Wichita Eagle

## LODGE ROOM GOSSIP.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE VAST ARMY OF "JINERS."

**J. W. Ward, Jr., a Pacific Coast Notable, Who Has Achieved the Proud Position of Grand Secretary of the United Endowment Associates—General News.**

J. W. Ward Jr., grand secretary of the United Endowment associates, is one of those frank, candid, enthusiastic men who create friendships wherever they go and put life and activity into any work they undertake, says The San Francisco Examiner. Mr. Ward claims Boston as his birthplace, and is a lawyer by profession. He has been a Californian since 1871, and is known extensively in fraternal circles. In the years gone by he has occupied positions of high honor with the Odd Fellows, the Workmen and the Knights of Honor. Five years ago he entered upon the duties of his present position, after being the main instrument in establishing the order of the U. E. A. Its growth and development have been his special pride, and, more than any other of its members, he deserves the credit of its present stability. In five years the order has grown from nothing to sixty-eight lodges, embracing 5,400 members, in eight different states.

J. W. WARD, JR.

### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

**The General Relief Committee of Cincinnati—Other Items.**

The report of the general relief committee of Cincinnati for the past ten years shows a total amount advanced to members of $1,324.48, and $1,258.98 repaid, with an average expense per year of $49.27, out of which it has paid rent and salary of secretary, stationery, telegraph and other expenses.

Fort Worth, Tex., has 280 K. of P.

Wisconsin has a membership of 6,297.

The Knights of Camden, Ark., are to have a $12,000 castle hall.

The increase of membership in Illinois last year was over 2,000.

Kansas has 175 K. of P. lodges, and is still rapidly pushing ahead.

There have been seventeen new lodges in Ohio since October, 1889.

It is the duty of every K. of P. to wear a triangle charm or some emblem of the order.

Pennsylvania still remains, numerically, the banner Pythian grand jurisdiction, having over 40,000 knights, and a handsome sum in their exchequer.

Wichita, Kan., is to have a Pythian temple, the cost of which is to be $15,000.

In the short existence of the Pythian Sisters there have been instituted fifty subordinate temples, two grand temples and a supreme temple, the membership now being over 1,500.

Crœsus lodge, of Newcastle, Ind., is the richest lodge in Indiana, with total assets of $7,587.15.

R. E. Lee lodge, of Vicksburg, Miss., has a membership of 204, and it is worth $2,216.40.

Since the organization of the supreme lodge (1868) the subordinate lodges have paid $6,500,000.

The membership of the order in the grand jurisdiction of West Virginia is 2,134, with forty lodges.

### I. O. O. F.

**Remarkable Progress of the Order in Tennessee—Notes.**

Tennessee in 1863 had but twenty lodges on a precarious footing, with a few hundred members, some inside of the lines of one army, some within the other, and, from one meeting night to the next, uncertain within whose lines the vicissitudes of war would find their lodge meeting. But they were not faint hearted, "but bore the ark," and when "peace her influence spread," lodges were reorganized, and in a few years the membership was far in excess of antebellum days; the returning soldiers, accustomed to companionship and mutual relations born of camp life, embraced and seized upon the fraternal features of the order and made good Odd Fellows. Now there are 4,600 Odd Fellows in the state, and during the past year only 38 deaths occurred out of the entire membership.

Buffalo, N. Y., is now agitating the question of an Odd Fellows' temple. The lodges are appointing delegates to attend a meeting to consider ways and means, and we think, with the push and zeal that has in other matters in the past been shown by our Buffalo brethren, they will succeed in this undertaking.

The Odd Fellows' employment bureau, of Denver, is about to issue The Odd Fellow, devoted to the order, and its proceeds to support the bureau.

The original lodge (Washington, No. 1) has never been suspended and has always answered the roll call of the grand lodge of Maryland.

The Odd Fellows' temple at Toledo, O., pays nearly $2,600 yearly on the investment.

Degree lodges are not as numerous as they might be. St. Louis has a good one, however, that has been in existence since 1842.

### KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN AND MALTA.

**The Order Is Rapidly Progressing—Notes and News.**

St. Elmo encampment, No. 78, was recently instituted at Toronto, Canada, by Grand Prior Cowan. This makes the fourth encampment in that city.

Cœur de Lion encampment, No. 16, of Trenton, N. J., netted $700 by a recent fair.

Palestine encampment, No. 62, of Brooklyn, recently held a reunion at which over two hundred sir knights were present.

Arrangements are being made for the institution of state grand priories in states having not less than five encampments and at least 500 members.

The new officers of the various encampments were installed the first week in April.

