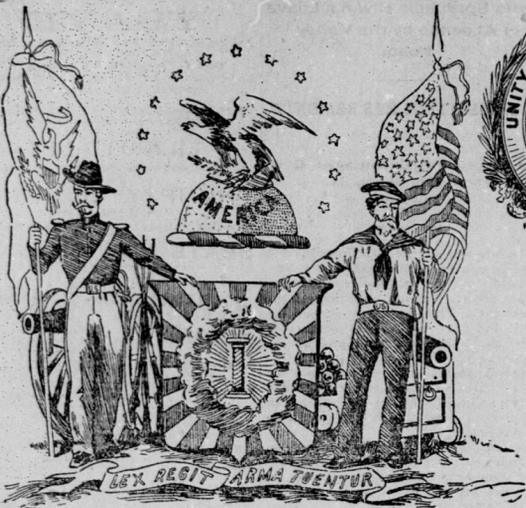


TRUE FRATERNAL WORKERS IN THE CAUSE OF HUMANITY.



All five of the grand fraternal conventions got well into working order yesterday and considerable business of importance was transacted. One of them concluded its labors.

Not for many years has there been so much interest taken in the election of commander of the Loyal Legion as this year. The rivalry arose between General Warfield and Major Hooper, and the contest was carried on in a spirited manner.

During the day session the Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge acted on several important committee reports, and in the evening the initiatory and first degrees were conferred on a large number of candidates.

Almost the entire day was occupied by the Rebekah State Assembly in listening to the report on the adoption of Bunker Hill day as Foresters' day. The matter of dividing the entire jurisdiction of the Subsidiary High Court into State districts was discussed and referred to the committee on laws.

The Hermann's Sons Grand Lodge completed its work in the forenoon, only routine business remaining to be settled then, and adjourned to meet in San Jose next year.

Major W. B. Hooper wins. He is elected Over Colonel R. H. Warfield to command the Loyal Legion of California.

The spirited contest for the honor of commanding the Loyal Legion of California for the ensuing year culminated last evening in a victory for Brevet-Major William B. Hooper of the Occidental Hotel. The major's opponent, Brigadier-General R. H. Warfield of the California Hotel, stood by his guns to the last.

Colonel W. R. Smedberg, registrar; Lieutenant H. Wilson; treasurer, Captain C. Mason Kinne; chaplain, Lieutenant L. S. Butler; chaplain, Chaplain J. S. Wallace; council—Captain John C. Currier, Brevet-Major Ernest A.

Foresters, now in session, in response to their fraternal greeting: The Grand Lodge of California, I. O. O. F., assembled in its forty-third annual communication, hereby fraternally rededicate the kindly sentiments embodied in your greetings, and we cordially wish to your ancient and honorable order continued success and prosperity.

In the discussion of the application of the Rebekah State Assembly for a charter, a strong sentiment favorable to granting the request was developed. The committee to whom the matter was referred will report to-day. There is little doubt that the desire of the Rebekahs for greater freedom of action, and for assuming enlarged responsibilities and greater privileges will be granted.

High commendation was accorded the committee on correspondence for the excellent manner in which its report was drafted, and it was adopted with little discussion. The members of this committee are H. S. Jones, E. E. Drees and E. C. Yocco. The report shows in tabulated

form the progress made in the order in North America during the past year. In this connection it says: A critical examination of the various reports leads us to believe that the order has made the very substantial gains in many show progressive spirit, which bids well to largely increase the membership upon the general revival. The few reports that show actual loss are, with the exception of Georgia, from our neighboring States, that have been particularly affected by the silver legislation. These States, however, feel greatly encouraged, and the next reports we feel certain will show a different result. Georgia has shown poor results, owing to the exceedingly hard times, which have caused an unusual number of suspensions, and they are fearful they may not show much of an increase the next term. We were surprised to note the decrease, as several new lodges have been instituted during the year.

