NEWS OF THE SECRET SOCIETIES; WHAT THE LODGES ARE DOING

Impressive Pythian Memorial Service This Afternoon.

ELKS' HOME NEARLY READY

Rapid Increase in the Ranks of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows. United Moderns a New Order Here.

Within a few weeks the handsome annex to the Elks' Home will be turned over to Richmond Lodge, and that lodge will dedicate the building and put it to the practical use for which it is intended.

It is hoped that the dedication exercises may be held about the first of next month, during the visit to Virginia of the national officers of the Elks, who come here to dedicate the National Home at Bedford City.

The dedication ceremonies will embrace addresses by several of the leading men in the order in the State, and there will be plenty of music of the very best.

The ceremonies will be followed by a banquet in the new banquet hall, and it is quite likely that an entertainment will be given in the hall one night during the week of dedication for the benefit of the families of the Elks.

Richmond Lodge is now in a most prosperous condition, and it is growing in numbers and power every week.

Among the members are Governor Montague and Mayor Taylor.

The exalted ruler is Mr. L. O. Wendenburg, the well-known lawyer.

The lodge meets every Wednesday night at the Home, Eleventh and Marshall Streets.

C. L. A. DOEPPE,
Chancellor Fulton Lodge United Moderns.

THE ODD-FELLOWS.

The report of the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. shows a net increase in membership for the year ending July 1st, of 59,220. Pennsylvania is the largest jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship, has a membership of 115,000 with 30,678 past grands. This jurisdiction has the largest homes for Odd-Fellows and cares for more orphans, widows and indigent and aged brethren than any other jurisdiction.

Atlanta, Ga., is an Odd-Fellows town from start to finish. It has over 2,000 members in the various lodges of the city.

In all the jurisdictions of the Order a large amount of interest is being displayed in the welfare of the Order and the reports thus far received show large numbers of members have been added to the rolls.

The Lone Star State has a good report this year. Forty new lodges were instituted and fourteen defunct lodges revived.

The Tar Heel jurisdiction shows a net gain in membership of 1,060.

Rhode Island, which is not as large as some of the counties of Virginia, has a membership of over 6,000 and Virginia is not lagging. She is rapidly forging

JAMES W. GORDON,
Grand Chancellor K. P.

ahead and will soon occupy a position near the head of the list. This jurisdiction has grown rapidly since 1893 since which time she has increased 13,000 in membership. With increase of new lodges the representation in the Grand Lodge has grown to such a proportion that it will be necessary at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Danville next year to adopt some plan whereby the representation will have to be curtailed. In its present condition the Grand Lodge is a very unwieldy body.

Urbanna Lodge, No. 79, was instituted on last Friday evening by Special Deputy George B. Jones, assisted by Prof. Frank G. Newbill, Grand Conductor, of Irvington, and a delegation from the lodges of Middlesex and Lancaster and Essex counties. The officers of the lodge are Walter H. Ryland, noble grand; J. W. Hurley, vice grand; C. Beverly Brown, secretary; W. H. Purkins, treasurer; C. A. Hotchkiss, chaplain.

An effort is being made to establish a lodge at Warsaw in Lancaster county, and at Reedville, in Northumberland county.

Myrtle Lodge of Fredericksburg has voted $500 to the Odd-Fellows' Home. The Council of the town has voted a site. The site offered by the Council is very fine one, it being located on the heights just in the rear of the town. It abounds with pure water and is well adapted to trucking.

The site is considered a very valuable one and it is the hope of the people of the Old Burg that the Home will come there.

The circular sent out by the Board of Directors of the Home is not altogether clear, as to just what is wanted, but the people of Fredericksburg stand ready to give 200 acres if needed.

The Board of Health of the old burg reports sixty-four deaths last year out of a population of 5,089. Of these 52 were above the age of 50, and 12 below the age of 2 years. The Female Orphan Asylum, which was opened there in 1802, has never had a death to occur among its inmates.

Essex Lodge, No. 238, of Tappahannock, has recommended Fredericksburg as the best location for the Home to the Board of Directors.

PYTHIAN MEMORIAL.

