ARCH MASONS AT ANNUAL BANQUET

Dinner of Washington Chapter at Commercial Club Is Sumptuous Affair.

PROMINENT MEN TAKE PART

Distinguished Company Present When Toastmaster Calls Order. Interesting and Luminous Addresses Are Listened To.

BY JOSEPH M. QUENTIN.

"Fellowship, Fraternity, Good cheer. Here's to our next meeting!"

These were the chief notes which rang out last night at the memorable annual banquet of Washington chapter No. 18, Royal Arch Masons, held in the sumptuous banquet hall of the Commercial Club, Fifth and Oak streets. The occasion was a great social success, and reflected credit on the various committees who have worked so assiduously at the various details.

Those who attended were alike representative of Masonry and of the city, and made a distinguished picture. Those seated at the main table were: H. H. Parker, Professor D. A. Grout, E. G. Jones, Clyde Evans, S. Bullock, Judge Charles E. Wolverton, Professor J. H. Ackerman, L. G. Clarke, H. B. Adams, Dr. Norris R. Cox, H. J. Boyd, Hopkin Jenkins, D. L. Clouse, Roy Quackenbush, F. A. Vankirk, Charles R. Frazier, A. Butikofer, F. M. Patterson, H. G. Norton, T. H. Brickell, W. A. Dempsey, T. M. Burlbert, H. Beckwith, E. E. Sharon, J. W. Rowland, S. R. Harrington, L. R. Fields, Penumbra Kelly, Judge M. C. George, H. L. Pittock, J. H. Richmond, J. R. Neill and Dr. C. H. Raffety.

Next in order came:

R. L. Aldrich, E. W. Amesbury, F. W. Ariss, E. J. Ball, F. A. Bailin, E. D. Barnes, J. T. Berry, Joseph W. Beveridge, F. E. Bishop, A. B. Bloomer, Peter Borgan, O. F. Botkin, George H. Botsford, George F. Brice, C. D. Bruno, W. A. T. Bushong, W. A. Carter, Charles H. Carter, L. G. Carpenter, R. E. Carpenter, Dan Catlow, D. R. Chaney, E. C. Clement, H. P. Core, O. S. Cutler, F. J. Darlington, Richard Deich, V. C. Dunning, Emmett Eller, George W. Evans, R. Fairbairn, I. E. Fenton, A. Fleming, F. C. Forbes, F. G. Forbes, I. D. Freeland, J. W. French, R. E. Fulton, M. L. Gallagher, H. W. Galloway, H. W. Goddard, J. Frank Guertn, John H. Hall, W. B. Hall, A. E. Hammond, Charles H. Heller, A. J. Handlan, H. E. Hislop, E. F. Hitchcock, W. H. Holt, S. Jacobs, L. C. Jameson, Fred O. Jennings, W. H. Jenkins, J. C. Jamieson, A. D. Keenan, F. P. Keenan, J. H. Kelly, S. C. Kennell, J. I. Kincaide, Matthias King, A. W. Lambert, George P. Lent, F. H. Lewis, W. S. Macrum, F. E. Manchester, W. H. Meade, W. H. Monroe, A. W. Moore, James H. Munk, N. C. Myers, J. H. McAfee, George F. McClintock, H. J. McCracken, H. S. McCutchan, J. W. McGregor, A. W. Neate, Frank M. Newton, F. A. Nichols, J. G. Nichols, Dr. G. E. Nottage, H. M. Ogden, Leslie S. Parker, R. F. Patton, John Dennis Perry, T. P. Phillips, A. E. Pierce, F. A. Pasch, R. C. Redman, A. H. Richmond, W. J. Riley, J. C. Roberts, Seth L. Roberts, R. F. Robinson, Charles E. Rebers, A. L. Rumsey, W. W. Sansom, Fred L. Schlegel, R. Schmeer, H. J. Schulderman, W. G. Shellenbarger, A. J. Sherill, R. E. L. Simmons, C. A. Slinger, B. F. Smith, Robert V. Smith, B. T. Soden, A. L. Stephens, S. W. Struber, James L. Stuart, A. L. Tyler, C. H. Thompson, George I. Thompson, George A. Tilden, F. Vandaryn, P. Venstrand, David W. Wendlick, Clayton Wentz, E. N. Wheeler, C. E. Wiegand, A. H. Willett, N. G. Willis, Emil Wommelsdorf, R. C. Woods, J. E. Woods, S. L. Woodward, G. O. Worden, H. H. Worden, A. M. Wright, T. W. Younger, William Allston, Henry Blumauer, Robert Farrell, E. L. Fraley, C. E. Fields, Glen O. Graves, J. C. Gripper, C. F. Jones, W. D. Jameson, Fred T. Lisca, C. W. Miller, W. G. McCorkle, W. H. Powell, Leroy Smith, A. H. Tregs and J. J. Parker.

