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Decorations and Hospitality on a Scale of Splendor as Befits the Danghter of a Multi-Millionnire-Interesting Details.

For weeks past St. Louis society has bler in a fever of expectancy over the approaching nuptials of Mizs Clara Hazel Busch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Busch, and Mr. Paul Von Gontard of Haagen, Westphalia, Germany, Dinners, recipilons and banquets tendered by friends to the bride and groom during the last six days formed a fitting prelude to the lavish hospitality which is to signalize the union of a St. Louis belle and a representative of Germany's sterling m n.

Arrangements for the wedding, which will take place tomorrow evening, are on a scale of grandeur surpassing any similar event in the social annals of St. Louis. At midmight tonight the Church of the Messiah, gifts to the bride and similar things, it is where the ceremony will take place, will safe to say that Mr. Adolphus Busch will spend not less than \$50,000 upon the arwhere the ceremony will take place, will be turned over to florists, who are under contract to transform the intrior linto a floral bower by 6 o'clock Mondsy evening. It will take thirty min to do the work. The decorations will be entirely white. This whole altar wall will be covered from floor to celling with a blanket of fragrant flowers. The entrance to every p.w. will carry on its creat a magnificent bunch of lifts fastened with strearing white ribbons, lilles fastened with streaming white ribbons. and as the bridal party passes through the aisle toward the altar it will be as through for st of beautiful snow-white, fragrant

From the church the bridal party and From the church the bridal party and wedding guests will proceed to the Southern hotel, whele the entire parlor floor, with the exception of the large dining room, will be turned over to the festival party. The stairway will be partitioned off and beau-tifully hung with rugs and draperis to completely separate the welding guists from the regular guests of the house. The entire floor will be converted into a bower of beauty, bloom, harmonious array of colors and brilliant luminous effects.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION. No expense has been spared to make the reception the most brilliant affair of the kind ever attempted in St. Louis. The decorations from the entrance to the grand parlor will be on a scale of gorgeous mag-nificance. The entrance will be on the Fourth street side, the reception parlors be-For th street side, the reception parlors be-ing reached by way of the ladies' staircase. The decorations will begin with the canopled pissageway leading up to the entrance, and will culminate in a burst of snowwhite glory in the grand parlor. The passageway will be richly carpeted and brilliantly illu-minated. The visibule at the foot of the staircase will be fitted with furniture es-pecially provided for the octasion, while the stairs themselves will be laden with palms and fair exolics. The castern corpalms and fair exotics. The castern cor-ridor of the parlor floor at the summit of the staircase will be furnished along its will be encrusted with rosts, from the midst

of which incandescent lamps, specially pro-vided for the occasion, will cast a fairy radiance over all. The main corridor leading into the grand rotunda will be furnished with rattan tele-a-teles and corner settings.

The rotunda, where the guests will assem-ble before passing into the reception room, will be a vision in white. The furniture, manufactured esp-cially for the occasion, will be in colonial style, and covered with white slik of the finest texture. The carpet will be covered with white linen denim. The floral decorations of the rotunda will consist of white and pink roses, while the pil-lars will be entwined with green smilax. To insure perfect privacy the rotunda will be separated from the remainder of the hotel in a most artistic manner. The parthion cutting off the corridor from the main staircase will consist of a drapery of art

room will be descrated entirely with cut flowers and potted plants. The predor ing colors will be cream and pink, re relieved mural and pillar draperies of smilax. by mural and pHar draperies of smilax. Upon the eastern wall, draped in silk American and German flags, will be an immense floral reproduction of the Von Gentard coat of arms Each table will bear a distinct floral setting, as well as a special floral design. The bridal table will accupy the center of the room and will by laden with white cut flowers and orange lossom:

THE BANQUET ROOM

The hanguet will be served on tables large The hanquet will be served on fatios large enough to accommodate eight persons, and the large number of the guests will neces-sitate the setting of the tables three times. At 10 o'clock the bridal party and the rela-cives and intimate friends of the family will sit down to supper. Meanwhile the remainder of the guests will dance to the music of the orchestra in the rotanda just music of the orchestra in the rotunda, just utside the banquet room. At 11 o'clock he tables will be reset and sgain at 12 o'clock. The menn will be as elaborate as befits the occasion. Coffee will be served during the evening in the Moorish room, and tea in the Japanese room. At the conclusion of the banquet the

guests will join in the dancing, which will continue into the early morning hours. The dancing will take place in the rotunda and the grand reception parlor. The large slid-ing doors of the reception parlor will be removed. The doors be ween all the rooms on the floor will also be removed, thus affording an untrammeled view of the decora-

Barring the cost of the trousseau, the rangemen's for the entertainment of his guests and the wedding festivities proper. The floral decorations of a very small part of the affair amount to over \$7,000, and taking this as a basis, the entire cost of the floral display cannot amount to less than \$20,000.

