

A BIG TIME

By the Knights of Pythias in the City of Orangeburg

THE GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

The Meeting Wound Up Wednesday

Night by a Grand Banquet, at Which the Governor Was Present.

The 17th annual convention of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, began its sessions in Orangeburg Tuesday morning May 19, with 200 representatives in attendance.

Just prior to the grand lodge convening in executive session Hon. Thos. C. Doyle, mayor of the city and an enthusiastic knight, welcomed the grand lodge to Orangeburg in behalf of the city, and Capt. Joseph A. Berry, a past chancellor of the lodge, extended the welcome in behalf of the lodge.

These addresses of welcome were responded to in fitting and appropriate manner by Senator George S. Mower, grand chancellor, Col. John M. Knight, vice grand chancellor, and Gen. M. L. Bonham in behalf of the grand lodge.

Following these happy felicitations the floor was cleared of all not entitled to sit in the grand lodge, which then opened in due form.

All of the grand lodge officers were in their places as follows: Grand Chancellor—George S. Mower of Newberry.

Grand Vice Chancellor—John M. Knight of Sumter.

Grand Prelate—J. A. Sammersett of Columbia.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seals—Rev. J. H. Thornwell of Fort Mill.

Grand Master of Exchequer—Wilson G. Harvey of Charleston.

Grand Master-at-Arms—F. S. Evans of Greenwood.

Grand Master at Work—M. L. Bonham of Anderson.

Grand Inner Guard—Geo. W. Reeves of Branchville.

Grand Outer Guard—M. H. Witt of Brookland.

The first business before the lodge was the conferring of the grand lodge degree on the new members and it was found there were 85 candidates for this degree, the largest number to receive the degree at one time in the history of the grand lodge.

The report of the grand lodge officers printed in pamphlet form and distributed among the members is very interesting.

The grand chancellor, in his report, says in part:

"The grand lodge at its last annual convention appropriated \$200 for the maintenance of such orphan as in the judgment of the grand chancellor deserve the aid of the grand lodge. No case has been called to my attention as part of the appropriation has been expended. I recommend, however, that the appropriation be continued. The fact that no appeal in behalf of the orphan has been made is evidence to my mind that the subordinate lodges are meeting their responsibility faithfully."

This amount was again appropriated for the current year.

The grand chancellor also called attention to the fact that there is not a Pythian paper in this domain and expressed the hope that such a paper soon be established by some brother knight and be given proper patronage.

The grand chancellor advocates dividing the grand domain into districts and the holding of district meetings in addition to the meetings of the grand lodge as a whole.

The grand chancellor's report shows the order to be in a most flourishing condition.

Five new lodges have been instituted during the year, making the total now 104, and the membership shows a gain of 910, the total number of knights in good standing now being 6,355.

The total number of initiations during the year were 733, but this increase, of course, reduced by suspensions, withdrawals, and deaths.

Immediately after the opening exercises Wednesday morning the grand lodge went into secret session for the explication of the unwritten work of the order.

Following this came the selection of meeting place for 1904 with Columbia, Anderson, Greenville and Beaufort all aspiring for the coveted honor.

Each of these cities had considerable backing so that it took several ballots to finally decide it and Greenville was selected.

It had been thought that the next session of the grand lodge would go to Columbia, but this session being in the lower part of the State the up-country was determined to have it in their section next year and the selection of Greenville gives perfect satisfaction.

The selection of a meeting place being disposed of the next business before the grand lodge was the election of officers for the ensuing year and in this the spirit of brotherhood so beautifully taught in the order and the cardinal principles of Pythianism were exemplified.

There was no contest for any office and every nomination was unanimous, showing the harmony that characterizes Pythian conventions.

Those elected were as follows: Grand Chancellor—John M. Knight of Sumter.

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Supreme Representative—M. L. Bonham of Anderson, who goes to the supreme lodge with Supreme Representative Wm. Goldsmith of Greenville, who holds over—the term being for two years.

The grand lodge appropriated \$90 each to the Connie Maxwell, Thornwell and Epworth orphanages for the support of an orphan at each of these institutions.

The election of officers practically concluded the business of the morning and a recess was taken until afternoon when the new grand lodge officers were installed with due ceremony.

Gov. Heyward, one of the most prominent knights in the United States, having for years been a representative to the supreme lodge, came down from Columbia Wednesday morning.

