

GOSSIP HEARD IN SOCIETY ROOMS

Druid Woodmen of the World Entertain Their Neighbors with a Program and Refreshments.

CONFER PROTECTION DECREE

Last Monday evening, Druid hall was the scene of one of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of Woodmen in many months. It was the occasion of Druid camp No. 24, entertaining Council camp No. 14, from Council Bluffs.

Maroon, No. 41, will meet Wednesday evening in Columbia hall, Twenty-second and Pierce streets. Matters pertaining to the camp's interest will be considered.

Omaha drove No. 135, Patriotic and Protective Order of Stags of the World, will meet next Friday evening at the Swedish auditorium.

West Lawn drove No. 142 met Thursday evening at Fifty-ninth and Center streets.

South Omaha camp, No. 211, will meet Wednesday evening, in Woodman of the World hall, Twenty-fifth and M streets.

Independent Order of Foresters. The Joint Installation of the Independent Order of Foresters, held last Tuesday evening, was a success.

Knights of Pythias. Nebraska lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, held its regular monthly entertainment Monday evening.

Knights and Ladies of Security. A union meeting was held Thursday evening by Omaha council No. 418, Omakia council No. 256, Loyal council No. 101, Oak council No. 133 and Harmony council No. 103.

President Garlock of Omaha council No. 418 acted as chairman. Refreshments were served, after which the evening was spent in dancing.

Banner Lodge Program. Banner lodge, No. 11, Fraternal Aid Union, will render a musical program Thursday evening at 8:30, at Myrtle hall.

Joint Installation. W. A. Fraser Grove, No. 1, and Alpha Grove, No. 2, of the Woodmen, met in joint installation exercises in the W. A. Fraser hall, in the Continental building.

Laurel Review. Laurel review No. 19 will give a card party next Thursday afternoon at their hall in the Continental building.

Lawton Auxiliary. The General H. W. Lawton auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans will hold their regular meeting at Memorial hall, court house, Wednesday afternoon.

Royal Neighbors of America. Pansy camp No. 10 held its regular meeting and installation of officers Friday evening.

Benson Odd Fellows. Misses Irene Horton, Florence Johnson, Messrs. A. J. McClung and Albert Cook will sing and Miss Alice McCreary will play at a musical program to be given by Odd Fellows' lodge Monday evening.

Belle Rebekah lodge of Benson installed its officers for the year last Friday evening. The drill team did the work.

Benson Workmen. Ancient Order United Workmen, lodge No. 357, Benson, installed its new officers last Wednesday evening.

Omaha tent No. 35 will entertain its members with a theater party Tuesday evening. Members should attend the review Monday evening so as to secure

tickets, which will be free. One hundred members have reserved seats for "The Witching Hour."

Modern Woodmen. Beach camp, Modern Woodmen, officially opened the new year last Friday night by the installation of new officers.

Red Men. Fontenelle Tribe No. 78, Independent Order of Red Men, and Red Wing council No. 3, Degree of Pocahontas, met in their wigwam at Twenty-fifth avenue and Leavenworth street.

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MRS. MOHR ANGRY WITH MISS BURGER

"I'd Have About Killed," She Wrote Relative of Girl Arousing Her Wrath.

SHE SHOWS MORE COMPOSURE

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 29.—After having repeatedly asserted that she never intended to divorce her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, and that there was no sincere desire on his part to divorce her, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, charged with instigating two negroes, Cecil Brown and Henry Spellman, to murder him, admitted on cross-examination today that she had discussed with her attorneys last summer the question of allowing Dr. Mohr to have an absolute divorce on the basis of his turning over to her his Newport villa, known as the Montpelier, and \$75,000 in cash.

Her Letters Interest. Apart from this testimony, the introduction of letters written by Mrs. Mohr to George W. Kooka, brother-in-law of Emily Burger, who was wounded the night when Dr. Mohr was killed, aroused much interest at the afternoon session.

One indicated that Mrs. Mohr, at the time she wrote it, was angry with the girl who she accused of breaking up her home. "If I got ahead of her Saturday," this letter said, "I'd have about killed her."

Mrs. Mohr seemed more composed on the stand today than she had been at any time since she began her testimony Wednesday afternoon. She reaffirmed her former declarations that she had nothing but undying love for her husband. She did not deny that she wanted Miss Burger to know her feelings.

"I was heartbroken," she declared, "and I wanted Miss Burger to know how distressed I was over her actions. But the doctor never would have married her."

Couldn't See Him. She denied telling the police officials after she was taken into custody that "the doctor was a terrible man." She admitted she did not see her husband at the hospital the night he was shot, pleading that the sight of him covered with blood was more than she could stand.

Asked to explain why she called up her attorney about 11:30 o'clock on the night of the shooting, she said it was to tell him she was going to the hospital as the doctor had been shot.

The attorney general finished his cross-examination just before adjournment. Mrs. Mohr's counsel will begin the re-direct examination tomorrow morning.

WANT UNCLE SAM TO CHANGE THERMOMETERS

Directors of the Omaha Manufacturers' association, appraising a committee headed by Fred E. Knapp to see if Uncle Sam will not arrange to install a centrifugal instead of Fahrenheit thermometer at government stations.