#### THE TROUSSEAU.

The bridal dress is a foreign confection of white satin, made in empire style. A large butterfly of pearls holds in place the fullness of the short waid over the breast, and the skirt falls in flowing folds to the hem and increase to its indebtedness which the con-immation of the plan would bring about. It is thought that the lodge might have some difficulty in shouldering the burden inasmuch as it has debts of its own coming due. The the demitrain. A single flounce of rarest fuchesse lace garnishes the bottom of the fear of any difficulty arising therefrom, how-ever, is not very great, and it is understood that very little lies in the way of the conskirt. With this beautiful gown will be worn a court train of enormous length. This is of solidation of the two lodges. ich white brocade in an elaborate rose pat ern, lined with white chiffon, spangled with diver. The soft tulle veil is fastened over corporation of another Omaha secret society have been filed with the county clerk. The the brow with a diamond star. No other prnament except the gift of the groom will be worn. This will be a diamond butterfly, a veritable embiem of her own sweet beauty. Hunters. It is to be a secret fraternal banevo-lent and charitable organization, composed White satin shees with large buckles com-

lete the bride's tollet. Mies Tolie Busch, the bride's sister and her maid of honor, will be arrayed in an empire gown of Nile green brocade, covered with Nile green chiffon, spangled with silver. It will have the regulation court cut at the shoulders, and the skirt will be en demiary and treasurer and royal sentinel, re-

spectively. They also compose the executive committee, which, when the order gets on its feet, is to consist of not less than five To carry out the color tones of the wedding feast, white and gold, the bridesmaids will wear white chiffon, spangled with gold, yel-low silk hose and gold cloth shoes. They more than seven members zation is authorized to live for sixty years. will carry enormous bouquets of yellow chrysinthemums

The bridal bouquet will be a fashionable In the past week the appual session of th grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, was held shower bouquet of white orchids and lilles of the valley. A shower bouque of Easter In this city. There were present about 150 the valley. delegates. The body elected the following lifes, mixed with filles of the valley, will be carried by the maid of honor. officers: Grand high priest, C. J. Phelps o Schuyler; deputy grand high priest, C. J. Phelps of Schuyler; deputy grand high priest, Charles C. Rittenhouse of Hastings; grand king, Robert H. Henry of Columbus; grand secretary, John J. Mercer of Omaha; grand secretary.

PEN PICTURE OF THE BRIDE. The bride is described as a lovely young young, She is of the pure blonde type, with limpid blue eyes, a lily white skin, tinged with carmine in the soft oval of the cheeks, W. R. Bowen of Omaha; grand treasurer, L D. Richards of Fremont. and masses of curling hair of a light golden brown. The eyes, with their childish, inno-A meeting of the grand council, Royal Se ect Masters, was also held and elected the cent expression, are her most expressive features. The mouth, too, is perfect, with small, milk-while teeth. In stature she is following as officers for the next term: Thrice illustrious master, W. I. Baker; deputy thrice illustrious master, Al Olson; principal conductor of work, Harry Simpson; secretary, somewhat petite, but has an exquisitely molded figure. She is the possessor of those charms which the refinements of her home J. C. Watkins; treasurer, Gustave Anderlife, her liberal education and her extensive travel have added to a naturally attractive nanner. She has seen but nineteen sum mers, and is the second unmarried and the fifth daughter of Adolphus Busch. She obbership, some new candidates being taken in at almost every meeting. ained her sarly education at the Mary in-titute of St. Louis, but received her larger

stitute of St. education in Europe, to the principal coun-tries of which she has paid annual visits in company with her parents for several years. She has always been the charm of her circle of friends at home, and one of the reigning ek: hlef of ceremonies, Mrs. C. A. Wagner; rebelles in the society in which she has mixed corder, Mrs. R. E. Stringfellow; financier, Miss Louise Berereton; receiver, Mrs. L. Lan-caster; guide, Mattle Kelley; inside watch, this country and on the continent of Europe.

### THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1895.

## ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM.

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Nebraoka lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, men will give 7 Joint entertainment and dance ias for a considerable length of time nour- in a hall at South Omaha. Extensive pr arations have been made to make the affair success. On the program s number of men tshed the ambition of being the largest lodge of the order in the state. A big step toward bers from Omaha are down for speeches some other form of intertainment. An invithe consummation of this ambition is in prosct, if a plan which will be considered the ion, too, has been extended to Omaha men

members' families in case of death.

oming week.

good furniture.

ladge No. 2 with Nebraska lodge. If this bian is adopted, the membership of Ne-tra ka lodge will be increased to almost 200. Myrtic lodge has, during the past year, increaded in getting itself into a little finan-lai difficulty, not so great, however, as to cial difficulty, not so great, however, as to threaten anything very serious. The indebt-elness was incurred in furnishing its lodge

Omaha lodge No. 2, Independent Order Odd Fellows, is engaged in working up rooms in magnificent fashion. While the debt is of no very considerable size, it has been thought for some time that it would given monthly during the winter. A similar seties was given last year and was an un prevent the lodge from property taking care of its members in case of sickness, or of its qualified success. In fact, the plan was a highly successful that it determined the lodg

o continue it during future years. The first of the serier will be given in Odd Fellow, temple, at 110 and 112 North Fourteenti Members lamines in case of deala. As a result of this condition, it has been almost agreed to by the two lodges that the furniture and membership of Myrtle lodge shall be turned over to Nebraska lodge on condition that the latter assume the indebt-edness. It is understood that such a propostreet, tomorrow night. The early portion of the evening will be taken up with a lite ary and musical program and the later part wit a dance. Refreshments will be served.

sition has been found satisfactory to com-mittees appointed by the two lodges. All that remains, therefore, is to bring the mat-ter up for final consideration before the mem-burship, and this will be done during the occur at the meeting tomorrow evening. The election will come off on the succeeding Mon lay evening

> Order of United Workmen of Cedar Creek, have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Frances A. Sayles, blef of honor; Mrs. Ida Schneider, lady of honor; Mrs. Margaret Horn, chief of cere-monies; Mrs. Annie Baker, financier; George Horn, receiver; George Sayles, jr., recorder Irs. Amil Inhelder, Mrs. Bert Ahl and acob Treitch, trustees; Miss Emma In-Mrs. elder, Con Sears, Emma Walradt, unhers, Cedar Creek camp No. 2005, Modern Wooden of America, election resulted as fol lows: Venerable consul, George E. Sayles; excellent banker, H. Baker; worthy adviser, J. Horn; inside watch, H. Lautenschlaler; outside watch, John Wallinger; organist, Conser D. Saches

During the past week the articles of in-orporation of another Omaha exerct society have been filed with the county clerk. The following officers for the coming new order is called the Council of the Royal ceremonies, Mrs. A. B. Shroyer; recorder, Mrs. O. C. Williams; financier, Mrs. A. B. Ient and charitable organization, composed of persons who are dependent on their labor for a living, and who are not engaged in extra hazardous occupations. Persons between the ages of 18 and 50 years are to be admitted to membership. The incorporators are john Le6wich, C. F. Shaw, M. J. Led-wich and L. T. Ledwich. They have elected themselves royal capital, royal major, secrete L. King, waschman, I. J. Cavindi account of the consult of the secret in the secret in the secret.
Wirs, O. C. Williams; financier, Mrs. A. B. Perkine; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Campbell; usher, Mrs. N. W. Johnson; inside watch, C. S. Detwiller; trustee, Mrs. J. W. Whitiam. The Modern Woodmen of America electronic of Oscenia resulted as follows: Venerable consult, J. E. Peterson; worthy adviser, C. W. Getts; clerk, W. H. Weeden; banker, tary and treasurer and royal seuling. rest. L. King; wa chman, J. J. Gaylord; escort, D. Kelley; suntry, H. H. Campbell; manacer, R. Walker; delegate to head camp, J. L. Makesver; alternate, D. T. Mackie.

J. W. Reynolds post No. 26, Grand Army f the Republic of Osceola, has elected the blowing officers: Commander, J. H. Mickey; nior vice commander, J. B. Mitchell; junior ce commander, W. H. Carson; chaplain, T. Mice commander, W. H. Carson, Chaptan, L. H. Saunders; quartermaster, C. M. Pulver; adjuinant, G., W. Gregg; officer of the day, H. F. Benser, officer of guard. Charles Burkhart; surgeon, Dr. H. M. Mills; dela-gate to encampment, H. J. Bonner; alternate, Charles Burkhart.

