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K. O. P. LEGISLATORS.

LAWYERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

The Duties Required of Grand Lodge Officers--A Statement of the Contributions to a Distressed Brother.

Wednesday Afternoon Session--Grand Lodge opened at 2 p. m., with Past Supreme Chancellor John H. Linton presiding.

The order of business was resumed, that being the further consideration of the report of the committee on revision of laws and constitution of the Grand Lodge.

The grand chancellor will hereafter appoint the following committees: A committee of five on law, one of whom must be a representative from a lodge working in the German language.

A committee of three on printing and the return of resolutions and such other committees as ordered by the Grand Lodge.

The committee recommended other duties to be performed by the grand chancellor, similar to the constitution heretofore in use by the Grand Lodge.

The committee recommended that the grand chancellor first present a bill of his expenses before drawing on his appropriation made by the Grand Lodge, which was not agreed to.

The grand keeper of records and seals shall furnish the grand chancellor a copy of the roster of the Grand Lodge and all necessary papers needed to hold special convocations.

It has been agreed that the printed journal as heretofore shall be the official record and evidence of the true proceedings of the actions of the Grand Lodge.

An amendment was offered to have the grand secretary and seal attend not only the Grand Lodge sessions but also all convocations of the Grand Lodge to pay all its expenses.

These special convocations are usually held for the purpose of conferring the past chancellor's degree on the past chancellors of lodges throughout the state, which would entail a considerable expense on the Grand Lodge.

This amendment was not agreed to, and the expenses of the grand keeper of records and seal will only be paid when attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

The grand keeper of records and seal shall be required to keep an office from 10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., and shall be entitled "officer of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of the state of Pennsylvania" in the city of Philadelphia, at 1027 Race street.

An amendment was offered to have an assistant to the grand keeper of records and seal provided at the rate of six hundred dollars per year, payable quarterly.

Following the discussion of the hour of day was called and the Grand Lodge adjourned at 5 p. m.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

Following is the statement of the grand keeper of records and seal showing the receipts and disbursements of money contributed for the relief of suffering brethren of Johnston and vicinity: Alabama \$79, Arizona \$28, Arkansas \$426.74, California \$79, Colorado \$521.70, Connecticut \$200, Dakota \$50, Delaware \$75, District of Columbia \$45, Florida \$12, Georgia \$114, Illinois \$145, Indiana \$1,545.50, Iowa \$820.30, Kansas \$56.51, Kentucky \$23.75, Louisiana \$1,235.50, Maryland \$600, Manitoba \$15, Massachusetts \$707.30, Michigan \$90, Minnesota \$65, Mississippi \$177, Missouri \$22.90, Montana \$38, Nebraska \$147.60, New Hampshire \$32, New Jersey \$1,194.00, New Mexico \$99, New York \$1,413.50, North Carolina \$102, Ohio \$75, Ontario \$85, Oregon \$10, Pennsylvania \$7,592.10, Rhode Island \$275, South Carolina \$174.20, Tennessee \$308.50, Texas \$266.50, Virginia \$433.50, Washington \$10, West Virginia \$275.00, Wisconsin \$50, and total receipts, \$13,569.45.

of the Grand Lodge to the amount of \$23,569.45; received of local committee at Johnston, \$6,847.25; statement of Div. No. 15, U. R. of Johnston, \$738.15; total receipts, \$31,094.85. \$2,000 of this money was spent for the sufferers from the flood in the Juniata and Susquehanna basins, and \$1,000 was given to Johnston and vicinity. This money was distributed by Supreme Representative John P. Linton, who resided at Johnston and who worked nobly and did much to alleviate the suffering of brother knights and their families at Johnston.

Following is a statement of the grand keeper of records and seal of the Knights of Pythias of Pennsylvania Relief Fund, distributed this morning. This is the fourth year of the fund's existence: This board recommend that some fixed status should be given those whose duty it is to govern the fund (but free from all pecuniary considerations), and some rights to be given to the members composing this body as the interests are at stake, without one dollar's expense to the Grand Lodge or to any member of the order not a member of this fund.