Pythian memorial services will be held at the Academy of Music this afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Richmond and Manchester Pythians.

The lodges taking part in the services will be Virginia, Old Dominion, Jefferson, Syracuse, Germania, Marshall, Myrtle, Damon, Ivanhoe, and Manchester.

The programme is as follows:

Grand Chancellor James W. Gordon, Master of Ceremonies.

Overture—Thilow's Orchestra.

Pythian Ode—Tune "America,"—Assemblage.

Prayer—Rev. Dr. W. E. Evans.

Quartette—"We Praise Thee, Oh God," (Lloyd)—Grove Avenue Quartette.

Selection—Cornet Solo—"In Old Judea" (Geibel)—Thilow's Orchestra.

Soprano Solo—"The Good Shepherd" (Vandewater), Miss Doza Mitchell.

Selection—"Flower Song" (Lange), Thilow's Orchestra.

Address—"Pythianism," John S. Egleston.

Contralto Solo—"A Dream of Paradise" (Gray), Mrs. Jasper L. Rowe.

Selection—"Intermezzo, from Cavaleria Rusticana" (Mascagni), Thilow's Orchestra.

Duet, Tenor and Contralto—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (Bassford), Mrs. Rowe and Mr. Tribbett.

Eulogy—"Our Dead," Hon. George C. Cabell, Jr.

Baritone Solo—"The Great White Throne," (Brown)—Mr. C. C. Crump.

Selection—Clarinet Solo — "Stephana Cradle Song" (Jungman)—Thilow's Orchestra.

Quartette—"Jesus Lover of My Soul" (Williams)—Grove Avenue Quartette.

Selection—"Inflamatus Stabat Mater" (Rossini)—Thilow's Orchestra.

Benediction—Rev. Dr. W. R. L. Smith.

Selection—"Largo" Haendel—Thilow's Orchestra.

Manly B. Ramos accompanist.

UNITED MODERNS.

The past week has been a busy one with the United Moderns of the city. On Tuesday night Fulton Lodge, No. 253, held an enthusiastic meeting, with a full attendance. Nine new applications were presented, and several candidates were initiated, and each can testify to satisfaction received.

Fulton Lodge has started for 100 members and is bound to get them.

Chauncellor C. L. A. Doeppe wields the gavel in the manner of one who has had much experience. He is not only the presiding officer, but he is the "big man" of each occasion. Brother Doeppe is deservedly popular, and the lodge is bound to flourish under his administration.

The worthy orator, Brother J. J. Cavedo, after some days of indisposition, graced his official station with his usual ability.

Brother Louis A. Seal, regent, makes the wager that the Moderns can't produce another lodge with two seals.

Recorder Martin was kept busy signing and delivering certificates to members.

Department Manager Thayer gave an earnest talk concerning the order, its history, its plans and rates.

Dixie Lodge, No. 62, held its regular session Thursday night at Lee Camp Hall, at which time ten applications were presented.

H. R. Bishop has recently been made district organizer for the Moderns, and has undertaken to build up Dixie Lodge to a large membership. He has bgun well and has splendid prospects for the future. Brother Bishop is an experienced organizer and the order has in him not only a loyal member, but a zealous worker.

Virginia Lodge, No. 199, on Church Hill, will at its next meeting have fifteen or more applications and a large amount of business. This lodge is adding a good number of members to its roll every month.

District Organizer W. R. Cavedo is putting in some hard work for the Order and is rolling up a splendid record and already he has a very large number of new members to his credit. He is a Modern and a firm believer in the Modern's plans.

Brother Cavedo has just received from the Supreme Chancellor of the Order, a beautiful new badge as a token of appreciation and esteem.

Among the fine literature issued by the Order "Our Four-in-Hand" circular is quite appropos to the events of the week just closed in that it is exceedingly full of interest.

The Modernograph, the official paper of the United Moderns, is one of the finest fraternal papers in the country. Its appearance is artistic, and in paper and press work and general make-up, it is most excellent. The reading matter is thoroughly modern and up-to-date.