The following named were elected as off ers of the Ancient Order of United Work men lodge No. 166, of Alexandria: Salen Wiswell, master workman; Enoz F. Snyder ast mapter workman; E. Grim, foreman James F. Carden, overseer; John T. Brown recorder; Mark T. Allen, financier; Elton N Averill, receiver, William C. Beers, guide; D. A. Sherwood, inside watchman; William H. Walker, ontielde watchman; Dr. George A.

Omaha conclave No. 334, Improved Order of Birdsall, medical examiner; George Wilson, Heptosophs, is gradually increasing its meni- trustee.

The Ladids of the Magabbles of York Social lodge No. 102, Degree of Honor, have clected the following officers: Com-Ancient Order of United Workmen, recently mander, Ida M. Street; lieutenant comheld an election of officers which resulted at follows: Chief of honor, Mrs. C. W. Lun-mander, Mrs. Whiteomb; record k open, ck: finance keeper.

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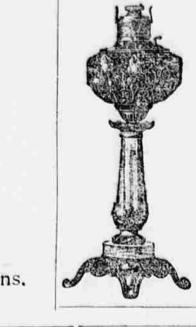
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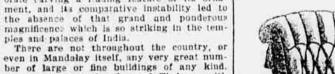


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itself to carving rendered light and elab-LIFE BEYOND THE GANGES orate carving a leading feature of its orna-ment, and its comparative instability led to the absence of that grand and ponderous magnificence which is so striking in the tem-Glimpses of Upper Burmah and Its Prin-



December Specials . . .

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The nomination of officers in Omaha lodge No. 1, Independent Workmen of America, will Lodge No. 113, Degree of Honor, Ancient

If the plan works successfully, Nebraska lodge will be increased by the 109 members who at present compose Myrtle lodge. Newho at present compose Myrtle lodge. Ne-braska's membership at present is about 175, and the increase will consequently nearly double it. In addition to that the lodge's property will be increased by a quantity of The proposition is meeting with favor in both lodges. The membership of Nebraska codge are still hesitating somewhat over the George R. Sayles.

tapestry panels and oriental rugs, all in the prevailing white color, with hangings of white Touraine silk tastefully and artistically arranged. The smaller staircase to the right will be hidden from view by a drapery of tiger and leopard skins, the most beautiful specimens that can be secured.

The light well in the center of the rotunda will be floored, and there, hidden behind a bower of potted plants, an orchestra of twenty-five pieces will discourse sweet muelc. The western corridor will be furnished in oriental style, with floral decorations of huge cut flowers. The arches will be draped with smilax and lighted with clear incandescent lamps. The floral decorations of the reception room will be white chrysanthewhile the tarlatan-covered celling will be studded with white roses. The carpet will be covered with white linen denim; and in-candescent lights, with white shades, will illuminate the fairy-like surroundings. Here on a white platform just opposite the main entrance to the room, the bridal couple will stand and receive the guests of the evening. SPLENDORS OF DECORATION.

Adjoining the grand reception room on the east will be a smaller room decorated in olive-green, after the style of the Italian Renalssance, with mural decorations and spe chally designed furniture to match. The floral decorations will conform to the color scheme of the room, the rare and beautiful pitcher plant predominating. In this room portions of the wedding cake will be distributed among the guests in elaborate heart-shaped white hoxes. Next to this room will be the gold room, beautifully decorated in Tourains silk and linen denim of the predominating color. The furniture will be of rattan and of the Louis XVI, style, the chairs and settees sing draped with golden-colored slik. In this, as in all the other rooms, the silk is used as a mural decoration, while the carpet is covered with denim to correspond with the colo echeme. Adjoining the gold room is a gold boudoir decorated in a similar manner.

At the extreme northeast corner of the parfor floor will be Mrs. Busch's reception room The furnishings will be after the Directoire style. The draperies and tapestries will be a blending of soft shades of sold and marcon. Hans Von Gontard, he is accompanied on his present pleasant trip. The duties required with floral decorations to harmonize with the surroundings.

In striking contrast will be Mr. Busch's room, at the northwest corner of the floor. The decorations and furnishings will be treated in oriental style, dark blue being the predominating color. The settings will con-sist of a center settee, oriental tables, cozy armchairs and Turkish ottomans. The nu merous oriental nooks will be illuminated with the soft light of numerous Moorish lanterns, artistically arranged. The smoking room will join Mr. Busch's room on the south. Here the oriental character will be preserved the decorations being after the East Indian The color scheme will be dark red style. with mural decorations of oriental rugs and East Indian fabrics. The furnishings will consist of teak wood chairs and tables, and leather armchairs, settees and couches.

