

ECHOES FROM THE LODGE ROOM

Royal Arcanum Officers Seated—Waterbury Councils Preparing For K. of C. State Convention—United Workmen Have \$273,000 in Reserve Fund—Owls Working Successfully For Annual Ball—Supreme Secretary to Be Speaker at St. John Baptiste Public Installation.

INDEPENDENT FORESTERS.

When Court Norwich, No. 95, Independent Order of Foresters, was instituted in this city on October 29, 1911, it chose for chief ranger Richard B. Twohig, one of the two local men who had been most instrumental in accomplishing the organization of the court.

at which the supreme secretary of the order, Mr. Vestina of Woonsocket, is to be here to make an address. Later in the session the court expects to take up some public relations work for the county tuberculosis sanatorium.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Past Grand Regent Oscar L. Burdick of Stamford, assisted by Past Grand Regent White of South Norwalk as grand guide, installed the officers of the court on Tuesday evening, at Buckingham Memorial.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

The following were placed in office for the year: Representatives to the grand council, George E. Adams, alternate, D. F. McNeil; past regent, George E. Adams; regent, E. Sumner Willard; vice regent, W. H. Bush; orator, George A. Smith; secretary, D. F. McNeil; collector, Royal G. Holmes; treasurer, Charles W. James; chaplain, William J. Simpson; guide, Charles S. Starnum; warden, J. P. Gifford; sentry, Frank J. Field; trustees, three years, John McDouglass; two years, C. L. Hopkins; one year, W. E. Canfield.

The financial and auditing committees were re-elected. E. B. Holloway of New Haven, assisted by George W. Adams as grand guide, installed the officers of Thames council, No. 1851, at its meeting on Wednesday evening in Foresters' hall. The meeting was well attended and the members were glad to welcome again to their gatherings Past Regent W. T. Curry, who for a time has been held up in the hospital and at home through a serious accident in which one of his arms was badly injured in the evening of his return, but he is fortunately regaining much of the use of the arm, and making good progress towards complete recovery.

The following were the officers installed: Regent, Francis Clish; vice regent, Richard M. Powers; orator, Axel Johnson; chaplain, James Boland; secretary, James C. Gifford; collector, George S. Powers; treasurer, William W. Tannar; guide, John Wozniack; warden, Robert Wozniack; sentry, John Aubrey; trustee (three years), E. A. Jones; sitting past regent, W. T. Curry.

C. T. A. U.

Rev. J. J. Fitzgerald of Poquonock, president of the C. T. A. U. of Connecticut, has received word from Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan of Chicago, president of the National Union of C. T. A. U., that he will speak in Connecticut for five days, the last of this month.

Last Sunday afternoon the officers of All Hallows council, No. 279, of Norwich, were installed in a manner pleasing to all. Following the installation, Grand Knight M. R. Brouillard expressed his thanks for the re-nomination as grand knight of No. 279 and assured that nothing would be spared in order to make the present term of office a grand success, and the council one to be remembered.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

The officers installed were as follows for the year 1912: M. R. Brouillard, G. K. James Moore, L. K. William Belierance, F. S. D. J. Brouillard, R. S. E. J. Gallagher, C. C. T. W. Lawless, warden; J. O. Robitaille, C. L. Rev. J. Broderick, chaplain; Dr. F. W. Dunning, C. P. J. J. Fanning, inner guard; J. Maxwell, outer guard; J. T. Sullivan, treasurer; E. F. Gallagher, J. Fanning, William F. Curran, trustees; A. C. Pagan, advocate.

UNITED WORKMEN.

The finance committee of the grand lodge, A. O. U. W., met in the grand lodge office, New Haven, on Tuesday afternoon and the executive committee met in the evening. The finance committee reported that the reserve fund on December 31, 1911, amounted to \$273,943.92, all of which is invested in safe-edge securities. One of the recent investments was in bonds of the town of Westville, Conn., in the amount of \$10,000. It was reported that all approved death claims were paid, and in addition to the reserve fund there remains in the treasury a cash balance of over \$20,000.

