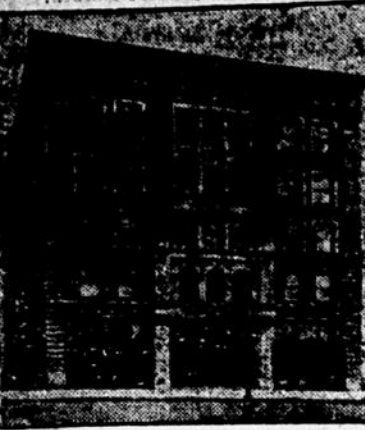


# HANDY DIRECTORY —OF THE— MASONIC TEMPLE



## Masonic Meetings.

### SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

Marshall Lodge, No. 108 A. F. & A. M., Tuesday, April 28th, 7:30 p. m. For work second degree. John Wells, secretary; L. T. Forbes, W. M.

SPECIAL CONVOCATION, Signet Chapter No. 28, R. A. M., Monday, April 27, 7:30 p. m. Mark Masters degree. John W. Wells, secretary; A. D. Meeker, H. P.

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### REGULAR CONCLAVE OF St. Aldemar Commandery No. 80, K. T. Tuesday, May 19, 8 p. m., for work. F. M. Wilbur, E. C.; M. S. McFarland, Rec.

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AS THE "WAR" STANDS.

Wilson's policy of watchful waiting continues. The watch and waiting however are now on the border and at Vera Cruz. The diplomacy of South American countries has been offered and is to be given opportunity to arrange peaceful settlement.

Carranza is open opposition to the invasion of the ports and Villa, who seems to be the best diplomat as well as the best soldier of Mexico approves any embarrassment of the Huerta government while promising nothing for himself. And so the matter stands.

If the worst is to come to worst a watchful waiting policy which while offering opportunity to Americans to get out of Mexico and includes rapid preparations for war is not strategy whether or not the intent is war or peace. There can be little doubt that a declaration of war following the occupation of Vera Cruz would have been the signal for looting of consulates, destruction of American property and in many places massacre of American citizens. Mexico is full of Americans who have lingered by their interests to the last minute. Some of them will be caught there should war come, for some of them will stay on despite present conditions. But those who are trying to leave will have had time to get away under the president's policy of waiting. It is not easy to understand the danger of the situation for American residents. Travelers in Mexico were coming home months ago predicting that massacre would result in the lower provinces and that danger is enormously accentuated by the hostile action of the United States in seizing Mexican soil.

The demand that this country shall not back out of the situation is both general and proper; but there is neither need nor occasion for anything beyond firmness. If it is possible to avoid war but those who are anxiously urging a declaration of war are not serving their own country of the welfare of the world. We can afford to wait. We can not afford in our strength to appear in the eyes of the world and of our own people anxious to engage in conflict with a weaker nation. In the end it will probably be war and another American army will cross from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico as in an earlier period of this country's history. If so let it be done because there is no other honorable way and at the end of sincere effort to avoid it. If we are to follow the route of Cortez's conquistadores let us follow it with a different purpose than theirs.

AS TO THE "WATERLOO WAY."

The Sioux City Journal commenting on the proposition to raise \$125,000 thru a Greater Iowa committee, expresses much astonishment. Like the rest of us the Journal had read much in Waterloo newspapers of the purpose of Waterloo to erect this building. It was the "Waterloo way," and was to be done after that allegedly incomparable fashion. The dispatches all over the country announced that Waterloo was to take upon herself the task of upholding Iowa at the Panama exposition and that her money would be gladly given as an opportunity to show the world how Waterloo does things. It got the advertising notices and the Journal asks "How comes it now that the building is to be built and paid for by the cities of the state?"

Then the Journal goes on in comment and argument thus:

This newspaper believes in advertising. It believes in such a booster organization as might be operated under the name of the Greater Iowa committee, providing that its energies be given to boosting Iowa in general and not playing the local city, out of loyalty to Iowa, but stock in the enterprise.

It is the opinion of The Journal that if Iowa is to spend \$125,000, plus many additional tens of thousands, in advertising its many advantages the money can be expended to better advantage than by trying to run it like a little show in competition with the various big advertising shows at the San Francisco exposition. Usually when a shrewd advertiser appropriates a large sum for publicity the first thing he tries to make sure of is getting his advertising before a crowd that will be especially interested in it. The crowd at the San Francisco exposition will be drawn there by Pacific coast attractions and their interest in the main will go to Pacific coast advertising.

BUSINESS IN THE WAR WEEK.

General business has not been disturbed by the Mexican situation tho the financial markets were slightly and temporarily unsettled and security prices fluctuated severely to recover substantially succeeding the earlier depression. The outbreak of hostilities however strengthened the prices of leading farm staples and the general tendency of commodities was upward on the war news.

