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GREAT SUCCESS

Alpha Lodge K. of P., Celebrates Anniversary of Order.

TWO HUNDRED ENJOY THE BANQUET

Delightful Program is Rendered at Odd Fellows Hall Prior to Banquet—Committee Deserves Praise.

The order known as the Knights of Pythias, founded by Justus H. Rathbone in Washington, D. C., February 19, 1864, was just 50 years young last night.

For three months Alpha lodge No. 47 has been anticipating the coming of the Golden Jubilee. Great preparations were made and all former Knights as well as some prospective Knights, their ladies and families were invited to be present at the local castle hall to listen to a special ritualistic service which had been previously sent out to all subordinate lodges over the world.

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The special officers for this occasion were C. F. Hopkins, C. C.; Frank Hensley, V. C.; J. F. Hutchason, P.; T. F. Patterson, M. A., and W. T. Wright, M. E. The parts had previously been committed and were rendered in a pleasing and impressive manner.

After the special service, the Misses Hopkins rendered a vocal duet. Mrs. Nadine Shepherd was very entertaining in a piano solo; F. S. Browne made the crowd roar with several exceptionally funny readings. W. H. Bowden performed on the banjo. Andy Mathews was very entertaining in his original chalk talks and Bertram and Velma Bates gave an instrumental duet. The program was varied enough to suit the most critical audience and the numbers were all rendered in a manner which piled up the rounds of applause and did great credit to those taking part.

Immediately following the program at the castle hall those present marched to the hotel Unpqua, guided thither by the burning of the blue, yellow and red lights. The dining room of the hotel would only accommodate about half of those present at one time, but those compelled to wait had the pleasure of tripping the light fantastic to the strains of beautiful music of the orchestra.

The banquet was faultlessly served and as the strains of music, the shuffle of dancing feet and the hum of joyful converse commingled those present voted in their hearts that Alpha Lodge No. 47 had done ample justice in commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the lodge known as the Knights of Pythias.

In every city of any importance in the United States, in Canada, in the possessions of the U. S. and in many foreign countries the same ritualistic service was held and the Knights and their ladies and families made merry in celebrating the giving to the world the bond of friendship which exists in every heart of the true Knight and the date will go down in history as a grand event.

The committee who worked so faithfully in getting up this Golden Jubilee planned well and are to be congratulated. Elmer Wimberly, M. F. Wright and G. V. Wimberly are especially to be remembered as the special Golden Jubilee committee.

EXCURSIONISTS RETURN.

The Roseburg delegation to the Oregon Development Congress, which met at Eugene yesterday, returned here shortly before two o'clock this morning. The trip was a most enjoyable one and will be long remembered by those who participated. It is understood that an attempt will be made to run a special train to Salem on the date of the next meeting of the Development Congress.

B. W. Strong spent the afternoon at Oakland attending to business matters.

J. P. Wheeler, secretary of the Southern Oregon Conference of S. D. A., with offices in West Roseburg, will leave this evening for Walla Walla, where a ministerial institute and meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference will occur. The session will begin early next week and continue until the first week in March. Officers for the Union Conference will be elected during the sessions.

WATER POWER

Projects to be Held by State is Plan.

CORPORATION CONTROL NOT ADVISABLE

Secretary of War Garrison Reverses His Opinion on Subject—Crank Threatens Life of President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The Wilson administration has gone on record in its approval of the Pinchot school conservation theories. This stand was taken when Secretary of War Garrison today reversed himself in connection with the Roanoke River dam project. Secretary Garrison had originally approved the bill, which transferred valuable public water power rights to a private corporation. Today the secretary wrote a letter to congress emphatically disapproving the measure and advocating its defeat. Garrison, with Wilson's approval, will ask congressional authorization to issue permits of construction to water power projects, with the stipulation that they be issued only to such concerns as may be incorporated as public utilities under state laws, and so restricted that control by monopolistic corporations can never become possible. To protect the right of the states the revenue accruing shall go to the state and not to the federal government.

Wife Murderers Electrocuted.

MICHIGAN CITY, Feb. 20.—John Chereka and Harry Rasico, wife murderers, were today electrocuted at the Indiana state penitentiary. Chereka's three children will be sent to relatives in Austria.

Threatened President's Life.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 20.—George Bernhardt, a cook, was arrested today on a charge of threatening to kill President Wilson. These threats were voiced in letters written by Bernhardt, the man signing himself as "God's Son". Bernhardt was arraigned and held in lieu of a thousand dollars bail.

MEDFORD PIONEER DEAD

F. L. Cranfill Expires Suddenly at His Sister's Home in Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 18.—F. L. Cranfill, a pioneer of the state and for 25 years engaged in business in Medford, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. J. Crow, near Eugene, early this morning. He was aged 69 years. Mr. Cranfill, who had been visiting here for several days, had been in usual health until nearly morning, when he called to his sister that he was ill. A short time afterward he expired.

