

FINAL SESSION OF CONCLAVE

THE FORTY-NINTH annual convocation of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Pennsylvania, came to an end yesterday with a business session at the Lyceum in the morning, and a public installation of officers at the same place in the afternoon. Before nightfall the visiting commanderies had taken their departure and, today only a few of the out-of-town Knights remain.

They went away filled with gratification at the treatment accorded them during their sojourn in the Electric City, and declaring that it was the most pleasurable convocation they ever attended. The local Knights came in for the

Officers Chosen in Morning and Publicly Installed in Afternoon

Philadelphia, who acted as grand marshal, and E. Sir A. Howard Thomas, the grand herald, sat to the rear of the center of the stage. In the back on tiers of seats were the members of the Young People's Choral society of the Hickory street Presbyterian church and just in front of them was Bauer's orchestra. The parquer circle was filled with Sir Knights in uniform and wearing their chapeaus.

The ceremonies were opened by the grand commander directing the grand marshal to present the newly elected officers for installation. They were escorted in and assigned to seats at the left of the stage.

The vow of office was imposed by the grand commander Penman, the new officers taking the vow while standing uncovered, the left hand grasping the blade of the sword and the right resting on the left breast over the heart.

Grand Recorder-elect Bartlett was then presented for installation and while he stood facing Grand Commander Penman, Grand Prelate Boyle made an invocation. Then the retiring grand commander surrendered to his successor the grand commander's Jewel, the grand marshal receiving it and pinning it on the new grand commander's breast.

At the direction of the retiring grand commander the grand marshal proclaimed the new grand commander. To the accompaniment of appropriate bugle blasts by the grand herald, the grand marshal proclaimed the investiture of the new grand commander to the north, south, west and east.

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respective officers, their respective predecessors, at the request of the retiring grand commander, delivering to them the ritualistic charge.

The appointive officers were then installed in the order of their rank,



E. SIR WILLIAM DIEHL, Of Pittsburg, Promoted Yesterday to the Office of Grand Captain-General.

Heartiest congratulations and expressions of thanks from the departing guests, and on every hand was heard the assertion that Scranton need not hesitate to ask for the convocation any time it wants it.

The elaborate reports of the convocation events printed by the local papers and the particularly full and complete accounts in The Tribune came in for an appropriate share of commendation. The Tribune's reports were generally conceded to be the best printed by any paper of any convocation ever held in the state.

The closing business session of the Grand Commandery had as its principal feature the election of a grand junior warden. Three Knights were mentioned for the office: E. Sir Frank McSparran, of Erie; E. Sir David O. McCollum, of Wilkes-Barre, and E. Sir Andrew S. Stayer, M. D., of Altoona. The first named was selected.

This places him in line for the grand commandery, it being a custom in the Grand Commandery to promote its elective officers one step each year until after six years the junior warden becomes the grand commander.

The grand commander, Thomas F. Penman, of Scranton, was succeeded by Deputy Grand Commander Ezra S. Bartlett, who in turn was succeeded by the grand generalissimo, E. Sir and Rev. Charles M. Stock, of Hanover.

The full list of the new officers including those appointed by the new grand commander, follows:

ELECTIVE.
Grand Commander—R. E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, of Mary commandery, No. 26, Philadelphia.
Deputy Grand Commander—V. E. Sir and Rev. Charles M. Stock, of Hanover.
Grand Generalissimo—E. Sir Wilson I. Fleming, of Conans commandery, No. 53, Bellefonte.
Grand Captain General—E. Sir William J. Diehl, of Duquesne commandery, No. 72, Pittsburg.
Grand Senior Warden—E. Sir William M. Donaldson, of Pilgrim commandery, No. 11, of Harrisburg.
Grand Junior Warden—E. Sir Frank McSparran, of Mt. Olivet commandery, No. 30, Erie.
Grand Prelate—E. Sir and Rev. Thomas N. Boyle, D. D., L. L. D., of Grafton.
Grand Treasurer—E. Sir John J. Gilroy, Philadelphia.
Grand Recorder—R. E. Sir William W. Allen, Philadelphia.

APPOINTIVE.
Grand Standard Bearer—E. Sir William J. Milligan, of Mary commandery, No. 26, Philadelphia.
Grand Sword Bearer—E. Sir George C.

