

ILLINOIS ODD FELLOWS

Nearly 2000 Members of the Order Gather at the Annual Meeting

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 17.—This is Odd Fellows' week in Springfield and nearly 2,000 members of the order are gathered from all parts of the state to celebrate the occasion. Meetings will be held by all three branches of the order, the grand lodge meeting in the state capitol this afternoon and evening, and the grand encampment convening at the same place tomorrow.

The Order of Rebekah will also hold its annual meeting and all three bodies will choose officers for the coming year, Chicago, Peoria, Rockford, Freeport, Jacksonville and other cities of the state are represented among the many visitors.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS

In Session to Discuss Various Problems of Special Interest

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NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 17.—The railroad commissioners of all the southern states, together with a number of traffic officials of leading roads, were present today at the opening of the annual convention of the Association of Southern Railroad Commissioners. The business of the convention, which will be in session three days, will consist chiefly of the reception and discussion of reports from special committees appointed to investigate and report on grade crossings, uniform classification, legislation, safety appliances, and other subjects in which the railroad commissioners are interested.

BOSTON GIVES TERRIER SHOW

Famous Prize Winners Now on Exhibition and the Largest Collection Ever Shown

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 17.—That diminutive and sporty specimen of the canine race, the Boston terrier, reached its apotheosis today in Horticultural hall, where a bench show for his especial exhibition was opened under the auspices of the Boston Terrier club. It is the biggest collection of the famous little animal ever brought together, and the competition promises to be exceedingly keen. The champions Roxie, Bonnie, Lord Derby and Chauncy are competing for the special prizes and a number of other prize-winning dogs are benched. Society is taking a lively interest in the affair and the exhibition promises to be a huge success from every point of view.

ONE WOMAN'S SUCCESS

In the Role of a Detective She Has Captured Army Deserters

"One of the slickest women detectives with whom I ever came in contact is Miss Edith King of Philadelphia, whose record shows the capture of nearly a thousand deserters from Uncle Sam's land and sea fighting forces," said Carl Fletcher of the local detective force in Washington.

"Miss King has been so successful in tracing deserters from the army and navy that she is kept doing this kind of work exclusively. She is only 22 years old and a girl of careful breeding. She is most attractive in appearance, has charming southern manners, and looks better suited to singing in a church choir or gracing a drawing room than tracing criminals. Yet she is the terror of the sturdy and rough men who defy Uncle Sam's laws.

"Once she gets on their trail there is no hope. They can escape the vigilance of male pursuers, but this clever, quick-witted woman is not to be denied. She has stronger weapons than even a man's decision or brute force. She uses beauty and guile. And it is guile and beauty of a most cultivated type, a guile that passes from a skillful talent at disguise and impersonation to a comprehension of the possibilities of an unusually pretty face and well studied flirtation as a means of outwitting the susceptible.

"Miss King is well known to officials of the army and navy. She is less known to the public because she has kept in the background. Publicity makes it more difficult for her to follow her chosen calling successfully. But once in awhile it happens she figures in a case so remarkable that it is not possible to keep it from the police reported.

"Her first case was to trace two deserters who were said to be working for a fruit-packing concern. She betook herself to the place and applied for a position. They laughed at her fine clothes and white hands, but the insistence with which she pleaded her case won her a chance, and she was set to work on a machine that peeled and cored apples. Her unfamiliarity

with the machine caused her to cut her hands until they bled, and made her the laughing stock of the other employees.

"Among those who were particularly boisterous in poking fun at her was one of the two men she was after. She made no complaint, but stuck bravely to her work. Becoming acquainted with one of the suspects, she gradually wormed her way into his good graces, and employing that strongest weapon which a woman has—flirtation—drew from him his secret. Within two weeks after taking the position she had the satisfaction of seeing the two men arrested and put behind the bars.

