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JOSHUA LODGE WILL INITIATE 500 TONIGHT

Banquet a Feature of B'nai Brith Exercises at the Majestic

Initiatory exercises of the newly elected members of the Joshua Lodge, of the L. O. B'nai Brith, will be held next Sunday afternoon, followed by a banquet at the Hotel Majestic in the evening.

The lodge completed in the early part of this month a campaign for 500 new members, for whose benefit the exercises next Sunday are being arranged.

Seligman Straus, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Luzerne County, will deliver an address at the conclusion of the initiatory exercises, followed by Isaac Sobel, president of the Orphanage and Home for Friendless Children at Erie; Joseph Cohen, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Allegheny County, and a number of other distinguished members of the Order of B'nai Brith.

Police Court Chronicles

Captain Olaf Johansen is a vigorous man of the sea. From the tip of his virile boots to the crown of his disciplined cap he is a commander through and through.

The glittering uniform of Captain Olaf makes an ideal contrast with his sweeping white moustache. It has been wet with the wines of many feasts and enhanced the surroundings of banquet boards in many climates.

Picture if you can, then, his amazement, his chagrin, nay his boiling wrath when an uncertain individual, ragged and rumpled, looked at this picturesque man of the sea and laughed.

The cop took the man of the sea and rumpled, looked at this picturesque man of the sea and laughed. As the scowl on Captain Olaf's face deepened the laughter increased to a roar.

"Arrest him at once," commanded Captain Olaf, as he snapped his fingers. The cop took the man of the sea and rumpled, looked at this picturesque man of the sea and laughed.

"Your name is Olaf, and so it's to laugh," said the prisoner, "and so I laugh, as I always do, for my name is Mike Mullen."

The Judge couldn't find anything on the statutes to show that it was a crime to laugh. He gave Mike a lecture, but nothing more except to suggest that he keep out of the neighborhood.

This seemed to satisfy the Captain, and he bowed at Mike as he stalked into the street.

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STRIKING GRAVE DIGGERS SAY ALL THINGS HAVE GONE UP EXCEPT WAGES

Fernwood Spokesman Says They'll Strike for a Year if Need Be

Grave digging is healthy. It makes fine muscles. But it isn't very exciting or profitable. That is why the grave-digging force in a large cemetery has walked out, and another is about to.

"These graves are hard to dig," said one of the men in the Fernwood Cemetery today. The Fernwood force is all ready to strike if the Holy Cross diggers are successful in the strike they have carried on since Monday.

"We have to dig in all kinds of weather," continued the Fernwood digger. "If the Holy Cross diggers are successful in the strike they have carried on since Monday, we will have to dig in all kinds of weather."

"A grave digger digs two graves a day. He has a helper, and in the morning after the grave is marked out by the superintendent, he must dig it in four and a half hours.

"Some graves are harder to dig than others. Some cave in, some are rocky. Then the size of the grave makes a difference. An ordinary grave is 7 feet deep, 20 inches wide and from 7 to 8 feet long.

"Graves are funny. Sometimes they behave and sometimes they don't. I've known them to be fine until the funeral is driving through the gates. Then they collapse, and the coffin is lowered, too.

"I speak from experience," said Pumley, "because I've dug graves here for 23 years. Digging two graves a day, and sometimes three, I calculate I've dug over 16,700 graves in my time.

"That's why the men are striking. Who can live on \$12 a week with a family, when things are so high? Meat's high and loaves of bread are smaller.

"The cemetery business is a good business. It costs a family about \$8 for a grave, \$13 if it is dug on Sunday. It used to be cheaper, but even graves have gone up. The cemetery has the grav dug in on morning by two men, paid \$2 a day apiece.

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"Grave digging, though, is more nerve racking than you think. Sometimes the carriages drive through the gates and we're only half finished. Then we must work like blazes. Everybody fusses. After the services, we lower the casket, four of us, into the grave. If it is rainy, the ropes or straps are slippery. The casket might slip and fall to the bottom. Also we might fall into the graves ourselves.

"I have seen both happen. Some time ago a strap broke. The casket fell with a thump and all the women fainted. Nothing was hurt. Another time two of the diggers fell over the edge onto the coffin. One of the diggers hit his chin on an iron-bound corner and knocked two teeth out. The woman then fainted, too.

