

ELKS MEMORIAL HELD SUNDAY

Public Exercises Were Held in the Grand Opera House During the Afternoon and Attended by a Large Crowd.

VERY IMPRESSIVE

Large Audience Gathered and Heard the Address Given by Phil J. Mackey of Muscatine, President of State Ass'n.

The annual memorial exercises of the Elks lodge, or the session of sorrow, was held Sunday afternoon at the Grand opera house and attended by an audience which almost filled the lower part of the house, the exercises being public.

The members of the lodge occupied seats upon the stage, where the officers stations had been placed. There was no effort made to decorate the stage for the occasion, with the exception of a large American flag at the rear and the altar emblems being shown.

The service was beautiful and impressive, consisting of musical numbers and eulogies, together with the ceremony of snuffing out a lighted candle as each name of a deceased brother was announced.

The Program.

MUSIC—Elks March (Richard) Orchestra.

Opening ceremonies, exalted ruler and secretary.

Hymn—Sun of My Soul (Turner) St. Peters and St. Francis de Sales choir.

Ceremonies, exalted ruler and officers of lodge.

Opening Ode, brothers and church choir.

Invocation by the chaplain.

My Rosary (Nevin) St. Peters and St. Francis de Sales choir.

Eulogy—Announcement, Brother W. H. Reimbold, secretary; response Brother Frank B. Hiller.

Music—Excerpt from Tanhauser (Wagner) orchestra.

Scripture reading, chaplain.

PART II.

Lead Kindly Light, (Newman) St. Peter's and St. Francis de Sales choir. Address—Brother Phil J. Mackey, President Iowa Association of Elks, Muscatine, Iowa.

Music—At the Stroke of Eleven, march (Grabbe) orchestra.

Closing ceremonies, exalted ruler and officers of the lodge.

Nearer My God to Thee (Sarah J. Adams) St. Peter's and St. Francis de Sales choir.

America, orchestra, choir and audience.

Star Spangled Banner—Orchestra.

The Absent Brothers.

Joseph M. Casey, charter member, died Feb. 9, 1895, aged 68. Buried at Ft. Madison.

Harrison Tucker, charter member and first secretary, died April 29, 1893, age 33. Buried at Keokuk.

J. W. Hutchinson, charter member, died March 26, 1892, age 60. Buried at Kewanee, Ill.

Murray Hutchinson, charter member, died June 7, 1894, age 32. Buried at Chicago.

Charles Horton, charter member, died April 21, 1895, age 29. Buried at Hannibal, Mo.

William Weisman, died July 12, 1897, age 38. Buried at Keokuk.

Wm. H. Atwood, died June 17, 1898, age 35. Buried at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Wm. E. Cunningham, died May 6, 1902, age 46. Buried at Hannibal, Mo.

George M. Bailey, died Dec. 10, 1894, Buried at Nevada, Neb.

Michael Malloy, died April 10, 1903, age 54. Buried at Keokuk.

Harry L. Miller, died March 3, 1904, age 32. Buried at Hamilton.

Charles L. Grice, died April 10, 1905, Buried at St. Louis.

Simon Vogel, died Dec. 7, 1905, age 63. Buried at Keokuk.

Chas. Carroll Marsh, died Jan. 3, 1908, age 37. Buried at Warsaw.

Dr. Geo. W. Jones, died about Dec. 25, 1907, age 23. Buried at Keokuk.

John C. Hubinger died Jan 27, 1908, age 54. Buried at Keokuk.

Fred E. Starr died April 1, 1908, age 25. Buried at Croton.

The Address.

Exalted Ruler Brother Elks Lady and Gentlemen Friends: You have asked me to give voice to your sentiments on this occasion. To assist in a small way your endeavors to repay the sacred obligations of love, we all owe to the dear ones whose hands we have clasped for the last time and whose faces we now see only in our dreams. In accepting your kind invitation I

I have learned more fully my poor limitations. We are spirits clad in veils. Man by man was never seen. All our deep, communing falls. To remove the shadow screen.

Heart to heart was never known. Mind with mind did never meet; We are columns left alone Of a temple once complete.

Only when the sun of love Melts the scattered stars of thought, Only when we live above, What the dim-eyed world has taught.

Only when our souls are fed By the fount that gave them birth, And by inspiration led, That they never drew from earth.

My friends, it is only by the noble thoughts of the poet, only by inspiration led and meeting you heart to heart, that anyone could hope to do justice to the beautiful sentiment nay, 'tis more, the ennobling sentiment of Elk's Memorial day.

Nature is Pointing.

