

COLUMBIAN COMMANDERY HAD PROGRESSIVE YEAR

Under Eminent Commander George E. Parsons—Herbert R. Kind His Successor.

Columbian commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, had a good number in attendance on Friday evening at its annual convocation at the Masonic temple where Eminent Commander George E. Parsons presided, completing his second term as eminent commander.

Reports were presented covering the past year which indicated that it had been an especially active and progressive period in the commandery. This was particularly evident in the membership record, which showed a net gain of 45 in the year.

The report of Recorder Frederick W. Lester showed that there had been 25 conclaves held of which 10 were stated and 15 special. There was also the observance of Christmas day. At the beginning of the year the membership was 274, there had been 21 knighted, 1 reinstated, and 7 deaths, making a net gain of 25 and leaving the present membership at 299.

For the ensuing term the following were the officers elected: Herbert R. Kind, eminent commander; Louis H. Geer, generalissimo; Peter S. Wilson, captain general; Guy B. Dolbear, senior warden; J. Oliver Armstrong, junior warden; E. Allen Edwell, prelate; John C. Averhill, treasurer; Frederick W. Lester, recorder.

The eminent commander-elect made the following announcement: Costello Lippitt, prelate emeritus; Aubrey W. Jarvis, standard bearer; Harry E. Egan, sword bearer; Ernest J. Jones, warden; Joseph H. Eiall, third guard; George E. Zimmerman, second guard; James M. Sanford, first guard; Paul H. Zehner, assistant guard; William Loeffler, assistant guard; Frederick W. Lester, organist; James C. Fitzpatrick, sentinel.

Standing committee—F. C. James L. Hubbard, P. C. Nelson J. Ayling, P. C. George E. Parsons.

Committee on dues—The eminent commander, the recorder, P. C. J. Herbert George.

The officers as elected and appointed were all inducted by Past Commander George E. Parsons, assisted by Past Commander J. Herbert George acting as grand marshal.

The newly elected eminent commander, Herbert R. Kind, was knighted in Columbian commandery June 13, 1908, was sword bearer 1910 and 1911, junior warden in 1912 and captain general in 1913, 1914 and 1915.

During the past year the necrology record of Columbian commandery was as follows: Hiram H. Burnham, knighted Oct. 8, 1897; died Aug. 6, 1913.

Frederick Symington, March 11, 1898; Sept. 28, 1915. George T. Lord, Nov. 19, 1897; Oct. 29, 1915.

John Kimball, Nov. 9, 1889; Jan. 4, 1916. Henry E. Burrows, Dec. 12, 1888; Jan. 9, 1916.

MOOSE HAVE MATERIAL FOR CLASS INITIATION

Fifty Applications on Hand—Arranging Tournaments as Social Features.

Three candidates were initiated and three applications were received at the business meeting of the Moose lodge, No. 950, L. O. G. M., in the Moose home on Laurel Hill Friday evening.

Director Joseph A. George presided at the meeting which was well attended. The organization committee reported through its chairman that there are still about fifty applications on file and that the big class initiation held recently, as the dispensation contains a 60 day clause these candidates may be taken in under the open charter and it was voted to hold a class initiation on January 30.

The report of the entertainment committee on right snappers held recently was submitted and approved as read. Arrangements were made for pool and card tournaments which are to open on Monday evening. There are 16 entries in the pool tournament and about 30 entries in the card tournament. The winner of the pool tournament will receive a gold Moose emblem and a similar prize will be awarded the winner of the card tournament.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Sedgwick Corps, No. 16, is Ready for Work of the Year.

Appointments of committees to serve through the ensuing term was one of the interesting items of business at the regular meeting of Sedgwick Women's Relief corps, No. 16, on Friday afternoon at the Buckingham Memorial, which was presided over by the new president, Mabel E. George.