Officers of Chapter.

The officers of Washington chapter, No. 18, Royal Arch Masons, this year are: Excellent high priest, H. H. Parker; king, D. A. Grout; scribe, E. G. Jones; C. of H., D. L. Clouse; treasurer, S. Bullock; secretary, Clyde Evans; P. S., Roy Quakenbush; R. A. C., Charles R. Frazier; M. 3d V., A. Butikofer; M. 2d V., F. M. Patterson; M. 1st V., H. G. Norton; sentinel, T. H. Brickell.

After an elaborate banquet had received full justice, Excellent High Priest H. H. Parker took up his duties as toastmaster and began his speech by giving figures showing the growth and prosperity of the chapter. He congratulated those present upon their connection with the chapter and with the Masonic fraternity generally. "It is my belief," he proceeded, "that in some form as it now exists, or as modified by the changing ideas and ways of mankind, Masonry will probably endure as long as men inhabit the earth. I urge you to hand down its traditions to the last Mason, of whom we know no more than we do of the first Mason, unsullied by time. So that it will still be then as it is now, the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons." I thank the officers and members of the chapter for the loyal support and assistance they have given me during the past year of my incumbency as your presiding officer, and assure you of the affectionate remembrance in which you will always be held by me."

It appeared from the figures given by Mr. Parker that during the past year Washington Chapter has received 45 petitions for the chapter degrees, and that after payment of all operating and other expenses, including the banquet, that the chapter will still have over $1000 in its treasury, applicable upon its proportion of the cost of the new East Side Washington Masonic building.

"Two speakers whom we confidently expected to be present with us tonight find at the last moment that they have other engagements," went on Toastmaster Parker. "I refer to Companion Harvey W. Scott and Governor George E. Chamberlain. Mr. Scott found that he had to attend a business meeting in New York, and Governor Chamberlain that he was expected to be present at the sessions of the Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington, D. C. Mr. Scott's letter is as follows:

Portland, Dec. 1, 1908.

H. H. Parker, E. H. P. Washington Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., City—Dear Sir and Companion: It was my intention to be present at the dinner on Saturday night, and I am under promise, with others, to give a talk on the occasion; hence I regret exceedingly that a business call, not foreseen, takes me to New York. I must start at least three days before the festive occasion of Saturday, in order to reach my destination.

At your solicitation I had consented to be one of the speakers. My topic was to be "The Past in the Present." It is a topic sufficiently flexible, and at the same time comprehensive. It might be treated in a great variety of ways and at any length. Perhaps I ought to congratulate you and our companions in general on the escape they have made.

My plan could not be covered in a letter, nor would it yield readily to epistolary treatment; for I should fear to become too heavy and dull. It was not my intention, however, in pursuing my topic, to go back to all beginnings, or, as the philosopher said who was laboring long on a subject, to make it a treatise "concerning all things and some other things." I was just intending to talk in a rambling manner, beginning nowhere and ending nowhere, for that is the best style for a festive occasion.

To "go way back," is the discussion of old themes, and to go on with presentation of old particulars, even if they should be illustrated with new opinions, is apt to be tiresome; and, moreover, it is doubtful whether there are any new opinions. Sometimes a person conceives a thought and gives sententious expression to it, very much to his own approval and contentment—only to find out that the idea has been expressed with more neatness and force in some old proverb that he can't remember ever to have heard.

It is only in long and sober treatises that we are permitted to go very far back for themes, or illustration. I remember the story of a dinner where the company fell into very grave discourse on certain problems of antiquity, and the conversation grew heavy, till one of the company said he would suggest something more immediate and more animated to talk about. There was a professor of much learning present, and he took the remark as a sort of reflection on his conversation. "Pray, my friend," said he to the person who had interrupted him, "can you tell me what kind of soup this is?" "It is oxtail," was the reply. "Oxtail? H'm! Now, isn't that going pretty far back for the soup?"