The sum of \$70,252.76 was collected and \$61,681.50 paid out, leaving a balance of \$8,571.26 as the property of those who contributed to the fund for one object, viz.: a funeral fund.

The advisory board say the Grand Lodge should give to its moral support only, but its management should be left to those who are its members, and whose time and money sustain its work and assume its liabilities. And we are unprepared to believe that there can exist any desire on the part of those whose circumstances in life enable them to make other and greater provisions in case of death, or those uninterested in the fund, to obstruct or seek to defeat the views of those whose means perhaps allow no greater investment for the purposes heretofore set forth.

They also recommend that the advisory board be instructed by the Grand Lodge to prepare such changes in the present laws of the fund as have been suggested by this board.

The following statement shows the payments made by subordinate lodges on account of each of the twelve monthly assessments:

Account of twelve monthly assessments: Received from interest and assets: 27,735.25

Account of twelve monthly interest on mortgage: 300.00 Total: 28,035.25

Which was credited as follows: Benefit fund: \$25,361.14; permanent fund, \$2,674.11; and interest \$800, or total, \$27,735.25.

The following amounts were paid out: Eighty-four deaths: 321,000.00 Other expenses and permanent fund: 7,318.41

Total: 328,318.41 Total receipts: 28,035.25 Benefit fund, balance, Dr.: 781.19

THE FOUL AIR OF COURT.

CRIMINAL TRIALS DRAGGING THEIR VICIOUS, SLIMY LENGTH ALONG.

John Anderson, of Marietta, Not Guilty of Stealing Rope--Indictments in Cases Returned by the Grand Jury.

Wednesday Afternoon--Court reassembled at 2:30 o'clock and John Anderson, a colored gentleman from Marietta, was tried for receiving stolen goods, knowing the same to be stolen.

The main witness for the prosecution was William Stanley, who pleaded guilty to stealing a large lot of rope from John Farmer. Stanley testified that he stole the rope, took it to Anderson's and sold it to him, but before the price was agreed upon he told Anderson the rope was stolen.

The defense was that Anderson's son bought the rope from Stanley, in the absence of the defendant, and that the defendant had no knowledge that the property bought was stolen, and when he learned that a Columbia junk dealer would not buy the rope because he thought it was stolen, he compelled Stanley to take it away from his premises, and notified the owner, that Stanley had sold it to his son, and this led to Stanley's arrest. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

John Vogel, of Marietta, was charged with committing an assault and battery on his wife. She testified that on June 23rd he struck her in the face, bruising it and drawing blood.

The defendant testified that his daughter was impudent and applied an ugly epithet to him. He undertook to punish his daughter, when his wife interfered and he pushed her away. He denied having struck his wife.

Upon cross-examination of this witness it was developed that his wife had used him half a dozen times for assault and battery. It was also shown that Vogel had served a term of six months in the Franklin county jail for beating his wife.

The jury did not agree upon a verdict when court adjourned.

John Rutter was put on trial for enticing for immoral purposes the daughter of Caroline Settle, of New Holland. According to the testimony of Mrs. Settle her daughter was nearly 17 years of age when enticed away, and as the act of assembly applies to females under 16 years of age, the district attorney abandoned the case, and the jury under the instructions of the court rendered a verdict of not guilty with costs.

A verdict of not guilty was taken in the case of commonwealth vs. Obel A. Brown, seduction. The basarady case growing out of the seduction suit was settled by the parties interested.

Harry S. Sheaffer, Columbia, admitted the paternity of Amelia Nissley's illegitimate child and the usual sentence was imposed.

A rule was granted to show cause why so much of the finding of the grand jury as imposed costs on Constable Bernard Shill, prosecutor of Thomas Myers, should not be struck off. Myers was one of the defendants waiting to plead guilty, as soon as the grand jury had returned a true bill and was agreed surprised to learn that the bill had been ignored and that he was a free man.