The following were the committees: Auditing, Mrs. Marietta A. Wright, chairman, Mrs. Nellie E. Bailey, Mrs. Ida R. Greene; house and hospitable, Mrs. Susan Kampf, chairman, Mrs. M. A. Wright, Mrs. Sarah S. Spalding, Mrs. Lydia J. Fanning, chairman, employment, Mrs. Emily Irish, chairman, executive, Mrs. Gertrude B. Tootill, chairman; conference, Mrs. Grace H. Manning, chairman, Mrs. Maud Baker, Mrs. Lillian E. Brewster, Mrs. Gertrude B. Tootill, Mrs. Ida R. Greene; work, Mrs. M. A. Wright, chairman; silver, Mrs. M. A. Wright, chairman; relief committee chairman, Mrs. Nellie E. Bailey, city, Mrs. Florence Robbins, Norwich town, Mrs. Laura Hutchins, West Side, Mrs. Emily Irish, Laurel Hill, Mrs. Elizabeth Monroe, Greenville, Mrs. Annie Dean, East Side.

The meeting closed with the salute to the flag and the singing of America.

OBITUARY.

Henry D. Bottom. News was received in Norwich Friday of the death at his home in Chicago, of Henry Darius Bottom, a native of this city. He was about 89 years old.

Mr. Bottom, who was a lawyer, was the last surviving son of the late George B. Bottom, who was a prominent and prosperous merchant and manufacturer of Norwich. The family home was first on High street, later in Laurel Hill. The two older sons were Hudson and Ellias S. Bottom, the latter at one time a teacher at Norwich Free Academy.

Henry Bottom was graduated from the Academy with the class of 1875. A few years afterwards the family moved to Chicago. The only surviving member is Miss Anna Elizabeth Bottom, who returned to Norwich after her parents' death, building her present residence on Spruce street, the home of her late wife and aunt, the late Mr. and Mrs. Ellias S. Bottom.

Henry Bottom married Miss Emma Lind, of Norwich, who survives her fifth one, Gilbert, of Chicago. Mr. Bottom had been in failing health for nearly two years, due to tubercular trouble. He was a man of fine traits and attainments and the news of his death will cause sorrow to his boyhood friends in Norwich.

Mrs. Cora Ross Way. At 8:20 Thursday night, after an illness of several weeks' duration, due to heart trouble, Cora B. Ross, wife of Willard J. Way, passed peacefully away at her home on Huntington ave. She was born in Leffingwell Nov. 14, 1864, being the youngest daughter of Emos C. and Mary A. Ross. On Dec. 1, 1884, she was united in marriage with Willard J. Way, who survives her, together with the following brothers and sisters: Chauncey A. Ross of Michigan, Charles D. Ross of Whiteley, Mass., Sidney A. Albert G. and John L. Ross of Leffingwell. Mrs. Fannie Gardner of Yantic, Mrs. Carrie Park and Mrs. Lillian Drake of Norwich. She deceased was a member of the Leffingwell Baptist church. Most of her life was passed in this city, with the exception of a few years when she lived in Jewett City. Of a quiet and retiring disposition, her greatest interest was in her home. She was a loving wife and sister, whose loss brings sympathy to those bereaved.

Patrick Burns. Following an illness of a week with grip, Patrick Burns of No. 46 Cedar street, a resident of Norwich for nearly a half century, died in this city on Friday morning about 6 o'clock.

Mr. Burns was born in Ireland 75 years ago, but came to this country when a young man. He was married in St. Mary's church, this city, a number of years ago. For the past six years he had been employed at the West Side freight house and for about 30 years previous to that time he was employed at the New York, New Haven and Hartford freight house. Mr. Burns was a member of St. Patrick's church.

He leaves his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Annie Gilling of Norwich town, and two married daughters, one in Hartford and the other in New Jersey. There is also a sister, Mrs. Kate McNary, of this city.

Mr. Burns was well and favorably known to many of the older residents of the city, and his unexpected death is sincerely regretted by all who knew him.

FUNERALS.

James Donnelly. The funeral of James Donnelly was held from his home, No. 37 Happy street Friday morning at 9 o'clock and at 9 o'clock a requiem mass was read in St. Patrick's church by Rev. Peter Cury. Two hymns were rendered at the close of the mass by Mrs. F. L. Farrell. The bearers were Crohan Shea, John McNamara, Patrick Hayes and John Penton and burial took place in St. Mary's cemetery.