THE ROYAL ARCANUM

Williamsburg Sent a Goodly Contingen to the Horse Show.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., October 18.—The Powhatan Royal Arcanum last Tuesday night had a delightful meeting. Mr. Harry Kemp, district grand regent, conducted the meeting.

Williamsburg was well represented at the Horse Show. The folowing are only a few who took in the grand sight:

Dr. H. Williams, Mr. John S. Charles, Misses Pearl Maupin, Jane Coleman, Lillian Graves, Sadie Mahone, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Henry, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Henley, Messrs. M. R. Harroll, James T. Christian, E. M. Lee, E. T. Jones, E. W. Warburton, E. D. Peachy, Arthur Denmead, L. Henley, Jr., J. C. Darlington, Fred Jones, L. Larson, S. G. Graham, D. J. Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnston, Mrs. J. T. Slater, Mrs. Robert Misses Estelle Barlow, V. P. Wise, Bell Bloxton, Emily Christian, Lucy Vaiden, Mattie Hicks.

THE MITCHELL-LEE TRAGEDY

Some Misstatements Corrected and an Analysis of Certain Facts.

Editor of The Times:

Sir.—In the published accounts of the deplorable Mitchell-Lee tragedy there have been so many inaccurate statements that I ask you to permit me, as a matter of justice, both to the living and the dead, to correct some of these mis-statements so that the mind of the public may be disabused so far as is possible, of any erroneous ideas, which have resulted in unkindly and unwarrantable criticism.

(1) In the first instance, I wish to say that the circumstances under which Miss Lee and Mr. R. B. Mitchell left Stony Creek on that fateful Tuesday morning were such as to preclude the idea that Miss Lee had any thought of eloping with Mitchell at that particular time, if at all. The engagement which had existed between the two, as her letters to Mitchell plainly show, had been broken, and some of Mitchell's letters, which have been brought to light, give evidence that he had about abandoned all hope of persuading her to renew the engagement. Under date of August 29th, he wrote her that he had determined to leave Stony Creek. "I am going," he says, "to leave home, friends, property—my all—everything and everybody. Those who know me now will see me no more. I can't wait later than September 22d."

Letters which passed between them show also that he had been urging Miss Lee to grant him a final interview so that he might unfold to her his plans concerning his future life. She agreed to do so, and it is clearly apparent to my mind that the drive she consented to take with him on the day they were last seen alive was so far as she at least was concerned intended to furnish that opportunity.

In support of the statement that she had no thought of elopement in her mind I adduce the following facts: On September 22d and 23d Mitchell had a fast horse hitched up and kept during the morning in readiness near his store. On the latter date meeting Miss Lee on the village street, after some conversation, he handed her in the buggy, got in himself, and then drove off. But, an eye witness declares thaa before getting into the buggy Miss Lee remained in what seemed to be a state of indecision for fifteen or twenty minutes, several times even turning away from the buggy and starting off as though to return home. Again, the dress Miss Lee wore at the time was an old one which she was in the habit of wearing only at home. She could have attired herself in better clothes without exciting comment or curiosity had she wished to do so, as in a few hours time after meeting Mitchell she was expected to be ready to start to the Gwathney-Peters wedding at Coman's Well. Finally, had she wished to elope with Mitchell there was no obstacle in the way of her doing so.

No one started in pursuit when it became known that they had left Stony Creek together and no difficulty so far as known interposed itself after their departure. So then we have these facts established:

(1). That Miss Lee had discarded Mitchell; 2d, that Mitchell sought what he termed a final interview with her; 3rd, that when she started driving with him on the morning of the 23d of September, it was with some degree of reluctance; 4th, that she was not dressed suitably for any kind of trip among strangers; 5th, that had both had the desire to go away to get married, they could have done so; 6th, that Mitchell certainly did expect to leave home for some kind of trip, as he was carefully dressed and had upon his person a large sum of money which had been made up by taking all his available cash from the store and some from the bank.

(2). Mr. E. L. Lee's objections to his daughter's marriage with Mitchell were not due to the causes which the papers have stated, nor were they urged in the manner in which the papers have been indicated. They had absolutely nothing to do with either Mitchell's social or business standing, and the statement that he refused to regard Mitchell as an eligible suitor for his daughter's hand because he had once been his clerk, is manifestly absurd.

