

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF PYTHIAN SISTERS AT OPENING MEETING

Conferring of Supreme Temple Degree on 65 Juniors Is Main Duty of Forenoon.

REPORTS THIS AFTERNOON

Highest Officers Will Tell of Progress Order Has Made During Past Twelve Months.

Following the joint public reception ordered the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters this morning at Masonic Temple, the Supreme Temple of Pythian Sisters went into session at 11:30 in the Elks club rooms with an attendance of 150 senior, and junior representatives from every state in the Union and from many of the provinces of Canada, and the supreme officers. The hall was profusely decorated in flowers and foliage forming an admirable background for the light, summer dresses worn by most of the women.

The conferring of the supreme temple degree upon 65 junior representatives was the outstanding event of the session. The supreme officers presiding at this important ceremony were: Mrs. Cora Davis, Union, Or., supreme chief; Mrs. Elly National, Oakland, Cal., supreme senior; Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson, Woodford, Me., supreme junior; Mrs. Minnie Bunting, Sapulpa, Okla., supreme manager; Mrs. M. J. Nelson, Union City, Ind., supreme mistress of records and correspondence; Mrs. Jennie R. Brown, Palatka, Fla., supreme protector; Mrs. Lucie McCague, Medicine Lodge, Kan., supreme guard; Mrs. Alice M. Boyland, Eldora, Iowa, supreme mistress of finance. The supreme temple took a recess during the parade and then again went into session when the supreme officers gave their annual reports.

PYTHIAN CONVENTIONS OPEN; PARADE TO BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON

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are assured that if you can heal the scars, your work will be noble indeed. If each of you follows out the tenets of your professions, what a world you can make.

Grand Lodge Extends Welcome.

Mr. Moser then, on behalf of the Oregon grand lodge, and of the Pythians of the entire northwest, extended an added welcome. He then called upon Mrs. Cora M. Davis of Union, Or., supreme chief, of the Pythian sisters, to respond to the welcome and with rare grace of speech and demeanor she replied, expressing the delight of the sisters to find such welcome in Portland and her people. As an Oregon woman herself her welcome, she said, was doubly pleasurable. She paid deep tribute to Walter B. Hughes, sometimes called the father of Pythianism, who is attending the convention, and urged a higher conception and execution of the opportunities of the order.

Supreme Chancellor Brig. S. Young of Ada, Ohio, responded on behalf of the Knights. He said he was not surprised at the welcome, having heard long ago of Portland and her people. He turned to Governor Withycombe and Mayor Albee and asked if they realized just what the Knights of Pythias convention meant.

Fraternal Work Unequaled.

"You have represented here, sir," he said, "a membership of 750,000 men and of 150,000 women from all over the United States and Canada. You have representatives of an order founded by 13 men 50 years ago, without a cent of resources. Now that order has 150,000,000 of resources consecrated to humanity. During the years of its existence the organization has disbursed \$39,000,000. It is maintaining homes for the orphans of members, for the widows, for the old and indigent."

"No fraternity equals the work of this. Its military department whose work is a part of the records of the United States war department, comprises 20,000 men. The department sent 3000 men to serve their country during the Spanish-American war."

Lodges Get Down to Work.

The welcoming services concluded the public feature of the morning session, the hall then being cleared and the Knights starting at once upon the business of the supreme lodge.

The sisters were taken in automobiles to the Elks building, where they in turn opened their secret sessions in the main lodge room. The members of the Grand Lodge of Oregon adjourned to the Pythian building, where they, too, started the sessions of the state deliberative body.

Thus was the air cleared for the

NEXT SUPREME CHANCELLOR OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AND OTHER NOTABLE PYTHIAN VISITORS



PROGRAM OF PYTHIANS TODAY AND TOMORROW

Today.
2:30 p. m.—Grand street parade of supreme lodge and temple and grand lodge and rank.
8 p. m.—Open meeting at Baker theatre, with address by Walter B. Hughes of Lima, Ohio, author of Knights of Pythias ritual, on "The Pythian Lesson of Friendship."
Tomorrow, August 2.
9 a. m.—Lodges open in their respective headquarters. Trip up Columbia river highway by boat and automobile, the steamer Bailey Gatzert leaving her dock at 8:30 a. m., and automobiles leaving the Masonic Temple at 9 a. m.
1 p. m.—Salmon dinner at Bonneville.
2 p. m.—Visitors return to Portland by steamer and automobiles.
2:30 p. m.—D. O. K. K. parade.
8:30 p. m.—Cereemonial of Abolition of temple, No. 117, at the Army.
12 p. m.—Banquet for members of the D. O. K. K. only.

earnest work the three conventions have undertaken to do. A great mass of business was laid out for consideration and it was long after noon before this was cleared away.

EASTERN PRESS IS CHILLED BY HUGHES SPEECH

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is without an issue and without a policy. Half of it is devoted to an attack upon the foreign policy of President Wilson, but Mr. Hughes does not say what he would have done that Mr. Wilson left undone, or what he would have left undone that Mr. Wilson did.

