, as to ask Colonel Cary for the hand of his daughter." The big raw-boned had found scant favor in the eyes of the patrician planter. He was

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dismissed in terms so curt that we must bear in an advantage of the second other extenuating circumstances if we would keep intact our idea of a fine old Virginia gentleman. "If that is your business here, sir, I wish you to leave the house! My daughter"— the swelling emphasis rurables down the cor-ridor of years—"has been accustomed to ride in her own coach." Tradition asserts that the chaprined

Tradition asserts that the chagrined suitor took the choleric parent at bis word, and that the next time he looked upor the face of his early love was when he passed through Williamsburg on his return from Yorktown after the surrender of Cornwallis we stroll down the spinal street, the adow in the old Cary house is pointed out at which Mary Cary-now Mrs. Edward Ambler-stood to watch the parade. Wash-ington looked up, recognized her, and waved a smiling salute with his sword, whereat the lady fainted. A becoming and not difficult feat at an era when to swoon oppor-tunely and gracefully was a branch of feminine education

Many Sobriequets.

Washington was called by many sobri-quets. He was the first of all "Father of his country." "Providence left him child-less that his country might call him father." Sugourney calls him "Pater Patrize." Chief Justice Marshall, the "American Fabius." Lord Byron, in his "Ode to Napoleon," calls him "The Cincinnatus of the West." For having a new world on his soldiers he was having a new world on his soldiers he was | to rest.

should pass this bill and thus secure po sion of the Valley Forge camp. The old entrenchments erected by Washington's this way the social and beneficial are hap-pily combined. The family circle need no longer be divided, for the wife and husband ragged patriots are yet in a state of fair pre-servation, and the headquarters of Lafaycan attend lodge meetings together. Such orders as the Knights and Ladies of Honor, ette, Knox, Wayne and Washington are well Golden Cross. Pilgrim Fathers, United Friends, and last, but not least, the Home Circle, afford the best kind of fraternal inknown, so that they can be perpetually preserved by marking them appropriately with such monuments as the pride of the common-wealth shall dictate.

edged away from me, frightened at the very

you were getting pretty close."

"Why so?" "Because a man feels awkward when he

urance for men and women. The Home Circle is especially noteworthy "Valley Forge was to the revolution what as having been organized thirteen years ago by some of the most prominent members of the Royal Arcanum. In fact, it was founded Gettysburg was to our civil war. True, no great battle was fought at Valley Forge, but the Royal Arcanon. In loca, is was bounded as an auxiliary organization for Arcanom members who desired extra insurance. Crescent council of Chicago is eleven years old, the pioneer council of Illinois, and con-tains among its members Hon. H. H. Millier, freedom from every state of the union, "and from every country in the world." the present supreme regent of the Arcanum. The Home Circle is a Massachusetts so ciety, is conspicuous for the noted fraternal IMPIETIES.

men at its head, has a graded assessment, a thorough medical examination, and insures George Washington was the patriotic name both men and women for either \$500, \$1,000, of an old southern negro who has long since \$2,000 or \$3,500. Life insurance is a dry, yet interesting, been gathered to his dusky forefathers, says

Harper's Weekly. In the ante-belum days George was the property of a facetious gen-tleman who, whenever opportunity offered, delighted in playing on the negro's superstisubject, for it is one that vitally concerns all classes of men. It is a sub that vitally ject of equal importance with temperance and Christianity, for it affords financial pro-tection for the home. On one occasion, however, George proved himself more than his master's match in wit. The magnitude of its interests may be par-tially understood when I state that over 4,000,000 people in the United States are It was on the night of the brilliant meteoric display in 1863. George was in bed, and sound asleep. His master went to his cabin, carrying an aggregate amount of insurance exceeding \$6,000,000, such a vast amount

