

augurated the great prize drill for which the biennial encampments are famous. Among those taking an early part in the tournament were crack brigades from Chicago, Toledo, Cincinnati, Denver and elsewhere. There was to be seen among the contestants no trace of the fatigue incident to the long march of Tuesday, and each member of the contesting battalions looked as if he had just stepped out of a band-box. The grand stands and amphitheatres were crowded with a brilliant throng anxious to see the brilliant display and to applaud the clever manoeuvres of the different drill corps. Left and right fronts, reverses, obliques, complicated crosses and other difficult movements were gone through with lightning rapidity, each corps being allowed half an hour to show its skill. Immediately after concluding its exhibition each corps marched from the field and in most instances returned to Camp Colgrove to prepare for the review by General Carnahan which took place in the afternoon.

The Supreme Lodge met in session again Wednesday morning at the State Capitol. After devotional services and the formal opening exercises the body went into executive session for the consideration of proposed changes in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

The Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias continued work on the charges of extravagance that have been made against the Supreme officers by some of the representatives. One of the members of that Committee announced this morning that he would bring suit for libel in the United States Court for the District of North Carolina as soon as he got home.

A seat in the Supreme Lodge was refused Wednesday morning to Representative Berry, of Wisconsin, on account of the filing of a written protest that he secured his credentials in an irregular manner. Her demanded an investigation and a Committee was appointed for that purpose.

The Major-General reviewed the Uniform Rank at Camp Colgrove Wednesday afternoon.

There were stormy times in the Lodge room Wednesday morning. Several applications that usually went through with a rush at former meetings were either referred or voted down. A resolution was introduced that will cut the expenses of the meetings of the Supreme Lodge in two, and will make this session the cheapest ever held with so many representatives present. A resolution was introduced requiring reports from the officers as to supplies furnished, and declaring that in the future such purchases must be made by competitive bids. A resolution was introduced to abolish the Supreme Tribunal, on the score of its cost, but the resolution was defeated.

The sensation in the afternoon was the report of the estimates of the Finance Committee. The Committee recommended that the per diem of the Supreme Representatives be reduced from \$5 and 5 cents a mile each way to \$3 a day, and 3 cents a mile actually travelled. This report precipitated a fight that has almost become personal between some of the members.

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, adjourned to-day's session at 7 o'clock this evening, after having elected the following officers: Supreme Chancellor, Thomas G. Sample, Allegheny, Pa.; Supreme Vice-Chancellor, Ogden H. Fethers, Wisconsin. The men elected were on the slate of the present Administration.

Much of the morning session of the Supreme Grand Lodge was devoted to the consideration of the report of John A. Hinsey, Supreme Organizer, Endowment Rank, on condition of that organization. Representative Shively moved that the report be printed. Friends of the official household objected to this step, and the debate waxed warm. Representatives Ritchie, Riddle and a number of others supported Mr. Shively's motion and it was finally passed, after over two hours had been spent in discussion. Mr. Hinsey said afterwards that he was willing to have the report printed.

Vague rumors were floating about among the Supreme Representatives as to the condition of the Endowment Rank. This is the insurance branch of the Order, and has 53,575 members carrying insurance, amounting to \$99,261,500.

The statement of the Board of Control shows the resources to be \$523,276.02. It is charged that \$91,798.16 is entangled in the affairs of a defunct National Bank at Fort Worth, Tex., and nothing but a judgment against bondsmen represents this money; also that the \$236,127.39 invested in a hotel property at Chicago, which is now in the hands of a receiver, is nothing more than a fifth lien on the property.

These rumors are as yet very vague and indefinite. This was the meaning of the resolution introduced in the Supreme Lodge by Dr. Suthpen, of Ohio.

Camp Colgrove is almost a thing of the past. The last formality was the award of prizes as follows: Class A, first prize, \$1,500, John Barr Glen Company, Eau Claire, Wis.; second prize, \$1,200, Terre Haute, Ind., Company No. 3; third prize, \$1,000, Kalamazoo, Mich., No. 5; fourth prize, \$800, Yellow Cross Company, No. 85, Alliance, O.; fifth prize, \$600, Friendship Company, No. 25, Covington, Ky.

The general prize, valued at \$100, for the best Company Commander of this class was awarded to Captain Con Terga, of the John Barr Glen Company. Class B, first prize, \$500; Coeur d'Alene Company, Lancaster, O.; second prize, \$400, Vigo

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