

MASONIC LODGE ENDS ITS SESSION

NEW GRAND MASTER, THOMAS GRAY, IS INSTALLED—TRUSTEES TO CONSIDER CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TEMPLE AT SOME FUTURE DATE—BANQUET OF SHRINERS.

In the Masonic temple this morning the annual session of the grand lodge was brought to an end by the installation of the new grand master, Thomas Gray, of this city, and other officers.

It was also decided to set aside \$1,000, or as much thereof as might be needed, to care for visiting Masons to the Lewis and Clark exposition who might meet with illness or other distress.

The banquet enjoyed by the order in the temple last night was the finest affair of the kind ever held by the order in Portland. A magnificent past grand commander's level was conferred on Past Grand Commander John B. Cleland.

Regarding the decision to build the new temple, reached yesterday afternoon, Judge Cleland, of the trustees, said today that all of the details were in the hands of the trustees for solution and that it might be years before the temple is actually built. The importance of the matter was the decision that at the proper time the new temple should be constructed. In the near future a meeting of the trustees will be held at which the first practical discussion of the matter is to take place.

Tomorrow night, in the Masonic temple, the Shriner are to hold a big meeting and banquet. John H. Hill, the poet, will officiate. A class of 13 will be put through the work.

LAST SERVICES FOR T. G. BYRNE

The funeral of the late Thomas G. Byrne was held at St. Francis Catholic church, East Eleventh and Oak streets, at 9 o'clock this forenoon. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Edward Black, and the interment was in Lone Fir cemetery. The immediate relatives and many old friends paid last sad tributes to the deceased pioneer. Mr. Byrne was a native of Canada, but came to Portland about 40 years ago from St. Paul. He followed farming a greater part of the time, but has lived at his home on the east side for several years past. The deceased left a widow, six sons, four daughters and nine grandchildren. Mr. Byrne was 80 years old at the time of his death.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF MRS. R. A. PALMER

There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Mrs. Ray Palmer, held at the White temple at 3 p. m. this afternoon, and numerous floral offerings were in evidence. The impressive services were led by Rev. Stanton C. Lapham, and remarks concerning the exemplary life and Christian character of the deceased were made by Rev. A. W. Rider, Rev. H. R. Turner, Dr. J. Lewis Smith and others. The music was in charge of the First Baptist church, and included a requiem solo by Miss Ella Hoberg. Burial was made in Riverview cemetery.

FINDS WIFE WHILE ON HIS VACATION

Frank R. Dunn, counter clerk at the general offices of the Southern Pacific, surprised his wife in this city by informing them of his marriage to Miss Clara Kierman which occurred in San Francisco last week. Two weeks ago he was given a leave of absence for his annual vacation. He said nothing, however, about the coming event. He went to San Francisco and yesterday notified the local offices of the wedding.

PORTLAND ACADEMY.
The commencement exercises of the Portland academy will be held tonight at the First Baptist church. A general invitation to the friends of the graduates to attend has been issued.

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JAIL KITCHEN IS BARRED AND BOLTED

The clang of hammer on steel at the county jail this morning proved that the county court meant business when it declared its intention of taking the feeding of prisoners out of the hands of the sheriff. The big iron door connecting the jail proper with the department in which food is prepared for the prisoners has been provided with clasps and bolts, and will be locked securely on the kitchen side, except when the food is taken into the jail.

A workman was busy all morning in making the alterations necessary to carrying out the purpose of the court. When he had finished his work all that

remained to shut the jail off from the kitchen was a padlock, which will be supplied this afternoon.

"The only idea of this work," said County Judge Webster, "is to make the jail and the kitchen two separate departments in fact as well as in theory."

When Sheriff-elect Ward was informed of the change and asked his opinion he remarked:

"I shall have nothing to say until I take the oath of office. I was elected sheriff of this county by the people and I intend to be their sheriff. What my understanding of the authority and duties of the sheriff will be known in proper time."

TROOP A WILL NOT CAMP WITH REGULARS

Troop A, the only cavalry organization of the state militia, will not accompany the National Guard of Oregon and the regulars of the department of the Columbia on the annual encampment which will be held at American Lake, near Tacoma, beginning July 7. The troop will make a practice march instead. A decision to that effect was reached today by General Fisher of the National Guard. It was found that the sum which was appropriated for the expenses of the encampment was not

sufficient for the maintenance of a troop of cavalry.

Troop A is stationed at Lebanon. It will be ordered out on a practice march June 25. The march will be in the direction of Newport, and will require ten days of regular army practice.

