

HERMANN IS DONOR OF HISTORIC GAVEL

Oregon Grand Lodge of Masons Opens 61st Annual Session.

ORDER SHOWS GROWTH

Membership in State Is Now 10,781, Making Increase for Year of 854—Election of Officers Is Set for Friday.

Presentation by Blinger Hermann of a historic gavel, appointment of committees, reception of reports by officers, consideration and adoption of a new constitution comprised the principal features of the opening day's session of the 61st annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Oregon at Masonic Temple yesterday. Election of officers will take place today and the work of the convention will be concluded tomorrow.

Especially impressive were the exercises incident to the presentation by Mr. Hermann of a gavel to the grand lodge yesterday morning. The head of the gavel was made from stone taken from the quarries under the site of Solomon's temple, while the handle consists of chittim wood of which the Ark of the Covenant was constructed. The materials from which the gavel was made were obtained by Mr. Hermann during a recent tour of the Old World.

Response by Grand Master.

In presenting the emblem to the grand lodge Mr. Hermann made a short but eloquent address to which United States Judge Wolverson, as grand master, made a fitting response. The annual report of James P. Robinson, grand secretary, showed that the total number of lodges in the state is 124 with a total membership of 10,781. During the last year, 947 members were initiated while 269 became affiliated with the order. In the same length of time the number of deaths was 142, making the net gain in membership for the year, 854.

Constitution Is Adopted.

The entire afternoon session was devoted to a consideration of a new constitution, which was adopted and approved section by section. The delegates did not complete a revision of the by-laws of the grand lodge, which will be resumed when the convention reassembles at 10 o'clock this morning. Many and important are the changes in the present constitution, which have been put into effect by yesterday's action of the grand lodge. The various lodges of the state will be officially advised of the changes that have been made.

At Today's Session the Grand Lodge Will Elect Officers for the ensuing year and proceed with the consideration of other business awaiting disposition. Last night the past grand masters of the order held their annual banquet at the Imperial Hotel grill.

SCOTTISH RITE REUNION ENDS

Banquet Follows Degree Work on Class of 40 Members.

With a banquet at the Scottish Rite Cathedral last night, following the presentation of the 22d degree on a class of 40 members, the semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons of the state ended. The ceremony of conferring the final degree on the class members was conducted by P. S. Malcolm, official head of Scottish Rite Masonry in this state, and was witnessed by over 100 members of the Scottish Rite bodies in Oregon. Many of the members of the class have applied for admittance to the shrine and probably will be initiated along with a large number of others at the meeting of the Shrine next Saturday night.

One of the interesting and instructive features of the Scottish Rite reunion this year was the address on "The Higher Philosophy of the Scottish Rite Degree," delivered by E. G. Jones, honorary member of this year's class, at a convention of the Scottish Rite

bodies yesterday morning. In part, Mr. Jones said: "Man is a free agent only so far as he may be permitted to take advantage of the opportunities offered him in the environment of his own life. Beyond this he is the prey of his emotions and the plaything of whatever temperament nature may have endowed him with. These forces of his life may carry him to the heights of accomplishment and power or they may send him into the lowest depths of mental anguish and despair. The normal man emerges from any condition of life in which he may find himself with renewed hopes for better things and higher accomplishments.

"Whether tried openly before a court of justice or judged silently by the acts of his own life, every man before the time of his final dissolution is called upon to pay the heavy price of his follies, his ignorance or his weakness. Society protects itself in a measure against the useless and wicked member by social ostracism, a dictum that carries with it the stamp of unworthiness that is always followed by the lowest depths of moral and mental degeneracy.

"Mr. Jones referred to the late H. W. Scott's remark at a Masonic function that the greatest test of any man's character, of his real worth, is found in his personal sense of devotion to duty which bound him to others. "Religion, as I understand it, is made up of that feeling of reverence and devotion that is implanted in the breast of every man, but the depths of this inherent feeling are not sounded by expressive utterance. Our best and purest thoughts are beyond all powers of expression."

EASTERN STAR WILL INSTALL

Grand Worthy Matron-Elect Riley to Be Inducted Into Office.

Transaction of routine business during the day and an exemplification of the ritualistic work of the order last night employed the time of the delegates to the Grand Chapter of Oregon Order of Eastern Star, yesterday. The exercises at the Masonic Temple last night were largely attended.

The installation ceremony this afternoon by the installation of the grand worthy matron-elect, Mrs. Pauline Moore Riley, of Baker, and the other officers of the grand chapter. At this time Mrs. Riley will announce her appointments to the various appointive stations in the organization. The installation ceremonies will be conducted by Mrs. A. Antoinette Stiles, past grand worthy matron.

YOUNG CRY FOR PARKS

ALL CITY PLAYGROUNDS TO BE READY SOON.

Boys Tingle to Use Sellwood Tank and Appeal to Board—All May Be Opened by Saturday.

Arrangements are being completed by Park Superintendent Mische and A. M. Griley, superintendent of playgrounds, to open all of the playgrounds throughout the city within a few days. No official date has been set, but some of the grounds are already being used. It may be possible to open all the parks Saturday, although it will probably go over until next week.

