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PATRIARCHAL CIRCLE

A History of That Grand Organization.

KINGLY POWER A MYTH IN AMERICA.

A Long Infernal Deal—Persecution Makes Puritans—How P. C. O. Holden Reviews the Troubles—An Independent Organization Not With Grand Pretensions.

SUPREME ORACLE, J. H. MAHLER.

[illegible] columns, but in as much as this society has experienced a wonderful growth from an obscure beginning, a few years since, to the powerful and influential organization it now is, the TELEGRAM-HERALD presents its readers with a history, written by Hon. E. G. D. Holden, of the trials, combats and victories which have been encountered in its steady march to independence.

In the first place the Subordinate Lodge and the subordinate Encampment are the foundation of the I. O. O. F. Then each State has a Grand Lodge and a Grand Encampment and above all is the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the latter being the highest body of Odd Fellows in the world. The original purpose of these grand bodies was to foster, cherish and aid the subordinates in times of mistakes and some cases of appeal, the Sovereign Grand Lodge being the "court of last resort." I mention these points that the reader may see how [illegible] the Sovereigns have in these few years forgotten those who gave them power and who continue to furnish money by the hundred thousand dollars for the "high ones" to squander.

The trouble in order grew out of the uniform business, when about seventeen years ago certain progressive men in the Encampment branch desired the Sovereigns's permission to uniform, record, chapeau, gauntlets, baldric, and belt, similar to the Knights Templar. It was refused and annually asked for and refused for many years. Meanwhile regalia dealers, at the suggestion of leading Encampment members, produced a very neat and becoming uniform which the Sovereigns at once proceeded to declare illegal and forbade the wearing of it by Odd Fellows. It was worn, however, and many Encampments under the inspiration of "something new" took on new life and new members, and after years of haggling and denial, the Sovereigns finally signified at their royal pleasure that the uniform might be worn, but they still asserted, to save their lofty dignity, "that it was in no sense the regalia of an Odd Fellow."

With this tardy consent, the scheme failed because there was no legislation back of it. The Encampment might uniform and another one or part of the same Encampment prefer not with feathers and swords and the other part not. There was no members' drill and so farcical for many years to uniform those who wished to march, until the latter was supplanted by yet more enterprise. The whole business, however, was at loose ends and uniform bands of Patriarchs, except at Rochester, N. Y., and one or two other places in the Union, disappeared from view. Those who had pushed the thing thus far, failing to secure any appropriate legislation, and being all the while frowned upon by the Sovereigns, became discouraged, and the business was virtually abandoned. Those who had uniforms laid them away for the "good time coming," and of this number the writer was one.

When the business was at this low ebb and Encampments all over the country were dying out a few noble Patriarchs in Milwaukee, six years ago, under the leadership of stalwart Peter Van Vechten, Jr., a Past Grand Master, of Wisconsin, conceived the idea of a uniform body auxiliary independent of the Sovereigns, which should make the gratification of manness the Royal Purple degree, that being the highest degree in a subordinate Encampment of Odd Fellows. The Sovereigns were not asked to legislate or consent, nor was any member of the I. O. O. F. asked to contribute a sickel toward expenses of the new department, unless he became a member. The new military branch was called the "Patriarchal Circle" and as many Encampment members already had uniforms, the style of those already on hand was adopted as that of the P. C.

