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### SCOTTISH RITE.

The 17th Semi-Annual Reunion in Topeka.

High Degrees to Be Conferred Thanksgiving Week.

KANSAS IN THE LEAD.

Largest Membership in Southern Jurisdiction.

Topeka Lodges Noted For Magnificence of the Degrees.

Kansas boasts of the largest membership in the Scottish Rite of any state in the southern jurisdiction of the United States and the fame of the Topeka officers for the thoroughness and perfection displayed in conferring the degrees is not confined to the borders of the state.

No order makes use of as elaborate paraphernalia and so dramatic a ritual as the Scottish Rite and with each succeeding reunion the classes to take the sublime degrees increase in numbers, | Daniel C. Hewitt-Senior expert.

five member of the supreme council for Kansas, and in time, with the assistance of Albert Pike and Albert G. Mackey, bodies of the rite were by him instituted at various points in the state. The difficulties and hardships attending the early days in Kansas prevented the widespread dissemination of the rite, but as soon as conditions became favorable it gradually extended its sphere of influence over the state. During the past few years Kansas has advanced to a high position as a jurisdiction of the rite, being accorded the leading position in point of numbers in the southern jurisdiction. The growth of the rite in Kansas has been phenomenal.

There are now in the state six Lodges of Perfection, six chapters Rose Croix, six councils of Knights Kndosh, and five Consistories. The total membership in the state in round numbers is 1,700, of which over 400 hold their membership at Topeka. It is the custom of the bodies in this jurisdiction to hold reunions twice each year, in the spring and fall. At the fall reunion one evening is set apart for the entertainment of the ladies. In Topeka the social feature is especially prominent.

The following are the officers of Ori-

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Alfred A. Rodgers—Venerable master.
William H. Wilson—Senior warden.
Edward P. Baker—Junior warden.
Thorp B. Jennings—Orator.
W. C. F. Reichenbach—Secretary.
Jonathan D. Norton—Treasurer.
Polymer Edwards—Almonac.

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The Masters of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Topeka.

The seventeenth annual reunion will be [

held in Topeka November 26 to 29 in-

clusive and a large class is expected. The bodies of the Rite at Topeka are

four in number, and by them are conferred all the degrees from fourth to

thirty-second, inclusive. They are:

Oriental Lodge of Perfection No. 3, in

which the degrees from the fourth to

fourteenth, inclusive, are conferred; Unity Chapter Rose Croix No. 1, which

fourteenth, inclusive, are conferred; Unity Chapter Rose Croix No. 1, which confers the fifteenth to eighteenth degrees, inclusive; Godfrey de St. Omar Council of Knights Kadosh No. 2, which confers the nineteenth to thirtieth degrees, inclusive; Topeka Consistory No. 1, which confers the thirty-first and thirty-second degrees.

The Scottish Rite does not hold triennial conclaves, as do the Knights Templar, and not as much of the history of that branch of Masonry is known to the public.

In May, 1801, there was instituted upon a constitutional basis, at Charleston, S. C., a system of Masonry consisting of thirty-three degrees, which was called the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. This system acknowledged as its basis what are now known as the first three degrees of symbolic Masonry, and all affiliated Master Masons are eligible to the degrees.

May 31, 1801, is the date of the institution of this supreme council of the thirty-third degree, of which Kansas forms an integral part, and to which it owes and gives allegiance. In 1867 many of the Masons in Kansas gave this rite their attention, and it is a noteworthy fact that among the first Scottish Rite Masons of Kansas were those eminent brethren whose names adorn the records of the Various bodies of the craft as having attained its highest honors.

A Lodge of Perfection was instituted by A. T. C. Pierson, of St. Paul, Minn., at Leavenworth, Kas. August 10, 1867, the first Scottish Rite body organized in Kansas. Its officers were W. O. Gould, venerable master; M. S. Adams, senior warden; E. T. Carr, junior warden. In 1868 E. T. Carr became the ac-

Homer G. Bowman

Robert Edwards-Tyler.

Master Topeka Consister

Samuel G. Zimmerman-Junior ex-

W. A. S. Bird—Captain of the Host. John W. Neale—Sentinel. Chas. J. Snyder—Sentinel.

Daniel C. Hewitt-Junior warden.