Boys from all parts of the city have been calling up the park headquarters at the City Hall for many days, asking when the big concrete tank at Sellwood is going to be ready for use. This is the "big" feature of the playgrounds system for the boys, and many girls also are much interested in it. It is the only one thus far constructed by direction of the city, although the present Board, under Mayor Simon, intended to install more of them. The playground system as now laid out is the product of the present Board.

New playgrounds at Kentworth and Brooklyn will be ready soon. The work this year will be under the general supervision of Superintendent Griley, who will be assisted by ten men and women. Mayor Simon said yesterday that he does not feel justified in proceeding further with the installation of a playground and swimming tank in Marquam gulch, South Portland, in view of the fact that his term will expire July 1. He does not wish to initiate any more such work, as he says he feels that he should devote his time and attention to the cleaning up of the business now before him, leaving a clean slate for his successor in office.

JANUARY 9 IS SET FOR CHARTER VOTE

Commission Plan Election Is Called by Council on Motion of Baker.

RUSHLIGHT KEEPS WORD

Date Fixed That Committee of 15 May Frame New City Rules in Time—Poolrooms May Keep Open Sundays.

A special election, at which the people shall decide whether they desire a commission charter, was called yesterday morning for January 9 by the City Council, on motion of Councilman Baker, who explained that Mayor-elect

PORTLAND ACTOR WRITES VAUDEVILLE SKETCH TO BE PRESENTED HERE.



Donald Bowles.

Donald Bowles, the Portland matinee Mol, has written a vaudeville sketch around himself, entitled "A Matinee Hero," and will appear in it for the first time on any stage at the matinee performance of "A Parisian Romance" at the Baker next Saturday, the appearance being in the nature of a "revue" or public rehearsal, at which Manager Caffinberry, of the Orpheum, and other managers will be present to witness as Mr. Bowles expects to play it over the Orpheum Circuit. Theater-goers will recall Mr. Bowles' first appearance in his former sketch, "Gully," which, however, was not written by himself, at the old Baker one Saturday matinee, between the acts of "Solomy Jane," and which he afterwards played over the Orpheum Circuit.

"A Matinee Hero" is a satire upon himself by himself and is clever, good-natured comedy interspersed with music, carrying special scenery. The stage settings are rich and handsome and there are four people in the sketch.

Rushlight had asked him to do so. Mr. Rushlight is absent on account of illness. The date in Mr. Baker's resolution was left blank until he asked Mayor Simon, who was presiding, how soon he expected to have a report from the charter committee of 15 Mayor Simon replied that he thought the charter could be submitted sometime early in January. He suggested January 9, which falls on Tuesday. This was adopted. The Baker resolution was the result of consultations held by the Rushlight-Baker forces within the last week, and confirms the statement published in

The Oregonian last Sunday, that the Mayor-elect and Mr. Baker would keep their anti-election pledges and arrange for the submission of a commission charter at the earliest possible date. They recognized the demand for such action and anticipated it by the resolution of yesterday.

Framers Not Yet at Work.

While the charter committee has not yet started to work, it was the belief of the Rushlight-Baker forces that it would be a good plan to fix the election date, so that the committee would have due notice as to when its work must be completed and in the hands of the Mayor and Council.

Poolrooms will not be required to close on Sunday, as the Council "Skills" proposed ordinance compelling them to close.

A resolution, declaring the intention of the Council to pave Sandy road located East Thirty-seventh to East Sixty-seventh streets and widening it to 80 feet, was passed. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company objected to the paving of the street on the ground that it will be unable to lay its tracks in proper style this season on that thoroughfare, but Councilman Kuhl persisted until he obtained the action noted.

\$2800 Claim Opposed.

Mayor Simon objected to the passage of an ordinance, authorizing the payment of a claim for \$2800 to satisfy the holder of a warrant on the improvement of a street in Waverleigh Heights, where the city was supposed to have accepted a park strip and thereby became responsible for the street improvement there. City Attorney Grant said that in his opinion the city is liable and the committee on ways and means recommended the ordinance for passage. It was finally carried. The Mayor said he did not believe the city should pay it and that he would never sanction it.

An ordinance, repealing an ordinance levying a tax on streets was passed on recommendation of the Judiciary committee. Three roads offered to pay \$1500 each in full payment of claims against them, if the Council would repeal the law and end the trouble. This is one-half the sum due the city under the ordinance and that the full sums due should be collected from them, but the Council repealed the ordinance.

Wallace Gets Leave.

Councilman Wallace was granted a leave absence during his own request. He is going out of the city. The Council appropriated \$250 out of its own special fund for use by Harbor-Spicer in bringing the cruiser Boston from Bremerton to Portland.

Councilman Callers introduced a proposed amendment to the liquor ordinance, prohibiting giving away of meals or anything in the line of food with drinks in saloons or drinking establishments. Upon motion of Councilman Driscoll, it was "laid over."

Councilman Driscoll introduced an ordinance which, if it is passed, will revoke the license taken away from A. Wohlers before the last city election. It was referred to the license committee. Wohlers' license was revoked because the police found a stairway in his saloon leading to rooms overhauled, which he had been supplying drinks to women there.

