PRICES ON POTASH STILL SOAR: $1200 PER TON NEW TOP FIGURE

War Makes Situation Serious for Farming Interests. Coal Substitute Urged as "Poor Man's Fuel." Shortage of Vessels Halts South American Trade

Before the war the importations of potash from Germany to the United States averaged $15,000,000 yearly. The potash was used principally for fertilizers and in the manufacture of glass, dyes and chemicals. Since the beginning of the war there have been no potash importations from Germany. Prices for potash have gone up steadily from the normal price of $22 a ton to 10 times that amount. The whole civilized world depended on Germany for potash supplies. Germany had virtually a monopoly of the product. She could mine and market it at a price far below any other country. As soon as the war sent potash prices soaring, the world was combed for a new source of supply. For some years a small quantity had been produced from kelp made from the seaweed on the Pacific coast. Many companies were formed with a view of producing potash from the feldspar rock, which is found in almost unlimited quantities in almost every State in the Union. Potash salt deposits are being worked in Nebraska and Utah, but until the price of potash gets higher. There is a well founded report that as high as $1200 was paid by a big chemical company for a ton of high-grade potash a few days ago.

Scientists assert that the potash deposits of Germany are unique and are not duplicated in any other part of the world. They contend that these deposits are the result of a freak of nature which produced at some time in the far distant past an earthquake and avalanche simultaneously.

The earthquake forced the potash deposits up from the earth's centre, and an avalanche of pure clay mud then enveloped them, making them impervious to moisture, for moisture is the enemy of potash, making it volatile on first contact. It is said that there are potash deposits in Death Valley, but even the slight rainfall there volatilizes them as fast as they are exposed by nature.

W. W. Winchester, secretary of the Peruvian Potash and Chemical Company, in the Widener Building, asserts that his company owns extensive potash mines in southern Peru, in a rainless belt where never a drop of moisture has fallen in centuries. He says that the mining of this potash is a surface or a steam shovel proposition, whereas in Germany the potash mines are more than 3000 feet below the surface. The company has not commenced operations as yet. They are negotiating for the manufacture of moisture-proof bags with a Scotch firm, as in ordinary bags the moisture encountered in the process of shipment would volatilize a percentage of the potash and bring it below the standard. The German potash, he says, is subject to the same conditions.

"The importance of potash as a fertilizer is not fully appreciated by those who are in close touch with the situation," said Mr. Winchester. "There are certain soils in this country that will cease to yield and become absolutely barren if the potash taken out by certain crops is not returned in the form of some inexpensive fertilizer containing potash, and at present prices that is impossible. The situation is more serious for farming interests than the dye situation is for the dyers."

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THE POOR MAN'S FUEL.

With the outlook on every hand indicating higher prices for coal, the domestic consumer will be interested in anything which promises a cheaper fuel.

Officers of the Belgium Coal and Fuel Company, on the fifth floor of the Widener Building, believe they have solved the problem. Their mines are situated in the vicinity of Elkhart, Md., and not in Belgium, as the title would indicate. The process of preparing the coal for domestic consumption is a Belgian process, they say. The lumps are all uniform in size, are shaped like a hen's egg and weigh about ten to the pound. They say also that this fuel for domestic purposes lasts longer, burns cleaner and makes no smoke or soot and very little ashes.

This fuel is made from slack or fine coal dust by compression, by a process said to be superior to the briquet process, and is called the "poor man's fuel."

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SHIPS FOR SOUTH AMERICA SCARCE

H. K. Mulford, of the H. K. Mulford Company, manufacturing chemists, says his firm has hundreds of orders for South America which it could not ship because there are absolutely no vessels available.

The commandeering by the Allies of great numbers of freight carriers, he said, has completely broken off the trade between the United States and South American ports on the west coast. Mr. Mulford stated that his firm is not the only Philadelphia firm in the same position. He thinks the Government should be petitioned to meet this emergency by putting into the South America service some of the Government transports until such time as other means could be devised to meet the situation.

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FREIGHT CONGESTION RELIEVED.

The freight committee of the Chamber of Commerce has been successful in procuring additional service by the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company between Philadelphia and Boston and thus relieving the great congestion of freight at this port destined to New England points.

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GROWTH OF INDUSTRIES IN STATE.

