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AMONG THE LODGES

The Various Fraternal Orders of the City have Awakened from the Summer Lethargy and are Active Again

There is great activity among the fraternal orders of the city these days. The season of the year is at hand when the annual and semi-annual elections are being held, the banquet tables arranged and the rituals reviewed, so that there is ample entertainment for everybody.

Last week was a more than ordinarily busy time in this respect. Nearly all the lodges had "something doing," and the following events were reported:

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The new officers of Delphia Lodge, Knights of Pythias are: Dr. L. L. Osborn, C. C. R. S. Crane, V. C. J. A. Friend, Prelate. Wm. Langhart, M. A. U. C. Herr, M. W. J. H. Minick, K. of R. & S. Waldron Chase, M. of F. F. B. Chapin, M. of E. S. W. Ireland, I. G. J. E. Woodward, O. G.

Grand Chancellor, W. W. Bowers of Columbus, and J. V. Ormand, of Wichita, representing the Insurance Department of the Order, were in the city a few hours last Wednesday and a short meeting was held on Wednesday forenoon. The Grand Chancellor is on a visiting tour throughout the state. He expects to visit this lodge again in about six or eight weeks.

MODERN WOODMEN

The Modern Woodmen of America elected the following officers at their meeting last Wednesday night: W. P. Elliott, V. C. T. A. Watkins, W. A. C. C. Painter, Clerk. F. B. Chapin, Banker. Ray Balding, Escort. Claude Moomau, Watchman. Roy Lytle, Sentry. W. R. Forsyth, Wm. Palmer, U. C. Herr, Managers.

The Woodmen have taken on new life. Fourteen new members have been adopted within the past month.

In this connection it will be well to say that the clerk was instructed to complete his report on the first day of every month, and all members who fail to pay assessments on or before that day will stand suspended. This does not apply to those who have arranged at either bank for the taking up of receipts. There will be no deviation from this rule.

I. O. O. F.

The officers of the local I. O. O. F. lodge for the ensuing term are: R. R. Froman, N. G. Wright Terry, V. G. W. T. Collins, Secretary. R. J. Tallafarro, Treasurer. L. D. Elliott, Warden. H. Easten, Conductor. Paul Frederick, J. G. E. R. Hester, O. G. L. S. Cavin, R. S. to N. G. F. V. Illingworth, L. S. to N. G. G. A. Blackmore, R. S. S. A. L. Linton, L. S. S. W. C. Martin, R. S. to V. G. L. L. Osborn, L. S. to V. G. John McGregor, Chaplain.

The Odd Fellows have the distinction of not having missed meeting once a week during the past year and are very much alive.

The order of Owls will elect officers next Wednesday night, December 28th, and on the night of January 11th, the Annual Banquet will be given. The members look forth to a gala time.

O. E. S. FESTIVITIES

Lorraine Chapter, Eastern Star, had a most interesting meeting on Tuesday night of last week. Mrs. Anna B. Morrish, Grand Matron of Kansas, visited the Chapter on this occasion and witnessed the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rule and Miss Minnie Kemp of Sharon were initiated into the order. After the conferring of the degrees the Grand Matron made an interesting, beneficial and pleasing address in which she commended the chapter on the manner of doing the initiatory work.

At the close of the regular work of the evening an elegant two-course luncheon was served.

The officers for the ensuing term are:

Mrs. Mattie Jones, W. M. W. R. Forsyth, W. P. Mrs. H. W. Skinner, A. M. Miss Carrie Smith, Conductress.

Mrs. P. L. Lake, A. C. Mrs. Hardin Gilbert, Treasurer. Mrs. Joseph Myers, Secretary. Margaret Kernohan, Adah. Ella Guthrie, Ruth. Ora Stout, Esther. Annie E. Bell, Martha. Mrs. Ewalt, Electa. Blanche Case, Warder. W. E. Stout, Sentinel. Frances Ellis, Chaplain. Samuel Griffin, Marshal. Blanche Griffin, Organist.