Past Grand Master William Asaph H. Lisle of Middlesex lodge, No. 23, of Portland, Conn., who has been very busy, was able to attend the meeting of the finance committee which was held at the grand lodge office in New Haven last Tuesday afternoon.

DEGREE OF POCAHONTAS.

Schoenhausen council, No. 11, held its regular meeting on Monday evening in Foresters' hall, the business of the evening being installation of officers, and attracting a large number of the members to the meeting. Miss Gertrude Beebe of New London, deputy for the council, conducted the installation, assisted by Mrs. Nettie Kinnie as past grand.

ORDER OF PROTECTION.

With a good number of visitors present, including a delegation from Huguenot lodge of New London, Slater lodge, No. 669, held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening in Hibernian hall, having its officers installed. Mrs. Adelle Walden of New London, deputy of the lodge, was present, but turned the conduct of the installation over to Grand Secretary Jerry Wall of New Haven, who was also among the visitors. He installed the following officers:

J. P. W. William Simpson; warden, Beulah Lewis; vice warden, Lillian Taylor; secretary, Adair R. Lewis; financial secretary, William Austin; treasurer, Bertha Baldwin; chaplain, Mary Bernard; guide, Josephine (Miss) Gardner; Anthony Roward; sentinel, Annie Fletcher; trustees, William Weeder, Mary Driscoll, Bernice Seymour.

James M. Wheeler of New London, deputy to Norwich, was elected as grand guide, and other deputies elected included E. M. Newbury and Max J. Foley, deputies respectively to Fort Griswold lodge of Groton and Natchaug lodge of Willimantic. Sisters Victoria Rogers and Tefft were also included in the visitors from New London.

Remarks by the visiting officers made the hour pass pleasantly when the business had been disposed of, and light refreshments were served, consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee.

EASTERN STAR.

The annual session of the state chapter, O. E. S., was in session at New Haven on Friday, the state president, Mrs. Mabel B. Clark of Higganum, presiding. At the morning session the (treasurer, Ida A. Plak of Winsted, in his annual report stated that the expenditures for the year amounted to \$1,266, and there was a balance in the treasury of \$1,949.41, including a balance brought over from a year ago of \$1,261.27.

In the report of the president, Mrs. Mabel B. Clark, she called attention to the spirit of benevolence and fraternal

ity that is now pervading the order in this state. Mrs. Clark recommended an increase of \$100 in the salary of the secretary. She stated that the duties of that office had greatly increased and that the secretary is entitled to an increase in salary.

There were installed during year 69; affiliated 35; reinstated 10; charter members 45; membership January 1, 1911, 7,643; total, 8,427. There were dismissed 98; stricken from the roll 44; suspended 11; withdrawn 7; deceased 11; total deduction 271; and leaving a membership January 1, of 8,156.

There was an attendance Friday of about 800 from the 87 chapters in the state. There were two new chapters reported, at Danielson and Moodus.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Sedgwick W. R. C. No. 16, had a largely attended meeting on Friday afternoon at the Buckingham Memorial. Mrs. Dorothea W. Balcom, the new president, in the chair, and two candidates were initiated in full form. The usual committee reports were read and accepted, and when the business meeting had adjourned light refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed. Mrs. Annie Galt of Mystic was a visitor at the meeting.

REBEKAHS.

Meeting with Mrs. Isabelle Stewart in New London last Wednesday afternoon. The Thelma Past Noble Grand association had an attendance of 25 of its members, the president, Mrs. Margaret Hart of Norwich conducting the meeting, and initiating three new members. Election of officers for the next term resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Mary Adams, New London; first vice president, Mrs. Burroughs, Groton; second vice president, Mrs. Hattie Parsons, Norwich. It was decided to hold the next meeting in this city.

One of the pleasant features of the afternoon was the presentation to Mrs. Finch of Groton of a bunch of fine carnations, this being her birthday. A turkey supper was served after the business meeting, about forty of the ladies being present for the supper and pleasant social evening in that connection.

Washington County, R. I.

USQUEPAUGH.

Personal Items of Local and General Interest.