Undertaker M. Hourigan had charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Sidney C. Smith. At 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon the funeral of Mrs. Sidney C. Smith was held from the lecture room of Broadway Congregational church, Rev. E. S. Worcester and Frank Palmer officiating at the service. It is Not Death to Die and There is a Land of Pure Delight were rendered by Mrs. Frederick S. Young. The bearers were C. Edward Smith, J. Herman Tubbs, and J. Herman Tubbs, Jr., of New London and Herbert W. Gallup and Edwin Henry, and burial took place in the family plot in Yantic cemetery. There was very large attendance and a wealth of floral tributes.

Undertakers Henry Allen & Son had charge of the funeral.

Judge Charles N. Chappell. Funeral services for Judge Charles N. Chappell were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his home in Montville and were conducted by Rev. W. H. Lakin of the Union Baptist church. The bearers were George H. Bradford, M. J. Hickey, William Smiddy and Edwin Henry, and burial took place in the family plot in Comstock cemetery. A committal service was read by Rev. Mr. Lakin. The beautiful floral tokens of esteem were numerous, and there was a large attendance.

Undertaker C. A. Gagen, Jr., had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Henry Fitch. The body of Elizabeth, widow of Henry Fitch, a former Norwich resident, arrived in this city on the 3:40 o'clock Central Vermont passenger train Friday afternoon from Hartford, where she died Jan. 12. Burial took place in St. Mary's cemetery. The bearers were Jeremiah Corcoran, John Cronin, Charles Corcoran and Charles J. McKay.

Undertaker M. Hourigan had charge of the burial.

HOW TO OPERATE A CREDIT SYSTEM

Explained to Norwich Chamber of Commerce by L. James Parker of Portland, Me.

How the credit system which is in use in Portland, Me., and in parts of Massachusetts, though not yet introduced into Connecticut, is successfully operated was explained by L. James Parker of Portland after a special meeting of the Norwich Chamber of Commerce at the Buckingham Memorial on Friday evening.

He showed the members present the credit rating sheets which are in use and explained in detail how the plan works and what beneficial results have been experienced wherever it has been tried. The proposition of credit protection is being taken hold of more than ever by boards of trade and chambers of commerce, and he showed how the system which he advocates works to the benefit of the merchant and the professional man. He also dealt with a plan carried out in Brooklyn in following up those who are in poor credit.

Mr. Parker was introduced to the meeting by Chairman Frank G. Aubrey of the mercantile bureau after President William A. Somers had regularly opened the meeting and the preliminary business had been disposed of. This consisted of the adoption of eight amendments to the by-laws that cover the subsidiary organizations or bureaus.

Secretary C. W. Pearson also spoke of the new roster that is in preparation that is to contain the complete constitution and by-laws and also act as a business directory and industrial number in which many of the industries of the town are inserting page advertisements.

After Mr. Parker's talk, the matter of the credit system was left in the hands of the mercantile bureau for further consideration.

President Somers gave a stirring talk upon the present situation that confronts Norwich, calling attention to its leadership at one time in matters financial, social and manufacturing, which he said had been interrupted by a quietest period, but now the town was beginning to come back and its citizens have before them a time of opportunity and advantage. The town, upon the threshold of solid, substantial growth that will mean more homes, more customers and more money for every one. We have electric light,

water, factory sites and farms, all available, and it is time for Norwich to let the past go, grasp hold of the present and reach out into the future. A buffet lunch served by the Waukegan house was enjoyed by the close of the meeting.

FOR SUPERIOR COURT.

John Higgins of Providence Bound Over from Groton Court.

In the town court at Groton Friday morning John Higgins of Providence, 18 years old, was presented by Prosecuting Attorney Burrows before Judge Frederick P. Latimer, charged with breaking and entering the Emmons place of business in Mystic some weeks ago.

A demurrer was entered to the complaint and Higgins was bound over under \$1,000 bonds for superior court session in May. He will probably be brought to the present session on a bench warrant. Young Higgins appears a likely enough lad, but got into bad company. His past record is good.

Baron Astor's Example.

It must be said for William Waldorf Astor that when he decided to change his allegiance he completed the transaction and did not become a hyphenated Englishman. — Washington Star.

