

THE PYTHIAN SISTERS MEET

GRAND TEMPLE NOW ASSEMBLED IN CITY

About Forty are Present at the Annual Gathering.

The Grand Temple of Pythian Sisters commenced their session in the K. of P. hall this morning when there were about fifty sisters present. The report of the committee on fraternal correspondence was read and adopted and stated that the order was represented in fifty different states and territories. It has now a membership of 120,000 sisters and 7,500 knights. The report stated that the order was in a prosperous condition. Fourteen new representatives were admitted to the order. The Pythian Sisters were formerly the Hathorne sisters but have now consolidated with the Pythian sisterhood, thereby gaining 146 Pythian sisterhood assemblies.

This afternoon a committee of the grand lodge now in session at the A. C. U. W. hall, waited on the Pythian sisters and tendered their greetings from the assembly.

The officers of the Grand Temple of Pythian Sisters present this morning were: Past Grand Chief Ida M. Roberts, Roseland; Grand Chief Margaret Neave, Nanaimo; Grand Senior Minnie Agnew, Revelstoke; Grand Junior Mary Harris, Ladysmith; Grand Manager Annie Wilson, Nanaimo; Grand Mistress of Finance May Stewart, Grand Forks; Grand Mistress of Record and Correspondence Vena Collins, Roseland; Grand Protector of Temples Elizabeth Campbell, Trail; Grand Guard of Outer Temple Minnie Dempster, Victoria; Supreme Representatives Elizabeth Brown, Revelstoke, and Lillian Thomas, Roseland; Supreme Grand Mistress Laura Chappel, Grand Forks, and Ida M. Roberts, Roseland.

LIMITS CHIPPEWA TO THOUSAND PASSENGERS

Dr. Milne Says Company Must Not Repeat Sunday's Crowd.

Until a decision is arrived at by the authorities at Ottawa in connection with the maximum number of passengers which the steamship Chippewa will be allowed to carry on the Seattle run, Dr. Milne, Dominion government immigration agent here, has notified the Inland Navigation Company that the number must be kept under 1,000. This action has been taken in view of the large crowd of passengers, totaling 1,134, which the steamship brought over on last Sunday's trip. Dr. Milne's authority for making this restriction is clause 11 of the Immigration act, which says that no vessel coming from a foreign port to Canada shall carry: (a) "Any greater number of passengers than one adult passenger for every fifteen clear superficial feet on each deck of such vessel, appropriated to the use of such passengers and unoccupied by stores or other goods not being the personal luggage of such passengers; or—

(b) "A greater number of persons, including the master and crew and the cabin passengers, if any, than one for every two tons of the tonnage of such vessel, calculated in the manner used for ascertaining the tonnage of British ships."

Calculating the carrying capacity of both the Princess Victoria and the Chippewa on the basis laid down in section 11, above, the former vessel, which has a gross tonnage of 1,943 tons, is permitted to carry 617 passengers while the Chippewa, with 996 tons, can only carry 460 passengers. Dr. Milne has not, however, asked that only three hundred be carried. He has notified the Inland Company that, in order to prevent overcrowding, the number on its steamship must be kept within the thousand mark. Particulars of the ruling have been forwarded to Ottawa and Dr. Milne is awaiting further instructions regarding the matter. Meanwhile, should his ruling not be observed, he intends to inflict a fine on the company.

Except on the Sunday excursions neither the Chippewa nor the Victoria have anywhere near their full capacity of passengers and it is not anticipated that any friction will arise in regard to the enforcement of the ruling.

The steamship men claim the Chippewa's license for 1,250 passengers has been accepted by the Canadian authorities and that this gives them power to carry in excess of the number provided for in the Immigration act.

POLICE CONTINUE WAR.

No Place in Victoria for Undesirable Characters—Case up To-day.

The police continue their crusade against men who can find nothing better to do than to hang around houses of prostitution. At the request of the Chief Constable, Russell, alias Howard, dressed in the height of American fashion, appeared in the prisoner's dock at the police court to answer a charge of vagrancy. At the request of the prosecution the case was remanded until tomorrow.

When the request for the remand was made, Russell asked a question of the court to ask a few words and inquired: "Is it possible that a charge of this kind can be laid against a man whose home is in Victoria and who has paid taxes here for the past twelve years?"

Magistrate Jay—You'll be given a chance of showing whether you have a home here. The case was then remanded until tomorrow and Russell will be in the

NATURALIZATION QUESTION.

Decision in Porto Rican Federal Court Opens Up New Phase.

