

FRATERNITY MEN IN CONVENTION

Chi Zeta Chi, Medical, Will Elect Officers at Business Session To-Day.

The annual convention of the Chi Zeta Chi medical fraternity opened yesterday morning at the Jefferson Hotel with a business session, which was executive, being connected with the inner workings of the fraternity. Relaxation was offered last night, however, in the shape of a Dutch supper in the dining room of the hotel after all business had been finished and put away. Today's session of the convention will be more important, as the grand officers of the fraternity are to be chosen, and a place of meeting for next year picked.

The convention was called to order yesterday morning in a block by Supreme Deputy Grand L. P. Daley, of New York, followed by a prayer by Dr. H. Bernard, Pal Chapter. An address of welcome was delivered by Dr. Moses Sygel, of Richmond, was responded to by Dr. H. G. Cannon, of Atlanta. The roll call showed the following delegates present: Dr. H. E. Bunch, University of Georgia; Dr. L. C. Hays, Physicians and Surgeons, of New York; Dr. J. Harby, University of Maryland; Dr. H. G. Cannon, Physician and Surgeon, of Atlanta; Dr. B. W. Howard, University of Virginia; Dr. S. M. Howell, Atlanta School of Medicine; Dr. H. E. Chapman and B. F. Norwood, University of Memphis; Dr. G. B. Fletcher, University of Tennessee; Dr. F. E. Spearman, Physicians and Surgeons, of Baltimore; Dr. E. W. Ryan, Foreman, of Virginia; Dr. W. Weatherly, Medical College of Virginia; Dr. W. Taylor, Jr., Birmingham Medical College; Dr. R. H. Fluke and J. C. Carr, of Lincoln University; Dr. L. P. Daley, J. C. McDougal, R. G. Stephens and Dalney Allison, all supreme officers of the fraternity. Officers of the convention were appointed as follows: Dr. W. P. Thompson, chairman; Dr. J. E. Gorman, secretary, and Dr. G. E. Bowdoin, sergeant-at-arms. All of these men are members of the Pal Chapter, of Richmond.

The election of officers for the coming year will take place to-day. It must also be decided whether the next convention will meet in New York, Augusta or Memphis, all of which have been invited. Tonight the delegates will be entertained at a banquet at the Bijou Theatre. Tomorrow the convention is scheduled to take a day to Washington, returning for the final banquet at the Jefferson in the evening.

WAGE SCALE UP

Telegraphers on C. & O. in Conference With General Manager. Two conferences were held yesterday between the committee of telegraphers of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and General Manager Grice, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The question of the 15 per cent increase in wages asked for by the operators was again taken up, as well as a number of allied demands. No agreement was reached, the matter being deferred for settlement at a later meeting, which will be held in the course of the next few days. An adjustment is expected shortly.

Meetings between the telegraphers and Mr. Grice are being held daily. Another consultation will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The order of Railroad Telegraphers of the Chesapeake and Ohio system is represented at the series of meetings now in progress by eleven men delegated by the various divisions of the railway. The delegation is headed by L. E. Beck, general chairman of the order, and J. J. Bermody, fourth vice-president.

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Murphy—H. M. Darnall, Roanoke; C. W. Keolage, Jr., Norfolk; E. E. Downing, Alexandria; A. S. Priddy, Lynchburg; Ella M. Vollrath, Harrisonburg; W. H. Norris, Waverly; J. H. Burg, Waverly; William W. Grounck, Manikin; R. W. Woodward, Clifton; R. A. Howell, South Boston; F. N. Wynne, Lee Hall; C. E. Kizer, Norfolk; C. Hutchinson, Warsaw; G. T. Howers, R. Lynn Bowers, Culpeper; W. G. Becher, Petersburg; L. E. Lookabill, Roanoke; R. C. Jeffrey, Arvonia; T. L. Springer, Staunton.