At this season of the year all nature seems to point us out individually, and say to us "thou too must die." It is eminently fitting and proper that our beloved and loving fraternity should on the first Sunday of each December commemorate the lives and pay sweet tribute to the memory of the brothers who have gone before; hence you have assembled and decorated your meeting place with flowers. "Flowers, the sweetest things that God e're made and forgot to put a soul in."

Flowers, the mute but surpassing eloquent evidence of God's love for mankind. You have come with flowers, coupled with the sweetest sentiments of mind and heart as tribute to the brothers you have loved in your Elk's home, and lodge room, that shall know them no more. They may have been of the rough and ready kind, or of the sweet-voiced and mild manners. They may have been rich in this world's goods or possibly busily engaged in keeping the wolf from the door. They may have been men of proud learning and brilliant minds, veritable leaders among men or perhaps have trod the humble paths of life. No matter what manner of men they were, they loved their fellow men, or they would not have been Elks. Victor Hugo says "the millionaire of intellect learns to pity the millionaire of money." Many Elks would humbly add the millionaire of virtue has compassion for both. To Elks, great virtue means we must endeavor at all times, whether in the lodge room, the home circle or while following our daily avocations in life, we must endeavor at all times to pass around the sunshine and happiness. It means we must find time even in this busy life of ours to lend a helping hand to a fellow man who has fallen by the wayside, be he an Elk or not, and we must endeavor to place him on his feet again. It means we must cultivate a great, a sublime charity. We have no aristocracy of wealth in Elkdom although we have many wealthy men who are members of our fraternity. We have no aristocracy of brains in Elkdom, although we have many brainy and intellectual men who are members of our order, but we have an aristocracy in Elkdom; it is the aristocracy of hearts and as evidence of such we point with pride to such men among our past Grand Exalted Rulers as John Tenner, of Pennsylvania, Judge Melvin of California, Robert Brown of Kentucky, Charlie Pickett of our own state, Jerome Fisher of New York, Joe Fanning of Indiana, John Galvin of Ohio, William O'Brien of Maryland and a host of other past Grand Lodge officers, all veritable princes of the good, the true, the generous heart.

Brothers, today no one should nor can hope to attain prominence who has not accomplished something of moment along charitable lines, either in his home lodge or in the Grand lodge.

The Elk Lodge.

Ladies and gentlemen, scattered throughout this great and glorious land of ours, in cities of five thousand and over, where an Elk's lodge exists, the brothers have assembled on this day to perpetuate the memory and call our attention to the good traits of character of our deceased members that we may emulate their example. "The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft times interred with their bones;" If Bill Shakespeare had lived, in these our days and in this our land, he would undoubtedly be an Elk. The man who penned the lines I have just quoted for you, with his great heart overflowing with brotherly love, could not but appreciate the motto of our order. "The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands, their virtues on the tablets of love and memory." All that has been given us by all the great writers and thinkers of time from the days of Moses, the great Jewish writer and teacher, from the days of Confucius, the great Pagan writer and teacher, from the days of Christ's apostles and disciples, all that has lived, endured, that has been handed down through the ages, the centuries of time has been prompted by, nay, inspired by the lovable thought of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. All that has been given to us by all sacred and profane writers is imbued with these four great virtues: charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity. To what a proud position should that organization attain that teaches, as we well know Elkdom teaches, these four great virtues. With this foundation we

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can, nay we should, make the roster of each Elk's lodge the roll of honor in its community, but my Brothers, we too often forget the obligations we owe, not only to our Exalted Rulers and the officers of the lodge, but also mark you well the words, to every Elk on the face of the earth. We some times speak in a slighting manner of our Brother Elks, disparage, may even malign, their character and good name. This is not Elkdom. Some good fraternal fellow has said "There is so much bad in the best of us

And so much good in the worst of us That it doesn't behoove any of us To talk about the rest of us."

Shakespeare says "he who steals my purse steals trash; tis something, tis nothing. 'Twas mine; 'tis his, but he who robs me of my good name, steals that which does not enrich him and makes me poor indeed."

Now my brothers, if it is so black a crime to rob a man of his good reputation, to malign his character and good name, it must be a correspondingly great virtue to enable a man to build up his good name and reputation. Let us all do this.

I have heard somewhere in Elk literature, this thought, We live for those who love us.

For the hearts we know are true; For the heavens that bend above us And the good that we can do.

I hold this true, that a love for one's country, a deep felt patriotism, is a great factor in building up character in the individual. Its influence is exceeded though, by a love for one's fellow man. The real fraternal love which Tolstoid describes as a "love and generosity, prompted by no hope of reward, no desire to gain or maintain a reputation for generosity, that is prompted only by love of the common brotherhood of man which exists just as surely as does exist the common Fatherhood of God."