During the year 1915 there were 3 new cotton mills erected and put in operation in Pennsylvania, 9 new worsted and woolen mills, 45 new knitting mills and of the 25 new silk mills erected in the United States in 1915, over 90 per cent. were in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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ABSORBENT COTTON IN DEMAND.

The Annual Review number of the Textile World Journal states that the demand for absorbent cotton is larger than at any time in the world's history, and equipment to manufacture the product and for furnishing and putting up gauze and bandages has been installed in many mills.

Order Knights Hospitallers

Tuesday evening Philadelphia Encampment, No. 2, Order Knights Hospitallers, initiated two candidates into the mysteries, followed by installation of officers. Deputy Supreme Commander Joseph Harper, of Trenton, installed the following officers for the year: Encampment commander, Charles Heidenger; lieutenant commander, S. T. McNelle; captain of guards, P. C. Moisori; prelate, W. H. Bender; chancellor, R. R. Lawley; almoner, C. D. Parker; herald-at-arms, W. R. Wallace; sword bearer, C. E. Sanderson; marshal, G. A. Wagner; first guard, J. Moveland; second guard, Thomas Galbraith; warder, R. Montgomery; sentinel, G. H. Rettner; musical director, Alan Hobbs; trustees, John Bowers, G. A. Gack and J. P. Meaver.

Past Supreme Commander H. B. Rudolph, of Chester, was present and spoke for the good of the order. He complimented the encampment on its past success. Past Supreme Commander Parker, on behalf of the encampment, presented Companion G. H. Rettner, the retiring commander, with a gavel to remind him of his past work and to spur him onward in future service. The next regular meeting takes place Tuesday evening, January 25.

ARCANUM COUNCILS INSTALL NEW REGENTS

Pennsylvania Leads All Other States in Membership Gain for the Last Year

The officers of many Royal Arcanum councils in Philadelphia are retiring from office this year with a feeling of contentment and pride by reason of the support the rank and file contributed to the membership of the 1915 administration. Several Philadelphia councils will show the greatest annual report in their history which will make the newly elected staff for 1916 hustle to outdo their efforts, notwithstanding all of this, the reputation of the incoming regents is such that there is a strong possibility of outclassing many of these splendid records, with the aid of the many social functions to be given by the numerous auxiliaries.

Pennsylvania Council, No. 342, will hold a public installation of officers in Baker Post Hall, 1417 Columbia avenue, Friday evening, January 28, to be followed by an entertainment arranged for the enjoyment of the members, their wives and friends. The installation ceremony should be very impressive, with the eloquent brother from Integrity Council, Grand Trustee William L. Young, acting as installing officer.

Dupont Council met Wednesday evening in Fraternity Hall, 1414 Arch street. D. D. G. R. Charles G. Prowert, Jr., was on hand to lend a hand and give advice. Several applications were received and a large visitation was discussed for the near future to one of our very active councils located outside of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Council, No. 293, installed its officers for 1916 Tuesday evening in the Parkway Building. D. D. G. R. John Staues officiated. For several years past this council has been working the members for applications that necessitated hard work and consumed a great deal of time, appreciating the splendid efforts and results. The incoming administration's slogan for 1916 will be "entertaining meetings and a good time for the present membership." Brother John Culbert was installed as regent and brother Edward Evans as his able vice regent. One of the interesting features of this meeting was the presentation of a beautiful clock to Supreme Representative Newton E. Roedel for having procured the greatest list of applicants in 1915. This was the gift of H. L. Lewis, of Putnam Council, No. 1446, of Brooklyn.

According to an official circular issued by Grand Regent L. B. Schmierer, the compilation of reports for 1915 shows that Pennsylvania leads all other jurisdictions in net numerical gain for the last year. With this record to enthuse the membership, the grand regent calls upon all subordinate councils for special efforts toward membership increase during the current year.

All regents are urged immediately following installation to appoint at once a committee of active members to co-operate with the officers and to inaugurate movements looking to earnest missionary work in behalf of candidates.

Announcement is made that the State council has awarded prizes for winners in the contest for candidates for the month of December as follows: Phillip M. Ettinger, of Manayunk Council, Phoenixville, secures first honor prize, $50; James E. Norton, of Wyomissing Council, Reading, comes in a close second, $30. The lady's prize of $20 passes to Miss Sophia Ettinger.

The next meeting of Philadelphia Council will be held on January 25. A stag euchre will be the attraction this night, with many handsome prizes for the fortunate participants.

