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PYTHIAN NOTES.

Planet Lodge, No. 23, met on Monday night, the 3d inst. The attendance was slim, but the meeting was of thorough interest. An excellent program was rendered. Sirs John B. Jackson, W. A. Kyles and Robert Justice, Jr., carried off the honors, each delivering splendid orations, the contents of which showed the greatest care and skill in their preparation. Sir Millus Jones made an excellent talk and he also came in for his share of the applause. Sir Knights C. G. Williams and Thomas M. Crump favored the lodge with a solo, both of which were liberally applauded. Sir William H. Hill, the K. of R. and S. of Blooming Lily Lodge, No. 15, was present and gave an encouraging talk. Mrs. Maria Brooks, the mother of Past Chancellor John E. Brooks deceased, presented to the lodge an enlarged portrait of the deceased as a token of their appreciation of the attention paid to her son before and after death. Col. T. W. Mitchell made the presentation speech and Capt. Thos. M. Crump the speech of acceptance. Grand Chancellor John Mitchell, Jr., installed the new officers, after which giving a short but interesting talk.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 26, met Tuesday night C. O. Rev. J. W. Kirby in the executive chair. The attendance was good and the following officers for ensuing term were elected: C. O. Rev. J. W. Kirby; V. C., J. W. Terrill; Prelate, Joseph Adams; M. of F. and K. of R. & S., Evangelist H. Jackson; M. of Ex., Isaac Crump; Trustees, Joseph Adams, Prof. J. E. Jones and Rev. J. W. Kirby. Past Chancellor S. S. Baker of Maceo Lodge, No. 37, was present and spoke relative to a business scheme the P. O.'s Assembly had on foot. He was listened to with marked attention and the lodge heartily endorsed the scheme. Sir C. H. Green of Damon Lodge, No. 12 Newport News was present and gave an encouraging talk. The meeting was harmonious and those present seemed to have enjoyed the deliberations.

Sir H. Eugene Richardson of Planet Lodge, 23, is very sick at his residence, 902 N. 7th St. He is a very active worker and is among the brightest lights of the lodge.

Richmond Lodge, No. 1, held a most interesting meeting on Monday night at Masonic Temple on Clay St. Quite a vast amount of business was transacted and enthusiasm was at a high pitch.

Blooming Lily Lodge, No. 15, meets

on Tuesday night, 11th inst. All members are requested to be present.

Among the most enthusiastic knights of the city are the members of Blooming Lily Co., of Church Hill. Capt. Stewart is much liked by the members and the company is compelled, under his leadership, to have unbounded success.

The Past Chancellors Assembly is doing excellent work and those P. O.'s who have not as yet connected themselves with the organization should do so at once. You are missing a treat and some time in the future you may become sorry for it.

The ladies of the Past Worthy Councilors' Assembly are thoroughly interested in the work of the order generally and success is theirs.

Virginia Court met on Monday evening. Attendance was good and a vast amount of business was transacted.

Anna's Eureka and Blooming Lily Courts met on Tuesday evening, July 4th.

Old Dominion Court meets on Monday evening, the 10th inst.

Violet Court met on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst. The attendance as usual was good.

Royal Court met on Monday evening and the members present showed a great deal of interest. Many very important matters were discussed.

The interest among the members of the order is still unabated and young men are fast learning the importance of being connected therewith. Now is the time while you are in good health and have steady work. You cannot afford to remain uninitiated and it is not good judgement to attempt such as sickness and death is allotted to us all, and we had better be prepared for such emergencies.

Maceo Lodge had an excellent meeting last Wednesday evening and by the indefatigable efforts of P. C., S. S. Baker, the following were given the rank of Knight: Messrs. Winston D. Payne, A. W. Cardozo, Robert Ammons and Henry Harris. An excellent report was spread, and addresses were made by several Knights present. Maceo is walking up to the lead.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that E. S. Holmes, of Norfolk, Va., was never expelled from Virginia Lodge, No. 8, K. of P., at

Richmond, his being nonfinancial was due to his carelessness.
 S. C. WILLIAMS, P. C.,
 Virginia Lodge, No. 8, K. of P.

NOTICE! NOTICE!

The Keeper of Records and Seal of the various lodges are hereby requested to send in their Semi-Annual Reports and Report for the Supreme Lodge to the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, 311 N. 8th St., not later than July 31st. This matter is very important and the Supreme Lodge Report may be made up and sent in at the proper time.
 THOMAS M. CRUMP, G. K. of R. & S.,
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They always have a good time. I mean the First Baptist Sunday School. They will go to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday, the 11th.

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DANGEROUS HUNTING.

How a White Man Came to Be Hanging in a Tiger's Mouth Like a Bundle of Clothes.

Col. G. H. Trevor, of the British army, relates an interesting story of a tiger hunt in India, when he was agent to the governor general from Rajputana. A man saw a tiger basking in the sun, shot at it, and, as it did not move, concluded he had killed it instantly. His native shikarie begged him not to advance too closely to the tiger, but the warning was unheeded.