that the mind is overwhelmed when endeav-oring to form an idea of that enormous sum. Nearly two-thirds of this insurance is being thundered on the door, and cried in a simu lated tone of fear: "George! George! The stars are falling. Get up and say your prayers. The day of judgment has come." The sound of a heavy body rolling lazily carried at one-third the expense of the same insurance in the old-line, companies. Every week the fraternal army is drumming in reover in bed was heard, followed by the voice of George in sleepy protest. "Go 'long wid yo' foolishin', Mas'r Henry," it said. "Who ebber heerd ob de day ob judgment comin' in de night time!" cruits. Every week some home that has been made desolate by death receives financial comfort from some detach-ment of the army. Every week the sick are visited by physicians nurses and committees and the necessaries A city missionary tells the following story in the Buffalo Courier: "I said to a beauti-ful little boy-but so dirty: "When you go to bed tonight will you promise me to shake out all your clothes and to hang them up to air!" "Why, what would I sleep in? he said in astonishment. 'Do you sleep in these clothes? I asked. "What clase would I sleep in" he said wonderingly. I tried another of life provided.

No; it is not the glittering regalias, the grand parades, the mysterious degree work, for which men join secret societies, but for the mutual assistance in time of trouble, and especially for the protection of wife and loved ones at home. So the silken folds of the flag "fraternity" rise and fall over this in "he said wonderingly. I tried another tack: "When did you last have a bath?" 'A bath? he echoed. The word was a new one to him. 'Do you ever go down into the grand army throughout the land, inscribed with the motto, "God and home and native WALTER A. RICE. land !" to him. 'Do you ever go down into the river!' 'Oh, no, my mammy's afraid to let me go near the water.' Then I asked in despair: 'But haven't you ever been washed all over?' The child shook his head and

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The order continues to grow in Nebraska and new lodges are being instituted. The latest addition is a new lodge at Merna with a charter membership of twenty-four that was organized last week.

Two Biddeford (Me.)" clergymen who had The committees of the Omaha lodges havnever before chanced to meet were recently ing in charge the establishment of the prointroduced by a mutual friend. One is much more liberal in his religious views than the osed bureau of employment and information more inberai in his religious views than the other, and it is related that the latter, when presented to the former, extended the fol-lowing greeting: "Glad to meet you, Mr. —, as a gentle-man, but not as a Christian." To this the other responded: "I am sure , am glad to meet you Mr. —, as a Chris-tian, but not as a gentlema." for the members are not idle, and will soon have the matter in shape for final presentation to the lodges for approval. This step is a new one and if it proves as successful as its promoters believe it will, it will be of incalculable benefit to the members of the order who are in quest of employment and to visiting members in the city who are here on business or upon pleasure bent. Its workings will soon determine its practicabil-"How did you like the sermon!" asked the minister of the drummer. "Oh. I liked some parts of it first rate," was the reply. "Your remarks about sins of omission didn't hit me, but when you talked about those of commission I must say ity or result in it being found to be a failure.

Ancient Order of United Workmen

Excellent reports come from the different odges in this city and South Omaha for the past week, and show a very healthy state of affairs in the order. The attendance at "I'm real sorry," said the editor to the preacher, "that Joues died before you preached that sermon on 'Hell."" meetings continues good and many applications from desirable candidates have been received. Altogether the order in the two cities is going ahead, and the future looks very bright.

strikes a strange place without a guide The masquerade ball, given Tuesday even-ing by the members of South Omaha lodge No. 66, was well attended and was a success. Read these little & lines. Buy Cook's Extra A large number from this city availed them-selves of the opportunity and passed a pleas-Dry Imperial Champagne if you want a fine and delicious drink. ant evening with the South Omaha Work-"The next twenty years present the most

glorious opportunity for work and results which the church has ever had in this coun-try. I want to live." These were the words of Phillips Brooks a week before he was laid to rest Goodrich hall was crowded on the evening of St. Valentine's day by the members and friends of North Omaha lodge No. 29, Degree of Honor, the women's auxiliary of the Work-men. The occasion was the second dancing

vided

At new Metropolitan hall Tuesday evening occurred the last of the series of dancing parties given by the members of the Union Pacific council of this city. The attendance was large and the enjoyment was unlimited, and all those there found exquisite pleasure in the festivities of the evening. An elegant in the restrictes of the evening. An degant supper was served and that was not the least enjoyable of the event. The great suc-cess of the Union Pacific Council is due in a great measure to the attention that has been given the social feature, and its parties are looked for with delight by the members and their ladies their ladies.

Mystic Shrine.