The ladies' auxiliary held an afternoon "500" at the residence of Mrs. N. E. Roedel, Hunting Park avenue, on Saturday. Gradually they are building a fund for the good work for which they were instituted.

Haverford Council, No. 2015, will hold a public installation Friday evening in Rittenhouse Hall, 53d street and Haverford avenue.

Chester Council will give an entertainment this evening. The ladies of the Philadelphia Auxiliary have been specially invited to attend.

GOLDEN EAGLE KNIGHTS

Past Grand Chief Dean J. Deakyne Appointed Supreme Chief of Exchequer

Past Supreme Chief William Culbertson, who was supreme keeper of exchequer of the Supreme Castle, and passed away January 1, has been succeeded by appointment by Past Grand Chief Dean J. Deakyne. Brother Deakyne has been a member of the order since 1884, and very active in its affairs during that time in the Subordinate, Grand and Supreme Castles.

The membership increase throughout the State during the past year is shown by the records received at State headquarters in this city to have been most gratifying. The reports of castles indicate a general revival of interest, warranting the belief and prediction freely made that the upward trend of the organization if sustained during the current year will place the order upon the highest plane of prosperity in its history.

Much of this success has been due to the individual efforts of sir knights in securing candidates. Among the more notable records of the year in this direction are: William J. Donnelly, Windsor Castle, No. 92, with 27 candidates to his credit; Davis H. Wright, Crescent Castle, No. 98, who proposed 25 candidates; Jesse Lewis, Livingston Castle, No. 258, with 34 candidates; Philip Baker, Lycoming Castle, No. 125, who proposed 23 candidates; William H. Houser, Montour Castle, No. 188, who proposed 28 candidates; Otto Reitz, Terre Hill Castle, No. 513, who proposed 45 candidates; E. S. Bowers, Oley Castle, No. 119, who proposed 25 candidates; George S. Bebler, Aquila Castle, No. 156, who proposed 30 candidates, and Daniel Hopkins, Claussville Castle, No. 486, who proposed 33 candidates.

Livingston Castle, No. 258, of Allentown, reached the high-water mark in point of membership at the end of the last term. It is now the largest castle in the entire order, with 750 members, and is still gaining rapidly and will before long, it is believed, reach the 1000 mark.

Montour Castle, No. 188, of Danville, is one of the castles that has made a splendid gain during the year, with a net increase of 66 members.

Sons of Temperance

Friday evening Americus Division, No. 101, celebrated its 34th anniversary, in the hall 2240 East Susquehanna avenue. An excellent musical and literary entertainment was enjoyed by a large audience of members and their friends. Grand Worthy Patriarch Charles W. Bowen addressed the meeting.

Refreshments were served and a box of mixtures handed to each one. P. G. W. P. William B. Dungan was master of ceremonies, ably assisted by P. W. P. William Anderson and Ernest Steinmeyer.

Grand Worthy Patriarch Charles W. Bowen paid his first official visitation to Champion Division, No. 55, in the hall, Orthodox street and Frankford avenue, Saturday evening, January 8, accompanied by the staff of officers of the grand division and large delegations from Divisions Nos. 7, 12, 15, 16, 29, 34, 55, 59, 58, 107 and 171.

Stern Knorr and Cornell, of No. 55, entertained with music and recitations, short addresses were given by G. W. P. Bowen, G. W. A. James Guy, P. G. W. Ps. Mechert, Smith, Miller and Hampton, G. Sen. Robert Jenkins, G. Jos. W. Stokes, Sheppard Scott and Stackhouse, P. G. Conductor Phipps and National Representative J. Broadhurst.

The meeting was a helpful and inspiring one, and notable for the display of enthusiasm and optimistic feeling.

Order of Hibernians

Unusual preparations are being made for the annual ball of the combined divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Philadelphia, which will take place in the Academy of Music on the evening of January 31. Two bands of 25 pieces each, a string and a brass band, will play for the modern dances and promenades in the main auditorium, and an orchestra of a dozen pieces, including Irish bagpipes, Highland pipes, piccolos, violins, a harp and a piano will dispense alluring melodies for Irish dancing. These lively, mirthful dances of Ireland will take place in the banquet hall of the Academy. The Reception Committee, of which County President Patrick J. McCartney is chairman and John O'Dea secretary, has for its other members Joseph McLaughlin, national president of the order; James E. Sheehan, past State president; P. Judge, E. Hemmwell, Joseph P. Gaffney, Captain Thomas E. O'Neill, John F. Horgan, Bryan J. Tansey, Patrick Fitzgerald, Henry Boylan, James Jackson, Dr. William J. Shaw, James O'Brien, Gillen and Patrick Conway. The committee held a meeting last week in the clubhouse of the order, 1006 North Broad street, to arrange necessary details. Judge Joseph P. Rogers, a member of Division No. 78, and Mrs. Rogers will lead the grand march.

