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NEW OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN

Odd Fellows Had Interesting Business Session Yesterday Afternoon.

HAD HOT TIME LAST NIGHT

Danced and Held Social Session Until Wee Hours of Morning —Program for the Day.

GRAND PATRIARCH—W. N. Green of Eugene.
GRAND HIGH PRIEST—Claude Gatch of Salem.
GRAND WARDEN—W. I. Vawter of Medford.
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE—Thomas F. Ryan of Oregon City.
GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN—S. C. Beckwith of Portland.
GRAND SCRIBE—E. E. Sharon of Portland.
GRAND TREASURER—W. W. Francis of Halsey.

The above officers of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., were chosen yesterday afternon at the business meeting which terminated shortly before 5 o'clock. The majority of the officers were elected with little or no opposition. W. N. Green, the newly-elected grand patriarch, thanked the delegates for the honor bestowed upon him.

Delegates who arrived by boat and train at an early hour this morning had no difficulty in finding accommodations and were on hand promptly when the encampment was called to order. The greatest harmony and good will prevailed, and after a social hour the delegates settled down to business with a determination to get it finished and enjoy themselves.

The interesting feature of the morning session was the report of the grand scribe, E. E. Sharon. The report showed that there were 47 encampments in the state; that the membership December 31, 1902, was 1982, and that the membership December 31, 1903, was 2239, the gain having been 257. The reports of all the other officers were likewise of interest to members of the encampment. After hearing the reports the encampment adjourned until after dinner. Upon reassembling the election of officers was taken up, and at 5 o'clock all the business before the gathering had been disposed of.

Last night at the Occident hotel the Grand Representatives' Association gave a banquet of a social nature. A great number of the delegates were in attendance. Tonight the great banquet of the Muscovites takes place at the same hostelry. During the afternoon a number of the delegates, together with their families, made a journey to the bar on the launch Fox, returning to Astoria highly pleased with the convention city.

"This is the first time I have ever seen the Pacific," said a delegate from Pendleton, "and I shall always remember Astoria because of the trip I have had in this little boat. I hesitated at first about coming to the convention, but now I am glad that I came."

"I have learned more about the salmon industry today than I ever knew before," said another, "and the spirit of the people of Astoria toward myself and the other delegates is so cordial that if it will help them for me to eat salmon I intend to place a standing order for that commodity with my home grocery."

While the Rebekahs were not in session the ladies amused themselves in various ways. Some 50 marvelled at the mystery of the tide and listened with admiration while their more fortunate sisters, who have lived near the sea, explained.

It was estimated last evening that fully 650 Odd Fellows were in the city. The convention is one of the most harmonious and enthusiastic that has been held in years.

VOTE ON RETIREMENT.

Two Important Actions of General Methodist Conference.

Los Angeles, May 17.—Action on two important matters was taken by the general conference of the Methodist church at today's session. The report of the committee on episcopay recommended that the conference elect eight bishops to fill the vacancies caused by death, resignation and retirement during the present quadriennium was adopted. After a close, heated and remarkable debate between Dr. James M. Buckley and Dr. Thomas B. Neeley, the two foremost parliamentarians of the Methodist church, the conference adopted the report of the special judiciary committee, which finds that the conference has no executive authority to district episcopay, that is, to substitute the diocesan for the present itenerant form of residency and administration bishops.

The dealled vote on the retirement of the bishops was given out today. It was as follows: Total vote cast 663. For retirement, Andrews, 585; Foss, 500; Vincent, 585; Mallillieu, 518; Walden, 573.

The election of eight bishops will begin tomorrow morning and is expected to occupy considerable time.

REBEKAHS IN CONVENTION

Assembly Devotes Morning Session to Conferring Degree Upon Members.

REPORTS IN THE AFTERNOON

Busy Times Will Come Today and This Afternoon Officers Will Be Chosen to Act the Coming Year.

The Rebekah assembly of the state of Oregon yesterday convened in this city, made preparations for the busy times to come, and adjourned late in the afternon to make ready for the entertainment and dance given last night. Members of Gateway lodge of Astoria estimate that between 250 and 300 Rebekah delegates are in the city for the convention.