A. F. & A. M. OFFICERS
W. E. Stout, W. M. Sim Ewalt, S. W. W. L. Bragg, J. W. G. F. Guthrie, Treasurer. C. D. Rackley, Sec'y. W. R. Forsyth, S. W. Joseph Myers, J. D. F. E. Read, S. S. C. E. Appel, J. S. John McGregor, Chaplain. T. M. Kidd, Tyler.

G. A. R. Officers
Eldred Post No. 174, G. A. R., elected the following officers for the ensuing year on the regular meeting, Dec. 10, 1910:

C. G. A. Bucklin. S. V. C., V. C. Sleeper. J. V. C., Adam Murphy. Adj., W. T. Collins. Surg., D. E. Tedrow. Chap., L. T. Williams. Quar., J. H. Owen. O. G., J. L. Middleton. O. D., Ed. Williams. Installation and supper Saturday, Dec. 31st.

CYPRUS CHAPTER, R. A. M.
The following are the officers of Cyprus Chapter, R. A. M.

Ship subsidies are about as unpopular with the country generally as tariff revision upward. Yet the Republicans appear to be unafraid to place this additional class legislation upon the statute books. S. I. Field, H. P. Sim Ewalt, King. H. S. Strickland, Scribe. G. F. Guthrie, Treasurer. F. E. Read, Secretary.

Capt. C. J. Skeen Dead

Captain C. J. Skeen died at Monett, Mo., last Wednesday morning December 14th, while on his way from Gueda Springs, Kansas, to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. He was in charge of V. H. Killingworth of Gerlane, this county, on the trip. Capt. Skeen was in poor health from cancer of the stomach for a number of years. On November 22nd he went to Gueda Springs in the hope that the waters there would relieve him, but he gradually grew worse and on December 13th concluded to go to Eureka, but the end came before he could reach that place.

The body was taken to Capt. Skeen's old home, Cave Springs, Mo., on Thursday, December 15th. Interment was made in the cemetery at that place where the deceased's parents and many other relatives sleep. The funeral was large, the congregation being larger than the church would hold. He had lived at Cave Springs during forty-two years of his life and hence had very many friends there.

Capt. Skeen was 70 years, 11 months and 25 days of age. His younger days were spent in Missouri. He came with his family to Barber county in the 80's and lived here the greater portion of the time since although part of the time was spent in Oklahoma and California. His wife died here over twelve years ago. He is survived by only one close relative—Mrs. M. J. Lane of Kiowa, his daughter. He was an uncle by marriage of V. H. Killingworth who was with him in his last hours. Mr. Killingworth was orphaned when 6 weeks old and was brought up by Mr. and Mrs. Skeen, so that they seemed as parents to him.

Capt. Skeen was a man of peculiar temperament. He had a faculty of making fast friends, but he also made many enemies. He was a money maker and a money loser—once regarded as one of our well-to-do, progressive farmers, but died penniless. In the civil war he served in the confederate army and it was there that he contracted his physical difficulties.

Sharon Turkey Shoot
There will be a turkey shoot at Sharon on Saturday December 24th. Plenty of turkeys and a good time for everybody. Don't fail to be there.

Anything and everything you want for Christmas at the P. O. Book Store.

The Choral Society Operetta

The Medicine Lodge Choral Society not only sustained itself in the Operetta, "A Nautical Knot," staged last Thursday night, but the organization even surpassed itself as a company of stage artists. The attendance was very much greater than that of the average opera and the praise that the company received justifies a deep sense of pride on the part of each and every member.

As the title indicates, this play deals with Romance at sea and the life surrounding sailors and their environments. The stories are interesting and when intermingled with song and verse, are sentimentally picturesque and beautiful.

The leading characters were Miss Frances Young, as "Julia;" Miss Pearl Clymer, as "Nance;" Mr. Wright Terry, as "Barnabas Lee," and Mr. Don Lindley, as "Joe Stout."

Each was well fitted to the part assigned and earned a right to the distinction of a stage artist of exceeding merit.

