

CONVENTION IS SUCCESS

OVER 100 KNIGHT IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Grants Pass Next

Seven Candidates Put Through First or Page Rank; Five Towns in This District.

The southern Oregon district convention of the Knights of Pythias held at Ashland last Friday night was a big success in every way. There were over one hundred Knights present from every town in southern Oregon, from Roseburg to Klamath Falls, besides other towns of the northern part of the state.

At seven o'clock all marched into the banquet hall, where a splendid chicken banquet was served by the ladies and very enjoyable music selections were rendered by Dickey orchestra.

Before retiring to the lodge hall, Past Grand Chancellor H. G. Wortman of Medford introduced Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Walter G. Gleason of Portland who gave an address on the Oregon-Washington Pythian home at Vancouver, Washington and the reasons why a Pythian Sisters temple should be organized at Ashland.

The Knights then returned to the hall where the convention was called to order by Chancellor Commander M. P. Dunn of Ashland. After the opening, District Deputy Rowell of Grants Pass took charge. A motion prevailed that a roll call of past chancellors be taken at every lodge session in the district. A motion was also passed that each lodge in the district conduct a literary contest among school children, offering prizes for the best composition on Americanization and other subjects. Knights Gaston of Grants Pass and E. F. Robinson of Medford were elected secretary and treasurer respectively, these being the only elective offices in the convention.

Then came the initiation of the much-heralded Walter Gleason Page class, the work being exemplified by the following selected team of Medford: James Stewart, acting chancellor commander; George J. Kunzman, acting vice chancellor; E. W. Jaqua, acting prelate; C. G. Goold, acting master-at-arms; H. C. Hoehne, acting master of work.

At the close of the initiation the following papers, which were exceptionally good and well rendered, were given. "What activity outside, the lodge room should a lodge take on?" by A. E. Whitman, superintendent of the Phoenix schools, representing Talisman lodge No. 31 of Medford. "How can lodge attendance be increased?" Dr. Claire C. Allen, representing Alpha lodge No. 47 of Roseburg. "Pythian Sisters as an asset to the order," S. H. Ernest, representing Thermopylae lodge No. 50 of Grants Pass. "How to build the membership of the lodge," E. J. Temper, representing Klamath Falls lodge No. 99 of Klamath Falls. "Value of ritualistic study as a hold on membership," H. E. Briggs, representing Ashland lodge No. 117 of Ashland.

The pages were allowed to hear these papers, after which they gave short talks, followed by an interesting talk by Past Grand Chancellor H. G. Wortman of Medford.

Chancellor Commander George J. Kunzman of Talisman lodge stated that the real result of the Walter Gleason Page class was not shown by the number of candidates, but that the real fruits of this class will be shown throughout the year, especially in the fall when the next convention is held at Grants Pass.

Then came an informal talk on "Friendship" by Walter G. Gleason in which he emphasized that every man should be a friend of boys as well as grown-ups. Mr. Gleason being a boy enthusiast, an hdaving five boys of his own. He brought home the fact that as individuals, as well as a lodge, all should avail themselves of each opportunity to promote the interests of the boys. He also emphasized the fact that it is the over-

privileged rather than the underprivileged boy who requires our special attention.

There were 27 past chancellors and two past grand chancellors present. Walter G. Gleason was the only state officer present, the others planning on attending having been prevented from doing so by sickness.

THE BREWERY THAT ASHLAND NEVER HAD

The story in last weeks American "To Klamath Falls in sixteen Hours" was one of Mrs Ann H. Russel's keep sakes that she's had laid away these many years and it was because of her kindness that the many eople of Ashland had the pleasure of reading the story again.

Mrs. Russell writes again some interesting facts connected with Ashlands past history as follows—"All honor to the good housekeeper who burns the old newspapers but after reading the Linkville story in last weeks Ashland American, I am glad that I kept the old history papers and also stored away in my brain much former history. I may forget about the "ham and eggs" cooked for Bob Garretts stage passengers but I remember getting up at four o'clock a. m. every stage day to cook breakfast at the Soda Spring for him and his load of passengers—Even if he was

alone (there was no way to know how many were aboard his ship until counted by lamp light in the hall.) I liked "Bob" and my husband was not jealous for he liked him too. But that Brewery in last weeks paper is not correctly named—Ashland never had a brewery. Please Mr. Editor take notice and change it.

I walked until my feet were sore in order to reach all the good people in Ashland whose names I wanted on my petition, but even though my feet were calloused with walking (but I was ashamed to limp for fear someone would think I wore tight shoes) I ran after good, rich folks I thought I could trust to save Ashland from being disgraced with a brewery. At last I presented my petition to a man to present to the City Council. I waited for news and results in the mean time work had stopped on the "Cold Storage Plant".

A few months later, Prof. Mulkey saw me across the street and came over to tell me good news. He had heard in Albany a brewery man had told him how much he wanted to live in Ashland and come here to start a business. "Why didn't you, what was your business?" Mr. Mulkey asked, and the fellow replied: "I was starting a brewery but I saw it wouldn't pay—an old woman went to everybody that owned "two-bits" to help drive me out of town. I saw

it was the last wet year there so I just dropped the whole thing."

I heard later that it was hard for the mayor to get a quorum, the boys were afraid that old petition would bob up. It was also told around town that I wouldn't handle whiskey money but handed it back with the tongs when it was represented to me. It was also rumored around that the amount of money subscribed to run out the brewery and it far exceeded the truth, but "alls well that ends well" and thus ends for the rpresent the history of the brewery that Ashland never had.



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