Now what was the object of Brother Van Vechten and his co-laborers in forming this uniform branch of the I. O. O. F., not having any connection with it in the matter of qualification? The answer is plain and honest. Encampments all over the country were dead. The interest in Odd Fellowship lagged. Newer societies were gathering in the young blood. It was the days in Grand Rapids and the Encampment which was held once during those years could not muster in chapter. The Patriarchal Circle was a new card. It took like wildfire, and in less than three years, was in every state and numbered between five and six thousand plumed knights. Encampments were revived, new members joined enthusiasm and worked their way through both that and the Encampment so that they might become Patriarchal Circle members. One year's work in Grand Rapids revived the membership in the Encampment and gave the Patriarchal Circle large accessions. As a Circle member then (it had ceased to exist, I am now almost assured to say that this movement put money into the treasuries besides our own, to wit: The Subordinate Lodge, the Subordinate Encampment, located here, and the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Michigan, for we were all happy because Odd Fellowship was booming and we had an order [illegible] which every member must and did look with real member what I tell. We had no [illegible] body and the Sovereigns were not to be troubled with a thing they had no share in—drawing and serving [illegible] the signatures to every application of the candidate, which [illegible] the Patriarchal Circle [illegible] the money which the other put into their hands for the benefit of the society and uniform "Old Joe" observe the shall stand in the sky [illegible] the "illusion" [illegible] suddenly occurred to them that they had not been invited in the matter and they began to [illegible] and [illegible] on the old plan of [illegible] days in the lodge. Odd Fellowship was in [illegible] at their session in Cincinnati. I was a Past Grand Master and Grand Representative from Michigan in that session. Something must be done and done at once to keep the new and popular Western idea and [illegible] were they and they appointed a committee to prepare a uniform degree for Subordinate Encampments. This committee reported the next year at Baltimore. I was [illegible] in the same capacity as above and [illegible] the Patriarchal Circle had made rating [illegible] up [illegible] for action. I voted for it, though I was a Circle member before I ever saw the Sovereigns in session. I was willing to "do as I would like to be done by." Let those have it who wanted it. I did not want it. I had something better, as I well knew, being a member of the P. C., and also being present at the first and last ritual reading of the new degree. Now began the tug of war. The session of 1882 was not a month past, when the Grand Sire, the executive officer of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, issued a proclamation commanding the P. C. to dissolve, and accept the uniform degree of the none other genuine I. O. O. F. under pain of royal displeasure. It was the pope's bull against the comet, for the Patriarchal Circle went steadily onward attending to its own business and putting money in the treasury of an Order which pronounced every one of its members "rebels" instead of "brothers." Not a Patriarchal Circle so far as I know surrendered his manhood at the bellest of this proclamation.

Meanwhile the P. C. boomed and the new uniform degree of the sovereigns didn't, which brings us around to their session at Providence, R. I., in 1883 in which the Grand Sire in his report censured the disobedience of the recalcitrants and said "something must be done." Something was done. The Sovereigns enacted a lot of stuff which they called "law" emanating from that so-called only "true source of Odd Fellowship" in which the P. C. members were commanded as only sovereigns can command, to resign to their allegiance (when had we been disloyal) and forbidden to wear any of the emblems or regalia (?) of the I. O. O. F., all of which must be done before Jan. 31, 1884, or every mother's son of us would get the "grand bounce." The Supreme Temple met in special session in Milwaukee Nov. 1883, in which body the writer was a representative, and after a long and spirited contest adopted emblems of our own, and abolished the Royal Purple (encampment) qualification, to which end the subscriber is proud to say he made his best fight on the winning side. I had grown weary of working to put money into ungrateful, unfeathered (though hungry) purses. We were now free to take as members any good man who could pass the ballot, no matter whether he had ever been an Odd Fellow or not. We had emblems of our own, and were as free from Odd Fellowship as though that institution had ever been heard of, and the Sovereigns were not yet happy. Their own stance had made up could did not grow, and the P. C. was a very lively corpse. And so it came about that in their session in 1885, we "rebels" were all bounced again! It was easy enough to expel any P. C. member on paper, and so the Sovereigns made a regular business of it every year. It would be false to say, that all these threats did not have any effect upon the P. C. A few temples—not exceeding half a dozen in the United States—surrendered their charters, and a few hundred timid members quietly dropped out, but the large body stood squarely up and denied the right of the Sovereigns as having any jurisdiction over them. That is the position of the P. C. to-day. It is the assertion of their right, as citizens of a free country, to join any and all secret societies that they may choose, ruling they pass the test of the ballot.

All the Sovereigns' so-called legislation in 1885 was illegal as to P. C. members at that date—ex post facto—making that a crime against the order in 1883 which was not a crime in 1880, 1881 and 1882, when nineteen-twenths of the P. C. membership was created, but none of these trifles disturbed them. The P. C. had been a doubly independent organization since November, 1883, but what of that? Most of us were still Odd Fellows, and so the pronouncements of power went on in mutterings and threats. But in the meantime it was evident after two years trial that their new uniform degree could not compete with the P. C., and so a new committee on revision labored through another year at an expense of $1,200 to get up something better, which was adopted by the Sovereigns at their session last September. The influence of this will be seen when we consider that every Odd Fellow in the land contributed to pay this first time item of expense. It did not make any difference whether he was an Encampment member or not, or if an Encampment member, whether he was uniformed or not. He must pay them and they used it. This new child of the Sovereigns was christened the "Patriarch Militant," and in September 1885, it was decreed that the P. C. members must now become members of this new thing, or get bounced the third time by resolution. The P. C. met at Chicago in September last, in special session again, and by a vote of more than two to one, promptly and righteously resolved to pack their grips and shake the dust of an order from which had fled in the hour of trouble for good, steadfast work, gave only thanks and curses, and called hard names.