Miss Young assumed an air of independence, self-will, dignity and precision that captivated the admiration of the audience most heartily.

Mr. Terry is a gem as a graceful, persistent lover. His capture and kidnapping by the sailors and subsequent triumphant return and final marriage to "Julia" told a beautiful story and he acted every vicissitude to perfection.

The most unique and humorous part was taken by Mr. Harry Terry whose predicament was that of an old sailor, a special friend of "Joe Stout." He undertook to propose marriage to "Nance" for "Joe" but made a mistake and proposed to "Julia." It required strenuous effort to untangle matters but explanations were made in due season and it ended happily. Mr. Terry is a fine actor and singer.

Mr. Don Lindley lost none of his previous good reputation in operatic performance. He was a gallant man at "court" and came into his own splendidly.

Miss Clymer, as "Nance," upon being informed of her lover's proposal to "Julia," acted the part of a broken-hearted maiden with the talent of a genius and could not have been improved upon.

Messrs. Frank Knight, Percy Knight, Paul Fair, Francis Slane and Clifford Lindley impersonated sailor boys, and Mrs. Blanche Griffin and Misses Georgia Steele, Muriel Best, Alice Martin and Margaret Kernohan represented the "Barnabapole Girls." The respective courtships were true to life and amusing. These parts were quite difficult and the able manner in which they were handled reflected great credit on the actors and actresses.

A trio of "Artists Down from Town," represented by Messrs. G. E. Osborn, Earl Slane and Wilber Totten, was a pleasing innovation and added materially to the novelty of the occasion.

The Chorus consisted of thirty voices, consisting of the entire cast and the following additional persons:

Madams Forsyth, Skinner, Wadsworth, Coleman, Carrie Shaw Jones; Miss Bernice Williams and Mr. Guilford Davis. Accompanist, Miss Mona Dobson.

The proceeds of the evening were \$85, which will be given to the library building fund, after paying expenses.

Much of the credit for the success of the event is due to Mrs. Griffin, President; Mrs. Major, Conductor, and Mr. Jack Best, Stage Manager. They gave their time and effort freely and are to be congratulated on the success achieved.

H. H. Moss Sues for Divorce

Bunton H. Moss filed suit in the district court on Monday, through his attorney, Seward I. Field, for a divorce from his wife, Hilda E. Moss. He alleges that she deserted him December 9th and that he does not know her whereabouts at this time; that for some time she has conducted herself in a rude and indifferent manner toward him, has disregarded her marriage vows and has been intimate with other men.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss were married at Woodward, Oklahoma, August 16, 1905. They have resided in this city about two years.

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Their First Born Dead

Another Medicine Lodge family is sorely aggrieved today, and a gloom is cast over the entire city and community. George Tincher, only son and first child of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Tincher, died at 12 o'clock Monday night, December 19, 1910, at the interesting age of 7 years, 9 months and 24 days.

He took sick a week previous to his death, and a few days after his taking sick a very critical case of pneumonia developed. Drs. Gilbert and Coleman were in attendance almost constantly, professional nurses were at the little boy's bedside during every moment of his sickness and the anxious parents and grandparents spared nothing that might alleviate, assuage or soothe, but all to no avail. Disease conquered and left grim sorrow and sore distress in its wake.

Until his sickness one week ago, George was a robust, healthy boy and if one were to have speculated as to which of the boys of the city would reach the threshold of manhood, or which would not, George would surely have been one of the first to have been chosen as the most likely to reach the age of maturity.

His death is a calamity to his parents and relatives and a genuine grief to their friends. George was a most likable boy, well-behaved, mannerly, brilliant, and gave rich promise of a useful, noble manhood. Why he should have been cut off in the budding days of his boyhood, in the early morning of his existence when so much of opportunity and radiance was before him, is one of those unfathomable mysteries that have haunted the human race through the ages and will perplex the human mind until time shall be no more. Shelley said, "How wonderful is death!" It may also be said in this instance, how cruel death seems.

