

DEN NEEDS ROOF AND FLOOR

Annual Meeting of Board of Governors at American Friday.

FEW GOVERNORS NOMINATED

Board Has Some Funds on Hand Which Might Be Applied to the Improvements—Ex-Governors on Hand.

Hint of a new roof and a new floor for the "Den" is given in the notice of the annual meeting of the Knights of Ak-Sar.

As in former years, all members who pay their initiation fee before the annual meeting will be entitled to receive their membership card and button without going through the initiation ceremony.

The Board of Governors has the sum of \$2,500 in the treasury, which can be applied to these needed repairs.

The new floor will be a great boon, particularly for the annual ball, enjoyment of dancing of which has been hindered somewhat by the enduring nature of the dancing floor.

Three members of the Board of Governors are to be elected to succeed C. E. Black, J. C. Root and H. J. Penfold.

The lower boxes of the theater will be reserved for former members of the board. Annual reports will be read.

SENATOR ELKINS DIES AT HOME

West Virginian's Sudden Death Due to Blood Poisoning—Long and Noteworthy Career.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia died at midnight yesterday. At his bedside were his wife, his daughter, Katherine; four sons, David, Richard, Stephen and Elaine, and the physicians.

In the early evening there were persistent rumors in Washington that the senator's condition had become grave and fears were expressed that he might not live through the night.

Senator Elkins became ill in the early summer at his home in Elkins, W. Va. He was kept in strict confinement there and only the members of his immediate family were allowed to see him.

Senator Elkins' ailment had never become definitely known. In the summer he was reported to be suffering from intestinal trouble in many respects similar to acute indigestion.

According to the physicians in attendance tonight, the senator died from a complication of diseases arising from septicemia. Though no funeral arrangements have been announced, it is probable that the senator will be buried at Elkins, W. Va.

Man of Vast Affairs. Gentility and practicality were the predominant traits in Senator Elkins' character. He seldom was without a smile and his prevailing manner was courteous and sympathetic.

During a large part of the time of his service in the senate, Mr. Elkins was chairman of the important committee on interstate commerce. At the head of this committee he had charge of the bill of 1906, a railroad builder and owner himself.

Cost of Living Investigated. He was one of the first movers for an investigation into the high cost of living, which was inaugurated in the second session of the Sixty-first congress and when the controlling powers in the senate decreed he should not be chairman of the special committee appointed to make the inquiry, he was deeply chagrined.

Among the achievements standing to Senator Elkins' credit are the passage of the Elkins anti-trust bill, soon after he entered the senate, legislation providing for many important improvements of the Ohio, Kanawha and Big Sandy rivers; numerous amendments to the railroad bills of 1907 and 1910 and many modifications of the tariff. He was the first to suggest the use of the army engineers in building the Panama canal.

Born in Ohio. Mr. Elkins was born in Ohio in 1841. While still very young he went with his father's family to Missouri. He was one of the first graduates from the University of Missouri and as early as 1864 went to New Mexico where he lived for several years, becoming in succession attorney general, United States district attorney, territorial senator and delegate in congress from that territory.

While serving in congress Mr. Elkins married the eldest daughter of Henry Cassaway Davis, then senator from West Virginia. Soon after his marriage he established his home in that state and there built up a great fortune, largely through the development of the natural resources of the state. He came into possession of extensive coal and timber areas and was most active in putting their products on the market.

The republican party in West Virginia owes much to Mr. Elkins. He became chairman of the republican national committee which elected Benjamin Harrison to the presidency and became Mr. Harrison's secretary of war. His first election to the senate took place in 1886.

Narrow Escape from Quantrell. While residing in Missouri, Mr. Elkins taught school, and to this circumstance owed his escape from one of the most

thrilling situations of his eventful life. Riding one day toward the close of the civil war along a lonely road in the western part of the state, he was seized by a squad from the band of the Confederate guerrilla, Quantrell. He was charged with being a spy and the penalty was death. Fortunately for him, he was placed in the care of two brothers, who recognized the young man as their former teacher.

Appreciating his peril, they contrived his escape. The senator's new-found friends were Jim and Cole Younger, who afterwards became notorious as the most daring of the band of outlaws led by the James brothers. When after the close of the war the Youngers were captured and sent to prison on a life sentence for robbing a bank in Elkins, Mr. Elkins recalled their kindness to him. He exerted his influence to procure their release and ultimately succeeded.

Senator Elkins' friends believe that the recent gossip connecting the name of his daughter, Miss Katherine Elkins, with that of duke of the Abruzzi was a source of much embarrassment to him, but if such was the case, he never indicated it by his manner. He discussed all the rumors of marriage between the two young people with frankness, but while expressing admiration for the young Italian, always denied any knowledge of any understanding between him and his daughter.

UNIVERSITY ROOMS GET WARM

Higher Temperature Permits Resumption of Class Work at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Warmer weather Wednesday assisted the university authorities from climbing out of a tight hole and permitted a resumption of school work.

Although the Christmas holidays closed Monday evening, no attempt was made to hold classes until Wednesday morning, when the weather had moderated. The cold blast found the heating system of the university inadequate and rooms were so cold Tuesday that it was impossible to use them. Professors excused their classes for the day and students were given an additional vacation.

Incoming trains were late, so that many of the undergraduate members are still to arrive and the class work has been greatly interrupted by the cold weather.

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GAS MEN PRESENTING FIGURES

Company Makes Showing in Effort to Support \$272,000 Claim.

CROWLEY ESTIMATING SERVICE

Calculations Will Give Council Committee Real Value of Illuminating to City—Next Session Set for January 12.

Figures and detailed statements were presented by the gas company at a conference with the members of the council gas committee in the investigation of the claim for \$272,000 for service rendered the city since January 1, 1906, at a session held Thursday morning.

Statements covered the cost of operation of the plant and the city illuminating system, cost maintenance and depreciation. These statements were presented and will be used by the gas committee in a comparison with estimates and calculations to be presented by Dr. Charles Crowley, gas commissioner. Dr. Crowley's calculations probably will be completed in time for presentation at a meeting to be held one week hence.

The gas conference was held in the office of the city attorney, I. J. Dunn, assistant city attorney, was present. The gas company was represented by G. W. Clabaugh, general manager; F. W. Hamilton, president, and Attorneys W. J. Connel and W. H. Herdman. Councilmen Berka and Sheldon represented the gas committee of the council.

The ultimate settlement of the gas controversy is yet in the distance. The work which Dr. Crowley is prosecuting requires long and tedious calculations. It is, in brief, an attempt to arrive at an exact figure on the value of the service rendered the city.

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