

BURKETT MAKES GREAT SPEECH BEFORE MASON

One Thousand Members of Order Pack Hall; Patton Presented With Beautiful Jewel by Rite.

The spring convocation of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonic bodies of the Valley of Omaha, came to a conclusion with a banquet at the cathedral Thursday. More than 1,000 members of the order packed into the big dining room and overflowed into the parlors.

Former United States Senator E. J. Burkett of Lincoln was the principal speaker of the evening, his topic being: "Is the Old Flag Worth Fighting For?" His answer to this question brought forth round after round of applause from the assemblage, and many of his statements were cheered to the echo. Senator Burkett not only finds that the old flag is worth fighting for, but predicted a sad day for the man who fails to fight for it now. The fight will not be in Europe alone, but here in America, in Nebraska as well as in France, said he.

Speaks to Soldiers.

Speaking to the young soldiers who were present, he said: "You, young men are going to the trenches, to fight for the liberty not of your land alone, but for all the world. You are going forth to fight a great battle, to accomplish a great work, to win a great victory, and we who can not go will stay behind to back you up in every way we can."

"If the government has the right to conscript the young men of our country to go forth to fight, it has the right to conscript the labor of every man who remains behind—of every enemy alien and every neutral as well. I have only contempt for the man who comes from abroad to seize on every opportunity our flag offers him, and who will give nothing in return. But I have no words to utter my detestation for the man in whose veins flows American blood who will not now do all he can for the old flag and the cause it represents. Our government is now pledged to give every drop of blood and every dollar of property to the securing of victory, and we must make good on that pledge."

"No greater tribute was ever paid to the American flag than when the nations of Europe, England, France, Italy, and what was left of Russia turned to it as the only hope of democracy, looking to us to win the victory for human liberty."

Patton Gives Present.

At the beginning of the program Tinley L. Coombs, 33d honorary, presented Frank Cagill Patton, 33d sovereign grand inspector general for Nebraska, a magnificent jewel of his rank, on behalf of the brethren in the state. This jewel is of special significance, because it was paid for by donations from the members of the rite in this state, and was made in Omaha, being turned out by the B. Brown company.

Mrs. Cuthbert Vincent, for the Scottish Rite Woman's club, presented the bodies a beautiful grand piano, which was accepted by W. E. Rhoades, president of the governing board of the cathedral. Other speakers of the evening were Marshall Harrison of Dunbar, who spoke for the class and J. W. Boyd, 33d honorary, of Washington, D. C. T. W. McCullough was toastmaster.

A class of nearly 100 took the 31st and 32d degrees yesterday, the work occupying the entire day.

Tangier temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will hold its ceremonial session today.

Protests Paying Taxes on Property of Former Wife

Albert Edholm has filed with the city clerk a protest against payment of 1916 city personal tax on property at 116 South Thirty-sixth street, for the season as follows:

"Divorce granted me by Judge Sutton April 2, 1914, awarded former wife this property and \$25,000. Therefore it belonged to her at the time of this assessment. Assessor said she refused to fill in or sign blank, so he put in my name."

Guardian Seeks to Have Ward's Marriage Annulled

Ida Nixon, as guardian of Alice Panagopoulos, 13 years old, asks the district court to annul the marriage of her ward to Nick Panagopoulos, which took place on January 15, 1917. She alleges that since the date of the marriage they have not lived together and that the ceremony was performed without permission.

She asks that the child's name, Alice Barr, be restored.

Alleged Auto Thief Caught; Wife Aided in Transaction

C. B. Mullin, 549 South Twenty-sixth street, was arrested Thursday and is being held at the police station for investigation. Officers alleged that on March 17 he stole an automobile parked at Seventeenth and Douglas streets and later his wife sold the car to the Sample-Hart company at Eighteenth and Burt streets. The stolen machine was the property of Dan McManigal, Pacific Junction, Iowa.

Storz Is Allowed Access To Skinner Company Books

Gottlieb Storz is allowed access to all the books and papers of the Skinner Manufacturing company, according to an order issued Wednesday by Judge Troop in district court. The Skinners are ordered to allow Henry C. Moeller to prepare a statement of all assets and liabilities of the concern and to determine profits and losses for 1917, and the current year to date.

Husband Says Wife Goes To Movies With "Other Man"

Attending moving picture shows with another man, and the use of vile language, are allegations in a divorce petition filed in district court by Bert R. Gibbs against Estella. The couple were married January 21, 1912 in Tacoma, Wash.

Laura Sturdevant asks a divorce from Rita, on the grounds of alleged desertion.

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—New Beacon Press.

Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Granden.

The War Tax Service Bureau solves income tax problems. Audits accounts. Prepares Returns. Expert advice. \$500. Om. Nat. Bk. Tyler 321.

