

ECHOES FROM THE ANTE-ROOM

Conclave of Mystic Shrine at the Cincinnati Oasis.

NOBLES FROM THE TANGIER TEMPLE

Deings of the Knights of Pythias—Ancient Order of United Workmen—Modern W. oodmen—Other Societies.

The annual convalescence of the nobles of the Ancient and Arable Order of the Mystic Shrine at the oasis, Cincinnati has passed into history, and the pilgrimages of the shleks and nobles across the burning sands to their homes in the north, the south and east and west, have been completed.

The nobles of Tangier of the oasis of Omaha were there in numbers not too numerous, but those who journeyed to the Mecca made themselves known even unto all, and bore home with them the good will and kind remembrance of the visiting nobles from all points of the compass.

The roster of Tangier showed the following to be present: W. S. Mount, Gustav Anderson and daughter, J. C. Sutphen, John R. Porter, T. H. Humphreys and wife, Richard Smith, Frank E. Moore, H. C. Akin, I. O. Rhodes, W. A. Rhodes, H. B. Houghton, W. Van Alst, wife and son, Mrs. Strong, Moritz Meyer and wife, Noble Hahn, D. H. Mercer, C. H. Fowler and wife.

Tangier of Omaha are quartered in the coffee room of the Grand hotel, and for all luxuries and all the accommodations of genuine hotel life, they are treated as if they were the best of the best.

The elegant banner of this temple has been described, but in connection with it may be mentioned something of which Tangier is also proud.

And this is the baby shrine, Hon. David H. Mercer of Tangier temple, who is one of the many honorable members of the temple, was elected against a majority of 2,500 democratic, and was sent to congress as the republican candidate.

"Dick" Smith, the hustling politician, is with him in all his glory, and is one of the greatest politicians of the state, and is an able man.

The Tangier crew each wear a peculiarly marked badge, the emblem of which is a shield with a cross, and a banner with the words "Tangier nobles" written thereon.

Colonel Dick Smith of Omaha, headquarters of the grand lodge, is a popularly doing the part of main host at Omaha headquarters and comes to Omaha to see his friends.

Colonel Frank Moore, clerk of the district court at Omaha, and an ex-Hamiltonian, is responsible for the success of the convocation of good fellowship. With true fraternal affection he has led many a comrade to the sparkling waters of the oasis, and his being there was hailed deep in the ashes of forgotten names.

Colonel Moore was born at Hamilton in 1847, and does not show signs of age. He is said to be a very energetic man, and to attend a Shriners' meeting.

Major H. C. Akin, manager and treasurer of the Grand temple, is a man of high standing, and is one of the best of the best. He is a comrade of the Grand temple, and is a comrade of the Grand temple.

I. O. Rhodes of Omaha is a popular Tangier who is said to have survived to attend this meeting.

The Equinox also gave Tangier and her comrade the privilege of reading the biographies of Gustav Anderson, the imperial captain of the order, and Henry C. Akin, the potentate of Tangier temple.

On Thursday evening the nobles journeyed in directions pleasing to themselves. Colonel Moore and Dick Smith were the advance guard to arrive here, and they have been relating to the nobles the wonderful tales of the convocation. Colonel Moore says he enjoyed himself more than when he ascended to the top of the mountain, and he has a fine collection of the famous "Bottom of the Sea."

The convalescence with Monday and ended with Wednesday. The seasons of the imperial council were interesting and a great deal of good for the order was brought about by its deliberations.

Ketches of Pythias. Never in the history of the order in this city has there been so many members as at the present, each lodge having all the work it can do, the candidates being from among the best business men of the city.

THE HIGHWAYS OF SCOTLAND

Roads in Danfermline Described by United States Commercial Agent Reid.

CORRECT LOCATION THE MOST REQUISITE

Instructional Facts Gleaned from the Experience of Older Countries—How Roads Are Made and How They Are Kept in Repair.

I am indebted for much of what follows to personal interviews with and documents furnished to me by John Macdonald, esq., for some years president of the Association of Road Surveyors for Scotland.

1. Road Routes.—Other things being equal, a road route should be chosen having the freest exposure to sun and wind.

2. Gradients.—Gradients should not exceed one in forty. Easy gradients are preferable to dead levels, securing drier and more compact roads.

3. Foundations.—All roads should have foundations to be determined by the character of the soil on which they are laid. On roads of moderate travel, the soil light and the natural or unstoned road, well compacted, unbroken and of easy gradient, the necessity for special foundations is absent, and, according to Macadam, unnecessary.

