

## A SPECIAL REQUEST.

The Committee would call the attention of the Brother Knights throughout this Grand Domain to the very liberal support they have received from the merchants of Vancouver in the way of advertisements. We make a personal request to every member of the Order to see to it that the merchants receive as liberal a patronage from the Order as their generosity deserves. This is Pythianism—every thing else being equal. Knights should go out of their way to assist those who assist them.

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## BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE SUPREME LODGE.

The present session of the Supreme Lodge will not go on record as the most harmonious one.

Accusations of extravagance have been made against the present Supreme officers by some of the representatives to the Supreme Lodge. Investigating committees have been appointed to prove the truth or falsity of the charges; to such an extent has the feelings of the members of the Supreme body been aroused that the election of officers was postponed from day to day pending the investigation. We sincerely hope for the good of the Order that the charges of alleged extravagance cannot be sustained, and that after careful and conscientious consideration what might have appeared to have given ground to the charges will prove to have been done in the best interest of the Order.

We have too high an opinion of the head of our organization to believe for one second that he would allow or tolerate for an instant any unnecessary expenditure of the funds of the Supreme Lodge, nor do we believe that any officer having funds in his care would use them to any other purpose but for the welfare of the Order.

Below we give a synopsis of the daily sessions as gleaned from the Associated Press reports from the columns of the "News-Advertiser" of this city:

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## DOINGS AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Indianapolis, Aug. 23.—The biennial meeting of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, commenced this (Tuesday) morning, with every part of the world where there is a Grand Lodge represented. The National Encampment of the Uniform Rank was formally opened this afternoon and nearly 13,000 uniformed men are in the camp.

People have flocked in from all parts of the country, the trains are loaded with passengers. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was estimated that there were 25,000 strangers in the city. The streets are thronged with uniformed men and people who show that they are strangers in town. Camp Colgrove, with its 5,000 tents, is a great attraction.

Monday night a reception was given at the Denison by the Grand Lodge officers and was open to all Knights and their ladies.

At 6 o'clock Monday night Camp Colgrove sheltered in tents 12,650 members of the Uniform Rank, K. of P.

The formal opening of the camp occurred Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Ten thousand Knights, attired in full regalia, took part. Ex-

Mayor Caleb S. Denny, a prominent Knight, on behalf of the Executive Committee, turned the camp over to Supreme Chancellor Colgrove. The ceremonies were witnessed by a large crowd.

Owing to the intense heat and the length of the exercises there were 30 prostrations from heat among those taking part, most of the cases being cared for at the camp hospitals. Among those prostrated were Brig-Gen. F. W. McKinley, of New Hampshire, and Lieutenant-Colonel Marquand, of the Fourth Ohio Regiment, and J. H. Cole, of Chicago, editor of the "Pythian Record."

The Biennial Encampment of Knights of Pythias in point of attendance, is successful beyond expectations. The most important feature of Tuesday's programme was the big parade, participated in by all the Uniform Ranks and subordinate lodges. Careful estimates place the muster of men in line at 18,000, of whom 10,000 were members of the Uniform Rank, led by Major-General Carnahan. Twenty-five states were reported in the pageant by brigades.

Next to the parade the most important event was the convening of the Supreme Lodge. In the executive session, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals, R. L. C. White asked for a hearing on the ground of personal privilege. He said that the officers of the Supreme Lodge had been attacked and charges made against them which should be investigated. If these charges were true, then the men holding office were not fit for their positions. If the charges were not true, then the man or men who had made them were not fit to be Pythians or members of the Supreme Lodge.

Mr. White was followed by others on this subject. A Committee was appointed to-day to investigate, and pending a report no officers will be elected. During the business session the reports of the officers were distributed.

During the day there was a competitive exemplification of ritualistic work.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Wednesday morning several battalions and brigades of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, marched on the field at Newby Oval, lately the scene of the National bicycle races, and with plumes flying and swords flashing in-

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