

ECHOES OF THE ANTE-ROOM

New Fraternal Organization Called the Stags Opens Headquarters in Omaha.

PYTHIANISM MAKES GAIN

To its Elks and its Moose and its Eagles and other varieties of animal and bird life as demonstrated in social organizations, Omaha is about to add the Patriotic and Protective Order of Stags; in fact, has added them, since several hundred men of the city have already signed the charter application, and it is expected the new council of the order will start off with a membership of about 1,000.

The Stags have an employment bureau, it being a part of the business of the organization to put its members in touch with employment, or to put employment in touch with workmen, as the case may be. It also furnishes free legal advice to all members, their widows or orphans.

Knights of Pythias. Agreeably surprised were the members of Nebraska lodge No. 1, twice in one evening last Monday. First, by a visit from Grand Chancellor Dr. George W. Meredith of Ashland, who made a brief

speech on the Pythian field of Nebraska, from which it looks like Pythianism will make a good gain in the year 1915. Meredith is sure a Pythian booster. Second, by Chancellor Commander Taylor informing the Knights lodge would not be called to order as they had an invitation to attend the open meeting of the D. O. K. K. at Council Bluffs. At 8 o'clock sharp, rank work, music by A. F. Heier, a few three-minute whistling speeches, cards, eats and drinks. All members are requested to bring in on Monday evening applications for rank work in October.

Woodmen Circle. Mrs. Emma B. Manchester, supreme guardian of the Woodmen Circle, has returned from Des Moines, where she had been attending the Iowa Fraternal congress. The Woodmen Circle considers a high honor has been paid the order in the re-election of Mrs. Manchester as first vice president of the Iowa Fraternal congress. Mrs. Manchester reports a splendid meeting.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Omaha lodge No. 3 will have work in the initiatory degree next Friday evening. Grand Chaplain Mead of Silver Creek visited the Omaha lodges last week. L. V. Crum was presented with a forty-year Odd Fellows veteran pin last Monday evening by State lodge No. 19. Mr. Crum became a member of Lewis lodge No. 140, jurisdiction of Iowa, on October 17, 1914. Grand Warden Hoagland of North Platte was in Omaha last week. The grand lodge programs have been

published and show that visiting Odd Fellows, as well as representatives of the grand lodge, will be well entertained during their stay in Omaha. Dannebrog lodge No. 216 will have work in the initiatory degree next Friday evening. W. H. Larkin of the Odd Fellows' home at York came to Omaha last week for a four weeks' visit.

Order of Scottish Clans. Clan Gordon, No. 63, Order of Scottish Clans, held a regular meeting Tuesday. After business was disposed of a pleasant hour was spent with carpet bowls.

Modern Woodmen of America. October 13 has been set as the date for the entertainment to be given by B. & M. camp No. 845, Modern Woodmen of America. The affair will be held at the Douglas auditorium and will be for the families of the members and their friends. Elaborate preparations are being made and the camp is preparing for a large number of people. The meeting in the camp's club rooms in The Bee building last Tuesday evening was largely attended and much business was transacted. Several out-of-the-ordinary features are promised for the meeting next Tuesday evening.

Woodmen of the World. Lithuanian camp No. 44 will meet today at its hall, Thirty-fourth and U streets, South Side. Special initiation. South Omaha camp No. 211 will meet Wednesday evening, September 29, at 8 o'clock at McCann's hall, Twenty-fourth and P streets. A large class will be initiated. A. H. Randolph has been appointed deputy for this camp, which assures an increase in membership. Kosciuszko camp No. 32 made the largest increase in membership of any camp in South Omaha. It was due to the

efforts of Leo Raczak, clerk of the camp. Schiller camp No. 304 will meet Thursday evening, September 30, at its lodge room in German home, 4406 South Thirtieth street. A large class will be initiated after which refreshments will be served. Benson camp No. 238 promises some active work for woodcraft during the month of October. Colonel Mather, clerk of the camp, has returned home after a long absence inspecting the various encampments under his jurisdiction. Nebraska Hps No. 152 will meet Thursday evening, September 30, at 8 o'clock, at Thirtieth and Martha streets. This is the regular evening for initiation and a good attendance is desired. Comenius camp No. 76 held an interesting meeting on Saturday evening last at Bohemian hall, South Thirtieth street. It was attended by members and their families.

Former Omaha Woman Dies. Members of the Maccabee lodges of Omaha were grieved last week to learn of the death of Mrs. Orpha L. Eichelberger, wife of Frank Eichelberger, who formerly resided in Omaha. She died at her recent home at Monument, Kan., on September 17 and the body was taken to Muscatine, Ia., for interment.