Mr. Cranfill was a life member of the Masonic lodge of Jefferson and a member of the Oddfellows' lodge of Roseburg. He leaves besides his wife

BRITISHER SHOT

Expressed His Determination to Denounce Villa.

ARRESTED, COURTMARTIALED, EXECUTED

American Consul Notifies Widow of Tragedy—Los Angeles People Drown in Flood—Initiators at Work.

(Special to The Evening News.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—That W. H. Benton, an English mine owner and ranchman, who recently crossed over from El Paso, Texas, to Juarez, Mexico, to denounce Villa accomplished his purpose and then met death, was admitted by Secretary of State Bryan today. El Paso dispatches carry the information that Benton was shot by a firing squad from the Mexican rebel army Wednesday night. His widow has been notified of the tragedy by American Consul Edwards. It is understood from El Paso sources that Benton was court martialed and found guilty of complicity in a plot to kill the rebel leader, and the death sentence was imposed. Bryan admitted that serious complications might arise out of the incident.

Los Angeles People Drown.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Beyond the drowning of Mrs. Sue Bell, a wealthy orange grower, and her nephew, Harold Seitz, and a newsboy at Santa Barbara, no further deaths have resulted from the unprecedented rain. Throughout all of last night rain fell in torrents, bringing the precipitation to nearly six inches since the storm began Wednesday night. It is estimated that damage to the streets will reach \$15,000. Basements in a thousand buildings are flooded, and the storm continues in the southern part of the state.

Pasadena Deluged.

POMONA, Cal., Feb. 20.—Pasadena is deluged and practically hemmed in by flood waters. Consider a daughter, Edith, and a son, Charles Cranfill, of Portland. (Deceased was a brother of Rufus Cranfill, who formerly owned a fine ranch near Unpqua, this county. Ed.)

able damage to ranches has resulted from the storm, but growers declare that the benefits of the rain will far overbalance any damage done. Railroad traffic is still demoralized.

More Earthquakes.

RENO, Feb. 20.—Three slight earthquake shocks were felt here this morning, but no damage resulted. This is the second day this week that Reno has the distinction of being shaken up.

Initiators at Work.

SALEM, Feb. 20.—A movement was started here today to initiate a measure calculated to abolish the state desert land and state water boards, including the state engineers office, combining all three departments under one board. The plan was suggested to the governor by Central Oregon delegates to the recent state irrigation congress. Governor West said he would support the measure, declaring that by such a course a large saving of money could be effected.

APPROVE TOLLS

Goethals Says All Shipping Should Pay.

DEFENSES OF CANAL NOW COMPLETE

Big Ditch Will Be Ready for Formal Opening By July 1—Search For Lost Child is Instituted.

(Special to The Evening News.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The president's plan to repeal the exemption clause in the Panama Canal tolls act, meets with the entire approval of Col. Goethals, who arrived here from New York today. Goethals said that he had always favored the plan of making every vessel, whether American or foreign, pay canal tolls. Continuing he said: "I am glad that the president feels the same way about it. We have every expectation of opening the canal by July 1. There is now no danger of slides close to the waterway, although geologists tell us that minor slides may be expected when the water rises to the full level in the cut. The defenses of the canal are also com-

TO GET EXHIBIT

Ashland to Have a Statewide Display.

RAILROAD STOPPERS ARE ASSURED

Oregon Development Congress Plans To Attract Thousands of New-comers to This Section During 1915.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 19.—Definite steps toward placing at Ashland, the gateway of Oregon, an exhibit of Oregon products and manufactured articles to attract the attention of tourists returning from the San Francisco exposition next year were taken at an enthusiastic meeting of the Oregon Development League held here this afternoon and attended by 600 delegates, representing a score of cities in all parts of the state.

In co-operation with the desire of the commercial interests of the state was the announcement of Judge William Colvig, representing the Southern Pacific Company, who made the first announcement that his company will grant stopovers at any point in Oregon upon the passenger's request.

In addition he announced that the company will run excursion trains out of Portland on stated days during the week, as long as the exposition lasts, coming to Eugene by a line on one side of the Willamette Valley and returning by the other. Furthermore, excursion trains will be run between any terminal points on the Southern Pacific system whenever sufficient passengers are secured for such trains.

To take advantage of the facilities thus granted by the railroad company a meeting is to be held in Portland March 12 to consider the financing of the Ashland exhibit plan. Resolutions adopted by the meeting today authorize all commercial organizations of the state each to send a commissioner to Portland to meet with the Oregon Panama exposition commission and with the state officers and members of the legislature to see if they are inclined to reimburse persons advancing money to get the project under way.