Patrick McLaughlin is chairman of the general committee, the other officers being Patrick Donohue, John W. Comyn, John J. O'Reilly and Francis S. Clark.

Chicopee High School Burns

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 17.—Fire which started early this morning in the Chicopee High School group of buildings has practically destroyed the structures. The loss probably will be $150,000.

ARTISANS' ORDER MUTUAL PROTECTION

Local Assemblies Renew Efforts for Class Initiation and Membership Increase

Southwestern Assembly, No. 18, will hold its regular monthly session Thursday evening next in Parkway Building, Broad and Cherry streets. This enterprising assembly now has more than 1000 members in good standing and starts the active work of the current year with the following efficient corps of officers:

Master artisan, Robert P. McKee; superintendent, John E. Logan; inspector, William R. Engle; recorder, Thomas H. Johnston; cashier, Howard P. Hayes; conductor, William Schell; assistant conductors, Samuel Dever, Edward A. McNally, C. Frederick McDonald, Frederick S. Thomas, John A. Schill, Robert J. McKee, John Farber, David S. Returns, Philip S. Sutton; chaplain, Frederick W. Burgess; senior master of ceremonies, William C. Newcomb; junior master of ceremonies, A. W. Shallcross; warder, Charles W. Carns, Jr.; trustees, Walter E. Lamond, James F. Armstrong and J. Howard Singer; medical examiners, H. B. MacGarroll, H. D. Fraser, A. C. Martin, D. Ashton Davis, H. A. Ulses, Paul Rothkugel and James H. Cunningham.

Girard Assembly, No. 6, will hold its regular January session Monday evening next in Baker Post Hall, 1417 Columbia avenue. The assembly starts the work of the new year with an unusual amount of interest displayed by the members and an enthusiasm awakened by a record of 33 candidates admitted during the month of December alone.

The most excellent recorder is about to issue a call for the 44th annual session of the M. E. Assembly, which will be held at Prospect Park, Wednesday, March 1. With the call are a number of amendments to the laws of the order which will be acted upon at this session. Among these are propositions to abolish the initiation fee, to limit the term of a director to three years, to permit members of the order to reduce or increase the amount of their certificates at any time and to pay benefits for the first week of sickness when a member is sick two or more weeks.

Much of the credit for winning of the championship of the order for membership-getting by Northwestern Assembly, No. 54, was due to a quartet of the members composed of Andrew J. Nicholas, Herman Meyer, Cyrus W. Evans and Richard P. Nicholas. Bro. "Drew Nicholas" is widely known as captain of the tug of war and captain of the assembly team. Bro. Meyer earned a place in the Athletic Sun of the order years ago, and has persisted in maintaining it. With 25 new members to his credit he has demonstrated that it is not only in athletics that he is superior. Bro. Evans is the incoming master artisan, and is popularly known as "Cy." He is an indefatigable worker and is well versed in detail. His services were heavily upon during the campaign. Bro. Richard Nicholas was the original anchor man of the tug-of-war team, and is being groomed for the championship of the assembly team. Recorder Denny is entitled to a wholesome share in the honor of victory. Dr. H. Hunter Lott, the deputy, was the mainspring back of it all. His skillful medical care was inspiration to all. Northwestern Assembly has won every championship ever offered and is now thirsting for "more worlds to conquer."

M. E. Master Artisan Smith has completed arrangements to hold the Producers' Club dinner at the Bellevue Hotel, Bingham on Saturday, January 29, at 7:30 p. m. There are 75 members of the club who will sit down upon that occasion. Two of the out-of-town assemblies will be represented, Scranton with five members and Metropolis with three. The cash prizes offered by the M. E. master artisan will be awarded as follows: First prize, $35, Andrew J. Nicholas, of Northwestern Assembly, No. 54, 63 new members; second prize, $25, Charles Alberts, of Passyunk Assembly, No. 58, 48 new members; third prize, $15, G. L. Hutchby, of Germantown Assembly, No. 36, 28 new members, and fourth prize, $10, Dr. H. Hunter Lott, of Germantown Assembly, No. 36, 25 new members.