REMEMBER—TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE. DON'T MISS IT.

Women's Neckwear Half Price

All our Women's Neckwear in Collars, Vestees, Sets, Neck Bands and a large assortment of Windsor Ties at half price— 25c value at.....12 1/2c 50c value at.....25c

Skating Sets

regular \$2.50 value At \$1.98 Skating Sets, in old rose, Copenhagen, scarlet and white, regular \$2.50 value at \$1.98 a set.

Cottons, Etc., AT SALE PRICES

- At 5c—One bale of 36-inch Unbleached Sheeting. At 6 1/2c—Yard-wide Bleached and Unbleached Sheeting, value 5c. At 25c—\$1-inch Bleached Seamless Sheeting, value 33c. At 8c—Pillow Cases, value 11c. At 14c—Pillow Cases, value 19c. At 39c—Size 72x90 Bleached Sheets. At 55c—Size 81x90 Bleached Sheets, value 76c.

Table Linens Reduced

- At 22c—58-inch Bleached Table Damask, value 30c. At 29c—58-inch Satin Table Damask, soft finish, value 39c. At 49c—62-inch Imported Satin Damask, value 69c. At 69c—66-inch All Linen Table Damask, value 85c. At 95c—78-inch All Linen Table Damask, value \$1.25.

Towelling at Sale Prices

- At 5c—Cotton Crash, value 7c. All Linen Towelling at 7 1/2c value 10c—at 11 1/2c value 15c—at 14c value 18c. At 9 1/2c—Glass Towelling, value 12 1/2c—at 12 1/2c value 17c.

Towels Greatly Reduced

- At 4c—100 dozen Turkish Towels. At 8c—50 dozen Huck Towels.

Sanitary Diaper 50c

18-inch Sanitary Diaper at 50c a piece of 10 yards.

Bedspreads Reduced

- At 69c—Hemmed Crochet Bedspreads, good size. At 95c—Hemmed Crochet Bedspreads, value \$1.25—at \$1.35, value \$1.75—at \$1.65, value \$2.00. At \$2.19—Hemmed Satin Marselles Bedspreads, value \$3.00. At \$2.69—Scalloped Satin Marselles Bedspreads, value \$4.00.

Dress Goods AT SALE PRICES

- At 25c—30-inch Colored Dress Flannel—42-inch Colored Ratine, value 28c and 38c. At 29c—36-inch Silk and Cotton Plaids, for children's wear, value 49c. At 44c—Our entire line of 50c Dress Goods, including serges, nun's veiling, etc. At 69c—Storm and French Serges, Plain and Brocaded, Duvetyn Suiting, value 89c and \$1.00. At 79c—50 and 56-inch Dress Goods in black and white Shepherd checks, serges, chevrons, etc., value \$1.00. At 89c—54-inch French Serges and Homespun Mixtures, values \$1.25.

The Porteous & Mitchell Co. TODAY WILL BE THE LAST DAY OF THE JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE. BE SURE AND ATTEND.

TODAY—SATURDAY Will Be The Last Day of Our JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

The Last Day of the Sale Offers the Greatest Array of January Economies Ever Presented by this Store

BE SURE AND COME TODAY

It is An Opportunity to Stock Up On All Kinds of Merchandise at Sure and Substantial Savings. DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY.

Further Reductions WOMEN'S WEAR Unmatchable Values

If you are considering a Coat, a Suit or any article of Apparel, you owe it to yourself to see our offerings before buying.

Women's Coats of plush and fancy pile fabrics, regular value \$25.00 and \$30.00—Clearance price..... \$19.50

Handsome Fur-trimmed Coats of broadcloth, wool plush and wool velour, regular value \$25.00—Clearance price..... \$14.50

Women's Coats, new belted models, regular value up to \$22.50—Clearance price..... \$12.50

Women's Coats, a number of excellent models that sold at \$15.00 and \$17.50—Clearance price..... \$9.98

Women's Coats in smart mixtures and plain colors, with fur collars, value \$12.50—Clearance price..... \$7.50

All Our Women's Suits at Two Special Prices

All our Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits that formerly sold at \$15.00 and \$18.50, reduced to..... \$9.98

All our Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits that formerly sold at \$25.00 to \$35.00, reduced to..... \$14.98

Women's Sample Dress Skirts at \$4.98

A lot of Manufacturer's Sample Dress Skirts, only one of a kind, materials are corduroy, poplin and mixtures—Clearance price \$4.98, regular value \$8.50 to \$12.00.

