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WHY WERE THEY HELD UP?

Louie Richards, the Notorious Saloon Keeper, Escapes with a Ridiculously Light Fine

At last week's meeting of the city council the city recorder reported the manipulation of the matters relative to the L. Richards case about as follows: At the time he made up the papers in the case he sent them to the office of the county clerk of Multnomah county by the hands of Chas. Freeman of the Irwin-Hodson Book Co., taking his receipt for the same. Mr. Freeman went directly to the office of the clerk of the circuit court and delivered the papers which were in an envelope plainly marked so that the contents would be known without the trouble of opening the envelope to Clerk Smith. Mr. Freeman requested a receipt, but Mr. Smith remarked that it was not necessary, that if he stopped to give receipts for every paper that was handed in he would have time to do nothing else. Mr. Freeman did not insist and when the case came up for trial the papers could not be found. The people in the clerk's office denied that the papers had been left there and Mr. Esson was experiencing about the temperature of a Turkish bath for a few days, and when the trial was called the contemptible cur, Richards, who should have served a term in the pen was permitted to plead guilty and escape with the light fine of \$100. Recorder Esson however, did not permit things to stand in this way, but hunted up the man he delivered the papers to, took him to the clerk's office, had him identify the man to whom he had delivered the papers, who had but a faint recollection of having received them and while they were talking Clerk Reid left his desk without a word and produced the papers. This was after the trial and the evident purpose for which the papers had been held up by these employes of the clerk's office had been accomplished.

To one who looks at it from this end it seems to be the rottenest piece of work ever perpetrated by any county official and unless the clerk of the circuit court will exonerate himself by discharging the employe or employes guilty of this piece of work he should receive the censure of every decent man in the county and if ever he comes before the people for any public favor should be turned down. An official who would deliberately hold up papers in a criminal case of this kind is as contemptible as the criminal he should assist in bringing to justice. We are delighted that Mr. Esson located the blame where it belongs, for had he not done so we would have been obliged to censure him as severely as the contemptible puppy who was instrumental in defeating justice. We may be wrong, and if we are, we are willing to make any amends; but this is our view of the matter and if we are wrong it is up to the clerk to show us, and our columns are open for anything he has to say.

To Keep Out the Bums.

The city council granted permission last week for the regular shippers to lock the city dock when there is freight in there to prevent the goods being stolen by bums and others so inclined. One key will be left at the Marine Iron works and another at the Portland Manufacturing company plant. A key will be furnished to regular shippers and to the boats which stop at this dock regularly.

Stanford University has sounded the doom of booze fighters there. It is either cut the booze or quit the university. It is a wise move; for a booze fighter, his wits befuddled with liquor would make a rotten record for the institution as well as for himself.

K. OF P. HAVE A LIVELY TIME

The Brave Knights and Pythian Sisters Hold a Royal Jubilee in Which Governor Chamberlain Participates

A double celebration was the occasion of a most delightful time with the Knights of Pythias and Pythian sisters with their friends last Friday night.

On that occasion they celebrated the 44th anniversary of the order of Knights of Pythias and the second anniversary with the annual roll call of the local lodge.

Early in the evening the knights and ladies with their friends gathered in the Odd Fellows hall where there was a season of visiting, making new acquaintances and greeting old ones.

About 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Chancellor Commander George R. Black who stated the object of the gathering and remarked that 44 years ago the order was originated by Justus H. Rathbone in Washington D. C. in those trying times of the great rebellion and that from that little body the order had grown to the enormous proportion of 700,000 members and there had been added an auxiliary which was a most valuable asset to the order. He said too that two years ago the local lodge was instituted with 23 members and that this lodge had now a membership of about 100. He then turned the meeting over to the keeper of records and seals, J. H. Black, who conducted the remainder of the exercises of the evening.

The program was opened by F. W. Coffyn with a song. He was followed by the ladies quartette, Mesdames Lyons, Vincent, Hartel and Nelson, who sang "Sleep Kentucky Babe," in a most charming manner and elicited a prolonged encore. Miss Nettie Marcy was the next on the program and told of the wonderful things that happened "When my paw was a boy." Miss Marcy is perfection itself in delineating the character of a boy and really she must be something of a "tomboy" herself to be so true to life. The "he-quartet" was the next and closing number of the program. The gentlemen composing this bunch were D. F. Horsman, W. A. Storr, J. H. Black and L. F. Clark. They sang "There were three crows upon a tree," in such a manner as to bring down the house. Then the roll was called and the knight answered to his name if present and if absent with the exception of one or two the keeper of record and seals stated the cause of their absence, either sickness or business of importance keeping them away. Messrs. K. C. Couch, W. W. Raser and H. B. Sibray responded with a story at the call of their names. Mr. Couch told of a pre-initiative dream he experienced 21 years ago where he thought the boys were giving him the high bumper degree and were having a

very strenuous time nearly breaking his neck, the pain awakening him. He found when he opened his eyes that he had reversed his position in the bed, his head was hanging over the footboard and the weight of it was almost unjointing his neck.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Dunning, G. C. of the Pythian Sisters spoke a few words of encouragement and appreciation of the order and then the chairman invited the members of the two societies and their friends to the banquet hall. There they found the tables well spread with the good things of the land to which one and all did full justice and there was an abundance left. Adam Kaemlein and his committee on refreshments certainly deserve all kinds of praise for the manner in which they managed their part of the entertainment.

After the supper came the addresses of the different distinguished guests, Grand Chancellor John M. Hall leading with a very interesting account of the order in general and Holmes lodge in particular declaring that since he had assisted in the institution of the lodge two years ago this lodge had borne a very high place in his esteem, that there was hardly a month in the year that he had not received letters from the lodge stating that they were making new knights and that in growth and work in the lodge. Holmes lodge 101 was the banner lodge of the state, and that not only in the order of the K. of P. but in all fraternal societies this lodge was in the lead in growth.

