

GRAND LODGE OF RED MEN.

The Annual Session of the Independent Order Auspiciously Opened.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS.

Reports of the Officers Show the Order to Be in a Prosperous Condition.

When the opening session of the California Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Red Men was called to order yesterday morning at Independent Red Men's Hall at 510 Bush street, there were about 85 delegates in their places.

Reports of the grand chief, the district deputies and the grand secretary were read and approved.

By these it was shown that the capital of the order is now \$66,215.50, a net increase for the year of \$121; that the membership is 1268, a gain of 226 during the year; that 154 members have received sick benefits amounting to \$3196.15; that \$3860 had been paid for the relief of widows and orphans, and that sixteen members had died, including Past Grand Chief D. Bockman.

Nominations for officers were made during the morning session, and in the afternoon the following were elected: Grand chief, Jacob Wagner, San Francisco;

grand under chief, John Mangels, San Francisco; grand chief, Charles Schlessinger, San Francisco; grand priest, Valentine Humburg, San Jose; grand secretary, B. N. Sammann, San Francisco; grand treasurer, Joseph Gutberlet, San Francisco. The last vote was decided by acclamation. This re-election starts Grand Treasurer Gutberlet on his sixteenth term.

Several recommendations were submitted by the past chief, having for their object the modification of the ritual, with a view to improving the condition of the order.

It was decided to hold the next Grand Lodge session in this city on the last Monday in July, 1896.

The proposition of adopting a life insurance feature in connection with the order, the same to be under the supervision of the Supreme Lodge, was virtually defeated, as it was decided to leave the matter to the action of the individual lodges, each to adopt such insurance features as it deemed advisable.

Fifteen lodges in the State are represented in this Grand Lodge, eight of which are located in this city and seven in the interior.

The newly elected officers will be installed at 10 a. m. to-day, and the session will end at 4 p. m.

THE VALLEY RAILROAD.

What Has Been Done in the Work of Construction Up to Date.

LOCOMOTIVES ON THE GROUND.

The Progress of the Graders in the First Section Is Satisfactory.

Chief Engineer Storey of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad will return from Stockton to-day and will this afternoon present at a meeting of the board of directors a report of the progress that has been made in this enterprise.

Mr. Storey has been in Stockton for several days examining the work that has been done so far, and what he will have to say will no doubt prove of the utmost interest.

To start a railroad that will accomplish what the San Joaquin road eventually will is a work that requires a great deal of preliminary figuring and preparation of details, so that from the time the first spike is driven until the last rail is laid there shall be no unnecessary delay in the work of construction.

On the 19th inst., the first grading for the new road was commenced in the city of Stockton on Edison street, along the south bank of Mormon Channel, by Doyle, Thornton, McCarthy and Craven, the contractors, and since then there has been no delay in working toward the eastern limits of the city. On next Monday bids will be opened, and on the following day the contract will be awarded for grading from the eastern line to the Stanislaus River, a distance of twenty-three miles.

While the graders were working on the first division, rails, ties, fishplates and bolts were being landed from barges, and they were placed in great piles near the terminal to remain in the yard from which to be used for the purpose of track laying.

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REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF THE CALL.

TO WIND UP THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MONTH'S BUSINESS EVER RECORDED by any of our Great Sales, and to make the present week exceed all former ones in the volume of business transacted, we have selected some of THE MOST SEASONABLE AND DESIRABLE LINES embraced in our VAST SURPLUS STOCK, and offer them for clearance

AT THE GREATEST CUTS IN PRICES YET QUOTED.

LADIES' SUITS! At \$4.95. LADIES' SUITS, navy and black serge, with shawl collar, lined with black silk, worth \$9, will be closed out at \$4.95 each.

LADIES' CAPES! At \$1.50. LADIES' CAPES, double or single, trimmed with applique in contrasting shades, tan, brown and red, worth \$4, will be closed at \$1.50 each.

LADIES' CAPES, double or single, in various designs of trimming, braided lace, and ribbon, in the newest shades, worth \$6.50, will be closed out at \$2.50 each.

LADIES' CAPES, double and single, made of very fine cloth, braided and perforated trimming, worth \$7.50, will be closed out at \$3.50 each.

LADIES' CAPES, made of extra fine cloth, navy, tan and black, worth \$10, will be closed out at \$5 each.

