

SONS OF HERMANN



Delegaten zur 6. Grosslogen-Sitzung des Ordens der Hermanns-Soehne im Staate Montana.

Delegates to the Sixth Grand Lodge Session of the Order of Sons of Hermann of the State of Montana.

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| 1. John Hubert, Butte. | 11. Gus Nickel, Butte. | 21. Albert Rahn, Livingston. | 31. Ed Rohkrainer, Missoula. | 41. Paul Gerber, Missoula. |
| 2. Emanuel Fischl, Helena. | 12. Henry Reiber, Helena. | 22. Emil E. Zachau, Butte. | 32. George Dehler, Helena. | 42. O. L. Jebe, Anaconda. |
| 3. Rudolph Hovsky, Helena. | 13. Albert Klein, Anaconda. | 23. Lorenz Wolpert, Butte. | 33. Herman Gerber, Helena. | 43. J. W. Wallisch, Marysville. |
| 4. Walther Stein, Great Falls. | 14. Carl E. Menzel, Bozeman. | 24. Ed Reinicke, Great Falls. | 34. William Elzner, Helena. | 44. William Baumann, Livingston. |
| 5. Louis Weigel, Helena. | 15. Fritz Schimpf, Helena. | 25. John J. Geier, Helena. | 35. Barney Radefeld, Anaconda. | 45. K. V. Neuer, Hong Kong, China. |
| 6. Fritz W. Kuphal, Butte. | 16. Isidor Pincus, Butte. | 26. C. E. Wiese, Bozeman. | 36. Joe Milch, Helena. | 46. Nic. Hansen, Great Falls. |
| 7. Julius Stirn, Butte. | 17. Conrad Schimpf, Helena. | 27. Karl Zoeller, Marysville. | 37. Joe Wagner, Missoula. | 47. Rob Richter, Great Falls. |
| 8. Emil Altman, Bozeman. | 18. Herm Oertel, Marysville. | 28. Henry Recksiek, Butte. | 38. Christ Best, Kalispell. | 48. G. W. Henke, Bozeman. |
| 9. Charles Burg, Livingston. | 19. H. Nalbach, Great Falls. | 29. Henry Rossman, Helena. | 39. Otto Waldeck, Butte. | 49. Lucas Lust, Helena. |
| 10. Jacob Wingenbach, Marysville. | 20. Joe Ruegg, Helena. | 30. Charles J. Geier, Helena. | 40. John V. Brass, Helena. | |

ARE PATRIOTS TRUE

MEMBERS OF THE ORDER UP-HOLD LAW AND ORDER.

MANNER OF THE ORGANIZATION

Order Was Born Over Fifty Years Ago—Membership Strong in Montana—List of Officers and Grand Lodge Members.

The Sons of Hermann today probably the foremost German order of the world, stands pre-eminently before the various countries of the globe, a band of true patriots.

No later day history written of the father land, no important chronicle of America's great men, as exemplified in the civil war, or the recent Spanish-American conflict, but contains, engraven upon the tablets of heroic sacrifice, names to the number of thousands that are, or were, of this great massing together of the patriots of a mighty nation.

The founding of the order came about originally in this way. On the 20th of June, 1849, a funeral procession of the Odd Fellows came down one of the principal streets of New York City, and was viewed from the curb, in company with thousands of others, by John Blatz, J. Kohler, M. Schwandel, John Mohr, E. Schenk, and C. Auer. There at that moment came to the mind of one of these an idea for the founding of a similar organization, which should be of and for the German people solely, and international in its scope, provided the order could be brought to sufficient proportions. Forthwith a counsel was held with the others, the scheme laid bare, and the founding of the order of the Sons of Hermann unanimously agreed upon. Out of this small beginning arose a membership roll that now numbers over 607,000 souls, 27,000 composing the ladies' auxiliary.

The name adopted was decided upon as being particularly indicative of the object of the order—undying patriotism for the mother country, and unflinching allegiance to whatever land should be of their adoption. The motto of the order means friendship, love and faith—"Freundschaft, Liebe und Treue."