Speaking of the foreign jurisdictions of the order the committee reports: The reports received are far from as encouraging as we would hope. The order generally is not making any headway, and in many of the countries it is almost stationary. Australia—Here the same condition of business depression exists as in portions of our own country, and hard times has been a bitter foe to contend with. However, it is very pleasing to note the brothers are not discouraged, feeling certain good times are coming. Tasmania has shown the most deplorable results, while New Zealand has made good progress. The other jurisdictions, with the exception of Victoria, show but small losses. Chile—No reports to us, and those to Sovereign Grand Lodge are rather discouraging. In fact, the brothers have lost all interest, and the order there is practically dead. No reports are to be had about Cuba and Peru, except the order still lives, though in a very unsatisfactory condition. Sandwich Islands show a small loss, yet some enthusiasm is being stirred up, and the last reports are that new lodges will be instituted, and the order lodges hope to increase considerably by the next report. In Europe the reports are very incomplete, but we think the order generally is pushing ahead and doing excellent work. Mexico is much smaller, still it is doubtful if any perceptible increase will be noted until silver has become more valuable. The reports from our northern brothers in Alberta, Assiniboia, Newfoundland and Saskatchewan, Canada, are so incomplete as to be practically valueless.

On the subject of homes for Odd Fellows the following remarkable showing is made: In view of the recent founding and successful instituting of an Odd Fellows' Home in our State, it might be interesting to know that at this time nine other grand jurisdictions have them. Three more are being completed and five anticipated. And the seed has been sown in all, so that some results will follow each year

until finally, we hope, all will have them. Some are on a broader scale than others, but the object is the same. Propositions to revise the digest of California and the list of supplies to subordinate lodges were presented, and they will be discussed to-day. About 3:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge went into secret session, when the unwritten work of the order was ably exemplified by Grand Representatives J. F. Thompson and George W. Stockwell. The trustees of the home presented a comprehensive set of rules and regulations for the government of that institution. These will be acted upon before the Grand Lodge adjourns. All previous records were broken yesterday in the number of petitions and amendments presented. It was by far the largest number introduced at any one session. A special committee was appointed to act in conjunction with one from the Rebekah State assembly to prepare laws for that branch of the order. This morning the first order will be the election of officers. The only two contests that have excited any great degree of interest are those for grand secretary and grand warden. In the former there will be two candidates—George T. Shaw, the incumbent, and the retiring grand master, J. H. Simpson. For grand warden seven candidates have already been announced as follows: George A. Atwood of San Bernardino, B. S. Northey of East Oakland, I. M. Drew of Fresno, J. T. Croset of San Francisco, W. A. Bonyng of Los Angeles, S. F. Smith of San Diego, K. C. Brueck of Stockton. Deputy Grand Master P. E. Gosbey will be advanced to the grand master's chair, and Grand Warden J. W. Warboys will be elected deputy grand master. By far the most important matter to be decided by the present communication is the future method of electing Grand Lodge officers. At present they are voted for by all past grands present in the session. It is proposed to change this so that the past grands will vote for grand officers in their respective lodges. The object of the innovation is to give all past grands the opportunity of having a voice in the selection of such officers, many now being deprived of this privilege through inability to attend the Grand Lodge meetings. When the matter comes up it is expected to precipitate a long and heated debate and its settlement is being deferred until a full half day can be given to it. The evening yesterday was devoted to conferring the initiatory and first degrees. Three candidates were initiated and sixty-five received the first degree. All third-degree members were admitted to this session and the attendance taxed the assembly hall to its full capacity. This evening there will be a special session of the Department Council of Patriarchs Militant, to which all visiting Patriarchs are invited. Among the arrivals at the convention to-day was Past Grand A. L. Bartlett, who was recently appointed superintendent of

lodge for the first time is W. C. Ball, secretary of Lompoc Lodge No. 245 of Lompoc. He is a past grand from the Michigan jurisdiction and has been an Odd Fellow for sixteen years. One of the most striking figures of the session yesterday was Past Grand Master Hill, who is blind; and who had to be led from the hall by a brother Odd Fellow. He is nearly 80 years of age, and at present resides at Berkeley, though a member of Capital Lodge No. 137 of Sacramento. His term of Odd Fellowship covers thirty-two years. His interest in the order continues so strong that, despite his blindness and the infirmities of his fourscore years, he came over to the City especially to attend the grand lodge communication.