BOSTON REMEMBERS BUNKER HILL.
(Journal Special Service.)
Boston, Mass., June 17.—The 125th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill is being celebrated with parades, reunions of patriotic societies and other festivities that will not end before midnight. Bunker hill day is the Massachusetts Fourth of July and with each recurring year more and more "fuss" is made over the anniversary.

RIVER MEN LOOK FOR RATE WAR

RUMORS OF A CUT IN COLUMBIA RIVER RATE GROW STRONGER EACH DAY—BUSINESS TO THE DALES IS EXPECTED TO DIMINISH SOON—FLEETIGHT LIGHT.

Owing to the fact that the up-river passenger traffic has begun to fall off, there are many rumors of a rate war about along the waterfront this morning. It is expected that it will be between the river steamers Bailey Gatzert, Regulator and Dallas City on the one hand and the Charles R. Spencer on the other; the first named boats belong to the Regulator line, while the Spencer is owned by Captain Spencer of this city.

So far this season the rate to up-river points have not been cut. The business has been considered fairly good up until today, and it is said that this is the beginning of the light travel up the Columbia. Early in the season a large number of men left this city for the logging camps and mines, besides many who left to seek their fortunes on eastern Oregon ranches. This class of passenger traffic was succeeded by the scores of people who went to Hood River to pick strawberries and, of course, all those who went up came back to Portland to spend their earnings. The O. R. R. reunion at Hood River caused the boats to be well loaded for several days and there will also be a good traffic down when the campfires are over. Then will come a quietness in river business that will cause a gloom to fall over the waterfront until next fall.

It is expected that during the week of the session of the American mining congress, to be held in this city the last of August, will be the beginning of a passenger travel on the Columbia-Willamette boats. Freight business has been light all season.

The Regulator line, having three boats on the up-the-Columbia run, is enabled to place two steamers on the trip the mornings that the Charles R. Spencer mails and one on the Spencer's off days is getting a very large share of the freight business.

Last year the rate to The Dalles went as low as 25 cents for several months. It stood at 30 cents. There was a very large travel between the Columbia river towns and Portland, but both companies are said to have lost money. Still, they are of the opinion that if things do not take a turn soon, the worst will be resumed. One of the steamboat company officials said this morning that he expected that if the warping lines started trouble in the rate business again, the fare to The Dalles would go as low as 10 cents for one way.

NEBRASKAN BREAKS RECORD.
In Making the Longest Trip Ever Made by an Oil Burner.

Within a few days the American-Hawaiian Steamship company's freighter Nebraska will arrive in this port with nearly 3,000 tons of general cargo from Honolulu. Upon the arrival of the steamer in this harbor she will end the longest passage ever made by an oil burning vessel. The Nebraska is now discharging cargo at San Francisco, but is expected to sail out from the Golden Gate today.

In the run from the eastern city, the Nebraska's patent log showed that the vessel had covered 13,156 miles, and in doing so had consumed 9,334 barrels of oil. This passage was made in the remarkably quick time of 84 days. From the time the now famous vessel left the shores of Long Island astern until she was off the River Platte, she experienced welcome winds and summer seas; but when off the mouth of the Platte a gale that was soon whipped into a hurricane began to blow and the waves did all in their power to swamp the American steamer. But wind and wave did not stop the Nebraska and she sailed on through the gale to the Straits of Magellan, where a few hours' stop—the only one on the passage—was made in order to give the sea time to go down. The run up from the Straits was uneventful.

The Nebraska is in command of Captain Weeden, formerly of the Navadan, and her engines are guarded by Chief Engineer John Mitchell. In the far-off southern seas the steamer spoke the French bark Suzanne bound from Havre to Honolulu.

The steamer is consigned to the Chas. T. Beebe company. After taking a large cargo aboard here for Honolulu, the steamer will proceed to the islands for several thousand tons of sugar.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.
After a wait of several days, the Beacon Rock is again working cargo at the Mersey dock. Her cargo of cement is almost discharged, and it is thought she will be able to go into drydock for repairs next week.

To complete her cargo of lumber and pulp, the schooner Mable Gale was sent to the wharf from the Innan-Poulsen mill to Linnton.

With a full cargo of lumber and grain, the steam schooner Aurelia will sail tomorrow afternoon for San Francisco.

Captain Conway, superintendent of the O. R. & N. water lines, will superintend the overhauling of the liner George W. Elder. Chief Clerk Scott has charge of the water lines during Captain Conway's stay in the Bay City.

A San Francisco firm has at last been awarded the contract for supplying the government with 5,512 tons of oats for Manila. Portland bidders are of the opinion that Quartermaster-General Humphrey did not fairly consider their bids.

