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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Local Lodge in Line, Hold Meeting in Commemoration of Occasion.

Last week the Knights of Pythias of the world held services to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the order. The principal meeting was held at Washington, D. C., where the order was started, with representatives from all the grand bodies present.

Locally the Knights held a meeting and after work in the first rank they had a social session, with W. W. Wood and E. G. Bailey as the principal speakers, who reviewed the history of the order.

The order now numbers 715,654 members 71,000 of them carrying insurance in the order to the amount of 99 million dollars. In Oregon they have 7,184 members. The local lodge has a membership of 104. It was instituted in 1896 with eleven charter members, four of them still active and D. B. Purcell was the first C. C. and James Connor is the present Commander.

TROOPS MAY CROSS LINE

Mexican Situation Looks Serious

Killing of British Subject By Insurgents Cause Complications.

El Paso, Texas.—Clemente Vergara, an American rancher, who was recently captured and taken across the line into Mexico, it is reported has been executed by Mexicans.

This following the killing of William S. Benton, a British subject, has caused considerable excitement along the border and it is said that U. S. soldiers may be allowed to cross line when necessary to protect foreigners.

The fact that Villa persistently refuses to deliver the body of Benton or allow its exhumation lends argument to the general belief, by friends, that he was foully murdered.

Villa in giving the record of the alleged court-martial of William S. Benton, made public at Juarez late, asserts that the Scotchman was present, that he was represented by a rebel officer as attorney, and was permitted to testify, and that the session was public.

He was executed for attempted armed violence against General Villa, declares the record, and was found guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy by giving them cattle and forage and by giving them information.

Benton's friends on this side of the Rio Grande received the report with sneers. They pointed to their knowledge of many years that he guarded against possible serious results of his high spirit and temper by never carrying a pistol. The statements that Benton was allowed to testify and that the proceedings were public carried no conviction to the men who assert that their friend was deliberately murdered.

"The accused," says the report, "was arraigned and having been advised to name someone to defend him, Captain Mariano Tamez was designated for this purpose and was warned to defend Benton loyally."

Washington.—It is understood a complete report on the execution at Juarez of William S. Benton, the British subject, is awaited before the view of this government toward the incident is made known.

On the truth or falsity of Villa's statement that Benton tried to kill him will depend the view which the British and United States governments will take.

FURNITURE FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB ROOMS IS IN PLACE

The furniture for the Commercial club rooms has arrived and been put in place.

The above is not an attempt at a joke, it is a fact.

The furniture is high grade oak with leather trimmings and when the rooms are fitted with a few rugs and pictures will be a place one can feel at home in.

It is less than a year since the committee was appointed to purchase this furniture and their promptness will be duly rewarded.

MISS HOBBS PROBES SALOON SITUATION

Cove, Or.—Miss Fern Hobbs "marched right in, turned right around and marched right out again," after passing little more than two hours investigating the saloon situation here, complaints against which caused Governor West to send the young woman here to probe the affair.

The clicking of a moving-picture machine marked time for the fair and lonely invader. But the word "lonely" cannot be taken literally here. The movie man came on the same train with Miss Hobbs and kept her in focus practically during her entire visit.

Just what Miss Hobbs accomplished or what the result of her visit and investigation will be, remains to be seen. She says she, herself, does not know.

That the conditions here are different from those at Copperfield, the saloons of which place she caused to be closed by virtually inaugurating the martial law, which was declared there was the announcement of Miss Hobbs before she left Cove.

Mayor Wilson and the council members showed Miss Hobbs every courtesy and eagerly watched for an opportunity to aid her in any way possible. The young woman later said she was delighted with her reception and treatment while here.

With little formality Miss Hobbs met the city officials and, with their aid, she went over the city ordinances covering the liquor question.

JOHN J. M'GOVERN



John J. M'Govern, the New Jersey judge whose success in curing boys of the cigarette habit has attracted wide attention.

Sunday Closing is Intent.

Salem.—To prohibit the conduct of business and gainful amusements on Sunday is the object of a measure to be initiated at the next election by the Washington County Christian Endeavor Union. The bill was approved as to form by Secretary of State O'cott.

The measure exempts drug stores, physicians' shops, undertakers, livery stables, butchers and bakers.

Long Lost Diamond in Chicken's Crop. Clatskanie.—About eight months ago Mrs. Robert Bryant lost a diamond setting out of a ring. Long search for the missing gem proved unavailing. A few days ago, on the occasion of her husband's birthday, as she was preparing a fowl for dinner, she found the lost stone in the crop of the fowl.

AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

Boulevard Grange Hall Feb. 28.

On Successful Farming By J. S. Stinson, a Noted Farmer of Nampa.

J. S. Stinson, of Nampa, Idaho, a successful corn grower, and dairyman in his section for the past 22 years, will be the speaker at a lecture to be delivered at the Boulevard Grange hall Saturday evening, February 28. The lecture will be illustrated by a working model of a silo in successful operation.

