

MEETING DATES

AURORA
Masons—Champoog Lodge meets monthly first Saturday before full moon. Henry L. Bents, W. M.; A. H. Will, Secretary.

Odd Fellows—Aurora Lodge, No. 127 meets first and third Thursday night of each month. P. H. Tucker, N. G.; Phil Wiegand, Secretary.
Knights of Pythias—Hermes Lodge No. 56 meets every Friday evening at the Pythian Castle Hall, in the I. O. O. F. building. Dell Yergen, C. C.; A. M. Fry, K. of R. and S.
Pythian Sisters—Una Temple No. 26. Meets every Wednesday evening at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Emma J. Snyder, M. E. C.; Tillie Webert, M. of R. & C.

Rebekahs—Western Hope Lodge No. 125 meets first and third Saturdays of the month. Mrs. Annie Hines, N. G.; Mrs. Jessie Gray, Secretary.
Woodman of the World—Nessmuk Camp meets the fourth Thursday of each month. August Will, C. C.; Franz Kraxberger, Clerk.

Workmen—Meet first and third Saturdays of each month. John S. Jesse, Master Workman; Louis Webert, Recorder.

Womans Club—Meets every second Wednesday at their Club Room. Mrs. Jas. Ogle, President.

Ladies Aid—Meets first Thursday in each month. Mrs. E. G. Carpenter, President; Mrs. Tillie Webert, Sec'y.

BUTTEVILLE

I. O. O. F.—Meets first and third Saturdays of each month at I. O. O. F. Hall. John Pugh, Jr., N. G.; John Schwabauer, Secretary.

United Artisans—Meet first and third Saturdays of each month. J. R. Kinyon, Master; Jno. Schwabauer, Secretary.

Butteville Grange No. 74 P. H.—Meets the second and 4th Saturdays of each month. W. C. Kinyon, Master; Lew W. Grimm, Lecturer; Bertha Matthieu, Sec'y.

BARLOW

Twentieth Century Grange—Meets the second Saturday of each month at Columbia Hall. C. Giddings, Master.

Ladies Aid—Of the Synod Lutheran Church meets the second Wednesday of each month.

Ladies Aid—Of the United Lütler Church meets the fourth Wednesday of each month.

DONALD

Fidelity Review, No. 13, Woman's Benefit Association meets the first and third Thursday afternoon of each month. Lady Commander, Ella Feller; Lady Record Keeper, Anna Bittock.

Ladies Aid Society meets Thursday, every two weeks. Mary M. Lamb, president, and Mrs. Alice Mays, secretary.

Sunday School each Sunday at 10 a. m. E. N. St. Helen, superintendent, and Juanita Mays, secretary.

Donald band meets Thursday evenings. C. S. Hoskins, instructor.

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HAWAII'S FAMED VOLCANO.

Kilauea Could Pose as a Model of the Infernal Regions.

Of the volcano of Kilauea who shall speak? Approach it as cynically as you like, you will be startled from your indifference. It will be strange if you do not feel, looking down into that pit, many comfortable veils stripped off your swathed mind. A naked human emotion is a great and terrible thing to encounter, sometimes a thing to turn one's face from.

But this is even more appalling. You may clutch first off at the easy metaphor of hell. Kilauea is not like hell; it is worse—worse because there is no moral significance in it to knit our souls to such a spectacle. Dante's eighth circle, with its barattieri sunk in boiling pitch, was part of a mighty plan, a physical result of moral facts, comprehensible, its very hideousness dependent on the historic three score years and ten of mortal life.

You can avoid hell by being good, and even if you descend into it you will have human company. But this has nothing to do with vice or virtue. It makes naught of moral values. You squat on that rim and stare 700 feet down into Halemauau—the inner pit of Kilauea—and history is superseded. The sulphur stench blows up now and then like a great wave and drives you gasping from the brink. You wander about the lava bed for a little (you could wander on that same lava bed for miles if you chose) and then return.

The simple fate of Halemauau is a pit some twenty acres in extent that seethes and boils incessantly. Every few moments an acre of solid lava rises up out of the cauldron, is sucked back into the scarlet waves and molten again before your eyes. In another corner of the pit a fiery fountain bursts like a great geyser. The worst of it is that you can hear it. The pot seethes and boils and groans in your very ears, for all the 700 feet between you and it.

And if you cared to make a mistake you could bound from little ledge to little ledge, straight into the mutter and flame of it. I leave you to imagine the spectacle of Kilauea when the sudden tropic night has fallen on the vast crater of which Halemauau is only the deepest pocket.—Katharine Fullerton Gerould in Scribner's.

French Scots.

There is an ancient settlement of highland Scots, near Murray bay, on the St. Lawrence, which has adopted the French language instead of English. It was formed of disbanded soldiers soon after the British conquest of Canada, and officers and men intermarried with the French Canadians, adopting their language and habits so completely that, though they bear such names as Blackburn, Warren, McLean and McNicholl, their dependents are in all other respects as French as the inhabitants around them.

Red Flannel Currency.

A Scotch missionary to a group of small islands in the south Pacific a great many years ago found bits of red flannel circulating as money. This currency came to them in a curious manner. The body of a shipwrecked sailor had drifted ashore, and to the untutored savages, who had never before seen clothing of any kind, his red flannel shirt was an object of wonder and admiration. By common consent they cut the garment into small pieces, which thenceforth became the currency of the island.

Those Little Dishes.