It is expected that the O. R. & N. liner Arabia will shift from the Albina dock to the Ainsworth dock late this evening or early tomorrow morning. Her cargo is now being discharged at the Albina dock.

Captain Garrioch of the British ship Rajore this morning said that he did not see any paying charter in sight for his vessel, and that he had about made up his mind that he would lay in the harbor for several months more.

**CONFIDENTIAL CLERK
MYSTERIOUSLY GONE.**
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Cleburn, Wash., June 17.—James Kellogg of this city has disappeared from his home here. He was in the employ of a leading mercantile house, in a confidential capacity. An examination of his books, begun as soon as his absence from home became known, has been completed. It reveals that there is no shortage in his accounts. His employers and his family are unable to give any reason for his absence. He left no word of any kind.

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**Currie Gang Robs
Train of \$60,000**

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rear brakeman, realizing what was going on, quietly slipped up the train and made his way to Beasmouth, where he reported the affair to the superintendent's office in Missoula. Shortly before 1 o'clock a sheriff's posse, accompanied by Superintendent Palmer of the Northern Pacific, left Missoula for Beasmouth.

It is reported that the railroad company had been forewarned that an attempt would be made to rob one of its trains, and for several days guards have been carried on the express trains of the Phillipsburg branch. It is believed this course prevented a robbery on that branch last Wednesday.

At the break of day the posse started in pursuit of the bandits. The safe blown open contained shipments of currency en route from Portland to Chicago and New York.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL.
Believed to Be Three of Robbers That Held Up Train.

Butte, Mont., June 17.—Bloodhounds from the state penitentiary arrived at 8 o'clock this morning and took up the trail of the men who last night held up and robbed the Northern Pacific train near Beasmouth. The dogs showed that the men were on foot and proceeded south one mile, where their horses had been tied.

Apparently there are three of the robbers. A large posse of men and dogs had tracked the men nine miles at 10 o'clock, and expect soon to overtake them. The train arrived at Butte at 6 o'clock this morning. Passengers say that there were three explosions, which broke the windows in all the coaches. The robbers are said to have secured about \$60,000 from the express safe.

Before the explosion one robber said to the express messenger: "We are human, you know," and united a valuable setter dog owned by a passenger and led the animal from the express car so it should not be killed by the explosion. Passengers on the train were not molested. Most of them were going to the St. Louis fair and carried large sums of money, which with valuables were hurriedly hidden when the first explosion occurred.

During the two hours and a half that the robbers were blowing up the express car and leisurely gathering up the scattered coin, the passengers were afraid to leave the cars. The robbers fired several hundred shots into the air to keep the passengers inside. The robbers also fired several shots against Briggs, brakeman but missed the two that escaped from the train and hurried to the nearest station to wire an alarm to the officials.

A hundred men heavily armed are in pursuit and the escape of the robbers is believed to be impossible.

A \$10,000 reward has been offered for their capture dead or alive.

Scores of cowboys and ranchers have joined in the chase.

HORROR IS INCREASED
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was one of the gruesome discoveries made by the divers as they worked at the paddle-box this morning. A patrol line has been established on the water around the wreck today to keep the morbidly curious, who come in launches to the scene, from interfering with the work.

The heartlessness of some of the boatmen is again seen in this, as they stand at their stations on the city side and loudly call for excursionists to visit the wreck and "watch the removal of bodies."

The first of the funerals was held this morning. Nearly 100 members of all denominations met this morning at St. Mark's Lutheran church to make arrangements to officiate at the funerals of the newly and injured in the hospitals that are recovering.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon morgue figures remain unchanged. More bodies are coming up the river to be placed in the morgue. More than \$1,000 has been subscribed for relief funds.

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**SAY GUARD'S SHOT
WAS UNJUSTIFIED**
It developed today that H. Randolph, a county prisoner, was shot by Guard Briggs and not by Guard Johnson, while attempting to escape from the rockpile yesterday. The shooting may lead to a damage suit against Briggs, Sheriff Storey and his bondsmen.

**WOMAN BEATER
HEAVILY FINED**
For assaulting and beating Emma Hayden on two separate occasions, Adeline Bedford, proprietor of a saloon, at the corner of Fourth and Taylor streets, was this morning fined \$15 by Municipal Judge Hogan. Bedford had been in jail for several days being unable to secure \$50 bail. In the meantime, the saloon was closed down. The woman had assaulted on two occasions attempted to commit suicide because of the fact that she was unable to secure bail. The first time she shot herself, and the second time she attempted to poison herself.