There is probably no one in Nampa who has done more for that section than Mr. Stinson who, besides conducting one of the most profitable ranches there, maintaining 21 head of dairy stock, three horses and a large number of hogs and chickens on a 20-acre tract and is also the secretary and manager of the Cooperative Creamery, the best known example of a cooperative creamery in the state and about the only one that has managed to avoid the pitfalls that have been carefully laid by the trust.

Not only has Mr. Stinson kept in touch with all of the latest scientific methods in farming, but he has so adapted those methods to the conditions in this country that in many ways his ideas are in advance of anything to be found anywhere, and especially in this true for those who are interested in farming under the conditions that obtain here.

His knowledge of feeding and food values and their proper combination have been favorably commented on by all who have had an opportunity to observe his methods or hear him talk and the grange is particularly pleased to be able to offer this lecture as an attraction. The lecture will be free and open to all and everyone is most cordially invited to attend.

Master Conklin deserves much credit for the list of speakers he has obtained for the grange meetings and he promises a number for the future that are equal to those he has presented in the past, some of them being of nation-wide prominence.

Among those who are to appear during the next few weeks are: Prof. E. C. Hodges, whose lecture on "Country Life" illustrated with stereopticon views, has been enthusiastically received wherever delivered; Prof. E. F. Rhinehart, dairy expert of the University of Idaho, will also deliver his famous lecture on feeds and silos at a date to be announced later, and Prof. Olin engaged in the extension work in Idaho, will deliver his beautiful illustrated lecture, "Scenic Idaho."

COMMERCIAL CLUB MAKES CHANGE IN MEETING NIGHT

A meeting of the Commercial club was held Tuesday evening with a good attendance.

A communication from the Pacific Honey company was referred to the Bee association.

The matter of a display at Ashland during the fair year was tabled.

The matter of better train service to Homedale was referred to the transportation committee.

D. P. Dearborn was elected a member of the club.

It was adopted that the regular meeting of the club be held on the third Monday.

The president was instructed to appoint a committee of fifteen to attend the taxpayers meeting at Vale on Thursday.

Jos. Feis, Patron of Single Tax, Dies. Philadelphia.—Joseph Feis, millionaire soap manufacturer, single tax advocate and philanthropist, died in his home here from pneumonia after a brief illness. He was 61 years old.

WILL ORGANIZE DISTRICT

Potato Growers to Hold Meeting.

In Commercial Club Rooms Tomorrow Night--Will Organize District

A meeting of the potato growers will be held in the Commercial club rooms tomorrow evening at 7.30 p. m., by the North Pacific Fruit Distributors and South Idaho Producer's association. The principal speakers will be:

W. N. Yost, vice president North Pacific Fruit Distributors; John U. McPherson, general field supt. potato department; L. M. Campbell, assistant manager Southern Idaho Producer's association.

The meeting is called for the purpose of organizing a district local, for the purpose of discussing the purchasing of seeds, sacks, the building of potato cellars, the question of cash advances, the marketing of the crop and the other needs of the potato grower.

Be sure to attend yourself and see that everyone in your locality is informed of this meeting and as many as possible be present.

ALFALFA SECURED BY GOVERNMENT IN ASIA

Alfalfa is one of the most valuable crops in the country now, but it never would have been here if the government hadn't sent a scientist to Asia to get it. Something like 30 million dollars' worth of Durum wheat was grown in the United States last year, but there never would have been a spear of it raised here if some scientist hadn't gone into the big, dry steppes of Russia and found it and brought it here. It was the government that first imported Kafir corn and the agricultural experiment stations that showed the government how to raise it. It was the work of the farm adviser that showed the farmers of the South how to grow cotton in spite of the boll weevil or how to raise other crops if the weevil got too thick for them. It was a farm adviser who showed the fruit growers of California that it wasn't necessary to cut down their orchards in order to get rid of the San Jose scale. It was a farm adviser in Connecticut who showed the tobacco growers there how to produce tobacco that would sell for \$2 a pound instead of for 20 cents. If a proper man is selected for the farm adviser in this county he will revolutionize many of the farm methods in this county and materially increase the incomes.

WASHINGTON PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT AT ADAM HOME

The Washington party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam on Saturday evening was unique in many respects. Powdered hair and antique costumes were worn by both men and women. Some had been handed down through several generations and they represented the styles of the past century. The home was decorated with flags, bunting and red carnations. About thirty guests were present.

Mrs. Whitworth entertained Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs. John Wood. Auction bridge was played Mrs. Emison winning the prize. Those present were Mesdames A. L. Cockrum, E. M. Greig, O. H. Lawson, E. A. Fraser, C. E. Kenyon, L. Adam, J. D. Billingsley, E. C. Van Petten, J. Prinzing, C. Emison, and Clement.

