

## MACCABEES HOLD TRIENNIAL MEETING

**DISTINGUISHED OFFICERS OF THE ORDER WILL ATTEND CONVENTION WHICH OPENS TUESDAY—RECEPTION FOR VISITORS.**

The fourth triennial state convention of the Knights of the Maccabees will convene at Elks hall in the Marquam building at 10 a. m. on Tuesday morning, March 22, with 75 delegates and the state officers in attendance.

At this session a full list of state officers will be elected as well as a supreme representative to the supreme re-



J. W. SHERWOOD.

view which will be held in Michigan on July 19. Reports of the work for the past three years will be rendered by the state commander, J. W. Sherwood, and the report of the supreme representative to the last supreme review made by Sir Knight A. Hucklestein of Salem.

Matters of general interest to the members of the order will be discussed and it is expected that the matter of a fraternal temple at the 1905 fair will be heartily endorsed.

The most interesting feature of the convention will be the attendance of the supreme commander, Hon. D. P. Markey, of Fort Huron, Mich., and one of the fraternal leaders of the country. Mr. Markey has been the supreme executive for 14 years and has had the distinction of managing the affairs of the Maccabees so that under his administration they have grown from 12,000 to over 365,000 members and are now the third largest fraternal order in the country with over \$3,500,000 in surplus funds.

Mr. Markey is the chairman of the committee on statistics and good of the order in the National Fraternal congress, which represents the interests of over 6,000,000 fraternal men and women and his reports to the congress are acknowledged to be the most complete and reliable presentment of the fraternal question made.

Mr. Markey comes to Portland from San Francisco, where on Wednesday evening at Golden Gate hall he addressed over 5,000 enthusiastic Maccabees at Los Angeles assisted in the formation of the great camp for California at which S. W. Hall, formerly a deputy for the Maccabees in this state, was elected the first grand commander. The work in Oregon is in charge of Mr. J. W. Sherwood of this city, who

first organized Portland temple No. 1 in September, 1891, with Judge A. L. Fraser as first presiding officer. There are now 6,000 members in Oregon and no order has a better record for prompt adjustment of claims.

At Arion hall at 8 p. m. on Tuesday evening, March 22, 200 candidates will be initiated by a special degree team and an address made by Supreme Commander Markey on matters pertaining to the order and the business conduct of its members.

The state convention of the Ladies of the Maccabees will be held in Portland next Tuesday, March 22, at the I. O. O. F. temple at First and Alder streets. The convention will last from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. The supreme officers of the Ladies Maccabees, Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, supreme commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees, and Miss Bina West, supreme record keeper, both of Michigan, will be distinguished guests of honor. A reception will be given the visiting Maccabees at the Portland.

## TWO-STORY HOUSE IS BLOWN DOWN

At 11 o'clock last night the high wind destroyed a half completed house owned by Mr. McGinnis at Twenty-sixth and Vaughn streets.

A blacksmith shop at Eighteenth and Washington streets was partly destroyed as a result of the washout in Tanner creek sewer, the rear portion of the building falling.

### HISTORY IN THE SENATE.

From the New York World. Senator Bacon was assailing the plan to appropriate \$8,000 for a base for the statue of Frederick the Great which the German emperor had given to this country and inquiring if the president did not usurp a prerogative of congress by accepting the statue.

"Now let me tell you about Frederick the Great," said Senator Stewart. "I am not in need of the senator's information," said Senator Bacon.

"But I desire to tell the senator about Frederick the Great," persisted Mr. Stewart. "I cannot yield for a speech," said Senator Bacon.

This sort of thing went on for some time and finally Senator Stewart got the floor and began to tell the senate all about Frederick the Great. It was a good speech, but the trouble was that the senator told the senate about Peter the Great instead of Frederick the Great.

And this morning it was all out out of the Congressional Record.

### PERSPECT OF GOOD ROADS.

From the Forest Grove Times. It now looks as if the recent discussions of the bad-roads problems will lead to practical results that will eventually give this region roads that are fairly good the year round. They have at least aroused the people to concerted action and a determination that the old plan of plowing and scraping a little dirt in low places in summer time shall give way to a systematic plan for permanent betterment.

From the Woodburn Independent. There has been considerable road-building on paper and by word of mouth, and little of a material character. Probably the latter will be a natural sequence of the other two, and that great pow-wows are necessary for the consummation of such a laudable object. The people have heard so much and paid such high taxes this year that they will be bitterly disappointed if they do not get a better showing on the roads, and it begins to look as if they will have no occasion to be sour.

### Very Much Alike.

From the New York World. The difference between the temper of the house and that of a disturbed hornet's nest is hardly worth mentioning.

## CAPTURE THIEF AFTER HOT TUSSLE

After a sensational fight in which Detective Joe Day was forced to knock John Smith down, the latter was arrested in the postoffice late yesterday afternoon and landed in the city jail. The name he gave is undoubtedly fictitious, and the officers have not been able to identify the prisoner. He is charged with the burglary of Dr. William Koehler's office at 242 1/2 First street four nights ago. He took a large number of dental instruments and some gold for filling, all of which was found on him yesterday at the time of the arrest.

Smith made the plea that he was known here, and that he did not want to be seen going to jail with the officer. He attempted to get away, and it was not until he was felled to the floor in the private office of Postmaster Bancroft that he gave in.

Smith was captured by a very clever ruse on the part of Professor E. D. Hutchinson, of the Portland Dental College, corner of Fifteenth and Couch streets. Smith came to the college yes-

terday afternoon and tried to dispose of the stolen dental instruments and the gold filler. The college officials telephoned the police. They told the thief they would buy the goods but that in order to pay for it would be necessary to have a money order cashed at the postoffice. Smith consented to accompany Hutchinson there, and when the two arrived, Detective Day was in waiting.

