

ECHOES FROM THE LODGE ROOM

Pythian Sisters Gave Whist—Relief Corps Oldest Member Seriously Ill—Odd Fellows Sovereign Grand Lodge Met at Atlanta—Red Men's Traveling Canoe Arrives—Spanish War Veterans Receive Uniforms.

REBEKAHS.

The regular meeting of Hope Rebekah lodge, No. 21, on Wednesday evening in Odd Fellows' hall had a good number attending. Nobis Grand Laia B. Palmer presided. The business meeting was a short one, being occupied principally with routine business, but an invitation from Canton Oneco was received to unite with the other Odd Fellows in the Poll evening next Wednesday, when the orchestra at the theater is to be reserved for the tickets sold through the canton and the Odd Fellows.

After the business, the entertainment committee took charge, furnishing a very pleasant entertainment which was appreciated by the members. The electro-scope was shown by Mrs. Minnie Amburn and an art-gallery made an interesting feature. Hours being guessed every one of the twenty-nine articles right and John J. Parsons guessed all but one. Ice cream and cake were served.

ORDER OF PROTECTION.

At the regular meeting of Thames lodge, No. 126, on Tuesday evening in Foresters' hall there was a large attendance which included Grand Secre-

tary Jeremiah Wall of New Haven and Deputy William Kingdon of New London. Warden Henry Condon, who represented the lodge at the deputation meeting in New Haven, gave an instructive report from that gathering, which was also supplemented by the report of Secretary M. J. Foley.

Deputy Kingdon outlined some of the plans for fall work, among which he mentioned the celebration of the twenty-third anniversary of the order, which was founded on Nov. 12, 1887. It is probable that the anniversary will be celebrated with several public meetings in this vicinity, the three lodges in Norwich uniting, the lodge in Groton uniting with the two in New London, and Jewett City, Plainfield, Danlison and Putnam making another group. All these winter meetings will be arranged to be of much public interest, so that they may result in much good to the order and the lodges. None of the dates have been determined yet.

Slater lodge, No. 509, held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening in Pythian hall, with Warden George A. Howard in the chair. Deputy Adelia Warden of New London was a visitor. Routine business occupied the meeting, but after adjournment ice cream was served and a pleasant social time enjoyed.

ODD FELLOWS.

Canton Oneco, No. 4, is expecting to fill the orchestra at Poll's next Wednesday evening with Odd Fellows and their friends, as the theater management has put all the tickets for this section of seats into the hands of the canton, who have invited all the members of Uncas lodge, Shetucket lodge, Palmyra encampment and Hope Rebekah lodge to make it Odd Fellows' night at the theater. The canton profits from the sale of tickets and the proceeds will be used to help swell their fund for the entertainment of the state body at their expected coming here.

At Atlanta during this week the sovereign grand lodge of the I. O. O. F. has been holding its meeting. Probably the most interesting part of the report of Grand Sir W. L. Kaykendall is that dealing with the action taken by him in the cases of The Ladies Militant, Oriental Order of Humanity and Protection, The Imperial Order of Moscovites and the Improved Order of Moscovites. According to the report, these orders, under the name of "this grand body" and have adopted or appropriated the uniform, regalia, emblems, name, title, mottoes or initials of this order. The sovereign grand lodge passed a resolution to the effect that any member guilty of belonging to orders which fall under the above category shall be expelled.

In regard to the condition of the order he said: "At the close of last year the condition of the order as reported from all parts of the world was as follows: Subordinate membership Dec. 31, 1909, 5,541,088; encampment membership Dec. 31, 1909, 217,533; Rebekah lodge membership Dec. 31, 1909, 632,615; brothers, 2,900; sisters, 18,925; Patriarchs Militant membership Dec. 31, 1909, 24,351; total membership, including subordinate lodge members sisters only of Rebekah lodges, 1,952,421.

Brothers who are members of Rebekah lodges are not included in the last item. Net increase for each branch of the order for 1909: Subordinate lodge membership, 41,695; encampment membership, 1,268; Rebekah lodge membership, 23,684; Patriarchs Militant membership, 2,215. Revenue or receipts in 1909: Subordinate lodges, \$14,990,671.80; encampments, \$917,833.14; Rebekah lodges, \$962,149.81; total revenue, \$16,872,724.66.

Expended for relief in 1909: Relief by lodges, \$4,941,638.23; relief by encampments, \$324,422.84; relief by Rebekah lodges, \$90,844.82; total relief, \$5,356,925.89. Total relief from 1820 to Dec. 31, 1909, as shown by the records, \$156,882,367. Total invested funds, \$49,511,418.26.

In another part of his report the grand sir came out in favor of the establishment of a national tariff for the order, but this was defeated when it came to a vote before the sovereign grand lodge.

PYTHIAN SISTERS.

