

ON MASONRY IN DAILY LIFE

Theme at the St. John's Lodge is Annual Thanksgiving Symposium.

HOW FRATERNITY FITS INTO BUSINESS

Men from Various Callings Express Themselves on the General Topic and All Agree on the Outcome.

The members of St. John's lodge, No. 23, observed Thanksgiving day memorably by a symposium in which Masons of all degrees participated.

At the outset there was a reception in the drawing room to enable the unacquainted to meet on the common ground of friendship.

How It Helps a Pedagogue. Among other things Prof. Pearce, whose subject was "The Schoolmaster in Masonry," said: "As a schoolmaster it is expected of me to say why it is beneficial to be a Mason."

Judge W. W. Keyser discussed "The Lawyer in Masonry." "There is no place where you will not find a lawyer, excepting in that spot which Dante tells about in the 'Divine Comedy.'"

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Where the Preacher Comes In. Rev. Luther M. Kuhns took for his subject, "The Minister in Masonry." An excerpt of his address is:

Notice, Scottish Rite Masons. Brother William Hay departed this life Wednesday, November 23. Funeral obsequies of Kedosh will be held over the remains Saturday night, November 1.

Chinese Like Potatoes. CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—A special to the Record from Tacoma, Wash., says: The first large shipment of potatoes that has gone forward from this state for China will be sent in a few days from North Yakima.

HYOMEI To Breathe It MEANS TO LIVE WITHOUT COUGHS, CATARRH OR CONSUMPTION.

BALLS ENJOYED LAST NIGHT

Some Thanksgiving Affairs That Served to Spread Joy and Mirth.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL BALL OF THE OMAHA STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

The seventh annual ball of the Omaha Street Railway Employees' Benefit Association, held Thanksgiving night at Washington hall, was attended by several hundred of the members and their friends.

It was a jolly, good-natured crowd that filled Creighton hall Thanksgiving night at the fourth annual ball of the Omaha Hackmen's union.

BELIEVES POPE'S END NEAR

Father Lacombe Reports That Upon Recent Visit He Found Holy Father Falling Fast.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 29.—A special from Montreal says: The Rev. Father Lacombe, who returned from Rome a short time ago, is in the city on his way to his mission field in the Canadian northwest.

Yes, the end is very near. The Holy Father's health was very poor when I saw him a few weeks ago. He received me as usual and questioned me concerning my mission in which he seemed to take a great interest, but I could not help observing that a great change had taken place since last I saw him.

DEATH RECORD.

Aged Woman at Gothenburg. GOTHEBURG, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Olof Heglund, aged 74 years, died yesterday after a year's illness of complicated diseases.

Funeral for S. S. Clough. S. S. CLOUGH, Nov. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—A telegram was received here today announcing the death of S. S. Clough in Connecticut.

HYMENEAL.

Weddings at Weeping Water. WEEPING WATER, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Ye terday, at the Methodist Episcopal church, occurred the wedding of Mr. Harry Evans to Miss Dillie Davis.

SCHOTSMAN-YODER.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—John L. Schotzman of Myard and Miss Lena May Yoder of Elmwood were united in marriage last evening by County Judge J. E. Douglas.

FIRE RECORD.

Danish Oleomargarine Factory. AARHUS, Denmark, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—The Danish oleomargarine factory was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is placed at \$1,000,000.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

William Laing of the Chicago lodging house, near Twelfth and Douglas streets, yesterday to the police the theft of a coat, vest, pair of trousers and hat from his room Wednesday night.

The chief of police of St. Joseph, Mo., yesterday to the Omaha police department two runaway boys of this city are in custody.

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ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL

Secretary Root Transmits Draft of It to House Committee.

DEFERS MUCH TO PRESIDENT'S JUDGMENT

Fixes Only Maximum and Minimum in Number of Enlisted Men—Makes Provision for Retirement of Veterans of Two Wars.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The house committee on military affairs tonight made public a letter received from Secretary Root under date of the 28th inst., transmitting a draft of a bill prepared by the War department for the reorganization of the army.

The letter says that the army, as at present organized under the present law, will cease to exist on July 1, 1901, and thereafter will consist of a total called strength of 29,925 men.

Without further legislation, he says, the volunteers now in service must be discharged July 1, 1901, and the regular army reduced from 69,900 to 29,925 men.