Miss Mabel Lee, after she had learned what her father's objections to her marriage with Mitchell were, regarded them as valid and sufficint. In a letter from her, which was found in Mitchell's pocket, she says: "His reasons (for opposing the marriage) are fair true and unchangeable. There is no use my writing any more. It must all end now. He (her father) didn't say anything harsh or unkind but in a loving way he stated the facts to me. He had reasons for my not marrying you of which I was entirely ignorant."

In opposing his daughter's marriage to Mitchell, Mr. Lee but sought to guard her happiness. It was not with him a matter of mere personal dislike or prejudice or pride. He had informed his daughter and Mitchell of his objection to the marriage, but told them that if they intended to marry anyhow he desired that they should be married at his house. On the Tuesday morning when they drove away together out of Stony Creek, although he heard not long after they left that they had eloped, notwithstanding the fact that he was greatly disturbed by the news, he made n oeffort to follow and overtake them.

(3) I wish in conclusion to bear emphatic testimony that there has been absolutely nothing to develop in all that relates to this most awful affair which mars in any way the lovely Christian character and touching filial devotion of Mabel Lee. In her letters found upon Mitchell's persons, as well as in her entire conduct from the moment when she discarded Mitchell until that wretched morning when they drove together out of Stony Creek—never to return—she gave clear evidence that no matter at what cost to herself in the way of suffering, she was determined to be governed by the voice of duty rather than by the promptings of what at the last she believed to be misdirected affection. Probably no young lady in this section of Virginia was more universally respected and loved than was she. Hers was a character and disposition that compelled both admiration and esteem. From every side there comes testimony from those who knew her as to her amiable temper, unselfish disposition, and the rare consistency of her Christian life.

She secured, as she well deserved to, by reason of her intellectual and moral worth lasting places in the affection and memory of her associates. From all over Virginia have come to her bereaved parents tender and heartfelt expressions of sympathy, which they will ever highly treasure, showing as they do how well their daughter was loved and how highly she was estimated. As her pastor, I wish to say that I speak in carefully measured terms when I declare that I have never known a young woman in whom the charm that invests personal loveliness and the graces that adorn true Christian womanhood were more beautifully united than they were in Miss Mabel Lee. And when released from its tenement of clay her gentle spirit fled to realm beyond the skies, I am persuaded that it found a place among those who having "come up out of great tribulation" with waving palms stand before the Throne serving God day and night in his temple.

Respectfully,
R. W. BAGWELL.

Jarretts, Va., Oct. 10, 1902.

RHEUMATISM

CAN NOT BE RUBBED AWAY

But a good liniment or plaster will often give temporary ease by producing counter-irritation and reducing the inflammation and swelling, but there is nothing curative about these simple remedies, for **Rheumatism is not a skin disease** and cannot be rubbed away with liniments or drawn out by plasters or anything else applied to the surface. Rheumatism is caused by urea, uric acid and other irritant poisons in the blood, which are carried through the circulation to every part of the body and deposited in the muscles, joints and nerves.

When the system is in this condition, exposure to night air, cold winds or damp, chilly weather, seem to arouse the sluggish blood and the most terrific pains begin to shoot through the muscles and joints and they swell and inflame, writhe and twist, and so intense is the suffering that the strongest constitution cannot long hold out against the nerve-racking tortures of acute Rheumatism, and many times its victims are left hopeless, helpless cripples, with crooked limbs and shattered nerves. There is no limit to its powers for evil; not a fibre of the body is beyond the reach of the dangerous acids and poisons circulating in the blood; the valves of the heart are often affected, resulting in palpitation or something far more serious. Rheumatism does not always come on suddenly; its growth is often gradual. Little pains begin tugging at the muscles or wandering from joint to joint as winter approaches, or the weather is unsettled and changeable, but they increase with each recurring attack, and nothing is more certain than that this insidious disease will at last get you completely in its power and almost before you realize it joints are swollen and locked, muscles contracted and stiff, and you are a chronic sufferer from Rheumatism. You can never conquer this deep-seated disease with external remedies that give only partial or temporary relief, nor by flooding the system with Alkali and Potash mixtures, which break down the digestion, while the disease is left to pursue its destructive work.

