



SEMI-ANNUAL WORD USED

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TO GET NEW WORD TONIGHT.

Practice of Former Years Dropped and New Method Substituted.

Breaking away from the customs of previous years, the Knights of Pythias will drop the permanent pass word and adopt in its stead a semi-annual pass word, and that word will be given out tonight for the first time when the installation of officers, initiation in the first degree, and a general smoker will be held at the lodge rooms. In view of the fact that this is an important meeting all members are urged to attend that they may receive the new pass word.

The officers to be installed are: Jess Paul, C. C.; A. C. Williams, V. C.; Ed. Wright, prelate; J. A. Mattot, M. of W.; Richard J. Nyren, M. of A.; R. L. Lincoln, K. of R. and S.; John Frawley, M. of E.; Jess Griffen, Inner guard, J. F. Baker, outer guard, and A. C. Haynes, trustee for three years.

A school of novitiates will be introduced to the mysteries of the order and the smoker will be a fitting climax of the evening.

THE ELECTROSCOPE.

Instrument by Which the Presence of Electricity is Detected.

The electroscope is an instrument for the detection of electricity. It depends for its action on the principle that bodies charged with like electricity repel, while those charged with unlike electricity attract each other. The ordinary pith ball suspended on a silk thread is the simplest form of the instrument.

The most common type of electroscope is that devised by Bennett in 1787 and known as the gold leaf electroscope. It consists of two strips of gold leaf or thin aluminum foil suspended from the lower extremity of a conductor within a glass bottle or jar. The upper end of the conductor terminates in a ball or a plate in case the instrument is to be used as a condensing electroscope. If a body charged with positive electricity is brought near the knob of the electroscope the negative electricity will be attracted to the knob and the positive repelled to the leaves, which diverge. If now the finger is touched to the knob the positive electricity is drawn off and the leaves collapse, while the negative electricity is held bound. Removing the charged body, the leaves will diverge again, charged with negative electricity. In this case the instrument can be used to determine the nature of a charge of a body brought near it, as with a positive charge the leaves will collapse and with a negative charge spread farther apart.—Exchange.

A STUDY IN FIGURES.

Calculations Necessary to Produce the Nautical Almanac.

It may safely be said that no one outside the publishing office has read the entire Nautical Almanac from beginning to end, but each figure of the printed almanac is in the office examined twice and read three times.

The total number of figures exceeds a million; but, great as that number is, it is trifling compared with the number of figures employed in the calculations, as the almanac figures represent "bare" results only. The moon, for instance, requires for its calculation more than a million and a half of figures, and similarly with other branches of the work, such as the sun, the planets, etc. Contrary to the general opinion, practically every figure in the book is fresh from year to year.

The tables from which nearly all the work is calculated have been originally constructed from the labors of the astronomical observer and to a large extent from the observations of the sun, moon and planets made at the Royal observatory, Greenwich. Telescopes and other astronomical appliances are conspicuously absent, as the work of the staff is purely mathematical and not observational.—London Telegraph.

A Legend of Mount Omi.

Mount Omi, on the border between western China and Tibet, has the longest staircase in the world. On top of the mountain there stands a Buddhist temple, around which gather some of the holiest traditions of that religion and which is made a Mecca to the Chinese. To facilitate the ascent of its slippery sides some 20,000 steps have been cut in the mountain, forming a single flight, up which the pilgrim toils. Because of its inaccessible few Europeans have ever visited

the spot, but a number of travelers have ascended the stairway and are positive that it is no legendary myth. There is a legend that in earlier times the pilgrim was forced to ascend the mountain without artificial aids until the monks conceived the plan of requiring every pilgrim who would gain especial benefit of his journey to cut a single step.

"FORT BLUNDER."

It Was Erected by Our Government on Canadian Soil.

It is not generally known that our government once undertook to erect a fort on British soil. The site of this fort, afterward called Fort Montgomery, was about half a mile northeast of Rouse's Point, N. Y., not far from the foot of Lake Champlain. Popularly it was known as "Fort Blunder." It appears that after the war of 1812 our government felt the necessity of guarding the entrance to Lake Champlain. Accordingly in 1815 was begun the erection of Fort Montgomery. The original notion was to construct a great fort. In those days that meant a fort with three tiers of guns.

When the work had been in hand for some time it was discovered that, owing to an error of early surveyors, the actual boundary between New York and Canada, the forty-fifth parallel of north latitude, passed south of the fort. Work on the fort was suspended for about twenty-five years, and not until the year 1842 was the territory restored to the United States. The agreement known as the Webster-Ashburton treaty, establishing the northeastern boundary, made the line between New York and Canada conform to the old and incorrect early survey. Thus "Fort Blunder" was again on United States territory. The people of Maine, it is said, never quite forgave Daniel Webster for giving up, as they claimed he did, a great slice of territory to which they thought themselves entitled in order to save Rouse's Point.

After the boundary question was settled the fort was finished, but it was never manned by more than sufficient men to keep it in order, and it was never armed.—Harper's Weekly.

Repartee.

"We need brains in this business, young man."

"You needn't tell me that, sir. Your business shows it."—Baltimore American.

Always Waiting.

Dashaway—You have splendid looking clothes, old man. Who is your tailor? Cleverton—He's the first man you see as you go out.—Life.

NATURE'S WARNING.

La Grande People Must Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come quietly—mysteriously.

But nature always warns you.

Notice the kidney secretions.

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CHANGE DATE OF DOUBLE HEADER

TEAMS TO GO TO UNION SATURDAY INSTEAD OF FRIDAY.

Probable that Both Teams Will Make the Trip by Train Too.

The date of the Union-La Grande double headed basket ball game will be changed from Friday evening to Saturday evening to make the trip to Union more convenient. It is probable that the girls who are to play Union will make the trip by train and the mode of transportation for the boys remains to be decided upon.

During the week both teams will practice with spirit to get in as good trim as possible for the contest.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the annual stock-holders meeting of the Cove State Bank will be held at their office in Cove, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 10th, 1911 at the hour of 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for other business that may properly come before said meeting.

G. A. STOCK, Cashier.

Dec. 3 Jan. 10.

Announcement.

I have taken the management of the Crystal Cafe again and ask the patronage of my old customers.

H. L. CLARK.

Ladies desiring Facial Massage, Shampooing, Manicuring or Scalp Treatment should visit the Paris Hair Store.

Switches, Curls, Puffs and Combs made to order can also supply the trade with Hair Goods and Novelties, Massage Cream and Facial Remedies.

THE PARIS HAIR STORE

MRS. PALMER
200 Fir Street La Grande, Ore.



Dr.—In your case all you want is a Fam Us King cigar.

Smoker—But why a Fam Us King cigar?

Dr.—Because it is soothing for your nerves and has a sweet creamy taste that a good Spanish made Havana cigar should have.

Smoker—And you think Fam Us King cigars best?

Dr.—Think so! No man! I know it, and if once you smoke one you too will know it.

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