Continuing the letter says: "Without leaving much, if any, margin for sickness, such as the campaigns of the last two years war must be counted as an important factor in any occupation by the army, peaceful or warlike, of many of the islands which constitute the Philippine group, the strength thus fixed must be sufficient to maintain the regular army in consideration of the service in the United States, in Porto Rico and, for the time being, in the island of Cuba."

Show of Force is Needed. "The army is confronted with many serious problems, the solution of which demands not only intelligence and wisdom, but also a showing of well-organized force in the new possessions."

Indian wars is replete with incidents showing the futility of sending an inadequate force to bring into subjection hostile natives such as those occupying the Philippine islands. It is presumed under these conditions that congress will provide a sufficient number of men to care for the coast defense fortifications, to provide garrisons for the more or less permanent posts on the Canadian and Mexican borders and those scattered through the Indian country, small garrisons in Porto Rico and Cuba and a sufficient force in the Philippine islands to restore order and establish peaceful and stable conditions of government.

In the preparation of the present bill the minimum number of men is fixed for each organization, with a proviso that the president may in his discretion enlist the number of enlisted men in any troop, battery or company, provided that the total number of enlisted men authorized for the army by congress shall not at any time be exceeded.

By the adoption of this plan the absolute fixed strength of the regular army can be shown at a glance, and any increase of numbers above the minimum will be limited by such authority as may be conveyed from time to time by congress.

The peace strength of each troop, battery and company is fixed in this bill as now authorized by existing law. The number of regiments has been increased by five of cavalry, five of infantry, numbers which would correspond to five regiments of artillery and two battalions of engineers.

As the increase in the artillery is limited for the season of defense, the only increase of the regular army for field service will be ten additional regiments of cavalry and infantry and the two battalions of engineers.

Provisional force of natives in the island of Porto Rico and also in the Philippine islands. The organization of the native troops in the Philippine islands will, under the peculiar conditions existing there, be proceeded with slowly and with great care.

Provisions of the Bill. "The bill contains provisions for a better distribution of chaplains; for authorizing veterans of the war with Spain to wear, on occasions of public choice of honor, a uniform similar to the authority given by congress to veterans of the civil war; authority for the retirement, with an increased grade, of veterans of the two wars—the civil war and the war with Spain; for the addition of a nurse corps and also in the Philippine islands. The organization of the native troops in the Philippine islands will, under the peculiar conditions existing there, be proceeded with slowly and with great care.

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AMUSEMENTS.

"The Princess Chic" CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Charles... Marquis of Claremont, his friend... Thomas C. Leary... Joseph C. Miron... W. A. Lawrence... Noll McNeil... Lyman Wheeler... Frank S. Deauville... George Williams... Childie... Estelle, daughter of Chamberlain... Agnes Paul... Margaretta... Mon-Arme... Marie... Time: 1863. Place: Perone, Burgundy.

South Omaha News.

Politicians of all kinds, colors and descriptions were engaged yesterday in talking over the revision of a tax commission. There is to be a mass meeting tonight for the purpose of talking over the needs of the city, and while the regularly appointed committees do not countenance the meeting it will doubtless be held.

Some of the taxpayers assert that they will not trust the revision of the charter to the committee appointed by the council nor the aggregation composing the Commercial club committee. Fault is found with both of these committees, the statement being made that selfish ends are involved in both cases.

In case the mass meeting tonight pans out and a committee to draft a charter is appointed there will then be three charter committees in the field and it will be a question which will be accepted. On one point all those who are interested are as united, and that is the naming of a tax commissioner. It is asserted that the assessments made here are not right and that if a commissioner is appointed who is paid a good salary the property in every ward will be assessed in accordance with law.

There is some little hitch between the committee appointed by the Commercial club and that named by the council for the reason that the club ignored the city officials entirely, while on the other hand the council committee is composed of two well known representatives of labor organizations. If the mass meeting called for tonight develops and a committee is appointed it is probable that negotiations will be made for a joint meeting of the three committees in order that time, labor and expense may be saved, and the same party arranged at as if each committee worked separately.

Annual Police Ball. The eighth annual ball of the South Omaha police department was given at the hall in the city building last night and the attendance really exceeded the expectations of the committee in charge of the arrangements. About 500 tickets had been sold and the police relief fund will be enriched by several hundred dollars.