Oriental Assembly held its monthly session Monday night in Fraternity Building, 1414 Arch street. Two applicants for membership were initiated. The following newly elected officers will have charge of the work of the assembly for the current year: Master artisan, Frederick R. Gilpin; superintendent, Howard M. Morrison; inspector, Anthony L. Aff; recorder, John T. Brown; cashier, George Lance; trustee, Alexander Levi; medical examiner, F. A. Mantz.

Collingswood Assembly, No. 50, of Collingswood, met Wednesday evening, when the following brethren assumed the reins of office for the current year: Master artisan, William G. Phillips; superintendent, Luther S. Reasner; inspector, William P. Tatem; recorder, William Hambrecht, Jr.; cashier, George W. Ayres; medical examiner, Dr. Edward B. Rogers; trustee, F. P. Nace; representatives—Dr. Edward B. Rogers, P. G. Knebel and William B. Mackey; alternate representatives, Edward Hambrecht, F. P. Nace and H. W. Holcombe.

West Philadelphia Assembly held its regular January session Thursday evening in Davis Hall, 3930 Lancaster avenue, when the following officers, elected in December, were installed for the current year: Master artisan, P. E. Johnson; superintendent, Roy E. Chapley; inspector, Theodore P. Roedel; recorder, H. H. Frenisel; medical examiners, J. W. Thatcher and J. Marvin Hanna.

THE MACCABEES

Uniform Guards and Staff Prepare for Public Installation of Officers

The General Installation Committee held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Frances M. Helms, the chairman of the Souvenir Program Committee, 5326 Girard avenue, Friday evening, to perfect arrangements for the public meeting to be held in Lu Lu Temple, Wednesday evening, January 26. The guard and the union staff and ladies of ceremonies are rehearsing the floor work, and all subcommittees are working hard and great interest prevails among members and their friends. The moving pictures taken at the laying of the cornerstone of the new home office building, by the Grand Lodge of the Michigan Masons, will be used for the first time on this occasion.

The following committees were appointed: Wardrobe and Door, Miss Emma Rush, chairman, assistants to be appointed at next meeting; Hall Committee, Mrs. Mary Crouch, chairman, Mrs. Mary Morrissey and Mrs. Lackey; Courtesy Committee, Mrs. A. D. Kennedy, chairman; Mrs. Anna M. Wright, assistant chairman, and the following: Mrs. Hattie Edie, Mrs. Bertha Ritter, Mrs. Sarah Blackman, Mrs. Sarah R. Davis, Mrs. Emily Hall, Mrs. Jane Hoster and Mrs. Mary Barron; Guest Committee, Mrs. Martha Hanley, chairman; Mrs. Annie Hawkswith, assistant chairman, and the following: Mrs. Florence Haley, Mrs. Jennie C. Wright, Miss Marie Reynolds, Mrs. Anna R. Havens and Mrs. Posen; ushers, Mrs. Ruby A. Taylor, chairman; Mrs. Ella H. Cooke, assistant chairman, and the following: Mrs. Florence Osborne, Mrs. Kathryn Deger, Mrs. Emma Rooney, Mrs. Heuer, Mrs. Garretson and Miss Mary Collins; Lookout Committee, Miss Anna E. Berg, chairman, Mrs. Anna Haney, assistant chairman, and the following: Mrs. Georgiana England, Mrs. Mary Morrissey, Mrs. Fanny B. Hambleton, Mrs. Sara Lang, Mrs. Rumy Taylor, Mrs. Matilda Dash, Mrs. Minnie Charter, Mrs. Minnie Evans and Mrs. Sarah Arndt. Some necessary changes or additions to these committees may be made at the next meeting of the General Committee, Great Commander Miss Nellie B. Lounsbury and Past Supreme Commander Mrs. E. E. Brown have accepted invitations to be present, and Miss Rina M. West, the supreme commander, is expected, and all member of the assembly here and in adjoining counties and Sta es will receive a most cordial welcome, and if the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ruby A. Taylor, 2104 North Park avenue, receives word in time the Grand Committee will make arrangements for their entertainment over night.