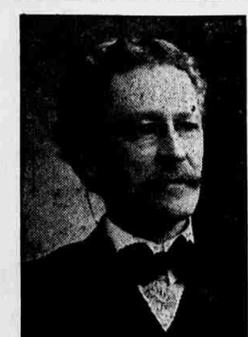
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LETTER FROM GRAND COMMANDER BARTLETT.

Editor of The *Tribune*—
Sir: On behalf of the Sir Knights and ladies who have been visitors in your city during the past three days, I take it upon myself to extend to the Scranton Sir Knights and the citizens of Scranton generally, sincere thanks for their hearty welcome and unbounded hospitality. The convocation has been a most pleasant event and will be cherished long by all who attended as a delightful memory. The grand ball at the new armory was one of the most magnificent social events in the history of Pennsylvania Templary.

The local knights are to be warmly congratulated on the grand success of this and every other feature of the convocation. Philadelphia will need to begin at once with the preparations for the next convocation if it hopes to compare with Scranton in entertaining the grand commandery.

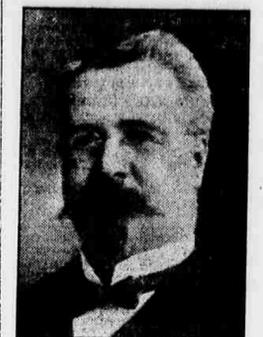
Courteously yours,
EZRA S. BARTLETT, Grand Commander.

the Sir Knights and people of Scranton for their entertainment and expressed his appreciation of the dignity and honor of his new office.

The other elective officers were in turn invested with the Jewel of their

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E. SIR FREDERICK L. BROWN, Secretary of the Executive Committee in Charge of Conclave Arrangements.

Grand Commander Penman delivering the charges.

The ceremonies concluded with the proclamation of the installation of all the officers, and a prayer by the grand prelate.

The ceremonies were interspersed with vocal selections by the Young People's choir, under the direction of Sir C. B. Derrman; a solo by Miss Lydia Suller and orchestral numbers by Bauer's men. The singing of the choir was warmly applauded, as was also the solo by Miss Suller. The orchestral selections were wholly inappropriate to the occasion.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Past Grand Commander and Mrs. Adam Schmeil, of Reading, are guests of Grand Commander and Mrs. Thomas F. Penman. The New York convocation will be held in Saratoga and it is a compliment to Scranton that Sam Putnam has been engaged to do the decorating.

Many of the visiting Templars who are also members of the Mystic Shrine stopped over in Wilkes-Barre last evening to attend the parade and session of the Temple.

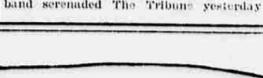
Mrs. T. F. Penman and party occupied Box A at the Lyceum during the installation. She was accompanied by Mrs. Schmeil, of Reading, Mrs. William Marple and Miss Elizabeth Howell, Mrs. E.



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of Occidental chapter, No. 25, Warren, Pa., in 1887 and was knighted in Warren commandery, No. 62, in March, 1888, since which time he has steadily advanced from

playing several selections in front of the building. It was the band preceding the Hugh De Payens commandery in the parade.

A large number of Scrantonians who are members of the Mystic Shrine went to Wilkes-Barre last night to attend the Irem Temple celebration. They assembled at Masonic hall on Spruce street at 5 o'clock and proceeded to the Delaware and Hudson station in a body. Special cars for their accommodation were attached to the train leaving here at 5 o'clock, and the train returning at 1:15 p.m.

The most impressive incident of Tuesday's parade was the sudden silence of all music of the bands as they reached the block on Jefferson avenue, where John Jermyn, one of Scranton's chief citizens, lay dangerously ill. Nothing could have made a more solemn impression than this abrupt cessation of all sound, as the plumed Knights marched noiselessly in their gala celebration, past the stately mansion whose master's ears could not hear nor his eyes see the beautiful pageant.

As chairman of the ways and means committee of Mary commandery, Sir Clifford P. Allen has been conspicuous in his care of the commandery upon its pilgrimage for many years. He has been the burden-bearer on these occasions. The members simply pay their money and he relieves them from all worry and anxiety during the trip. His arrangements are always made with a view of catering to the enjoyment and comfort of his patrons and to insure this he has always been indefatigable in planning and untiring in carrying out the plans. And then he does all this in such a cheerful, kindly manner that it appears as though you were placing him under obligations to you in allowing him to perform this arduous work.