P. C. Temples, wherever established, have been the best side to Odd Fellowship it goes said. Their members as a rule have been active to include their old lodges in the strokes, and with a brotherly spirit, not once manifested by the Sovereigns, are to-day bearing the I. O. O. F. to office and by numbers. In many places their going off was a blessing and an encouragement, for the "boom" was nothing for them so that the Order is purged of the rebels. At one enthusiastic old Sire said on the floor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge: "If a lodge cannot live without the Patriarchal Circle let the d——d Lodge die!" and this well-worded sentiment was applauded by the body. Many of them will die. The influence of thousands of the best workers in the I. O. O. F. will not be devoted entirely to the P. C. Among the members are Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Patriarchs and Past Grand Representatives to the score, with thousands of the very best posted workers in the order. They are oath sheerfully, submitting to a grievous wrong rather than do a wrong to brothers in Lodges where, as in Grand Rapids, peace and harmony has been the prevailing rule. They will be missed in their old lodges and when another year comes round and the Sovereigns at their session count up the cash received on their cash, he will be almost there. There will be a grief in high quarters and by which a new order goes booming ahead in spite of the Lords of Sovereignty, and the old heads awake some years hence to a knowledge of the fact that "some one blundered." Through all of this conflict not the first sign of an olive branch has been held out to these brothers of the P. C., whose sole object in so continuing was the success and glory of Odd Fellowship. Not the first kind word has been said to those who assume to own the Order. For the benefit of the Order in its results has been given the lie by those high in power, and the toleration, brotherly love, friendship and truth made prominent in degree work, is shorn and shattered, and crushed under foot by those high up for away, lords, who style themselves the Sovereigns of the Order. There have been times since 1885 when a little concession and words kindly spoken would have prevented the exodus now going on, but none were made, none came. "The king can do no wrong," but as this is a plea sincere for kingly power in the hands of the crown-wearers few who control the Sovereigns, the live Patriarch Circle hold convent that they go their own road to rule, without further money consideration from its members.

Since last January the organization has experienced a marvelous growth, more members joining a kind and a greater expansion felt than has been the case during all the previous months of its existence. It needs not the saying that the Patriarchal Circle now quotes in a sturdy independence and has possibilities before it as grand as the most sanguine member can wish.

J. H. Mahler.

J. H. Mahler, Supreme Oracle, of the Patriarchal Circle, is a resident of St. Paul, Minn., and is known as the carriage king of the Northwest. He was born at Rochester, N. Y., August 17, 1852, and his parents moving on a farm soon after he was reared there he received his education at the district school. His mother dying when he was thirteen years of age, he left home and drifted around the world, following the varied occupations of railroading, sailing, farming, scene shifting and to cap the climax—actor. During this struggle Mr. Mahler made the trip from Cleveland to Buffalo, walking the entire distance 180 miles in five days. He finally settled down to working a farm, attending school in winter, until at the age of twenty years, when he followed Horace Greely's advice, and went west, landing at St. Paul, Minn., August 20, 1872, with less than $5 in his pocket and devoid of friends or acquaintances, trade or profession. Having had some experience in canvassing, he engaged in the sale of chromos on commission. When he accumulated a few hundred dollars he attended business college one Winter, graduating the following Spring and engaging in sewing machine business, reaping some $1,500 in less than six months, but losing the same by backing a patent right. November 27, 1875, he was married to Miss Lucia R. Field, a school teacher at Spring Lake, Minn. For three years he was connected with the management of a sewing machine company, in 1878, resigning his position to become Vice President of a Chicago sewing machine company. In 1880 he sold his stock in the concern and the following Spring removed to St. Paul, where he engaged in business, being at the present time president and treasurer of the J. H. Mahler Company, carriage manufacturers—the largest and most extensive house of the kind in the West. Patriarch Mahler was made an Odd Fellow in 1873, soon after attaining his majority. He was an active worker and has assisted many a man to high honors in that order to his present sorrow and regret. He has received all the honors in that order which the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment can confer. He is not now a member of that order and never again will be. He was initiated into the Patriarchal Circle about June 1, 1882, and on the 5th of February, 1883, he was commissioned D. S. O. for Minnesota by Supreme Oracle Van Vechten. At the session of the Supreme Temple in 1883, he was elected Supreme Standard Bearer, and in July, 1885, Supreme Vice Oracle. On January 12, 1886, he became Supreme Oracle, succeeding M. T. Krueger, resigned. The Northwest has produced many staunch and able supporters of the circle, and chief among these looms up the solid figure of Patriarch Mahler. When he was initiated into the order he was so deeply impressed with the work and so thoroughly converted to the Circle that he has never hesitated or faltered, but has labored incessantly with tongue and pen to make the Order what he believes it deserves to be, the best of its kind in the land. How well he has performed his duty the wonderful progress the Patriarchal Circle has made in the last six months fully testifies.

