

WOODMEN OFFICERS ARE GUESTS AT A BANQUET

The biennial banquet given by the employees at the Woodmen head office to the new and retiring head officers and directors was held yesterday evening at Grand Isle, and seldom has there been a more felicitous occasion in this vicinity. Ideal weather conditions prevailed when at 4:30 in the afternoon the cohorts gathered at the foot of Seventeenth street and boarded the A. J. Whitney. The boat started at 5 o'clock and the island was reached before 6 o'clock. Once there the crowd swarmed over the various sections of the grounds, the bowling alley being the center of attraction, while there were overflow meetings on the lawns, porches and pavilions. At 7 o'clock the banquet call went out and all reported at the interior of the clubhouse.

Notable Decorations.
The interior of the large hall presented a scene which will linger long in the minds of those present. Great tables formed a wedge, the Woodmen emblem, and on its interior was the symbolical log fire. The colors, red, white and green, were conspicuous in long streamers of bunting which were gathered together at the center of the ceiling, depending to the corners and sides. A little further down a solid line of banners emblazoned with the motto and emblems, ran around the entire length of the room. The center piece at the south end of the room was a large framed picture of retiring Head Consul Northcott. A substantial repast was served, concluding with coffee and ice cream and cake. About 275 were seated.

McNamara President.
James McNamara, assistant clerk of the society, arose at the conclusion of the feasting and made a few remarks introductory to calling on the other speakers of the evening. He told how the responsibility had devolved on him, and then went on to review the first of the gatherings similar in nature to that of the evening. The first was held at Fulton in 1825, and of these there at that time only five or six were present on this occasion. He went back into history and told how 230 years ago the first intrepid explorers breasted in their canoes the waters of the Mississippi. He then spoke of that notable event 210 years later when Woodcraft had its inception on the banks of the same mighty stream and of the wonderful progress which had been made, until the order now stood at the head of fraternalism in numbers and strength. He concluded his remarks with a welcome to the honorable guests of the evening and called for the audience to rise and give the grand salute to officers. This done, he introduced Maj. Charles W. Hawes, the head clerk.

Maj. Hawes Speaks.
The head clerk, whose well-known figure brought out an enthusiastic burst of applause, made a stirring talk, in which the history of Woodcraft was reviewed, and how from the tiny start made at Fulton a score or more years ago, the mightiest of fraternal structures had been reared, was told. He said he believed that the Indians referred to by Neighbor McNamara as inhabiting the country at its discovery had not all disappeared up to a few years ago, as he had very distinct recollections of the "Indians" at Fulton when the head officers were besieged by an angry mob. The major spoke of the remarkable growth and development of the country, telling how in 1855 he first saw a locomotive at LaSalle. With the remarkable achievements in the lines of science had also come the birth of fraternalism, and he regarded it as one of the greatest developments of the age. The soldiers in the

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E. E. MURPHY,
Leavenworth, Kans.,
Retired as member of the board of directors.

A. R. TALBOT,
Lincoln, Neb.,
Who retires from the board of directors, but succeeds H. A. Northcott as head consul.

BENJ. D. SMITH,
Mankato, Minn.,
Who retires as a member of the board, but may succeed J. G. Johnson as general attorney.

GEORGE W. KELLY,
Danville, Ill.,
Retired as a member of the board of directors.

C. G. SAUNDERS,
Council Bluffs, Iowa,
Retired as a member of the board of directors.

rebellion fought for a protection of the rights of one class, but fraternalism goes farther, and its fight is for the home. This mission is a grand one and is the cornerstone on which the order is based. In conclusion, the speaker uttered a word of welcome.

Murphy Speaks for Northcott.
In the absence of the retiring head consul, William A. Northcott, Mr. McNamara called on Mr. Murphy, of Leavenworth, Kans., chairman of the board of directors, to respond for the administration. Mr. Murphy, with his prodigious wit and humor, fairly stamped the assemblage. He immediately made himself solid with the feminine contingent by remarking that he had not come to make a speech, but had come to dance. He "slammed" nearly everybody present, and when his hearers were about convinced, he struck a serious lead and lauded Maj. Hawes for the excellent work he had done toward building up the greatest system of fraternal insurance in the world. In conclusion, he stated that he would be brief, as he and the rest of the "young fellows" were anxious to dance.

Address By Head Consul.
A. R. Talbot, of Lincoln, Neb., the new head consul, was next called on, and on rising was greeted with the Woodmen cheer. He said he had been in office, and stated that he felt it was all of the 230 years mentioned by Mr. McNamara. He spoke of the value of short range activity and the concentration of individual effort in Woodmen affairs as in other things. The matter must be brought down to the individual and the home to be effective. And that was what the Woodmen tried to do—bring it to the home. He said the greatest good of the order was reached in getting down close to the individual, preaching at long range had little effect. In conclusion, he voiced his pleasure at his ability to be present on so auspicious an occasion.