Philadelphia Review reports a good net gain in membership for 1915, and will seek to make a larger one this year. The officers have been instructed for the installation by Supreme Chaplain Burgin and Mrs. Olson.

Penn Treaty Review, formerly Opus, began the year with nearly all the officers in their places, despite the inclement weather. Mrs. Emma L. Miles and Mrs. Frances M. Helms, ladies of exemplified for the La Ma Temple meeting, were present, and with Miss Burgin instructed the officers. Mrs. Ungemacht, past commander of Girard Review, formerly Olivet, was also a welcome visitor.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Interested Sir Knights Crowd Castle Halls to Install New Officers

At the first convocation this year, held in the castle hall, Germantown avenue and Price street, the following newly elected officers of Quaker City Lodge, No. 31, were formally installed by District Deputy William J. Broadbelt, assisted by Grand Inner Guard B. B. Bodle:

Chancellor commander, Harry L. Neal; vice chancellor, J. Russell Winder; master-at-arms, John F. Hambrose; master of work, James H. Ward; prelate, James H. Taylor; master of exchequer, A. Shingle; outer guard, H. J. K. Dahl; trustees, James H. Taylor, Fred Dahl and Harry Dahl.

At the conclusion of the address Past Chancellor T. Taylor spoke briefly, and the new chancellor commander, Harry L. Neal, in an inspiring address appealed to the members for cordial support and concerted action toward the attainment of the lodge and the development and extension of Pythian principles.

Inaugurating the fraternal work of the new term the Pythian knights of the third District of this city, composed of Continental Lodge, No. 166; Damon Lodge, No. 8, and Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 233, held a public installation of newly elected officers Friday evening in the Drawing Room, 115 South Broad street. There was a large turnout of interested members and considerable interest was manifested. The ceremonies were conducted under the direction of Deputy Grand Chancellor Joseph A. Lord. An excellent entertainment followed the installation.

Wednesday evening the castle hall of Southwark Lodge, No. 18, at 704 South Broad street, will doubtless be well filled with members and fraternal visitors. Officers will be formally installed for the coming term, and the Entertainment Committee promises an enjoyable evening to all who attend.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

Valiant Sir Knights Seek to Organize New Subordinate Commanderies

A largely attended and enthusiastic open meeting was held Wednesday evening in Perkasie, under the auspices of Amalfi Commandery, No. 392, for the purpose of exploiting the principles of the organization and aiding in the general movement for membership gain, which seems to be permeating the order. Delegations were present from Lehighton and Quakertown, and seven petitions handed in was a tangible evidence of the benefit and concrete value of such gatherings. A luncheon was served, a social hour enjoyed and addresses delivered by Grand Commander C. H. Bingaman and Grand Recorder John H. Hoffman.

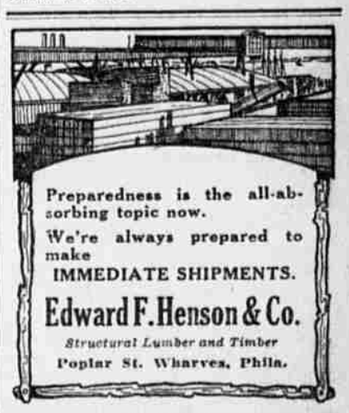
An application was received last week at State headquarters for a charter for a new commandery to be located at Dormont, in the southwestern section of the State. To the application for a warrant 58 names were attached. The new body, organized by M. J. Wandless, will be instituted February 15, Grand Commander C. H. Bingaman will personally have charge of the ceremonies, and Sir Knight Joseph Barker will be installed as the first commander.

Friday evening Grand Recorder John H. Hoffman made a personal visit to Phoenix Commandery, No. 400, of Marcus Hook, for the purpose of presenting to this body on behalf of the Grand Commandery of the State a large altar Bible. This body was organized only a week ago with a charter of 60 names, and already has admitted 20 additional candidates; and the interest manifested in the meetings and the ritualistic work presages a bright and prosperous future.

Good Templars

During the coming week a series of interesting meetings will be held, to be addressed by Michael J. Fanning, a distinguished orator and member of the order of many years' standing. Tonight he will speak in Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, 52d and Parrish streets; tomorrow at 2:30 in Columbia Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, 25th street and Columbia avenue.