The assembly is holding forth at Pythian castle. There the convention gathered at 9 yesterday morning, the following officers being in attendance: President, Lizzie Howell of Oregon City; vice-president, Nora Barnett of Athena; warden, Ella Fraser of Eugene; secretary, Ora Cosper of Dallas; treasurer, Ella Harding of LaGrande.

The morning session was entirely taken up with the conferring of the assembly degree. About 100 ladies and 60 gentlemen were thus decorated, and by the tiem the ceremony was concluded the dinner hour had arrived. Adjournment was then taken until afternoon, when the standing committees were appointed by the president. The committees lost no time in getting to work and many of them will be able to make reports at today's session.

The report of Secretary Cosper shows that there were 106 lodges of Rebekahs in the state December 31, 1902, while on May 1, 1904 there were 119 lodges, an increase of 13. The number of brother members of the order at the end of 1902 was 2639 and the number of sister members 4422. During the year there were initiated 530 brother and 825 sister members, while 35 brothers and 72 sisters were admitted by card and 23 brothers and 35 sisters reinstated. The number expelled dropped, withdrawn and deceased was 268 brothers and 417 sisters. The gain in brothers was 320, and in sisters 515, a most satisfactory showing. The present brother membership is 2959 and the sister membership 4937.

The report shows the per capita expense for the year to have been $1.33, the per capita income to have been $1.49, and the per capita assets to be $2.52.

This morning the session of the assembly will be resumed. The committees will have their reports to present and the convention will get down to actual business. The belief is expressed by members that the election of officers will not take place until late this afternoon. The session of the assembly will doubtless last until tomorrow noon, if the delegates manage to get through by that time. The session is proving a most interesting one.

The entertainment given last night by Beaver lodge of Odd Fellows and Gateway lodge of Rebekahs was even more thoroughly pleasant than the entertainers had expected. The big pavilion was thronged during the night with Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Surprenant and Byron E. Miller responded on behalf of the city's guests. During the evening refreshments were served, and it was midnight before the merry-makers departed from the hall.

Mail Wagon Is Held Up

Chicago the Scene of Another Attempt of Bold Highwayman.

Chicago, May 17.—Three highwaynmea attempted to rob a United States registered mail wagon early today near the Chicago & Northwestern railroad station. The accidental discharge of a revolver frustrated their plans and they escaped after a duel with the police.

When the driver of the wagon, E. J. Graff, was driving past an alley three men ran out into the street in front of his horses. Two of the men tried to stop the team by grabbing the bridles and the third undertook to climb on the seat. The one who was making an effort to get on the seat fired a shot which was apparently accidental and the horses jumped. Graff plied the whip at the same time and the team lunged ahead. Shots were fired after the wagon, but the driver would not stop.

Two policemen saw one of the men and fired at him. The other men slipped away during the revolver fight.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Clementine Bullock of Portland is a delegate to the Rebekah convention.

J. H. Carter was down from Portland yesterday. He returned on the night train.

Mrs. Icilia M. Sears of Albany is among the delegates to the Rebekah assembly.

Senator Megler came down from Brookfield yesterday to attend the Odd Fellows' encampment.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Vaas of Salem are attending the sessions of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Miss Clara Munson, The Astorian's west side correspondent, is in the city, attending the Rebekah assembly.

L. E. Carter, northwestern manager for the Northwestern Life Insurance Company, is down from Portland.

Mrs. Ella J. Metzger of Dallas and Mrs. Ida Foster of Grants Pass, past presidents of the Rebekahs are attending the assembly.

Misses Sophie and Susie Ryman, Portland delegates to the Rebekah convention, are in the city, guests of Miss Alma Johnson.

E. H. Kripel, superintendent of the telegraph lines of the O. R. & N. Co., came down from Portland yesterday and went over to Ilwaco.

FLOUR UP A NOTCH.

San Francisco Mills Raise Twenty Cents Per Barrel.

San Francisco, May 17.—Local flour mills today made a reduction of 20 cents per barrel. Quotations to the trade are now $4.60 to $4.85 per barrel for family extras and $4.55 to $4.80 for bakers' extras. The decline is attributed to the dullness of trade and competition.

