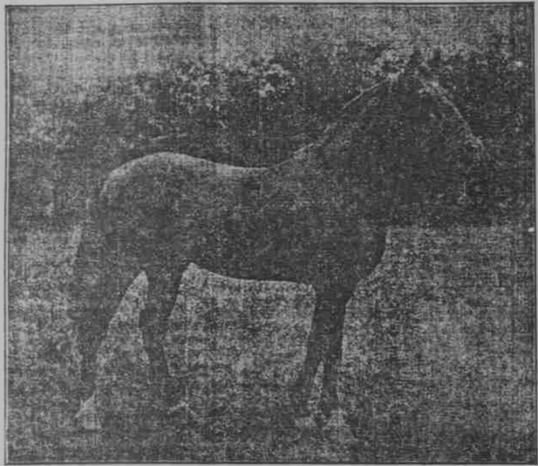


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LODGE NEWS.

T. G. Fitch, of Wichita, at Head of Grand Lodge.

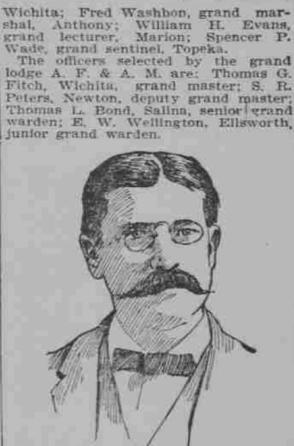
Masons Close Successful Session in Topeka.

SEVEN HUNDRED HERE.

Sunflower Camp, M. W. A., Working for Prize.

K. P. A. Prepares a Fine Entertainment for Next Tuesday.

One of the most important lodge events that ever transpired in Topeka has been the gathering of the Masons for the annual conventions of their three grand divisions during the past week. They were the grand lodge A. F. & A. M., the grand chapter Royal Arch Masons, and the grand council Royal and Select Masters. Their conventions commenced on Monday and lasted until Thursday of this week. Each branch of the order elected officers. One of the principal events of the week was the entertainment and reception given for the visitors by the local Scottish Rite bodies. The total out of town attendance amounted to about 700. The officers selected by the grand chapter are: Perry M. Holsington, grand high priest, Newton; Thomas L. Bond, deputy grand high priest, Salina; Edward W. Wyant, grand king, Leavenworth; Aaron H. Cornett, grand scribe, Great Bend; William M. Shaver, grand treasurer, Topeka; Wm. Frank March, grand secretary, Lawrence; A. O. Wellman, grand captain, Topeka; Aaron F. Randall, grand Royal Arch captain, Newton; Thomas G. Fitch, grand chaplain, Wichita; Fred Washbon, grand marshal, Anthony; William H. Evans, grand lecturer, Marion; Spencer P. Wade, grand sentinel, Topeka. The officers selected by the grand lodge A. F. & A. M. are: Thomas G. Fitch, Wichita, grand master; S. R. Peters, Newton, deputy grand master; Thomas L. Bond, Salina, senior grand warden; E. W. Wellington, Ellsworth, junior grand warden.



THOS. G. FITCH.
New Masonic Grand Master.

The reception and entertainment given by the Scottish Rite bodies at the Masonic building Wednesday night was attended by 300 Masons, residents and visitors. Those from outside of Topeka numbered in the vicinity of 700. Tables were spread through the length and breadth of the Masonic building and were well filled. Music was furnished by the Washburn quartette and toasts were given informally by prominent Masons. The latter part of the evening was devoted to an informal reception and smoker.

Sunflower camp No. 536, Modern Woodmen of America, will initiate ten candidates in the fraternal and beneficiary degrees at their hall, at Sixth and Jackson streets, Tuesday evening next. Light refreshments will be served following the work. The drill team, under

the captaincy of Assistant Chief Forester George W. Porter, will put on the floor work and they are in prime shape to do the trick. The camp is having a little spurt in membership that is taxing the drill team to the limit, but they are bent upon doing their share for the "million in Milwaukee."

