

HOLDS BRITAIN'S WAR JUST

John Hays Hammond's Appeal for Sympathy for England.

REVIEWS WRONGS DONE BY THE BOERS

Denounces a Criminal American Justification of the Position of the Boer Government—Conditions in the Transvaal.

At the request of a number of subscribers The Bee reprints from the Chicago Times-Herald a synopsis of the address of John Hays Hammond, delivered before the University club of Chicago.

Mr. Hammond responded to the toast "Maxims of the Nordensfeldts." He insisted from the start that he spoke as an American, and not as holding an English bias.

"I find," he said, "that sympathy for the Boer is, for the great part, based upon either an ineradicable hatred of the English race, or a sympathy for the Boer in the wrong, and finally a sympathy based upon a misconception of the true inwardness of South African political affairs."

Before beginning his argument Mr. Hammond made it clear that the outlanders had originally gone to the Transvaal at the invitation of President Kruger, who wanted to secure for development of the mines financial aid for his government.

"In short, the truth is," said Mr. Hammond, "that but for the large investments of the European capitalists on the one hand and the technical direction of American engineers on the other hand, the Transvaal mining industry would not have achieved any significant success."

Charges Boer Treachery.

The speaker then continued to explain the treachery of the Boers toward the outlanders, the rapid change of the law, till they became oppressive, and the development of the grievances which Kruger refused to see right in any way.

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Laws Made for the Boers.

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Julius Conley Entertains.

Julius Conley entertained a box at Boyd's theater Thursday night. The guest of the evening was Mr. Conley's wife, who received a party of general society at the Henshaw. Among those included were Vincent Brennan, who played the part of Lieutenant Denton in "Arizona," and John Keith, a wealthy ranchman of Sutherland, Neb.

"Now, I will state to you what are known as the outlanders' grievances, and you can then determine whether the reform movement of 1895 was or was not justifiable."

"The franchise law in the Transvaal is that

the applicant must renounce in the first instance allegiance to all other countries; he is then under probation for a period of four years, during which time he is liable to be called upon by the state for military duty. After the expiration of fourteen years he may secure citizenship, provided he obtains in writing a petition signed by two-thirds of the burgheers in the district in which he resides, and provided furthermore that he receives the sanction of the president and executive council.

"According to our Declaration of Independence governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed."

"Two-thirds of the Transvaal population were outlanders. We went thither by express invitation; our capital and enterprise developed what in Boer hands was worthless territory into the greatest mining center of the world; the country, now rich, was bank-rupt before our arrival; we owned more than half the land, having purchased it from the Boers; we paid nine-tenths of the taxes, much of which amount was admitted by the Boer commission to be class taxation; yet we had no attempt to unlayful expenditure of the bulk of taxation, as we had no voice in the government."

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"We objected to the prohibition of free speech to the power vested in the president of suppressing any publication which in his individual opinion was opposed to good manners or subversive of order. He did not hesitate to exercise this despotic power toward newspapers which supported outlander interests, while newspapers which supported the Boer government were allowed to publish libellous articles and even to advocate atrocious crimes without interference."

"We objected to the Johannesburg police force. For the shooting and killing of a British subject a policeman was recently released on \$1,000 bail, less than the amount demanded from outlanders in trivial cases."

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Ante Room Echoes

Agitation in favor of a building to be owned and occupied by the various Ancient Order of United Workmen lodges of Omaha is spreading and indications now denote that in the near future some definite action will be taken. This order is strong in Omaha, both in finance and influence, and many of the leading members are urging the erection of a temple. As an instance of the range of possibilities, those who advocate the building proposition call attention to what the lodge has done at Edgar, Neb., a small but enterprising town. There is only one lodge of this order in Edgar and the membership aggregates but 200, yet a hall, has been erected at a cost of \$6,000. The argument strongly set forth is that if Edgar with one lodge can build such a hall, why cannot Omaha, with its several lodges, build a larger hall?

Omaha Knights of Pythias have been a prominent factor in re-establishing the lodge at Herman, which was disrupted by the cyclone last summer. The Knights of Pythias hall, together with all paraphernalia, was blown away, and under such discouraging circumstances the work of re-organization was rather slow. A few weeks ago Omaha supplied a complete new equipment of paraphernalia and the resolute Pythians of Herman succeeded in securing a new hall. Last Saturday night the reorganization was celebrated. Nearly fifty Omaha Pythians went to Herman to participate in the exercises and along the route several others boarded the special car which the Pythians had chartered. "It takes more than a cyclone to defeat a Pythian," remarked a member of the order who was one of the junketers.

The Elks will elect officers at their last meeting night of this month. While these occasions are always spirited, whatever rivalry exists is always good-natured—in fact, good-nature is one of the most prominent planks in the Elks platform.

The Odd Fellow lodges of Omaha are making elaborate preparations for the celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the order in this country, which date is April 26. A lengthy program is in course of preparation and the early history of the order will be reviewed in reminiscent manner.

