

Sons and Daughters of Protection

Unite With Bankers Union of the World,

AN OMAHA INSTITUTION.

The Former Society Issues a Circular Letter to Its Members.

The Consolidation Makes Both Orders Stronger.

Resolutions of Lincoln Lodge No. 1.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PROTECTION:

For four years, the Supreme Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Protection and the membership have endeavored to...

At the present time we have about 3,000 members in good standing, selected from among the best people of the State of Nebraska...

By way of introduction to our members, we would say that the Bankers Union of the World was organized November 10, 1898...

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We ask of our membership the same cordial and hearty support for the Bankers Union that they have given to the Sons and Daughters of Protection...

On last Tuesday evening at Lincoln, Judge E. P. Holmes in the chair, Lincoln Lodge No. 1 Sons and Daughters of Protection...

Whereas, it has been made to appear to the members of this lodge that this organization, the Sons and Daughters of Protection...

Resolved, That we, the members of Lincoln Lodge No. 1 Sons and Daughters of Protection, hereby ratify and approve of such action...

Resolved, That we hereby express our great appreciation of the efforts of the members of the supreme lodge...

Tickets now on sale to the winter resorts of the south, good returning until June 1st, 1901.

OMAHA & ST. LOUIS WABASH R.R. WINTER TOURIST RATES Special Half Rates Harry E. Moores, C. P. & T. A., Omaha, Neb.

POLICE WORK IN SILENCE

Will Pirane Cudahy Kidnapers Without Brass Band Methods.

CHIEF DONAHUE DECLINES PUBLICITY

Developments of Saturday Are Slight, but Sufficient to Encourage the Officers Who Are Working on the Case.

Saturday was not especially fruitful as to developments in the Cudahy kidnaping case. No new evidence of a striking character...

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CHIEF ISSUES ULTIMATUM

No More News Will Be Given to Newspapers Until Kidnapers Have Been Arrested.

J. J. Donahue, chief of police, has issued a decree to the effect that he is going to give out no more information to the newspapers in connection with the Cudahy kidnaping case...

An old detective, now in the employ of the government secret service, gave his opinion yesterday on several phases of the ultimate which the chief of police has in mind for the public attention...

"The police know perfectly well that Pat Crowe, if innocent, knowing that he is suspected, would come to Omaha from wherever he may be and try to see the chief of police...

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LEARNER SAW THIRD BANDIT

August Schlemme Is Confident He Can Identify One of the Cudahy Kidnapers.

August Schlemme, a farmer who lives with his family near Thirty-sixth and Curlew lanes, in the sparsely settled section...

"I've little more than two blocks from the cottage with the staircase on the side," said Mr. Schlemme, "but my wife and I—especially my wife—have taken an active interest in the new tenants of the house from the first."

BOARD WANTS BUILDING FUND

Subscriptions and Donations to the Auditorium Are Now Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

DEFICIT STILL STARES TAXPAYERS IN FACE

Levy for Coming Year Must Be Increased to Enable Board of Education to Meet Its Obligations.

During the first eleven months of the present year the income of the Board of Education amounted to \$881,776.29 and the receipts of the city treasury in 1899 were \$90,000, making a total of \$1,171,776.29 available for school purposes...

The board members are of the opinion that the levy must be increased to meet its obligations and provide for the increasing number of pupils. A 3-mill levy is advocated by most of the board members...

"On the night of Tuesday, December 18, my wife and I saw a light in the upper room of the mysterious cottage. It was not bright, however, being such a light as would shine through a thin-curtained window."

Chris Hansen, a milkman living on Center street near Russell street, an individual of considerable interest and importance in his neighborhood just now, as he, by a happy stroke of luck, saw Mr. Cudahy and his companion Wednesday evening as they drove westward on Center street with the white and red lights to deliver the \$25,000 into the hands of the kidnapers.

"Of course I didn't know it was Mr. Cudahy in the buggy then," said he, "and I didn't know they had \$25,000 in the rig, but I did see him to my right and windows, so I thought at the time it was rather queer. I supposed it was some bridge contractor going to hang a red light on an open bridge as a warning to travelers, or something of that kind."