D. B. Knight spent a few days last week with friends in Providence.

Miss Carmen Andrews of Stoum is visiting Miss Annie E. Kenyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos H. Kenyon of Pawtucket spent Sunday at the former's home here.

Miss Annie E. Kenyon visited Sunday at Stoum.

Mrs. Mary McConner spent over Sunday with her father in Providence.

Gone to Arctic.

Mrs. Esther Kenyon has gone to Arctic to spend the remainder of the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Clarke.

Miss Minnie Webster of Providence spent Sunday at J. C. Webster's.

Joe Bagley of Providence spent Saturday and Sunday at his father's, Charles Bagley's.

Mrs. Hattie Potter, who has been visiting her sister, has returned to her home at Esocobing.

Mrs. Nettie Kelly of Esocobing was the guest Sunday of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Franklin.

Miss Lulu Handell of Hope Valley spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Handell.

Johnson Hoyle of Beaver River was a caller here Sunday.

Dr. Kenyon attended the automobile show at Providence Wednesday.

HOPKINTON

Walter E. Mills is visiting friends in New Haven.

Mrs. Walter White of Ashaway is staying with her aunt on Tower street, Westerly, for the present.

Mrs. Amos J. Burdick of Westerly has been in town for a few days.

Mr. George Mason has returned to her home in Ashaway from Carolina.

Wayland Lewis and Deacon Edwin A. Kenyon have secured a supply of coal during the last few days.

Thomas F. Champlin, who has been ill, is able to be out driving.

Dalton L. Edwards and Viva Woodman were married last Saturday by Rev. L. E. Randolph.

CHILD LABOR NOT

AN UNMIXED EVIL.

Sentiment Expressed by Milwaukee Superintendent of Schools.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 25.—"Children have labored since Adam delved and Eve spun, and the labor generally has been good for their bodies and for their souls," said Dr. Carroll G. Pearce, superintendent of the Milwaukee schools and president of the National Education society, in an address to the annual conference of the national child labor committee which convened here tonight.

Child labor, in his opinion, is not an unmixed evil. "It is an evil," he declared, "when the physical or moral conditions surrounding the child are unwholesome, when by it he is deprived of education for the mind and of the joy of life."

The conference will consider through its three day session here the dual question of child labor and education. In his address Ernest O. Holland, superintendent of the public schools of Louisville, urged the establishment of vocational schools which should have the direction of all the working children between the ages of 14 and 18.

NEW LONDON'S DETECTIVE SLIGHTED

Detective Beebe Confronts the Captain Who Declines to Explain

PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ENTERED UPON

The Newsboys of New London—The Proposed New Ordinance Which Debars all Boys Under 14 From Making Street Sales—The Measure Not Likely to be Adopted.

Forty years ago and more, when General Ulysses S. Grant was serving his first term as president of these United States, there was an officious individual who held the position of a door-keeper of the house of representatives. He wrote a letter to a friend in which he said that he was a "bigger" man than President Grant. The letter subsequently became public property, was printed in the newspapers of that period and attracted the attention of the president. The self-inflated doorkeeper was soon made to realize that he was small in comparison with the greatness of the nation's chief magistrate, for he was relieved from his government position and permitted to return to the corner grocery in the village and, seated on a cracker barrel, relate his experience at the national capitol. So it is not all ways well to consider one's self superior to the man higher up. But this happened in Washington many years ago.

Not very long ago the court of common council, at the request of the police committee, authorized the appointment of a detective to see that the right of the captain to take part in the duties of the regular force, with acknowledged detective ability above the ordinary, was selected for the place, and as Detective Beebe has been rendering good service.

But this week Detective Ben took General Haven, the captain of police, to task for sending a regular police officer to New Haven to see that a "wanted" man in New London, instead of notifying Detective Ben that a man he was after was held by the New Haven police. Detective Ben doubted the man had been captured, but was interested in any matter in which he was at work upon the case and had tracked the man to New Haven and from there to New London. When Captain Haven received the telephone communication that the man had been captured he at once detailed an officer for the trip, in order that he could leave on the next train and return at a reasonable hour at the man's home.