THE REBEKAHS. Second Day's Session of the State Assembly of California. The second day's session of the Rebekah State Assembly, I. O. O. F. of California convened at 10 o'clock a. m. in Memorial

Hall, Odd Fellows' building, Grand President Mrs. G. E. Moreland of San Jose presiding. The transaction of routine business and the reading of minor reports occupied most of the forenoon, and the meeting was concluded by the presentation of the report of the grand president. In her introduction Mrs. Moreland, after reciting the objects of annual assemblies, such as the one now in session, spoke of the great good derived from general convocation and the free discussion of new theories for the advancement of the great order, laboring together as one family for the common cause of humanity. Concerning woman and her mission the report says: Woman's work and mission is to do good. It was for this purpose that Rebekah lodges were formed. The kind and loving words of women are needed in all benevolent societies. In the present day women are distinguishing themselves in every line of thought, and a certain writer calls this "woman's century." While in the past ages they were considered inferior beings, yet in the early years of the world's existence we find a Rebekah, a Miriam and a Ruth. Rebekah who, when she gave the pitcher of water to the wayward traveler at the well, knew not that she was handing down to us a lesson which would be learned through all future ages. The lesson portrayed by her will last until time shall be no more, and the results of her being, yet in the early years of the world's existence we find a Rebekah, a Miriam and a Ruth. Rebekah's daughters, however small and seeming of no importance now, will be shown in eternity. When I assumed the duties of this high and important office I expected there was much work before me. My expectations have been fully realized. I have given the office almost my whole time,

ing hastily the new law. Odd Fellowship is a progressive order and should not take its steps backward in the march of humanity. Let us accept the law in the spirit in which it has been given to us by those who are more able to judge than we. The report concludes with a general summing up of the year's work, and also a few hopeful words for the future. Following the grand president's report an adjournment was taken until 2 p. m. The afternoon session opened with a report on the Orphans' Home at Thermoit by Charles N. Fox, chairman of the board of trustees, in which a history of the institution was given. The home was dedicated April 26, and will be ready for occupancy about the middle of June. It was built by voluntary contributions from the various lodges, and the fund still has an available balance of \$3870 08. The new law adopted at the last meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge relative to membership and referred to in the report of the grand president was briefly discussed without definite action. A vote will be taken on this question on the last day of the session, and in the meantime it will be open for discussion. Candidates for the election of officers, which will take place to-day, have been named as follows: Grand president, Miss Fannie Benjamin, Los Angeles; Grand vice-president—Mrs. Sallie

Mrs. Gertrude E. Moreland, Grand President R. S. A. finding it necessary to do the work properly. I have taken great pleasure in the work, and all my official acts have been for the good of Odd Fellowship. It would be egotism for me to say that I have made no mistakes. I am conscious of the fact that I have made many. To ere a human, and I only ask that you may be charitable enough to forgive what I have done amiss. I have endeavored to discharge my duty to the best of my ability. I consider that to be president of the Rebekah Assembly of the great State of California is an honor of which any woman may well be proud, and the office is deserving of her worthiest efforts. The report then gives the detailed result of some sixty or seventy visits to the various lodges throughout the State, up to the dedication of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home at Thermoit, Butte county, April 26, an important event in the history of Odd Fellowship on this coast, which will be briefly treated in another report. The condition of the order is then taken up by the grand president. Continuing the report says: It is indeed gratifying to be able to report great activity and progress throughout the entire order. The membership has been increased steadily, and new lodges have been springing up all over the State. To ere attention is paid by the officers in becoming thoroughly proficient in ritual work, even to the smallest details. And I find much anxiety manifested by the lodges to have all the work done properly. More thought is given to the study of the principles and teachings of the order, and more hard work has been taken up. Good results must certainly follow. Too much praise cannot be given to our superior officer, Grand Master Simpson, to whose zeal and energy the success of the year