The Maccabees. Omaha tent No. 35 will have a surprise for the boys Monday evening. The record keeper has just received several cases of fine Rocky Ford melons from the ranch of Sir Knight Coddling as a treat for the Maccabees, so come out and help dispose of them. New plans for field work will be discussed.

American Yeomen. Omaha homestead No. 144 met last Wednesday evening. District Manager Rostick was present and gave encouragement to the members, as well as outlining

the campaign for the fall and winter. Members interested in dances are joyful as about one-half of the new floor in the hall is laid. The floor will be finished by about October 1, and the next dance will be in the Yeoman hall at Nineteenth and Parnam streets. September 29 has been reserved for the drill team. The committee on entertainment for the children's festival, which has become an annual festival in Yeomenry, have arranged with the Hall association to have the festival October 22. The children under 14 years of age whether their parents are Yeomen or not, are invited to compete for the prizes in vocal, musical and speaking contests.

Tribe of Ben Hur. Mecca court No. 13 Tribe of Ben Hur will hold a short session next Thursday evening after which refreshments will be served. Surprise for members only.

Fraternal Union. Mondamin lodge No. 111, fraternal Aid union, met last Tuesday evening at B. right hall. Frank Cooster won the attendance prize. The next meeting will be held next Tuesday evening.

Miscellaneous. Isaac Gordin of Omaha will speak on "The War and Our Problem," Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Labor temple, Nineteenth and Parnam streets. The lecture is being arranged by the territorial labor party of Omaha.

Ivy camp No. 2, Royal Neighbors of America, will meet at their hall at Fifteenth and Douglas streets, at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, September 23.

A prize card party and dance will be given under the auspices of Red Wing council No. 2, Degree of Pochontas, Monday evening in the Continental building at 8 o'clock.

MANY DANES ARE COMING

Supreme Officers of the Danish Brotherhood Are to Stop Off Here.

SOME TO BRING THEIR FAMILIES

Commencing the week of October 4, the supreme officers of the Danish Brotherhood of America will be in annual session at Omaha and immediately afterward will leave for St. Paul, Minn., where the national convention is to be held during the following week. The Danish Brotherhood is the greatest association of Danes outside of Denmark and has lodges in nearly every state in the union and was organized in 1882 in this city.

There are now over 300 lodges in the United States. The Danish Brotherhood is a fraternal organization to which any Dane, either born in Denmark or of Danish parents, is eligible to become a member. There are now over 21,000 members and the association has a surplus of \$300,000 and since its organization has paid out for insurance over \$1,500,000, and during its organization has paid out over \$1,000,000 to its members for sick benefit.

The local Danish associations and lodges are making plans to entertain the delegates for the national convention who will make a stop over at Omaha on Sunday, October 10. They are expecting about 300 delegates, with families and friends, to be in Omaha for at least two days. A sight-seeing trip by automobile is arranged for Sunday morning, making a visit to Council Bluffs about 2 p. m.

The local lodge there has made arrangements for a reception in the Danish hall and after having been entertained will come back to Omaha, where a banquet will be tendered to all visiting members. Following the banquet will be a dance until midnight. The delegates are leaving by special train to St. Paul on Sunday night.

Commerce Alumni

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About 175 graduates of the High School of Commerce were present at the Alumni association meeting held Friday night at the High School of Commerce assembly hall with the June, 1914, graduating class, which will be the first four year class to graduate from this school, as guests of honor. The meeting was presided over by Karl Adams principal of the high school; Leonard McGrath, president of the alumni; and Leslie Noel, secretary. Short talks were made by Miss Alice Ryan, Leonard McGrath, Dr. Holovitchner, Leslie Haglund, president of the June '13; Helen Horton, vice president of February '14; Marion Rodgers, president of June '14; William Turner, president of February '15; Harry Wilson, Commerce editor; Alva Lloyd, June '15, and George Traber, June '16. A piano duet was given by Miss Weeks and Miss Sadie Weas. Mr. Adams also spoke on the several changes that were being made at the school. He stated that a new fire drill had been inaugurated in the routine of the school whereby they could clear the building in the period of one minute. He also said that lunch was being served cheaper.

Reporters from each senior class were elected to represent the different classes on the Commerce, the school paper. The following were elected: Elizabeth Watson, '13; Albert Dowling, '14; Dina Groes, '14; William Turner, '15; John Fitzpatrick, '15; Leah Keith, '15, and Marion Rodgers, '14.

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