Beech Camp band of the Modern Woodmen of America is becoming noted for its concerts and is in great demand on all social occasions. The band has only been organized a short while, but thus early it has demonstrated its musical ability and a proposition is pending to make it the official band of all Omaha camps.

Clan Gordon No. 43, Order of Scottish Clans, is arranging for an "open night" in the near future. This will be a notable occasion among Scottish people and a large attendance is expected. Plans were discussed at a meeting held Tuesday night, informal social features characterizing the session after the regular business had been transacted.

Omaha camp No. 16, Woodmen of the World, is desirous of obtaining a new meeting place. A committee has been appointed to inspect available halls and it is expected that a selection will be made. No. 16 bears the reputation of being one of the most influential Woodmen camps in Omaha and its members are said to always favor any proposition that is for progress.

The supreme lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, will meet at Sioux Falls, S. D., in June and Omaha will be represented. A committee is now negotiating for railroad rates. An effort will be made to secure such low fare that the attendance will be large.

Woodmen of the World. During the past week there have been during in the sovereign jurisdiction about twenty new camps, with an average of thirty members to a camp, which shows the way the Omaha institution is going.

Omaha camp No. 16 is looking for new quarters in which to hold their sessions. The second series of card parties by Omaha camp will be given next Tuesday evening at its present quarters in Moran hall.

The entire active force of the Woodmen of the World, comprising about sixty people, assembled on the north steps of the government building last Wednesday noon, and had a photo taken which will be used in advertising the order and the city of Omaha.

Sovereign Commander Root, who has been absent for the past month attending the biennial convention of the Canadian branch of the order, and is now visiting some of the eastern camps, is expected home this week.

B. C. Wood, who in the past four or five years has been state deputy for Iowa, has been appointed general deputy for Iowa and South Dakota. He has as his assistant Colonel Mortimer C. Wood, Sioux City, and together they are systematizing the deputy system in the two states.

Royal Highlanders.

Melrose castle of Kearney sent a full uniformed team to Miller on Thursday to assist Deputy Sergeant William Meisel, a candidate of the Royal Highlanders, which was instituted with twenty-five beneficial members. The organization was completed in the daytime so that the date would not interfere with the organization of a Lady Highlander castle at Central City in the evening. The castle was named Hermond castle, No. 211, and officers were elected and installed.

Mrs. Sara Meisel of Aurora organized a castle of the Lady Highlanders at Central City Friday evening with a charter membership of forty. Officers were elected and installed, and a team of fair women was selected and the drill work will soon start in earnest. This castle will be the auxiliary to Balmoral castle No. 16 at Central City, which has over 100 members. On next Tuesday night the degree team of Helen castle at Aurora will be present and exemplify the degree work.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

Arrius court No. 21, Ben Hur, has been having quite a boom. Under the direction of T. C. Cartwell, local deputy, about thirty have been added during the last few weeks. This places Arrius court among the leading courts of the state.

Mecca court No. 13 of Omaha continues to prosper. At its last regular meeting twenty members were added upon a sympathy for a republic, which, as you must admit, is one in name only.

Great enthusiasm pervades the members of the Tribe of Ben Hur in all parts of Nebraska, and the order is having a substantial growth under the management of State Deputy M. E. Getter.

Fraternal Union of America.

Banner lodge No. 11 gave an interesting entertainment Thursday evening, which was largely attended.

Omaha lodge No. 311 had an interesting meeting Wednesday evening and will meet again next Wednesday evening, when election of officers to fill several vacancies will take place.

Mondamin lodge No. 111 met Monday evening and initiated six candidates. One hundred and fifteen members and visitors were present and a grand good time was enjoyed by all, who listened to a very interesting program after the regular business of the evening.

Bankers' Union of the World.

Omaha lodge No. 1 is making preliminary arrangements for a ball Saturday, March 17, with refreshments and good music by the

Advertisement for Union Pacific "The Colorado Special" train service between Chicago and Denver. Includes details about buffet, smoking, library cars, and fastest train to Denver. City Ticket Office at 1302 Farnam Street, Telephone 316.

Bankers' Union orchestra No. 1, Bee building. Six candidates were initiated last Wednesday. Increasing attendance characterizes the meetings of late, together with a disposition for social enjoyment and good fellowship.

Advertisement for 4 Full Quarts Whiskey, featuring John Schreyer & Co. Distillers. Includes price of \$3.00 and contact information for the distillery.

Advertisement for a Great Premium Offer to readers of The Bee. Features a beautiful picture for the home, a spirited battle picture, and a farming group. Includes details about the offer and contact information.

Advertisement for The Balloon by Julien Dupre. Describes the subject treats of a group of peasants in the harvest field, and includes details about the painting and its price.

Advertisement for The Defense of Champigny and The Balloon. Includes details about the paintings, their prices, and how to obtain them.

Advertisement for 'The Triumph of Love is Happy, Fruitful Marriage.' Promotes a book by E. Rie Medical Company, Buffalo, N.Y., and offers a free trial treatment for various ailments.