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HIS SCATHING REBUKE

Fossilized and Mummified, He Asserts, the Houses of God Have Lost Their Power and Follow Instead of Lead.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—(Special).—Following Oregon people are at Chicago hotels: at the Auditorium—E. O. Durkworth, Salem; Mrs. M. R. Richards, Salem; at the Kaiserhof—C. S. Gillson, Portland.

At the Sherman—E. Schiller. At the Great Northern—L. Hirsch, L. N. Levinson, A. Meier, Portland.

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First of all, what the Oregonian might say about your company and its methods could not do you the slightest injury were their statements true or without foundation, for the average person is not apt to accept as gospel everything that appears in its pages, but when its assertions are only the expression of your own unvoiced opinions and that of numerous others, and your experience a verification of its published words, then certainly the Gas Company may feel some alarm for its reputation and safety.

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TAKE HIGH DEGREE

Thirty-Second Is Conferred on Masons.

TWENTY ARE IN THE CLASS

Scottish Rite Body Gives Highest Rank, Which the Local Jurisdiction Is Capable of Giving to Its Members.

In the presence of one of the largest assemblages at a semi-annual convocation, and the most solemn and impressive ceremonies yesterday, 30 Masons were elevated to the highest rank in the order capable of conferring by the local jurisdiction, the 32d degree.

Twenty of these candidates were members of the class that took the degrees during the first day's session, which included those from the fourth to the 15th, and the class yesterday morning was augmented by the addition of ten more eligible members, who had taken the lower degrees at some previous time.

The work of introducing the candidates into the 18th degree or Knights Rose Croix opened the day's programme at 9 A. M., and this degree was conferred in the presence many masons, many of whom are visiting brothers from other jurisdictions.

The 20th degree, which was taken up at 11 A. M., the spacious halls of the handsome cathedral were crowded almost to overflowing with members who had assembled to witness the elevation of the candidates. The degree work was performed by the Salem lodge degree team and the ceremonies were vastly impressive.

During the afternoon the 28th degree, Scottish Knight of St. Andrew, and after the 28th degree, Knight, Kadosh, were conferred, and at 5 o'clock the meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock in the evening. The entire evening after the designated hour, was taken up in the work attending upon the elevation of the candidates to the goal of their present ambitions, the highly coveted 32d, or Master of the Royal Secret degree, and the ceremonies attending the installation in this rank took up the entire evening and lasted until a late hour.

After the ceremonial features of the 32d degree were concluded the January class of 32d degree Masons was welcomed into the body of the consistory by the presiding officer, P. S. Malcolm. The response was made by Otto J. Kraemer, orator of the class. Mr. Kraemer's address aroused the body of high Masons which filled the auditorium to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. After the class was dismissed, a banquet was served, at which the older members of Oregon consistory extended a most cordial welcome to the individual members just honored by being raised to the 32d degree.

Will Join Mystic Shrine. Tonight many of the Scottish Rite Masons will be initiated in the social organization of the Mystic Shrine. This affair is scheduled to take place at the Armory, and after the initiative ceremonies and business session, an elaborate banquet will be served in honor of the new members.

Two members of the Oregon jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite will be elevated to the highest possible honor in the mystic order during the latter part of this month, when Cyrus A. Dolph, of Portland, and C. W. Love, of Eugene, will be elevated to the 32d degree. The two candidates who are to be honored have for some time been members of the court of honor of the local jurisdiction, and the conference of this degree will be at the hands of Irving W. Pratt, inspector-general for this jurisdiction of 32d degree Masons, who, on authority issued by the supreme council at Washington, D. C., will confer the degree.

Will Discuss Oregon Weather. Edward A. Beals, Chief of the United States Weather Bureau at Portland, will give a stereoscopic lecture on Oregon weather at the Y. M. C. A. hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Beals is well known as an authority on everything pertaining to weather. His particular subject will be "The General Motions of the Atmosphere." It is expected that Mr. Beals will explain many of the causes which bring an abundance of rain and also the wonderfully mild climate of the Pacific Coast.

There will also be a paper by Alden Sampson, the game expert of the United States.

WOMEN'S NEGLECT

SUFFERING THE SURE PENALTY

Health Thus Lost Is Restored by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

How many women do you know who are perfectly well and strong? We hear every day the same story over and over again: "I do not feel well; I am so tired all the time!"



Miss Kate McDonald

More than likely you speak the same words yourself, and no doubt you feel far from well. The cause may be easily traced to some derangement of the female organs, which manifests itself in depression of spirits, reluctance to anywhere do or anything, backache, bearing-down pains, flatulency, nervousness, sleeplessness, or other female weaknesses.

These symptoms are but warnings that there is danger ahead, and unless heeded a life of suffering or a serious operation is the inevitable result.