AT ISLAND LAKE.

How Our Soldier Boys are to Enjoy Themselves in Camp—The Tents All Pitched.

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BIRMINGHAM, Mich., July 13.—The camp grounds presented a lively scene today. The tents are all pitched and the quarters are ready for the reception of the troops. The boys will be mighty comfortable, and should be able to get a good deal of pleasure out of their week's holiday. Quartermaster General Hart, Adjutant-General Robertson and other prominent officers are here looking over the camp, while the sutlers have unpacked their hampers and are getting ready to feed the hungry. General Smith and staff will arrive tomorrow morning and Governor Alger on Wednesday evening. Company B, of Grand Rapids, of the Second Regiment, passed the camp grounds bound for Detroit this morning, where they will have a good time before going into camp.

New Postmasters.

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WASHINGTON, July 13.—The following Michigan postmasters were appointed today: Fred J. Stewart, at Newberry, Chippewa county, vice Richard H. Weller, resigned; Jim Parker, at Munising, Muscalo county, vice Jim Usher, resigned; Aaron Dickenshed, at Brownsville, Cass county, vice Moses W. Kahn, resigned.

Fast Crook.

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LENOX, Mich., July 13.—Victor E. Robinson, sent from East Saginaw in April last to a term in the Detroit House of Correction, for drunkenness, was pardoned by the Governor today on condition that he would leave liquor alone.

THE SUPREME TEMPLE

The Sixth Annual Conclave Opens Today.

ADDRESS OF SUPREME GRAND ORACLE.

Who Are Here and Who Are Expected—About Eight Hundred Patriarchs Responed to the Call of Duty—The Programme.

The Sixth Annual Session of the Supreme Temple, Patriarchal Circle, will convene in this city this morning, at Powers' Opera House, with a reception and address of welcome. Yesterday afternoon Hebron Temple was engaged in escorting the visitors from the depots to their quarters, and it is safe to estimate the number of delegates already here at 500. More will arrive today, and by night it is expected that 1,500 Patriarchs will be the guests of the Valley City. The following Grand Officers are already here:

Supreme Counsel, Peter Van Vechten, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis.; Supreme Oracle, J. H. Mahler, St. Paul, Minn.; Supreme Vice Oracle Samuel A. Flagler, Ottumwa, Iowa; Supreme Commander, A. B. Myers, Milwaukee, Wis.; Supreme Secretary, Newell Daniels, Milwaukee, Wis.; Supreme Treasurer, E. G. D. Holden, city and delegates from Milwaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Janesville, Sparta, Eau Claire, Kenosha, Portage, La Crosse, Waukesha, Watertown, Wis.; Rochester, N. Y.; Peoria, Ill.; Bellaire, O.; Elkhart, Ind.; Michigan City, Ind.; Richmond, Ind.; Westfield, Mass.; Bay City, Fenton, Ville, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Saginaw, St. Joseph, Union City, Mount Clemens, Englewood, Paw, Paw, Freeport, Bloomington, Ottawa, Ill.; Ottumwa, Creston, Mason City, Iowa; St. Paul, Minneapolis, Stillwater, Red Wing, Northfield, Minn.

At 10 o'clock the Supreme Temple will convene at I. O. O. F. Hall, when Supreme Oracle James H. Mahler will deliver his annual address as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Supreme Temple Patriarchal Circle of America:

PATRIARCHS—Little did I dream when you elected me to the high office of Supreme Vice Oracle one year ago, that it would become my duty to address you as Supreme Oracle at this session of the Supreme Temple. But time sometimes works wonders. In the one short year since our fifth annual session our order has passed through wonderful changes. Then nearly all our members were also Odd Fellows. Now, not over one-fifth of us owe allegiance to that order—and at least two-fifths of our present membership never saw the inside of an Odd Fellows Lodge.

This radical change for the better could not have been successfully accomplished were it not that the Patriarchal Circle is founded on the soundest and mostenduring principles, and composed of men of character and standing, men who haveideas and opinions and the courage to maintain their rights, regardless of consequences.