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George F. Taylor, Esq., agent for the secret society regalia house of W. R. Raymond, of New York, is visiting the Grand Lodge as a past supreme representative and past grand chancellor of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Alabama, being a member of Central Lodge of Mount Vernon, Ala., also a member of the Masonic order, United Workmen, Golden Eagle and Chain, Knights of Honor, Mystic Chain, Odd Fellows and Good Templars, and is stopping at the Stevens house.

The visitors all seem to be enjoying themselves, visiting the places of interest in and around the city when the Grand Lodge is not in session, and are liberal in their praise of the manner all are treated and entertained by the citizens. The several hotels are all filled up and had to turn applicants away on account of this coming season.

John J. Schaum pleaded guilty to being the father of the illegitimate child of Emma Shubert. The usual sentence was imposed.

Jerry Green, a Welsh Mountain cook, pleaded guilty to committing an assault and battery on Rachel Armstrong and Jacob Armstrong, and carrying concealed deadly weapons. He was sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of one year and seven months.

Philip Cole was tried on two charges of assault and carrying the coon's favorite weapon, the razor. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

James Schaeffer was tried for carrying concealed deadly weapons, a complaint of the Pennsylvania railroad company, in this city. Schaeffer was in his employ and on the 23d of July was sent home by Pyle, because he was drunk. Schaeffer became very angry and made threats against Pyle. On the day following he returned with a pistol in his pocket which he showed to several of the workmen and said he would use it on Pyle.

The defense was that Schaeffer bought the pistol as a present for his wife. On the day he showed it to his fellow workmen it was not loaded. Schaeffer denied having intended to do any harm to the prosecutor. Jury out.

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Mr. Hamersley's Child a Girl. A considerable stir was caused in New York social circles on Friday by a woman who presented her husband with a daughter. By the terms of the will of Louis C. Hamersley, the first husband of the woman, the child was to be the property of the woman, but she was to be educated at the expense of the woman's estate as long as she lives.

At Mount Gretna. The United States troops at Mount Gretna are now doing target work that will be found of great interest. The batteries use the new breech loading rifle pieces which are claimed by our ordnance officers to give better results in penetration and accuracy of fire than the best guns of the same class used by the French and Germans. The drills and the routine of parade and target practice keep the command hard at work.

Fleming Elected. A special from Wheeling says the gubernatorial committee on Wednesday threw out the vote for Godfrey in Kanawha county, in addition to the twenty thrown out on Tuesday. This elects Fleming, Democrat, by a majority of fourteen.

A BIG IRON FAILURE.

THE KEYSTONE FURNACE COMPANY OF READING.

The failure of the Keystone Iron Company of Reading was rumored on the streets of that city Wednesday afternoon, but generally dismissed, not deeming any trustworthy information to be obtained, owing to the absence of the company's attorney, George F. Baer, who was in Philadelphia.

In the evening, however, all doubt was set at rest by the entering of a deed of assignment of the real estate owned by the Keystone Furnace Company to the Reading Trust Company. The deed conveys all the real estate, consisting of fifteen acres in city, two hundred and thirty acres, all the stock of iron, tools and fixtures, for the benefit of creditors, without preferences.

The secured debts aggregate \$400,000 and the floating indebtedness is said to amount to between \$65,000 and \$75,000. The latter is all due to parties in Eastern Pennsylvania, from iron, limestone, coal and other supplies. The deed is signed by Henry Bushong, president, and George H. Connard, treasurer, and the trust is executed by William A. Arnold, president.

The Keystone Furnace Company has been in difficulty for some time. It was incorporated in 1888, the company executed a mortgage to the Reading Trust Company for \$125,000. This took the place of a mortgage for \$100,000, which was given to the Reading Trust Company by George D. Stitzel and George W. Breckman in trust, March 23, 1874.

After the unpaid interest on this mortgage was given in December, 1888, the other indebtedness aggregated over \$305,000, the new mortgage for \$175,000 was given, and this was accepted in satisfaction of the old one for \$200,000. The latter, however, remains unenclosed on the books in the recorder's office of the county.