Members of the board regard the money which this judgment will yield as funds of which they have been deprived in former years and consider no more than just that all income from that source should be devoted to the payment of past obligations and should not be considered as funds available for use in paying the current expenses of the schools for the incoming year.

HAPPY HOLLOW FIRST CHOSEN

Bandits Selected This as Site of Their Prison House, but Abandoned It.

A circumstance came to light yesterday which shows that the police were right in their conjecture that the little frame shanty out in Happy Hollow, property of N. N. Patrick, was rented to the kidnapers with a view to using it as a young Cudahy's prison house. It will be remembered that the Happy Hollow shanty was visited late in November by the sheriff and a posse that did not enter the shanty until found to be fitted with new locks, the windows covered with newspapers, and that it was abandoned forthwith by its tenants...

Mrs. Schneiderwind of Sheeley Station, wife of the broommaker, says she attended to the details of renting the cottage to the kidnapers and says she was searching on the morning of December 2 a man and a young woman driving a gray horse hitched to a light top buggy, stopped in front of her home, 34th Street Twenty-eighth street, calling on her to show them the house at Thirty-sixth and Grover streets belonging to her husband, and if it was for rent. She went out and talked with them a few moments. Then, as the day was cold, she asked them in the house...

"We talked the matter over for some time," said Mrs. Schneiderwind, "and the man, who gave the name of James L. Conner, seemed to want to rent the house on the first because he said he had a son to repair. I charged him \$6 a month in advance. Finally we agreed that, after the first month, any repairs he might think necessary he could have made and the cost would be paid by the man who had the house."

"But you can readily understand that a handiwork was enough to have the police carry it out so successfully would be too wise to strike out of Omaha with something like \$14,000 in gold on his person, while the entire country is wrought up over the kidnaping case," said Mr. Conner, "he is a right here, within a radius of five miles of the Omaha postoffice, that the money is buried, that the men are at work at some legitimate employment, and that these conditions will obtain until public attention is turned from the case. If you think the police get the right 'up' and arrest them."

DEATH FOR KIDNAPERS

Illinois General Assembly Will Be Asked to Pass Law Imposing Severe Penalty.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Illinois general assembly, which convenes in January, will be asked to make kidnaping for ransom punishable by death. Stirred by the kidnaping of young Edward Cudahy at Omaha and his release on payment of \$25,000 in gold, some members of the state legislature are determined that the Illinois law shall be amended so as to make liable to the gallows anyone who may commit similar crimes in this state. Already three state representatives from Chicago districts are engaged in drafting bills to be presented to this end.

The present law prescribes a penalty of five years' imprisonment or a fine of \$10,000, or both, except in cases of children under 12 years of age, when life imprisonment may be the penalty. Both democratic and republican members of the new general assembly assert that the death penalty will be adopted by a unanimous vote. Among those who are aiding in the preparation of bills to make kidnaping a crime are: Representatives-elect Frank C. Latham and A. W. Nohe of the Second district and Representative D. E. Sullivan of the Twenty-third. The first two are republicans and the latter is one of the leaders of the democratic minority.

ANTON KMENT IS CRUSHED

Former Councillman Knocked Down by Burlington Train and Presently Fatally Hurt.

Former Councillman Anton Kment, who resides at 1247 South Fifteenth street, was struck by the engine of B. & M. passenger train No. 2 on the crossing at Fourteenth and Mason streets a few minutes after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and so severely injured that extensive internal injuries were done.

Monday night the Scottish Rite Masons of Omaha will meet for regular business at the election of officers in the Nebraska constituency. John Arthur Epener, aged 2, died at 322½ Larch street and the remains were taken to Fairview cemetery, Council Bluffs, for interment.

The Mystic Shriners of Omaha will hold their annual meeting December 28 for the election of officers and delegates to attend the imperial council session which is to be held in Kansas City early in June.

Chief Donahue received a telegram yesterday from the chief of police of Seattle announcing the accidental death of Will Conolly, a former Omaha boy. He was a switchman and, though the telegram did not so state, it is supposed he was killed in the railroad yards. His Omaha relatives residing at Thirtieth and Cassel streets, were notified by the police.