Their first whist of the season was given on Monday evening in Pythian hall by Clover temple, No. 9, but was rather slight in character on account of the rain. The evening was a pleasant social affair and when the counters finished their work the following prizes were announced: First—Mrs. M. J. Hourigan, 35, a silver thimble; A. C. Everett, 37, a book; second—Mrs. W. T. Browne, 32, collar pins; W. H. Hartle, 28, a chair; third—Mrs. M. J. May Joslin, 15, a match tray; George H. Stanton, 15, an ash receiver. Second prize on the ladies' counter was won by Mrs. W. T. Browne. Mrs. Brownie winning from Mrs. Louis Manchester. Cake and coffee were served.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, A. O. H. Mrs. Mary T. Hanley of New London, county president, was a visitor on Monday evening at the regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Pythian hall, where there was a good attendance, with Mrs. Mary Siney, the local president, in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Hanley told of the progress of the order in the country, showing that all were maintaining a good degree of interest. On October 15th the county convention is to be held in New London. This will be an important meeting and will call for a large attendance from all the auxiliaries of the county.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

During the past week the committee of Thames council, No. 1331, has distributed to the members the tickets for the whist to be given next Wednesday evening. A whist given in the spring was successfully carried out by the council, both from a financial and a social standpoint, and it is expected to make this one just as much of a success.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS. The regular meeting of Major R. S. Griswold command, No. 8, was held on Wednesday evening at the armory, disposing of routine business and also making plans for a whist and smoker at the next meeting. Several of the new uniforms have come and were given out to the members for whom they were intended.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. At their regular meeting on Friday afternoon at the Buckingham Memorial, the members of Sedgwick corps, No. 16, were grieved to learn of the illness of one of its members, Mrs. Emma Downer, whose condition was reported to be serious. Under the good of the order, Mrs. W. E. Manning entertained the members with a recitation, The Prize Revery, given in fine form. There was a good attendance at the meeting, the regular officers presiding.

L'UNION ST. JEAN BAPTISTE D'AMERIQUE. At the meeting of Lafayette council, No. 297, in Foresters' hall on Thursday evening a committee of two—P. H. Ehlner and Mrs. Joseph P. Brunelle—were named to arrange for a whist at the next regular meeting. They are to select their helpers for the whist. The reports from the New Hampshire convention, which had been expected to be given Thursday evening, were postponed and will probably be given on the whist evening.

RED MEN. Three visiting brothers from Oneco tribe, No. 54, of Stafford Springs, journeyed to this city on Wednesday evening to attend the annual fair of Tecumseh tribe, No. 43, bringing with them the traveling canoe, which has been through 24 hunting grounds of the state and is now on its way to Oneco tribe, No. 32, of Norwich. J. P. Hourigan, Thomas P. Jenkins and Wilber Liberty, the three Stafford Springs Red Men who brought the canoe, which they entrusted to the Tecumseh brothers with long talks. The local tribe placed the canoe in the hands of a committee, which has put it on exhibition in the window of the P. A. Wells company store and will arrange to attend to its safekeeping in this place before passing it along to some other tribe. At the conclusion of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed with cake, ice cream and cigars furnished by the entertainment committee.

MODERN WOODMEN. Tonic camp, No. 7694, had a good attendance on Thursday evening for its regular meeting in Pythian hall. Some plans were talked over and it was decided that an entertainment evening would be advisable for an early date. A committee of five—William C. Patterson, Charles C. Clegh, George H. Stanton and Lee Clegg—were named to have this in charge.

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UNITED WORKMEN.

Grand Recorder Strohn reports that the tenth stated meeting of the grand lodge of Connecticut, which will be held in Bridgeport Oct. 30th. Headquarters will be at the Stratfield. The general committee of the Bridgeport lodges who are arranging for the meeting, are: Frank H. Beckwith, a member of Union lodge, No. 10, of Niantic, who died Aug. 1, aged 63; a member of the order for twenty-five years; William Bacharach of Nathan Hale lodge, No. 29 of Hartford, who died Aug. 24, aged 67, a member for eighteen years; and James McDade of Taft lodge, No. 25, of Watville, who died Aug. 26, aged 68, a member for twenty years.

The total amount of death benefits paid by the A. O. U. W. to the beneficiaries of deceased members from organization of the order (Oct. 27, 1848) to Aug. 1, 1910, amounts to \$174,016,591.21.

ODD FELLOWS, M. U.

Loyal Hugh H. Osgood lodge, I. O. O. F. Manchester Unity, of Taftville, had this regular meeting Friday evening in their lodge rooms and exemplified the blue degree. A new application was considered and was accepted by the order. It was voted to hold the annual church parade on Sunday, Sept. 25, and to attend divine service at the Taftville Congregational church in a body, meeting at the lodge rooms at 10 o'clock sharp. P. G. M. Brother Moore, P. G. M. Brother Ross and P. C. S. Brother Barnes of the Connecticut district will be in attendance at this time.

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The Russian symphony orchestra, under Modest Altschuler, will open its eighth season at Carnegie hall, New York, November 17. Among the soloists this season will be the Canadian violinist Kathleen Parlow, the German baritone Alexander Helmenann, the Polish pianist Xavier Scharwenka and the Russian cellist Joseph Malkin.

NEAR-PANIC IN BANK.

How a Small Cause Produced Alarm- ing Effect. There was considerable excitement at the Waterbury National bank on Tuesday afternoon, and the excitement collected a big crowd. But there was reason for the crowd to collect. The people in the street naturally got curious when they saw the patrol wagon tear down Bank street and stop in front of the bank. They were sure something had happened when they saw half a dozen patrolmen jump from the auto and enter the bank. But it was only a false alarm. The alarm signal of the bank at the police station had gone off in some mysterious manner and the police of course beat it for the bank. But it was only an accident. —Waterbury Democrat.

The "Boy Scouts" movement has reached the Malay peninsula and Singapore is to have a fine organization under the patronage of the governor and chief justice. It is a good thing in many ways, aside from the military training, and bids fair to become one of the permanent and most popular institutions of the peninsula. All through the British colonies "Boy Scouts" organizations are being formed.

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