P. M. E. G. C. Robert E. A. Land will take a trip to Europe this summer in the interest of the order.

Bradford Encampment, of Bradford, Pa., has now a membership of 173. A preceptory of the College of the Anchorite will be instituted there before long.

The Knights of St. John and Malta now have encampments in the following states: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Texas and Canada.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

## THE CURIOSITY SHOP.

**A Collection of Fugitive Facts and Out of the Ordinary Information.**

Joseph Francis, who was lately presented with a medal in honor of his services in the construction of life saving appliances, exhibited in New York in 1825 an unsinkable wooden boat which he called a lifeboat. Thereafter the lifeboat became a recognized institution in the marine service. Mr. Francis invented also the marine life car of iron, and in 1850 took off nearly two hundred persons with it from a ship driven ashore by a terrible storm on the New Jersey coast. Mr. Francis is now nearly 90 years old, and he tells that he made his first real lifeboat when 11 years old, when he rigged up a small boat and made it so buoyant with cork that four men were unable to sink it.

**Rittenhouse, the American Astronomer.**

David Rittenhouse was born near Germantown, Pa., April 8, 1732, and died in Philadelphia June 26, 1796. He was descended from a family of paper makers, residing at Arnheim, Guelderland. His great-grandfather, William Rittenhouse, a Mennonite preacher, came from Holland with his family in 1687-88; was the first Mennonite minister in Pennsylvania, and established the first paper mill in this country, at the spot where David was born. David was early put to work on the farm. An uncle dying had left him a chest of tools and a few books on arithmetic and geometry, with some manuscript mathematical calculations. These furnished palatable food to his mind, and his biographers tell of his having covered the handle of his plow and the fences around the field with his workings of the problems which they set before him.

His mechanical talent was shown in his construction of a complete water wheel in miniature when 8 years old, a wooden clock when 17 and a clock with metallic works at a later age. His father was not disposed at first to favor the youth's tastes, but eventually he furnished him with money enough to buy a set of clockmaking tools, and David built a workshop at Norriton, whither the family had removed, where he carried on the clockmaking business for several years.—Popular Science Monthly.

**How Pennsylvania Got Its Name.**

Pennsylvania means "Penn's Woods," and William Penn himself tells how it came to be so named in a letter dated Jan. 5, 1681:

"This day, after many waitings, watchings, solicitings and disputes in council, my country was confirmed to me under the great seal of England, with large powers and privileges, by the name of Pennsylvania, a name the king would give it in favor of my father. I chose New Wales, being a hilly country, and when the secretary, a Welshman, refused to call it New Wales, I proposed Sylvania, and they added Penn to it, though I was much opposed to it, and went to the king to have it struck out. He said it was passed, and he would take it upon him; nor could twenty guiness move the under secretary to vary the name, for I feared it might be looked on as vanity in me, and not as a respect in the king to my father, as it really was."

**The Presidential Succession.**

The presidential succession is fixed by chapter 4 of the acts of the Forty-ninth congress, first session. In case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of both the president and vice president, then the secretary of state shall act as president until the disability of the president or vice president is removed or a president is elected. If there be no secretary of state, then the secretary of the treasury will act, and the remainder of the order of succession is: The secretary of war, attorney general, postmaster general, secretary of the navy and secretary of the interior. The acting president must, upon taking office, convene congress, if not at the time in session, in extraordinary session, giving twenty days' notice.

**"His Warmest Welcome at an Inn."**

The above may be traced back to about 1730, when William Shenstone wrote the lines:

Whoe'er has traveled life's dull round,
Where'er his stages may have been,
May sigh to think he still has found
His warmest welcome at an inn.

In Boswell's Life of Johnson occurs the sentence: "There is nothing which has been contrived by man by which so much happiness is produced as by a good tavern or inn." Archbishop Leighton is credited with often saying that if he were to choose a place to die in it should be an inn.

**Origin of the Name "Magnet."**

The name "magnet" is said to have been derived from a shepherd named Magnes, who, when tending his flock on Mount Ida, found that his iron crook was attracted to a certain stone; and 600 years before the Christian era Thales wrote respecting amber and the magnet; and because they attracted various substances, he supposed they possessed life and power. They were the germs of the science now so developed in their applications, and whose full powers we are scarcely yet acquainted with.

**Interesting Facts About Frogs.**

The owner of a frog farm near Menasha, Wis., gives some interesting facts relative to the frog's habits. In ninety-one days the eggs hatch. The thirty-ninth day the little animals begin to have motion. In a few days they assume the tadpole form. When ninety-two days old two small feet are seen beginning to sprout near the tail, and the head appears to be separate from the body. In five days after this they refuse all vegetable food. Soon thereafter the animal assumes a perfect form.