order now in session here was an English order, and a rival organization was formed which bears the same title, adding only to it the words "of America" to emphasize its claim to greater patriotism. The love of country of the Ancient Order of Foresters, can, however, scarcely be questioned after the events of the morning session yesterday. Soon after the court convened a resolution was introduced by the delegates from Court Menlo Park No. 8020 that June 17 of each year, the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, should be hereafter observed as Foresters' day. The reading of the resolution was received with cheers, and on the question being put it was unanimously carried amid scenes of the wildest enthusiasm. The Pacific Coast jurisdiction covers the whole country west of the Rocky Mountains, and the action taken yesterday must rule over the whole district. At the opening of the session a communication was received from Captain H. L. Howison, the commandant at Mare Island, inviting the delegates to visit the yards and inspect the workings of the station. The invitation was accepted, and the delegates will visit Mare Island during their excursion around the bay to-morrow. An invitation for the delegates to visit the Columbia Theater was received from the proprietors of that pretty playhouse. As an inducement complimentary tickets were promised for the grand officers and half rates for the delegates. The invitation will probably be accepted. Past High Chief Ranger H. Beaver offered a resolution providing for the establishing of State districts within the Pacific Coast jurisdiction. The order has

grown so large and with such rapidity that it is almost impossible for the Subsidiary High Court to attend to all the business, and the introduction of State districts was proposed with a view of relieving the grand body. The matter was referred to the law committee. At 11:30 o'clock the delegates assembled on the steps of the Mint on Fifth street and were photographed. The afternoon session was largely taken up with the discussion of various committee reports. Each report provoked long discussion, and when the hour of adjournment arrived no important action had been taken. A suggestion was made to cut off the \$50 a month allowance which has always been paid to the Foresters' Advocate, the official organ of the order. No final action was taken, however, and it is stated that the suggestion comes from some who hold personal spite against the editor of the paper. There is considerable talk to the effect that the office of permanent secretary is to be made elective at this session, but the legal authorities state that such action is impossible, because it requires notice to be given two months before the High Court meets. Last night the delegates gathered to a reunion in the social hall, under the auspices of the Past High Chief Rangers' Association. The secret work of the order was exemplified by a picked team, as follows: Chief ranger, H. Beaver, assisted by William Cashman; past chief ranger, R. L. MacLennan; sub-chief ranger, F. F. McNulty; treasurer, J. F. Dignan; financial secretary, P. J. Hyde; recording secretary, E. J. Jackson; senior woodward, John Henderson; junior woodward, N. F.



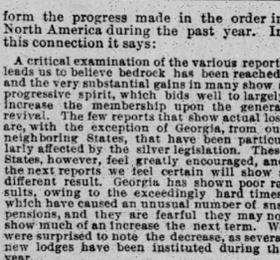
COLONEL C. MASON KINNE, PAST COMMANDER LOYAL LEGION. [From a recent photograph.]

Denicke, Lieutenant-Colonel George Stone, Captain William T. Yeatman Schenck, Allen H. Babcock. Among the companions who came from other places to attend the meeting were: Major J. H. Simpson of Fresno, Colonel Hersey and A. Malpas of Santa Clara; N. P. Chipman, Red Bluff; Captain S. G. Whipple, Eureka; Mayor C. H. Hubbard, Captain S. L. Richardson and Captain E. L. Hawk of Sacramento, and Major John Lynch of Benicia. Colonel Mendell, Lieutenant-Colonel Young, Colonel Miles, General Dimond, General W. H. L. Barnes, Colonel A. G. Hawes, Major George Wheaton, Major W. O. Gould, Captain J. A. Waymire, Colonel Wallis, Colonel Parnell, Colonel P. H. Goodman and many other well-known City companions of the order attended the meeting. Quite a number remained to enjoy the banquet and listen to the spontaneous toasts and informal remarks.

ODD FELLOWS. Their Session Yesterday Was Full of Interest—Committee Reports Adopted. There was a slightly increased attendance at the session of the Odd Fellows yesterday.