Changes in strictly mercantile conditions are still of a mixed character, with the backward spring tending to hold progress in check. Higher temperatures in certain sections have stimulated the distribution of seasonable merchandise at retail, yet the weather has been sufficiently irregular to prevent uniform improvement.

A conservative policy in the matter of future purchases is manifest in the primary markets for dry goods, but there are many indications that current consumption continues large. Quotations of both foreign and domestic dress goods are being advanced and cotton goods are steady, tho quiet. Manufacturers of worsteds in New England are well sold up and, while minor labor troubles are apparent in some woolen districts, prospects for the textile industry are encouraging insofar as employment of machinery is concerned. Wool is in active request, but new business is restricted by small stocks and the high prices asked by holders. Advances from Boston indicate that retailers of footwear have had the best trade thus far this spring, owing to more seasonable weather, and to a moderate extent betterment is also noted in leather.

The situation in iron and steel is reflected in a further curtailment of operations at the steel mills, which are now running at approximately 65 per cent of capacity. Production of pig iron is diminishing and additions to the list of idle furnaces are likely unless there is an early revival of demand.

Statistics of trade movements are more uniformly favorable, bank clearings last week being 15.2 per cent larger than last year and 12.1 per cent in excess of 1912, while gross earnings of railroads reporting for two weeks of April gained 2.5 per cent in comparison with a year ago.

A very large gain in merchandise imports and a considerable expansion in exports was disclosed in the complete official returns of this nation's overseas commerce during March. The movement of foreign goods into this country last month was the heaviest of the year and exceeded the figures for February by nearly \$44,000,000, while in comparison with March, 1913, there was a similar difference of \$26,600,000. In respect to shipments abroad, the total surpassed that of the preceding month by \$13,000,000, but, with that exception, was the smallest since last July. Only a nominal change was shown from the aggregate of a year ago, yet the relatively larger increase in imports than in exports reduced the excess of the latter over the former to little more than \$5,000,000—a striking contrast to the balance of \$32,000,000 reported in 1913 and the \$47,800,000 revealed in 1912. Most of the gain in merchandise shipments as compared with February was supplied by agricultural products, a loss of practically \$8,000,000 in breadstuffs being offset by an expansion of almost \$21,000,000 in the value of cotton exports.

Whether the president chooses to call it war or waiting those Mexicans in the old tower no doubt agreed with Sherman's definition.

The Denison Review predicts that Ben Salinger will have a surprisingly large vote for supreme judge. Taking Ben's qualifications for being left at home into consideration, any vote at all should be considered "surprisingly large."

Let clamor cease and hatred bide another time and self-interest wait; the flag is passing on its way.

And Governor Clarke never even looked around but went right on sailing wood for Iowa.

A good roads day is a good thing all right but it is the steady work and not the spasms that show the large results.

Picking up those South American Latin diplomats to settle a fuss between Mexico is a good deal like electing a farming jury to try a right of way case between a farmer and the railroad company.

Speaking of that bandit chief, Villa, he seems to be about the only Mexican leader who has a head for figures.

If there should be a call for volunteers the man in the breadline can fall in on the battle line and draw rations and the enemy's fire. And the latter is a better choice than starvation.

The man who sold bluing and rain-water at a high price took advantage of that human tendency to go past the local dealer and seek for a big bargain. And at that he hadn't distributed any catalogs with pictures representations of marvelous opportunities to buy at less than dealers' rates.

IOWA OPINION AND NOTES.

As to the unseemliness of Judge Lee's candidacy the Des Moines Register and Leader says: "But the reason for the prohibition of the state constitution is just as cogent in the case of a congressional candidacy as in the case of a candidacy for state office. The framers of the constitution felt it to be unseemly for a man to sit in trial on the rights and liberties of the

people at the same time that he was a candidate before a faction of them for a personal promotion. The framers of the constitution were right."

The Pottawatomie Herald says "It will take some of the sand out of the Lee boosters in Fort Dodge to have the Messenger come out so positively in support of Clarke."

"Judge Lee and his friends are being compelled to put in most of their time in an attempt to prove that the judge is really eligible under the law to the office of governor," notes the Rockwell City Advocate. "In the meantime George W. Clarke is steadily growing in favor, the general public is settling down to the fact that Iowa has a governor of which to be proud and one entitled to a second term."

"There is no good reason why Clarke should not have another term," says the Traer Star-Clipper. "He is a good executive. He has proven his ability. His honesty is not questioned. He is accused of some things like increasing taxes, which he is no more glammable for than the democrats of the legislature. When the people fully understand the facts we do not believe he will suffer unjustly. We look for Mr. Clarke to defeat both opponents by a very large vote. He should do it. He should not have this opposition to meet."

"No man of the United States, perhaps no man of Mexico, is to blame for this war," says the Boone News-Republican. "It is the clash of well ordered civilization and red handed brigandage. The two can not survive on the same continent."