A fourth of it is devoted to preparedness and to censuring the president for calling out the National Guard. But here again Mr. Hughes refrains from telling the American people how he would have obtained a larger measure of preparedness than the president has wrung from congress, or how he would have dealt with conditions on the Mexican border without calling out the National Guard.

What Forms Would He Take?

Mr. Hughes' Mexican policy is to be one of firmness and consistency, through which alone we can promote an enduring friendship. But what form are the firmness and consistency to take? War? Intervention? Candidates can talk about firmness and consistency in origin affairs, but presidents must deal in concrete matters. They must decide definitely to do this thing or that thing. There must be no waffling, even the risk of making mistakes.

In spite of Mr. Hughes' long and bitter indictment of the president's course in Mexico, he himself has nothing affirmative to offer.

The Republican candidate follows the same prosecuting attorney tactics in dealing with the president's European policy.

Hughes' Plan Vague.

"A firm American policy" is the thing that was needed, but again what does Mr. Hughes mean by a firm American policy? Mr. Wilson has guided the country through a great crisis, through a period which Mr. Hughes himself describes as "perhaps more critical than any period since the Civil war." Without surrendering a single American right, he has kept the country out of war and compelled the most powerful military government known to history to conform to its military policies to American demands. Now comes Mr. Hughes as the arch critic of that president to say that the president was all wrong in the way he did it, whatever the results may be.

Would He Have Gone to War?

Would Mr. Hughes have gone to war over the Lusitania or would he have sought first to exhaust all the resources of diplomacy? If he would have gone to war, he does not say so. If he would have at first exhausted the resources of diplomacy, in what respect would he have handled the case more wisely and more patriotically than President Wilson handled it? Here again Mr. Hughes confesses by his silence.

Perhaps nothing is more characteristic of Mr. Hughes' speech than his treatment of American conspiracies.

"We denounce all plots and conspiracies in the interest of another foreign nation" and then he proceeds to hold the administration responsible for them.

Silent About One Plot.

"It would be to stop them," as the administration had not secured dozens of indictments and a score of convictions. But there is one plot and conspiracy about which Mr. Hughes is conspicuously silent. We refer to the German plot to make him president of the United States because President Wilson was the only one who would not.

speech will be searched in vain for a word, a solitary syllable, repudiating this infamous attempt of a foreign monarchy to control the political affairs of the United States by punishing a president who has offended it, and rewarding a candidate who tacitly invites the support of the hyphenated. Mr. Hughes' "dominant Americanism" halts when it contemplates the political probabilities of the German vote.

No Substance to Speech.

Mr. Hughes' speech is all sound and reverberation. There is no substance to it, and there is no substance to it because Mr. Hughes, great lawyer that he is, could not present a case. As a party candidate, he can criticize the president and find fault with the administration, but in spite of his high ability he can frame no substitute policy of his own upon which he would dare to go before the American people. All of his speech is destructive, none of it is constructive. The progressive voter will read it in vain for a word of hope or encouragement. It is the partisan utterance of a partisan candidate appealing to a partisan vote that can see nothing in government except physical possession of the federal patronage and the protection of property and privilege. It might have been delivered by William Barnes, or Boies Penrose, or Joseph G. Cannon, or any other stand-pat Republican.

Tariff Is His Only Conviction.

It is only when Mr. Hughes begins to argue in behalf of a Republican tariff that he becomes positive and vehement and appears to have convictions of his own. Mr. Hughes puts his denunciation of President Wilson into the scale against the record of President Wilson's splendid achievements and asks the American people to choose between the two.

The world recently expressed the opinion that no civilized country in the world would be insane enough at a time like this to overturn such a government as President Wilson has given to the United States and embark upon a sea of experiment. That conviction is strengthened ten-fold by Mr. Hughes' speech. No intelligent man could by any process of the human mind find in it one logical reason for putting Woodrow Wilson out of the presidency and putting Mr. Hughes in.

Mr. Hughes has spoken, and his speech is an unanswerable argument for the reelection of President Wilson.

Examinations Scheduled.

The United States civil service commission announces open competitive examinations as follows: August 23, sub-inspector of radio towers, for men only, to fill a vacancy in this position at \$3,522 per diem, navy department, for duty at the Pacific Torpedo Station, Newport, near Bremerton, Wash. Scientific assistant in oceanography, for men only, at \$960 per annum in the bureau of fisheries, department of commerce, Washington, D. C. For further information and application forms apply to M. K. Wigton, local secretary, board of civil service examiners, Postoffice building, Portland, Or.

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Above, Left to right—John J. Brown of Vandalla, Ill., who will be next supreme chancellor; Major-General W. H. Loomis of Grand Rapids, Mich., head of the uniformed rank; B. E. Riney, Kansas City, Kas., and Rev. Joseph H. Spearing of New Orleans, supreme prelate of the Pythians. Below—The eternal triangle, C. E. B. Conebear of Alberta, C. F. S. Neal of Indiana, and Albert Harris of New Orleans.

HIGH PRICE OF NEWS PAPER TO BE PROBED BY TRADE COMMISSION

Open Hearing Will Be Held to Ascertain If Advance Is Justified.