All our ceremonies and customs in the various relations of life, come out of times long past and circumstances now mostly unknown. Antiquarians assure us that in tales and maxims 6000 years old we see not only the common stock of primary instincts, but also the finesse of conduct in public life, the modes of insuring respect in dealing with superiors and inferiors, the attention to very varied elements of character; and on the one hand a fine suavity, on the other bitter sarcasm and gall, pervading the whole. The very distinguished Italian historian, Ferrero, now in America, in his wonderful book on "The Greatness and Decline of Rome," that during the past year has been the talk of the world, has let us fully into the secrets of the politics of 20 to 25 centuries ago. He enables us to see, by comparisons with our own, that the methods of politicians have not changed from that day to this. Human society, indeed, changes only in some of its minor aspects and accidents. The moving forces are always the same, because human nature is always the same. The modifications are small; they belong merely to changing external conditions. Customary law has almost universal rule, and it rules with a potency superior to that of the whole body of our statutes, and of our written constitutions thrown in; for statutes and constitutions never can be more than weak expression of what lies in the background of the human spirit that has made them.

Social customs, religious customs too, and the various ceremonies observed by all the various orders or branches of Masonry, rest on similar sanctions. From the dawn of history the nature of mind is unchanged, its motives, feelings and sense of life. Only in knowledge and the application of it do we differ from the earliest civilizations we can trace. And far away, beyond and behind them, there must have been experience and growth and culture. Such a prodigy as the Homeric Poems, the earliest monument of the completest literature the world has ever seen, never sprang up without antecedents. An immense life and experience extated long before they could have appeared.

Habits, as well as customs, are as enduring as stone, and many old ones survive among us, curiously obtruding the past into the present. As time rolls over them, some of their more acute angles are no doubt eaten off, but there are hard and tough projections which resist the tooth of time, and remain to reveal something of their earlier forms. We are not yet clear of the ancient mythologies and of many of the beliefs, even the habits, belonging to them. One may doubt whether we ever shall be.

But I stop. When I began this letter I had no idea of setting down what is here written. The purpose, my dear sir, was to apologize to you, and to the body of our companions for the circumstance that has prevented me from keeping my engagement, and to express my regret that I am deprived of the pleasure of the intercourse with you and with them. Greeting to all of you.

Very truly yours,
HARVEY W. SCOTT.

November 24, 1908.

H. H. Parker, Esq.—My Dear Sir and Brother: I am in receipt of your favor of the 23d instant. I, too, owe you an apology, for I forgot when I accepted an invitation to attend the banquet of Washington Chapter on the evening of the 5th proximo that I had accepted an invitation to attend the Rivers and Harbors Congress and the Conservation Commission, which meet at Washington, D. C., about the 6th proximo.

I sincerely trust you will have a pleasant time and will explain my inadvertence at having made an engagement which in the very nature of things I could not keep.

With kindest regards, and thanking you for your kindness to me, I am,

Yours very sincerely,
GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.

E. G. Jones on Symbolic Teachings.

"The River Route" was responded to by D. A. Grout, who spoke of human life as a little rivulet broadening, in allegory, to the sea of opportunity and opening to the comedy and tragedy of life. One great lesson, he thought, was that space is nothing to spirit, because the essence of life is divine. "The Symbolic Teachings of Masonry," by E. G. Jones, came next and he began by giving an interesting historical sketch of Masonry and observed that in keeping with the traditions and aims of the greatest fraternal order extant, that the keynote of any address at a Masonic function must necessarily be serious. "Masonry attaches so little importance to the judgment of the world at large regarding a man's merits that it is one of the tenets of the Masonic faith that in the sanctum of the lodge room no recognition is given to worldly honors or worldly distinctions," proceeded Mr. Jones. "In the lodge room we all meet upon the level, and the one requirement that the teachings of Masonry imposes is that we shall be good men and true; and that we shall maintain the relations with our brother Mason and with our fellow man, which our many obligations have bound us to keep.

"The natural longings of the human mind for indulgences that must inevitably be followed by both physical and mental degeneration are inherent by nature, and these primal instincts common to the uncivilized and civilized man alike are kept in check only as the result of supreme will control. We learn all the real lessons of life in the hard school of experience.

"The passions of men, so far as the results of these unbridled passions encroach on the rights of their fellow men, may be controlled in a measure by statutory enactments of our government bodies. But these passions as they affect a man's moral and spiritual welfare are kept in subjection by the promptings of the individual will alone. No man is his brother's keeper and no code of morals will deter a man from following the bent of his own longings until he has first learned in the sad school of experience that a man's character is what he alone has the power to make it. It is here that the symbolic teachings of Masonry have played such a prominent part in the upbuilding of the character of its tenets. Man's character is rounded by age. While his physical and mental powers wane on the approach to the grave, he grows in moral stature until he is ready to pass the portals of death, and it is here only that the temple is erected, 'that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

Companion L. G. Clarke, a 33d-degree Mason, on being called on for a speech not mentioned on the programme, told an amusing newspaper story on the meaning of truth and then briefly referred to the value of good, old-fashioned Masonry.