The centrifugal system of thermometer registering, places the zero mark at the point where the Fahrenheit freezing mark is located.

Because the movement for the adoption of this system is as widespread as the movement for the universal adoption of the metric system of measurements, Omaha manufacturers believe it is sure to come.

SHE WILL SPEND WINTER IN CALIFORNIA.



BRIEF CITY NEWS

Townsend's for Sporting Goods. Lighting Fixtures—Burgess-Granden. Have Not Print It—Now Beacon Press. Dr. Stokes removed to 474 Brand St.

Today's Movie program classified section today. It appears in The Bee EXCLUSIVELY. Find out what the various moving picture theaters offer.

City Hall is fumigated—Every nook and corner of the city hall was fumigated Friday night. Lingered fumes of formaldehyde addressed the olfactory nerves of city workers in the morning.

Bound Over for Toting Gun—W. J. Reed of Parsons, Kan., pleaded guilty in police court to a charge of carrying concealed weapons and was bound over to the district court with bonds fixed at \$500.

Madame Melba Goes West—Madame Melba was a westbound passenger on Northwestern-Union Pacific No. 1 enroute to California, occupying a drawing room in one of the cars. She was still sleeping in the train passed through Omaha.

New Gun Company—E. G. Heidehall and C. E. Kern have joined forces and have gone into the grain commission business, taking offices in the Grain exchange building.

The Bee is Sued for Damages—An unnamed oil burner company, which thinks it has been hurt, has brought suit against The Bee for \$50,000 damages, which it alleges was sustained by the publication of an article on oil burners.

Vacation at Uncle's Expense—Everett Bennett, 250 Parker street, left on an outing for a month at the expense of Uncle Sam. He is a naval reserve man and will go to the receiving ship at Norfolk, Va., from which he will be transferred to a battleship for a cruise.

NEED OVER MILLION MEN FOR DEFENSE

War Department Board Member Tells of What is Necessary to Guard Vital Areas.

WHOLE COAST LINE STUDIED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Why a force of at least 1,025,000 men would be needed to protect the "vital areas" of the United States against a strong enemy was detailed to the senate military committee today by Lieutenant Colonel W. G. Haan, a member of a War department board which spent seven years working out defense plans.

The board visited and studied minutely every part of the coast line. It reported in 1913, but its findings have been held confidential by the department.

Men Needed in East. To protect the various areas from Portland, Me., to Norfolk, Col. Haan added, the board had concluded that a total of 300,000 mobile troops would be necessary for this section, exclusive of the coast artillery supports and battery personnel.

The needs of the Pacific coast he gave as three divisions in the Puget Sound region; one at the mouth of the Columbia river; three at San Francisco and one at Los Angeles and San Diego. Six divisions should be held in reserve, he said.

"How large an army would these plans involve?" asked Senator Chamberlain. "One million and twenty-five thousand men to protect the critical areas," Colonel Haan replied.

Ships could lie outside of Boston, Col. Haan said, in discussing harbor defense, and destroy the navy yard, the state house, the Fore River works and the business district without being in range of the American guns. He recommended that eight sixteen-inch rifles for direct fire and sixteen twelve-inch long range mortars be added to the defenses, all with a range of more than 30,000 yards, against the maximum range of 15,000 yards of the present guns.

Montana in Grip Of Worst Storm In Twenty Years

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 28.—Montana is in the grip of the worst storm tonight in twenty years. Railroad traffic is demoralized by huge drifts and snow slides and the situation is aggravated by the temperature ranging from 2 to 24 degrees below zero.

Without any sign of abating, is the most severe of any within the memory of pioneers. The Northern Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads have abandoned the movement of freight. The Butte-Missoula passenger train of the Northern Pacific was wrecked by a broken rail with the thermometer 20 below zero, but no passengers were injured.

Billings reports the longest cold spell in seventeen years and a temperature of 25 below.

Many Men Called To Work, but Not Many Answer Call

Captain Klins of the Salvation Army yesterday issued a call for 100 men to shovel snow and succeeded in getting sixteen, notwithstanding that he visited all the cheap hotels and lodging houses in the city, where many men out of jobs

usually congregate. The captain also wanted fifty men to hustle freight around the Union Pacific freight house. He succeeded in finding twelve who wanted jobs. The experience of Captain Klins during the last week leads him to the belief that there are more jobs in Omaha than there are men to fill them. The work that is available is not easy, but the wages are very good. Wanted—Some Wants-Ads in exchange for lots of answers. Phone The Bee.

Advertisement for The Benson & Thorne Co. featuring 'New Spring Suits and Dresses' and 'Moderate Prices Prevail'. Text describes the quality and variety of garments available.

Large advertisement for Goodyear Tires. Includes the slogan 'Sets Many a Man To Thinking', an illustration of a man thinking, and a detailed list of tire features and benefits. Ends with 'There's a Reason' and 'The Old Reliable'.

Advertisement for Postum cereal. Features the slogan 'Sets Many a Man To Thinking', an illustration of a man thinking, and a box of Postum cereal. Text describes the health benefits of Postum compared to coffee.

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