Chas J. Snyder-Expert. Frank L. Stevens-Assistant expert. Geo. B. Harrison-Guardian of tem-

Robt. Edwards—Tiler. The officers of Godfrey de St. Omar ouncil Knights Kadosh No. 2 are as fol-

William H. Wilson-Preceptor.
E. W. Poindexter-First sub-preceptor.
John A. Balley-Second sub-preceptor.
L. C. Fred Lohmann-Chancellor.
Alfred A. Rodgers-Orator.
Robert Edwards-Almoner.
W. C. F. Reichenbach-Recorder,
Jonathan D. Norton-Treasurer.
Samuel G. Zimmerman-Master of cerelondes.
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Samuel Cunningham—Turcopilier.
Spencer P. Wade—Draper.
William M. Davidson—First deacon.
W. A. S. Bird—Second deacon.
Frank L. Stevens—Bearer of beaus.
Owen J. Wood—Bearer second stand.
James B. Mullin—Bearer third stand.
George B. Harrison—Lieutenant
ard.
Bobert P. Lee

guard.

Robert Edwards—Sentinel.

The officers of Topeka consistory No. 1 are so follows:

Homer C. Bowman—Master.

Aifred A Rodgers—Prior.

William Edder—Preceptor.

L. C. F. Lohmann—Chancellor.

William H. Wilson—Minister of state.

Robert Edwards—Almoner.

W. C. F. Reichenbach—Registrar.

Jonathan D. Norton—Treasurer.

T. B. Jennings—Prelate.

"Let's see, I owe you nineteen dollars change."

"Nineteen dollars!" said the astonished tourist. "You owe me \$19.75."

"Not if the court knows itself," said the judge. "I owe you just \$19."

"See here," said the now leate tourist, ripping out a few oaths which would have done justice to the proficiency of the judge himself in that line, "you can't run any oluff game on me. You fork over \$19.75."

"Hold on there," returned the judge, producing a big revolver from beneath the bar and shoving it into the tourist's face, "I am justice of the peace here and court is in session. I fine you \$19.75 for contempt of court by swearing in the court room." Robert Edwards-Almoner, Elisha H. Anderson-Master of cere-

with him.

Some time ago a traveler on a train passing through Langtry rushed into Judge Bean's saloon while the train was stopping, bought a drink and left without leaving the proper compensation for his refreshments. The train pulled out before Bean discovered his loss, but he did not deem it proper to allow such an affront of law and justice to go unrebuked. The next train that came along he boarded and at the muzzle of a revolver compelled each passenger to pay the price of the drink, instructing them to collect it from the man who went on ahead.

POOR FARM TOO FAR. County Would Like to Have One Nearer City.

house north of town for a "poor house

nearer the city. The county poor house is three miles north of North Topeka and the roads are not the best. Many injured and sick people who are cared for by the county have to be taken to the count, poor farm which in bad weather make bad for feeble persons who have to be taken there, especially in bad weather. It would be a good thing if the farm could be much nearer town."

his telephone line in the alleys between

The officers of Unity chapter Rose

Croix No. 1 are as follows: John W. Neale-Wise master, Thomas D. Humphrey-Senior war-KANSAS BRIDE IN KOREA. Daniel C. Hewitt-Junior warden. Edward P. Baker-Orator. Robt. Edwards-Almoner. W. C. F. Reichenbach-Secretary. Jonathan D. Norton-Treasurer. Samuel G. Zimmerman-Master of eremonies.

letter yesterday from their daughter, Mrs W. N. Blair, who, as a bride of two months, left Kansas in August as a missionary to Korea. This is only the second time that Mr. and Mrs. Allen have heard from their daughter since she reached the orient, owing to the long time necessary for a letter to reach America from there.

When Mrs. Blair wrote she was still with her husband in Seoul, but they expected to be sent to their permanent work in another city within a short time. They like Korea very much.

Mr. Blair is the son of E. W. Blair, a Saifna autorney. He is sent out by the Presbyterian board of missions. He and his bride visited in Topcka shortly before they sailed for Korea.

GOES TO HIGHER COURT. Dobbs-New Case Will Be Taken to

Washington. John Stowell, of Seneca, attorney for the defendants in the Dobbs-New mur-der case, has formally notified the su-preme court that the case will be ap-pealed to the United Stateh supreme court, because a new trial was refused when the friends of the defendants, who are now in the penitentiary, claim to have discovered new evidence which will establish the insocence of the de-fendants.

SOME TEXAS JUSTICE. E. W. Cartlidge Tells of One Justice of Peace.

E. W. Cartlidge, son of E. T. Cartlidge, Santa Fe tax commissioner, who is in the employ of the Mexican Central, is visiting his friends in Topeka. He tells of the re-election of Judge Roy Bean to be dispenser of justice in west-ern Texas and the peculiar methods fol-lowed by Judge Bean to secure his re-

lowed by Judge Bean to secure his reelection.

Judge Bean, it must be explained, runs a mill of justice simply as a side 
line. His principal business is dealing 
out liquid refreshments such as are 
popular in western Texas towns. He 
lives at Langtry. Valverde county, 
where he was originally elected a justice of the peace, but he has extended 
his jurisdiction until he now calls himself "The Law West of the Pecos."

