

ECHOES OF THE ANTE-ROOM

Sons of American Revolution Hold Annual Election.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF CORPS Odd Fellows' Lodges Are Showing Much Activity—Several Local Lodges Announce Card and Dancing Parties.

At the annual meeting of Ethan Allen chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, held at the Young Men's Christian association building, May 1, the following officers were elected: D. C. Patterson, president; John W. Rattin, vice president; James R. Hayes, secretary and treasurer; A. K. Gault, historian. Those officers, together with John P. Flach, James Richardson, Dr. J. M. Baister and Jeff W. Bedford, make up the board of governors.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, South Omaha lodge No. 148 will have two candidates for the initiatory degree tomorrow night.

Danneberg lodge No. 25 will put on the first degree next Friday night.

August Thorpeken died last Wednesday afternoon at his residence, 1602 Military avenue. The funeral will be held at the residence this afternoon at 2:30. Rev. M. B. Williams will deliver the funeral sermon and S. K. Greenleaf will read a history of Mr. Thorpeken's activities as an Odd Fellow, Omaha lodge, No. 2 will give charge of the funeral and will give the funeral service of the order at the grave. The deceased was also a member of the Woodmen of the World.

The members of Omaha lodge No. 1 and Hegehan encampment No. 2 will leave Odd Fellows hall at 1:45 this afternoon and attend the funeral in a body. Interment will be at Forest Lawn. Crusader encampment No. 37 will put on the Royal Purple degree next Friday evening.

The Alpha Glee club gave a well-attended dance at Rushing's hall, South Omaha, last Monday evening.

Benson lodge No. 221 will have work in the initiatory degree tomorrow night.

Omaha lodge No. 2 will have work in the first degree next Friday night.

Ivy Rebekah lodge No. 22 will give a dance next Thursday evening.

The Odd Fellows hall association will hold its regular monthly meeting next Wednesday evening.

Beacon lodge No. 29 will have work in the initiatory degree next Tuesday evening.

Corps Plans Big Meeting. U. S. Grant Women's Relief corps, No. 104 will hold its regular meeting at Barlight hall Tuesday at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present, as this is the last meeting before the annual convention at Beatrice May 14 to 16, and the credential cards will be then issued to all delegates and voting members.

Circle Will Dance. Alpha Grove No. 2, Woodman Circle, will give a dance in Barlight's hall, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, Wednesday evening. All Woodmen and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Card Party Announced. Gate City hive No. 9 will give a card party on the afternoon of May 19 at 2:15 o'clock.

Fraternal Union of America. Banner lodge No. 11, Fraternal Union

of America, will hold regular meeting Thursday at their hall, Paxton block, Sixteenth and Farnam streets. Members are requested to attend. Important business. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 8 o'clock.

Cards and Dancing. Omaha lodge No. 1, Royal Achetes, will give a card party and dance Tuesday night. All members of the order and friends are cordially invited to be present.

Two Boys and One Girl Win in Contest For School Honors

At the home of Principal McHugh yesterday afternoon two boys and one girl were chosen to render musical numbers on the 1912 commencement program exercises of the Omaha High school in competition against fourteen other students. The successful students who will be heard at commencement Friday evening, June 14, at the Brandeis theater are: Edwin A. Reits, piano; Miss Hazel Williams, soprano, and Edward Undeland, violin.

From the time the first boy on the list rumbled forth in deep basso tones until a dainty pink-gowned miss tripped lightly over the ivory keys in a series of harmonious blends, there was a touch of interest to the contest which caused a wave of eager attention to sweep over the judges. Although fourteen of the seventeen had to be left off the list, their work deserves commendation in every respect, and it was only by careful distinction of slight technicalities that the judges were able to pick the winning trio.

Those who judged the work of the students were: Miss Jessie B. Towns, Miss Belle von Mansfeldt, Miss Alice Kennard, Miss Grace Hancock and Harry Cox.

Essay competition for the purpose of picking the other six student numbers for the graduation program will be held at the school Monday afternoon, May 20. The twelve honor students of the senior class will compete in this contest.

Mrs. Selby, William Colfax, her husband, who was a cousin of Schuyler Colfax, vice president under general Grant, died sixteen years ago. Mrs. Colfax was born in New York state and removed to Centerville, Ia., when a young bride. There three children were born to the couple. Two are alive today, Mrs. Selby of Omaha and William Colfax of Des Moines, Neb. Mrs. Colfax has been a believer of the Methodist faith all her life, and was an active member of the First Methodist church, Twentieth and Davenport streets.

Up until recently her health has been exceptionally good, considering her age. Tuesday of this week she suffered a severe stroke of apoplexy. She was unconscious for thirty-six hours, and regained consciousness yesterday morning, though unable to speak. She was able to look into the faces of her family and smile knowingly at them.

MOMENTARY CHANGE NOTED IN MRS. COLFAX'S CONDITION

At a late hour last night the condition of Mrs. Elizabeth Colfax, who is critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Selby of 608 Davenport street, took a turn for the better. Despite her momentary improvement no hope is entertained by the physicians and relatives for her recovery; her death is expected hourly.

Mrs. Colfax is 86 years of age, and has resided in Omaha for eighteen years. Her residence has been with her daughter,

WAR AND WATER DISCUSSED

Judge Morris Tells of Evacuation of Richmond.

MAJOR SCHULZ TALKS OF RIVER Believes Appropriation Should Be Secured and the Stream Made Great Commercial Highway.