In vain we ponder for words that might express the sympathy we feel for Mr. and Mrs. Tincher in this season of heart agony. The vacant chair, the unused toys, the thousand memories that will stand out forever and forever, of the things said and done by the loved and loving child in his purity and innocence, will be an animated monument to them always.

It is altogether fitting to commend to them, in this sad ordeal this soothing benediction: "It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

The time of the funeral had not been definitely decided upon when the paper was printed.

Fulfilled Expectations

The Le Brun Grand Opera redeemed every promise made and rendered two-fold value to the large audience that feasted on the stage attractions.

Eliminating those who do not greatly enjoy Grand Opera, the entertainment pleased beyond expression. From a musical and artistic view, each of the artists was so nearly perfect that the most skilled critic in the audience could not find aught upon which to base an adverse thought.

Madame Le Brug is a lady of fine form, rare beauty and unexcelled voice melody. Miss Lillian Baer is a very close rival in these attributes, while Messrs. Fritz Hutmman and Arthur Deane are equal to the ladies in all respects.

The costumes are elaborate—probably the most elaborate ever shown in Medicine Lodge.

In both acts—"Martha" and "Il Trovatore"—there was intense interest on the part of the audience and its appreciation was very forcibly manifested in the repeated encores.

The Le Brun Company promises to produce "Faust" here in the near future.

Two Good Games

Two excellent basket ball games were played at the Opera House last Friday night. The competitors were the Gerlane boys vs. The M. L. A. A., and the Gerlane girls vs. The B. C. H. S. girls.

Both games were spirited but the home teams outplayed the visitors by handsome odds. There was some fast playing however and the Medicine Lodge teams were conscious of the fact that they had to work hard and they earned their victory.

Turkey shoot at the gun club grounds on Friday.

When Dad Would Foot the Bill

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I was happy in my youth,
And a little wayward too, forsooth;
For I spent the greenbacks with a will.

When Dad would foot the bill.

My patents then were always bright,
My linen shone immaculate white;
A fashionplate! I looked not ill,
When Dad would foot my bill.

I'd patronize a show each night;
A chat with Her, by dim moonlight—
Then a tete-a-tete, a good chef's skill,
When Dad would foot the bill.

Now the world is sadly changed,
Thru many climes I've ranged!
Weary, footsore, working still,
Since Dad refused to foot the bill.

My linen's soiled and yellow now,
My trouser legs are fringed, I know;
My fashionplate's passed thru the mill,
Since Dad won't foot the bill.

I've searched my pockets o'er and o'er,
For lonesome coin I've lost before.
For the love of Mike! I've had my fill
Since Dad won't foot my bill.

Time, ah! Time! turn back in your flight
Make me a kid just once for to-night!

Really I've worked until I am ill.
Dad oh Dad! Won't you foot the bill?

B. A. By.

Promoted to Lieutenant-Commander

A letter from Irwin F. Landis, received a few days ago, contains the very gratifying news that he has just been promoted from the rank of Lieutenant to that of Lieutenant-Commander in the United States Navy. This is not only delightful to the Index, but to all Barber county, and particularly to the relatives and intimate friends of the distinguished officer, who reside here.

Mr. Landis is in command of the U. S. S. California and is stationed off San Diego. His home is temporarily in San Francisco where Mrs. Landis is now staying.

We take the liberty of quoting the following extract from his letter, knowing that it will be of interest to his old friends of his boyhood days:

"Some months ago I had a hard job on a small ship whose only mission was to act in the capacity of watch dog over a South American Republic that deserves no protection, and while I was perfectly satisfied for the time, because Jessie was at Corinto with me, the prospects were far from promising. Central America duty is hard, trying duty and is usually without any mitigating circumstances. It is very unusual that ships on that duty have orders that will permit or make possible the presence of officers' wives, consequently when I was ordered to San Francisco by mail steamer for duty on this ship I was very well satisfied.

"The California is generally admitted to be the best ship on the Pacific coast and one of the best in the Navy, and I am fortunate in being one of her officers.