"The wicked thing about Lee's candidacy is his utter disregard of the rights of Clarke," says the Vinton Eagle. "Admitting for the sake of the argument that Clarke was in trouble, it would have looked better, occupying the position he does, to have offered 'first aid' rather than to have conspired to run the knife deeper into the wound. Lee draws condemnation rather than commendation to his action. Personal selfishness shouldn't entirely control one's action. He should not have replied to the pleadings of Robert Healey—'Get thee behind me.'"

The Fairfield Ledger says, "The great trouble with Judge Lee is that he comes from a locality which is the home of demand for public funds and that his election might mean only the transfer of the dollars from one fund to another. And, then, Judge Lee is getting into the game at a rather late stage."

"Express rates must be getting very cheap in Fort Dodge. At any rate the Messenger recently expressed a political opinion," sarcastically remarks the Webster City Freeman-Tribune.

To the Iowa Falls Citizen "there is nothing so ridiculous as political bed-fellows sometimes. Senator Savage of Adair, would 'like to defeat Senator Cummins for re-nomination and Ben Kelz is reported to be one of his principal sponsors. There was a time when Kelz, from the standpat viewpoint, was the most despicable of men. Now he is promoting the candidacy of a standpatter against Cummins, for whom he originally labored."

"State Senator Savage of Adair, has announced a candidacy against Senator Cummins for the republican nomination for United States senator. This entitled him to have his name in the papers, and we conclude that is about all he expects," says the Scranton Journal. "He is a banker at Adair who never accomplished anything worthy of special mention either as a banker or statesman."

APOLYGY IN ADVANCE. [Des Moines Globe and Leader.]

If anything gets into the editorial column today which does not have reference to the Mexican trouble the oversight must be charged to the make-up man, who, being a man of peace, may want to sandwich in a dove story or two.

FEARFUL RELIGION. [Cedar Rapids Republican.]

In the Winnepes Tribune also we find a two column article written on the subject of a threatened invasion by Billy Sunday of the ecclesiastical opinion of that western city. The writing is done by august clergymen who fear that the Rev. Billy may do some harm to religion. Oh, dear, oh, dear, what an alarm and what a sacred guardianship of what they call religion, a sort of religion which may never have done any one any harm, but which may also be equally lacking in doing any one any good.

BEATING UP AGITATORS. [Traer Star-Clipper.]

When it becomes so in this country that a man can not freely express his opinion of a church or clergy without running the risk of personal violence, it gives ample evidence that probably that church really needs a little showing up. If he utters a libel, the court will give ample redress. Resort to violence is tacit admission that a man is not a free citizen and the body declined against, which in turn is prima facie evidence that the allegations were incontrovertible.

THOSE "PRIED LOOSE." [Hampton Chronicle.]

That Adair man must have worked up a very savage feeling against Senator Cummins, as he seems to be willing to take a beating himself in order to give a few more-headed standpatpers a chance to vote for another candidate. He will find that the only standpatpers left in Iowa are a few fellows who were pried loose from their corporate positions by the aid of a few innocent fellows who have allowed themselves to be misled. After the votes are counted he will feel more free more savage than ever.

SAVAGE AND BURT GELTZ. [See Sun.]

State Senator A. C. Savage of Adair, one of the irreconcilable who have labored persistently for months to put a candidate in the field against Senator Cummins, at the eleventh hour, having failed to persuade anybody else to try it and not being fully satisfied with the voluntary candidacy of B. F. Kelz, has injected himself into the campaign. He has found a very serviceable aid in his work in the person of the somewhat notorious B. F. Kelz, of Webster City, who helped circulate nomination papers. Senator Savage is forty-four years of age and his voca-

tion is that of a banker. He has served in the state senate for six years, ranking among the capable members of that body, but none who know him would think of him as being in a class with such a man as Iowa has had in the United States senate in recent years. Moreover, his persistent attitude on the senatorship—his disposition to pursue a factional fight in defiance of party or public interest—shows him to be a man entirely too narrow for present consideration as a candidate.

SAVAGE AND BURT GELTZ. [Des Moines Register and Leader.]

"I arrest many a young man," said Roy Chamberlain, young motorcycle policeman, "who persists in giving me a long tale of woe of how he has had 'hard luck' all his life, and how no one is willing to help the fellow who is down and out. To many a person this sort of talk appeals strongly, and I will admit that some of the hard luck stories do contain a certain pathetic strain, but generally there is nothing to them. There is no reason why any young man in good health, and in a country like our own, should be thrown into jail every week or two. If he would let his alone, stay home nights, put his money in a bank or invest it rather than blowing it in showing 'the bunch' a good time, he would be as well off as anyone. I believe that a man can almost shape his life the way he wants to go. He has seen the good fellow of yesterday slowly sometimes, but always surely, slip into the role of the despised tramp of today.