A FINE BANQUET

Given for the Pleasure of Visiting Knights of Pythias.

The entertainment of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, was brought to a most brilliant climax in the elaborate banquet tendered them Wednesday night by Orange lodge. The following account of the banquet from the Orangeburg correspondent of The State will be read with interest:

Hon. P. T. Hildebrand, who was called on to reply to the toast, "Our City," begged to be excused on the ground that it was not fitting for him to eulogize "our city" in the presence of gentlemen from almost every city and town in the State who were all proud of their own homes, but this correspondent being an officer of Orange lodge, is proud of the numerous congratulations showered on the lodge and that Orangeburg not only maintains an excellent and reputation as the home of hospitality, but has added many fresh laurels thereto.

Gov. Heyward said in the course of his admirable address that he has been a member of the grand lodge for the last 10 years, and in that time the grand lodge has never been entertained in so thoroughly charming a manner before. The governor has visited Orangeburg frequently and had some idea of what to expect, yet not only did the entire grand lodge expression of the entertainment and service beyond their most sanguine expectations.

Orangeburg always does her duty well, and when the grand lodge accepted the invitation to meet in Orangeburg no time was lost in preparing for their entertainment. The details were all agreed on months ago and consequently there has been no friction or inconvenience anywhere.

Not only the local lodge, but members of others, including the city council, were generous in their contributions. Everyone felt it an honor to be associated with a body of men and the greater part of the homes of the city were thrown wide open to them. They were met at the depots with enthusiastic welcome and assigned to hospitable homes, so that it did not require the address of welcome by the mayor or representative of Orange lodge to make them feel at home. Everybody was at their beck and call, everything possible done for their pleasure, and they enjoyed every minute of their stay with us.

The banquet was held in the spacious hall on the third floor of the handsome office building just erected on Court House square and was, so to speak, the christening of the building. The hall itself is beautifully finished and lighted, being admirably suited for such an affair. The serving of the banquet was awarded some weeks ago to the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy and since then the knights have had no misgivings whatever, knowing that it could not be in better hands.

To arrange a tempting menu for 500 men was far from being an easy task, yet this was not only done, but the tables draped in snow white linen and decorated with beautiful flowers, making it a scene of loveliness and one that not only called forth continual praise from those present, but will linger with them for years. This unparalyzing arrangement did not complete the ladies' task, however, but all dressed in the Confederate colors, white and red, they deftly waited on their guests and by their smiles and charming grace added much to the pleasure of the banquet. The menu was as follows:

Turkey Bouillon, Individual Loaves of Bread and Butter, Sweet Pickles, Cucumber Pickles, Fresh Celery, Roast Rhode Island Turkey.

Oyster Dressing, Whole Tomatoes, Sauce Mayonnaise, New Potatoes in Malted Butter, Saratoga Chips, Frozen Pythian Punch, Olives, Sliced Peanuts.

Palmetto Ham, Potato Salad, Vanilla Ice Cream, Chocolate Cake, Pound Cake, Coconut Cake, Lemon Layer Cake, Black Devil Cake, Cheese, Saltine Crackers, Water Biscuits, Cafe Noir.

With cigars came the toasts, which were as follows:

"The Revival of Friendship"—"Friendship, its virtues the cornerstone of our order, and our members are sworn to exercise it toward each other."—Proposed by W. G. Smith, Orangeburg; response by C. C. Simms, Barnwell.

"Our Order"—"Our order has but one purpose, one result—the elevation, the happiness, the betterment of mankind."—Proposed by J. A. Berry, Orangeburg; response by M. L. Smith, Camden.

"The D. O. K. K."—"Night hath glories the day can never reveal."—Proposed by J. T. Parks, Orangeburg; response by E. McC. Clark, Columbia.

"Woman"—"Her force of character and prudent counsel should guide us past the dangers that line the pathway of life."—"The rainbow to the storms of life."—"The evening beams that smile the clouds away."—Proposed by Dr. L. K. Sturkie, Orangeburg; response by B. Frank Wilson, Sumter.

"Our City"—"Our order strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men, whose loyalty to their country and to the authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted."—Proposed by T. F. Brantley, Orangeburg; response by P. T. Hildebrand, Orangeburg.

MUSIC BY THE ORANGEBURG ORCHESTRA.

The names of the speakers together with the subjects assigned to each of itself to tell of addresses of the highest order, and all were accorded much applause.