Friday evening at 7 o'clock Tangier's hosts are commanded to assemble, as the Sultani whose ears are always open to the pleadings of the unregenerate, has again consented to receive such as apply, with due humility, under the dome of the goodly temple. The unregenerate will present their petitions to the recorder and if they pass the secret or-deal and inspection of the Illustrious Nika they will receive the order of Nobility. Nobles are reminded of the traditional The quet and they will not forget their fez and claws. A number of novices will have the order of Nobility conferred and the camels are too frisky since their return from the oasis of Kearney and they must be satisfied.

Independent Order of Good Templars. Monday evening the members of Magic City lodge of South Omaha gave a valentine party. The First Presbyterian church was well filled by the members and their friends, who greatly enjoyed the rendition of a musical and literary program. Contributions were received in the temperance jug and quite a neat sum was received for the cause by that source. The Omaha lodges sent delegations and they were well entertained by the South Omaha members.

THE TREATERS.

In its present shape "Fantasma," from he enthusiastic comment it has earned, is undoubtedly one of the most amusing and resplendant pantomimes of the age, and has been playing to exceedingly large business since its opening at the Boyd Thursday. Tonight (Sunday) "Fantasma" closes at the Boyd.

The play, "A Busy Day," in which Harry Crandall, known from one end of the United States to the other for his excellent and States to the other for his excellent and unique dialect work as the German grocery-man in "Peck's Bad Boy," will enact the leading role. Mr. Crandall, unlike most "dancing and singing comedians," is really an excellent saltatorial artist, and possesses a fine baritone voice of wonderful volume surprising resonance and almost indescribable sweetness. The misnagers of "A Busy Day" do not intend, however, that their play shall be considered a man-piece," and they have sequently surrounded their star a "one with a company, every member of which is a host unto himself or nerself as the case may be. There is really a plot, and an amusing one

too, in "A Busy lay," although, as a matter of course, the specialties, which are the necessary concomitants of every well regu-lated farce-comedy, are not overlooked. In fact, they may be said to form the brightest features of this "all-feature" aggregation. Among the specialties may be mentioned a Spanish dance, the Widow's dance, topical ongs and dances, and a gavottee by four cautiful ladies, headed by Miss Jessie Bradbury. Among the most prominent members of the "Busy Day" company may be mentioned Henry P. Clarke, the sweet tenor singer; Dan Williams Irish comedian; Jack Palmer, fumous for his impersonations of "tough" characters: Will M. Cressy, the eccentric comedian; L. H. Shanuon and Al Kirstein Of the ladies Shannon and Al Kirstein. Of the ladies there are Miss Cora Pryor, who receives one of the largest salaries paid to any soubrette in the United States; Miss Bessie Varse, a charming soprano singer: Blanche Dane, Maude Douglas. Myra Crandle, Sadie Peters. Ada Godfrey and Elsie Goodman. This at-traction commences a week's engagement at the Farnam Street theater Sunday (mat-

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ince), February 19, with matince Wednesday and Saturday.

On the 21st and 32d of February, the great and only Hermann will appear at Boyd's, and it is safe to say that he will meet with the usual hearty welcome. In addition to the usual program of sleight-of hand wonders, he brings with him this year, three new attractions, each one a complete performance in itself. The "Caliph of Bag-dad," "Ya-Ka-Yo," and "Spiritual Scances." "Ya-Ko-Yo" is his latest mechanical device. In his own theater on Oc-tober 20 last, it was exhibited for the first time before an audience composed ex-clusively of newspaper men. They pro-nounced it beyond their comprehension then, and since that time, in all the citles which Hermann has visited, no one has given a true solution of the seeming paradox. The trick itself consists of the unseen flying passage of a Chipaman from one box to another, twenty feet apart. A mongolian youth enters one of the boxes representing China, and while the doors of both are shut. he mysteriously disappears from the box entered and appears in the empty one. It is spoken of as a production most marvelous to behold. A grand special matinee will be given on Washington's birthday. Tararaboomdeay will be danced to death during the spirit seances. The sale of seats will

open tomorrow.

"The Crust of Society," which will be pre-sented at Boyd's New theater February 27 and 28, is one of the strongest plays pre-sented in New York this season. It is not only the best adaptation of Dumas' famous play, "Le Demi-Monde," ever presented in English, but it is the only one that has ever achieved a positive success. The story is one of powerful interest.