Grand Lodge yesterday. The business of importance was the adoption of the report of the finance committee, which shows a cash balance on hand May 1, 1895, of \$19,600 98. In concluding its report the committee says: We take pleasure in testifying to the efficient manner in which the business of the office of grand secretary and grand treasurer have been conducted. Considerable of the morning session was taken up with the report of the committee on appeals, which was adopted as reported with the exception of a portion referring to the case of C. D. Holbrook vs. San Lorenzo Lodge No. 147, which is to be acted upon Friday. In the case of J. S. Treasurer vs. Mountain Vale Lodge No. 140, the judgment was reserved. In the case of Samuel Black vs. Redwood Lodge No. 281 the judgment was affirmed. In both the cases of J. M. Cohen vs. Harbor Lodge No. 285 and Herman vs. Caycuso Lodge No. 300 the judgment was reversed. The following fraternal expression was ordered sent to the Subsidiary High Court of the Pacific Coast, Ancient Order of

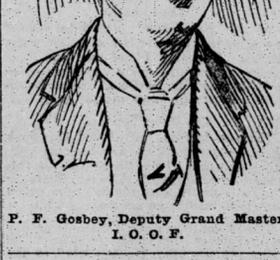


P. F. Gosbey, Deputy Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

the Thermoit Home. He is said to be particularly fitted for his position, as he is not only thoroughly experienced in business matters, but is a horticulturalist of wide experience, and is also a lawyer. He is credited with exceptional executive ability. His wife, Mabel Bartlett, who is a distinguished member of the Rebekahs, has been appointed matron of the home. S. Morris, a member of Schiller Lodge No. 105 of Sacramento, who has been a member of the order since 1881 and a past grand for twenty years, is a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He has several times previously represented his lodge in this capacity. H. Poland of Lompoc Lodge No. 245 of Lompoc represents his lodge for the second time. He has been a member of the order for twenty-eight years. He was five years postmaster at Lompoc, being appointed by President Harrison. His wife, who was a daughter of United States Court Commissioner E. H. Heacock, died in this City about two months ago. Judge Heacock is also an Odd Fellow of long standing. San Jose Lodge No. 34 of San Jose is

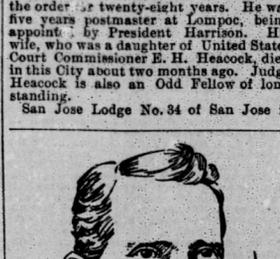


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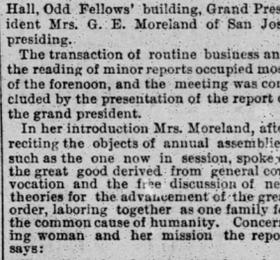


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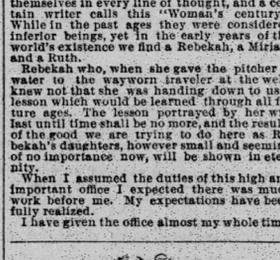


W. A. BONYNG.

FOUR OF THE CANDIDATES FOR GRAND WARDEN, I. O. O. F. [Drawn from photographs.]



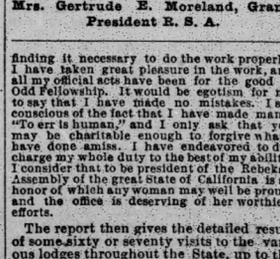
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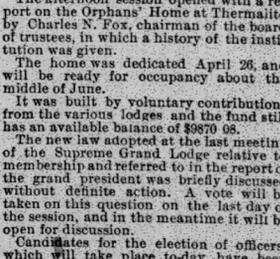
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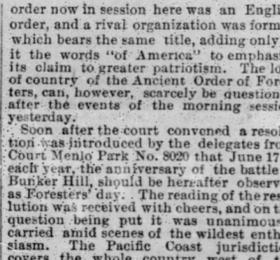
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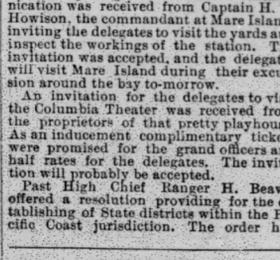
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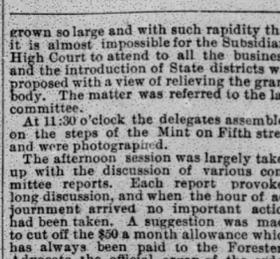
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