While in an eastern city a few days ago the Exalted Ruler of a lodge said to me, "What surprises me in Elkdom is the absolute equality of its membership in the order." He said, "We have here in our city membership descendants of English, Irish, German, French, Armenians, Austrians, Assyrians, and other countries, but here they are as one, paying tribute to the stars and stripes and the brotherhood of man." He said, "We have in our lodge judges of the superior and criminal court and lawyers who shed lustre on their profession and the social standing of our city, who meet here on an absolute equality with men who dig the trenches and sweep the streets. We have ministers and divines who trace the pulpits of our most fashionable churches, who in our lodge rooms hail as brothers, other men of different religious beliefs diametrically opposite to their teachings. We have members who are among the men who pay the largest amount of taxes in the city and members who are only known on the assessors' books as paying a poll tax, and yet when they meet in our lodge room, evidence of an absolute equality can be seen at all times and if they all continue Elks throughout life, their names go side by side on our memorial tablets. It is an error to speak of one's past life in the possessive case; it does not belong to us. It is already a matter of record, of history. It belongs to the community in which we live—of which we are a part. The present only is available to us, belongs to us. The future belongs to God alone. So my brothers, we should endeavor in the present to extend the heartfelt handshake! The radiant smile, the kind words of encouragement, which go far to gain the love of our fellows and to bring tenfold blessings upon our own lives. Do this Brothers, each day and when your names are read off at some Memorial day and they are placed upon the me-

morial tablet in some Elk's lodge, the brothers will say of you, "He was a good Elk, he was always sunny, kind and thoughtful. He loved his fellow men."

Paid in Full.

In conclusion, my brothers, "when the moment comes when it is already come, when thou must write the absolute total of thy life's vast sum," in that last hour "when earth that has nourished thee shall claim thy growth to be resolved to earth again," in that last moment let us hope your Elk card will be paid in full, not only the dues to your lodge, but in the higher sense, that you will have paid in full all the opportunities of charity that have been given you and when you are presented to the Supreme Ruler of us all, aid of the heavens and the earth, you will hear from him these words, "well done, thou good and faithful servant." Your brothers will take you under their fraternal care and let us hope there will be many Elks there who will extend to you an Elks fraternal and heavenly greeting to the golden paved streets of Paradise.

Excellent Choir.

The numbers furnished by the choir, were excellent ones and added greatly to the beauty and solemnity of the afternoon. The choir was composed of the following:

St. Peters and St. Francis de Sales Choir—Miss Julia Connelly, Miss Elizabeth Cosgrove, Miss Katherine Rogerson, Miss Isabelle Fallon, Dr. Robert Fegers, Jr., Mr. Frank Kenney, Mr. John Nodler, Sr. Mr. Thomas Rogerson, accompanist, Miss Mae Fegers.

The committee in charge of the afternoon were as follows: Decoration Committee—Ed. S. Lofton, C. S. Abell, Jr., Henry Kesselring, Charles W. Chase, T. E. O'Brien, Roy H. King.

Reception committee—E. E. Coombs, John P. Murphy, L. J. Titus, A. E. Lawson, Joseph Steiger, Roy Roach, W. E. Pringle, Sam A. Miller.

Memorial committee—J. M. Shaffer, O. S. Stanbro, John J. Crimmins. In every Elk lodge in the United States, where there are deceased members upon the roll of honor, similar services were held yesterday. Some of the lodges hold very elaborate services.

At Fort Madison yesterday the address was made by B. F. Swisher of Waterloo. At Burlington the address was made by Fred D. Letts of Davenport, who spoke in Keokuk last year. At Davenport, Joseph R. Fralley of Fort Madison was the speaker and at Ottumwa, Jerry B. Sullivan of Des Moines made the address.

Brother Mackey had a pleasant visit with the Keokuk Elks and left for his home this afternoon. Although he does not pose as an orator, being a traveling man, he has an earnest and impressive way of telling his thoughts and his address yesterday afternoon was highly thought of by all who heard it.

CITY NEWS

—Westminster Presbyterian church bazaar and supper, December 15.

—An extra freight on the Wabash arrived in the city Sunday morning.

—K. line train No. 12 was almost an hour and a half late this morning.

—See Ewers, McCarthy Co. overcoats.

—The Woman's Guild of Graham hospital will meet at the nurses' home tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

—Regular meeting of Keokuk Lodge No. 13, I. O. O. F., Monday night, at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren fraternally. Work in the 3rd degree.

—Owing to darkness settling more quickly during the winter months, collections will be made from now on at 4 p. m. instead of 4:30 p. m. by the letter carriers.

—Underwear exceptional values, \$1.00 to \$4.00 per suit. Ewers, McCarthy Co.