The name "Hermann" is the popular one in Germany today for the ancient warrior, Arminius, who, at the head of the Cherusians, 9 A. D., on the banks of the river Weser, in the Teutaberg forests, gave battle to the Roman forces under P. Quinctilius Varus. The splendid legions, once the pride of the Emperor Augustus, were totally destroyed, and over the loss of which he is said to have bemoaned in the famous "Vare, Vare, redde mihi legiones meas."

This conflict between the Germans and Romans is acknowledged to have been one of the great decisive battles of the world's history. In Rome the bodyguard of Augustus, as well as all German visitors, were banished from the city, and a strict watch kept in the fear that even the capitol itself would be taken by the victorious Germans. Four years later through the treachery of his father-in-law, Segestes, Thusnelda, the wife of Arminius, was captured by Germanicus, commander of the Roman forces in Gaul. A half century afterwards, when civil strife reigned in the German provinces under the opposing leaders, Arminius and Marobod, the former was struck

down by one of his relatives, and died the first and greatest of German patriots.

His exploits have never been forgotten. Tacitus called him the "liberator hand dubie Germaniae." Across the seas a magnificent memory by the German people.

The national convention of the order in the United States is now holding grand session at Austin, Texas, the members having come from every state and territory in the union. Julius Schuetz, Austin, Texas, national grand president, presides.

Many prominent citizens of the nation have during their lives been connected with this organization. Sigel and Carl Schurtz, of civil war fame, were both members, the latter serving later in the cabinet under Hayes.

The first lodge of the order founded in this state was at Great Falls, in 1855.

Since that time a convention has been held every year.

The state officers are: Grand president, Louis Weigel, Helena; first grand vice president, Julius Stirn, Butte; second grand vice president, Emil Altman, Bozeman; grand secretary, Emanuel Fischl, Helena; grand treasurer, George Nickel, Butte; grand physician, Rudolph Horskly, Helena.

The national body lost about two-thirds of its members during the civil war. Recently when the Spanish-American war broke out, many joined the ranks and served through the entire term of hostilities. Company F, of the Montana state troops, contained a large percentage of the Sons of Hermann. Gustav Nickel, of Butte, acting as lieutenant. The company, which was ordered to the Philippines after the Dewey engagement, but but one member, J. A. J. Beckmann, who was shot and killed on the 25th of

March, 1899, near La Luma church, in the vicinity of Manila. He was brought home and buried in Butte, Mount Moriah cemetery, where a handsome monument has been placed above his grave by the members of the company, who gave liberally to this touching tribute to the memory of their fallen hero.

Three lodges of the Sons of Hermann, numbering some 300 members, are located in Butte. The state contains 18 lodges in all, with a membership roll of nearly 1,000 members. The object of the order is to assist its members in all cases of need, defraying funeral expenses, caring for the widows. The state and the nation at large should be proud of the work of such an organization, including, as it does, its most substantial citizens, who stand ready and willing at the first flare of war to rush to the nation's need, and to die in its defense. Recently the Sons of Hermann held

their annual convention in Helena. The picture above represents the grand lodge delegates, gathered from the various sections of the state. They are a fine body of men, good fellows and loyal citizens.

Commando Bows a Tendon.

James R. Keene's great 3-year-old colt Commando has met with another mishap that will surely keep him off the turf for the balance of the season, if not permanently. It was learned yesterday that the colt has bowed a tendon, which is a serious injury. Commando was last seen in the Realization stakes, when, after being defeated by The Parader, it was discovered that he was suffering from a cracked hoof. What with Commando and Conroy both on the hospital list, the Keene stable may be said to be in an unusual run of hard luck.—New York Sun.

IN THE CROOK ROOK

"BOSTON CHARLEY" BECOMES FAMOUS AS A BUNCO MAN.

INSPECTOR HAS HIM DOWN PAT

Byrnes' Little Scrap Book Chronicles the Deeds of a Well Known Butte Man—Charlie was the Worst Ever.

Some of Montana's whilom citizens have obtained distinction through peculiarly unflattering means. Among these is "Boston Charley," who has carved for himself a place among the "professional criminals of America," a fraternity of persons who have been pilloried in a book by the great New York thief-taker, Inspector Byrnes. The class of individuals in which "Boston Charley" is catalogued is not large in Montana, however, so the notoriety which he has gained casts little reflection upon this commonwealth.