The Weather.

Portland, May 17.—For Oregon, Wednesday, showers; slightly warmer in southwest portion; southwesterly winds.

Railroad Meeting Postponed.

New York, May 17.—The annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Northern Pacific railroad has been postponed until June 17.

To Keep Young.

What is old age, anyway? Scientists tell us it is a kind of atrophy of the tissues and organs connected with the changes in the blood vessels. To counteract this tendency we must supply the tissues and organs with healthy blood. Life, therefore, depends to a great extent upon our ability to keep the circulatory system in a healthy condition. The best methods of doing this may be briefly summarized as follows:

Take plenty of exercise in the outdoor air, preferably in the country, away from the city, says What to Eat.

The best exercise is a long walk in the country, and the benefit of such a walk is increased if only a very small quantity of fluid and food be taken during the walk. A good lunch for such a walk is a sandwich and an organge.

This walk in the open air not only enriches the blood with oxygen, but it strengthens the skin and nervous system, and through this the digestive system.

Great moderation in the amount of food, and especially of flesh food, should be practised, particularly by old people. There is no longer any doubt that moderate meat eating after the "meridian of life" is reached is conducive to longevity.

Drink distilled water and plenty of it after the age of 40 years is reached. Most water is too "hard" for drinking purposes. The lime and other alkalies and salts in it tend to harden the arteries and tissues, and that means "old age." Moreover, "soft" or distilled water is a dissolvent and tends to absorb the poisons and gases in the body.

The following announcement from the Army and Navy Journal of April 16, will be read with interest by Astorians: "The engagement is announced of Miss May Nickerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Nickerson of Eureka, Cal., to Lieutenant Nathaniel E. Bower, corps of engineers, U. S. A." Miss Nickerson is a sister of Mrs. H. Marcotte, wife of the former pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, and is well known in local social circles.

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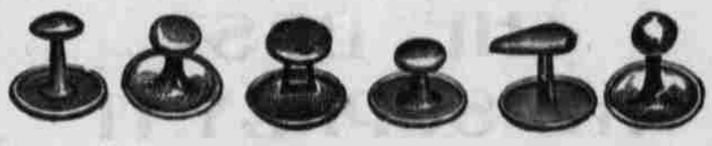

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New Stakes For Horses

Aggregate of Hundred Thousand for New York Circuit This Year.

New York, May 17.—Two new stakes of $10,000 each have been added to the program for the grand circuit races in New York this year, raising the aggregate of prize money to be distributed among the trotters and pacers next August to something like $100,000.

In compliance with requests from horse owners all over the country the Empire City Trotting Club has decided to open a guaranteed stake of $10,000, all trotters of the 2:11 class being eligible, to be decided at the Empire track in the week beginning August 8. Brighton beach will duplicate the offer one week later. The stakes will be known as the Knickerbocker and Long Island, respectively. Entries for both will close June 2.

NIP IT IN THE BUD.

First Appearance of Dandruff a Forerunner of Future Baldness.

That such is the case has been conclusively proven by scientific research. Prof. Unna, the noted European skin specialist, declares that dandruff is the burrowed-up cuticle of the scalp, caused by parasites destroying the vitality in the hair bulb. The hair becomes lifeless, and, in time, falls out. This can be prevented.

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WILL BUILD ICE BREAKER.

Canada Will Make Attempt to Keep St. Lawrence Clear.

Montreal, May 17.—It is announced that the Dominion government will have an ice breaker built in England this summer for the purpose of trying to keep the St. Lawrence open later during the fall and also to break up the ice earlier in the spring. It is calculated that the shipping season at Montreal could be lengthened by at least a fortnight in the fall and that about the same time could be gained by breaking up the ice formation at Cape Rouge in the spring. If the experiment proves successful, another and larger boat will be built and stationed at Quebec in order to make the service more efficacious.

Explosion Victims Die.

Carbondale, Ill., May 17.—Four men in the mine explosion at Perrin Wednesday are dead from their injuries. This makes a total of eight men dead. Four others will probably die.

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