The next thing the faithful attendant remembered clearly was seeing the



IN THE TIGER'S MOUTH.

tiger stand upright and the sahib hanging in his mouth like a bundle of clothes. With nothing but a short, thick spear in his hand, the brave fellow rushed on the enemy and belabored it so fiercely that, amazing to relate, it dropped the bundle and disappeared into the jungle without doing further mischief. The mauled officer hovered between life and death for three months, and the doctor who attended him with great skill told me the dressing of his wounds was enough to make a strong man faint every time that operation had to be performed. The poison of tiger fangs and claws will render the healthiest person difficult of approach and will sometimes finish off an unhealthy, weakly constitution before that stage has been reached.

CANINE CASHIER.

Clever Western Dog Detects Counterfeits as Soon as His Teeth Touch the Bogus Coins.

Mingo is only a dog, and not a particularly handsome dog at that, but as a detector of counterfeit money he deserves a place in the treasury. Mingo, according to the Minneapolis Journal is the property of C. Harrison,

San Leandro road house keeper. It is the custom of Mingo as soon as a customer drives up to the door to run out to the vehicle, and, putting his paws on one of the wheels, survey the visitor. Those who know the dog throw the coin in payment of the refreshment sought to Mingo, who immediately catches it and runs with it to the man in charge.

Mingo also goes to the parlor and collects for whatever is served there, and if there happens to be any change coming to the purchaser he takes it back.

One day a would-be wag threw a counterfeit dollar to the dog, who made his usual rush for the coin, but, to the amazement of the fellow, the dog refused to take up the money and sat expectantly waiting for another. Amid the laughter of his companions, he threw a good coin to the dog, who ran off with it, leaving the other on the floor.

The owner was called in, who knew nothing at the time of the smartness of his dog, and the experiment was repeated again and again, but the counterfeit would not go with Mingo.

Since then Mingo has had many bad coins tried on him, and with an instant magnetic needle to the north he chooses between the good and the bad. If there is any doubt as to a coin offered it is thrown to the dog and the master stands by the dog's decision.

He will not take up a counterfeit, and the bogus nickel or the leaden dollar, half or quarter he knows in a moment. He has been tested hundreds of times, and will pick a good coin out from a dozen bad ones lying on the ground from a handful thrown him. He is a natural born money-maker, grabs at a coin as would a miser, and for a stranger it would be as hard to get it from him.

HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

Monsieur Ruffino, a Dog of Ancient Lineage, Tells the Story of His Life in His Own Way.

Here is an amusing account of himself, supposed to have been written by the clever poodle in question. Says Ruffino: "I am five years old now and my name is Ruffino, but I was not always the lucky dog I am to-day. I began life in a humble way in the stables, as the property of a French jobmaster, and with no more individuality about me than was summed up in the simple name of Black. It was quite unnecessary to mention it, for that I was as black as your hat, from my nose to my tail, was an obvious fact to the most casual observer. Far better have told the world that I was clever, but this it might have doubted, for I was quite two years old before my chance of dis-

tingtion came. I saw my opportunity and seized it like a man, with the result that I leaped with one bound from servitude to independence, and this is how it happened:

"Among my master's customers was an English family, which had come to spend the winter in Paris. Each day the three young ladies (whom I later discovered to be sisters) were accustomed to ride our horses, and I frequently accompanied them in their canter in the Bois. On the eventful day in question my particular lady (I call her so, as she afterward became my mistress) dropped her whip in the road. It was a slight accident, but it made my fortune. She reined in her horse and was preparing to dismount, when, seeing it, I rushed headlong to the rescue. I picked it up in my mouth and, running alongside, planted my forefeet firmly against the horse's side



THE STORY-TELLING POODLE.

and gave it up to her. She was so touched at my sagacity that that very afternoon she concluded a bargain which parted me from my old surroundings and made me what I now am, a gentleman whom all the bows turns to look at. This change in my circumstances was only fulfilling what I now know to have been my destiny. I have always maintained that that jobmaster frustrated the kindly designs of nature by his well-intentioned but mistaken purchase of me as a puppy on that summer day at the Astorial fair. For he knew, when he thereby consigned me to the stables, that I had a pedigree as long as his arm and plenty of ancestors as black as myself."

New Jersey's Bel King.

Jake Horn, of Cotton's Inlet, N. J., who is known as the "eel king" of South Jersey, has caught, with the use of a spear, more than 100,000 eels during the last 30 years. Their aggregate length was more than 60 miles and their combined weight was more than 80 tons.

HURRAH! — HURRAH!

WE ARE OFF FOR ANOTHER GOOD TIME.

There will be a
GRAND JOINT EXCURSION
 —FROM—
Norfolk to Richmond,
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This joint excursion is composed of Rescue Steam Fire Department No. 1, Godwin St., Ready and Willing Hook and Ladder Co., No. 2, of Brighton, and Cannon Ball Hand Engine Co., 3, of Taylorville, Va. We are going to have a grand time.

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