Opening on the castern corridor will be a sulte of rooms which, for beauty of decoration and tastefulness of design, have seldom if ever, been equaled in St. Louis. The first of these will be the Japanese room. A false ceiling of bamboo will be constructed in this The decorations will consist of Japangings, furniture and works of art while hundreds of lanterns, in all sizes and designs, will furnish the mumination. PINK AND BLUE.

Then comes the pink room, where the pink Then comes the pink room, where the pink Touraine silk and linen denim will be used with beautiful effect. The general style will be that of the Louis XV, period. The mural drapary will be studded with pink roses. Adjoining this apartment will be a room decorated in blue. The silk fabric on the

walls will be arranged in vertical folds, in-

while not decorated as elaborately as the others, will be furnished with every luxury which wealth can provide. The banquet tion and bad breath.

THE BRIDEGROOM.

musician, Miss Wolfer. The bridegroom, Paul Von Gontard, is ten years the scalor of the bride. Since the an-nouncement of the engagement he has been described as a count, a baron, and the pos-sessor of various other patrician titles. He s neither count nor baron, but a plain Von a plain business man, who has amassed the wealth he possesses by industry and ability. He is, in appearance, the type of the true German. S'x feet in height, and built in sion. served. equal proportion, he is naturally a min of distinguished bearing. The glow of health in his cheeks tells of the outdoor life to which the German and Britisher are accustomed. Like every German of true liberal ducation, he speaks English almost as fluently as he speaks his native tongue, while he is equally at home in conversing with a Frenchman or an Italian.

A BLACK SEA ROMANCE.

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Though but 29 years of age, he is the superintendent and junior member of the firm of Huncke and Funcke and Funcke and Funcke propound a number of queries and these come up for answer at the succeeding meeting. Bels, an extensive iron manufacturing estab-lishment at Hangen, Westphalia. The es-This scheme has been found to be very inablishment is the largest of its kind in teresting. Surope, employing no less than 8,000 A grand concert and ball is to be given the He is the third youngest son of General Otto Von Gontard, a man who earned considera-ble military distinction during the late Omaha Military hand, under the auspic-s of Omaha lodge No. 18, Ancient Order of United Workmen, in the lodge hall in the Patterson France-German war, commanding the artil-lery during some of the most important bat-

block on the evening of December 19. siderable care has been taken by th ties in a conflict which resulted in converting mittee in charge to make the affair a great what was a mere congeries of states into a success. ansolidated empire. His great-grandfather gained fame as an architect under Frederick the Great of Prussia, among the historic The elections in Bohemia lodge No. 314. Ancient Order of United Workmen, resulted

chateaus designed by him being Sans Souci, near Potsdam. The groom received his edu-cation at one of the leading universities of as follows: Past master workman, F. W. Bandhauer; master workman, Frank Suchy; foreman, V. Kubec; overseer, Frank Svojtek; his own country, where he also got a mili-tary training, which gives him today a milirecorder, V. Blaha; receiver, J. V. Vacek financier, K. W. Bartes; guide, Joseph Langer Vacek; tary bearing. Like the bride, he has traveled inside guard, Joseph Kulas; outside guard, Joseph Langpaul; medical examiner, Dr. C. America, France, England, and, of course, his native land. He has two brothers in Rosewater; trustee, J. A. Ubl. The tenth annual dance of lodge No. 29, the German army, by one of whom, Captain

C. D., a Bohemian society, will be given in National hall, on South Thirteenth street, on Saturday, January 4. of the military officer in Germany rendered it impossible for the second brother to attend. Last Friday evening Seymour camp No. 7, Woodmen of the World, gave a very en-

Dainty, light refreshments

joyable smoker in its rooms at Forest hall, on Sixth and Pierce streets. The evening was The meeting which is to terminate in the wedding tomorrow contains a good deal more of the romantic than is generally found in spent with refreshments, cigars and cards and was heartily enjoyed by the large number of

narriages of the wealthy, and, more espemen present, women having been tabooed. in those which have recently taken The Pastime club, whose object is fully place between the scions of nobility of Eucovered by its name, is engaged in a very ope and the daughters of American mllinteresting and pleasurable high five tourney at the present time. To add zest to the play a number of prizes have been offered to the ionaires of late. The man lage might have been said to have been made on the Black sea. It was there, at least, that the couple winners of the tournament. The club meets every two weeks at the home of some one of met, and it was there that the friendship began which soon ripened into love, and it members. Delicious refreshments have the was there that the love grew to a point where it was understood by both that it should terminate in a matrimonial union. been served each night by the host. The members of the club comprise: Misses Wortman, Barnes, Dacy, Gunsenhouser and Riche Miss Busch was taking her annual trip through Europe in the company of her relalieu, Mrs. Casad, and Messrs. Dacey, Kimmel. Lamb, Casad, Miner and Bostwick She was at Constantinople, and was Last Monday evening Omaha lodge No. 1. engaging for a fourney through Turkey. This was in May, 1894. Here she accidentally