One of the features was the presentation to Chief Mitchell of a gold watch. In the midst of the grand march the music stopped and as everyone looked toward the stage to ascertain what was the cause City President Murphy stepped forward and called Mitchell out of the line. In a few brief words Mr. Murphy conveyed to the chief the regard the men of the line have for him and in conclusion handed him the watch as a mark of esteem. The ball was the most largely attended of any given so far this season.

Thanksgiving is Observed. Thanksgiving was observed in South Omaha yesterday by the closing of stores at noon and a general relaxation of business. All of the banks remained closed throughout the day, as well as city offices.

Union services were held at the Christian church, Rev. Dr. Renwick, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, preaching the sermon. At the conclusion of this service a collection was taken for the benefit of the South Omaha Hospital association. The music at this service was excellent and was under the direction of W. H. Overton, local secretary of the Young Men's Christian association.

Chief of Police Mitchell said to it that the inmates of the city jail were well provided for and even went so far as to buy some delicacies for the unfortunate who were detained within steel walls.

Adkins Acting Mayor. In the absence of Mayor Kelly Wesley P. Adkins, president of the city council, is acting mayor and is performing the duties of the office like a veteran. Kelly is on a hunting trip and will not return before Saturday or Sunday. He is cited to appear before County Judge Vinsonhall on Monday on the charge of receiving official bribes and upon leaving here announced his intention of returning in time to meet the charges.

Councilman Trainer Married. At St. Agnes' church yesterday morning Councilman Patrick Trainer was married to Miss Margaret Kelly. Following the ceremony there was a reception and the customary wedding breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Trainer left last night for an eastern trip and will be gone about ten days.

Complaint About Meals. Prisoners in the city jail are complaining about the meals furnished them and Chief

At school for the Deaf and Dumb observed Thanksgiving by a program of athletic sports and after-noon games. The first, second and junior foot ball teams met at the school and played a game. The Clifton Hill first and junior elements, respectively, in the evening there was a game of indoor games and intellectual contests.

A Snap Shot. As we give it in a description of our Misses' Shoes—only gives you a dim idea of what they really are—to see is to buy—to wear is to be satisfied—These shoes have the spring heels, that allow the foot to grow in the proper way—perfect in foot form, they never tire—heavy enough to give calf and heavy enough to prevent wet feet—very important at this season of the year—Misses' sizes, 8 1/2 to 11, \$1.25; 1 1/2 to 2, \$1.50; young woman's, with spring heel, 2 1/2 to 6, \$2.00.

Drexel Shoe Co., New Catalogue Ready—Sent Free for the Asking. Omaha's Up-to-date Shoe House, 1419 FARNAM STREET.

There are no thorns in the use of JAPANESE ROSE SOAP. It will not injure the most delicate skin because of its ABSOLUTE PURITY. KIRK makes it Dealers sell it.

Mitchell has taken the matter up with a view to either having better service or an abrogation of the existing contract. The present contract calls for meals worth about 12 cents each, but it is stated that the person who furnishes the food is not following out his agreement and he will be called to an accounting.

Memorial Services. On Saturday evening Phil Kearney past No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, will hold memorial services in memory of Michael Coady and Dennis Purcell. Following the services an election of officers of the post for the year will be held. All members of the order are urged to attend the services at the election.

Magie City Election. By the purchase of a hospital given a worthy cause will be advanced. Tonight the Entre Nous club will give a dancing party at Odd Fellows' hall.

Three children at the home of Frank Heiding, Eighteenth and K railroad avenue, are down with diphtheria. A mass meeting of citizens will be held at the council chamber for the purpose of considering the new charter.

The funeral of Mrs. Gustav Matson will be held Sunday at the Swedish church, Twenty-second and K streets. William Hay, who was struck by an engine in the yards, is dead and has been buried to Omaha. The funeral will be held today.

There is some talk of asking the railroad companies to place a fund for the benefit of watchmen at the N street crossing to the stock yards. Fred, the young son of Henry Keller, Twenty-third and F streets, will be buried today from the family residence. Interment will be at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Personal Paragraphs. J. C. Lathrop of Lincoln is at the Millard. M. C. Cusack of North Bend is in the city. G. W. Griesen and wife of Aurora are in Omaha. M. Stark and wife of Aurora are in the city.

H. E. Wilson of Beatrice is at the Hennahaw. C. R. Critchell of Denver is stopping at the Millard. S. R. Kanoll of Cozad is a patron of the Hennahaw. G. R. Souter of Lincoln was at the Murray Thursday.

W. G. Gilmore of Hayannis is quartered at the Merchants. G