

PYTHIANS' GOLDEN JUBILEE.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF GAME COCK LODGE CELEBRATED.

Also Fiftieth Anniversary of Founding of the Order—Speeches by Messrs. Hartwell M. Ayer, Geo. W. Dick and William F. Robertson—Delightful Banquet Rounds out Event.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Game Cock Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias, and the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the order of Pythianism were appropriately celebrated Monday evening by Game Cock Lodge, when fitting ceremonies were held and interesting addresses made by visiting and local members of the order.

Game Cock Lodge is the largest in the State in membership and had put out efforts for observing the occasion, which proved most successful. Mr. Hartwell M. Ayer of Florence made an interesting talk and remarks of an appropriate nature were made by Dr. Geo. W. Dick, Grand Chancellor of South Carolina Pythians, and Major William F. Robertson, past Grand Chancellor of the order in North Carolina.

The address by Hon. Hartwell M. Ayer, of Florence to Game Cock Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias of Sumter last night was one of the most interesting and instructive ever delivered before this lodge. He took for his subject "Visions and the Visionary Man," and linked together the visions of founder Rathbone of Pythianism with the results achieved in Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence by the great Pythian order of the universe.

The knights appreciated Bro. Ayer's magnificent address. The local knights with Bro. Ayer as honorary guest feasted after the exercises incidental to the celebration of the golden jubilee of the order, and the silver jubilee or twenty-fifth anniversary of the local lodge last night.

The second degree was conferred in beautiful form and business of interest was transacted.

After the business meeting a delightful banquet was served. About sixty were present to enjoy the evening, which was one of the most interesting meetings ever held by the lodge.

The officers of the lodge, when it was founded in 1889 were: Chancellor Commander, John S. Wilson; vice-chancellor, H. Frank Wilson; Prelate, Thomas Richardson; Master of Exchange, A. P. Levy; Master of Finance, H. Claremont Moses; Keeper of Records and Seals, Bartow Walsh; Master of Arms, Ferdinand Levi; Inner Guard, G. A. Lemmon; Outer Guard, C. F. A. Bultman.

The present officers are: Chancellor Commander, Charles C. Beck; Vice-Chancellor, J. H. Chandler; Prelate, W. H. Shelley; Master of Exchange, J. G. R. Wilder; Master of Finance, Bartow Walsh; Keeper of Records and Seals, R. S. Churchill; Master of Arms, R. E. Wilder; Master of Work, J. Adger Middleton; Inner Guard, W. M. Wolfe; Outer Guard, Jos. H. Darr.

ORDERS CLUB CLOSED.

Spartanburg Mayor Suspends Leading Organization.

Spartanburg, March 17.—C. H. Reynolds, a white man, arrested for being drunk, alleged in his trial before John F. Floyd, mayor, this morning that he had purchased the whiskey which made him intoxicated from the Merchants and Farmers' club, on north Liberty street, one of the leading social clubs of the city. Following the trial, Mayor Floyd ordered the club closed.

On petition of its attorney the board of governors of the club will be given a hearing in police court tomorrow afternoon.

Under the regulations governing social clubs in this city if the club is found guilty of selling whiskey other than to a member, its charter, license of \$50 and a bond of \$1,000 will be forfeited.

Some of the leading business and professional men of the city are members of the club, which has a membership of about 200 persons.

DEFEATED BY WHITE WOLF.

Chinese Government Troops Beaten at King Tsi-Kwan.

Peking, March 17.—Government troops at King Tsi-Kwan, in the province of Ho-Nan, were defeated today by brigands under "White Wolf."

These same brigands recently looted and burned Laoho-Kow, in the province of Hu-Peh, killing Dr. T. F. Royland, a Norwegian missionary, and wounding the Rev. O. M. Sama, another Norwegian. Fifteen hundred of the Chinese were killed and 400 others were tortured in an effort to force them to disclose hidden treasures.

The brigands now are threatening Sian-Fu, capital of the State of Shen-si.

O'GORMAN BLOCKS REPEAL.

NEW YORK SENATOR ABSENTS HIMSELF FROM WASHINGTON.

This Action Delays Consideration of Panama Toll Repeal Bill and it is Reported That He is Preparing to Make Stubborn Fight Against President's Policy.