The local Knights of Pythias lodges are getting results from their campaign for candidates who will be given the degree work in Topeka on May 7, which has been selected as the date for the big initiation. The other towns over the state which will send classes to Topeka for the initiation are also making an active campaign and the prospects for success in the aim to secure 500 members for the class of candidates is more than ever promising. N. J. Holm is chairman and Fred Shellabarger is secretary of the general committee representing all the local lodges which have the work in charge. The initiation will be held in representative hall at the state house.

The supreme council of the Triple Tie Benefit association, which met in Fort Scott last week, was attended by the following persons composing the Topeka delegation: Dr. A. A. Raub, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Burris, Mrs. Margaret Conwell, Mrs. G. E. Woolbert, Mrs. L. G. Berry, Thomas E. Sheard, J. M. Miller, and J. G. Rodemeyer.

Shawnee camp No. 2590, Modern Woodmen, gave a big public dance last Thursday evening. A general invitation was issued to the Woodmen of the city and their friends.

Capital ark No. 69, Knights of the Protected Ark, will give one of the best lodge entertainments next Tuesday night that has ever been given in Topeka. A programme has been prepared which will include numbers by the following persons: Miss Cecil Anthony, piano; Mrs. W. E. Atchison, reading original poem; Harry Cohn, piano; F. W. Sweartgen, cornet; Albert Lewis, violin; W. G. Fairchild and Claude Fairchild, vocal numbers; Fred Beach, recitation; Frank Faulkenstein, violin. A male quartette will also sing. N. J. Holm returned yesterday from Emporia, where he attended the district convention of the Knights of Pythias Thursday night. The gather-

ing was attended by between 400 and 500 members of the order, and much interest was manifested in the proposed mammoth initiation which is to be held in Topeka on May 7. The Emporia lodges will send a considerable delegation of members and candidates to receive the degrees which will be exemplified here. The other lodges represented at the Emporia meeting will also contribute numbers to the gathering here.

A celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the order was held in Wichita last night. Grand Chancellor Frank L. Britton, of Osage City, attended this meeting and urged the delegates to send in good-sized delegations to the Topeka function. Speaking of the brightening prospects for the initiation Mr. Holm said:

"Representative hall at the state house is not going to be big enough for this gathering. We'll have to have the Auditorium, and we must see about getting it at once. There will be not less than five or six thousand visiting Knights here on May 7, and it will hustle us to take care of them. I was surprised to find what interest is being taken in our preparations. My announcement at the Emporia convention was enthusiastically received and I was assured of hearty support from there. This will be the biggest lodge event that was ever held in Topeka. I believe that we will have a class of 1,000 candidates to initiate, as hundreds will be sent in from outside towns."

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

The Topeka Railway company executed a trust deed to the American Trust & Savings bank of Chicago for the sum of \$1,250,000.

The Masons of the state gather in Topeka for their annual meeting. Thos. G. Fitch is elected grand master. A. F. and A. M. Percy M. Holsington elected high priest. Royal Arch Masons, J. C. Postlethwaite at head of R. and S. M.

Ned Riley, bookkeeper for the Cunningham Commission company, embezzles \$340 which he received from the sale of a car of apples in Galveston.

The Topeka Commercial club takes up an investigation of the desirability of purchasing the waterworks plant, the

value of the plant having been questioned since its failure to furnish water sufficient for fighting the Parkhurst-Davis fire.

The Kansas State Temperance union begins the sessions of its annual convention in Topeka.

The Topeka Women's Municipal league endorses candidates for city offices and gets to work at bringing out the registration of city voters.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Three Russian submarines are sunk by Russian guns on the Port Arthur fortifications, the Russian ships being mistaken for part of the Japanese fleet. Japanese are repulsed in an attempt to land at Tallen Wan and 400 are sabred by Russian Cossacks.

Representative Shafer of Colorado upon whom a fight is being made in congress, relinquishes his seat rather than be displaced.

Senator Marcus A. Hanna dies after an illness of two months from typhoid fever.

Six hundred Russians freeze to death while crossing Lake Balkal.

Dr. Carl A. Swenson, founder of Bethany college at Lindsborg, dies at Los Angeles, Cal., of pneumonia.

Japan embarks forces of 50,000 men for Korea, the supposed destination being Port Arthur.

