

*May County*

# The Tucumcari News

Volume 1, No. 6.

TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO, SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 1905.

Subscription \$1.50 a year.

## THE KNIGHTS' ENTERTAINMENT

**House Filled to the Hall Door and Everybody Enjoyed the Entire Program.**

### THE LODGE IS PROPEROUS

Tucumcari Lodge No. 29 is much elated, as indeed it has a right to be, over the splendid success of its first public entertainment. The Pythian Hall was decorated with flags, bunting and the emblematic colors of the Order, this particular part of the preparations being attended to by Messrs. Frank Baker and S. N. Brewer.

The guests, who had begun to assemble early in the evening, by 8 o'clock filled the Castle Hall to overflowing, and a little later there was not even standing room left through the ante-room to the hall entrance.

At a few minutes after 8 o'clock the master of ceremonies, E. Langston, rose and asked for the attention of the audience and invited everybody present to join the Lodge in singing that grand national anthem, "America," making everybody in the house feel a flask of patriotism, their hearts beating keeping time to the measure and music of that song which among all others, perhaps, more nearly expresses the sentiment of the people in their love of our com-

mon country. Invocation was then had by Rev. Hedgepeth of the M. E. Church. Now came "Dixie," by Messrs. Glenn and Waddell—Violin and Guitar—which made the boys from the sunny South think of the old homestead—a sweetheart said to her lover, "I wish we were in New Orleans."

C. C. Davidson, Chancellor Commander of 29, was now called to welcome his guests to the hospitality of his lodge. He spoke in part as follows:

"Ladies and Gentleman: The pleasure that it affords me to extend to you the welcome of Tucumcari Lodge No. 29 Knights of Pythias, is only exceeded by the degree of embarrassment that it causes me to appear before an audience.

"Were I accustomed to public address or an orator, I know of no theme I would prefer to discuss than that of Pythianism. In arranging for this entertainment it was the intention of the Lodge to have plenty of music and refreshments and but little speaking, and I am therefore, going to talk only two hours, the length of an average sermon.

"I sometimes think that my speeches are subject to the same criticism as the Tuscon preacher to whom reference is made in that most interesting of all stories of western life, "Wolville," by Alfred Henry Lewis.

"You who have read the book will remember that Texas Thompson was detailing an election down in Texas when he was interrupted by Dr. Peets, who told him

that he was like the minister over at Tuscon, whose congregation requested his resignation because he "talked and talked without pinton out, argued and argued without showin wherein."

"It was decided by the Lodge, that since we are the last of the secret orders to be instituted in our town, it would be proper for some one to give a brief history of the Order.

"To trace its origin we must look beyond the curtain of the past into the mists of antiquity. Some centuries before Christ the scenes and events transpired that gave to the world the Order that is as noble in conception as it is sublime in purpose. It has other aims than affording married men an excuse for staying out late at night.

Then the speaker recounted the history of the Pythagorian Era, explaining in a very clever way the true friendship that bound Pythias, the soldier and Knight and Damon a senator in the councils of state. Damon had incurred the displeasure of Dionysius, the tyrant king, and was sentenced to death when Pythias plead with the king that a respite be granted that Damon might visit his wife and child before he died, offering himself a hostage for Damon, thus pledging his return. The valiant soldier and chivalrous Knight was shackled in the dismal cell of Damon who hastened to his home among vineyards of the Sicilian coast where dwelt in happiness his lovely wife and child, where clustered the joys and pleasures dearer than life, sweeter

than the dreams of paradise.

Completing the story, the speaker followed the theme on up to 1864 when Justus Henry Rathbone, in the gloomy days of the civil war organized the modern society of Knights of Pythias, the conception coming from the story of these Grecian heroes, his object being to blot out the chasm then existing between the North and the South.

The speaker concluded his splendid effort as follows:

"Pythianism recognizes the frailties of mankind and seeks to strengthen the weak and to forgive the erring. It cultivates friendship, practices charity and encourages benevolence. Such ladies and gentlemen, are the tenets of the Order that tonight bids you welcome."

Then came a solo, "The Violets," by Mrs. Mason, which was very good, indeed—her songs always are.

Prof. W. E. Dndley, the Grand Vice of the Order in New Mexico, was then introduced and made a very able address. We quote him as follows:

"Ladies and gentlemen and fellow Knights: When your committee came to me a few minutes ago, I asked to be excused, but your Chancellor Commander and your committee said they had every kind of a Knight but one, and had promised to furnish one for good looks. On this proposition we agreed, just as my better half and I had done about ten years ago.

"I have been the victim of a pleasant

Continued on last page.

## Men's Clothing of Worth



THE BELL SYSTEM  
COPYRIGHT 1905  
STEVENSON & CO. CINCINNATI

We are doing a great deal of arguing just now to convince you that we can fit and please you in your Winter Suit—but how easy it would be to convince you, if you would only drop in for a look over our stock.

Price is not the measure of goodness in Men's Clothing, though it is the only commendation you get at some stores. Sunny Jim, says "You can fool a hen with a China egg, but it makes a mighty poor Omelet." So it is with clothing. The price may be low, but the goodness is gone. You find very little of the Gross, Kelly kind of Clothing offered you.

We say without hesitation that we have the most imposing display of Clothing Tucumcari has ever seen. Everything a man desires in a Suit, Style, Snappiness, Wear, Shape, Dependability, and then too, our prices are more economical than would at first seem, for it is in the after satisfaction and wear that their true worth is shown.

**"The recollection of quality will remain long after the price is forgotten."**



## Our Kind of Boys' Clothing

They are not afraid of the boy and he will like their appearance.

**Staunch Materials Are Chosen**

The seams are double sewed with silk, and the hidden parts, where the wear counts, especially strengthened.



Remember our advice on shoes

**Buy Now**

and save money, shoes are advancing every day.

We aim to sell the best not the cheapest

**Gross, Kelly & Company**

Be sure to see our line of X-mas Goods