The never-failing remedy for all these symptoms is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Miss Kate McDonald of Woodbridge, N. J., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham: Restored health has meant so much to me that I cannot help from telling about it for the sake of other suffering women.

For a long time I suffered untold agony with a female trouble and irregularities, which made me a physical wreck, and no one thought I would recover, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has entirely cured me, and made me well and strong, and I feel it my duty to tell other suffering women what a splendid medicine it is.

For twenty-five years Mrs. Pinkham, daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, has under her direction, and since her decease, been advising sick women free of charge. Her advice is free and always helpful. Address, Lynn, Mass.

States Government on "The Animals of the Rainier National Park."

The lectures are given by the Oregon State Academy of Sciences, and are free to the public. All who are interested are invited to attend.

The Oregon Academy of Sciences is one of the strongest societies on the Pacific Coast, and is doing a great good in bringing popular scientific subjects before the public.

MAY WORK FOR THE CITY

Year's Residence Not Required of Citizens, Decides Court.

No mechanic or unskilled laborer not a citizen of the United States, who has not declared his intention to become such, and who has not resided within the city for one year next before entering thereon, shall be employed by the city.

Under this section of the charter, Judge Frazer yesterday decided that a man who is a citizen of the United States can be employed by the city government, although he has not resided in the City of Portland for one year immediately preceding the employment, and a man who has declared his intention to become a citizen must have resided in Portland a year before the city can employ him.

The decision was rendered in sustaining a demurrer to the complaint in the suit of Thomas C. Landwick against Mayor Lane and the Civil Service Board to prevent the employment of George W. Smith and C. H. McNamee in the street-cleaning department. Both men passed civil-service examinations, and were placed on the eligible list. Mr. Landwick brought suit to have the question of their eligibility decided, and contended that as neither of them had resided in Portland for a year they could not serve. After hearing arguments, Judge Frazer held that if they were citizens they were qualified.

Mining Company Incorporates.

Articles of incorporation of the Shirley Mining Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by W. L. Boise, J. T. McKee and C. G. Liebe; capital stock, \$50,000.

Milwaukie Country Club.

Eastern and California races. Take Siltwood and Oregon City cars, First and Alder.

ESSAYS ON EQUAL SUFFRAGE

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ASKED TO COMPETE.

Prize of Twenty Dollars Offered by the State Association for Best Argument.

The pupils of all high schools in Oregon are to have another opportunity to compete for a prize in essay writing, the subject this time to be on equal suffrage for women. The State Association feels that as the issue is to come before the public at the June elections it is fitting that the high school pupils should familiarize themselves with the measure and with this in view offers a prize of \$20 for the best essay submitted before April 15.

An open letter has been issued by Helen F. Spaulding, chairman of the committee on prize essays, addressed to the principals of the high schools in the State of Oregon. In this letter Miss Spaulding says: "The Oregon Equal Suffrage Association hereby offers to the high school pupils throughout the state a prize of \$20 for the best essay on the subject, 'Reasons for Equal Suffrage.'"

The conditions are as follows: No essays shall contain less than 1200 nor more than 1800 words.

All essays must be complete and in the hands of the committee by April 15. Decisions to be rendered by May 1.

Literature on the subject may be obtained free by application to the Oregon Equal Suffrage headquarters, Press Department, Stearns Building, Sixth and Morrison streets, Portland, Or.

An equal suffrage will come before the people of Oregon as a vital question next June, for adoption or rejection at the polls, we believe it should receive its share of attention in the educational influence of the day, and respectfully and cordially invite your cooperation toward that end. Sincerely yours, HELEN F. SPAULDING, Chairman, Committee on Prize Essays.

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache and all the ills produced by disordered liver.

Thanks Brave Firemen.

The Executive Board passed votes of thanks in recognition of the services of various firemen, including the following: W. T. Taylor, of truck company No. 2, of the Portland Fire Department, for saving life at the fire, southwest corner of Fourth and Mill streets, on December 27; A. J. Mullen and E. T. Rabier, truck company No. 1, for service in the Beech fire, First and Alder streets, April 10; Wilfred K. Davy, truck company No. 1, in the fire on Seventh street between Al and Morrison streets, September 7, and C. E. Hewston, truck company No. 2, in fire at the Newcastle, Third and Harrison streets, January 18.

David Whinn was appointed an inspector of the Irvington district sewer, now under process of construction, at a salary of \$4 a day.

Resolution was adopted to the effect that it was the sense of the Board that streets paved with Belgian blocks on a concrete foundation, should be maintained by the city for the period set forth in the ordinance providing for the time and manner of making such improvements, and that no contract be entered into for the separate maintenance of such streets.

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