Many people who knew "Charley" in the days when he was a saloon keeper on the corner of Galena and Main streets in Butte will be amused when they learn that he has been placed on record in Inspector Byrnes' book entitled "Professional Criminals of America," but they may not be surprised. The book contains the biographies and pictures of many of the noted crooks of the country, and a description of them and a record of their crimes. "Boston Charley," whose name is Charles Mason, is catalogued on page 85, under the number 92. There is no picture of him, but there is a graphic outline of his not too attractive person and some analysis of his criminal operations.

When "Charley" was in business here as a saloon keeper on Galena and Main streets he had for a partner another and a better man, who is well known in his locality. However, the saloon he ran is not credited in the memories of old timers as being a garden of roses or a place for the propagation of all the virtues.

It is said to have been frequented by negroes and Chinamen principally, of the lowest class. One day, so the tale runs, a Chinaman called a colored habitue a condemned black person of unspeakable antecedents, and an Africo-Asiatic riot set in that rivalled a geologic upheaval and is still talked about. Games were conducted at the place and the Chinese and the colored persons often made them hum with high play and spectacular accessories.

It is some time since "Boston Charley" ran his saloon here and he is now old. The record of him printed in the book of Chief of Police Byrnes says that he was 45 in 1886. That is 15 years ago, and "Charley" is now 60. The book gives the following description of him:

"Forty-five years old in 1886. Heavy build. Height, 5 feet 11 inches. Weight, 200 pounds. Dark brown hair, turning gray. Brown eyes, fair complexion. Generally wears a heavy, reddish-brown mustache; rather fine features. A very active man for his size." The book says that "Charley" is a pick-pocket, bance and stall, and gives the following record of him:

"Record: 'Boston Charley's principal occupation is bunco. He has been in several jails in the East and West, and has traveled from Maine to California working various schemes. In New York he worked with Jimmie Wilson (143) and Shang Campbell, picking pockets; also with Jack Straus, on the sneak. He worked in the winter of 1876 in Boston, Mass., with Charlie Love, alias Graves, alias Scanlon, and was in the scheme to rob a man named Miller out of \$1,200 by the banco game. 'Charley' fell into the hands of the police, and Love escaped. He was afterwards implicated in a robbery in the Adams House, where Mrs. Warner of St. Paul, Minn., lost considerable property. He then left Boston and remained away till 1881. During the interval he is credited with having served five years in Joliet prison. Mason's right name is Martis."

Grace at Meals.

During the last generation it was very rare to see any family begin a meal without grace, but the omission of this ceremony is becoming more common every day in some sections.

It seems that there is a like decline of the custom in England. An English writer who has observed this tendency for several years past, and is much pained by it, declares that the abandonment of grace before meals is "the most notable change in private religious observance in London."

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican makes the surprising declaration that "saying the blessing" is still observed on "many public occasions; but that it is comparatively seldom heard in New England families, even when they are descended from Puritan forbears and have inherited the whole body of Puritan traditions."

The habit of saying grace may have fallen off to some extent in the south, but it has not declined to anything like the extent it has in either New England or old England. It is still the rule in the great majority of southern households, and will continue to be for a long time to come.—Atlanta Journal.

The Handkerchief.

Lemice Therieux once worked off a little practical joke at the expense of a play in which the Pellon of misery was heaped upon the Ossa of despair. Together with 20 friends he secured a prominent seat in the gallery. When the pathetic moment arrived Therieux pulled out a handkerchief and burst into tears. The effect was electrical. The man next to him also fell to weeping, and also took hold of the handkerchief. The epidemic of tears thereupon extended all along the line of the faithful 20, and as each man succumbed to his emotion he took hold of the end of the handkerchief until at last all the confederates were weeping in it. The handkerchief was 20 yards long, and had been specially prepared for the occasion. The few comedian struggled gamely with this exhibition of woe, but his witticisms were of no avail, for the funnier he became the more frequent were the sobs of the crowding 20.—Chamber's Journal.

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