"Once we were lowering a body when the side of the grave collapsed and we all fell in. The mourners were superstitious, and swore the graves was bewitched. But in all my life of grave digging I shall never forget an incident that happened 10 years ago. The hearse and carriages had just arrived. They were up on that hill yonder. The palbearers prepared to take the coffin from the hearse. As one of the younger men put his hand on the rail of the casket to draw it out he fell any. We took him away, held the services, and buried the palbearer the following Sunday.

Boy Shoots Friend by Accident. William Genthert, 7 years old, of 414 West Girard avenue, is in the Roosevelt Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in his arm, the result of an accidental shooting in the home of Nicholas Hurst, 7 years old, of 1145 North 4th street, when the children were playing with a revolver belonging to the latter boy's brother, Nicholas Hurst was arrested and will have a hearing in the Juvenile Court this morning.

How Grave Diggers Spend Every Day in the Year

Up. Morning—Dig one grave with helper. Lunch. Afternoon—Dig another grave with helper. Home. Bed.

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STORE CHORUS TO SING 'THE CAPTIVE' TONIGHT

Strawbridge & Clothier Singers to Be Led By Victor Herbert

Philadelphia will have a musical treat tonight, when the Strawbridge & Clothier chorus sings Victor Herbert's cantata, 'The Captive,' at their 11th annual concert in the Metropolitan Opera House, Broad and Poplar streets.

The chorus of 175 voices has been carefully trained by the conductor, H. J. Tilly, and by Victor Herbert himself, who has come over from New York on many occasions to attend the rehearsal. Mr. Herbert has been especially careful about the interpretation of the many intricate themes in his great work.

In addition to the cantata, the chorus will sing several selections from the Herbert operas. It will virtually be "Victor Herbert Night."

Doctor Herbert himself will lead the chorus. He is especially pleased with the work of the two soloists, Mrs. Henry Hotz, soprano, and Reinold Werrenrath, baritone. The expense of the production is borne by the firm of Strawbridge & Clothier, and the proceeds will go to the Relief Association of the store. Tickets are selling at a rate that inclines the management to believe that the amount raised will be a record one.

The program of the concert follows: PART I. 'THE CAPTIVE.' A dramatic cantata for soprano and baritone solo, chorus and orchestra.

PART II. 1. Irish Rhapsody for Chorus. (Erin, Oh Erin.) 2. Baritone solo. (a) 'Neapolitan Love Song' from 'Princess Ida.' (b) 'Gypsy Love Song' from 'The Fortune Teller' (with chorus). (c) 'Habanera.' (d) 'Dance of the Vagabonds.'

3. Soprano solo. (a) 'Perfect Day' from the one-act opera, 'Madelaine.' (b) 'Hail St. Michael' from 'Naughty Marietta' (with chorus). 4. 'Triumph' for Chorus and Organ.

Turks Study Sanitation in Berlin. BERLIN, April 27.—The chief of the sanitary corps of the Turkish army, accompanied by several high Turkish officers, has arrived in Berlin to study German methods of military sanitation. He will also attend the congress of military surgeons which is to be held in Warsaw on May 2.

DICKENS NOT WELL READ, DECLARES HENRY HANBY HAY

Says Author Was Inspired by Books Read in Youth

Writers can do good work without being well read; they can receive their inspiration from a few books read in childhood. That is the conclusion which might be drawn from the statements made last night before the Dickens Fellowship

at the Hotel Walton by Henry Hanby Hay, who declared that Charles Dickens was not a well-read man, and that he received nearly all his inspiration from books he read when a lad.

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The President of the National Council of Women writes January 20, 1916

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The new photographic edition seems to me to be even more valuable than the old edition because of the handy form and the ease with which it can be handled. If my financial resources permitted me to make but one purchase beyond the necessities of life it would be a copy of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Kate Waller Barrett

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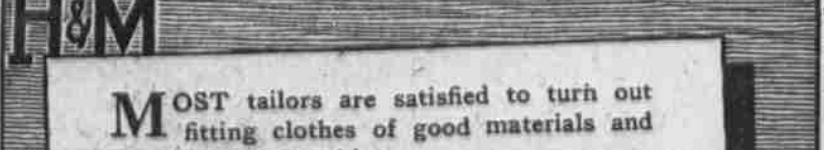
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