Detective Ben claims that it was the duty of the captain to locate him and that he would have gone to New Haven and taken charge of the man again, when he had successfully worked up a case of theft; although it is said that at the beginning of the case another officer had recovered a diamond ring which had been stolen, and then the case was given to Detective Ben.

Detective Ben Beebe was very much grieved at what he considered an interference with his business by the captain of police, and he at once questioned the captain in regard to his action. The captain declared that he told the detective that he did not consider it necessary to explain his act to the detective, but Ben says that the captain told him in the plainest of terms that it was none of his business. This experienced sleuth did not go to the police committee with his grievance, but to the newspapers, evidently preferring to take the public into his confidence at the start, and perhaps in the hope of eliciting public sympathy for him and prejudice for the captain. It is a matter that should have been settled with the least possible publicity, and is hardly in keeping with the generally quiet way of the detective in transacting business.

This little episode naturally recalled the alleged lack of co-operation between the day and the night forces, it being well known that they were almost two distinct departments. The cause of all this is the action of the members of the council who have served on the police committee during their terms of office for the past quarter of a century. These committees seem to ignore the captain of police to a certain degree and make their wants known direct to the police officers instead of to the captain, thereby practically making that officer the foreman instead of the actual head of the department, and consequent interference with the discipline and efficiency of the department. So if there is anything wrong with the department the fault is with the committee and can be best remedied by the committee dealing direct with the captain and holding him responsible for the general working of the department.

That Captain Haven is admirably adapted to properly conduct the police department and to get the best from the officers that is within them is aptly illustrated by the work he has done along that line. He was not only the best commander of the city's old Third regiment, but is considered to be the best.

have been the most competent brigadier general that ever commanded the Connecticut National guard. This he did to the satisfaction of all concerned and without any ostentation, and if freed from unnecessary interference could readily handle the twenty men comprising the local police force, and he could do this without considering himself a "bigger" man than the mayor, by virtue of his office, is the chief of police of the city of New London.

The newsboys of New London, that is those who are over 14, who have no regular work, but who sell newspapers on the streets, are forming a sort of protective association with the expectation of having an ordinance adopted that will prohibit boys under 14 years of age from selling newspapers on the streets, thus giving the boys of 14 and over the monopoly of the business. The boys are enlisting the assistance of the members of the New London Business Men's association and Alderman Tommy Donohue, foreman of the Niagara Engine company, and who was recently selected by the house committee as temporary steward of the Elks' home, has promised to champion the cause of the aggrieved newsboys in the court of common council.

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and to have an ordinance adopted for their benefit. In this the resourceful alderman has cut off a larger piece of tobacco than he probably will be able to chew. Like Dick Deadeye of Pinegrove fame, he probably means well, but doesn't know.

As a rule, the newsboy who is any good at the business arises to the dignity of a carrier with an established route before he attains the age of 14, and most of the boys retire from the business of street sales before they attain that age.

Many of the most prominent residents of New London began their business career as newsboys, but most of them found other employment before they were 14, and among the number are many who peddled papers before they were 10, notably Mayor Bryan F. Mahan. He knows all the ups and all the downs of the life of a newsboy, and when he lets an ordinance slip by that will give the boys over 14 the exclusive rights to sell newspapers on the streets it will be when he is short of his right of veto and when there is an end of his influence with his associates in the court of common council.

A few of the business men who are aiding and abetting the over-14 boys to get a monopoly of the business are not of the class of men who are referred to as the self-made, for most of them were formerly newsboys and under 14 they shouted their wares on the streets of the city.

If there are a few very young boys who abuse the privilege and are in the newspaper selling business as a cloak for them to do a little begging on the side, a cautionary word from a cop will end that feature. Already the police have orders to stop these boys from selling newspapers on the streets after 8 o'clock in the evening, and that is about as far as the authorities should interfere with the business of the newsboys. It may be that Alderman Donohue intends to retire from politics before the newsboys now under 14 reach their majority, but some of the over-14 chaps are now near the voting age. It is safe to say that the boys now back of the movement for the monopoly will not be in the business when an ordinance such as they now seek will be law in New London.

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