Six years ago our order was founded by a number of the Royal Purple degree Odd Fellows of the city of Milwaukee, in response to a well defined demand for a suitable degree for uniformed Patriarchs, which the Sovereign Grand Lodge neglected to supply. Receiving the encouragement of large numbers of prominent Odd Fellows, the Circle rapidly spread and within eighteen months had a membership of about five thousand, establishing beyond a question the need for such an order as ours. But unreasoning envy and jealousy on the part of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows soon manifested itself, and then began the most remarkable system of oppression and tyranny ever known in modern history. Falsely claiming the Circle was instituted to undermine and eventually supersede the I. O. O. F., they made it the pretext for the most bitter assaults and persecutions. For love they substituted hatred. Intolerance and animosity ruled, and vituperation abounded.

Resolutions were adopted and proclamations promulgated designed to summarily crush the Circle, but to no avail. Its members had learned to admire its sublime beauties, and to love its teachings, and deeming the vicious attack of the Sovereign Grand Lodge an unwarranted interference with their personal rights and liberties, they refused to submit and redoubled their efforts to spread the Circle.

The Sovereigns instituted a rival order known as the "Uniform Degree Camp," but it proved a complete failure and an aid to the Circle rather than a detriment. It was evident the P. C. met the needs and requirements of the Patriarchs and the menances of the would-be masters were but incentives to renewed activity.

A few temples in the East were awed into surrendering their charters, but the staunch Western members saw to it that the gaps made in the East were promptly filled by recruits in the West.

Twice did the Supreme Temple make reasonable concessions to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the interest of harmony, once in discarding all Odd Fellow emblems, most of which the Odd Fellows had themselves filched from other orders, and again, in abolishing the Odd Fellow qualification for membership in October, 1883. But even this did not satisfy them. They had an appetite for blood, and nothing but blood would satisfy them.

During the two years ending July, 1885, our order made no progress, because we had among our number many who could not divest themselves of the idea that sooner or later the Sovereign Grand Lodge would see the error of their course and appreciate the real worth of the Circle as an order and its adaptability for supplying the best interests of Odd Fellowship, hence the reason why so few temples admitted Odd Fellows only to membership.

The appointment of the committee of seven to confer with a like committee from the Sovereign Grand Lodge with a view to a consolidation of the U. D. C. and P. C. was an expression of the same element that such a union could probably be effected honorably alike to both factions. In what spirit that committee was met at Minneapolis is well known. Failing to accomplish the extinction of the Circle by intimidation, they next resorted to counsel, and succeeded no better. They created a new military order, and christened it Patriarch Militant. Provision was made for high military titles for everybody. This degree was offered to all uniformed bodies of Odd Fellows as a panacea for all the ills besetting them. To make sure, however, that "those wicked Circle men" would fall into line and swallow the dose they kindly added a "persuasive" in the form of a resolution, which in substance provided for the complete abandonment of the Circle under penalty of expulsion from Odd Fellowship on January 1, 1886. What a magnificent olive branch! And with what cunning was the poison within concealed.

They had as little faith in their last baby that they attempted to force some one to adopt it before it died on their hands. The bitterness against the Circle still existed. In offering the proscribed olive branch they would not avail themselves of the clever device by which they lie to their profession.

Is it surprising under these circumstances that the order spread their diabolical proposition to "merge" with contempt, and decided to entrench the order on a wholly independent basis?

This month was matured at a special meeting held in Chicago, November 11, 1885, by an overwhelming vote after full discussion.

It was a glorious day in the history of our order, and one to which every member of the order can point with pride. From that moment the Patriarchal Circle remained all connection with Odd Fellowship, or any other order, either then or in the future. By that vote the Circle announced to the world that it was ready for business as an independent order, and henceforth every temple would admit to membership any white male twenty-one years old, of good moral character, of some known reputable means of support, who could pass the ballot box, and that its standard is honesty, morality, intelligence and industry.

Correspondence elicited the fact that more than three-fifths of all the membership reported July, 1885, endorsed the action of the Supreme Temple in Chicago, and would retain their charters. Of the remaining two-fifths, many have reluctantly complied with the unjust requirements of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for business reasons, and on account of life insurance. And not a few others are now sporting the titles of "Generals," "Colonel," Major" &c., in the Patriarch Militant, as a reward for their perfidy. It is expected they will, in due time, follow

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the precedent set by Judas. Others still were induced to desert the Circle through misrepresentations, and many of this class have since renewed their allegiance to the P. C.

What magnificent progress our order has made in the last eight months is well known to you all. The Patriarchs have worked nobly, and the result is we have more than doubled our membership. Every temple has vied with every other in adding to its membership. How cheering the news from every jurisdiction. We have cause to be proud of our success, and feel confident we can again double our membership during the next year. The best of feeling exists everywhere within our ranks. I have not discovered the shadow of a sign of dissatisfaction, or of bickering within the order—all are harmonious and working together for the common good. At last we are free from entanglements and unaffected by outside influences—wholly indifferent to the opinions or actions of any other institution.