BLACK DRESS GOODS! At 40 Cents. 20 pieces 38-INCH extra heavy all-wool STORM SERGE, worth 75c, will be closed out at 40c.

At \$1.00. 20 pieces 58-INCH extra fine all-wool ENGLISH SERGE, worth \$1.75, will be closed out at \$1.

COLORED DRESS GOODS! At 25 Cents. 124 pieces 37-INCH ALL-WOOL CHEVIOT DRESS GOODS, in head checks, figured and mottled effects, former price 50c, will be closed out at 25c a yard.

At 35 Cents. 49 pieces 38-INCH ALL-WOOL CLAY MIXTURES, staple colorings, former price \$1, will be closed out at 35c a yard.

At 50 Cents. 54 pieces 38-INCH ALL-WOOL NOVELTY CHEVIOTS, choice colorings, former price \$1.25, will be closed out at 50c a yard.

At 40 Cents. 20 pieces 24-INCH BLACK SURAH SILK, regular price 65c, will be closed out at 40c a yard.

At 50 Cents. 30 pieces FANCY FIGURED AND CHECKED TAFFETA SILK, regular price 75c, will be closed out at 50c a yard.

At 75 Cents. 40 pieces FANCY FIGURED TAFFETA SILK, extra fine quality, regular price \$1, will be closed out at 75c a yard.

At 85 Cents. 20 pieces FANCY STRIPED TAFFETA SILK, changeable effects, regular price \$1.25, will be closed out at 85c a yard.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR! At 75 Cents. 50 dozen MEN'S EXTRA-FINE FLESH-COLOR BALBRIGGAN UNDER-SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, regular price \$1.25, will be closed out at 75c each.

At \$1.00. 30 dozen MEN'S CASHMERE MERINO UNDERSHIRTS AND DRAWERS, Norfolk and New Brunswick manufacture, in tans and brown shades, regular value \$1.50, will be closed out at \$1 each.

At 35 Cents. 67 dozen LADIES' IMPORTED BLACK CASHMERE WOOL HOSE, high spliced heels, double soles and toes, guaranteed fast black, regular price 50c, will be closed out at 35c per pair.

At 75 Cents. 70 dozen LADIES' BLACK SATENE CORSETS, long waist and high bust, perfect fitting, regular price \$1, will be closed out at 75c each.

At 10 Cents. No. 12 2-INCH ALL-SILK BLACK SATIN AND GROS-GRAIN RIBBON will be offered at 10c.

At 12 1/2 Cents. No. 16 ALL-SILK BLACK SATIN AND GROS-GRAIN RIBBON will be offered at 12 1/2c.

At 25 Cents Per Yard. 41 pieces BLACK SILK BOURDON LACE, 5 to 6 inches wide, regular price 60c, will be closed out at 25c per yard.

WASH GOODS, ETC. Last week we offered several special lines in Wash Goods, which were completely closed out in the few first days. This week we place on sale far stronger and more desirable lines, and as they are sure of quick sale customers should come early and avoid disappointment. No samples of these goods can be given.

Now 7 1/2 Cents a Yard. A LARGE LINE OF REAL RUSSIAN DUCKS, a fair assortment of styles, all the best duck in the market, that were 12 1/2c, are now 7 1/2c.

Now 5 Cents a Yard. ALL SMALL LOTS SILKOLINES, CHALLES AND PRINTED ORGANDIES, that were 15c, 12 1/2c and 10c a yard (these are desirable for dresses, blouses, fine comforters, etc.).

Now 7 1/2 Cents a Yard. 130 pieces 30-INCH DRAP DE VIENNE CREPON, broken lots, all stylish, reduced from 12 1/2c.

Now 15 Cents a Yard. 40 pieces FINE GRADE SATEENS, all dark grounds, satin stripe weave, neat figures, reduced from 25c.

Now 25 Cents a Yard. ANOTHER LOT BLEACHED TABLE DAMASK, 66-inch wide, in good patterns, reduced from 40c.

A GREAT LINE! ABOUT 100 REMNANTS TABLE DAMASKS, comprising all grades, bought at auction, to be sold at one-third off value.

LADIES' WAISTS. At 55 Cents. LADIES' WHITE LAUNDRIED SHIRT WAIST, tucked or stiff bosoms, regular price \$1.25, will be offered at 55c.