The Other Speakers.
C. G. Saunders, of Council Bluffs, spoke on the "Iowa Idea," and gave the M. W. A. as an Iowa idea. Another which he felt was dominant in the minds of the people of that state was the home. Judge E. B. Thomas, of Columbus, Ohio, the "Beau Brummel" of the assemblage, spoke for the board of auditors and acquitted himself excellently. F. E. Swanger, of Missouri, was next, and he was followed by Truman Plantz, of Illinois, who said that never in his judgment did the M. W. A. have a brighter outlook for the future. John Sullivan, of Kansas City, spoke for the law committee, and referred to the head of

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Head clerk; first elected in 1890, and reelected without opposition at each head camp since.

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SECURES COLLEGE DEGREE AFTER LAPSE OF 22 YEARS

Ferdinand J. Walz, who for a number of years was in charge of the local weather observatory, has just received his degree as B. S. from Brown and Lee university 22 years after he

matriculated. The Chicago Chronicle tells the story.

In 1881 Mr. Walz, then a Virginia boy, entered the Washington and Lee university. He was ambitious and eager to win honors. At the end of the first year he was told he was doing well and he heard the same story when he had finished his sophomore year. He continued his progress as a junior and as a senior.

In his last year he was certain of graduating. He had even selected the subject of his graduating essay when he became interested in the weather service. He developed enthusiasm and, becoming eager to begin the work, sent in an application for employment. He was accepted and the note which told him that he was to serve in the bureau arrived the morning that he was to take an examination in physics.

Mr. Walz was so elated that he forgot his examinations and hastened on to Washington. When he remembered his degree he was not sorry, for he thought he had enough credits and would return to college to accept his diploma. Then came a letter which caused his spirits to droop. He lacked one credit of the required amount. He did not graduate, but continued in the weather service. He was sent to all parts of the country by the government and made an enviable record. But his last degree at Washington and Lee university still rankled. He couldn't say he was a graduate and he wanted very much to be.

This year while attending the reunion of the class with which he was to have graduated, that of 1885, he at the suggestion of other members and with the approval of the faculty, took the examination in physics that he had missed, passed and was given a diploma.

WILD WEST SHOW NEXT.

Luella Forepaugh-Fish Shows Here Next Tuesday.

The next show to exhibit in Rock Island will be the Luella Forepaugh-Fish Wild West shows, which will give afternoon and evening performances at Forty-second street and Fifth avenue next Tuesday, July 21. The Forepaugh-Fish wild west contains many novelties, among which

are the demon-rider, the marvelous horseman of the plains, whose feats on two coal-black horses have never been duplicated in an arena. He is the wild west sensation of the century and much interest is attached to his performances, from the fact that he has never appeared before in the United States, except during the week in which the show exhibited in St. Louis.

The Custer massacre; cowboys; those fearless riders of the steppes of Russia, the Cossacks, the Arab troop of whirlwind horsemen and acrobats; Mexican lariat throwers; United States cavalrymen and artillerymen with their cannon drill, and many other startling features will be seen in the list of attractions. Life on the frontier will be realistically shown by the large band of Sioux and other Indians, cowboys on untamable bucking bronchos, in the attack on a stage coach, the hanging of a horse-thief, cowboy and cowgirl quadrille, pony express riding, bolo throwing, and feats of marksmanship on foot as well as on horse.

The menagerie will also be a source of pleasure to the visitors. In it are many fine specimens of wild beasts of the forests and jungle, including Dewey, the handsomest and most regal lion in captivity, now serving as a model for the world's fair sculptors; Big Bob, the thirty foot long monster python; Barney, the bucking elephant, while the children will find pleasure in seeing the trio of playful baby lions and the new born infant monkey, Little Pete, whose arrival two weeks ago was heralded as an important event in the animal world.

The parade will be given Tuesday morning over the principal streets, and will include all the big features with the show, the animal cages, gilded wagons, horses, etc., and will be unusually brilliant and worth going far to see. The parade will leave the show grounds at 10 o'clock. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon of the day of exhibition and 7 o'clock in the evening a free display will be given of the human motor, who will drive from a dizzy height.

ELM STREET CAR RUNS AGAINST TREE DOWN TOWN

Car No. 88 on the Elm street line is in the shop undergoing repairs as the result of an accident that took place at Second avenue and Tenth street late yesterday afternoon. The car was bowling along at a merry clip at the above place, when suddenly it left the rails and shot off diagonally across the paving for a tree. The motorman staid with the car and set the brakes, but was unable to check the momentum and entirely avoid a collision. The fender and forward part of the car were considerably damaged and after it had been replaced on the rails it was taken direct to the shops.

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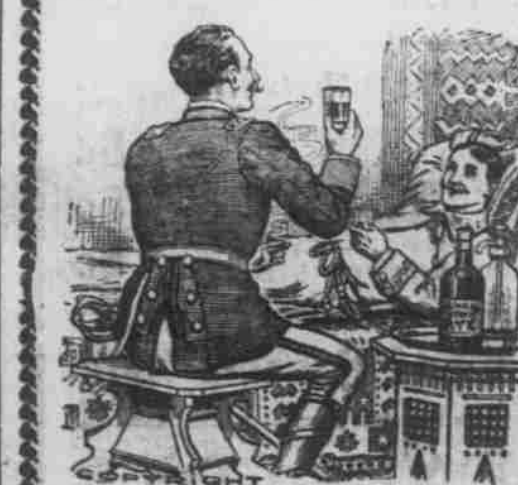
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