Washington, March 16.—Action in the senate on the Owen bill to repeal the tolls exemption clause of the Panama canal act probably will be delayed for a few days on account of the absence of Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the interoceanic canals committee. Senator O'Gorman is in New York and it was announced today he would not return until Wednesday. It had been expected by senators who are leading the fight for repeal on behalf of the president that a meeting of the canals committee could be arranged early in the week in order to have a vote on the Owen bill and a report to the senate prepared by the time the house acts on the Sims bill later in the week.

Senator O'Gorman, though unfalteringly opposed to the repeal, it is believed, will not hesitate to call a meeting of his committee upon his return, although it had been his original intention to do nothing until the house had taken action on the issue.

HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT READY.

\$10,000 to Be Offered in Prizes in State—First Show in Camden on April 1, 2 and 3—Second at Sumter, 7, 8 and 9.

Greenville, March 17.—The first of the six horse shows to be given in South Carolina this spring under the management of the South Carolina Horse Show Association, will open in Camden, April 1, 2, 3. After that event, horse shows will be held in Sumter, April 7, 8 and 9; Darlington, April 14, 15 and 16; Columbia, April 21, 22 and 23; Greenville, April 29, 30, and Greenville, May 6, 7 and 8.

Although this is the first attempt ever made to put on a series of horse shows, constituting a State circuit, the different shows are bound to prove events of great significance. Attractive prize lists have been issued, which include valuable trophy cups and cash considerations amounting to approximately \$10,000. These are well distributed in a carefully arranged program, taking care of all classes.

The cities composing the circuit have all appropriated large sums of money for advertising the horse show, and to procure other attractions and entertainments for the visitors. Convenient railroad schedules have been arranged for and the best of accommodations in the different cities will be provided. Greatly reduced rates on all the railroads have been secured for this occasion, and this alone will be an inducement for thousands of people to visit this State at that time.

It is the plan of the promoters to make the horse shows in South Carolina greater than any events of their kind ever held in the South, and if possible equal to the national capitol horse show in Washington city. Horsemen from all over the country have announced their intention to bring animals to this State for exhibition here this spring.

HOME RULE BILL WILL BECOME LAW.

Redmond Declares if Force is Interposed it Will be Met with Force.

London, March 17.—John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, presided over the Irish National banquet here tonight, and in responding to the toast, "Ireland, a Nation," said: "In a few short weeks, in the absence of a political earthquake, the home rule bill will be a law of the land, probably in precisely the form in which it now stands."

The government's efforts to conciliate Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, and his friends, Mr. Redmond declared, had met with insult.

"Speaking for myself and my colleagues, and, I believe, the Irish nation," Mr. Redmond continued, "these principles are our last word. Beyond them one inch we cannot and we will not go. If force is interposed, that force will be met with force."

Mr. Redmond said that there was no difference between the British cabinet and the Irish party on the principle and policy of procedure.

TAMPICO VERY DRY.

Rebels Destroy Waterworks of Mexican Town.

Washington, March 17.—A water famine prevails at Tampico, Mexico, as the result of the destruction of the waterworks by rebels. Much suffering prevails. This was wirelessly to Washington today by Rear Admiral Mayo. The American warships have been instructed to give all aid possible to foreigners in Tampico.

LIGHT HOUSE FOR CHARLESTON

NEW SERVICE STATION TO BE LOCATED THERE.

Contemplates Erection of \$100,000 Building on Ashley River—Smith and Whaley Work Hard to Secure Addition to Charleston.

Washington, March 15.—The new lighthouse service depot for the South Atlantic coast will be located at Charleston on a site on the mainland, known as Chisholm's Mill landing.

Secretary Redfield today selected the Charleston site and thus ended a contest which has raged for months among Charleston, Wilmington, Savannah, Brunswick, Fernandina and Jacksonville. Congress has appropriated \$125,000 for the depot which will be the supply station for lighthouse inspection district No. 6.

Extensive hearings on the advantages of the competing cities were held here several weeks ago. The depot for the district was formerly located at Charleston, but not on the mainland and was destroyed in a gale. The new location is a safer one, officials say.

Senator Smith today again took up with the department of commerce the matter of the Charleston light house depot and Assistant Secretary Sweet has today signed his recommendation to the secretary of commerce that the light house depot be retained in its present location. An appropriation authorizing the purchase of a permanent site and the erection of buildings thereon was carried recently and this gave rise to an energetic fight upon the part of several other cities out of the State to become the centre of the light house district.

