MRS. DICKSON'S BIRTHDAY.

Receives Her Friends in Honor of Her Seventy-second Anniversary.

Mrs. Thomas Dickson's seventy-second birthday was yesterday and in honor of the event she received informally about 200 guests from 10 to 12 and 2 to 6 o'clock. Her daughters, Mrs. G. V. Bentley and Mrs. Thomas Franklin, received with her.

The rooms were laden with a profusion of flowers. Of the many remembrances received by Mrs. Dickson was a huge basket of flowers from the servants who had left for the Dickson summer home at Morristown, N. J. Refreshments were served by Huntington.

After the reception the house was closed for the summer, Mrs. Dickson spending the night at the home of Colonel and Mrs. H. M. Boies. She will leave at noon today for Morristown.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

Single Fare for the Round Trip to Pittsburg via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the National Prohibition Convention, to be held at Pittsburg, Pa., May 27, 28 and 29, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell from May 24 to 26, inclusive, excursion tickets from all points on its system to Pittsburg and return, at a single fare for the round trip (no less than 25 cents). These tickets will be good for return passage until May 30, inclusive. **

Wheelmen call at Foote & Shear's, 119 Washington avenue, we will interest you. **

GRAND OFFICERS CHOSEN

Men Who Will Lead the Ivorites During the Year.

BODY WILL ADJOURN TODAY

Business That Was Transacted at the Three Sessions Held Yesterday. The Resolutions Adopted—Instructed in Secret Work.

The Ivorite convention at Olyphant did not finish its business last evening as was wished by the delegates. Another session will be held this morning, and this will probably be the last. Yesterday was a big day for business. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Most worthy grand president, Rees Morgan, Wilkes-Barre; most worthy grand vice president, William E. Edmunds, of Nanticoke; most worthy grand secretary, Daniel Bevan, of Miner's Mills; most worthy grand treasurer, Moses J. Jones, Poultney, Vt.

Another important thing was the decision of the grand lodge to hold its next session at Utica, N. Y. Last night was devoted to secret work. Henry P. Davies talked for a lengthy period on the inside work of the order.

The morning session determined the principal business of the convention. President Hughes was prompt in calling the delegates to order. There was a large attendance and the meeting was characterized by a hearty spirit of work. Secretary Bevan gave his annual report. It showed that the past year has been a very successful one for the order. The report will be printed in pamphlet form and will be sent to the different lodges in this country.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER.

In it the secretary states that one new lodge was organized during the year. This was at Forest City. There were twenty-eight charter members and the organization was effected on Aug. 22. The order buried thirty-nine of its members during the year and initiated 168. From the year 1875 until the month of December of last year the order paid out an average of $9,563.62 per year. During this period there were 606 deaths. Last year three men of note in the order died. They were W. George Powell, of Scranton; Morgan H. Williams, of Scranton, and Reese H. Richards, of Wilkes-Barre. Secretary Bevan gave the financial statement, which showed a flourishing state of that part of the order.

During the coming year lodges will probably be formed at Schuylkill, Falls, Philadelphia, Parsons, New Castle, O., and at Carbondale. After the report of the secretary, motion was made by John Powell, Pittsburg, thanking Henry G. Williams, of Plymouth, for his efforts at the convention. John Henry, of the North End, was the seconder. The auditors made their report. They found the books in excellent condition and upon their recommendation the accounts were approved. The auditing committee consisted of: John Powell, Pittsburg; Edward C. Edwards, Youngstown, and Thomas M. Griffiths, Jermyn.

Grand President Hughes made his annual report. It gave a synopsis of his work during the year and contained suggestions for the welfare of the order. A special committee was appointed to originate a lapel button emblematic of the order. The members are: E. D. Jones, Scranton; H. P. Davis, Scranton; Evan S. Evans, Taylor. They will report at the next meeting of the grand lodge. During the morning numerous amendments and changes in the constitution were brought forward.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

A committee consisting of E. D. Jones, David C. Davis, Middle Granville, and Evan S. Evans, Taylor, was appointed to consider the propositions. Henry G. Williams, of Plymouth, offered the following resolution which was accepted:

Resolved, That we desire to return our warmest thanks to the members of Emlin lodge and the citizens of Olyphant for their hospitality to us as officers and delegates of the Ivorites' grand lodge while in session here; also to those visiting delegations that participated in the parade, and for the excellent entertainment provided for us on Wednesday evening.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the representatives of the press for their liberal publications of the proceedings of the sessions of the grand lodge; especially to Brothers Emerson D. Owen and Charles E. Daniels, of Robert Morris lodge, representing respectively the Scranton Tribune and the Scranton Truth.

