

The Grand Encampment is a Body composed of some of the best intellects in the United States. It has within it the power for great good, and if it was not for the Grand Parades and Entertainments accompanying its sessions would accomplish all that the most exacting could ask for. But so long as it is hampered by these sorrowful spectacles, so long will its usefulness be an imaginative quality rather than a reality. I believe the sentiment is gaining ground that grand displays and the Grand Encampment must separate. Judging from my own experience at New Orleans, Cleveland and Chicago, it would be far better to hold the Conclaves of the Grand Encampment at Washington, or Portland, Maine, and the displays in San Francisco or on the Sandwich Islands. It is claimed by some that there is a "middle ground" to which these displays should and can be limited. I am frank to say that I do not believe it. When Sir Knights start out to make a display they will do it, and there is no power in the Grand Encampment to prevent it. It is nonsense to pass a resolution that the Grand Encampment will submit to no escort except that of being escorted to the Asylum. This escort may go by the way of the Gulf of Mexico if they choose; and as at Chicago, they may start at 8.30 a.m., and travel under a burning sun until 2 o'clock p.m., endangering the lives of thousands of men, and even killing some, and yet the Grand Encampment cannot, if it wished, prevent it. There is but one way to manage this matter, to enable the Grand Encampment to properly discharge its duties, and that is to stop all parades and cumbersome entertainments at the place where the Grand Encampment is in session. Horace Greeley said, "the way to resume specie payment, is to *resume*." The way for the Grand Encampment to stop this foolishness, is to *stop it*. And until it is stopped we cannot expect the business of the Body to be properly transacted.

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The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Kt. Albert Carpenter. Although chatty and rather discursive it is full of sound common sense as well as trenchant criticism. These are a specimen of his style, Sir Kt. John Stedman

Hits our Canadian Frates handsomely for their asking us to participate in violating "one of the foundation principles of Masonry" by acknowledging the Prince of Wales as the Supreme Grand Master of the Order, "because of his artificial rank and royal birth," and not

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