When the situation was called to the attention of Senator Smith by representations from the Chamber of Commerce of Charleston and various other sources, he immediately took it up and he and Representative Whaley of the First district have let no grass grow under their feet in a vigorous fight in behalf of Charleston. In a recent conference with the officials of the department, Senator Smith pointed out in detail the peculiar advantages of Charleston as the proper site for selection of the centre of the light house district and location of the source of light house supplies. The assurance of the assistant secretary that Charleston is the proper place for the location of the station is very gratifying.

Inasmuch as the recommendation of the assistant secretary is without qualification, it is not apprehended that any further hitch will occur in the matter, and it is believed that the secretary of commerce will confirm the authorization without delay.

The recommendation contemplates the erection of the naval stores depot on the Chisholm mill property, and as already stated, something over \$100,000 will be spent by the government in the establishment and equipping of the depot.

TILLMAN IN NEW ROLE.

Warns Senators and Promises to Bury a Good Many of Them.

Washington, March 17.—The senate listened to a discourse of physical culture today, written by Senator Tillman and published in a physical culture magazine in February. Senator Tillman is the man who banished the lighted cigar from the senate chamber during executive sessions a week or two ago and who took occasion at that time to tell the senators that if they would follow his advice he could lengthen their lives anywhere from 6 to 15 years.

Today Senator Tillman asked the senators to consider his advice "carefully and prayerfully." In the article, which was read by the clerk, Senator Tillman explained in detail a system of exercises and deep breathing.

Some of the senators smiled during the reading of the article, and when the clerk had finished it Senator Tillman took the floor for a moment to say that he had noticed these smiles. He added that the senators would do well to take his advice, and said: "I will live to bury a good many of you yet."

HUERTA CLOSES FACTORIES.

Men and Women Laborers Forced to Join Army.

Mexico City, March 18.—Many factories were closed today and scores of men and women pressed into Gen. Huerta's army. Some of the women have been released on vigorous protests from their employers, but a majority were hurried to military camps. The war department today announced the receipt of Torreón dispatches stating that the federals are steadily driving back rebels.

The prize list of the Horse Show is being sent out by Secretary Geo. D. Shore. There are a large number of prizes offered and they are of sufficient value to attract a large number of horsemen and a fine class of horses.

PUBLICITY FOR TAX DODGERS.

EQUALIZATION BOARD RECOMMENDS PUBLICATION OF TAX RETURNS.

Charleston Having Trouble With Real Estate Tax Returns, City Assessor Makes Suggestion That he Believes Will Result in More Equitable Assessments.

Charleston, March 16.—After a recess since last Wednesday, the special board of equalization met today and continued the hearing of complaints regarding the assessments placed on city property. A resolution adopted before taking the recess last week made it obligatory upon those persons having complaints to state their objections in writing, and file them not later than last Saturday at noon. The board was in session until shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon, when they adjourned to meet later for the purpose of giving further consideration to matters brought before them by City Assessor Daniel L. Sinkler.

Mr. Sinkler appeared before the board this morning and urged the publication in the daily newspapers of the assessments upon all real estate in the city of Charleston, stating that he believed this would tend to bring about a more equitable basis. After hearing Mr. Sinkler the board decided to recommend to city council that the returns be published.

As generally known, the law requires that property be reassessed anew every four years. The board can be in session but 14 working days, and hence it is an almost impossible task to take up each piece of real estate separately and consider its assessment in so short a while. Mr. Sinkler appeared before the board today and urged that an adjournment be taken now, and that during the summer data be collected for the purpose of bringing about a new reassessment of property in Charleston. There is a special provision of the statute which permits city council to call a special meeting of the board of equalization during any year, upon condition that notice of the calling of such a meeting shall be given by council 30 days before January 1. Mr. Sinkler's plan is to have the data for the reassessment gathered during the coming summer, so that everything will be in readiness for the reassessment of property when notice of the meeting is given 30 days before the coming January.

CAN'T CHANGE CONSTITUTION.

No Hope for Woman Suffrage Amendment.

Washington, March 17.—After a vigorous defense of woman suffrage in the senate today, Senator Borah of Idaho shocked suffrage advocates on the floor and in the galleries by declaring it was impractical and impossible for women to obtain the vote by constitutional amendment. He predicted that after 15 years of vain endeavor, women would renew their abandoned request before the people of the States because in seeking an amendment to the federal constitution they had loaded themselves down with the negro question, the Japanese question and a dozen State right problems.