Mr. Simms, the first speaker, handled the subject assigned him in an admirable manner and in the course of his remarks referred to the revival of friendship throughout South Carolina after years of political strife, as evidenced by the election and administration of Gov. Heyward, and which was greeted with prolonged cheers.

Hon. M. L. Smith seemed so inspired as he replied to his toast, "Our Order," and his oratory was sublime. He made himself a reputation as one of the foremost orators in South Carolina and was warmly congratulated at the close of his masterful address.

Mr. Clark caused much merriment as he told of the trip across the hot sands by those who join the D. O. K. K., while the applause that greeted Hon. B. Frank Wilson not only told of his popularity as a speaker

ELEVATOR CAR FALLS

One Man and Three Women Mashed Beyond Recognition.

One man and three women were killed and five or six injured Friday night at 1026 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., the building being occupied by a dancing academy.

The cause of the catastrophe was the snapping of the elevator ropes allowing the cage to drop 50 feet. The dead are so badly mangled that identification has been impossible up to midnight. The only one whose name may be correct is Catherine Curtis. On her body was found a railroad ticket with the name on it.

Among the injured are: Harry Lipson, aged 22, bruised all over body, and hurt internally; Miss Kate Flanagan, 27, bruised all over body and suffering from shock; Albert Myers, 20, fractured leg; Mrs. Lulu Postellwhite, scalp wound and body bruised. A banquet and ball was being held in the building by the Pennsylvania Electro-Mechanical institute, and every available portion of the fifth and sixth floors were crowded by members of the institute and their friends.

At about 10 o'clock the elevator with a load of 13 passengers started for the banquet room on the sixth floor. When that floor was reached it was held up by a mass of people, and the passengers decided to go to the fifth floor where the dancing was in progress. When between the sixth and fifth floors the steel cable snapped and with a resounding crash that was heard blocks away the cage dropped with its load of human freight.

It smashed through the floor above the cellar of the building and was stopped by a brace post of wood, three feet below the first floor. In this inaccessible position the passengers were jammed under broken timber and twisted steel, yet none might have been killed had not the heavy balance weight, weighing over a ton, come crashing down upon them. Miraculously all but four were able to scramble out. The others were pinned under the heavy weight. Four were mashed almost beyond recognition.

Albert Myers was held a prisoner for more than an hour. While firemen and volunteer rescuers were preparing rigging to lift the machine so as to be accessible he lay pinned under the wreckage. Whiskey and water were passed to him with words of encouragement. A fireman endeavored to crawl up the side of the mass of wreckage and holding the injured man's head, "Heavens it was hot down there," was the brave man's first words spoken while being carried from his prison to a hospital in an ambulance.

The opinion prevails that the elevator was overloaded and Superintendent of Police McIntyre ordered the arrest of Prof. L. N. Giles, a mechanical engineer and instructor of the Pennsylvania Electro-Mechanical institute, who as the time of the accident was running the elevator. It is alleged that he allowed the elevator to be overloaded and that he had no experience in running an elevator and was partly responsible for the accident.

In The Thinkless Age. This is indeed a period of the thingless things. We have the wireless telegraph. We have the sinkless tunnel. We have the moneyless city treasury. We have the sewerless intercepting sewer. And, of course, we have the reformless reformer.

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Many Sheep and Cattle Die. The heaviest cattle and sheep loss in the history of Montana, the damage which will be \$5,000,000, has been caused by the terrible snow storm of last week. In some sections fully ninety per cent of the sheep on the range have perished. Three herders, at least, have wandered away in the blinding storm and have frozen to death. An aged herder employed at Portage was dead Sunday. Two more in the Shelby junction country, employed by the Flowere Cattle company are missing and there is no hope that they can be found alive. Herders have abandoned their flocks on every hand and fled for safety to the settlements and ranches. Nothing like the fury of this storm has ever before been witnessed in northern climates.

Severe Loss by Fire. The seabornd Air Line railway shops, minor offices and warehouse on the outskirts of Portsmouth, were practically destroyed by fire which broke out shortly after 10 o'clock Friday night. At a late hour the blaze had not spent itself, but the destruction of nearly every building and car at the yards was complete. As near as can be estimated at this time, the monetary loss will foot up to \$750,000. James Harrel, a machinist, who sought to save his tools, was so badly burned that he may die. No one else was seriously hurt so far as can be learned.