In securing Hopkins' Transoceanic Specialty company for February 24, 25 and 26, Manager Boyd has gratified the wishes of a great number of the patrons of Boyd's theater. This organization is almost with-out a doubt the finest high class specialty company ever put on the road. It seems as if the whole world had been gleaned of its most brilliant specialty performers to make up Hopkins' Transoceanic Specialty com-pany. The great Trewey, conjurer, juggler and shadowgraphist, who can make any out-

Ing, March I. a remarkable musical enter-tainment will be given. Mr. C. A. Ellis of Boston Symphony orchestra fame, has gathered together the strongest organization of its kind. The ensemble will be as perfect as a coteric of artists can make it. Madame Lillian Nordica, the celebrated prima donna whose triumphs in Europe are of recent date heads the company. She is not alone a splendid artiste, but a singularly handsome woman. With her are associated the famous Madame Sofia Scalchi, the contralto. Signor Campanini will be the tenor; Signor De Puente, the baritone; Miss Engel, mezzo Signor Del soprano; and the favorite singer, Emil Fischer, basso. These artists will present an operatic program consisting entirely of are operation program, consisting entirely of excerpts from the grand operas of airs and concerted pieces, and at the conclusion the entire opera, "Cavalleria Rusticana" will be given, with the following remarkabe cast: Santuzza, Mme Lillian Nordica; Lola, Mme Scheni; Lucia, Miss Louise Engel Turiddu, Signor Campanini; Alfio, Signor Del Puente. It is safe to predict that Boyd's new theater will be crowded.

There is a rare treat in store for those who wish to attend the Farnam Street the ter next week and see the presentation of "Mr. Potter of Texas." The sugagement is for only five nights, commencing Sunday matinee, February 26, with matinee Wednes-day. The success of Mr. Gunter's book is more than duplicated in the play, and it is interpreted by a most capable company. Henry Weaver, jr., is a vigorous, manly Mr. Sampson Potter, and thoroughly typifies the author's ideal. His conception of the character leaves nothing to be desired. Miss Stella Boniface ably enacts the role of the jealous Lady Annerley. The emotional scene in act 4 is very fine. Charles Tingay as Charlie Errol does clever work, while the gentlemen in the minor roles fill their parts vell. The ladies in the company are decidedly pretty.

James J. Co: be t, who is in many respects one of the most remarkable young men that ever earned the title of champion pugilist of the world, will be seen in his highly interestand shadowgraphist, who can make any out-line on his screen, heads the company. The come Misses Mellville and Stetson, ductists, with their parody, "Ta-ra-ra," in the "La-ment," which is most artistically done. The Brothers Dixon come next, who are stated. est actor, possessing no little ability in a histrionic way. In the play of "Gentlemar Jack" he assumes the role of Jack Royalston, a gallant young student of Payne colloge

> The management of Wonderland and Bliou theater is nothing if not original. Ever since

their existence in the city they have pre-sented souvenirs to their lady visitors every pantomimists, the Zanfrettas, in "The Elope-Friday, but next week they make a new de Printy, but next week they make a new de-parture and every day will be souvenir day. No matter what performance you attend, afternoon or evening, each lady so doing will be presented with a beautiful triple plated silver sugar shell, an article that re-At Boyd's new theater Wednesday eventails at 50 cents. The program for next week also promises to be of excellence. The Bijou also promises to be of excellence. The Bijou theater stock company will present the beautiful and thrilling western drama, "The Minor's Oath," a play familiar to the public under the title of "My Partner," The plot is laid in a western mining camp, which will be truthfully depicted by realistic scenery and stage settings. The costumes will be appropriate and the characters in capable hands, headed by Mr. George Wessells and Miss Nellie Elting. The specialties which are introduced before the drama will be given by Charles Herbert, the versatile minic, in his Charles Herbert, the versatile mimic, in his clever impersonations of prominent actors, politicians and public men. McLean and Hall a acrobatic songs and dances, Lena Grace, a duo of wonderful contortionists and Byron and Nealy, the comical sketch team in an original creation entitled, "Two Reubens."

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