NEW UNDERTAKING PARLORS TO OPEN IN THIS CITY

Wm. McBratney has decided to re-enter the undertaking business, has ordered a full line of coffins, casket trimmings and an elegant hearse and will have rooms fitted up. Mr. McBratney was in the undertaking business at Weiser for nine years, has a license to practice in Idaho and Oregon, so he can handle any business that comes tributary to this place. Mr. McBratney is an accomplished graduate embalmer. The stock is all new and purchased under the new tariff prices, insuring quality, style and price.

ROBBER TRIO SHOOT THREE PASSENGERS

Bellingham, Wash.—When three passengers on Great Northern passenger train No. 358, bound for Vancouver, B. C., undertook to resist one of a trio of holdups who entered the day coach when the train was running along the edge of the bay nine miles south of here, the robber pulled an automatic pistol and shot the men dead in their tracks.

The robbers got on the train at Burlington. Shortly before the train reached Samish the holdups stepped into the vestibule between the smoker and the day coach and tied handkerchiefs about their faces.

One of them then entered the day coach and walked through it to the rear door. A second one stepped inside the front end of the coach while the third one remained on the vestibule platform.

The robber who walked the length of the coach started to lock the rear door, when the three men who were killed, who were seated in the extreme rear seats, grappled with him and were shot.

German Marines Land in Mexico. Vera Cruz.—The commander of the German cruiser Dresden shipped to the German legation in Mexico city two machine guns and 40,000 rounds of ammunition.

MISS ALICE PAUL



Miss Alice Paul, head of the Suffragists' Congressional Union, which is trying to secure action by Congress.

Party Lines Only Test.

Salem.—Attorney General Crawford, in an opinion, holds that a qualified elector was not limited in signing the petition of one candidate for an office, but may sign petitions of all candidates if they are members of the party with which he affiliates.

Henry M. Teller, Ex-Senator, Dies.

Denver.—Highest state honors will be paid to the memory of Henry Moore Teller, ex-United States senator, whose death at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. E. Tyler, in this city, marked the passing of the last of the earlier-day statesmen of Colorado.

California Storm Worst in History.

Los Angeles.—With a loss of probably more than \$4,500,000 and a total of seven human lives Southern California is recovering from the effects of the worst storm in its history.

OX BOW POWER PLANT TO BE FINISHED SOON

Will Have Capacity of Five Thousand Horse Power For Irrigation

The announcement made by W. J. Ferris receiver of the Idaho-Oregon Light and Power company, that the work of finishing up the construction of the power plant at Ox Bow will be started at once and finished before July sufficient to furnish 5000 horse power is the most important in many respects ever made here.

It is the first definite information we have had that the financial situation was such that money is now available for development purposes.

The ability of Mr. Ferris to finance this big undertaking will place the company independent of the other power companies, give them more power than they have contracts for at present and will enable them to go after contracts which they have had to pass up for want of power.

Many gasoline pumping plants are being installed this year, where electricity would be used if the company could furnish it.

TAKES MANY CORN PRIZES

Snake River Product a Winner

A Few Ears of Corn Brings Owner Hundreds of Dollars in Prizes.

The inhabitants of the Snake river valley have known that this valley was the best in the world, but it takes a practical demonstration to make the other fellow believe it, as they are all from Missouri. At the recent national corn exposition held at Dallas, Texas, corn, Alsike and red clover seed took prizes in competition with products of the world. T. M. Nelson, who lives near the state line in Canyon county, exhibited corn at the Canyon county fair and took the prizes and he then went to Pocatello and repeated the success. This induced him to go to Dallas and the judges there decided he was entitled to the \$1500 cash offered for the best ear of corn, and the thousand dollar trophy for the best ten ears. But that is not all, by any means, the Peckhams of Wilder took the grand championship of the world on alsike clover seed, a Daer Flat man, Wm. Hiltson took third on red clover seed, and another Canyon county man fourth on timothy seed. There was also a prize for the best sheaf of alfalfa.

This magnificent result again demonstrates the value of the county fair. The business men of Caldwell took up the matter of encouraging corn growing and offered a big money prize at the last fair. The farmers went in for corn in consequence and Mr. Nelson brought his products to the show in Caldwell. Superintendent Nichol and Prof. Ireland saw at once that Mr. Nelson's corn was prize winning stuff and induced him to send it to Pocatello and afterwards to Dallas, where it swept the boards.

GROVER BROS. WILL SHIP FOUR CARS OF FINE HOGS

Grover Bros will ship four car-loads of hogs this week, two Tuesday and two Friday, bringing some \$5000 into this section. The hogs shipped from here are bringing the top market at Portland, they are grain fed and weigh about 200 pounds, just what the buyers want. It usually pays to cater to the whims of the buyer and it certainly does when it comes to raising and marketing hogs as the 200 pound hog is the cheapest to raise.