Independent Workmen of America, initiated a number of candidates. Members are taken met Mr. Gontard in society. Whatever may have been the result of that first meeting, the in at almost every regular meeting of the lodge.

bridegroom-clect seemed to be resolved to take the same vessel by which Miss Busch was to make her trip. The introduction pre-Omaha lodge No. 18, Ancient Order of United Workmen, has elected the following viously received was availed of to renew his acquaintance, which apparently was by no means unwelcome to the young lady. The feelings of tenderness developed during the journey through the Black sea were cultiofficers for the ensuing term: Past master workman, R. A. McLaughlin; master work-man, W. J. C. Putnum-Cramer; foreman, F. F. Roose; overseer, D. M. Haverly; recorder C. H. Collier; financier, George W. Laurr Lauer; vated on the equally beautiful Rhine. Mr. Gontard was invited to spend a vacation at the country home of Mr. Busch at Ville Lily. eceiver, Harry J. Morrill; guide, C. D. Reynlds; inside watch, Henry Croft; outside watch. - Kaywood. One visit followed another in quick succes-

E. St. Vraz, the noted Bohemian explorer, will give a lecture on his expeditions and explorations on the continents of Africa and South America at National hall, at Thirteenth tendance is expected.

Bell; chaplain, Sue Bell; sergeant, Miss Brooks; master-at-arms, Emma Baer; sentry, Tillie Miners; picket, Mrs. Cone.

Mrs. Copeland; outside watch, Lou Pixley; The following are the newly elected officer of the Woman's Relief corps of Osceola: President, Mrs. H. F. Bense; senior vice The regular meeting of Anchor lodge No 75. Independent Order of Good Templars, last president, Ella Kennard; junior vice presisilay evening was held at the residence of Tuesday evening was held at the residence of dent, Helan Carson; treasurer, Mary E. Miss Clemmie Carnes, 1440 North Nineteenth Spunders; secretary, Mary Pulver; chaplain, street, There was an unusually large at-tendance and those present were entertained with a good program after the business ses-bainty. Usht refreshments were attendance and those present were entertained there are present were entertained attended the set of the were officer was Past President Mary E. Saunders served. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Miss Florence Winter, 1224 North Nineteenth street, on next Tuesday officers: President, Mrs. Laura Johnson; evening. A special program of music, senior vice speeches and recitations is being prepared junior vice senior vice president, Mrs. Annie A. Hines speeches and recitations is being prepared junior vice president, Mrs. Delia Green; and an urgent invitation is extended to all treasurer, Mrs. Sophia Shandy; chaplain, Mrs. members of the lodge and their friends to be Eliza Horrigan; conductor, Mrs. M. Athaws; present, The members of the lodge have fallen guard, Mrs. Annie Schamel; delegates-atinto the custom of having some particular feat-ure in the meeting, and these features furnish a considerable amount of entertainment. The one in vogue now is dubbed the query Sophia Shandy, Mrs. Mattie Kelley and The one in vogue now is dubbed the query Sophia Shandy, Mrs. Mattie Kelley and box. On each meeting night the members Mrs. Schneiderwind,

> Decatur lodge, Modern Woodmen of the World, elected officers as follows: Vice Con-sul, L. G. Ashley: worthy adviser, Jamas Dillen; banker, R. D. Maryott; escort, A. P. Diffen; banker, R. D. Maryott; escort, A. P. DeMitt; watchman, J. Tellefaro; sentry, J. Gatewood; trustee, J. McD. Greene. The following named have been elected to fill the offices of George A. Custer post No. 7. Grand Army of the Republic, for 1856; John Jenkins, post commander; J. W. Thomp-son, senior vice commander; B. C. Smith, junior vice commander; J. B. Sawhill, guitter-master: E. W. Johnson, officer of the day; It was law ar in 1824 and that date, there was some trade and a certain amount of more or less friendly intercourse, the country was far from safe for either travelers or residents. It was always suspected, if not actually Concommaster: E. W. Johnson, officer of the day G. W. Blenkinship, officer of the guard; H. C. Van Gelsen, surgeon; J. Edwards, chaplin; H. Kyner, R. H. Walker, delegates to encampment.