A mortgage for \$5,000 was given by the company to Henry Bushong in September, 1883. These are the only mortgages against the Keystone Furnace Company on record, but there is quite a large floating indebtedness of the company. There are two furnaces on the tract having a weekly output of 10,000 tons of pig iron, and the Eastern Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey has been used. Foundry pig for light and heavy castings and stove plates, also, is produced on the tract.

The Keystone Furnace Company is a direct successor to the business established in 1809 by Henry and Jacob Bushong. The company was incorporated in 1875, with Henry Bushong as president, and George H. Connard secretary and treasurer. The company received a severe blow in November, 1877, when Henry and Jacob Bushong, doing business as Bushong & Bro., bankrupted, with liabilities exceeding one million dollars.

TO SELL THE PROPERTY. READING, Aug. 22--The assignee of the Keystone Furnace Company, which was assigned yesterday, took charge of the property of the company. He is in possession of the assets, and is authorized to sell the property and make a pro rata distribution of the assets if the amount realized is not sufficient to pay the whole indebtedness of the company.

The financial embarrassment of the company extends over a period of several years. It has been in a very heavy debt owing to sharp competition in selling prices of pig iron, which was the company's only product. The corporation is hopelessly involved. One of the furnaces has been blown out and it is not known whether the other one will be or not.

S. P. HARLEY IN JAIL. Tom Colwell's Assault Committed for Trial at the Present Term. S. P. Harley and Wm. T. Colwell had cross actions against each other and Harley, who eluded arrest, came to court to testify against Colwell. Harley was arrested by Constable Clark, of Christiansa, and locked up. Counsel for Harley went before the court and claimed that he was privileged from arrest while he was here as a witness. The court decided he was privileged and he was released from custody.

The complaint brought by Harley was ignored by the grand jury on Wednesday. This action, it was contended, took the privilege away from Harley, and as soon as the grand jury made their return Constable Clark went after Harley. When he saw the officer he ran, but was caught and taken into custody.

Harley was taken to Christiansa on Wednesday night, and he was held by Justice Melcher and in default of bail committed for trial at the present term of the court.

Summer Excursions. To-day a picnic by bands of different counties is being held at Penryn. The attendance from this city is small, not more than twenty-five tickets having been sold from here.

This morning about thirty people of Lancaster left for the Reading railroad Womelsdorf to attend the commencement of the orphan school at that place.

To-day a harvest home picnic was run to Mt. Gretna. Over three hundred tickets were sold to people who came mostly from the neighborhood of Millersville. The special train left here at 7:25.

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A Great Excursion. The excursion to the sea-shore, which left Lancaster yesterday morning, grew rapidly as it made its way east. Cotesville was the last station from which people were taken upon it and the crowd then numbered 1,047.

Large Sale of Tobacco. The largest sale of tobacco ever made at auction in one day in the United States, and probably in the world, was made in Louisville on Wednesday. The total number of hogheads sold was 1,002. This amounts to about a million and a half pounds, worth in the hoghead over \$100,000.

sent to Jail. E. Grinnick, arrested near the court house last evening for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, by Constable Wittich, was sent to jail this morning by Alderman Halbach, for five days.

Cut His Hand. William Leuter was walking in the archway of Charles King's Eastern Market hotel last evening when he stumbled and fell over a drunken tinner, whom he did not see. He was carrying a pitcher, which was broken, and his hand was badly cut.

A Member Carp. Henry Missell, of 312 Church street, while fishing yesterday at the Old Factory bridge, caught a German carp that weighed 83 pounds. It was 24 inches long, 9 1/2 wide and 4 inches thick. He sold it to Geo. Kirchner.

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He has continued in a very sane condition until Wednesday next, to give counsel for the defense an opportunity to investigate the law. The lawyers are beginning to feel that Nagle cannot be held by the United States authorities. Judge Sawyer is reported to be doubtful of his right to interfere in the Nagle case, as Nagle is sane and sane, I have seen Jacobs nearly every other day for the past 18 months; I have observed very closely his mental and physical condition. He has not required other or different mental treatment from what other prisoners require who are confined for criminal offenses.

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