An informal luncheon was given at the Commercial club yesterday, at which Judge Morris, United States district judge of Duluth, Minn., and Major Edward H. Schulz of the War department and river engineer were the principal speakers. Judge Morris gave his personal recollections of the civil war and the evacuation of Richmond to the confederate army.

At the opening of his speech Judge Morris asked those at the tables if they would prefer a comparison of commercial topics of Duluth with those of Omaha. The "wars" carried the day.

The judge was 8 years old when the war started, and owing to his father being president of the Southern Telegraph company after the firing on Fort Sumter, the family was located in Richmond throughout the unpleasantness.

"Never did we feel, though, that the Yankees could capture Richmond. McClelland, Briggs, Hooker and other generals of the union army had turned back. It was not until Grant became commander of the army of the east was there any fears for the confederate capital," said the judge.

"Even then we felt that Lee was invincible, and up to the day of surrender we felt that the confederacy would endure."

The judge described the siege of Richmond. After Sheridan had flanked the army of the gray at Five Forks, Grant pressed the advantage and within two days the rebel flag was lowered from the capitol and the stars and stripes raised in its stead. All fear of the union soldiers during the entire war of their plundering and robbing the homes was assuaged in the protection Grant offered the citizens of Richmond at the time of its evacuation by the confederate army.

Schulz Talks of the River. Major Schulz followed Judge Morris, detailing statistics of the Missouri river and its possibilities as a waterway. He referred to appropriations by congress for river improvement work in the state of Missouri and felt that if the people north of Kansas City would do their share the government would deepen the channel and make it a feature of Omaha's transportation facilities. He estimated that for \$22,000,000 a sufficiently deep channel could be had between Sioux City and Kansas City, which estimate he had already forwarded to congress.

"The government is expending \$20,000,000 for a deep waterway between Kansas City and St. Louis, the people in Missouri showing that they need the river. They have impressed it on congress that water transportation is a necessity to Kansas City, and that's what Omaha will have to do to successfully bring about a deeper channel north of here," he continued.

The major suggested a driveway along the river front on both sides between the two bridges. He also said that Omaha must show the river is of importance to a commercial way and prove that it will make use of it.

Major Schulz said that the channel between Kansas City and St. Louis would

reduce freight rates between Omaha and New York, pointing out that freight rates on this side of the Mississippi river are 35 cents and 72 cents additional between New York and the Mississippi.

Intervention Asked in Panama Election to Assure Fair Play

PANAMA, May 4.—The United States government has been requested to intervene in the presidential election in Panama to the extent of seeing that it is fairly conducted.

This fact was admitted today by President Arosemena in an interview with the Associated Press.

He said that the directorate of the Union Patriotica, the name given a party composed of friends of President Arosemena and Pedro A. Diaz, the official candidate for the presidency, had asked for American intervention such as was accorded in the elections of 1905, when Secretary of War Taft informed the Panama government that the election must be conducted fairly.

President Arosemena added that his government would welcome such intervention. The directors of the liberal and conservative parties also say they have requested the United States government to see to it that the election is fair. These requests are taken here to indicate that the political situation in the republic is a delicate one.

WOMAN DRINKS IODINE IN EFFORT TO END HER LIFE

Mrs. Grace Chestnut, 334 Dodge, drank two ounces of iodine last night in an attempt to commit suicide. She was cared for by Police Surgeon Ellwood, and is expected to recover.

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

PRETTY GIRLS SELL FLOWERS

Raising Money for New Hall for the Omaha Musik-Verein.

EXPECT TO RAISE A LARGE SUM

Early Sales Give Indications that Next Sum Will Be Added to the Treasury Before Young Women Quit.

Have you bought a flower to decorate your buttonhole? Then you will be caught sooner or later by one of the fifty pretty girls dressed in white who are carrying baskets full of carnations and roses on the streets and collecting 10 cents or anything that you will give. The motto of the girls is to give back no change.

The proceeds of the sales are to go toward the music hall of the Musikverein, a German society. The Concordia Music society, an auxiliary of the Musikverein, has planned the flower sale. They expect the receipts of Saturday to run between \$1,500 and \$2,000, the whole amount to go as a starter for a \$50,000 fund to build the hall. Several florists are furnishing the flowers.

At noon the cash turned in by the flower girls was \$225. Some bouquets have sold as high as \$10 and \$1 and \$5 are not uncommon prices to be given for the buttonhole decorations.

THREE CLOUDLESS DAYS DURING MONTH OF APRIL

The monthly meteorological summary issued by the local weather bureau for the month of April gives the rainy month a somewhat good record. Though there have been extremes in temperature, ranging from 31 degrees on the first of the month to 78 degrees on the 6th, the total precipitation is but 1.31 inches. But three days escaped with a clear record for sunshine, April 4, 7 and 8 not

seeing a cloud in the sky. Nevertheless, clouds have floated by, but to a large extent without a drop of moisture to lay the dust. The greatest rainfall in twenty-four hours was .70 of an inch, on April 29 and 31. The highest atmospheric pressure was 30.35, on April 7, the lowest 29.20, on April 13, with a mean of 29.92.

LOUISVILLE AUTOMOBILE BRIDGE Is Opened for Traffic Best and Shortest Road Between Omaha and Lincoln Roads Have Been Dragged and Are in Good Condition Platte River Bridge Co. Louisville, Neb.

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