At the regular meeting of George Crook on Thursday evening, December 12, the fol-lowing officers were elected: Commander, itself. lowing officers were elected: Commander, Alf Bugh; senior vice commander, Ellas Gilmore; junior vice commander, John B. Furay; quartermaster, A. K. Rhoades; sur-geon, J. J. Saville; chaplin, W. A. Welker; officer of the day, W. O. Morse; officer of the guard, Robert Wilderman; delegates, J. B. Furay, Jeff W. Bedford; alternates, D. J. Smith W. O. Morse;

Smith, W. O. Morse. A Christmas Question.

inton Scollard in December Century, after the maze and the mirth of the dance, Where a spray of green mistictoe swayed, Phat I met-and I vow that the meeting was chance!-With a very adorable maid. That 1

stood for a moment in tremor of doubt, Then kissed her, half looking for war; tut-"Why did you wait, sir?" she said,

But-"Pray, what is the mistletoe for?"

### LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

The International Association of Machinists is increasing its membership with much rapidity. New local organizations are being formed daily. Grape treaders in Portugal, who tread out the juice with their bare feet, get 50 cents a day, a high rate, as they claim the juice s apt to make their feet sore. In St. Louis a new effort is to be made to interest all the local labor bodies in the building of a labor headquarters. Centrifugal force is used to refine steel ingots at the Nykroppa works in Sweden; the pressure drives out all gases, leaving perfectly sound ingots.

The Indianapolis bicycle people are all busy. Numerous orders for early spring delivery have already been placed. It is stated that from the present indications fully 2,500 people will be employed by the bicycle manufactories of that city the coming year. An offer has been made to the city of and William streets on Sunday night, Janu-ary 5. At a meeting of prominent Bohemians, which was recently held, a committee was appointed to boom the affair and a large atphalt is not sprinkled.

tendance is expected. Monday night Social lodge No. 102, Degree of Honor, Ancient Order of United Workmen, will give a ball in the lodge rooms in Myrtle hall. The affair will wind up with a supper which will be prepared by the members of the lodge. Next Tuesday evening the South Omaha lodges of the Ancient Order of United Work-

DISAPPOINTMENT TO SIGHT SEERS The much vaunted palace of Thebaw, with its golden roofs and silver audience chamber,

cipal City.

Its "Golden" Domes Are Shams and Its Architecture Far Below that of India-The Much-Vaunted Palace of Thebaw.

A writer accompanying the transportation commission of the Field Columbian museum on its tour around the world, furnishes Harper's Weekly the following sketch of Upper Burmah and Mandalay:

Upper Burmah, which since 1887 has been incorporated as a province of British India, was for generations the subject of much dis-torted and absurd micrepresentation. Like way, Burmah is a country of monasteries all of the provinces of India beyond the Ganges, it was practically quite unknown to the ancient world, so that while Greeks and Romans and after them Arabian writers threw fication is essentially a religion of pricethood and caste, Buddhism is one of contemplation, much light upon the history, institutions and religion of India to the west of the great river and its natural development is monasticism

and its natural development is monasticism. Thus the religion of Burmah is centered in its monasteries, which abound in all parts of the country, but chiefly in the neighborhood of the towns. The buildings, as will be seen from our views of a very characteristic speci-men at Saigan, on the Irrawaddy, not far from Maddiay, are quaint rather than Burmah, Siam and the other provinces be-tween India and China remained a favorite territory for the exercise of the fancy of travelers and writers until comparatively recent times. Down to the time of the Burmese from Mandalay, are quaint rather than imposing. The roofs are their great feature. Broken up into all sorts of curious angles, corners, pinnacles and curves, they display a wealth of claborate wood carving probably unsurpassed in the world. Color, generally heavy gilding, in some instances an inch thick, is liberally It was always suspected, if not actually  $u\!\approx\!d$  on the roofs, and it must be admitted that it harmonizes well with the soft brown known, from the time when the English traders began to develop into the conquerors of India, that Burmah, both the upper and tones of the teak wood when exposed to the weather. Yellow is the prevailing color everywhere in connection with religion in lower provinces, was naturally as rich a country as the great peninsula of Hindostan Burmah, both outside and inside every sacred Further experience has proved bebuilding; from the yellow robes of the monk to the decorations of the roofs and walls, the yond all question that this is true, the main difference apparently lying in the vastly sacred color of Buddha is seen everywhere, only relieved by the darkness of the wood work. Had the same monotony of shade been associated with stone work, the effect more dense population of India on the west-ern than the eastern side of the Ganges, which has led to the development on the west of every resource which nature pro-vided or industry and ingenuity could would have been unendurably barbaric, but