Answering a question by Senator Thomas, Senator Borah said he was in favor of repeal of the 15th amendment if woman suffrage could be obtained in no other way.

The Idaho senator and Senator Vardaman of Mississippi engaged in a tilt over the progress of the negro race.

Senators Lane, Thomas and Poindexter spoke for the amendment. No vote was taken and the resolution will come up again tomorrow.

PAYS CREECH'S CHECK.

Three Are Paid But Another is Held Against Barnwell County Legislator.

Columbia, March 18.—Two checks, one for \$8.50 and the other for \$10, were received yesterday in the office of James H. Fowles, Jr., magistrate, from a correspondent at Kline, a cousin of Norman C. Creech, to cover two checks given the Central Drug company and a check given the Carolina National bank by Mr. Creech, member of the lower house from Barnwell county. These three checks had been returned by their respective banks, with the notation either of insufficient funds or of no account in the bank.

Magistrate Fowles, in his reply yesterday to the correspondent at Kline, stated that he had another \$10 check uttered by Mr. Creech on the Bank of Kline that had been returned through the Lower Main street bank of this city. Mr. Fowles stated that on receipt of a check for \$12.00, which included costs, he would return the four checks issued by Mr. Creech during the latter part of February.

Kenosha, Wis., March 17.—The Pettit Malting plant was burned today, entailing a loss of \$200,000.

TROOPS ON GUARD.

MARTIAL LAW PREVAILS ON CALIFORNIA BORDER.

Soldiers Patrol Line From Fort Rosecrans on One Side and Mexican Rurales on Other.

San Diego, Cal., March 16.—Although no proclamation was issued, martial law existed today along the border for miles each side of Tecate, Cal., following the destruction by fire of the general store containing the United States postoffice and customs office and the murder of Postmaster Frank Johnston Saturday night by three men, declared to be Mexicans.

All last night the border was patrolled by American troops from Fort Rosecrans. Across the line not many hundred feet, Mexican rurales performed guard duty.

Every man within a radius of ten miles of Tecate is fully armed and rifles and ammunition have been ordered from this city.

Gov. Hiram W. Johnson was asked today to make formal demand on Gov. Francisco Vasquez of Lower California for the delivery of the Mexicans suspected of having killed Johnston.

Maj. W. C. Davis, commander at Fort Rosecrans, received instructions from Washington to lend any assistance to the immigration and customs officials and keep the department informed of conditions. He already had taken initiative to the full scope of his authority. Feeling is aroused to fever heat in the vicinity of Tecate.

Extradition of the Mexican bandits was urged today on Gov. Johnson by the district attorney's office here. Widenbeck is positive as to his identification of one of the outlaws, but the name is withheld. All escaped back into Mexico.

GORGAS REACHES LONDON.

Says Sanitation Problem in Africa is Not as Difficult as Was That of Panama.

London, March 17.—Brig. Gen. William Crawford Gorgas, surgeon general of the United States army, who arrived here today after a three months' investigation of sanitary conditions in South Africa, declared the health problem there is "by no means so complex or difficult as those successfully met in the Panama Canal Zone."

Gen. Gorgas undertook his investigation of conditions at the mining camps on the Rand at the request of the British government, which sought means to stamp out the pneumonia prevalent among workers there.

In the opinion of Gen. Gorgas the South Africa mining companies take very good care of their employees. He condemned the system by which the Kaffir workers were corralled in compounds and declared they must be more widely distributed to prevent the spread of infectious pneumonia.

GRANTED A HEARING.

Judge Meek Sets March 23 as Date for Return to Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 17.—Judge Edward Meek in the federal district court here today granted a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of the 5,000 Mexicans held as prisoners by the United States government at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

The writ is returnable at Pecos, Texas, March 23, before Judge Meek, who will sit in the place of Judge Maxcy of the western district, now in New Orleans.

H. L. Gamble of El Paso, attorney for the Mexicans, applied to Judge Meek for the writ after he failed to obtain it in the western district or from Judge Burns of the southern district.

The Mexican prisoners included men, women and children. They were driven across the Rio Grande by the rebels of northern Mexico. Most of them are refugees from Ojinaga.