We have put the past, with all its unpleasant memories, behind us; we will forget the trials and persecutions of the past; we will press forward to that success which always awaits the deserving. We have an order into which we may freely invite any good man, feeling confident it will please and benefit. We will recruit new members from the very best material only, not asking or caring whether they owe allegiance to any other order. We shall welcome to our ranks all those who attain our high standard.

A sifting process, extending over a period of three years, has left the Circle in such condition that we can consistently seek that class of membership.

On January 12, 1886, I was officially informed by Supreme Counsel Peter Van Vechten, Jr., that Supreme Oracle Krueger had resigned his office, and owing to his (Van Vechten's) inability to act, the duties of Supreme Oracle would devolve upon me. I immediately accepted the office and entered upon the discharge of the duties of that office, giving notice to all Supreme officers and all the Temples by mail.

It is but just to say of Patriarch Krueger, while differing with the majority at the special session in Chicago, and although he made strenuous efforts to induce the Supreme Temple to disband the circle, yet when a decision was reached contrary to his opinion he cheerfully acquiesced and during the two months before resigning he performed all the duties of his office in accordance with the policy of the Supreme Temple. He appointed to office none but well known friends of the Circle. Previous to resigning his office he appointed A. B. Myers, of Milwaukee, Wis., Supreme Commander, vice S. S. Eddy, resigned; Samuel A. Flagler, of Ottumwa, Ia., Supreme Marshal, vice G. C. Oakley, resigned; B. B. Herbert, Red Wing, Minn., Supreme Standard Bearer, vice L. Van Noorden, resigned; John T. Rees, Englewood, Ill., Supreme Sentinel, vice E. H. Switzer, resigned.

On assuming the duties of Supreme Oracle I filled the vacancies then existing as expeditiously as possible, as follows:

Supreme Vice Oracle—Samuel A. Flagler, Ottumwa, Ia., vice J. H. Mahler, promoted.

Supreme Treasurer—E. G. D. Holden, Grand Rapids, Mich., vice F. Ellis, resigned.

Supreme Marshal—S. B. Williams, Rochester, N. Y., vice S. A. Flagler, promoted.

Supreme Trustee—Chase Fowler, Ottawa, Ill., vice S. A. Flagler, resigned.

Supreme Chaplain—Patriarch Minick of Elkhart, vice C. L. Dering, resigned.

Deputy Supreme Oracle, for Iowa—I. J. Hotrell, Creston, Ia., vice S. A. Flagler, resigned.

Deputy Supreme Oracle for Minnesota—J. D. Kellogg, Red Wing, Minn., vice W. C. Wheeler, commission revoked.

Deputy Supreme Oracle for Ohio—Geo. Rick, Sherwood, O., vice J. A. Auldbaugh, resigned.

Deputy Supreme Oracle for Nebraska—F. M. Penner, Pine Island, vice G. Bartmold, resigned.

Deputy Supreme Oracle for Indiana—S. S. Carpenter, Elkhart, vice H. C. Downing, resigned.

Deputy Supreme Oracle for Connecticut—Hugh M. Miller.

DISPENSATIONS—No dispensations worthy of note have been granted.

STATE OF THE ORDER—According to the office of Supreme Oracle after one-half of the term had expired, and at a period when the order was being reorganized, I have not attempted to accomplish much toward spreading the order. I have sought rather to build on the foundations already laid by strengthening existing temples that, including new ones I think we can safely say we have accomplished this, and that all Temples are now in a flourishing and self-sustaining condition.

The incoming administration will, no doubt, be able to give more attention to instituting new temples. A vigorous and aggressive policy should be inaugurated immediately. Now, while the enthusiasm is up to fever heat, is the time to begin.

But two temples have been instituted during my term, Wisconsin No. 12, at Milwaukee, Wis., and Minneapolis No. 1, at Minneapolis, Minn.

The institution of the former is due almost wholly to the efforts of that enthusiastic friend of the Circle, A. B. Myers of Milwaukee. It starts out under very favorable auspices and will, no doubt, be a credit to the order.

The latter is composed almost wholly of former members of Minnesota Temple No. 1, which had—owing to misrepresentations and treachery—surrendered its charter. I gave them their old number one. This temple now has over thirty members and promises to be one of the best in the Northwest. Patriarch E. P. Thompson deserves special credit for his untiring efforts to reinstitute this temple.