in connection with the dark timber it is not unpleasant to the eye. utilize. In Burman, on the other hand, the population has at no time been a dense one. Burmah is, like most castern countries, the home of very numerous and singular and the people have always been an easy-going and contented race, little inclined to engage in the struggle for wealth, and only customs. Perhaps none of these are more curious than those that surround funerals, and especially the funerals of persons distoo ready to abandon the struggle for ex-istence itself at the first appearance of its tinguished by their supposed goodness. Thus the funeral of any well-known pries becoming irksome. Unlike the original na-tive races of India, indeed, the Burmese or monk becomes in Burmah a scene of sl-most indescribable noise and merrymaking. were by no means an unwarlike race, their

name of Shan, or Shian, being supposed to be a corruption of the word "thia," which The funeral car is usually a work of some what barbaric art, sometimes even, as in the instance of which we obtained a picture. signified free. More than once within his-torical times they had proved themselves taking the form of a rudely formed wooden elephant, within which the coffin is placed by troublesome neighbors, before they almost insisted, in 1824, upon provoking a quarrel the bearers. with the East India company by encroach-Ropes are then attached to the car, and its

hents on their territory toward the Ganges. Each of the three Burmese wars was progress to the cemetery becomes one con tinual struggle between groups of shouting brought about, indeed, in very much the same way, but the last one, in 1857, was the only speciators, some of whom pull it onward and others retard its progress, in a sort of one which resulted in a sudden and almost ridiculous collapse on the part of the native prince-Thebaw-who had insisted upon proirregular game, which is the occasion of aimost unlimited horse play and shouting. The car is gradually allowed to proceed, voking it. Since the date of the entry into Mandalay and the surrender and deportation until it at last reaches the middle of the commetery, where branches of trees and wood of Thebaw the country of upper Burmah has been thrown open, and its resources are now other combustibles are heaped around it till a funeral pyre formed. Upon this the assembled and in rapid course of development under British up la rule. Mandalay itself has turned out to be a little tike Timbuctoo and other cities, whose crowd adjourns for refreshments, after which the combustible heap is bombarded with wooden cannon, heavily loaded with coarse glories owed much to the mystery that surrounded them and the difficulty and danger guapowder, until some lucky explosion sett fire to the funeral pyre, which is then alof making their acquaintance. A closer in-spection has shown that the golden-roofed lowed to burn to ashes, surrounded by the palaces and pagodas of the capital of Burmah dancing, shouting and apparently rejoining crowds. The scene is one of the most char-acteristic to be seen in the country, giving a singular outlet for that love of fun and rough play which markedly distinguishes the native were by no means so splendid or costly as had been supposed, being merely covered with a thick coat of gilding. The architecture, too, of the country, although quaint, and to some extent both ingenious and artistic, bears play which markedly distinguishes the hative of Burmah from the people of Hindostan of nearly every race and class. There can be no doubt that in many re-spects the British occupation of the country will quickly work a great change in the cus-toms, as well as in the conditions of the nearly no comparison with that of India. Thus there can be no question that Mandalay is to some extent a failure as a city for the sight-seer. In the first place, it must be remem-bered that the buildings of Burmah, like those

of India, are wholly of wood. The wood used is the tesk, a timber more suited than simost people. The substitution of equal laws for the old any other, indeed, to such purposes, espe-cially in such a climate, where it lasts appargrinding despôtism is already largely increas ing the popular interest in trade and im-provement, and the entire withdrawal of all ently uninjured for generations. This fact has had much, no doubt, to do with the peculiar character of the native architecture of the country. The case with which it lent

stands today a melancholy looking and con fessed fraud, like the wretched and con temptible despot himself. It is now occupied by the administrative offices of the government of the province, and presents a tawdry and even a tumble-down appearance. The gilding has gone from large patches of the roof, which locks dirty and forlorn in conse-quence, and there is nothing about either the xternal or interior architecture of the build ing to redeem it. To us, fresh from the majestic palaces and temples of India, the palace looked poor and contemptible, and and even the temple and monastic architectur had a triffing and gingerbread look when compared with the buildings we had so lately admired.

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