"Her quick and complete success was a revelation to her shrewd employer, and since that time he has wisely confined her to the same line of work. She got a salary that many a man in commercial lines might envy, and, with her mother, lives in comfort.

AMERICAN APPLE GROWERS

Meeting at St. Louis to Discuss Growing and Marketing of American Fruit

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 17.—The American Apple Growers' congress, which was formed at a meeting held in St. Louis a year ago, today began its second annual meeting in this city. Those in attendance include prominent growers and shippers from many sections of the country. The congress has arranged a two days' program which calls for papers and addresses dealing with a wide range of subjects relating to the growing and marketing of the American fruit. Among other things refrigeration, the prevention of bitter rot, spray tanks, the best methods of marketing, and an apple exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exposition will receive attention. The presiding officer of the congress is Henry M. Dunlap of Savoy, Ill.

Robbing the Pullman Company

Last winter the Pullman company built some new car shops. The sheet metal contractors' ring decided that the sheet metal work for the job would really cost about \$19,000; that a contractor could easily afford to put it in for some \$25,000. The job was regarded as a "plum," and they quarreled fiercely over it. In fact, they met nearly every weekday afternoon, directing, arranging and partitioning the sheet metal work of Chicago, and they nearly always quarreled. The more they got the greedier they grew. The bids for the Pullman job ran from \$42,000 or thereabouts to \$57,000, and each member of the ring was apportioned \$500 cash, actually for no service whatever. And, humorously enough, if you look at it that way, the Pullman company has not learned to this day that it was held up and robbed.—R. S. Baker in McClure's.

CONGRESS OF RELIGIONS

Many Leaders of Advanced Thought Gather to Discuss World's Congress

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)

ROCKFORD, Ill., Nov. 17.—Leaders of various denominations are gathered in Rockford to take part in a congress of religions, modeled after the great congress of religions held in Chicago during the world's fair. The opening takes place tonight in the First Congregational church, with the Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas, president of the world's congress of religions, presiding. Lead-features of the evening's program are to be addresses by Professor Matthews of the University of Chicago on "The Present Outlook in Bible Criticism," and by Rev. Joseph Stolz, Rabbi of Isaiah Temple, Chicago, on "The Religious Message of Israel to the Twentieth Century." The sessions of the congress are to continue until Saturday.

TO SUCCEED BALL OF TEXAS

Special Election in the Eighth Congressional District to Fill a Vacancy

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 17.—A special election is being held in the Eighth congressional district today to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Congressman Thomas H. Ball. All indications point to the election of the democratic nominee, J. M. Pinkney of Hempstead.

New York Chamber of Commerce

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The unveiling today of the three groups of marble statuary which form the main feature of the facade ornamentation of the new Chamber of Commerce was made the occasion of interesting exercises, including addresses by Governor Odell, Judge Alton B. Parker and Charles S. Fairchild. The statues represent Alexander Hamilton, DeWitt Clinton and John Jay.

CONSPIRING WITH CUPID

By Eper W. Sargent

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As all Branscome had decided that Charles Schermerhorn was the fit and proper mate for Mabel Howard, that independent young woman properly decided to transfer her somewhat unsettled affections to Frank Caswell. Branscome folks pointed out that Schermerhorn had been her girlhood's sweetheart, was now well to do, and their union would crown a very pretty little romance.

On the other hand, Caswell was practically a newcomer in the village, having made his advent two years before, when Branscome arrived at the dignity of supporting a national bank. The directors had brought him up from the city to act as receiving teller and to teach the Branscome boys how to conduct a bank. He had proceeded to make himself generally liked, and the only thing that could be urged against him was that his very evident fondness for Mabel Howard threatened to destroy a Branscome romance.

Oddly enough, Caswell and Schermerhorn were the closest of friends. Despite dire predictions of personal encounters nothing marred the course of their friendship, and Schermerhorn seemed to find very satisfying consolation in the company of Grace Payne, Caswell's half sister, who kept house for him.