4. Drains.—In forming road foundations the proper provision of drains is of great importance. They should be placed on either side of the road, and should be so constructed as to insure a good and economical maintenance of a road under the best conditions.

Character of Stones.—The stones employed on Scotch roads are the hardest and toughest obtainable. In these the granites are by far the most serviceable, and that because of their unstratified character. Granite, named so from its coarse, granular structure, has in it the prevailing elements of a crystalline compound, and consists of minerals—feldspar, silica or quartz, and mica—silica varying in proportion from 65 to 80 per cent, and usually in an amorphous condition, cementing the feldspar and mica.

Granite is capable of absorbing a pound of water per cubic yard—1,450 of its weight. Perhaps the most valuable stone for macadamizing roads is the Welsh stone, greywacke of Penmaenur, in Wales, which, while of the same weight as granite, is much harder, and is highly calcareous, that enormous quantities are sent by ship and rail to the large towns in the north of England, Scotland and Ireland.

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EDUCATIONAL

Miss Bascom, who has just won her degree in the D. in geology from Johns Hopkins university, has had many offers to teach her specialty in schools and colleges, and has finally accepted a chair in a college in Columbia.

Dr. John M. Coulter, late president of the Indiana State university, was inaugurated last week as president of Lake Forest university.

John Huston Finley, who is only 30 years old, the new president of Knox college, Ill., is said to be the youngest man in the United States upon whom such an honor has been conferred.

Old Princeton sent 150 members of the class of '83 at its 146th annual commencement. It was announced in connection with the exercises that a new building, to be known as the Casino, is to be built in Bayard avenue. It will be devoted to social gatherings.

The graduation of eight young women from Columbia college, New York, with precisely the same honors as the 800 women men graduated at the same time is an event which advances the higher education of women in no ordinary manner.

Harvard university has taken another step in the direction of raising the standard of education—a step which will be approved by the trustees of the university, and which will be valued in our educational institutions of all grades. After the year 1893-6 no one will be admitted to the Harvard Law school who has not received the degree of Bachelor of Arts (or an equivalent degree) from one of a long list of colleges which have been selected with great care and whose degrees count for something.

Prof. Arthur C. McGiffert of Lane Theological seminary, Cincinnati, has accepted the Washburn professorship of church history in Union Theological seminary, New York city.

Dr. Gilman, in his Cambridge grade, presided at the seventeenth commencement of Johns Hopkins university in the Academy of Music, Baltimore. There were sixty-five degree men in black caps and gowns. Prof. William H. Welch, dean of the Medical department, announced that this new department of the university would be opened in October next.

Cornell university held the exercises in connection with its twenty-fifth commencement last week. Two hundred and fifty students received degrees, exclusively of degrees in law, which were conferred upon sixty-three. Advanced degrees were conferred on forty-six.

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PEOPLE AND THINGS

World's fair animals are looking up and expenses are going down.

The great American deadhead is too numerous to be overlooked in Jackson park. A prominent Chicagoan publicly asserts his belief in the existence of "a personal devil."

Mrs. Grant denies the truth of published stories to the effect that her granddaughter, Vivian Sartoris, is to study for the stage.

The Missouri supreme court annulled the law that prohibits the sale of automobiles. Thus another Missouri industry goes to the wall.

Dark as the Borden mystery appears, it has been cleared up and will be cleared up. "pull" of certain aspirants for posts for federal honors.

There is much truth in the expression: "There is no such thing as a free lunch." The talent at Sheepshead has not recovered from the suburban sweat.

Cleveland weighs only 305 pounds. Still this accurate statement will not shake the confidence of the man when he sits on hungry hunters for it.

Mrs. Ida Tims Kloecker of Iowa, an authority on all race questions, has reported every ditch on the place on the famous Independence track since it was opened four years ago.

St. Paul figures out a directory population of 225,000. As a manipulator of population statistics, she is exhibited at the World's fair.

The poet who asked, "what is so rare as a good horse?" is exhibited at the World's fair. In the sun burnt cuticle of New York's sun now. Ninety-eight in the shade is sufficiently rare for June and other months.

The ax used by Glaxton in chopping structures has been exhibited at the World's fair. Unfortunately the "ax that Adlai swung" has an engagement in Washington that forbids his return to the fair.

Much praise is being given by the press on the addresses of the lawyers in a recent celebrated case. Yet for touching eloquence and thrilling though subdued tones, the address of the defendant, the late Hon. J. P. McPherson, his "figures of speech" possess a mellow golden ring that the storied tusks of time cannot modify.

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