EDIBLES FROM ALL LANDS

Delicacies from All Over the World Await the Buyer.

MERCHANTS MAKE SPECIAL PREPARATIONS

People with Long Purses Can Do as Well in Omaha as in Any Other City in the Country.

With a moderately full purse it makes little difference in these latter days of the century, from a gastronomic standpoint, where a person indulges himself on Christmas day, as rapid transportation brings to him the delicacies of the entire world.

There is everything in the local market which an epicure could wish and as far as seasons are concerned there is little difference between the latter part of December and the latter part of August. The melons have disappeared, but every other form of vegetable is to be found. String beans from Louisiana, tomatoes from Florida and the West Indies are available...

"At the butcher's the field is more limited than usual at the holiday season and generally there is nothing to eat but meat." Warm weather has kept the hunters from the haunts of game and so far but little, if any, venison has been shipped to Omaha.

At the fruiterers mind of all kinds are on the market. Small pineapples, gathered by the swarthy-skinned growers from the sides of the Sierras of Mexico, rest in boxes beside the almonds of Egypt. Pecans from Texas and walnuts from Nebraska tempt the palate of the citizen. An enormous evergreen tree hung with electric lights and decorations of many kinds stood on a platform near the broad stair entrance. From the stained glass skylight were suspended garlands and wreaths of green, while the ceiling of the balconies were brilliant with the national flag. The program opened with a patriotic air by the Seventh Regiment band, which was stationed on a platform near the rostrum.

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BULLS AND BEARS MAKE MERRY

Members of New York Stock Exchange Engage in Boyish Frolics.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

W. B. Price of Lincoln is at the Murray. Mr. R. Welch of Rising City is at the Her Grand. A. H. Allison of Norfolk was at the Millard.

FAIL TO PRODUCE WITNESSES

Fusionists Fall Down in Their Effort to Find Someone Who Will Testify.

The fusionists in the election contest were virtually lost yesterday. When asked to produce witnesses who would testify for them, they failed to do so.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Diphtheria is under quarantine at 27th and K. Leo Harch has taken out a building permit for a \$20 addition to be built at 16th and Larch streets.

Major David B. Wilson, chief commissary officer of the Department of the Missouri, has returned from a hunting trip to Arkansas, Neb. He was accompanied by his wife and son. The party returned to St. Joseph, Mo., yesterday and in addition bagged a number of quail and rabbits.

Nebraskans at the Merchants: Mr. and Mrs. John Payne and daughter of Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Richards of Chadron, Nebr., and Mr. and Mrs. G. M. H. Gurnea of Kearney, Mo. B. Horton of Lincoln, B. R. Latta of Tokamah, Mo. Frank of Grand Island, Nebr. J. E. Hall of Nebraska. Vaught of Millard and J. E. Hall of Petersburg.

INDIAN MEMBERS OF PARTY ANXIOUS TO AMPLIFICATE WITH OTHER SO-CALLED REFORM ELEMENTS.

Meeting of the Middle-of-the-Road Populist State Committee was held here today for the purpose of instructing delegates to the meeting of the national committee in St. Louis next Saturday.

BATTLESHIP ON SOUTH.

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After a careful and thorough examination of the contract and agreement entered into by and between the said Sons and Daughters of Protection and the Bankers Union of the World, I am convinced that said consolidation was for the best interest of the members and certificate holders of the Sons and Daughters of Protection and the said transfer meets with the hearty approval of this Department.

DECIDES FOR WESTERN UNION

Telegraph Company Wins Suit Brought Against It by Great Northern Railway.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 22.—A suit involving several millions of dollars, the value of the telegraph lines of the Western Union Northern railway from St. Paul to the Pacific coast, was decided late this afternoon by Judge Lochren in the United States district court in favor of the defendant, the Western Union Telegraph company. Its important victory, however, was not alone in the amount of money involved, for it was the general understanding should the railway company have won all the great railway systems of the country would, at the expiration of their contracts with the Western Union Telegraph company, have claimed the ownership of the telegraph lines along their right of way and either have operated them independently or have formed a consolidation, which would have been a strong competitor in the telegraphic field.