Remember, there are clearance prices on Women's Waists and Dresses—Children's Winter Coats and Dresses—Infants' Wear of all kinds.

MILLINERY Hats Trimmed and Untrimmed

- Women's Dress Hats that sold up to \$2.98, reduced to..... 99c Women's Dress Hats that sold up to \$3.98, reduced to..... \$1.98 Women's Dress Hats that sold up to \$6.00, reduced to..... \$2.98 Women's Dress Hats that sold up to \$20.00, reduced to..... \$5.95

Handkerchiefs AT SALE PRICES

- At 2c—Children's White and Colored Border Handkerchiefs, regular price 3 1/2c. At 3 1/2c—Women's White and Colored Border Handkerchiefs, 2 1/2c each, 3 for 10c, value 5c. At 6c—Fancy Handkerchiefs for kimono, pillow tops, etc., value 10c. At 8c—Women's Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, value 10c and 12 1/2c. At 9c—Women's Fine Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, value 12 1/2c. At 3c—Men's Japanned Handkerchiefs, very soft and serviceable, value 5c. At 3 1/2c—Men's Colored Border Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, at 3 1/2c each, 3 for 10c.

Wash Goods AT SALE PRICES

- At 4c—Good Quality Shirting Prints, value 7c a yard. At 5 1/2c—Good Quality Apron Ginghams, 10 to 20-yard lengths, value 7c. At 8 1/2c—Good Quality Dress Ginghams, value 10c a yard. At 10c—Best Quality Dress Ginghams, value 12 1/2c. At 8c—Dress Cambric, 36 inches wide, value 10c. At 7 1/2c—Good Quality Outing Flannel, value 9c. At 8 1/2c—Splendid Quality Outing Flannel in a big range of styles, value 10c.

RIBBONS—Two Remarkable Offerings

25c and 37 1/2c RIBBONS at 19c 50c and 69c RIBBONS at 39c 200 yards of Wide Fancy Ribbons in a variety of patterns, regular 35c and 47 1/2c values at 19c a yard. 200 yards of Extra Wide Fancy Ribbons, splendid quality, regular 50c and 69c values at 39c a yard.

Men's Clothing MEN'S WEAR Men's Furnishings

MEN'S and OVERCOATS YOUTHS'

- At \$ 7.95—reduced from \$12.00. At \$ 9.95—reduced from \$15.00. At \$12.95—reduced from \$18.00. At \$15.95—value \$20.00 and \$22.00.

Stein-Bloch Overcoats

- At \$16.50—reduced from \$20.00. At \$17.50—reduced from \$22.00. At \$19.50—value \$25.00 and \$28.00.

Men's Hosiery, All Kinds

- At 7c—Men's Hosiery, black, tan, navy, gray and mixtures, value 10c. At 10c—Men's Hosiery—celebrated "Ipswich" make—black, tan, navy and gray, value 15c. At 11c—Men's Woolen Hosiery, black, Oxford, blue, natural wool and camel's hair, value 15c. At 21c—Our entire stock of Men's Woolen Hosiery, all weights, including Shaker's, black, Oxford and natural wool, value 25c. At 39c—Men's Best Quality Cashmere and Shaker's Wool Hosiery, blue, brown and natural wool, value 50c.

Pajamas—Night Shirts

Both Pajamas and Outing Flannel: At 42c—reduced from 50c. At 79c—reduced from \$1.00. At \$1.19—reduced from \$1.50.

REMEMBER—there are January Sale prices on Men's Trousers, Rain Coats, Caps, Gloves, Shirts, Sweaters, Neckwear, Etc.

