

ROYAL ARCANUM SUPREME COUNCIL

The Financial Standing of the Order in the Country—Big Field Day.

The recent report of the supreme secretary, Alfred T. Turner, of the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, reveals some very interesting figures, particularly the total millions from the commencement of the order, June 23, 1877, when the "famous nine" organized to December 31, 1914. In this period 567,123 candidates were initiated into the order with 123,222 reinitiations. Since October 1, 1915, 12,000 members were admitted. The total number of deaths to April 30, 1914, was 1,200. The total amount paid to the beneficiaries of the deceased members aggregated the stupendous sum of \$173,410,000. Of these, 3759 deaths took place in the year of 1914, entailing a payment of more than \$8,000,000 to the beneficiaries, 10 Arcanians in every day of the year fall in this struggle to live, and every day the order pays about \$23,000 to beneficiaries of deceased members. The total amount outstanding against benefit certificates December 31, 1914, was \$4,447,465. Membership December 31, 1914, was 1,500,000. The number of Grand Councils is 23 and the number of subordinate councils 1907.

Special Council is still actively securing for their four more were added to its number long time. Its goal is 200 members by December 31.

Grand Council in the person of J. Edgar Kilburn, news editor of the day, a man of ability that for a long time was hidden by a mountain of routine. Kilburn's management of the order's affairs is a masterpiece of efficiency. He has conducted the most arduous athletic events and managed the most important business transactions in one of the most capable workers in the order.

The big outing and field day took place last Saturday at the beautiful grounds of the order, where beautiful walks, groves and places of amusement were lined with Arcanians, their families and friends. The day was a success in every respect. The Arcanians pennant fastened to their clothing with a small flag with the Arcanum flag design. Distinguished members of the order were the many callers at the headquarters in the pavilion at the head of the field. Beautiful souvenir programs were distributed showing a full list of the order's activities during the year. The principal attraction was to be the athletic events under the direction of the A. W. H. Horseshoe prize awarded to the winners in each event. In the afternoon and evening, as well as in the morning, the order's members and their families and friends were entertained by the players of the teams who were struggling for a special prize offered by Past Grand Arthur B. Eaton. The old-fashioned piggy bank, the kind mother used to put up with her children, was the prize for the winners. The happy family, council and neighborhood parties could be counted by the hundreds. In the evening the prizes were awarded to the winners in the closed order to both councils and individuals. The sports were followed by a dance in the evening.

The General Committee were J. Dallas Smith, J. Edwin Kilburn, Dr. F. H. Beloff, Dr. Herman Brachman and Maurice Allen. They were complimented upon the splendid success of the affair.

Charter Council, No. 553, Royal Arcanum, Chester, has formed a Boosters' Club, which will use lunch campaigns for the 40th anniversary. The council recently won a gold diamond-encrusted past recent jewel, offered by the Western Council in the several years. This jewel will be presented on September 30 to the Past Grand Arthur B. Eaton, secretary of the Chester Council. A. M. C. A. by the Hon. Arthur B. Eaton, past grand master.

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WHAT THE PHOTOPLAY ACTOR SEES



This is a typical photoplay audience on the "first night" of a film. In the present case, Joseph Kaufman, director, and P. G. MacCaffery, camera man, are taking a scene at Lubin's when the actors have "got the business down cold" and are going through the first and only performance.

ARTISANS' ORDER

Reduced Certificates Provided for Maintaining Membership.

Girard Assembly meets tonight, and Recorder Harvie's optimistic announcements ought to insure a good attendance of members who will greet the return from vacation of Master Artisan Bailie and Cashier Bell.

St. John's Assembly meets tomorrow night, with the expectation of the usually live proceedings. Recorder Donnelly will be given a leave of absence for a month.

West Philadelphia Assembly will hold a basket picnic at Belmont next Saturday. Furnishing games, races, peanut shower, music and fireworks in the evening. It is about rain, the picnic will be postponed until the following Saturday.