Prudent saving in war times is a hostage to opportunities of peace. Play safe by starting an account with Nebraska Savings & Loan Assn., 241 S. 15th St. \$1 to \$5,000 received.

Two Men Held Up—Emmanuel and A. H. Hagstrom, two South Omaha first street men were held up and robbed by two men at Twenty-first and Arbor streets when they were returning home at 11 o'clock Thursday night. Jewelry and \$5 in cash was taken.

Speaks On Conservation—Mrs. Harriet MacMurphy spoke on "Conservation and Hygienically Prepared Fruits" at the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Franco-American Retailers, which was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Harmon Thursday night.

Makes Own Division—C. Bloomquist, Edward hotel, is alleged to have divided his sales for the Brandeis stores 50-50. One half of his sales went to his employers, the balance he retained. He pleaded guilty to perjury in police court and was sentenced to 20 days in jail.

Fine fireplace goods at Sunderlands.

EDWARDS TELLS THRILLING TALE OF BATTLE HATE

Germans With Utmost Ferocity Refused to Take Canadians Prisoner, But Shot Them or Let Them Die of Wounds.

"It's a slow, slow way of getting a meal, shelling oats," said Sergeant Edward Edwards, survivor of the Canadian Princess Pat regiment, in his Liberty loan speech at the Auditorium Thursday, when he told of living on oats plucked from the fields while he was escaping from a German prison, to Holland.

Edwards is not a fiery talker at the start, but when he gets warmed to the speech, he tells a thrilling story, and the best of it is he does not seek to put the thrills into it. He has no tricks of latigo to make the story glow, but he just tells it in the shortest and simplest way, and there is much of it that half the people in the audience heard him through with their mouths wide open.

End of the Princess Pats.

Description of the fight in which the Twenty-first Prussians annihilated the famous Princess Pats, and killed the Canadians right and left even after some of them had surrendered, so awed the audience that one could have heard a pin drop at any time.

He told of one man who threw up his hands and surrendered, whereupon a Prussian pressed his rifle against the man's back and blew such a hole in his groin that he bled to death in five hours, though Edwards and the few other prisoners who had been spared, sought all that time to stem the flow of blood with old bandages they picked up.

"We had no good bandages," he said. "Such as we had, had been used before, and were dirty. The Prussians would give us none.

No Mercy From Prussians.

"One of our men right beside me got a wound and dropped to his knees. He couldn't get up. A Prussian stood over him and threatened him. The wounded man looked up at the Prussian and said, 'God, man, play the game.' The Prussian played the game by sending a bullet through his head.

"Several of the boys tried to surrender when but a dozen or two of us were left alive, but the Germans did not want to take prisoners. One fellow put up his hands and a Prussian blew his hand off with his gun. After we were taken prisoner, the Germans would give no attention to the rest of us who were wounded. So we took an old pocket knife and whittled off the fragments of his hand which still hung on. When we got to the prison they would give me no attention and he died in 14 days of blood poison.

Finally Made Escape.

Sergeant Edwards gave the gripping details of his life in the prisons and the several attempts he and his comrade made to escape. After starving on raw turnips and green oats, he said, they came to a potato patch, dug some potatoes and roasted them. "All the price potatoes are now," he said. "I think we ate a fortune."

J. R. Pullis, the first wounded Omaha boy to return from the front, was on the stage with his crutches. His foot still is in very bad shape. He was asked to speak, but only said a few words. He begged to be excused, because he said his sister was very low in a local hospital and he wished to hurry to her bedside.

Talk by Aviator.

Dorothy Frooks, the national aviatrix, in her talk declared that every man in the room between 21 and 31 belonged in the khaki or the blue if he has no dependents, and that people must begin to take the war more seriously.

Miss Frooks and Sergeant Edwards leave for Lincoln this morning, where they speak today.

Union Outfitting Company Gives Monthly Dance

More than 300 employees of the Union Outfitting company and their friends gave their monthly dance Monday night in the Metropolitan hall. There was a prize waltz, in which practically all entered and which was enjoyed immensely. The hall was decorated and each one present was presented with a shamrock. The affair was entirely formal and dancing was enjoyed by all. Grapé juice punch, the new product of the Omaha Selling and Advertising League, was served.

Hustle For Recruits; See Base Ball Games

Major Frith's helpers in the Omaha recruiting work are base ball fans. The major has written to Pat Rourke suggesting that a season ticket to the base ball games would be acceptable. If his "drive" is successful, he plans to allow the man who brings in the most recruits one day to attend the base ball game the following afternoon.

SOUTH SIDE

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Victim of Crash Taken Away Before Officers Arrive at Scene; Taxicab Driver Arrested.