Washington, Aug. 1.—(U. P.)—Increased print paper prices were placed under a government microscope today when newspaper publishers and representatives of newspaper associations met with the federal trade commission to discuss the subject.

An open hearing with the publishers had been arranged by the commission for two purposes.

To get any ideas publishers may have as to the cause and justice of the increased price of paper.

To show the publishers what the commission has been able to learn of the facts behind the price boost.

For two months the commission has had 15 accountants at work in paper manufacturing plants of the country going over the books to determine, if possible, what has made print paper suddenly more expensive. It has already been determined that the demand for paper has shown a tremendous increase.

The hearing tomorrow will develop the first report of the commission. The completion of its investigation with its formal report is expected by October 1.

In the meantime hundreds of editors have written, some making suggestions of different kinds and values on means

of bringing about a reduction. A number of big newspapers have met the situation by increasing the price of their street editions.

For the most part, however, communications from editors put it up to the commission, with the hope that it will find some means of alleviating the new burden attached to newspaper publication.

Stolen Auto Bought

In Portland Is Found

Stolen from Seattle July 26 and resold in this city to S. H. Thomas, a resident of Texas, who was en route to the Hood River valley, to take up ranching, an automobile belonging to William Bush, of Fort Rock, Or., was recovered by City Detective Tom Coleman and Sergeant Van Overn yesterday. The machine was found in front of a hotel at 1414 North Sixth street.

Mr. Thomas arrived in the city with his family a few days ago, and at the hotel met the young men from whom he purchased the automobile. Thomas paid them \$200, with the promise that he was to give them another \$100 at Hood River today. Just as he was preparing to leave with the machine yesterday Detective Coleman seized it. The owner of the machine has not yet been heard from, and the young men from whom it was purchased have disappeared.

Supreme Court in Decision Puts Stop to Quibbling by County Courts.

Salem, Or., Aug. 1.—The supreme court today gave a final knockout blow to county courts that quibble over the provisions of the widows' pension act when it decided in favor of Mary Luella Finley in her suit against the county of Marion, County Judge Bushey had refused her a pension.

The court held that Mrs. Finley is entitled to a pension from the date of her application in July, 1912, at the rate of \$10 per month. Circuit Judge Galloway found she was entitled to a pension from July 30, 1915. His view that she could not recover from July, 1912, was modified by the supreme court. He contended she had been at fault in not compelling earlier action in the county court.

The supreme court held that a mother is not required, under the 1912 act, to be with her family all the time, if she kept them together in the home, and that she did not forfeit her right to a pension by working away from the family residence at some hours of the day, if such labor were necessary to contribute to the family subsistence.

County Judge Bushey had refused her a pension on the ground that she worked out. However, he extended her aid under the pauper statutes.

The decision affects several similar cases in Marion county where County Judge Bushey refused to recognize the widows' pension act and gave relief under the pauper statutes. Widows will now get pensions from the date of their applications.

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county, suit to receive judgment for money. Opinion by Justice Burnett; Circuit Judge Bradshaw's judgment for defendant affirmed. **Plave Land & Development company, appellant, vs. F. P. Leineuwer et al., appellees from Clatsop county, involving taxation of property.** Opinion by Justice Burnett; Circuit Judge Eakin's judgment for defendant affirmed.

L. N. Roney, appellant, vs. Lane county, suit to restrain collection of a road tax. Opinion by Justice Burnett; Circuit Judge Skelworth's judgment for defendant affirmed.

Ida Patterson et al. vs. Chambers Power company, appellant, appealed from Lane county, suit to enjoin company from widening a mill race in Eugene. Opinion by Justice McMurrie; judgment of Circuit Judge Hamilton for plaintiff modified.

James Young vs. Prouty Lumber & Box company, appellant, appealed from Clatsop county, action for damages. Opinion by Justice Benson; Circuit Judge Eakin's judgment for plaintiff reversed.

Judge Kamilton Affirmed. **W. R. MacKenzie et al., appellant, vs. Douglas county, suit to recover for auditing of county books.** Opinion by Justice Benson; Circuit Judge Hamilton's judgment for defendant affirmed.

John E. Wicks vs. Frank H. Sanborn, appellant, appealed from Clatsop county, action for judgment for money. Opinion by Justice Harris; Circuit Judge Eakin's judgment for plaintiff modified and affirmed.

W. J. Darcy vs. S. A. Sanford et al., appellants, appealed from Marion county, motion to dismiss appeal allowed. Opinion by Justice Harris.

Measdon Lane, Investment company vs. Mrs. ONVIA Manerud, appellant, appealed from Lane county, action to recover a promissory note. Opinion per curiam, judgment of Circuit Judge Skelworth for plaintiff modified and affirmed.

Writ for Level. **Salem, Or., Aug. 1.**—The supreme court today issued a writ of habeas corpus in the case of James M. Level, confined in the Multnomah county jail for debt. A hearing to determine the legality of the detention of Level will be held here Wednesday at 10 a. m.

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