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—Tuesday will be a holy day of obligation throughout the Catholic world, it being the day of the Immaculate Conception. Several masses will be celebrated in all of the Catholic churches of this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tucker, 1202 Reid street, have the sympathy of Keokuk friends in the death of their infant son, the first child. The little body was laid tenderly to rest this afternoon in Oakland cemetery at 2 o'clock.

—Revival meetings started last evening at the M. P. church, with the pastor, Rev. J. C. McCaslin in charge. They will continue this week and the public is invited to attend the services which are held each evening at No. 824 Main street.

—All wool overcoats, cravenets and suits, \$12 to \$25. Ewers, McCarthy Co.

—Miss Mary Collins, a missionary to the Indians of Northern South Dakota, was the speaker at the Y. W. C. A. yesterday afternoon and made a very interesting address on, "The Sioux Indians at home." Mrs. Henry Schouten sang a very beautiful solo and the meeting was well attended.

—December 15, the date set by President M. E. Justice for the meeting of the Central Association in this city, will bring to Keokuk many of the leading baseball magnates of Iowa and Illinois, and the meeting will be one of the most important ones held by the league for some time. Keokuk directors will make a great effort to entertain the delegates, among whom will be baseball men from Galesburg, Hannibal, Waterloo, Jacksenville, Burlington, Kewanee, and Ottumwa.

WEDLER ROBBERS MAY BE CAUGHT

Two Hannibal Men Arrested and Charged With the Robbery Here on the Night of October 7.

THEY STOLE JEWELRY

Clue Picked Up Several Days Ago at West Quincy Has Been Followed and the Men Are Captured.

Two Hannibal men were arrested Saturday, charged with having been guilty of the robbery of the home of F. A. Wedler, No. 913 Leighton street, in this city on the night of October 7, during the street fair.

The men are James Giffin, aged 19 years, son of a lumber merchant of that city and Leon Fitzgerald, aged 24, son of the proprietor of a big second hand store and both said to come of good families. Giffin is now in the Keokuk jail, having been brought up Sunday morning by Marshal Kenney and Fitzgerald is expected up this evening, accompanied by his attorney.

The two men were arrested at Hannibal on Saturday, upon informations filed by the marshal, who went down Saturday evening to get them. Giffin agreed to come without a requisition and the marshal brought him up Sunday morning, but Fitzgerald refused to budge without the necessary papers but has since changed his mind and has agreed to come up with his attorney. Marshal Kenney left this afternoon for Hannibal to bring him up this evening.

The Robbery.

The robbery was committed on the evening of October 7 while the members of the family were down town at the street fair. It happened some time between the hours of 7:30 and 10:00 o'clock when entrance was made to the house by breaking into a bathroom window. Once inside of the house, it was ransacked, the contents of the bureau and other pieces of furniture being scattered about the floor. Mr. Wedler's private desk was broken open.

The robbers took a number of articles of jewelry including several gold chains, rings, bracelets and other things, the total value being estimated at the time at \$200.

Following the Clue.

For a long time there was no clue to the robbery, which was thought to have possibly been committed by some grafter following the street fair.

But a slight clue was found and this was run down until it resulted in the arrest on Saturday of the two Hannibal men.

It was learned that two men had walked from Keokuk to Alexandria that night and taken the midnight train south. They got off at West Quincy and there tried to dispose of some jewelry to some section men at work on the railroad. They did sell one chain and this was identified as one stolen from the Wedler home.

A railroad man who happened to see the two men trying to dispose of the jewelry, lives at Hannibal and one day he saw the two men again, walking on the street. He had heard of the robbery and found out who the two fellows were. In this way they were identified as the two who had been at West Quincy with the jewelry and their arrest followed.

It may be that some of the stolen property will be recovered. After Fitzgerald arrives this evening the two men will have their preliminary hearing.

CITY NEWS

—Ewers, McCarthy Co. overcoats are new.

—John Sanberg who has been employed at the Sixth Street fire station for the past week has resigned his position to return to his stone mason trade.

—Funeral services for the late Ephraim Parks were held this morning at the residence, 1514 Blondeau street, and were conducted by Rev. Searcy, pastor of the A. M. E. church.

—The Keokuk Trades and Labor assembly has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Christian Koepf; vice president, J. A. Whetsome; record secretary, Curtis C. Koepf; financial secretary, D. J. Henn; treasurer, Carl Weigner; Sergeant-at-arms, F. P. Skyles; trustees, F. M. Waugh, A. Kiefer, Christ Nelson.

—V. Jones and George Vanbeck were up in the superior court this morning, charged with being drunk and disturbing the peace. Vanbeck simply said that he was not guilty, while Jones explained that Vanbeck had been slightly drunk and that he was helping him upstairs when an officer came along and arrested them. The trial was set for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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