

SECRET SOCIETIES. KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

ACME LODGE NO. 218 OF K. OF P. MEETS every Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the hall of the Pythian Temple, 1015 Olive street.

MEETING LOW RATE TEXAS TO CHICAGO.

Illinois Central, Rock Island and Chicago and Alton Have Given Notice.

SITUATION TO BE REMEDIED.

Chicago and Eastern Illinois Will Come Into the Fold—Division of Rates—General Railroad News.

The Chicago and Alton, the Rock Island and the Illinois Central lines have given notice that they will meet the rate from Texas to Chicago recently put in by the Cotton Belt and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois.

This bid for passenger business from the Southwest by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois was a great surprise to the Western lines, as that road was considered to be a competitor of Southwestern lines only.

It is not a member of any association, and for that reason is beyond the control of rates and regulations in establishing rates.

Although it is not a Western line, and therefore ineligible for membership in the Western Passenger Association, its traffic relations with the Cotton Belt are such as to place it in the category of lines doing business in the Southwest territory.

From its anomalous position at present it is a constant menace to the maintenance of rates in both Southwest and Western territory.

The inclusion of the Cotton Belt in putting in the one fare plus \$2 rate was entirely regular, and in strict conformity with bureau rules, but the fact that this cheap rate into Chicago was established before the Western lines had notice of it resulted in a shock from which they have not yet entirely recovered.

Now, however, that the situation is an open one, it is more than probable that the Chicago and Eastern Illinois will endeavor to come into line, or, failing in this, both Southwest and Western lines will try the effect of strong retaliatory measures.

It appears that among the causes for the present crisis in China the railways and telegraphs have played an important part.

The suggestion of progress and the unfolding of the situation, which will undoubtedly improve with the passage of time, are calculated to bring about a more liberal policy in the construction of railways and telegraph lines in certain quarters.

The length of railway put into operation in China to the present time aggregated about 500 miles, practically all of which has been constructed during the past few years.

The uncertainty which surrounds recent attempts to interrupt the communication of the means of communication, and the amount of damage to the national credit and to the railway property as a result of the prevailing riots, in any event, the present situation with the national credit and to the degree of concern as to railway progress in China, at least, in the near future.

Eugene Field, general Western agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, died of heart failure at the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital on West Belle place at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Field had been suffering from heart trouble since early last April, and his death was not a surprise to his family and friends.

Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed last night, but it was stated that the funeral would be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow from the residence of his aunt, Mrs. Marie L. Buckner, of No. 313 Flinn street.

Mr. Field was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad.

A recommendation has been made by the Executive Committee of the Western Passenger Association regarding the division of rates, upon the adoption of which the roads are now voting.

The recommendation is that one-way second-class tourist tickets to and from the Missouri River be divided by allowing Eastern lines up to St. Louis to receive 50 percent of the total amount, and the Missouri River to receive 50 percent.

Earnings of the Rock Island Road for the month of May and for the two months of the present year were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month, Earnings. Rows for May 1900, May 1899, June 1900, June 1899, Total for 1900, Total for 1899.

It is believed that the falling off to the disturbance in the diamond market consequent upon the South African war will be the cause of the decline in the price of diamonds.

There has been a scarcity of rough diamonds in the market, but there has been a marked increase in imports during the past two months.

Attorney General—William E. White of New Haven.

Towne: "Yes, I'm looking for a house; we'll have to move. The roaches were so bad, we were almost driven to death."

Connecticut Socialists Prepare for a Campaign.

New Haven, Conn., July 4.—The Socialist Democratic party and the Socialist Labor party of Connecticut held a joint State Convention here to-day. About fifty delegates from all parts of the State were present.

Attorney General—William E. White of New Haven.

Towne: "That's just it. At a little distance those roaches look like mice."

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