Tommy ate his first meal at a country hotel when he was nine years old, and the experience was an event. He was especially interested in the collection of small, thick dishes containing side orders scattered about his plate. When he went home he gave a graphic description of the meal.

"And what do you think, mamma," he concluded, "we ate most of the things out of birds' bathtubs."
—Woman's Home Companion.

Nice Table Ornament.

When Sir George Trevelyan was chief secretary for Ireland, in troublous times, the police made him carry a pistol about with him. One night after dinner he took it out of his pocket and put it on the table, saying to his host, "Pray forgive me, but if you knew how tired I am of carrying this thing about!"—London Standard.

Weeds.

A rank growth of weeds becomes an asset when plowed under before they make seed.

GENUINE OLD FAMILIES.

Some in Europe and the Orient That Are Really Ancient.

In Great Britain and on the continent those families pride themselves that count their ancestry through ten generations, but their claims to really ancient lineage seem insignificant when compared with those of certain houses in the orient.

We read that the oldest family in Great Britain, the Mar family in Scotland, may trace its pedigree to 1093. Then, too, we have the Campbells of Argyll, whose date is put down at 1190. The Grosvenor family, that of the Duke of Westminster, refers its origin to the same year that the Conqueror "came over"—i. e., 1066. The Austrian house of Hapsburg goes back farther than that, its date being 952, while the Bourbons proudly mention 864 as the date of their origin.

But none of them is to be mentioned in the same breath with the emperor of Japan, whose office has been filled by members of his family for a period of over 2,500 years, the present ruler being the one hundred and twenty-second in the line. The first emperor of Japan sat on the throne about the time when Nebuchadnezzar was flourishing—that is, in 650 B. C.

Another oriental branch, the descendants of Mohammed, presents claims not to be dismissed. The prophet was born in 570, and a list of his descendants has been carefully retained, being duly set forth in a volume kept in Mecca. Little or no doubt exists of the authenticity of the long list of names of Mohammed's descendants as registered in this sacred book.—London Standard.

Queen Elizabeth's Amulet.

Queen Elizabeth during her last illness wore around her neck a charm made of gold which had been bequeathed to her by an old woman in Wales, who declared that so long as the queen wore it she would never be ill. The amulet, as was generally the case, proved of no avail, and Elizabeth, notwithstanding her faith in the charm, not only sickened, but died. During the plague in London people wore amulets to keep off the dread destroyer. Amulets of arsenic were worn near the heart. Quills of quicksilver were hung around the neck and also the powder of toads.

The Auger Fish.

The auger fish, half fish, half crab, is the terror of all vessels but ironclads that use the south seas. This creature, which is not bigger than an almond, has a proboscis like an enlarged gnat sting that can bore through even sheet iron. Auger fish frequent many of the lagoons of the coral islands and burrow holes for themselves in the coral, but they have a perverse habit of doing the same thing to ships lying at anchor, and the damage generally shows itself when next the vessel is at sea in bad weather, with disastrous results.

Mrs. Malaprop.

Mr. Andrew Lang once collected malapropisms. One of these is as follows: "Visitor—I am very sorry for the death of your poor aunt. A very aged woman she must have been. Bereaved Niece—Yes, ma'am. In two or three years she would have been a centurion."

Another is: "Rural Parishioner (about to marry for the second time) to congratulatory friend—Weel, I'm marrying mostly for the sake of the bairns. If it was just mase! I could e'en gang on being a celebrity."

Mamma's Darling.

It was at the piano. Mother's darling firmly refused to do her practice. "What a naughty little girl you are!" chided the mother.

"Don't care," grumbled the youngster as she gave the piano a kick.

"Now, treasure, you shall have a nickel if you'll do your exercises nicely," urged mamma.

"Shan't," retorted treasure, getting off the piano stool. "I can make more than that taking castor oil."—Argonaut.

None of His Making.

"This is a handsome country home we are passing."

"Yes. It belongs to a man who was a poor clerk a few years ago."

"Another spectacular rise to fortune, eh?"

"Well, not exactly. I understand the father of the girl he married worked a great many years to accumulate a million."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

CLASSIFYING LANDS

Big crews of men have begun the classification of the land-grant lands, in Oregon, under the supervision of Louis I. Sharp, chief of the field division of the General Land Office.

Classification of the lands of the grant includes specific data as to the amount of timber, if any, on each 40-acre tract in the entire 2,300,000 acres of the grant. Where there is more than 300,000 feet of timber to the 40-acre tract, the land will be classed as timber and not agricultural land and will not be opened to entry.

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To elect on one director.
To vote a special tax.
Dated this 7th day of July, 1916.

Attest:

T. M. SNYDER,
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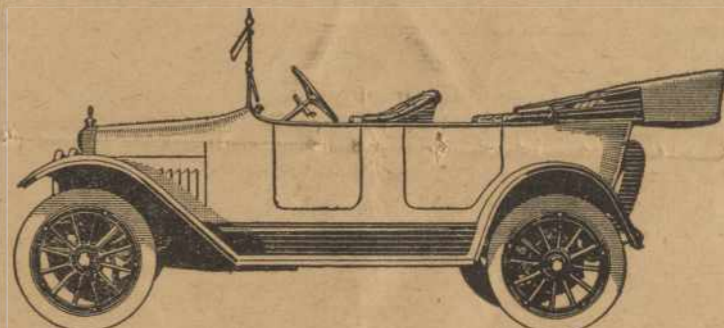
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