Companion H. B. Adams spoke briefly on "The Harvest Festival," with reference to the social features of the banquet, because the latter is the annual holiday of the craft.

"The invitation I received to speak here tonight stated that I was expected to deliver a model address," complained Companion J. H. Ackerman. "I find this accepted definition of the word referred to: 'Model.—A small imitation of the real thing?' (Laughter.) Mr. Ackerman then gave a crisp speech on the value of real, personal companionship.

"The Spirit of Masonry," responded to by Companion Norris R. Cox, gave him an opportunity to tell several amusing stories, after which he said: "Out of the misty past are transmitted to us the ever living principles of the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man and the hope of immortality, so forcibly taught in the tragedy of the widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali. Accepting this in the spirit of Masonry, it becomes our duty to answer in the affirmative, by our actions and especially by our lives, the question coming to us down the ages: 'Am I my brother's keeper?'"

In responding to the toast "Masonry's Priesthood," Judge Charles E. Wolverton also made historical references to both ancient and modern Masonry, discussing it in both its operative and speculative phases. He recalled that before the days of Moses many members of the Egyptian priesthood belonged to a high order of Masonry and left their impress on the architecture of their day. The relation of Masonry to religion was next touched upon, also the educational influence of the order in supporting libraries in the work of enlightening the people. In closing, Judge Wolverton spoke of Masonry as a moral uplift in learning the wordly tendencies of the times.

A pleasant side-trip from the serious oratory of the occasion came when Companion Manchester recited several amusing anecdotes, the best of which was a parody on the poem "Excelsior," and when "Judge" S. Bullock sang "The Shanghai Rooster."

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Prudent holiday shoppers will recognize the advantage of making their selections early in the month—avoiding the activity of the last days of holiday-gift buying and assuring more careful and satisfactory selection. Our complete showing in every line never offered such splendid variety for choosing practical Christmas gifts. We are better prepared for serving you this season than ever before. Hundreds of appreciable and inexpensive gifts are suggested in the displays of every department. Your Christmas selections will be held for future delivery if desired and the most convenient arrangement made as to delivery.

Sale of Toilet Tables Monday and Tuesday

Nine stylish designs in these popular bedroom pieces are offered for much less than regular in tomorrow's and Tuesday's sale. These in nearly every instance are the remaining pieces of once-complete suites and it is with the intention of closing out that they show such a marked reduction in price. Perhaps a suggestion here for a pleasing gift piece:

Toilet Table in the curly birch at the special price..$12.50
Toilet Table in the curly birch at the special price..$13.50
Toilet Table in the curly birch at the special price..$14.75
Toilet Table in the mahogany at the special price..$15.75
Toilet Table in the golden oak at the special price..$16.00
Toilet Table in the mahogany at the special price..$19.50
Toilet Table in the golden oak at the special price..$19.50
Toilet Table in the birdseye maple at the sp'l. price..$25.00

The Quaint Pieces make the most Practical Gifts

The merits of this well-made furniture place it in strong demand at the holiday season. In the seating pieces, such as arm chairs, arm rockers and Morris chairs, our showing offers wide range of designs for selection, the entire line being in the favored fumed oak. Most of these pieces are provided with the large loose cushions in the Spanish leather, other pieces having upholstered seats and backs. To choose such a piece as a Christmas gift means that you will not be disappointed in your selection. Some of these quaint designs are priced as follows:

Arm Chairs, $12.50, $13.00, $17.00, $18.75, $22.50, $29.50, $35.00 and up.
Arm Rockers—$10.50, $12.50, $13.00, $16.00, $17.00, $25.00, $28.00, $37.50, $45.00 and up.

A Sale of Lace Curtains MONDAY and TUESDAY

Unusually attractive curtain values offered in this two days' special sale in the Drapery Dept.—6th floor

60 pairs of imported Brussels Lace Curtains, 3 yards and 3½ yards long; in dainty patterns; regular $6.50 and $7.50 values, at, per pair.....$3.85

200 pairs Cluny and Arabian Lace Curtains; 3 yards long and full width—sufficient quantity of pairs of each pattern; regular $6.75 and $7.75 values, at, per pair $3.85

White Curtain Muslin by the yard; 36-inch width; 15c and 18c values, at, per yard .....10¢