Master Artisan Palmer, of Bartram Assembly, has appointed the following-named young men not only to be his committee to furnish entertainment on meeting nights, but to sell and execute ways and means for building up that fine assembly and make itself generally valuable. C. E. Steyer, Thomas C. Vance, J. D. A. Mann, A. A. Jacobs, J. M. Yocco, J. D. Blair, Cook, H. G. Yocco, M. J. Schilling, J. S. Sparkman, W. W. Phillips, W. H. Miller, J. J. Brennan, H. W. Palmer and Charles C. Marr, deputy.

The alternative protection to the older members not able to maintain their certificates is covered by the following law: "Members, Fidelity and Loyalty, at 20th and Somerset, certificates to \$100 or \$200. Members of the second class, \$500 insurance, can reduce their certificates to \$100, \$150 or \$200, provided they were admitted prior to April 1, 1902." Under this plan the dues will be adjusted according to the new rate.

The baseball schedule for next Saturday is: Boosters and Northwestern, at 20th and Somerset; Fidelity and Loyalty, at 20th and Somerset; St. John's and Underwood, at Labor; West Philadelphia and Doran, at Bartram; Reynolds and Pennsylvania, at 54th and Berks; Progressive and Harmony, at 58th and Walnut.

Recorder C. Fern Githens, of Harmony Assembly, celebrating the 40th anniversary at his place of employment, has gone on a trip to the two great fairs in California by way of the Panama Canal.

Editor Mayor favored the July meeting of Spartan Assembly. A committee appointed in place to the officers, they declared that a monthly bulletin was instructed to go ahead on certain lines. The Entertainment and Athletic Committees were hoisted to prepare for fall work.

The Grand Fraternity Men, Methods and Principles for Which the Order Stands.

When Michael Nisbet and his co-founders of the Grand Fraternity established what has since become the beacon light of the fraternal system and a living monument to their memories, they declared that its government should be "by the members, of the members and for the members," and since then until the present day it has remained as they planned.

The officers general have consistently preached and taught self-government; they have frowned upon anything savoring of the clique or ring system to such an extent that any attempt to abridge or abrogate the right of the members to control the affairs of the order would meet with speedy and complete annihilation. The men whom the membership has selected to administer the affairs of the fraternity have shown the fraters that while they—the officers—are responsible for the conduct of its financial affairs, the fraters are directly charged with the double responsibility

of continuing its policy of justice and equality, and the upbuilding of its numerical strength. The wisdom of this division of effort is obvious by a glance at the order's resources, and its steady growth year after year. There has been nothing phenomenal in its advancement from a puny, local affair to its present gigantic proportions embracing 21 States. Rather it represents a steady, conservative, but irrefragable advance; a mounting step by step, carefully selecting the material for its upbuilding and choosing only the best. Its methods of conserving and safeguarding its financial resources has appealed to the business element of the communities in which it operates, with the result that many business and professional men are numbered in its membership. These solid citizens have taken a personal interest in its affairs, serving as branch officers, as representatives to district evening Council sessions, and they have given liberally of their time and efforts toward the promotion of its social and fraternal work. Their personal knowledge of the benefits accruing from membership has led them to recommend it to their friends, and thus there has been formed an endless chain of enthusiastic workers who never cease their efforts toward the securing of new members. The spirit of the membership is strongly cooperative. Every frater has it impressed on his conscience that the fraternal bond of union entails certain obligations which he can feel by assisting his fellow member in working for the mutual good of the whole body. The result is a spirit of self-organization, a living manifestation of the old adage that "in union there is strength."

LIMIT MOVIE THEATRES, MINNEAPOLIS PROPOSAL

City Council Considering Law to Restrict Number of Motion Picture Theatres for Public Good.

The problem of overproduction in the films is being met at one end, at least, by a proposition to restrict the number of theatres built and opened. That is Minneapolis' idea for injecting into the motion picture industry a little security for the producer, exhibitor and public. Undoubtedly the ability of men with a little credit to open up fly-by-night "theatres" not only gives inhumanity and unsafe houses to public use, but also makes the field for the film manufacturer very uncertain. Overproduction on his part receives no check, only a stimulus.