Members of the Mary commandery served notice on the Scranton Knights that Philadelphia could not equal next year the success of this convocation since they have no such place in which to hold the ball. It is the first time in the history of Pennsylvania Templary that adequate space has been found for the great event. The visiting Sir Knights of New York could not seem to recover from their surprise at the magnitude and general effect of the arrangements. They said repeatedly "We can never have such a convocation in the Empire state. Our convocations do not compare with this. We never saw such a sight as that which you provided on the floor of your armory to

one position to another, until the present Templar years he was duly elected and installed as commander of the Warren commandery. He has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad since January 25, 1873, commencing as a clerk in Harrisburg, Pa., and his position has been held until 1882, when he was advanced to agent, which position he has occupied ever since. He is an active, consistent and worthy member of the Presbyterian church at Warren, Pa. He is thoroughly identified with the business, financial, educational and popular interests of his adopted town, having served with credit in various offices of trust, among which, as a member and secretary of the board of education.

Candid Comment About the Strike

From the Philadelphia Press.

IN SOME of the anthracite districts, there seems to be a disinclination on the part of engineers, pumpmen and firemen to obey the order, calling them out on June 2. In other districts, the order will be obeyed without the least hesitation. The order is a mistake on the part of the miners, and against their interests.

The mine owners have declared that they will not yield to the demands of the miners and they will not arbitrate. But when the engineers, pumpmen and firemen go out, the operators expect to supply the places of the non-union men. That the miners will attempt to prevent this is expected, but in such a course, the miners will be making a demonstration against the strongest point of the operators. The engineers, pumpmen and firemen are not engaged in mining coal. All they can do is to save the mines from flooding, so that water can be resumed when the existing differences are adjusted.

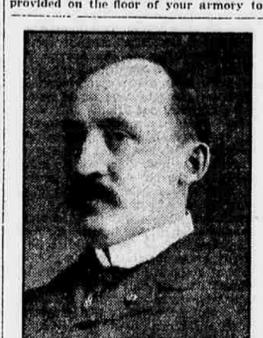
In certain of their demands, the miners doubtless have a large share of popular sympathy, but they are likely to forfeit this when they undertake to interfere with the necessary care of property. They would be doing that if they attempted by violence to prevent the operators from employing engineers, pumpmen and other labor necessary to keep the mines from being flooded. They can call out their own union members, but they assume a great risk when they undertake to say that no others shall be employed to protect the mines, and if they succeed in that interference they will reduce their own chances of returning to work. There will be no work for them in mines that are flooded if they are not employed to protect the mines.

These are conditions which it is becoming apparent the operators expect to turn to their own advantage. If they are successful in the complete refusal of non-union engineers, pumpmen and firemen, and that is the strongest point at which they could make the experiment—they will be not only protecting the mines, but the employment of non-union miners. The breaking up of the union, it has been made quite clear, is one of the purposes of the operators in refusing all the miners' demands. The miners have made a mistake for themselves in calling out the engineers, pumpmen and firemen, and making an issue not on the mining of coal but on the protection of property.

Any violence would destroy public sympathy; interference by force to prevent the employment of labor to save the mines from destruction would be fatal to the cause of the miners, no matter how just that cause might be in other particulars.

An Unsubstantial Hope.
From the Troy Record.

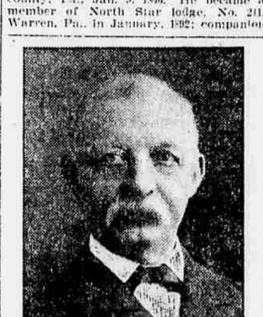
The effort to get the bituminous miners into the complete fold of the strike without breaking their agreement, and sympathy with the troubles of the operators, is not likely to succeed as a valid excuse for proving false to contracts. In the end, a sympathy strike of that sort would be anything but advantageous to organized labor.



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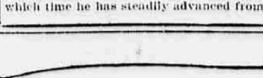
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In the Basement

For Thursday Sale—Hammocks, 4 sizes; fancy colors; woven firm. Warm days and a hammock under a shady spot are very desirable. This kind on sale today are valued up to 75c, but for Thursday Hour buy them at **49c**

For Thursday Sale—Screen Doors. This kind are well made and suitable for front doors; are mortised; net the best quality. Complete with hinges, 4 sizes, 32x80, 34x82, 32x84 and 36x84 inches. Correct measurements must be given. Value up to \$1.35. Thursday Hour **98c**

For Thursday Sale—Window Screens, frame made of hardwood; 18 inches high; extends from 22 to 34 inches; value up to 25c. Thursday **17c**