**Virginia's First Woman Physician.**

The state board of medical examiners, whose session here has just closed, had for the first time among the applicants for the privilege of practicing medicine in this state a woman, Miss C. L. Haynes, who was recently elected assistant physician in the Western Lunatic asylum. Dr. Haynes was awarded a diploma to practice her profession in this state. This is the first female doctor who ever held a position in any of the public institutions of Virginia, says the Baltimore American.

**Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy.**

In "Priestley's Memoirs" occurs the following account of the origin of "Orthodoxy is my doxy, heterodoxy is another man's doxy." In a debate on the test laws Lord Sandwich said: "I have heard frequent use of the words orthodoxy and heterodoxy, but confess myself at a loss to know precisely what they mean." "Orthodoxy, my lord," said Bishop Warburton in a whisper, "orthodoxy is my doxy, heterodoxy is another man's doxy."

**Population of Large Cities.**

The population of New York is estimated at about 1,850,000, Philadelphia has about 1,250,000 inhabitants, Chicago about 900,000, Brooklyn about 850,000 and Baltimore about 500,000.

### THE TURF.

Bow Bells, the 3-year-old brother of the great Bell Boy, injured himself at the Hermitage stud, and will not be trained this season.

Geneva S. (2:19¼) will be one of Doble's string this year. She cost her new owner $15,000, and it is the general opinion that she is worth it fully.

A West Virginia stallion is said to have a trotting record of 2:40, a pacing record of 2:35, a racking record of 3 minutes, and a running walk record of 3:30.

The horse Weasel, that died on the track at Guttenburg recently, was over 19 years old. He had been through all the galvanizing and artificial speed-producing processes of which the trainers of winter runners are master hands.

Few jockeys have made greater strides into popular favor than Bergen. It is the general understanding among turfmen that he will not accept a mount unless he knows that the horse is right and fit and meant to win. His reputation for honesty is untainted.

Elkwood, the winner of the Suburban and Kenner stake, has been purchased by S. R. Combaugh, Hopkinsville, Ky., and will be placed at the head of his stud. The great son of Eolus and Minnie Andrews should sire race horses and bring fame to his new home.

According to the late report of the department of agriculture, Texas holds the first place in regard to the number of her horses, having 1,359,344 in the state. Illinois comes next, with 1,123,973, valued at $83,301,912. Iowa is third, with 1,095,900, valued at $79,626,009.

Gorgo, King Thomas and the rest of Senator Hearst's horses at Sheepshead are in fine condition. King Thomas worked six furlongs in 1:18¼. Gorgo an easy mile in 1:48. Ballarat seven furlongs in 1:34 and Miss Belle six furlongs in 1:19. All in this stable look very forward.

The Australian stallion Abercorn, by Chester, dam Cinnamon, has broken down. Some time ago his owner, Hon. James White, was offered $40,000 for the horse by Capt. Machell, of Newmarket, England, with the stipulation that he should not run again. Mr. White refused to sell at any price.

It is understood that "Lucky" Baldwin contemplates buying the Australian stallion Bravo, winner of the Melbourne cup. A gentleman now on his way to Australia will look at the horse and probably make an offer him. The horse, if purchased by Mr. Baldwin, will go to his breeding establishment.

The appended list shows the prices at which some of the very greatest performers were sold before their greatness was suspected: Maud S., 2:08¾, $250; Director, 2:17, $300; King Almont, 2:21¼, $200; Epaulet, 2:19, $450; Tucker, 2:19¾, $235; Noontide, 2:20¾, $100; Rosa Wilkes, 2:18¼, $400; John W., 2:23¾, $73; Flora Temple, 2:19¾, $130; Majolica, 2:15, $400; Princeton, 2:23, $245; Guy, 2:30¼, $400.

The princely sum of $40,000 has been refused for Prince Regent, a horse which in 1889 proved himself a race horse of the first class, and got a 4-year-old mark of 2:21¼. Prince Regent is a son of Mambrino King, called the handsomest horse in the world; his dam was by Alcantara (2:23); his second dam was by George Wilkes (2:22); his third dam produced Iona (2:17½), and another with a record of 2:23¼, and was by Mambrino Chief.

The greatest race against time was in 1860, for a wager of $200,000. William H. Russell, of St. Joseph, Mo., contracted with the national government to establish a mail line between St. Joseph and San Francisco, a distance of 1,950 miles, and make the trip in ten days. Three hundred swift horses and eighty experienced riders were employed in the service. The start was made simultaneously, east and west from San Francisco and St. Joseph, on April 3, 1860. The eastern bound mail arrived at St. Joseph April 13, with five minutes to spare, notwithstanding delays by snows and floods.