It is related of the judge that at one 
time a tourist jumped off a train at 
Langtry and rushing into Bean's saloon threw down a twenty dollar gold 
piece and called for a bottle of beer. 
Bean produced the beer, and picking up 
the coin remarked:

"Let's see, I owe you nineteen dollars 
change."

"Nineteen dollars!" said the auton.

contempt of court by swearing in the court room."

At the recent election for justice of the peace, Mr. Cartlidge relates, the citizens of Langtry who had become tired of Judge Bean's methods of dealing out justice, put up another candidate and elected him by a majority of 196. Judge Bean promptly gave notice of contest before the result was fairly known, and he himself sat as judge in the contest case. He had the ballots brought in, opened, and he declared 109 of them void. Then he declared himself elected by a majority of three, and issued to himself the certificate of election, and no one disputes the matter with him.

Some time ago a traveler on a train

be adverse to trading the county poor

it a precarious journey for injured or sick persons. It has been suggested that the county commissioners might trade the property for a farm nearer the city. Nothing has been done about the matter but if any one has a property near town to trade for the poor farmnear town to trade for the poor farm they might arrange to swap with the commissioners. Poor Commissioner Hale said today: "The distance of the poor farm from town makes it very

#### PANKEY IN TROUBLE.

Topeka Alleys Weren't Made to Ac-

commodate Telephone Lines. B. F. Pankey is having trouble about Jackson and Kansas avenue from Fifth

to Seventh streets.

The entrance to the alley on the north The entrance to the alley on the north side of Sixth street is further west than the entrance to the alley on the south side and in the center of each block, north and south of Sixth streets, the alleys have a jog in them which means that if the alleys are followed there will have to be five angles in the line in less distance than a block. Besides the trouble about so many angles the alleys are already crowded with electric light, telephone and telegraph lines. To obviate the difficulty somewhat Mr. Fankey will run his line over some of the buildings on the north side and also on the south side of Sixth streets Extra long poles will be required to get the wires above the buildings.

Mrs. W. R. Allen Hears From Her

Daughter Who Is in Orient. Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Allen received a etter yesterday from their daughter,

## If You Have Any Doubt Who Is Selling Clothing at Lowest Prices in Topeka Read This List.

# **OVERCOATS**

Just received an invoice of the very latest and swellest in the market.

A good high-grade Coat in all the various fabrics and colors. To see one is to buy one.

\$9.85

A better one, equal to any garment in the market. The admiration of the best dressers.

\$12.45

## Underwear.

We can only quote a few of the many great values.

High grade Ribbed Balbriggan Shirt or

High-grade Silk Fleeced; a great variety of them. Shirt or Drawer.

Wool fleeced, in all colors, Shirt or Drawer.

A swell ribbed, Blue, Brown or Gray, Shirt or Drawer.

The up-to-date is not out-of-date here.

Swagger Suits for swell dressers.

The best all-wool Suit in America-equal to any-any fabric or style.

\$9.85

The envy of all; our great leader. A thing of beauty.

The greatest snap ever offered. All kinds and styles.

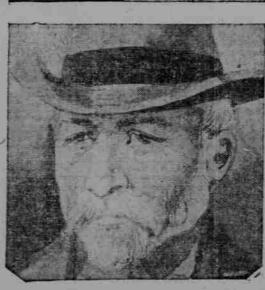
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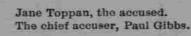


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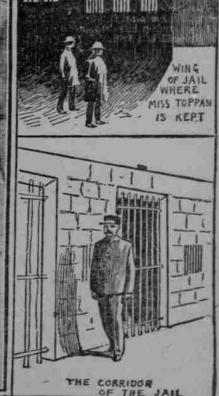
#### POLICE WORKING ON POSSIBLY MOST SENSATIONAL MURDER CASE OF THE AGE.











Jane Toppan on way to cell.

The attention of the whole country is now turned to what promises to be one of the most sensational murder cases in the annals of crime. If the suspicions of the Massachusetts police are well founded, Miss Jane Toppan, of Lowell, Mass., is the most remarkable woman criminal of the age and responsible for probably two dozen deaths. The accused woman is a nurse by profession and numbers among her friends some of the most influential people of Massachusetts. She is now in the Lowell jail, accused of the murder of Mrs. Mary E. Gibbs, of Cataumet, and, the police charge, of a score of other murders besides. The Government may require some months to build up its case against her, but some of the eleverest detectives in the country are working on the case and striving to build up a chain of evidence on the startling fact that many of the persons attended by Miss Toppan in her capacity as professional nurse have died sudden and mysterious deaths. Meanwhile, Miss Toppan's friends have engaged the services of the most eminent counsel of the State of Massachusetts to look after her interest.

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