Richmond—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Taylor, Emporia; J. W. Goodin, Clifton Forge; A. S. Higgins, Dendron; H. W. University of Virginia; A. W. Jefferys, Keysville; Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Baker, Front Royal; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carter, Newport News; Low Wood, Warrenton; W. H. Lee, Wideswater; Gilbert—Mr. and Mrs. M. Marsteller and daughter, Fredericksburg; S. S. Smith, Mineral; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ryland, Stokes; D. B. Kirk, Norfolk; A. W. Powell, Alexandria; F. Cook, Alexandria.

POLICE COURT CASES

Henry Lewis, Charged With Murder, Sent On to the Grand Jury. Henry Lewis, colored, charged with the murder of Louise Seiden, was sent on to the grand jury from Police Court yesterday morning.

Arthur Lee, charged with forging the name of E. L. Beck, a check for \$200 on the Merchants National Bank, was dismissed.

Peter Lacy, colored, charged with illegally having cocaine in his possession, was dismissed.

The hearing of Roy J. Hines, charged with stealing \$25.00 from the Grand Union Tea Company, was continued to January 5.

The hearing of Hamilton Scott, colored, charged with stealing \$1.50 from Mrs. A. J. Pyle, was continued to January 5. He was bailed in the sum of \$200.

WILL ASK HALF-MILLION FOR PUBLIC BUILDING

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winston-Salem, N. C., December 28.—A committee of representative citizens will go to Washington soon after Congress reconvenes for a conference with North Carolina Senators and Representatives relative to the appropriation of \$500,000 made by a former session for enlargement of the Winston-Salem post-office. Representative Steadman, of this district, was here today discussing the matter with the Board of Trade. The Board of Trade feels justified in asking for the view of the fact that the city contributes approximately \$1,000,000 annually to the government.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Virginia—Fair, continued cold Friday; Saturday fair, slightly warmer; light to moderate north winds, clearing in the afternoon.

North Carolina—Fair, continued cold Friday; Saturday fair, slightly warmer; light to moderate north to northeast winds.

Special Local Data for Yesterday. 12 noon temperature 37; 2 P. M. temperature 37; Maximum temperature up to 39; Minimum temperature up to 31; Mean temperature 36; Normal temperature 39; Humidity in temperature 62; Deficiency in temperature 27; March 1 deficiency in temperature since January 1 9.50; Actual deficiency in rainfall since March 1 1.77; Local observation 8 P. M. yesterday: Temperature 35; Humidity 62; Wind-direction 32; Wind-velocity 16; Weather, clear.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Temperature, and Weather. Includes cities like Asheville, Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Duluth, Evansville, Hatteras, Jacksonville, Louisville, New Orleans, Montgomery, New York, Norfolk, Oklahoma, Philadelphia, Raleigh, St. Louis, St. Paul, Savannah, Spokane, Tampa, Washington, Winthrop, and Winterville.

MINIATURE ALMANAC

December 29, 1911. HIGH TIDE: Sun rises 7:26 Morning 10:52 Sun sets 4:56 Evening 11:02

TAFT IS WINNING POPULAR FAVOR

Many Politicians Now Profess to Believe He Can Be Re-Elected.

ISSUE BEFORE INSURGENTS

They Must Decide Between Republican and Democratic Tariff Theories.

Washington, D. C., December 28.—Republican politicians in Washington, who are in touch with political conditions throughout the country, agree in the opinion that President Taft is steadily growing in favor with the Republican voters at large. Some of them, who three months ago were discouraged over the outlook for the next campaign, now believe that he can be elected. No well-informed politician has doubt of his re-nomination.

To be sure, one hears a great deal of talk about the "Roosevelt menace" and that sort of thing, but it does not come from the men who are substantially associated with the destinies of the Republican party. It is safe to assert that no Republican would give the title of leader in the party believed that Roosevelt desires to be or will be nominated at Chicago.