One hundred and thirty-four mares have produced two or more 2:30 performers by one sire. Green Mountain Maid heads the list with six performers by Harry Clay. Beautiful Bells, Black Flora and Minnehaha came next with four each, sired respectively by Electioneer, Admiral and Sultan. Ten produced three each, viz.: Clara, to Rysdyk's Hambletonian; Dolsey, to Jay Gould; Duroc Maid, to Princeps; Emeline, to Aberdeen; Fanny Jackson, to Daniel Lambert; Flora, to Harry Clay; Gin Burner, to Barney Wilkes; K , to Rysdyk's Hambletonian; Myra Shaw, to Blue Bull; Ned, to Magic; Waterwitch, to Belmont, and Whalebone, to Daniel Lambert.

### QUEER TIDBITS.

In Guinea the negroes eat a yellowish earth called cavuac.

The elephant is eaten in Abyssinia and other parts of Africa, and also in Sumatra.

The iguana, a species of large lizard, is eaten in South America and the West Indies.

The kangaroo, which is the king of rodents, furnishes a favorite meal in Australia.

Buzzards are eaten by the Chinese, the bushmen of Africa and the natives of Australia.

The flesh of the hippopotamus is eaten by Abyssinians and Hottentots, and it is said to be good.

The colored inhabitants of Sierra Leone devour the red earth of which the ant hills are composed.

The hedgehog is a favorite dish in northern Africa, in Spain, and among the Indians of North America.

The camel is eaten in Africa, the musk ox and reindeer in Siberia and other extreme northerly countries.

The entrails of animals are consumed by the aborigines of Australia, and the Hottentots count them among the luxuries.

The crocodile, which resembles the American alligator, is eaten and relished by the natives of parts of Africa and Australia.

Moths of several varieties are eaten by the natives of Australia, and the chrysalis of the silkworm and slugs are served at the tables of wealthy Chinese.

A kind of earth which is known as bread meal, and which consists largely of the minute shells of defunct infusoria, is said to be still quite largely eaten in northern Europe.

Toads are eaten in Africa, and when stewed with snakes' livers are said to promote courage in war and resignation in defeat, and to be a favorite dish among the fighting chiefs of that continent.

The natives of Australia relish maggots, and many aboriginal tribes in North America revel in rattlesnake soup, boiling poison and all, though this latter need not beget surprise, for the venom of this snake is not poisonous if swallowed, but only when injected into the blood.—Boston Herald.

**Co-operative Housekeeping.**

COLUMBUS, O., April 29.—There is no denying that the writings of Edward Bellamy have made a profound impression on the public mind; and, while very few have accepted "nationalism" in full, very many are studying methods of lessening the world's work. I am somewhat surprised that so few have taken a lesson from governmental experience in co-operative housekeeping, for in many cases it has proved a brilliant success.

Take, for instance, the Central Lunatic asylum at this place. Here the poorest child of affliction in the state can have good quarters, nourishing and really excellent food, gaslight, baths, pure air and water, laundry work and the use of library, promenade and many little luxuries at a cost per capita no greater than the city laborer pays for ordinary board and lodging. The explanation is simple: the building was constructed for the purpose, provisions are bought at wholesale and prepared by scientific system, the work is done by steam and the waste is reduced to a minimum or to nothing. A hundred small economies are practised which are impossible to a single family.

Now government could not do this for families, nor could enough of them be combined; but is it not perfectly practicable to organize groups, each including all the families on one block? Could not a square in the new portion of a growing city be so laid off as to have, let me say, twelve commodious residences on the streets, each with lawn and back yard, and in the center a building where all the cooking and laundry work of the twelve families could be done? If absolute privacy were desired, it would be a simple matter to construct a covered way to the rear of each residence from the common kitchen and laundry. It is easy to demonstrate that half the labor and one-fourth the expense might be saved.

B. H.

**Republicanism in Europe.**

Switzerland, San Marino and Andorre are the only three spots in Europe where republicanism has lasted for any length of time. The popular form of government is still an experiment in France. In Holland, Poland, Hungary, Spain and Italy it has flourished only for a season. Two presidents whose governments had long preceded them have died recently—Dr. Schindler, the last chief of the republic of Cracow, and Signor Saffi, one of the triumvirs of the Roman republic. It would seem that free institutions find their natural soil and growth chiefly in America.

**A Profitable Discovery.**

The discoverer of antipyrine, the great grip remedy, has made, so it is rumored, considerably over a million dollars by its use in the winter's epidemic. The medicine sells at $1.40 an ounce, and Dr. Knorr gets a royalty of about sixty cents on every ounce sold.

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