"On our cruise to Valparaiso we established a navy record for economy of coal consumption and have received the congratulations of the Navy Department. As this work is the work of a Department of which I am the head, it has been very gratifying to me personally. I have a department consisting of three hundred men and ten officers. It gives me plenty to do but I like the ship and duty better than any other I have ever had."

There are few men in the service who have been promoted as rapidly as Mr. Landis. This is his fourth promotion since he left the academy and began duty. That was in 1898. Four more promotions will make him a Rear-Admiral which is the summit of naval achievement.

We confidently expect to see the day when he shall attain this rank.

Business Meeting—Choral Society

There will be a business meeting of the Choral Society at the home of Mrs. H. W. Skinner tomorrow (Thursday) evening, December 22nd. It is greatly desired that all members attend.

SECRETARY.

Uses His Knife

Word came to Isabel Monday that Sam Roessler, one of Nashville's influential citizens, had been badly cut up in a scrap with one Jim McGarrath, who runs a restaurant at Nashville. Later reports however, show that Sam was not very badly cut up as he went to Kingman Monday to swear out a warrant against McGarrath. The fight occurred last Saturday.

It seems that the difficulty arose over a dispute as to when McGarrath should vacate a house owned by Roessler. Reports vary however as to the cause of the dispute. Saturday McGarrath came down to the hotel and called Roessler out of the house. They then engaged in conversation and before anyone knew what had happened, McGarrath had drawn his knife and struck Roessler. He then struck him several times with his fists. Roessler was so taken by surprise that he could not defend himself.

Roessler went to Kingman Monday to swear out a warrant against McGarrath but it has not been learned whether he did or not. It is not known which was to blame for the arising of this dispute, but one thing is certain, McGarrath should be given the full extent of the law for assaulting with a knife.—Isabel Star.

The Medicine Lodge Orchestra

There never was a time in Medicine Lodge's history when the city had such a large and efficient orchestra as it has at the present time. The entertainment given by the Choral Society last Thursday night was splendid and the members are deserving of all the praise received, but it should not be overlooked that had the orchestra been absent, the entertainment would have lost much of its splendor. Until this event, few of our people realized the extent of the orchestra's power and their music was little less than a revelation.

The Orchestra consists of fifteen pieces and was organized less than three months ago. A traveling salesman who heard the music on Thursday night said that he has visited most Kansas towns and cities as well as many other cities and towns, and he has never heard a better orchestra anywhere.

We think the members have cause to feel "chesty" over this compliment, and in that pride the entire city shares.

The personnel of the orchestra is as follows: Miss Stella Parker, Miss Cecile Osborn, Miss Clara Groendycke, Mrs. Nella English and Mr. C. D. Rackley, violinists; Uel Major, Henry Rankin and Guilford Davis, clarinetists; C. C. Painter and Robert Thom, cornetists; C. W. Kidd, Frenchhorn; Clifford Lindley, trombone; C. W. Schmidt, bass horn; Frank Spurrier, drums; Mrs. C. D. Rackley pianist.

Mr. Ralph Ewing is the Orchestra Director. Too much credit can not be given him for its excellence. He has recognized for some time that the city had the talent for a first-class orchestra and he took the matter up with different individuals and effected a good working organization and the result was most pleasingly demonstrated on Thursday night.

Plans are now under way for several entertainments during the winter and spring.

Going up

The many friends of Jeff K. Wilson of this city will be gratified to learn that he has just been elected General Manager of the Stewart Lumber Company which is one of the strongest lumber corporations in the west. The company will double its capacity the first of the new year and will then have eighteen yards in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Mr. Wilson will reside in Wellington where the Company will establish headquarters January 1st. Heretofore he was secretary of the company but during the past three months he has been doing little office work, having been assigned to work on the road. His promotion is very gratifying to him personally, yet he feels a great responsibility and realizes that there is arduous labor ahead.

Knowing "Jeff" as we do, we have no doubt of his making good, and we congratulate him.

Turkey shoot at Sharon on Saturday. Don't forget it.