"Elijah" Dowle is mobbed in his hotel in Sydney, N. S. W., after a demonstration of rowdism in one of his meetings.

Secretary W. H. Taft of the war department estimates the cost of straightening the bed of the Kaw river at \$10,000,000.

The Albanians who engaged in a military encounter with the Turkish troops at Salonica, Macedonia, lose 800 men in a single engagement.

The remains of Senator Hanna are brought home from Washington to Cleveland where they rest in state before burial.

The state closes its cases against the Dewey ranchmen who are on trial at Norton, Kan., for shooting three members of the Berry family last spring.

What goes up to \$1.03 in the Chicago wheat pit, influenced by the war news. A report is received in London to the effect that Pei An, empress of China, is dead.

The St. Petersburg annual festivities fall flat owing to the general gloom over the outcome of the war with Japan.

CHURCH NOTES.

Second United Presbyterian church, Fillmore and Huntoon streets, preaching by the pastor, Rev. John P. White, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject in the morning, "Christian Life"—Gal. 2:20; evening subject, "Encouragements in Temperance Work."

First Unitarian church, 912 Topeka avenue. Services at 11 o'clock conducted by the minister, Rev. Abram Wyman. Sermon subject, "Casting Out Evil by Good." Sunday school at 10 o'clock; lesson topic, "Jesus Sending Out His Disciples to Preach." Young People's Religious union at 5 o'clock; subject, "The Employer as a Helper of Men; Robert Owen." Mr. Raymond Jones, leader.

Reformed Presbyterian church, corner Clay and Tenth streets, E. M. Dean Coleman, 10 a. m. Sabbath school, 10:50 a. m. study of church testimony, 11:15 a. m. sermon, 12:30 p. m. C. E. senior and junior.

Oakland Presbyterian church, Rev. S. A. Alt, pastor. Sunday school and Bible drill at 10 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. Subject, "Shifting Responsibilities." Junior C. E. at 5:30 p. m. to be led by Hazel Ludington. Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock a young people's Bible class will be organized.

First Cumberland Presbyterian church, West Fifth and West streets, A. H. Kelso, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Sermon and reception of members at 11 a. m. Ladies' Aid society Thursday afternoon.

Lowman chapel M. E. church, Elverson and Morris, O. M. Bowman, pastor. Preaching at 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Both services in charge of pastor. Good music at both services.

Rev. C. A. Finch will give a talk at the Young Women's Christian Association rooms Sunday afternoon at 4:15. Mr. Elmer Hill of the Washburn quartette will sing. All women are invited.

First Church of Christian Scientists, corner Huntoon and Polk streets. Services 11 a. m., subject, "Christ Jesus." Children's Sunday school at 12 m. Wed-

nesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Free reading rooms 106 West Eighth street, which are open afternoon and evening.

First Presbyterian church, Harrison street, opposite capitol, Rev. J. D. Couterline, D. D., pastor. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m., subject, "The Good Shepherd." 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Life of Moses." Illustrated with the stereopticon. Mrs. Parkhurst will sing "The Holy City."

Westminster church, College avenue and Huntoon street. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Words That Bring Tears." Evening subject, "Patriotic Service" programme; good music. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m., subject, "Some Good Ways of Using the Sabbath."

First Lutheran church, corner Fifth and Harrison streets, Rev. H. A. Ott, pastor. Services with sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Temptation of Jesus." Evening subject, "The Lord's Census."

First Baptist church, corner Tenth and Jackson streets, Rev. P. W. Crannell, D. D., pastor; Rev. Matthew Francis, assistant. Morning worship 11 a. m., "Spiritual Discernment." Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Evening worship 7:30 p. m. "The Value of a Coin."

First United Presbyterian church, Services in Knights and Ladies of Security hall, corner Seventh and Kansas avenue. Rev. J. A. Renwick, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. No evening services.

At the First Congregational church, Seventh and Harrison, Frances L. Hayes, D. D., the pastor, will preach in the morning on "The Yellow Peril," and in the evening on "The Gospel as the Apostles Preached It; Paul's Sermon at Antioch."

First Christian church, on Topeka avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets; Charles A. Finch, pastor. Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon and communion at 11 o'clock; evening sermon at 7:30.

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