

A. O. U. W.'S BIRTHDAY

Supreme Lodge Transacts
Much Business.

PRAISES FOR OREGON PEOPLE

Delegates Pass Resolution of Thanks
for Their Reception—Many
Proposed Changes in Order's Laws
Are Voted Down.

Like the Oregon Legislature, the Supreme Lodge, A. O. U. W., is transacting a great amount of business during the last days of its session. Many proposed changes in the laws, and many appeals have been disposed of in the last two days. It is expected that the lodge will conclude its business this forenoon and adjourn sine die.

Praises for People of Oregon.

Just before the close of yesterday's session the following expression of thanks, written by W. J. Kneeshaw, J. G. Tate, Thomas D. Osborne, A. E. Pierce and A. G. Andrews, was adopted:

"The joy of expressing our gratitude for the splendid entertainment given this Supreme Lodge, while in session in the city of Portland, Or., is marred by the inadequacy of mere words to voice the feelings of our hearts. Not alone for the generous kindness shown, but also for the manner of its showing, do we attempt to utter our gratitude. We also pray that He who knows all hearts will reward our generous hosts as they so richly merit."

"We appreciate the provision made for our comfort and pleasure, but realize more than all in the fact that our entertainment has been so planned and conducted as not only to minister to the happiness of the members of the Supreme Lodge, but also to give to the citizens of this state an idea of the magnitude and merit of our splendid organization and its auxiliary, the Degree of Honor."

"It is impossible to particularize, without doing injustice, by comparisons."

"Of the lodges, committees, organizations, railways and others who have entertained us it can be said: 'They have done what they could.'"

"From the Governor of the state to the humblest citizen; from the executive officers of the grand lodges, A. O. U. W., and D. of H., to the most obscure member of the order, we have received a fraternal and royal welcome, and to them we are indebted beyond our power to repay."

"More beautiful than the flowers which adorn this state, more fragrant than its roses, is the hearty and fraternal spirit which has prompted the almost unlimited favors showered upon us."

"When the roses have faded and the leaves are withered, the memory of the stored sunshine of the Summer-time. So when our Summer-time is over, and the Winter of our days is upon us, we shall still hold as our precious treasure the sunshine of the hearts of the dear ones in Oregon."

"For each and for all who have ministered to our joy we pray that in all the days to come they will be the lives only just enough of shadow to make the sunshine all the brighter."

Drastic Measures to Secure Reports.

For several years the Supreme Lodge has been trying to gather complete statistics regarding the work of the A. O. U. W., but has failed to secure the reports from some of the grand reporters. In order to enforce compliance with the requirements, the Supreme Lodge yesterday ordered that no jurisdiction shall be granted and no appeals received, nor shall have representation in the Supreme Lodge until the statistics have been furnished.

It was ordered that when any state has received aid from the relief fund for three years in succession, the Grand Lodge of that state shall tax the members \$1 per capita for the purpose of building up the order in that state.

It is a rule of the order that suspended members can secure reinstatement by paying up the assessment upon which they were dropped and the last one before they were reinstated. Colorado proposed that this be changed so as to require payment of all intermediate assessments. The proposal was defeated.

No Relief for Saloonkeepers.

A member in California became a saloonkeeper, but kept his occupation secret and continued paying dues. Upon his death the California Grand Lodge was compelled by the courts to pay his insurance and sought reimbursement from the relief fund. The Supreme Lodge denied the relief on the ground that the member had engaged in a forbidden occupation. The courts held that the lodge must pay because it had received the member's money.

A digest of all the laws of the A. O. U. W. was ordered to be published, a copy to be furnished each member of the Supreme Lodge.

A member whose mother was named as his beneficiary died after the demise of his mother, leaving a sister. The insurance was paid to the sister, which violation was approved by the Supreme Lodge on appeal.

A member made his wife his beneficiary and thereafter procured a divorce. A year later he died. It was held that the insurance was properly paid to the divorced wife.

Defeated Several Proposed Laws.

The Supreme Lodge voted down a proposed amendment from South Dakota requiring that "each member of the lodge present shall vote unless excused by the master working in the lodge."

The Supreme Lodge also defeated a proposed law whereby "old members, who have arrived at the age of 65 years, and have been members in good standing for 25 years or more, may have the privilege of surrendering their beneficiary certificates, and receiving therefor \$1000 for full rate, or \$500 for half-rate certificate, and quit the order, or remain as associate members, should they prefer to do so."

The following proposed law, touching upon the same subject, was defeated: "Each member shall designate the person or persons to whom the beneficiary fund due at his death shall be paid, who shall, in every instance, be one or more members of his family, or some one related to him by blood, or who shall be dependent upon him; provided that in the event of a member's wife, named as such beneficiary, becomes divorced from him and no change be made to a beneficiary within the prescribed classes before the death of the member, his policy of insurance shall have no binding effect and shall be void."

NONSUIT FOR GELDARD.

Judge Frazer Decides He Cannot Recover From J. L. Marshall.

A nonsuit was granted by Judge Frazer yesterday in the case of Matthew Geldard against James Marshall for \$5000, on the ground that Geldard assumed the risk incident to his employment.

Geldard was working for Marshall, who was constructing an elevated roadway for Inman, Fowler & Co. A bridge was being lowered by means of a rope, and the rope broke, demolishing a platform on which Geldard was sitting, and he was precipitated to the ground, a distance of 25 feet, and badly injured, so he alleges.

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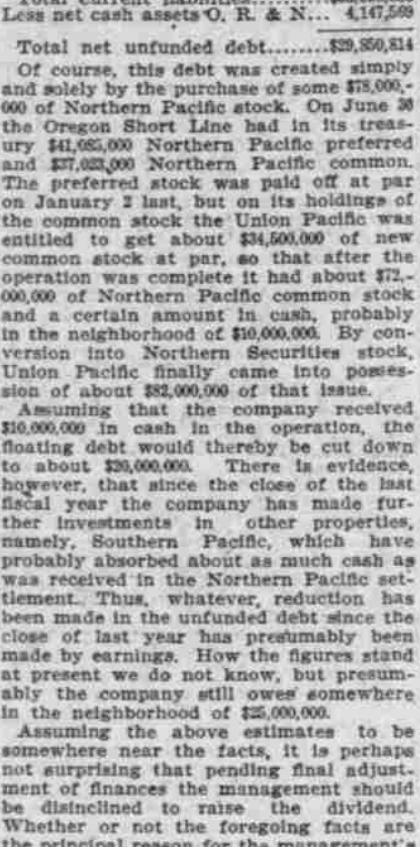
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