

NO PAWNING TO REFORMERS

Statutes Forbid the Pledging of the Insignia of Knighthood.

There are no fewer than 200 statutes of the Order of the Elephant, most of them medieval in origin, which the new knight, Prince von Blülow, will do well to study, in order to avoid trouble. In the first place, he is obliged to add an elephant to his armorial bearings, which is very costly business; second, he is compelled to wear the badge of the order, which appears in the shape of a gold disc, with a red center, surrounded by a blue ring, and a white border, with a gold eagle on each side, payable to the poor of Copenhagen. If an entire year were to pass without Prince von Blülow wearing the order, he would lose his right to it. The requirement to wear some portion of the insignia of the order at all times is likewise contained by the statutes of other orders, such as, for instance, the Order of the Dannebrog, the Order of the Lion of the North, the Order of the Garter, the late Emperor Frederick's, however, the only Knight of the Garter in modern times whom I can recall as having lived up to this obligation, and he was never without the "George," or badge of the garter, usually worn, however, under the uniform, instead of in evidence.

PAWNING OF HIGH ORDERS.

Article 27 of the Statutes of the Order of the Elephant, which was conferred by the King of Denmark upon Prince von Blülow, the Chancellor of the German Empire, explicitly prohibits the knights, under the penalty of expulsion, from pawning the insignia. In view of the fact that the order in question, which is among the most important in Europe, corresponds to the Order of the Garter in this country, and the Order of the Golden Fleece in Austria and Spain, it is conferred only upon members of the reigning house, and upon statesmen of the very highest rank. The prohibition might appear unnecessary, but this is very far from being the case. Orders of this kind occasionally find their way into the pawnshop, and there is many who will recall the disgraceful case of the Order of the Dannebrog, which was pawned by a certain Count von Rosen, a member of the Danish nobility, in 1788. The Order of the Elephant, which was conferred upon Prince von Blülow, is a very valuable one, and it is not surprising that it should have found its way into the pawnshop. The Order of the Elephant, which was conferred upon Prince von Blülow, is a very valuable one, and it is not surprising that it should have found its way into the pawnshop.

PIECES OF THE TRUE CROSS.

From the time of its creation until two or three years ago its command was vested in the hands of one or another of the princes of the celebrated House of Austria. But since the death of Emperor Charles V throughout his entire reign. In the case of the insignia of the Golden Fleece, many of the stars and badges of the order of knighthood are of great intrinsic value. Thus, the most star of the British Order of the Star of India is valued by jewelers at \$500, owing to its resemblance to diamonds in its composition, its cost having made a matter of cost record the other day, when the star belonging to Sir Henry Fowler, formerly Secretary of State for India, was found by the police in a London pawnshop, where it had been pledged by a dishonest servant, who it was made matters worse, admitted that he was a pawnbroker, and had pledged it in his shop. This incident and the fact that the star had been found in a pawnshop, who said that he was accustomed to receive the insignia of orders of knighthood as pledges. To what extent they figure among the valuables brought to pawnbrokers as collateral is apparent from the number of stars and crosses that are to be found in the shops of jewelers and pawnbrokers among the numerous articles for sale.

TO ATTEND GEN. VARNUM'S FUNERAL.

President Young of the Republican Club has appointed the following committee to attend the funeral of General Varnum, who was killed on Tuesday night last: Chairman, James A. Dutton; Secretary, Albert F. Hagar; Thomas H. Hubbard; Andrew B. Humphrey; William A. Keener; J. Edgar Leary; Warner Miller; Leopold Stern; Charles S. Whitman; Mortimer C. Adams; E. W. Bloomington; Alexander Caldwell; Edward F. Crazin; Henry Gleason; James W. Hayes; Charles B. Hubbard; Edwin A. Jones; William A. Keener; James W. Keener; Robert C. Lester; Louis Stern and the committee will meet in the lobby of the St. Dennis Hotel, Broadway and 11th street, to-morrow morning at 9:45 o'clock, and go to Grace Church in a body.

THE PRESS ON OHIO POLITICS.

A POLITICAL NOVELTY. From The Baltimore Sun. A primary election for the purpose of ascertaining the preference of the voters of any political party for President is a most interesting novelty. It was held in Ohio, that state in which politics is almost a science—the contest will be watched with deep interest by the people and the political world.

THE SENATOR'S CHALLENGE.

From The Springfield Republican. The effect of the Foraker statement, bluntly challenging the Taft forces to battle for the control of Ohio, is definitely to place Senator Foraker as the challenger in Ohio, that state in which politics is almost a science—the contest will be watched with deep interest by the people and the political world.

MR. TAFT'S POPULARITY.

From The Washington Star. There can be no doubt of Judge Taft's strong hold on the country. He has acquitted himself of much of the important duties of the office, and he has been so busy to think of politics, state or national, but the claims of the chief of state are so many that it is not surprising that if they want Ohio they must fight for it.

PARASITES IN STREET.

HOT SHOT BY CARNEGIE.

Bulls and Bears Should Both Come to Grief, He Says.

Wall Street and all stock speculation was denounced by Andrew Carnegie last night at a dinner of the United States Military Telegraph Corps, held in the Hotel Manhattan. "Speculation is a parasite," he said, "feeding on values and creating none." He declared it was about time that business men should decline to recognize those who make money without giving some value in return. He said the government should set up a system whereby both bulls and bears would come to grief.

Mr. Carnegie, who is called the father of the military telegraph corps, was deeply moved when David Homer Bates, the toastmaster, read dispatches—some to Mr. Carnegie, who was then a lieutenant of telegraph on the Pennsylvania Railroad—in which the government asked that four operators be sent to Washington as the nucleus of the corps, and his message in reply, assigning the men. His voice broke and tears came to his eyes when he said that he was proud of what he had been able to do toward the preservation of the Union.

