

GRANT ILLUSTRIOUS SHRINER POTENTATE

Ovation Follows Announcement of Election.

OTHER OFFICERS CHOSEN

New Potentate Long Known as One of Al Kader's Most Popular and Active Members.

Frank S. Grant was elected illustrious potentate of Al Kader temple...

George L. Baker, mayor of Portland, who is absent from the city on a combined business and pleasure trip...

Other officers elected were: Chief rabban, A. L. Tetu; assistant rabban, Hal T. Hutchinson; high priest and prophet, Ivan Humason; treasurer, A. L. Brown; recorder, Hugh J. Boyd.

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4000 HEAR NOTED ACTOR

FREDERICK WARDE TELLS OF 50 YEARS ON STAGE.

Don't Talk or Abuse Play You Don't Like—It Acts as Advertising, Warning.

Experiences gleaned in half a century on the American stage were told to an audience of 4000 at the auditorium last night by Frederick Warde...

"Drama in the present day is just what the public makes it," observed Mr. Warde in telling of his 50 years in "make-believe."

BRUNSWICK HOME BILLIARD TABLES



Bring the Christmas spirit into your home

The "Baby Grand" billiard table is solving the "Boy Problem" in thousands of homes.

You can purchase Brunswick Tables as low as \$47

A Brunswick home billiard table makes every fun and exciting sport for everybody.

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wholesome plays, support them. If you don't like a play don't talk or abuse it, for that only serves as an advertisement, but just treat it with the silence it deserves and stay away.

PROMINENT SHRINER IS ELECTED POTENTATE OF AL KADER TEMPLE.



Frank S. Grant.

consequence proved to be the worst murderer that ever appeared in Macbeth.

This was on September 4, 1867, and in the course of his varied tale of his experiences he transported his auditors with his terse description of the make-shift properties that they were forced to employ in their olden days.

One of his most appreciated tales was that of the start of Douglas Fairbanks on the stage.

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THIRD SUICIDE TRY LAST

Girl Gets Letter From Husband and Wants to Live.

Dorothy Connor, aged 31, late last night in her room at a downtown hotel attempted for the third time within a month to commit suicide by drinking poison.

Soon after she received a letter from her husband, who is in Idaho, stating that he soon will arrive in Portland to take care of her.

The girl said that the third attempt would undoubtedly be her last. She explained that being practically penniless and without work she wished to die, but that since her husband will soon come for her she wishes to live.

KNIGHTS TO INITIATE 55

Installation of New Council at St. Paul, Or., Is Postponed.

Initiation for 55 candidates will be held by the Portland council, Knights of Columbus, at the new clubhouse, 364 Taylor street, at 1 P. M. today.

The installation of a new council of the Knights of Columbus at St. Paul, Or., has been postponed from December 28 to January 9.

Peare of La Grande, Or., state deputy, will have supervision over the exercises. The St. Paul council will be the second new charter granted in Oregon since July 1, 1920.

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ager of the gas company, when he pointed out that the net revenue from the sale of briquets, gas appliances, stove installation, etc., was all credited to the general income of the company, and consequently was reflected in the reduced cost of gas to the consumer.

Fred A. Raach, public utilities engineer, testified concerning a personal check made on the operation of the gas plant on December 7. On that day he went to the gas works at 7 o'clock in the morning and measured and checked the actual amount of oil used and gas produced until 7 o'clock the following morning. He measured tanks, read oil meters and checked them against the actual reduction of oil in the oil tanks, using as a basis the amount of oil shown by oil tank measurements.

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oil, the gas cost will vary \$0.025, he asserted. Green, who followed Raach on the stand, gave the results of an investigation of books and accounts of the gas company during the year ending September 30, 1920, in which he said he had checked all cash receipts and was prepared to swear that his figures were correct within one-half of 1 per cent.

He said that it would be impossible for the gas company to continue in business and sell gas under 30 cents per 1000 cubic feet even to the largest consumer. He declared further that the small consumer in Portland has never paid his proper proportion of the commercial expense for delivery of gas because of the low rate.

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AUTO DRIVERS SAVE GIRLS

PRESENCE OF MIND AVERTS SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.

CHILDREN IN STREET NARROWLY ESCAPE WITH THEIR LIVES WHEN THEY FAIL TO HEED TRAFFIC.

Eva Spady, 4 years old, of 891 Cleveland avenue, escaped serious injury and possible death yesterday when she stumbled as she was running across the street and fell directly in front of an automobile driven by L. S. Hicks of 915 Palling street.

As soon as he saw the girl fall Hicks swerved his machine sharply to the left and passed over the little tot without touching her. Hicks was traveling about 10 miles an hour and because of his slow speed was able to control his machine and thus save the girl from being hit.

The girl had started to rush across the street as her sister was mailing a letter in a corner postal box. The near-accident was witnessed by several persons who were passing along the street. Hicks was warmly commended for his presence of mind when the case was reported to the police traffic bureau.

By the same presence of mind C. J. Peterson, of 672 East Twenty-sixth street north, averted a serious accident when his machine brushed Katherine Holten, 9 years old, 170 East Nineteenth street north, as she was "jay-walking" at Seventeenth and Clatsop streets. Peterson swerved his car to the right to avoid a collision, but a fender hit the girl, knocking her to the ground. She was badly bruised and suffered some from shock.

LICENSSES IN JEOPARDY. Loss of Permit to Drive Automobile to Follow Court Conviction. Drivers and owners of for-hire cars convicted in the municipal court repeatedly for various offenses will lose licenses issued them by the city.

Woman Asks Love Balm. One hundred thousand dollars' damages for alleged breach of promise is asked in a suit filed yesterday by Lillian Johnson against James J. Turkish. The plaintiff charged that August 1, 1920, Turkish agreed to marry her, and he has failed to keep his promise.

Nicholson Funeral Is Monday. Funeral services for Clyde R. Nicholson, 54, who resided at 8108 Sixth avenue southeast, and died yesterday in Salem, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 P. M. from the chapel of the Holman undertaking establishment. Interment is to be in Lone Fir cemetery.

Bank Book Containing Money Is Thrown Away by Thieves. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Two burglars last night collected about \$50 in cash, a suit of clothes, overcoat, four watches and a little jewelry.

The joke, however, is on the burglar who visited the home of Harry McCubrey. He missed \$900 folded in a bank book. When Mr. McCubrey entered the kitchen this morning he saw the back door open. The bank book was on the porch as well as his watch and other things that had been engraved.

The money was in the bank book, held closed by a small rubber band. Other homes entered were those of J. F. Eimgren, 3027 Washington street; Mrs. John Dillon, 3003 Main street; Harry Burgoy, 612 East Twenty-sixth street; Gerry L. Shaw, West Twenty-sixth street.

Trunk Full of Whisky Seized. There was a wild stampede for a certain well-laden trunk at the Union depot yesterday when persons about the station noticed a thin, amber-colored stream coming from a crack in the corner of the trunk.

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