So matters stood when Anabel McPherson decided to give a Halloween party. Miss McPherson, known as Anabel to the entire village, was old Captain McPherson's daughter, and, inheriting her father's estate, she had become the richest woman in the village. Much given to novel reading, Miss Anabel had never married, fearful that each suitor was seeking her fortune rather than her hand. At forty-two she was still a single and by no means unattractive woman, with a kindly heart and a head filled with romantic



MISS ANABEL RUSHED TO CLOSE THE WINDOW.

fancies. It was her delight to make the affairs of others her own, and this Halloween party was given for the express purpose of setting matters straight between Schermerhorn and Mabel Howard. Well versed in the superstitious lore of love, she decided that with a little assistance Cupid might yet achieve a victory and bring the pair together.

Among the tests for the evening Miss Howard had decided upon that of naming candles. Different names would be given several wax tapers; the last one left burning would indicate the name of one's future husband. She used tiny wax tapers, homemade, and by giving one twice as thick a wick as the other she argued that one would burn twice as rapidly, and, thus prepared, in a fever of anticipation she awaited the coming of her guests.

There were the usual tests of suspended apples, floating apples, popping chestnuts and mirrors. Finally, with great glee, Miss Anabel brought out the two tapers.

"Here's a test for Mabel Howard," she announced ingenuously, for, as mistress of ceremony, she had seen to it that Mabel had taken no prominent part in the earlier tests. "This," she said, as she placed the candle on the table, "I shall name Charles and this," producing the one with the quicker wick—"well, suppose we name it Frank."

Mabel blushed redly at this very pointed allusion, and half started up as though she would leave the room. Caswell laid a detaining hand gently upon her arm.

"Don't," he whispered. "She means well and to leave now would only serve to make a bad matter very much worse." Mabel sank back in her seat, but presently all were crowded around the table where the two candles were burning brightly. Caswell was not superstitious, but the spirit of the hour was upon him and he noted with some concern that his candle was burning away much faster than the other. Miss Anabel noted with pride the approaching success of her expedient, and, her gentle heart throbbing, she hovered over the candles.

Caswell's candle was now within half an inch of the candlestick, while fully two inches of Schermerhorn's remained. Suddenly a gust of cold air



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blew in from a window that had just been raised and a moment later some one opened the door in the hall to admit a gust of icy air, and the flames flickered perilously. With a shriek Miss Anabel rushed to close the window, but, as the heavy sash dropped with a bang, an excited clamor arose at the table and she heard with sudden contraction of the heart some one laughingly announce "Caswell wins!"

She made her way to the table, and there, still burning brightly, but almost consumed, was the candle she had named for Frank; while a smoking wick crowned a full inch of wax on the other.

In an instant a babel of talk arose, and under cover of the excitement poor Miss Anabel stole over to the window seat to get the better of her disappointment.

"I have a confession to make," he said. "It may not have been quite fair, but when that draft came I shielded my candle."

Mabel laughed nervously, and her voice was low and uncertain.

"I—I guess I wasn't quite fair either, but I don't want dear Miss Anabel marrying me off according to her yellow backed novels, and—and I blew out Charlie's candle."

A deep chuckle interrupted their mutual confessions. Schermerhorn's rich, wholesome tones announced:

"Let the good work go on. When I saw things were going against you, Frank, I opened the window, hoping to blow out both candles and stop the nonsense entirely."

"And I," chimed in Grace Payne, laughing—"well, I opened the door to help on the draft. It wouldn't do to let the Halloween sprites confirm the decision of Branscome in pairing us off. Poor Miss Anabel! And I believe she did it all on purpose."

"Never mind," said Schermerhorn cheerily. "She shall be bridesmaid or maid of honor or anything you girls like when the weddings come off, for, really, she brought matters to a climax."

And he patted Grace's little hand, snuggling against his great arm, while Frank Caswell and Mabel disappeared within the portals of the Howard home.



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