Other meetings announced are: Wednesday, 8 p. m., Germantown Y. W. C. A. Building; 8 p. m., Wayland Memorial Baptist Church, 52d street and Baltimore avenue; Thursday evening, Church Building, 59th and Catharine streets; Friday, 2:30 p. m., Frankford Baptist Church, Unity and Paul streets, and 8 p. m., Third Baptist Church, Broad and Ritner streets. The series will be completed Sunday next by addresses in the Baptist Church of Fox Chase in the morning; in the Swedish Church, McKean street below 16th, 3:30 in the afternoon, and at night in the church at 49th street and Woodland avenue.



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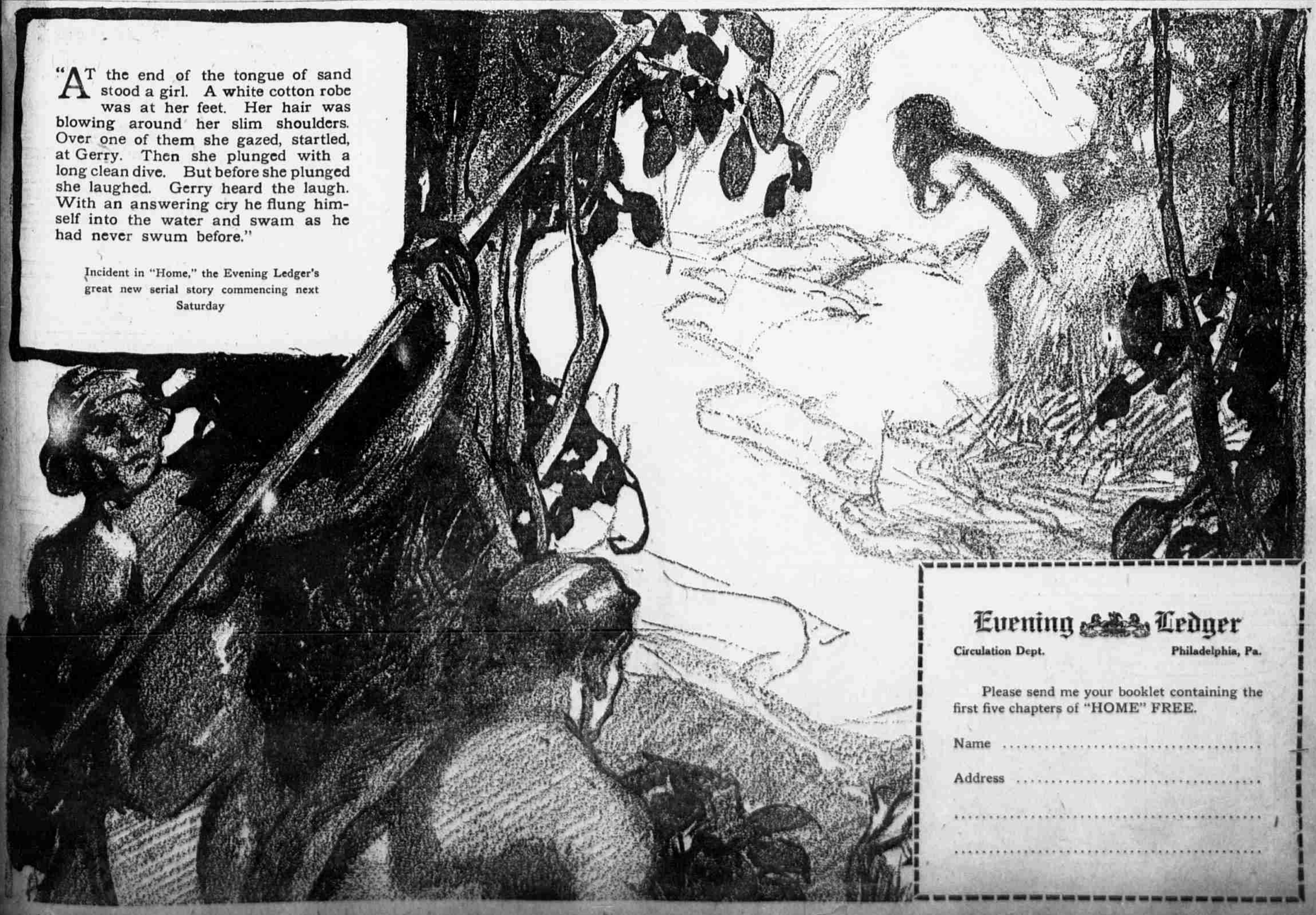

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