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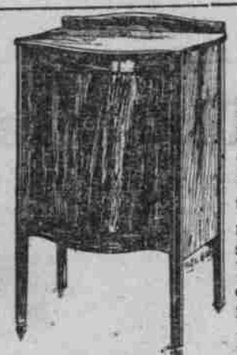
Our experience with these serviceable and artistic floor coverings has proven them to be far superior to all others of their grade of weave and equal to many of the more costly fabrics. The Bundhar Wilton Rugs have appeared this season more beautiful and varied than ever and the new designs and colorings will apeal to the most critical buyer of floor coverings. In the new room-size rugs now displayed in the Carpet Department are to be seen the popular predominating colors of tan and brown

Woodenware and Willowware Specials

In the Basement Dept. for Monday's and Tuesday's selling the following list of specials in laundry and household helps:

Wood Rolling Pins at, each....10¢
Wood Salt Boxes at, each.....15¢
Pioneer Washboards at, each...25¢
Sleeve Ironing Boards at, each..35¢
5½-ft. Ironing Boards at, each 65¢
Waste-Paper Baskets at, each ..45¢
Waste-Paper Baskets at, each..65¢
Willow Clothes Baskets, No. 1 size, at. each .....65¢
Willow Clothes Baskets, No. 2 size, at each .....75¢
Willow Clothes Baskets, No. 3 size, at, each .....90¢
Folding Ironing Boards at, ea. $1.25
No. 1 Willow Clothes Hampers $2.10
No. 2 Willow Clothes Hampers $2.65
No. 3 Willow Clothes Hampers $2.90



Music Cabinets

Pieces of this character have always proven to be most popular for gift-giving, and we are showing at this time a line of Cabinets from which an ideal selection can be made. In the mahogany, golden oak and walnut are to be seen the plain and fancy-front designs; some cabinets being fitted with drawers instead of adjustable shelves. Shown also in our display of these pieces are Phonograph-Record Cabinets for both the disc and cylinder records. Music Cabinets in the golden oak, priced from $10 up to.....$37.50
In the mahogany, from $11 up to.....$48.00

Library Tables

Of the many pieces that are essential in the completion of the library, the bookcase and library table are the most important. Our showing of the latter offers an extremely wide range that will insure pleasing selection, a number of new designs having recently been added to this line, these being in the dull mahogany and golden oak. Some tables in the golden oak as low as $12.50
In the mahogany as low as $11.00

Specials in the Bedding Dept.

Your every need in bedding can be supplied from the most complete stock of our Bedding Dept.—Sixth Floor. The following specials are for Monday and Tuesday selling

Full-size Bed Quilts, covered in figured silkoline; regular $2.00 values at the special, each..$1.45
Heavy silkoline-covered Quilts; regular $3.00 values at the special, each.....$1.85
Full-size Bed Pillows, filled with sanitary feathers, 6 lbs. to the pair; special, pair.....$2.85
Full-size Wool Blankets, pure white and also in plaids, strictly all-wool, at the special, pr.$5.00

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New Dresser Designs

Recently placed in our showing of the medium-grade bedroom furniture are the new Colonial designs in Dressers and Princess Dressers, in quartered golden oak and hand-polished; with heavy scroll posts and mirror-supports and wood knobs. The Dressers show unusually good values at $22.50, $27.75 and $36.00—The Princess Dressers at $27.50 and $34.50.

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DAVENPORT EDITOR DIES

Death Claims James Odgers, Well Known in Eastern Washington.

DAVENPORT, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—James Odgers, editor and publisher of the Davenport Tribune, died this morning from intestinal trouble. Odgers was born in Cornwall, England, January 14, 1849, and came to America in 1867, settling in New Jersey, and later went to Nebraska. In 1888 he located in Ellensburg, where he engaged in the real estate business. Later he went to Coulee City, where he engaged in the newspaper business. He came to Davenport in 1900. He had two brothers and two sisters, R. H. Odgers, of Davenport, and William Odgers, of Spokane; one sister in Belvidere, Ill., and one in Newark, N. J.

A wife and two sons survive him. Lee Odgers, who has been associated with his father in the newspaper office, and Carlyle, a lad of 14 years.

Election in Linn County.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Six Linn County towns will hold city elections Monday. In Halsey, Scio and Sweet Home full complements of officers will be chosen. In Sodaville a Recorder, Marshal and five Councilmen will be elected and in accordance with the charter of the mineral springs city the Councilmen will elect the Mayor. In Lebanon three Councilmen, a Recorder and Treasurer will be chosen.

Goshen Residence Burns.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The residence of H. J. Chenoweth, on the old Bennett place, a mile south of Goshen, burned to the ground between 11 and 12 o'clock Friday. The loss was about $1200.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to our kind friends for their loving sympathy shown us in our deep sorrow.

H. J. SCHERNER,
MRS. DAVID CAMPBELL,
MRS. W. D. ALLARD.