Mr. Carnegie's voice was full of emotion as he started to speak. "I wish I could invent a man's lifetime that he can live such a moment as I have just had in listening to the telegrams Mr. Bates has just read," he said. "I wish I could have the lightning carried to the tops of the mountains, back, back, to what seem to have been the very beginning of time. I have not lived in vain. For it has been permitted to me, in the fight for the preservation of the principle that every man is equal, to be of some service to this country. Ah, gentlemen, we have heard that flag saluted to-night by the world which is the flag of the world which the rest of the world might perish, but that flag would have no little excitement and differences in this and that party; but what do they amount to? They are merely ripples on the surface, while the ocean is calm and undisturbed."

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DR. REED B. BONTÉCOU. Dr. Reed Brockway Bontécou, who died at his home in Troy, N. Y., late Wednesday night, was one of the most successful and best known field surgeons of the United States. He was born in Troy, N. Y., in 1832, and was a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and of the Castleton (Vt.) Medical College. He served as a surgeon in the army from 1851 to 1856, and was brevetted lieutenant colonel and colonel of volunteers for his faithful and valuable services. In 1863 he was placed in charge of the Haverford United States Dispensary, in Washington, D. C., and was a pioneer in certain difficult and dangerous internal operations and was regarded to be the most voluminous reporter of the surgical history of the Civil War. He was a delegate to two international medical congresses, held in London and in London, which he was for many years an active member.

AUGUSTUS M. WORTH. Augustus M. Worth, twenty-eight years old, son of the late "Jake" Worth, for many years the leader of the Republican party in Brooklyn, died on Wednesday at his home, No. 54 Lee avenue, Williamsburgh, of heart disease. He was born in Troy, N. Y., and was a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and of the Castleton (Vt.) Medical College. He served as a surgeon in the army from 1851 to 1856, and was brevetted lieutenant colonel and colonel of volunteers for his faithful and valuable services. In 1863 he was placed in charge of the Haverford United States Dispensary, in Washington, D. C., and was a pioneer in certain difficult and dangerous internal operations and was regarded to be the most voluminous reporter of the surgical history of the Civil War. He was a delegate to two international medical congresses, held in London and in London, which he was for many years an active member.

NELSON MEREDITH SHEFFIELD. Nelson Meredith Sheffield, president of the N. M. Sheffield Special Agency, died yesterday at his home in New York City, of heart disease. He was born in Troy, N. Y., and was a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and of the Castleton (Vt.) Medical College. He served as a surgeon in the army from 1851 to 1856, and was brevetted lieutenant colonel and colonel of volunteers for his faithful and valuable services. In 1863 he was placed in charge of the Haverford United States Dispensary, in Washington, D. C., and was a pioneer in certain difficult and dangerous internal operations and was regarded to be the most voluminous reporter of the surgical history of the Civil War. He was a delegate to two international medical congresses, held in London and in London, which he was for many years an active member.

THE REV. DR. J. H. BOYD. Roanoke, Va., March 28.—The Rev. Dr. J. H. Boyd, aged fifty-two years, a well known minister in the Baltimore Methodist Conference for more than thirty years, died here to-day after an extended illness. At the time of his death he was pastor of St. James' Methodist Episcopal Church, No. 2, in Baltimore. He was a member of the "The Baltimore Methodist," the Episcopal paper, published in Baltimore, and was a member in many of the leading churches in the conference.

FRANK MORGAN FREEMAN. Frank Morgan Freeman, head of the Stock Exchange firm of F. P. Freeman & Co., died last night at his home, No. 3 West 60th street. His father was one of the founders of Lakewood, N. J. He was a well known golf player, and his wife, who was Mrs. Helen Freeman, was a well known golfer. He leaves a wife and two children, Miss Dorothy and Edward W. Freeman. Mr. Freeman was once a member of the Governor's staff in New Jersey. He was forty-six years old.

OBITUARY.

FRANK EHRET. Frank Ehret, the oldest son of George Ehret, the brewer, died last night from heart disease at the home of his father, Park avenue and 9th street. He had been sick only a few days. Mr. Ehret was forty-one years old, and was active in a business way for many years. In 1898 he married a burlesque actress named Ada Dore, five years his junior. Two years later he got a divorce from her. It was said they lived together only a few months. His father and the entire family were opposed to the union. Some years ago he owned racetracks and spent money freely. He was associated with his father and had the reputation of knowing thoroughly the brewing business. He was ex-president of the New York State Brewers' Association, vice-president of the Harlem Athletic Club, and director of the New York and College Point Ferry Company, and one of the originators of the German Charity Bait Association, which was a member of the Manhattan, Democratic, Catholic and New York Athletic clubs, and of the Arion and Liederkreis societies.

FRANCIS THEODORE PATTON. Francis Theodore Patton, who joined the staff of "The Sun" thirty years ago, and who had been for the last twenty-six years suburban editor, died last evening at his home, No. 29 East 10th street, in his sixty-fourth year. He was born in Troy, and was graduated from Union College at the age of twenty. He then went into a law office, but left soon to edit the suburban newspaper, "The Troy Graphic," which he edited for many years. He was a member of the Troy High School, at the same time contributing to the local papers. Then he became a member and part owner of "The Troy Bulletin." Mr. Patton came to New York in 1882 and became a member of "The Sun." When "The Daily Graphic" first illustrated daily newspaper, was started he left "The Sun" and wrote humorous paragraphs and verse. When "The Graphic" was discontinued he returned to "The Sun" in 1887. 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