HOSIERY—Women's and Children's

- At 9c—Children's Black Ribbed Hosiery, sizes 6 to 9 1/2, value 12 1/2c. At 11c—Misses' Fine Black Ribbed Hosiery, sizes 6 to 9 1/2, value 12 1/2c. At 11c—Children's Black Fleecy-lined Ribbed Hosiery, all sizes, value 12 1/2c. At 18c—Children's Black Lisle Ribbed Hosiery, sizes 6 to 9 1/2, value 25c. At 9c—One case of Women's Black Ribbed Top Hosiery, value 12 1/2c.

UNDERWEAR—Infants', Women's and Children's

- At 11c—Infants' Winter Weight Ribbed Vests, value 15c. At 14c—Infants' Winter Weight Vests, value 25c. At 39c—Infants' Winter Weight Ribbed Vests, value 50c to 75c. At 11c—Knit Waists for boys and girls, all sizes. At 12 1/2c—Children's Winter Weight Black Ribbed Pants, regular price 25c. 19c Women's Fleecy-lined Ribbed Vests and Pants, sizes 4 to 6. 33c One case of Women's Fleecy-lined Underwear—regular price only—principally extra sizes, value 60c.

39c Stationery at 19c

One lot of Stationery in holiday boxes—Clearance price 19c, former prices 25c to 39c.

\$1.00 Hand Bags, 79c

Women's Hand Bags of genuine goat leather, several new patterns—Clearance price 79c, regular price \$1.00.

\$2.50 Jewel Cases, \$1.00

Gold and Silver Jewel Cases, pink and blue satin lining, at \$1.00, regular prices \$2.00 to \$2.50.

\$2.50 Mesh Bags, \$1.00

German Silver Mesh Bags, plain and chased, 6-inch frames, at \$1.00, regular prices \$2.00 and \$2.50.

50c Rice Powder, 33c

Java Rice Powder, imported from Paris, all tints, at 33c, regular price 50c.

Boys' Wear

- Winter Overcoats At \$2.95—reduced from \$ 4.00. At \$4.49—reduced from \$ 6.00. At \$5.95—reduced from \$ 8.00. At \$7.95—reduced from \$10.00. Rain Coats At \$2.69—reduced from \$3.00. At \$3.69—reduced from \$4.50. Juvenile Suits At \$2.85—reduced from \$3.50. Norfolk Suits At \$1.85—reduced from \$ 2.50. At \$2.85—reduced from \$ 4.00. At \$3.49—reduced from \$ 5.00. At \$5.39—reduced from \$ 8.00. At \$7.39—reduced from \$10.00. At \$9.39—reduced from \$12.00. Boys' Trousers At 39c—reduced from 50c. At 69c—reduced from 89c. At 79c—reduced from \$1.00. At \$1.29—reduced from \$1.50.

Women's Wear

- Women's Corsets At 39c—Women's Corsets, short, medium and long, from 50c. All \$1.00 Corsets at 89c. All \$1.50 Corsets at \$1.39. All \$2.00 Corsets at \$1.79. Women's Wrappers Women's Wrappers and One-piece House Dresses at these prices: At 98c—reduced from \$1.25. At \$1.29—reduced from \$1.50.

Women's Petticoats

- Black Satteen and Heatherblom At 42c—reduced from 50c. At 85c—reduced from \$1.00. At \$1.29—reduced from \$1.50. At \$1.98—reduced from \$2.25. Flannelette Garments Short Skirts at 21c from 25c—at 44c from 50c. Flannelette Gowns at 44c from 55c—at 65c from 75c—at 86c from \$1.00. Flannelette Kimonos at 98c from \$1.25—at \$1.29 from \$1.50—at \$1.69 from \$2.00. Dressing Sacques at 44c from 50c.

Gloves LONG and SHORT

- 69c An odd lot of Women's Dress Kid Gloves in white, tan and brown—but not all sizes in any color. \$1.00 Women's Cape Gloves for street wear, in shades of tan, a full line of sizes. 79c Women's Six-button Length Washable Chamotte Gloves, with black embroidered backs and strap wrists. \$1.25 Women's Six-button Cape Gloves, tan color with black embroidered back and strap wrist. \$1.35 Women's Six-button Cape Gloves, tan color with black embroidered back and strap wrist.

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