A new vehicle tax ordinance was passed, but the emergency clause was not carried with it, so it is open to attack by the referendum or the courts. It was recommended by City Attorney Grant, who said it cures legal defects pointed out by Circuit Judge Gatens in a recent decision, which knocked out a former vehicle law.

Councilman Maguire, elected to succeed J. P. Ellis in the Tenth Ward, was sworn in and participated in the session.

ROAD'S BRIDGES SCANNED

Leavenworth, Kan., Span Builders Inspect Oregon Trunk Work.

Officials of the Missouri Valley Bridge Company, Leavenworth, Kan., are making an inspection of the new bridges on the Oregon Trunk Railway, for the construction of which they have the contract. They traveled up the Deschutes Canyon on a special train yesterday and stopped at all the points where their employees are at work. Nearly all the concrete piers have been placed in the important streams crossed by the Oregon Trunk and the steel work for the superstructures is on hand. This is the portion of the work for which the Leavenworth company has the contract. The most important project which they will examine will be that at Crooked River, where a large force of men is at work.

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LINCOLN'S SELLING OUT.

245 Morrison Street, Bet. Second and Third

A single-arch steel bridge will span the river more than 300 feet above its surface. It will require three or four more weeks to complete it. An soon as this is done rails can be laid into Redmond and Bend, for which the grading is finished.

DAY KEPT FOR AUTHOR

JULIA WARD HOWE'S MEMORY HONORED IN CHAPEL.

Women of Unitarian Church Dwell on Achievements of Writer of Battle Hymn of Republic.

Women of the Unitarian Church met yesterday afternoon in their chapel to observe Julia Ward Howe day. The public activities and works of the author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" were discussed. Mrs. H. C. Holmes' theme gave a sketch of the author's life from the time of her birth, through her girlhood, her marriage and her travels abroad. Mrs. Holmes dwelt particularly on the general personality of Mrs. Howe, her literary attainments and the enthusiasm which she manifested in equal suffrage, of which she was the organizer in New England, being president of the New England Woman's Club for 35 years. Miss Mary S. Barlow spoke of the public activities of Mrs. Howe, referring to the author's labors in the field of votes for women as well as dwelling on her work as a newspaper woman, when after her marriage to Dr. Howe, who was 20 years her senior, she contributed to his newspaper, the Commonwealth. Miss Barlow referred to Mrs. Howe's writings as marvels in accuracy and at the same time delightful to read. She also spoke of Mrs. Howe's interest in women's suffrage, referring to lectures in English and Italian on various technical subjects given by the author, who was president of the Boston Art Club and the Circolo Italiano Society. Mrs. J. H. Thatcher read a paper on the works of Mrs. Howe, dealing particularly with the famous "Battle Hymn of the Republic" as well as touching on her novels and poems, a book of which, "At Sunset," she was arranging at the time of her death. Personal reminiscences of Mrs. Howe were given by Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway and Mrs. T. L. Elliot. Both spoke largely on the geniality of the author's disposition and the reverence with which she was held by all. That all audiences addressed by Mrs. Howe stood in her



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proven, was cited as an instance of the reverence in which she was held. Miss Verna Smith accompanied Mrs. Henry Berger, Jr., who sang a lullaby by Coombs and a gondolier song. Refreshments served by the women of the alliance closed the exercises.

Gadsby Couple Denied Divorce.
Believing that both the husband and wife were at fault and that neither was entitled to a decree, Judge Gatens brought to an end yesterday the contested divorce suit filed by Beatrice Hill-Gadsby against Walter Gadsby. Mrs. Gadsby had charged desertion and her husband had filed a cross com-

Salem Conductor Seized.
William R. Petschler, wanted by the Chief of Police of Salem on the charge of leaving town to avoid payment of his board bill at a hotel there, was arrested yesterday at Fourth and Yamhill streets and was sent to Salem last night in charge of a patrolman. Petschler is a streetcar conductor.

SEVENTEENTH SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL CLASS OF FORTY MEMBERS WHICH COMPLETED DEGREES YESTERDAY.



Reading from left to right: First Row—Key K. Kirkland, Orrin E. Fithian, Blaine B. Smith, Percy A. Combs, Howard S. Dudley, Vice-President; William M. Cake, Class Orator; W. H. Hobson, President; E. G. Jones, Honorary Member; Temple W. Alexander, Secretary; F. E. Bosch, Henry Liebe, Arthur W. Moore, J. B. Keeter, Charles F. Reed, Second Row—John E. Young, Leland H. Wuttis, Charles R. Blisig, John M. Llewellyn, Walter A. Porter, L. Leonard Krance, William C. F. Bakewell, Percy A. Lockwood, Gifted B. Woodworth, Jacob N. Burde, J. Gordon Baker, Jerome O. Hoyt, Third Row—Edward J. Wilkinson, Richard D. Reassner, Henry J. Copenhagen, William L. Fisher, Charles Hall, George W. Heron, William D. Cleveland, Robert F. Edgar, Fourth Row—Adem B. Shannon, Guy H. Holman, Lloyd Baker, James A. Tweedie, Benjamin Treksman, William H. Lawson.