Believe Him Sincere. President Taft's growth in popular favor is ascribed to increasing realization on the part of the people of his sincerity, his wisdom, his moral and political integrity. The complaint often uttered that he "is not a politician" proves to be a reactionary element in his favor, it is declared.

A politician-President is about the last thing the people are looking for just now, it is admitted. The fortunes of the Republican party will be the fortunes of Taft, of course, and the political wisecracks in Congress foresee a brightening of party prospects for 1912. They confidently expect to derive advantage from the tariff legislation of the present session of Congress for one thing. They have reasonable hope, holding the odds to be even, of winning the bulk of the Progressive element to the support of the Republican ticket next fall.

Expect Labor Vote. Based upon the declarations of the Democratic leaders in Congress, the tariff program of the Democratic party contemplates a revenue tariff, as against a protective tariff. If that policy is carried out, Republican leaders are confident that the workmen and the farmers will rally to the party which insists upon reasonable protection to American industries, as against a tariff which declares for revenue only.

Hope of reconciliation with the insurgent element in the Republican party has its foundation also upon the tariff situation. A showdown, demonstrated before this session ends, demonstrating whether that hope is well founded or not. The insurgents will have to decide whether they endorse a tariff for revenue, pure Democratic policy, or a tariff that carries reasonable protection to home industries, which is Republican policy.

The constant, insistent and proud boast of the Progressive Republicans is that, first of all, they are Republicans. They indignantly resent intimation that they should be numbered with the democrats, although at times they vote with the Democratic party as a protest against an element of their own party.

No Insult on Reductions. No insurgent has yet declared in Congress that the abandonment of the protective principle is consistent with Republicanism. Their fight has been against unnecessary protection. Even the most stalwart reactionary is now ready to admit that the tariff as it stands carries excessive and unnecessary protection, and is ready for reduction.

The issue then will arise between the high tariff and the moderate tariff Republicans over a specific set of rates. If the Progressives refuse to accede to the Democratic program of tariff reduction, and a compromise with their retention on a protective tariff, will they have reason to vote the Democratic ticket in the national elections? This is the question which politicians declare lies at the bottom of the hope of Republican success next fall.

Where the Shoe Pinches. "Talk about the galled jade whining," said a New York Congressman to-day, "just listen to this. Here is the advance sheet of one of the great weekly papers issued for the farmers—the farmer who has been demanding prosecution of the trusts. Hear what it says: 'In spite of all natural assurances of good times, considerable doubt prevails in the business world. This doubt is confined mainly to the United States.'"

"It is largely due to the fact that the Federal government is going to extremes in 'trust busting' and in thinking that lawyers can regulate everything."

"Every progressive nation is encouraging 'trust busting.'"

"Only Uncle Sam induces a farmers co-operative milk selling union!"

POSSUM KING HERE

Colonel Fisher, of Georgia, Originated That Dinner to President Taft. Colonel H. C. Fisher, of Newnan, Ga., known throughout the Cracker State as the "Possum King," was registered at the Jefferson Hotel yesterday. He was in the city to attend the conference of the district managers of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company. Mr. Fisher gained fame some years ago by originating the famous possum dinner tendered to President Taft in Atlanta, furnished there by himself, and for newspaper paragraphs and the impetus for the short-lived Billy Possum craze.

Nobody, they say down in Georgia, can see a possum with the accuracy and dispatch of Colonel Fisher. His fame in this particular branch of sport has spread beyond Georgia boundaries, and the President of the United States and other prominent visitors seldom depart from the State without enjoying the Colonel's hospitality, the chef d'oeuvre of which is possum à la Créole.

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ANIMALS DYING FROM MOLDY FOOD

Fatal Disease Breaks Out at Different Points—Warning Is Issued.

Dr. J. G. Fernyhough, the State Veterinarian, sends out the following official warning to the farmers of Virginia:

"The attention of this office has been called to outbreaks of a very fatal disease among the horses and mules in different sections of Virginia during the last few weeks. From the information received and the cases I have examined, where I had the opportunity of making a personal investigation, there is no doubt in my mind as to the disease, what it is called and especially am I quite sure of the cause."