For Thursday Sale—Hand painted vases, Stand 14 1/2 inches high; for flowers, this vase will be just what is wanted. Actual value 89c. **19c** each. For Thursday buy them at **19c**

For Thursday Sale—Jardiniere—7 and 8-inch size; the finish of this article is termed the flint glaze; colors are olive, light and dark blue. Value 28c. Sale price Thursday **29c**

For Thursday Sale—Cooking Pots and Baking Pans. This lot comprises a large assortment of these goods and always a very useful article around the kitchen. Value up to 18c. Thursday **10c**

For Thursday Sale—Prunes, California; regular 6c. quality; buy them this hour Thursday, one pound for **33c**

For Thursday Sale—Lemons, extra fancy Messina. Regular 25c. quality; for one hour Thursday buy them at, per dozen, **15c**

For Thursday Sale—Rice—rice Carolina; choice value at 9c. This sale, per pound, **5 1/2c**

For Thursday Sale—Extra fine lemon squeezer; heavy galvanized; unsurpassed at any price sold by us. **23c**. For one hour Thursday buy them at, per can, limit one dozen, **15c**

For Thursday Sale—Embroideries; very fine lawn and nainsook from 2 to 6 inches wide. Value up to 25c. This is a splendid opportunity for you to purchase good embroidery at one-fourth regular price. Thursday **15c**

For Thursday Sale—10c. Goodyear Rubber Comb and an 8c. cake of Butter-milk Soap. The Comb is 7 inches long; has fine and coarse teeth. The Soap is a well known brand. Both articles sold Thursday, 1 hour, at **13c**

For Thursday Sale—Dimities—Included in this lot are the pretty stripes and small figure which everybody likes. Value up to 9c. For Thursday **6c**

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For Thursday Sale—Women's Vests. Ecru color; high and low neck; wing sleeves; good width; large sizes; trimmed around neck and sleeves. An elegant value for **12 1/2c**

For Thursday Sale—Swiss Embroidery: also plain Swiss Bureau Scarf for stand covers. Regular size has three small ruffs; ruffe around up to edge of stand. Bureau Scarf value, 30c. Thursday **21c**

For Thursday Sale—Women's Corsets. This lot are made from good net; medium length; well boned; saten striped; regular 39c. **25c** value. Thursday buy them for **25c**

For Thursday Sale—Child's untrimmed Leathorn Hats. Fine and fancy styles; usual price, 25 cents. Buy this Thursday on the Second Floor, for hour, at, **19c**

For Thursday Sale—Women's Wrappers. This is the first wrapper sale of the season at the Big Store. Just received this lot. They are made over separate bodies, have large deep rounce, pleated full back and front; come in all sizes. Blue, Pink, Black and White Stripes, Sprays and Vines. Usual price for this style garment is 90c. To **59c** for one hour, buy them on the Second Floor at **59c**

For Thursday Sale—Women's Oxford or Southern Ties; made of best Dongola and Vici Kid. Cuban and Military Heel, with medium Opera Toe and Patent and Kid Tip. Button, lace or ribbon effects. Extension or flexible soles. A shoe that is commonly sold at **22.00**. Thursday buy them at **15.40**

For Thursday Sale—A fine Madras Gingham; a fabric that is the best Gingham for all round uses under the 16c. yard kind on the market. This entire case of "Fresh From the Loom" will be placed on sale Thursday for one hour, at **53c**

For Thursday Sale—Swiss Curtains. A large line of colored border insertion and ruffe edge also a plain Swiss curtain with ruffe and lace insertion ruffe. All of them 3 yards long and every pair valued up to \$2.40. To close out this lot we will give you the best curtain bargain of the season Thursday, when we will sell them on the Third Floor at a pair, **\$1.00**

For Thursday Sale—A lot of white goods, stripes and checks and India linen. This is a white goods season, and many chances there will be to buy white goods but we doubt if you will find a better one than this Thursday Hour Sale will offer you; fabrics usually sold up to **11c** to 15c, and 17c. Buy them today at **11c**

For Thursday Sale—Boys' Washable Sailor House Suits; dark and light colors; materials that they are made from are crash, duck, linen, galathea and wash chevot effects; in plain and stripes; large sailor collars; nicely trimmed. Cord and whistle with every suit; size 3 to 8 years; worth 80c. to 90c. Buy them Thursday, on Second Floor, at **63c**

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