A telegram from the veteran Ivorite, B. F. Lewis, editor of the Utica Dryeh, was read. It is as follows: "Cofiou cyues at y frawdoliaeth Iforaidd Duw fendithio eich gweithred ia dau." The translation is that Mr. Lewis sends his kind remembrances to the delegates and he hopes that God's blessing will rest upon all their deliberations. The telegram was ordered filed. President Hughes sent back the following response: "Mae y Gynhadledd yu synuid yn araf ond gobeithuwn orphen hene." "The convention is moving slowly; but we hope to finish tonight." The elective board then reported the names of those who had been elected grand officers for the ensuing year by a sealed vote of all the lodges.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The principal transaction of the afternoon session was the selection of a place for holding the next annual meeting of the grand lodge. Utica, N. Y., was successful upon vote of every lodge in the order through the secret method used in selecting officers. Taylor was the only other aspirant. The decision was made because the Lackawanna valley has had two successive conventions and the other sections were clamoring for a piece of the pastry. All the officers and representatives were present at this meeting. A constitution, by-laws and ritual was adopted for the government of the Junior Ivorites. There are three lodges in this branch; one at Plymouth, at Wilkes-Barre and at Miner's Mills.

Questions were received from the delegates concerning secret work and were discussed by the convention. The committee appointed in the morning to examine Secretary Bevan's report recommended the printing of the same. The committeemen were John Powell, Pittsburg; Thomas C. James, Taylor; John H. Reese, Shenandoah. The rest of this session was devoted to secret work. The meeting was continued until 6 o'clock in its effort to close the meeting last night. There was so much work on hand that the delegates feared at this time that the meetings would have to be continued until tomorrow.

The evening session was, in the end, a disappointment to the delegates. Each and every one wanted to finish business and go home, but it could not be done. The session was continued until this morning when an effort will be made to make the session "sine die." Last night Past Grand Master Henry P. Davies devoted over one hour in exemplifying the unwritten work of the order.

The delegates showed much interest in this part of the proceedings.

TO REVISE RITUAL.

A committee was appointed to revise the ritual and to report on same at the next annual convention. The delegates named were: H. B. Davies, Scranton; John O. Jones, Utica; John F. Evans, New York. This was practically all that was done. Today the officers will be installed and the last touches put on the work.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Utica gives general satisfaction as a convention city.

John O. Jones, of Utica, is caring for the interests of the Utica Herald at the convention.

Retiring Secretary Bevans' fort is work. He has made a model transmitter of the doings of the order.

Dr. W. E. Lloyd, of Emlin lodge, has done much to make the visitors feel at home. The doctor has happy faculty for making and retaining acquaintances. He is the social mainstay of the Olyphant lodge.

W. H. Hughes goes out of the office of grand president with the respect of every Ivorite in the country. Mr. Hughes will always be remembered by those with whom he comes in contact. His generous nature and sympathetic attention to all has endeared him.

Mayor Moses H. Jones, of Poultney, Vt., is one of the favorites of the convention. His manner is as free and unaffected as fact itself. As grand treasurer of the lodge he will make a model guardian of the funds. Everybody trusts him. In the Vermont town where Mayor Jones lives he is a prominent citizen. The region is an important slate mining place, and Mr. Jones is connected with one of the leading firms in the busy town of Poultney. The inhabitants are mostly Welsh-Americans.

OPERA BY AMATEURS.

The Doctor of Alcantara Produced in College Hall Last Night.

"The Doctor of Alcantara," a two act comic opera, was produced at College hall last night before a good sized audience by a number of amateurs of this city, who form an organization known as the Scrantonians.

The opera was exceedingly well done and showed careful and painstaking rehearsing and drilling by the musical director W. P. Schilling. Those in the cast were:

Doctor Paracelsus .....Will F. Burke
Senor Balthazar .....James J. Mahon
Carlos, his son .....Daniel J. Moyles
Perez .....Thomas P. Murphy
Sancho .....Peter F. Howley

Porters.

Don Pomposo, Alguazil ...W. R. Bradbury
Policemen, William Kenney, James Hayes
Dona Lucrezia, wife to Dr. Paracelsus .....Agnes G. Riley
Inez, her maid .....Nellie Charles
Isabella, her daughter.
Florence M. Schilling

Mr. Schilling was very fortunate in casting the opera. There was little of the stiffness noticeable that is usually an inseparable part of the stage presence of an amateur. They sang and spoke their lines well and their bearing was gracefulness itself.