A woman, bleeding about the head and face, was taken from the scene of an automobile accident at Thirteenth street and Missouri avenue early Friday morning by two other women and a man whose identities have not been learned.

The driver of the car, who remained after the other occupants had fled, gave his name as Charles Peterson. Sixteenth and Grant streets, but refused to divulge the names of the others in the car. Peterson says he is a taxicab driver for the Carlton Taxicab company, 417 South Fifteenth street. The car belongs to the company.

Witnesses say the car was driven at a high rate of speed. In making the turn at Thirteenth street and Missouri avenue the car swerved to the right, going over the curb and crashing into an empty store building at the southwest corner of the intersection. The right rear wheel was demolished and the windshield smashed. Glass from the broken windshield is thought to have caused the woman's injuries. Peterson was arrested and taken to the South Side police station, where he was charged with intoxication and reckless driving.

Farmers From Howell Sell Hogs for Red Cross Funds

Nebraska farmers are still bringing in loads of hogs and selling them at auction for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The last load to arrive came from farmers near Howell, and was collected through the efforts of John Fuchs, a Spanish-American war veteran, and hog buyer of Howells. There were 84 hogs in the shipment, which was sold to J. W. Murphy at \$17.35 per hundredweight, netting the Red Cross approximately \$2,725.

Cudahy Packing Company Installing Ice Machine

Two new electrically driven ice machines of 300 tons daily capacity are being installed in the Cudahy Packing company's plant at a cost of about \$100,000. It will take about two months to install the machines and put them in operation. These new machines will save 75 per cent in space as compared with the old steam driven machines.

South Side Sewer Main Is Causing Much Trouble

The big sewer main leading from the yards to the Missouri river is completely choked up and is causing considerable trouble. Because of the danger of the dammed up part breaking suddenly workmen cannot go below this point. The dam is thought to be somewhere between the stock yards and the Morris packing plant.

Former Lincoln Teacher Dies at Seattle, Washington

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Charles Burch, at Seattle, March 11. She was formerly Miss Jennie Allen, and was at one time principal of the South Lincoln school. She was an active P. E. O. worker, and served as supreme organizer for that order.

South Side Brevities

Complete list of Columbia Grafianas and records. Come in and let us demonstrate KOUTSKY-PAVLIK CO.

A FEMALE FAIRBANKS.

That's what you'll say when you see Ann Pennington in "The Antics of Ann," at the Bass tonight.

Bill Hughes, laborer, was fined \$10 and costs at police court Friday morning for having drunk. This was his second offense since May 1.

FOR SALE.

One Ford 5-passenger touring car, \$210. Recent demountable rim, 5 tires, spot light, speedometer, tire carrier. Call between 6 and 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. South 4471.

Telephone: South 555 and order a case of Oma or Lactona, the healthful refreshing Home Beverage, delivered to your residence. Omaha Beverage Co.

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WOMEN ARRIVE FOR LIBERTY LOAN MEET

Assemble at Lincoln to Listen to Mrs. Fuller's Explanation of the Work in Big Drive.

Mrs. George W. Fuller, Kansas City, chairman of Woman's Liberty loan committee for the Tenth Federal Reserve district, and Mrs. A. G. Peterson, Aurora, Neb., chairman of the Nebraska Woman's Liberty loan committee, were guests at a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday noon.

Mrs. Fuller is making a tour of the seven states in the Tenth district for the purpose of perfecting and examining the work of the women.

The speakers, besides Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Peterson were, T. C. Byrne, Omaha director of the Federal Reserve bank; O. T. Eastman, cashier; E. F. Folda, secretary of the Federal Reserve bank, and Dorothy Frooks, who is in Omaha to speak at the Liberty loan mass meeting.

Urge Church Attendance.

Mrs. Fuller urged the women to promote the observation of the patriotic "go-to-church" Sunday, set by McAdoo, for April 7 and the patriotic celebration suggested for all rural schools, the night of April 12.

"To the women the spiritual and educational part of the work has been assigned," said Mrs. Fuller.

Mrs. Fuller explained that Secretary McAdoo suggests that the prize of a Liberty bond be given to the girl or boy who makes the best five-minute talk on Liberty loans, that the flag be displayed and a living tableau be presented in order to impress on the community the purpose of this movement.

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Uniqueness is a large part of the charm of "Mary's Ankles," we mean the play, not the ankle. The latter is like many other feminine ankles, all beautiful—so we have been told. But the uniqueness of the play is in its plausibility, in its ease and naturalness of situation and the almost complete absence of our old friend, coincidence, who works so hard in most farces and comedies. There is no mixing up of three or four wives and husbands, no getting into the wrong room, nothing of the usual paraph