Then Governor George E. Chamberlain occupied the attention of the assembly. He expressed his delight at being invited to this meeting and his pleasure in addressing the knights and ladies; said that he had no set speech, as he had had no time at all to prepare one, but, continuing he paid a high tribute to the sisters, and praised the hospitality of the people of St. Johns which he declared was becoming noted all over the state. The governor is a fine story teller and gave two or three excruciatingly funny ones.

The governor was followed by Gus C. Moser, Grand Vice Chancellor from Portland who said that he could attest to the truth of the governor's statement that he had no set speech because at the governor's request he had written the speech just delivered. This shows the governor's good nature, for he never even intimated that Gus would be held to answer to the charge of libel. Mr. Moser referred to the meeting last year at which he was a guest and spoke at some length on the principles of the order. He was followed by Grand Keeper of Records and Seals L. R. Stinson of Salem, who

spoke of the growth of the order, beginning with a little obscure organization in Washington, D. C. 44 years ago to the wonderful organization of today extending over every state in the union, every province in Canada, Mexico Porto Rico, New Zealand, Honolulu, Philippine Islands, and will be instituted in Shanghai, China, during this month, the anniversary month of the 44th year of the order. As had already been stated the membership is represented by the great number 700,000 and in the state of Oregon, 6000 and was never in a better condition than at the present moment. He congratulated Holmes lodge on their progress and enthusiasm and the personnel of its membership.

Judge Robert G. Morrow of Portland, chairman of the judiciary committee was the next speaker and said that he was very much gratified to note the progress of the lodge, that he was present two years ago when the lodge was instituted, that he had the time of his life at that meeting, that he had heard all kinds of good accounts of the lodge, and owed it an apology for not attending the meeting a year ago, and declared that he was himself the greater loser by his failure. He also retold one of the Governor's stories about his mother-in-law in a way that brought down the house.

Grand Master of Exchequer J. W. Maloney of Pendleton, spoke very briefly. He declared that his invitation did not include a speech and had not expected or prepared to make an address. He expressed his gratification at the universal prosperity of the order as manifested the past three or four years and particularly of Holmes lodge since its institution. He also tendered Holmes lodge his sincere thanks for kindness shown a member of Pendleton lodge recently.

The hour was growing late and just before time for the last car E. B. Hawkins, superintendent of the insurance department for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, spoke for a moment. He said that he was situated a good deal like the little boy who was trying his best to reach a door bell about two inches too high for him when a preacher came along and very kindly touched the button for him and asked what more he could do. "Well," replied the little fellow, "You'd better run like hell, that is what I am going to do;" and Mr. Hawkins thought if he did not do the same the last car for the night would leave him. Brother Hawkins is a good speaker, very enthusiastic in his work in all the departments of the order, and we have a particularly warm place in our heart for him because he was the royal personage who made of us a brave

LEAGUE FAVORS BRIDGE

The Peninsula Improvement Association Discussed the Project at Length Thursday Evening

The meeting of the Peninsula Improvement League at St. Johns Thursday last week was the means of giving the improvement clubs of that district a clearer insight into the reasons for locating the proposed high bridge across the river at Hancock street. Judge M. G. Munly addressed the league, telling why he thought Hancock street the best and most available location, the main reason advanced being the grade obtainable at this point and the fact that the west approach could be built across the terminal yards and the plaza blocks thus obviating the condemnation of property. Judge Munly said he had consulted with the terminal officials and that he believed they would pay a portion of the cost of the bridge in order to keep traffic out of the yards. He also called attention to the fact that the first bridge across the river was built 21 years ago and the last one nearly 15 years ago.

It is now proposed to build a suspension bridge 135 feet above low water, as it is thought this would be fully as cheap as a draw-bridge 60 feet above low water, as the pier for the draw rest would have to be 150 feet high, there be-

ing 90 feet of water at this point in low water and it would be exceedingly expensive. A subway has also been given up as unfeasible on account of the extreme length of the approaches.

Two approaches to the east end are contemplated, one from Lower Albina and the other from Williams avenue. A bridge at this point would, so Judge Munly said, shorten by ten blocks the distance from Russell street to Third and Glisan.

Among the interesting statistics presented was the fact that 1000 cars daily pass over the steel bridge and an equal number over the Burnside structure, making a total of two and one-half miles of cars, if placed end to end. They carry 43,000 passengers daily. In addition a single file of foot passengers 35 miles in length and a file of vehicles five miles long cross these bridges.

The figures presented showing the population and growth of the East Side are surprising. Out of 33,000 school children, 24,000 live on the East Side and eight out of ten building permits are taken for homes on the East Side. Also five out of the eight are for homes north of Sullivan's Gulch.

knight (?). The entire membership regretted sincerely that he found it necessary to cut his speech short and that Laurel M. Hoyt, brigadier general of the uniform rank of Oregon from Hillsboro and Mrs. Sarah Hochstedler of Portland, first past grand chief, and present grand trustee of Oregon Pythian sisters did not have an opportunity to address the meeting. There were over 200 present and it was declared to have been the largest and best meeting of the knights since its institution here two years ago.

New Hotel Management.

The old Willamette hotel has been renovated, refitted and opens this week for business under a new management, and the new name Hotel Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. John McKee have charge of the hotel and will be glad to meet the old patrons of this place and all new ones. The house will be kept in first class shape and the comfort of its patrons well looked after. Those who are looking for a good place to stop will do well to call at the Hotel Burlington.

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