Gamble said instructions were received at Fort Bliss from Washington to hold the refugees as prisoners until further notice. The Mexicans are tiring of their imprisonment. According to Gamble who came to Fort Worth last Sunday it is costing the American government \$85,000 a month. No arguments were presented today, Judge Meek's action amounting simply to the fixing of a date for a hearing when the refugees' attorney will argue for the Mexicans' right to be set free.

EXECUTED BY CARRANZA.

American Citizen Put to Death by Mexican Rebels.

El Paso, Texas, March 17.—P. T. Cromwell, an American employed as a miner in Mexico has been murdered by constitutionalists, according to a recent dispatch from Nogales Sonora today. It is reported that he was executed by soldiers on the personal order of Gen. Carranza.

REBEL VICTORY REPORTED.

DISPATCH FROM CHIHUAHUA SAYS FEDERALS LOST HEAVILY.

Battle Raged at Escalon all Day Sunday and Monday, Rebel Artillery Inflicting Heavy Loss—Fugitives Pursued by Rebel Cavalry. Gen. Villa Has Gone to Front on Special Train.

Juarez, March 17.—The constitutionalists' artillery caused heavy loss of life to the federals in several days fighting about Escalon, in the Torreón campaign, and the federals were driven to flight, according to a dispatch from Chihuahua, in code sent by the International News service.

Gens. Villa and Angeles have gone to the front on a special train, with one thousand cavalry.

The battle raged all day Sunday and Monday, the federals retiring last night pursued by Gen. Benevide's cavalry brigade.

No accurate figures on loss of life is available, but it is known to be heavy. The aeroplane scout was sent out today.

ASKS FOR RELEASE.

Attorney Makes Application Before District Judge for Freedom of Mexican Forces.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 16.—United States District Judge Meek of the northern district of Texas today took under advisement a request that he hear the application for a writ of habeas corpus by which it is hoped to secure the release of several thousand Mexican federal soldiers and others interned at Fort Bliss, Texas. Judge Meek will make reply to H. L. Gamble, an El Paso attorney, who made the request, tomorrow morning.

In urging that Judge Meek hear the application, Mr. Gamble explained that Judge T. S. Maxey of the western district of Texas, in whose jurisdiction Fort Bliss is located, is at present out of the State, and Judge Burns of Houston, who usually assumes jurisdiction for the western district in the absence of Judge Maxey, has found the docket in his court too crowded to give the application immediate hearing.

It is contended by Mr. Gamble as a representative of the Mexicans held at the fort that the United States government is without authority to cause their detention.

The refugees who crossed to the United States when the rebel forces recently took possession of Ojinaga were interned at Fort Bliss under a clause of The Hague treaty. It is held by the attorney for the Mexicans that the clause in question has been misconstrued by the United States government.

KELLEY'S ARMY DISPERSED.

Kelley and Lieutenants to Be Prosecuted, Says Attorney.

Sacramento, March 17.—"General" Charles Kelley's unemployed army, which began its march on Washington, D. C., 1,800 strong, from San Francisco, ten days ago, has been dispersed. Only a handful of inconspicuous remained tonight in the camp on the Yolo levee, to which the army was driven last week by Sacramento deputies.

Sheriff Monroe, of Yolo county, served notice on the anti-Kelley faction of the army that its leaders, seven in number, would be released from jail if the faction dispersed by nightfall. The offer was accepted. Throughout the day the men departed in small groups.

The fragment of the army remaining loyal to "General" Kelley was not treated with by Sheriff Monroe, because it has steadfastly refused to consider any offer not predicated on the release of Kelley and his lieutenants. The district attorney of Sacramento county said today Kelley and his principal aids would be prosecuted.

BENEFITED BY GRAFTING.

Saw Mill Man Begins Life With New Nose.

Baltimore, March 17.—With a new nose, made from one of his ribs, strapped to his face, which was denuded of features in a saw mill accident three years ago, Ross Allen, a young Canadian, is recovering from a remarkable operation at a hospital here.

It was the most important of a series of skin grafts which have given back to him new lips and now a new nose covered with skin taken from the man's forehead. This last operation was completed a week ago and is considered a success.

May Have New Bank.

It is understood that plans are on foot to organize a new independent bank in Mayesville, although nothing definite can be learned of the steps which are being taken.