Day spotted the thief, when the latter asked a man standing near for a dollar. Day nabbed Smith, at the same time running his hand into the left coat pocket of the latter's coat. He then attempted to place handcuffs on his wrists, when Smith objected and the fight took place.

Smith is a young man, and small of stature. He is a stranger to the local police, but is believed to have a record somewhere. He wore a gold watch, with a locket, in which was set a small diamond. There was a picture of a woman on the inside of the case.

## SERVICES TO ORDER FITLY REMEMBERED

John M. Gearin, past grand knight of Portland council, No. 678, Knights of Columbus, was presented with a beautiful gold charm last Tuesday evening in recognition of his services to the order. When the Portland council was insti-



JOHN M. GEARIN.

tuted two years ago Mr. Gearin was elected grand knight, and he served in that capacity until the first of the present year. The present vigorous growth of the order in this city is due in a great measure to the energy and enthusiasm of Mr. Gearin, who attended to the duties of his position with the greatest fidelity. B. C. Jones presented the charm on behalf of the council and paid merited tribute to the recipient, expressing the sentiments of the council most eloquently. Mr. Gearin responded appropriately, thanking the council for the good-will expressed.

Lives of Mormon saints remind us. "That when we have passed away Smiths will be on deck behind us, Multiplying every day."

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## BASEBALL UMPIRE HAS HIS TROUBLES

ONE OF THE TROUBLED OFFICIALS TELLS OF THE TORTIFICATIONS THAT A PROFESSIONAL UMPIRE IS SUBJECT TO IN LINE OF HIS DUTY.

"Nobody who has not been through the mill can realize the tribulations of a professional baseball umpire," said a member of that long-suffering clan the other day. "Of all jobs on the face of the broad earth it is the most thankless and the least desirable. In the first place the umpire has got to keep by himself a good deal during the playing season. His is a lonely and isolated existence a good part of the time. He can't afford to associate with ball players, because if he got friendly with any of the players it might create talk or influence his decisions unconsciously.

"So the umpire holds aloof almost entirely from the players, stays at different hotels from them and travels by different roads. I've seen the time, when I had my wife with me at a hotel, that I would not want to pass a group of ball players who might be standing near, lest one of them should say something insulting to me as we passed and there would be trouble. Some players are bitter enough to insult you under just such circumstances.

"I used to instruct the employees of the hotels where I stopped not to mention baseball to me at all. I refused to think of it off the field. There's no getting away from the conditions of loneliness. It follows you from town to town, and in each place they have their grievances against the umpire. If you should happen to give a decision against the home club the streetcar conductor, if he knows you, the waiters and everybody else with local affiliations scowl on you. Many a time you are entirely friendless.

Then, the Police. "Then there are the police. Sometimes there are not enough of them on hand to insure proper protection, and sometimes when there are enough they'll scowl at you and swear at you under their breaths, grip their clubs as if they would like to use them on you and otherwise give you to understand that they are protecting you against their inclination. I was once insulted by a cop while on my way to my dressing room after the game. 'You know where I dress,' I replied. 'Perhaps you would like to come back there and settle the argument.' But all he did was to call me an incompetent blankety blank, his fellow cops doing likewise. The cops are just as prejudiced rooters as anybody else.

"As for the players, well, you know how they make life miserable for an umpire. They are always ready to roast him, and seldom, if ever, have a kind word for him. I believe some of the players would like to encourage the umpire once in a while if it wouldn't seem so strange to them. On the other hand there are players who, when you umpire your best game, are sore because you didn't give them a chance to kick.

Managers Also Growl. "Managers and owners also have their gruel at you, and it is very unpleasant, after a game, when you are dressing all alone, feeling that you are the most forlorn creature on earth, to have the home magnate send word to you by one of his hirelings that you were rotten, that he is much displeased with you and will have you transferred to some other town, a threat which he doesn't make good, nor that league presidents stick up for their umpires.

"The umpires will make mistakes of course. They know it and feel worse over the mistakes than anybody else. Sometimes, too, an umpire gets careless or lazy and doesn't get around to see the decisions as he should. Then a little roasting does him good and puts him on his mettle. But there's no use in hounding a man. 'Poor blind Snyder' is the way a Philadelphia paper referred to Charley Snyder every day for a whole season.

"The bumps that the umpire gets with the ball take the starch out of him sometimes. I got three raps on the wrist in quick succession one day in Brooklyn, and the last caused me such intense pain that I felt heartbroken. It simply took my nerve, unstrung me completely. And to be grieved by a lot of people when you are in physical and mental distress does not add to your comfort."

### An Almanac Poem.

From the New York Times. Here's a bit of work from a bard of the almanac persuasion: Jan-et was quite ill one day; Feb-rile troubles came her way. Mar-tyr she lay in bed; Apr-oned nurses softly sped. "May-be," said the leech judicial, "Jun-keet would be beneficial." Jul-eps, too, though freely tried, Aug-ured ill, for Janet died. Sep-tember was waddy made. Oct-aves peeled and prayers were said. Nov-ices, with many a tear, Dec-orated Janet's bier.

### THE LAW IN GERMANY.

From London Truth. In a fit of temper a kitchen maid on a Rhine steamer threw overboard all the pots and pans she had to clean. There were two previous convictions against her for theft, and she was accused of stealing the pots and pans. The Cologne judges held, however, that as she had only thrown the utensils overboard the charge of theft could not be sustained. Further, they decided that she could not be convicted of damaging her employer's property, inasmuch as the pots and pans were probably reposing uninjured at the bottom of the river. Against this judgment an appeal was made to the high court in Leipzig. The judges there also came to the conclusion that the case could not be dealt



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