At \$1. LADIES' LAUNDRIED WAISTS, in heavy percale in fancy stripes and checks of black, navy, blue and pink, regular price \$1.50 and \$1.75, will be closed out at \$1.

Advertisement for J. J. Murphy Building, Market and Jones Streets, featuring various goods and services.

TOURING WITH BICYCLES.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Darwin McClrath Arrived From Chicago Yesterday. Crossed the Continent and Will Ride Through Japan, China, Asia and Europe.

Two dusty cyclists crossed the ferry yesterday morning, and as they rode up Market street attracted considerable attention. They were Mr. and Mrs. H. Darwin McClrath of Chicago, who are touring the world on their wheels.

Mr. McClrath is traveling in the interests of the Chicago Inter Ocean. He has been a newspaper man for many years, and represented his paper at the Paris Exposition and the Chilean rebellion.

The local wheeling clubs will show the tourists considerable attention while here. Both are charming conversationalists and take great pleasure in relating incidents of their trip.

Note—The wheels used by the McClraths on their trip around the world are "The Fowler," for which Davis Brothers, 718 Market street, are agents.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Stocks weakened again yesterday. Con. Cal. & Va. declined to \$2.50, Ohio to \$1.25, Hale & Norcross to \$1.35 and so on. Business was dull.

The Occidental Co. assessment will be delinquent in the company's office to-morrow.

The official report of last week's operations in the Con. Cal. & Va. mine is as follows: 1650 level—On the ninth floor the first floor above the sill floor of this level the opening, 6 feet wide, which was made to the east at a point 185 feet in from the mouth of the drift south, from the end of the east crosscut, from the drift south from the south end of the slope, has been extended 14 feet; total length to the east 26 feet, in a porphyry and quartz formation assaying \$8 to \$10 per ton.

The Anks-Mexican mine paid a dividend of 15c per share, or \$5.00. This is the third dividend of the same amount.

The Hon. Charles J. South Dakota paid a dividend of 25 cents per share, or \$31.25, on the 25th.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for Bid, Asked, and various stock symbols like Alpha, Beta, Gamma, etc.

STOCK AND BOND EXCHANGE.

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THE MOST MISERABLE MAN.

"The most miserable man is the one who is all the time anxious about his health." Use Faine's Celery Compound and keep your mind at ease. It is not like ordinary remedies—it is medicine. Try it.

TAMAR INDIEN GRILLON.

A laxative refreshing fruit lozenge for constipation, hemorrhoids, bile, loss of appetite, gastric and intestinal troubles and indigestion. Sold by all Druggists.



Valentin Humburg, Grand Priest.

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Her Brother Will Make a Strong Fight Against Its Disposition.

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When she died it was learned she had left her two brothers and one sister \$500 each and to her mother the income on \$5000, the principal to be divided to the death of the mother, who is over 90 years old. The rest of the estate was bequeathed to comparative strangers, among the twenty or thirty legatees being the Rev. Mr. Stebbins \$1000, the church of which he is pastor a similar sum, to C. A. Murdock \$500, and to the others sums ranging from \$100 to \$500.

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ATLANTA EXPOSITION.

Controversy Relative to Space for the Exhibit of California Products. The project of sending an exhibit of California products to the International Cotton Exposition at Atlanta came near being a failure last week, and it was not until yesterday that the matter was straightened out. When the director-general of the Atlanta fair urged the State Board of Trade to send on a California exhibit, he offered all the space necessary free of charge. Until the question was settled by the convention, the Board of Trade was unable to send a reply as to whether or not the offer of space would be accepted by California.

POLICE PATROL SERGEANTS.

Captain Marshall Inaugurates a System of Lectures and Drills. Captain Marshall, drill instructor of the Police Department, commenced a series of lectures and drill to the patrol police sergeants yesterday afternoon in the armory of the First Regiment, N. G. Co., on Tenth and Market streets.

A NEW SALMON HATCHERY.

One Is to Be Established in Butte Creek, Shasta County. The advisability of erecting a salmon hatchery in Butte Creek, Shasta County, was discussed by the Fish and Game Commissioners yesterday. The matter was finally referred to the chief deputy for estimates in regard to the expense which would be incurred by its establishment.