"The trouble is described in the circular No. 122, issued from our United States Bureau of Animal Industry as 'enzootic cerebro-spinal meningitis of horses.' I have often heard the term 'blind staggers' used for the same disease. Since the disease is caused by a fungus (mould), which the animals takes into its system when eating damaged corn or damaged forage or contaminated water, and since the affected animals die in a short time after the first symptom is noticed, we must turn our attention to preventive (prophylactic) treatment, as by this means we can unquestionably stop the progress of the fatal disease in a stable, even though it has killed several good animals at the beginning."

"Preventive treatment consists in a complete change of food and water supply of the well animals. The cause is in the food or water."

"Examine all feed carefully, especially corn; the moldy grains on the end of the cob is often where the cause is located. Do not feed damaged food (any feed which is contaminated with mold). Much corn was damaged last summer and in the fall by the late summer rains, thus so much of this damaged corn is being fed."

"Medicinal treatment is very unsatisfactory, but the disease can be prevented by simply not allowing your horses to eat damaged food—food contaminated by molds. This is simple and safe, while the disease is usually fatal when it affects stock."

FERTILIZER MEN HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

General managers, division managers and sales managers of the various branches of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company and its subsidiary, the Southern Cotton Oil Company, gathered in Richmond yesterday to discuss the plan of campaign for the coming year and to map out general policies.

Market Committee in Meet. The Market Committee of the City Council will meet to-night at 8 o'clock.

Little Stories of Washington

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, December 28.—Cabinet officers, members of Congress and others high in Washington official life, who, for one reason or another, were forced to remain in the national capital away from their families during the holidays, have found many cheerful moments around clubroom firesides and under the festive Christmas decorations that are found on every hand.

The sweet scented cedar boughs, the delightful aroma of the chafers, Havana cigars, the crackling of the big log fire, and the ever ready bowl of Christmas nog have lent spice and variety to many interesting tales of men now or in former days holding high positions in the public eye.

Among the best of these story tellers has been former Secretary of War, Jacob M. Dickinson. Mr. Dickinson is a Southerner, and knows the traits of the people of that section admirably. When he tells a story he always draws around him an interested group who wait in anticipation, knowing that they are going to hear something good. The former War Secretary tells this one on the present efforts of the Democratic party to get out of the hole in which it has so long dwelt.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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Arrested as Deserters.

Arthur K. Moore and George Wilson were arrested yesterday as deserters from the United States Army.

Dickinson's Story.

"Down in Tennessee," Mr. Dickinson said, "there was once an old blind mule by the name of Pete. Once he rambed near an unquarrel well and fell in. It was about forty feet to the bottom. Pete was not much account, to be sure, but his owner was too humane a man to allow him to remain there, so he called in his neighbors and asked their advice as to what to do. One suggested bringing him up on a derrick, but the well was too narrow; another that a rope be tied around him and that he be pulled up, but there was no rope or chain on the farm strong enough to hold his weight; another that he be shot, but it was too dark to see how to shoot straight, and, finally, it was suggested that the poor brute be put out of his misery by filling the well full of dirt. This was agreed upon as the best plan. Thereupon all the neighbors began to use pick and spade to fill the well and leave poor old Pete at the bottom. They worked for about a day and a half, and when the well was filled there stood old Pete on the top of it all. That reminds me of the Democratic party to-day."

Another Reminder.

"Down in a remote section of the country," said Congressman Hefflin, of Alabama, where railroads were once few and far between, there was an old fellow called "Uncle Billy," who did not believe it was possible for a railroad train to run without smashing up and killing all the passengers. When he heard that a railroad was to be built near his home he would come out and watch with interest the progress of the work. He asked many questions about the ties, the rails and the roadbed.

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