

People and Things of Public Interest



DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTION OF THE DEGREE OF HONOR WHICH RECENTLY MET IN OMAHA—UPPER PICTURE SHOWS WOMEN BEHIND PARAPET OF NORTH ENTRANCE TO POSTOFFICE; LOWER PICTURE SHOWS WOMEN ON THE SIDEWALK.—Photo by a Staff Artist.

I NTERESTING to the women who have membership in the order was the recent convention of the Degree of Honor, the woman's branch of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, which met in Omaha. This very successful insurance order has built up a strong membership in the state and has added much to its interest by the institution of the degree for women. The women who have enlisted in this work are very active in pushing it forward, and the Omaha convention, which, only a district affair, brought together as many delegates as usually attend state conventions. They spent two days at their work, where they talked over matters of interest to members, witnessed exemplifications of the secret work of the order, and enjoyed some very fine drills by degree teams. The social side of the gathering was not overlooked, but was made one of the features, so that the visitors were entertained royally during the entire time of their visit to the city.

The election of J. W. Crabtree of Lincoln as superintendent of the State Normal school at Peru occasioned little surprise among those who were well acquainted with the workings of the state normal board. For at least a year past it has been known that members of the board were after the scalp of Superintendent Clark and that it would be gotten was a foregone conclusion when the new state normal school was located at Kearney. And during all this maneuvering over the location of the school there was never any one else mentioned seriously as a successor to Mr. Clark. That Mr. Crabtree will make a success as superintendent of the school there is little doubt, as he is recognized among the teachers of Nebraska as a foremost educator and an organizer and disciplinarian of more than ordinary ability. He is thoroughly acquainted with the workings of the schools of the state and will bring to the normal school probably more practical knowledge of what the school needs than any other school man in the state. Since 1897 he has been the inspector of accredited high schools of the state, chosen by the Board of Regents of the state university, and with the exception of the charges brought against him last fall, he has handled his office with satisfaction, evidencing much ability. Mr. Crabtree has been a school man all his life, teaching even before his graduation from the school to which he has just been called as superintendent. His first work of importance was at Ashland, where he was superintendent of schools, leaving there to become assistant in the department of mathematics of the state superintendents, from which place he went to Beatrice to become superintendent there. He has wonderful tact and belongs to the class known as "hustlers," even from the time he plowed corn over in Cass county down to the time he was president of the State Teachers' association, and up to this time. He is 40 years old, and just as pleasant and good natured about everything as a busy man can be, and while he has displaced a good instructor, his election has received the endorsement of the teachers of the state and those who take an interest in educational affairs.

What Royalty Costs

It is not generally realized what an expensive thing it is for an important nation to support its royal family. England, for example, pays out almost \$3,000,000 a year for the maintenance of its king,



OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT DEGREE OF HONOR ELECTED AT THE OMAHA CONVENTION.—Photo by a Staff Artist.



J. W. CRABTREE, NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NEBRASKA NORMAL SCHOOL AT PERU.

queen, princess, princesses and other royal dignitaries. The king and queen alone receive \$2,350,000 annually; the prince of Wales receives \$100,000, and the princess of Wales \$60,000 (what the United States pays

side of the bed to go through our devotions and was about half way through with them when my partner yelled and jumped about three feet in the air. A dog was under the bed. I guess he wasn't used to prayers. When everything was quiet he ran his cold nose against my friend's bare leg, scaring him almost into fits. The folk upstairs thought the house was on fire. My partner is a Sunday school superintendent now. I never hear him pray without thinking of that dog's cold nose. I guess there must be some of this radium in a dog's nose. It's always so cold that it sort of freezes a hole in you when he puts it against you."—Washington Post.

Straight Road to Success

"Now, Tom," said the general manager when the new boy reported for duty, "let me impress upon you that this is a critical period in your career."
"Yes, sir."
"You can climb to the top," said the general manager, wheeling around in his chair, "or you can fall to the lowest depths. All depends on yourself. Do you understand me, Tom?"
"Yes, sir."
"If you are honest, smart, truthful, tidy, diligent and pleasant to everybody you are certain to go onward and upward. You may not stop short of congress. You may even—ah, let me see—where were you born?"
"Jane street, sir."
"Is that in Brooklyn?" asked the manager with some apprehension.
"No, sir, New York."
"Yes, yes. Very good. Well, Tom, you may even become president. Yes, my lad, president of the United States. Do you understand me?"
"Yes, sir," replied Tom, beginning to whimper, "but this is me first job."
"Don't cry here," said the sympathetic general manager. "Your wages are \$3 a week. Go into the cellar and learn to peel onions. We use barrels of 'em in the pickling business."—New York Press.

Reasonable Reflection

John Farson, the Chicago banker, who has drawn up a list of satirical rules for entering society, holds that there is too much dissipation among the rich.
"A remark I heard the other day," he said to a reporter, "would apply well to the average society man."
"A middle-aged couple were talking about the Russo-Japanese war and the habits of Japan."
"How curious," the man said, "that Japanese custom is of taking off the shoes before entering the house."
"It is only curious," the woman retorted, "because it is practised at all hours instead of at night solely."

Solicitude

"Is your seat comfortable dear?" he asked when they had got settled in the theater.
"Yes, it is very nice," said the wife, smiling pleasantly.
"Feel any draught, dear?"
"Not a particle."
"No big hats in front of you, dear?"
"Not one."
"No posts in the way?"
"No; I'm very comfortable."
"Then change seats with me, dear!"—Yonkers Statesman.

its president). The Princesses Christian, Louise and Beatrice and the duchess of Albany receive \$30,000; the duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz receives \$15,000; the duke of Connaught \$125,000, and the duke of Cambridge \$60,000. Out of the income allotted to the king and queen must be paid the cost of the royal household; this includes the salaries and incidental expenses of almost 1,900 officers and functionaries. The king and the prince of Wales receive, in addition to their incomes, large revenues from several sources.—Harper's Weekly.

Spoiling a Meeting

"I've just been out to Weatherford," said an Oklahoma man. "The first time I went to Weatherford was about five years ago, when they wuz openin' up the country down there. The Rock Island was runnin' the Choctaw & Gulf road toward Oklahoma, and there was a boom on. My friend and myself got to within about fifteen miles of Oklahoma one night at dusk. We walked about eight or ten miles before coming to a farmhouse. The farmer didn't want to take us in because, as he told us afterward, he thought we were confidence men. Finally he and his wife and children climbed up a ladder to the garret, leaving us in the only bed in the house. My friend was a Methodist and I am a Presbyterian. We knelt down at the