It gives me genuine pleasure to say not a cloud appears on our horizon; our prospects never were better. We have not lost a juris-

diction, and while we have lost a few temples those which remain are stronger and in a healthier condition than ever before. Many of them have doubled and some have quadrupled their membership, and all are ready to do good work in extending our noble order until the whole world shall have been brought beneath its beneficent influence. The vitality and courage our order has shown when clouds overshadowed its prospects has surprised all, and the sovereigns are staring in open-mouthed astonishment at our phenomenal success, incapable of comprehending the reason.

Under the law, regiments of the Patriarchal Circle have been organized in the States of Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin and other states will soon follow.

Mystic Circle—The Patriarchial Circle is under many obligations to Patriarch Hervey Sheldon, Jr., of Chicago, for the able manner in which he has conducted the Mystic Circle (formerly Patriarchial Circle). He has spread the news, advocated the principles of the circle, and defended it from the the attacks of the enemy, and in many ways contributed to the success of our order. I suggest that this Supreme Body properly recognize his valuable services.

Constitution—Owing to the radical changes made in our order during the past year, I recommend that a committee be appointed to revise the Supreme and Subordinate Temple constitutions.

Charter Fees—I recommend a reduction in the price of charter fees.

Tactics—There seems to be a general demand for a change of tactics. I suggest that a committee be appointed to select new and more suitable tactics for those now in use.

Finances—The able Supreme Treasurer will report the financial condition of the Supreme Temple for your consideration.

Supreme officers—My heartfelt thanks are due all the Supreme officers for kindness shown, and able and prompt assistance rendered to me in the discharge of my duties. Also to all the Deputy Supreme Oracles, a better or abler list of deputies never were appointed. I herewith submit their annual reports.

Visitations—I have visited fourteen cities in the interests of the order and regret that circumstances prevented me from visiting all the Temples of our order in the United States.

Ladies' Auxiliary—I also recommend the appointment of a committee to consider the advisability of creating an auxiliary degree for the lady relatives of members.

Conclusion—With the end of this session I resign to you, who gave it, the gavel of authority. I have endeavored to do my whole duty and even more. If my labors have resulted in good to the order I love so well I shall feel amply repaid.

Fraternally submitted,
J. H. MAHLER,
Supreme Oracle.

At 3 o'clock Supreme Commander A. B. Myers and staff will review all visiting Temples from the front of Sweet's Hotel. At 7:30 p. m. the business session will be resumed.

Samuel A. Flagler.

Samuel A. Flagler, Supreme Vice Oracle of the order, was born in Hudson, N. Y., June 28, 1837. He was educated in the schools of New York City, married in October, 1858, and soon after came West, making his home at Ottumwa, Iowa, where he is an honored citizen and adored by all who know him. His connection with secret orders dates back to December, 1858, when he joined the I. O. O. F. He is a Past Grand Marshal and a Past Deputy Grand Master of Illinois, and has been a representative to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for seven terms. On account of unjust legislation by the Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. he withdrew from that order in December, 1885, having been in good standing for twenty-seven years. In the Patriarchal Circle he was early an active official, serving as Deputy Supreme Oracle for Iowa.

T. W. Noble Honored.

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM-HERALD.

LANSING, Mich., July 13.—The Hon. T. W. Noble, of Detroit, has been appointed Commissioner to the American Exposition at London, in 1887. There is no salary attached to the office.

A Slim Convention.

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM-HERALD.

LANSING, Mich., July 13.—Not more than ten counties were represented today at the convention of the prosecuting attorneys of the State. More may come, however.

De Rivera in Montreal.

NEW YORK, July 13.—Mr. De Rivera, the missing sugar merchant, has been heard from at Montreal.

SWINEFORD MARRIED

He Gets a Sneak on His Friends Sunday Morning.

OFF NOW FOR ALASKA FOR GOOD.

Mrs. Minnie E. Smith, of Programing, the Happy Bride—She is 30 Years Old—She does or go to Alaska with Him.

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM-HERALD.

MARQUETTE, Mich., July 13.—This morning it was officially given out in the *Mining Journal* office that Governor A. P. Swineford was married Sunday Morning, July 11, to Mrs. M. E. Smith, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. Walker, of L'Anse. Shortly after the ceremony the Governor drove down to L'Anse and took a special train for Marquette. Mrs. Swineford will join him when he returns in November and will then accompany him to Alaska. The Governor's relatives and most intimate friends in this city were entirely ignorant of the affair until late last night, supposing that the marriage had been postponed until November. The Governor himself was not decided in the matter until Saturday evening, when he made up his mind that it would be better for him to be married at once, even if Mrs. Swineford could not accompany him this time. The lady was born and reared in Marquette, her father having been a prominent brewer here. She is now about 30 years old. She has one child, a little girl. Mrs. Smith has been engaged to Mr. Swineford over two years.