The suit was brought by the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway company (now the Great Northern), against the Western Union Telegraph company and the Northwestern Telegraph company, whose lines are now controlled by the Western Union company. In 1875 the Northwestern Telegraph company built the telegraph line along the right of way of the plaintiff road and in 1882 1,537 miles of line had been constructed. The same year the Northwestern company sent out to the Western Union, the consideration being \$1,800,000, together with a yearly rental of \$150,000 for a term of ninety-nine years.

Contracts had been entered into between the railway company and the telegraph company in 1875 and again in 1882 by which, among things, the telegraph company was to supply wires, poles, etc., and the railroad company to furnish transportation and labor for the construction of the lines, and the railway company was to furnish the operators. The case turned upon the construction of these contracts.

The plaintiff insisted that the defendant companies had no ownership in the telegraph lines, except an interest as a joint owner, and asked that the defendant be obliged to accept the value thereof and relinquish the lines to the Great Northern company. On the other hand, the telegraph company claimed to have a clear and un-

Receiver's Sale

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Must be sold at once by order of the court.

Fred G. E. Kuehn, Receiver.

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16th & FARNAM STREETS, OMAHA.

50 Per Cent Discount

on All Toys

PAY THE SALESLADY JUST ONE-HALF THE MARKED PRICE.

We must get rid of every dollar's worth of toys Monday and in order to do so will sell every toy of every kind and description at JUST ONE-HALF THE MARKED PRICE. This includes all toy furniture, such as Toy Dressers, Chiffoniers, Refrigerators, Bookcases, Desks, Commodore, etc. ALL KINDS OF TOYS, Dressed and Undressed Dolls, Drums, Blocks, Wagons, Hobby Horses, Dishes, Albums, Work Boxes, Games, Tricycles, Smoking Sets, Wood and Metal Toys of every kind, Handkerchiefs, Boxes, Perpetual Plants, etc.

TODAY'S BREAD AND GLASSWARE—25 PER CENT DISCOUNT TOMORROW. This includes everything—Fancy Cups and Saucers, Mosaic Chups, Sugar and Cream Trays, Vases, Fancy Plates, Salt and Pepper Shakers, Tea Sets, Lunch Trays, Cracker Jars, Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Lunch Trays, etc., etc.

mistakable title to the property in question, through the contracts it had acquired by reason of its absorption of the Northwestern company.

The suit had been pending since 1897 and the records submitted to the court were voluminous. Arguments have been pending before Judge Lochren since last Wednesday, a brilliant array of counsel being engaged on either side. Judge Dillon, for the defendant, made his final summing up this morning, and this afternoon Judge Lochren's decision was a verbal one, the written decision, which will be a lengthy one, to be filed some time next week. The judge held that the rights of both parties were the same at the expiration of the contracts as they were during the operation of the contracts. The court allowed no costs in the case for either side.

MID-ROAD POPULISTS MEET

Indiana Members of Party Anxious to Amplificate with Other So-Called Reform Elements.

A meeting of the middle-of-the-road populist state committee was held here today for the purpose of instructing delegates to the meeting of the national committee in St. Louis next Saturday. The principal topic under consideration was the proposition to organize all reform parties for the formation of a new political party. The Indiana delegation goes to the meeting instructed to hold out unrelentingly for the principles advocated by the Omaha and Cincinnati platforms, and to make no sacrifice other than the name of the party.

All the committee members favor amalgamation with the other reform parties, said Secretary Walker of the state central committee, "if it can be done without a sacrifice of our platform, as adopted at our national convention." National Chairman Joseph Barker was present at the meeting.

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It has always been the policy of this Department to encourage the consolidation of the various fraternal societies of this state for the reason that in so doing, the expenses incident to the management of such societies are very largely decreased and will result beneficially to all parties concerned.

I do not deem it advisable at this time to make a re-examination of the Bankers Union of the World, for the reason that a thorough and complete examination was recently made by this Department, and its result is favorable to all parties concerned.

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