Louisville, Ky., March 27, '02.
Gentlemen: I am glad to say that S. S. S. has cured me of Rheumatism. About two years ago I suffered from Rheumatism in my knees and feet, my ankles swelling so that I could not put on my shoes. This continued for several months, during which time I was applying liniments and going by my physician's directions, but derived no benefit. I was told of S. S. S. and tried it. I immediately got relief, and in six months was entirely well.—D. J. Duane, 2108 Floyd St.

No remedy brings such prompt and lasting relief in rheumatic troubles as S. S. S., which attacks the disease in the blood, neutralizes the acids and stimulates all the blood making organs. It removes from the system all poisonous substances, purifies and enriches the thin acid blood, and when the Uric Acid salts and the gritty particles are dislodged and drenched out of the aching muscles and joints, the patient is happily relieved for all time of the discomforts and misery of Rheumatism.

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Fatal Fire in Ohio.

(By Associated Press.)

URBANA, OHIO, Oct. 18.—Carl Maggert was burned to death, Arthur Maggert fatally injured, and Night Watchman Charles Maggert, the father, and another son were badly burned, during a fire last night which destroyed the Tucker Wood Rim Works. The boys were in the building visiting their father and were compelled to jump from a second-story window. Carl was overcome and burned to a crisp.

The fire started from unknown origin and was beyond control when discovered. The entire plant was destroyed, entailing a loss of $50,000, with $35,000 insurance.

The President is Walking.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—While President Roosevelt was unable to go to Oyster Bay to register his vote for the November election, he will go to vote. The President is progressing finely toward complete recovery and is now able to move about without crutches or even a cane, but his physicians have advised him not to travel any distance for at least two weeks. For this reason he will be unable to attend the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, although he had expressed his particular desire to be present when President Wilson is installed.

Irish Land Question.

(By Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, Oct. 18.—The minority of Irish landlords who, in a recent session here of the Irish Land Owners' Convention, supported the idea of a conference with tenants on the purchase question, believing the convention was not properly representative, have formed a committee which includes Lord Dunraven, the Eair of Mayo; Viscount Powers court, Baron Castletown, and others, to canvass the opinions, county by county, of the landlords on this subject. The minority is convinced that a large number of Landlords will be found in favor of such a conference.

Uproar in Reichstag.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—During the debate on the tariff bill in the Reichstag to-day Baron Von Wangonheim, of the Farmers' Union, after stating that Chancellor Von Buelow's speech Thursday destroyed all chance of the passage of the bill, caused a scene of excitement and great uproar by declaring that if the government continued to pursue the policy of the Caprivi era, they were themselves sawing off the branch on which the monarchy rested.

To Test the Law.

(By Associated Press.)

EI PASO, TEXAS, Oct. 18.—General Harrison Gray Otis, of Los Angeles, Cal., who has just arrived here from Mexico, will furnish the revenue officers here with the first test case of the recent Treasury Department ruling allowing an American resident to bring into the United States, exempt from duty, presents for his family.

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LEESBURG REPORTS ON REGISTRATION

The New List is About Half of the Former One—Personal Items of Interest.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEESBURG, October 18.—Registration in Leesburg district closed on Tuesday. At Luckett's 120 whites registered. At Leesburg there were 336 whites and 32 blacks. This is about 50 per cent. of the old vote.

Mr. F. M. Silcott has sold his property near Bloomfield to Mr. William Otley, of Mecklenburg, for $2,500.

Miss Elizabeth A. Snyder died at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Catherine Slack, in Leesburg, on Tuesday, from paralysis, aged eighty years.

Mr. Theo. W. L. Warner, of Irene, and Miss Ora Compher, of this county, were married Wednesday, October 15, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burr Compher, of Elvan.

Mr. R. B. Crockett, formerly of this county, but now of Fulton, N. Y., has sold his farm near Hamilton to Mr. R. F. Reed, for $2,225.

