



SECRET ORDERS.

EDITORIAL SYNOPSIS.

Upon a certain occasion during the late rebellion it was necessary for a certain general to ride twenty miles in order to save the day. For the information of the faithful that general is now on the way, he will arrive in time before the battle is over, and the day will be saved. It is a cold day when we get left.

He that laughs last laughs best. In this day and time remember the adage about the bull in the china shop: I have never known it to fail. In conclusion be of good cheer, things will be our way in short order. As we said before ignorance will not predominate in this day and time. We will demonstrate, by practical illustration, the force of our remarks.

GEMS FROM THE QUARRIES.

It is not the man that knows how to make money that always has the best brains. Sometimes money turns our heads.

Brother W. P. Gray, 33rd, sick, at 1517 M street, northwest. Also the brother-in-law of Brother Dennis, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 1, at 1832 E street, northwest.

Whenever orders neglect to follow their platforms breakup is the result.

Sometimes if some of our Wilson's (who know it all, to let them tell it) would read up laws, etc., governing the order they would be of more service than what they are. Rule or ruin.

Acacian:—A term denoting innocence.

Achad, Hebrew:—One of the names of God, meaning the one.

At the building of the temple the workmen were divided into classes of 10,000 each. Each class worked one month cutting timber on Mount Lebanon, then rested the other two months.

The temple was begun Monday, the second day of Hebrew, month Zif, which answered to the 21st day of April, in the year of the world 2992, and 1012 before the Christian era, and was completed in a little more than seven years, on the 8th day of the Hebrew month Bul, or the 23rd of October, in the year of the world 2999. After the completion of the temple Solomon next employed the craft in the construction of other works, such as his two palaces at Jerusalem and his house of forest at Lebanon, besides several cities. The most magnificent of which was Tadmor or Palmyra.

Solomon before death exclaimed: "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." He died at the age of 58 years, in the year of the world 3099, and before Christ 975.

Our friend at the C. P. O., should remember that the Grand Lodge, of which the brother belongs to, whom he was telling the other day that The Bee should be suppressed, etc., contends neither his Grand Lodge nor the new faction are regular.

Owing to the fact that we moved and have been sick, we are unable to have a big column. We are near straight and will commence to impart information to burn. Our correspondence has got behind, but we will catch up in short order.

Read The Bee.

One hundred men solid in an order are better than 300 men raising the "old boy" about "niggerism and rascality" in general. The sooner bad men are put out of orders the better for the order.

It doesn't pay to knife.

I desire to state that there is no split in our new faction. All are meeting at 470 New Jersey avenue northwest, with the exception of Joppo Lodge No. 4, which meets at Green's hall; furthermore no one has stole any money, and furthermore that the fairy tales put out about Shields and Seville at Providence are without foundation.

THERE'LL BE A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN.

It is a time-worn joke with moss-grown whiskers to characterize Philadelphia as a slow place. Nevertheless, she is the greatest organizer of events in the country, and her latest adventure, proposing to bring together all of the best people of the race from the cities east as far as Boston, Mass., and south as far as Washington, D. C., to unite with her own at the Academy of Music in an entertainment in aid of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital and Training School for Nurses, is grandly conceived and will be as grandly carried out.

The institution to be benefitted was established on the 25th day of June, 1895, and is located at 1512 Lombard street. It has male and female wards, a drug store, and quarters for a limited number of nurse pupils. It is seriously hampered for room and other needs, and the endeavor is made to gain present practical aid, and also to bring the enterprise to the attention of the friends of near-by cities and the public of the country who might feel disposed to aid so worthy a charity, if its existence and aims were more widely known. The President of the Board of Managers is Mr. Jacob C. White, Jr.; treasurer, Samuel B. Huey, Esq.; secretary, Mr. Harry M. Minton; and on its board of directors appear the names of Mr. Andrew F. Stevens, Levi Cromwell, Rev. J. P. Sampson, Mrs. Bishop B. T. Tanner and others; a sufficient guarantee for its reliability.

The entertainment to be given Thursday evening, December 16th, includes a splendid musical and literary program, closing with three well-conceived tableaux; after which the floor is given up to the use of those who wish to beat time with flying feet to the music of a well-trained orchestra of 26 pieces, led by Prof. Jones.

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TOO EXPENSIVE.

AN UNNECESSARY SUGGESTION—MORE EXTRAVAGANT TAXATION.

Justice of the peace, Mr. Samuel R. Church, who has been finding fault with the justice of the peace system ever since his appointment as one of them, has made some recommendations to abolish the offices of justices of the peace and increase the number of police court judges.

The plan proposed by him contemplates increasing the number of judges in the Police Court to five, at a salary of \$3,500 each, the judges to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and to hold office during good behavior. No one shall be a judge who has not previously been a judge of the Police Court or who has not been a member of the local bar for three years.

PRESENT JUDGES NOT DISTURBED.

The present judges, under Mr. Church's plan, are to serve their full terms, as are the justices of the peace and constables now holding office. When the terms of the present justices and constables expire no more are to be appointed, and the offices shall cease to exist.

The Police Court is to have all the jurisdiction in civil cases now held by justices, increased to \$500, with exclusive jurisdiction over cases not exceeding \$200, and a provision for trial by jury, where demanded, in all cases over \$20. A writ of error shall, on petition, be allowed on questions of law by the Court of Appeals in all cases where the amount involved exceeds \$20. The Police Court is also to have jurisdiction in replevin and attachment and in landlord and tenant cases, and the oath in the latter cases may be made by an agent or attorney having personal knowledge of the facts set forth in the complaint. The law at present requires the oath to be made by the party entitled to the possession. The proposed act also gives the Police Court jurisdiction against executors and administrators, which justices of the peace do not have at present.

DIVISIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

The District is to be divided into three judicial districts, the first embracing all that part east of First street west; the second, between First and Twentieth streets west; and the third, west of Twentieth street west. Suitable places are to be provided in each district for holding court.

On the criminal side of the court the person arrested is to be taken immediately before the judge sitting in that district, and tried. If he shall desire time to prepare for his trial, he is to be allowed not less than twenty-four hours, and if he asks for a jury trial he is to be committed, or give bail. In minor cases collateral may be left. Jury trials are to be held in the second district.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

The power of the coroner to hold inquests shall, it is proposed, be abolished. When an inquest is deemed necessary, it is to be held by the judge holding a jury term with a jury of six taken from the panel in attendance on the court.

It is thought by the members of the bar generally, as shown by the letters received by Judge Church in reply to his circular, that the proposed change would be beneficial.

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