

A. O. U. W. CONVENTION

Important Matters Referred to Committees Until Friday—Benefit Certificates.

The delegates to the A. O. U. W. convention got down to business at a much earlier hour this morning than at the opening session. They realized that there is a great deal of work before them, and that they must work hard to get through.

The delegates began promptly at 9 o'clock. After a session of two hours and a half, the convention adjourned at 11:30 o'clock until Friday morning at 9 o'clock. This will give committees time to digest matters referred to them.

The morning was put in in receiving proposals on all sorts of subjects from various jurisdictions. There were a great number of documents presented and referred to the special and standing committees.

Among other matters was a petition put in by the subordinate lodges of Wyoming. This asked for a separate jurisdiction for Wyoming. The present jurisdiction includes Wyoming, Utah and Idaho. Referred to committee.

There were many memorials presented from various jurisdictions, asking for the authorization of a \$500 certificate. The present rule of the order provides only for \$100 and \$200 certificates. It is believed that a \$500 certificate would prove popular. Referred.

Memorials were presented relative to hazardous risks. Referred.

Various memorials of technical and local interest only to various jurisdictions were presented and referred to the proper committees.

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Among some of the more interesting statistics of the order, the Supreme Recorder's report showed that in 1901 \$42,748.88 was paid out to beneficiaries; that the number of deaths was 5071; that the order comprised 642 lodges at the end of 1901; that 53,238 members were admitted during the year; that the increase in membership in 1901 was 576; that at the beginning of the year the beneficiary fund was \$178,013.32; that the beneficiary fund at the end of the year was \$235,871.00.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Yesterday, in welcoming the delegates, William Colvig spoke as follows:

"Brother Supreme Master and Officers and Members of the Supreme Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen:

"One year ago, at Buffalo, N. Y., I had the pleasure of meeting with others from this jurisdiction in extending to you a special invitation to hold the thirty-first annual session of this body in the city of Portland, Oregon.

"And I remember that at that time we had to outline and overcome the very difficult and arduous task of securing the selection of Salt Lake City as a desirable place for our meeting. In order to do so, we painted the blue of the sky, the green of the hills, the red of the earth, the white of the snow, the blue of the sky, the green of the hills, the red of the earth, the white of the snow.

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"That you may know something of our history as a grand jurisdiction of this great fraternity, it seems proper for me to say that the Grand Lodge of Oregon was instituted on March 4, 1870—a little more than 25 years ago. It now has an enrolled membership of 11,000, with the average age of about 37 years, which enables us to face the future with confidence that the flowers of eternal youth will bloom all along the line of our onward march.

"We have buried 161 of our brothers in this jurisdiction, and have paid to their widows and orphan children a little more than \$2,000,000. Only once in our history have we called upon the order for supreme relief, and then for only a small amount. As a grand