Speaker after speaker at the meeting emphasized the value of placing the exhibit at Ashland. "Even more important than the display at San Francisco," said one man, giving as his reason that at San Francisco the Oregon exhibit would be confused with the scores of other brilliant exhibitions, while at Ashland it would stand by itself and be all the more noticeable, coming after the tourists, tired out by the glitter and glare of the exposition, were just getting the first rest on their trip to the north.

"Ashland is the psychological place," declared another speaker. "We need something to jolt the travelers out of the tourist attitude and make them realize that it is not just a country to be endured on a long journey, but is a state with vast resources awaiting only the hand of skill to develop."

"The thousands who are coming to the San Francisco exposition are not coming solely to see the fair," declared William Woodhead, of San Francisco, president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America. "The greater portion of them have been waiting for years for an opportunity to come West to see the country, to spy out the land. Oregon has, in common with the rest of the Coast, a grand opportunity to present her claims."

W. H. Meredith, of Curry county, admitting that his section of the state was far removed from the lines of travel, but declared the Ashland exhibit a good thing.

Other speakers, representing different sections of the state, completed, and statements that the project is inadequately protected can be denied.

Search for Lost Girl.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The hunt instituted by newspapers for Catherine Winters, the ten-year-old girl who is lost or was stolen from her home in New Castle, Indiana, last

ferent communities, were heard briefly, including J. F. Luse, of the Sutherland Commercial Club; Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove; J. J. Bryan, of Springfield; N. R. Moore, of Corvallis; J. S. Van Winkle, of Albany, and Rev. Harry E. Marshall, of Salem. Mr. Marshall declared Oregon people should not only impress upon the Easterners, that they have stop-over privileges, but should seek to make it possible to have unused portions of their tickets refunded. Incidentally he extended the invitation for the next meeting of the development league at Salem and it was unanimously accepted.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Colvig, formerly of Medford, who has presided in a like capacity at all the meetings leading to this Ashland exhibit project. M. J. Duryea, of Eugene, was made permanent chairman.

President Luke L. Goodrich, of the Eugene Commercial Club, extended the welcome to the visitors, to which ex-Mayor Rodgers, of Salem, responded in a brilliant word picture of the glories of the Oregon country.

Following the meeting, which lasted until late in the afternoon, the delegates were taken for automobile rides through the city and to buffet luncheon at the commercial club.

FOR FREE TOLLS

President Wilson is Accused of Inconsistency.

CHAMBERLAIN KEEP PLATFORM PLEDGE

Oregon Senator Will not Stultify Himself Even Though the President Does Not Agree With Him.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Accusing President Wilson of inconsistency in his views on the binding effect of the democratic platform and charging that "greed of the railroads and the audacious claims of Great Britain seem far more potent with our president than the appeal of the womanhood of the Nation," Senator Bristow, republican, of Kansas, turned discussion of woman suffrage in the senate today into a vigorous debate on the proposed repeal of the free tolls provision of the Panama Canal act.

Senator Bristow's attack brought to the defense of the president several republican as well as democratic senators. It served also as the signal for opening the fight within the democratic party against repeal of the tolls exemption provision.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, (dem.) dramatically declared he would not "stultify" himself by telling his constituents that he had not kept his platform pledge on the tolls question "because the president of the United States does not agree with me."

Chamberlain Opposes President.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, who voiced the first formal opposition to the president within the party ranks, said:

"It is a matter of history that the railways of this country, particularly the transcontinental railways, prevented the construction of the Panama canal for years, and when the question of granting coastwise vessels freedom from tolls was under discussion here in the senate those of us who know the lobbyists of the railway companies could look up in any of the galleries and recognize the facts of Mr. Schwerin and other men who were lobbying for the railway companies here and opposing this part of the Panama canal act. Having failed to defeat the building of the canal, they now invade the field of diplomacy.

"Where are we going to stop? Are we going to listen to an insistence which may be made hereafter by some foreign power against railway-owned ships passing through the canal? That violates the treaty as much as the free tolls provision. Are we going to dismantle our forts? Are we going to say that our naval vessels must pay the tolls? Some nation may say that they violate the treaty with as much force as Great Britain now protests to us."

Just "Bill" Astor, if You Please; He Wants to Be a Carpenter



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THIS is "Bill" Astor. Sometimes he is known as William Waldorf Astor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Astor, but he prefers to be called plain "Bill." This lively picture of him was taken on a recent visit of his parents to America. His father is a British subject and his grandfather, William Waldorf Astor, a naturalized English subject, but "Bill" is American right down to his shoes, and he wants to be a carpenter. "Bill's" mother was Nannie Langhorne of Virginia, one of the famous "Gibson girls."

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