Mr. Bailey M. Taylor, formerly bookkeeper for J. R. Smith & Co., of Purcellville, has accepted a position with the Welles Milling Company, of Wyalusing, Pa.

Hon. Charles K. Sinker, of Fauquier, Republican nominee for Congress, was in Leesburg on Monday.

Mrs. Winchester and Miss Mary Winchester left on Tuesday for their home, in Macon, Ga.

Senator and Mrs. Henry Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White, are in Richmond, attending the Horse Show.

Lieutenant-Governor Joseph E. Willard and Lewis H. Machen, of Fairfax, were in town on Monday.

Senator George T. Ford, of Round Hill, and Speaker Ryan, of Arcola, were in town court day.

Mrs. J. H. Hoffecker, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting in Leesburg.

Misses Mae and Carrie Powell, of North Fork, are the guests of Mrs. B. McLaine Carter, at "Carter Hall."

Hall Caine in New York.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Hall Caine, the novelist, arrived to-day from Liverpool.

Danish West Indies.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Advices received here, while not fully confirming the private report circulated in the Danish West Indies to the effect that the chances are against the acceptance by the Danish Rigsdad of the treaty of cession to the United States, makes it appear that the fate of the pending treaty is really very certain.

Buy from the Makers and Save.

A Stieff for a Stieff

One of the prominent families of Richmond who purchased a Stieff square Piano 40 years ago decided to buy an upright. They thoroughly investigated all of the alleged high-grade Pianos, and then bought another Stieff.

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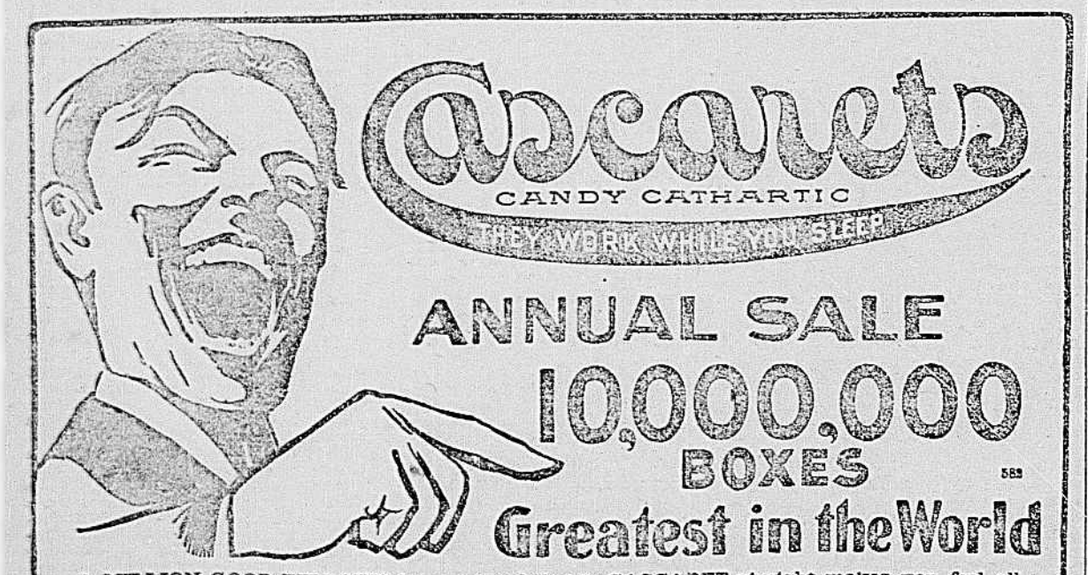
Fire From Hot Gas-Pipe.

(By Associated Press.)

WELLSBURG, W. VA., Oct. 18.—Fire last night partially destroyed the palatial summer home of J. B. Vandergrift, a prominent Pittsburger, entailing a loss of about $100,000. The fire is believed to have been caused by the over-heating of the natural-gas pipes.

ITCHING PILES.

Any one who suffers from that terrible plague, Itching Piles, or from Eczema, will appreciate the immediate relief and permanent cure that comes through the use of Doan's Ointment. It never fails. Free samples at Owens & Minor Drug Co., 1007 Main Street, October 20th.



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