At noon today the Governor took a fond farewell of his bride and started on his journey to Alaska. A large delegation of friends saw him off.

BASE BALL.

Detroit Again Defeats Kansas City, While Chicago is Done Up by the St. Louis Maroons.

Kansas City-Detroit.

KANSAS CITY, July 13.—

Innings—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Kansas City,	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	—5
Detroit,	3	0	0	2	4	0	2	2	0	—12

Base hits—Kansas City, 5; Detroit, 13.
Errors—Kansas City, 9; Detroit, 12.
Batteries—Whitney and Hacket, Getzein and Tucker.
Umpire—Whitney and Smith. Whitney was taken sick in the fifth inning.

St. Louis-Chicago.

ST. LOUIS, July 13.

Innings—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
St. Louis,	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	—9
Chicago,	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—2

Base hits—St. Louis, 10; Chicago, 10.
Errors—St. Louis, 0; Chicago, 3.
Batteries—Kirby and Meyer, McCormick and Kelly.
Umpire—Connelly.

Philadelphia-Boston.

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—

Innings—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Philadelphia,	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—3
Boston,	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	—2

Base hits—Philadelphia, 5; Boston, 4.
Errors—Philadelphia, 4; Boston, 6.
Batteries—Casey and McGuire, Sweeney and Tate.
Umpire—York.

Games in the American Association were played as follows:

At St. Louis—Browns, 7; Athletics, 1.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 8; Brooklyn, 4.
At Pittsburg—Alleghenys, 9; Metropolitans, 3.
At Louisville—Louisville, 10; Baltimore, 1.

A CLOSE CALL.

Four Persons Have a Narrow Escape from Cremation in a Burning Board-Log House.

CHICAGO, July 13.—About 3 o'clock this morning fire originated in the basement of Mrs. Madgett's boarding house, No. 266 Hermitage ave. It spread rapidly, and before all the inmates could be aroused, C. C. Roberts, his two daughters, Pauline, aged 17, and Pauline, aged 19, and Mrs. Gilbert were imprisoned in the second story, and all means of escape shut off. Mr. Roberts dropped his two daughters and Mrs. Gilbert from a window and jumped to the ground. All four were badly shaken up by the fall and scorched by the flames.

Mrs. Gilbert had her shoulder dislocated and was bruised about the hips and chest and badly burned on the face and hands. Pauline Roberts had an arm broken. Her father and sister are also both badly burned. The rest of the boarders escaped. The loss on furniture and clothing is about $2,000, partially covered. The house is damaged about $1,000.

Supreme Court Doings.

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM-HERALD.

LANSING, Mich., July 13.—Senator Hawley, of Detroit, and William T. Fuller, of Newaygo, argued cases before the Supreme Court today. The only difference between them is that Fuller does not want to be the Supreme court reporter, he says, and Hawley does want to be reporter or clerk of the court either, and is hustling himself to be in a position to catch either permanion in case it should ever drop.

Four cases only were heard today, and Nos. 100, 101, 102 and 103 were added to the roll.

SPARKS FROM OUR SPECIAL WIRE.

Reed Werden, a retired Rear Admiral, died at Newport, Monday morning.

Mrs. Caroline Beaudet, of Mooville, N. Y., has just died after fasting fifty-three days.

The French Government has ordered the distribution of 60,000 rifles among the troops before August.

The first through train on the Canadian Pacific road ran from Montreal to Port Moody, 2,875 miles, in 134 hours.

Herr Krupp, the great German gun founder, has contracted to furnish China with 1,500 tons of rails, underbidding English founders.

The propeller Oneota, recently wrecked in the St. Lawrence, slipped off the rocks at Clayton while being lightened, and went down in 120 feet of water.

Guiteau's gallows has been taken to Woodstock to be used at the execution of James Dwyer on Friday. The doomed man is kept in irons in a dark cell.

President Cleveland has pardoned Porter Lee, of Buffalo, a noted embezzling young bank president, who has served about five years in the penitentiary.

In their residence on Lexington avenue, New York, during Sunday night, Adrian Cruy and his sister killed themselves with strychnine. He was a merchant in Bowery.

James McHenry, of London, well known on both sides of the Atlantic from his connection with railways, is about to be committed to prison by order of the bankruptcy court.