One of the pleasing features of the opera was the excellent singing of the large chorus. The opera will be repeated tonight at College hall.

INSTALLED AS PASTOR.

Rev. W. F. Gibbons Formally Given Charge of His Church.

Rev. W. F. Gibbons was last night installed as pastor of the Dunmore Presbyterian church. The pulpit was surrounded by palms and flowers arranged in an artistic way and presented a very pretty appearance.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. McLeod, of this city, and the installation prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. Weisley, of Avoca. Rev. Dr. Logan not being present. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. T. W. Swan, of Pittston, and the charge to the people by Rev. Dr. N. G. Parke, of Pittston.

The services throughout were very impressive, the charges to the pastor and congregation being particularly so.

Robling's First Arrest.

Mabel Jones and Helen Howard, two young women from 229 Oakford court, arrested Wednesday night for drunkenness and reckless driving, were given a hearing in police court by Alderman Wright yesterday morning and fined $10 each, which they paid. Their arrest was effected by Chief-elect Frank Robling, and was the first arrest made by him since being sworn in as a patrolman.

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BICYCLE FACTORY SCHEME

Has Received the Attention of Well-Known Scranton Capitalists.

HOLMES IS THE INVENTOR

Company Will Be Organized as Soon as Sufficient Stock is Subscribed. Plant to be Located in Poore's Machine Shops.

Within the next few weeks it seems probable that the scheme for organizing a Scranton company for the manufacture of high-grade bicycles will have assumed definite shape. E. B. Sturges, Colonel H. M. Boies, Joseph Boies, Joseph Jermyn, John A. Mears and J. M. Kistler are the men chiefly interested.

The bicycle which it is proposed to manufacture will contain the mechanical ideas of Frank C. Holmes, a bicycle mechanic employed in the repair department of the Columbia agency on Wyoming avenue, and who formerly worked in a similar capacity for F. C. Hand in his bicycle store on Spruce street.

Several meetings have been held for the purpose of perfecting a preliminary company organization, but at no time was there enough of the stock subscribers represented. It was at first decided to capitalize at $50,000, but it was later determined to increase this item. As soon as sufficient stock is subscribed the company will be organized.

It is proposed to locate the factory in the building lately known as Poore's machine shop, next the Suburban Electric light plant on North Washington avenue. The business office and salesroom will be in the business section of the city.

The chief mechanical principle of the bicycle will be its crank shaft and hanger, which is on the Columbia idea. It has not been patented. The patent is pending.

COUNTY EXAMINATIONS.

Dates Fixed For Them by County Superintendent J. C. Taylor.

Central examinations will be held on Saturday, May 16, 1896, at Moscow, Dalton, Clark's Summit, Carbondale, Jermyn, Olyphant, Dickson, Taylor and Old Forge. These examinations are open to all pupils who have been in the county schools during the last year and who are recommended by their teachers. Examinations will be given only in the eighth years' work. The examinations will begin at 9 a. m., and close at 4.30 p. m.; but the time may be extended if necessary to 5 p. m.

All candidates who make an average of 75 per cent. (no mark being lower than 50 per cent.) are entitled to enter the final examination to be held in this city, Saturday, May 23, 1896. All other candidates will receive certificates of rank. The examination in this city will be held in Liberty hall, 225 Washington avenue, and will be conducted by County Superintendent J. C. Taylor and the following: R. H. Martin, Moscow; S. B. Wage, Dalton; G. A. Gay, Clark's Summit; J. E. Brennan, Carbondale; E. D. Bovard, Jermyn; M. W. Cummings, Olyphant; Katie Dolphin, Dickson; Hattie McKenzie, Taylor; T. G. Osborne, Old Forge.

This examination will begin at 9 a. m., and close at 5 p. m. Any who can do the work sooner may do so. Candidates who make an average of 80 per cent. in this examination (no mark being lower than 65 per cent.) will receive the common school diploma. All others taking the examination will receive certificates of rank signed by the examining committee and the county superintendent.

Persons who wish to teach and who have never held a teacher's certificate can make arrangements to enter this examination by writing to the county superintendent.

Sermon to the Veterans.

Rev. P. J. McManus, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church, Green Ridge, will deliver a sermon on Sunday, May 24 to members of the Grand Army of the Republic by invitation of Colonel Monies post, of this city.

Come and see the two exhibition wheels at the Foote & Shear company's store, 119 Washington avenue. **

Excursion for School Children.

An excursion to Lake Ariel for pupils of the public schools on June 13 is proposed by the Teachers' Mutual Benefit association. The plan will be settled definitely at a meeting of the association in the board of control rooms in the city hall tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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