Under the plans of the Minneapolis City Council for restricting moving picture theatres, the city would be limited to 25 photoplay houses. There are already 99 in sight.

The Council, which has been harassed time and time again by neighborhood fights near theatre locations, suggested that the patrol limits as used in defining saloon territory and in limiting the number of dramshops be tried.

A special committee of 12 members was appointed to make a survey. It drew up a number of 95, which allows an expansion of five. There are now 55 houses operating. If licenses have been issued, two more applications have been approved and 12 applications are on file.

Duluth is watching the plan with interest, and it has been suggested there that the theatres be limited one to each 500 persons. However, if the proportion is greater at present, it is not urged that any licenses be revoked.

Sweet are the uses of publicity! The fact that some one stole Webster Campbell's natty little racing automobile was so widely heralded in the newspapers and film publications that the story reached the thief, somewhere in his underworld lair. Last Tuesday Campbell, who appears with Neva Gerber in leading roles in American "Beauty" films, received the following letter, undated, unsigned and written on a piece of thumb-stamped paper:

"Dear Webster Campbell: 'I am the guy that stole your automobile. When I took it I didn't know it was yours, so I stole it. I mean in the newspaper that the automobile was yours. I would never steal an automobile belonging to an actor. You will find your automobile Wednesday morning where you left it when I stole it. I am sorry that I took it, be there at eight o'clock.' Campbell and Miss Gerber ran out to the designated spot at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. There was the car, as bright and shiny as though just shipped from the factory. The "Beauty" stars accused the country for miles around, but could find no trace of their friend the crook.

But for a lucky blow, delivered by Guy Coombs, Anna Nilsson, the charming Kalem star, might have been seriously injured by a wildcat. Coombs, using a heavy piece of wood bat-fashioned, killed the feline in midair.

Both Kalem players had gone into the woods where some scenes in "Hiding from the Law," a forthcoming two-act drama, were to be filmed. Together with the players who accompanied them, Miss Nilsson and Mr. Coombs sought for a cave which was to figure in the story.

Miss Nilsson finally discovered what seemed to be just the thing. Approaching the mouth of the cave, she was startled to see two greenish-white eyes glaring at her from the depths of the opening. She retreated, calling out in her fright, Coombs, right behind her, came to Miss

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The boast that he hadn't taken a bath in 17 years caused the policemen who arrested F. M. Ryley, with his pal, Bob Johns, was discussing the European situation on top of a coal car on American street. The discussion was interrupted by the arrival of Policemen Balkie and Reister, who declared they had considerable difficulty in distinguishing Ryley from the coal.

As the travelers had no definite destination, they were just as satisfied to be in jail as anywhere else. Turnkey George Konkeln made Ryley stay in the yard when he was taken to the Front and Master streets station, and when he and John were arraigned before Magistrate Scott were sentenced to get a bath.

Both men promised faithfully to abide by the sentence at the first opportunity, but the chance was offered sooner than they expected.

The turnkey reminded the Judge that he had plenty of soap around, and it was decided that the prisoners could serve their sentence immediately. Although Ryley was not quite as faded as the other, he had a bath on general principles. Ryley was then placed in line with a fresh one and scrubbed with long-handled brushes by Balkie and Register. Lots of soap and washing powder were used in the operation, and when it was finished Ryley looked almost human.

He was then given a clean collar and shirt and also took a shine to complete matters. Both men declared that they felt more amiable—and also hungry. The Judge and policemen contributed to a meal.

Each of the prisoners was then presented with a cake of soap, and as they went out happily they declared that they would use it often.

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Jitneys Must Pay Tax at Pottsville

POTTSMILLE, Pa., July 25.—The Court today refused to grant an injunction against City Council on the idea of Frank Jaisie, a jitney proprietor, who sought to prevent enforcement of an ordinance taxing jitneys and other autos which are in public use. The Court did not decide the question finally, however, for the reason that it is of State-wide interest. The matter was held in abeyance, pending an amicable settlement. In case no agreement is reached by September, a final decision will be made by the Court. The Court suggested that in its opinion a tax of \$100 was too great.

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