Milk Poison. Eighteen people living at a boarding house at San Juan, Porto Rico, were poisoned Wednesday by milk containing ptomaines. Eleven doctors responded to the alarm and the use of stramonium saved the lives of all the sufferers. The Americans affected were Messrs. Kellog, Sisson, Gordon, Schultz and Hallen and Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick. The incident has caused alarm throughout San Juan.

She Left Home. Mrs. G. Y. Herrell disappeared from her home near Cherokee Springs, Spartanburg county, the night of the 14th and has not been heard from since. She was in her night clothes and had just put her baby to bed. Her husband says there was no homecoming. She left a letter asking her parents to take care of her children.

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To Break a Lease

A suit has been filed in Orangeburg county by Mr. John Cart to break the lease of the South Carolina and Georgia railroad to the South rail road, on the ground that it is a violation of section 7, of article 9 of the constitution of South Carolina, which prohibits the ownership, lease or operation of competing lines by a railroad corporation. Mr. Cart is represented in the case by Messrs. J. B. Riggs and Miller & Winley of Charleston and Adam H. Moss of Orangeburg.

The competing line cited by the plaintiff as being operated by the Southern along with the S. C. & Ga., is the old Columbia and Augusta railroad, running from Columbia to Hamburg, S. C., which is now a part of the Southern system. It is alleged that the South Carolina and Georgia, through its line from Columbia to Augusta, via Branchville furnished competitive facilities with the Columbia and Augusta road until its acquisition by the Southern on a lease for 999 years, April 29, 1899 and that since that date the traffic between Columbia and Augusta has been entirely controlled by the Southern and the constitution of the State violated, to the injury of shippers at all points along the two roads. Orangeburg being on the line between Columbia and Branchville, is affected by the conditions and Mr. Cart claims that his interest has been hurt and that he is entitled to the Southern protection guaranteed in section 7, of article 9. Mr. Cart asks damages to the amount of \$147,200. The suit is brought on the ground that the leasing of this road violates section 7, of article 9 of the constitution which forbids the leasing or purchasing of a competing or parallel line under a penalty of a fine of \$100 a day, half of which goes to the state and half to the plaintiff. The Southern railway has not filed its answer to the suit of Mr. Cart and it will have plenty of time to present this. The case will probably go to trial for some time, probably, and the litigation is likely to be extended.

Good News

A certain ex-congressman tells a story about a widow in his district who desired a position in the agricultural department. "There was no vacancy at that time," said he, "and I was consequently compelled to advise my constituent that I could do nothing for her until later. But she persisted in her efforts to obtain a position and for two weeks thereafter met me at every turn. One morning I had just finished breakfast when I was told by one of the servants that she was waiting in the reception hall. So I assumed as pleasant a demeanor as possible, and entering the room, said in a sympathetic voice: "Well, my good woman, what news?" "Good news," she said; "good news, Mr. Allen."

"Well, I said, 'I'm glad to hear that. And what is the good news?" "Oh," she said, "good news, Mr. Allen, good news. A woman in the agricultural department died yesterday."

Jade

The most precious of all stones, according to a gem expert, is the jade, on account of its rarity, its extraordinary qualities and the mystery of its cutting. It was regarded as a sacred stone, and nobody had a right to possess it except a prince of imperial China. An American geologist in Amsterdam, published a work on the jade, or nephrite stone, as it was then called, on account of its action on the renal system. At the same period Italian authors spoke of the jade as osiada and discussed its wonderful powers for healing sickness.

The legends surrounding this stone abound in history. Good specimens of jade are extremely rare, and the world is at a loss to know how the Chinese managed to cut it, because it is so extremely hard that nothing can make an impression upon it.

The First Linen Paper

Linen cloth was occasionally used for writing purposes, but was never very common. Linnen manuscripts have been found folded in mummy cases, and the Chinese before the invention of paper used silk and cotton cloth. The Romans also wrote upon linen. The use of this material introduced a change in the manner of writing. An American geologist in Amsterdam, published a work on the jade, or nephrite stone, as it was then called, on account of its action on the renal system. At the same period Italian authors spoke of the jade as osiada and discussed its wonderful powers for healing sickness.

Long and Short Hair

Princess Charlotte has the distinguishing characteristic of the Teutonic tribes. It was a mark of the highest rank among