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 13.—In the Federal court to-day Judge Rodry landed upon a decision that has attracted attention to a new phase of the question of Porto Rican citizenship. The judge was hearing a libel suit against Vicente Balbas, editor of the Heraldico Espanola. He held that Vicente Balbas, although born in Porto Rico of Spanish parents and in spite of the fact that he had obtained letters of naturalization from the Spanish crown in which he renounced whatever American or Porto Rican citizenship he had enjoyed, was still a Porto Rican. The judge reached this conclusion on the ground that if Spain could naturalize Balbas she would then make a citizen of any Spanish citizen by issuing letters of naturalization to them by royal order. He held that under the treaty of Paris Balbas had become a citizen of Porto Rico, and that consequently he could not become a citizen of Spain.

The decision of Judge Rodry virtually means that no citizen of Porto Rico can expatriate himself and become a subject of King Alfonso while he remains a citizen of Porto Rico.

TOSA MARU BROUGHT BIG SILK SHIPMENT

Nippon Yusen Liner Arrived This Afternoon After Smooth Passage.

Bringing 72 Japanese and 41 Chinese and 195 tons of cargo for this port, the Nippon Yusen liner Tosa Maru, Capt. Nagoe, reached port this afternoon. The Tosa, mainly owing to the Chinese boycott on Japanese steamships at Hongkong and Shanghai, brought only a small cargo amounting in all to 1,600 tons. For overland points she had a valuable shipment of silk, 735 bales valued at \$85,000.

The cargo, which is being discharged here, consists mainly of tea, rice and toys and is made up of 5,465 packages. On the voyage the Tosa experienced very smooth weather and made good time. The G. N. R. steamship Minnesota, which is operated in conjunction with the N. Y. K. line, left Yokohama a day later than the Tosa and reached the straits to-day less than two hours behind her, having made the trip a day ahead of her schedule.

HOW TO TELL BRONCHITIS.

Always Recognized by Dry Hacking Cough and Rough Breathing.

Any doctor will tell you that only by a remedy carried by air direct to the affected parts can bronchitis be cured. The very reason why Catarrhose cures is because it contains a healthy medicine lighter than air, which is breathed through the bronchial tubes and lungs, carrying soothing balsams and essences as it goes. No other remedy has so quick and sure a relief. Capt. James Durlip, of Kingston, commander of R. & O. steamer Bohemian, was cured thoroughly by Catarrhose. He suffered twenty years and although I took treatment all the time permanent relief was not obtained till I used Catarrhose which is the best cure for Bronchitis on the face of the globe. It is quick to use, quick to relieve, and sure to cure. A truly wonderful treatment for Catarrh, Asthma, Throat Trouble and Bronchitis is Catarrhose—thousands of it has cured you. Sold by all dealers in three sizes, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

BEATRICE WILL MAKE NEXT TRIP TO SKAGWAY

Princess May Will Have Full List When She Sails To-night.

The steamship Princess Beatrice will go as far as Skagway for the first run of her northern schedule, sailing from here on the 17th inst. She makes all the usual calls at northern B. C. ports and will, upon her return, be placed upon the regular northern B. C. run unless developments in the present rate will induce the C. P. R. to change its plans. The Royal is scheduled to resume on the Skagway route on the 25th inst. Princess May, which should the battle with the Inland Navigation Company assume larger proportions may be used on one of the local runs.

The Princess May, which to-night will be full up with passengers and freight. Up to noon sixty-nine first-class tickets had been sold at Vancouver and the following saloon passengers had been booked at the local office: E. A. James, J. A. Aldridge, H. Marbour, H. Kilson, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Armstrong, W. Brewer, C. Newcombe, P. R. Fleming, J. Wing, E. Muller, A. C. Armstrong, T. E. Champion, Mr. Hanson, M. C. Kendle, J. B. Anderson, E. M. Kennedy, H. Heath, S. Baxter, Mrs. A. Brown.

On Monday, the 18th inst., special rates will be offered on the C. P. R. to all points east. The fare to Winnipeg will be \$20 return, and the same rate will apply to St. Louis. The return fare to Chicago will be \$22.50, to Toronto, \$24.40 and to Montreal and New York \$28.50. Tickets will be city good for ninety days and passengers will have the option of returning by any direct railroad line.

NEW YORK CITY.

New York city is receiving daily about 300 alien children. The street cleaning department is spending about \$200,000 for each working day.

Bronx borough in New York city, has expended \$300,000 in dwellings of all kinds in the last year.

Eight persons injured in the streets of New York city each hour in the day, and one person is killed by each injury every 17 hours.

Who was Ann after whom Ann street in Manhattan was named? The records apparently leave the matter in mystery except to tell that she was the wife of the first man who owned and occupied its site.

BODY IS FOUND IN SWAN LAKE

SOLUTION OF MYSTERY ABOUT JOHN SHAW

William Wilson Discovered Man's Remains Standing Upright in Water.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

What is believed to be the body of John Shaw, who disappeared from his home near the pumping station on May 6th, was found in Swan lake to-day. William Wilson, who is the drummer in the New Grand Theatre orchestra, made the discovery while fishing there to-day.

Within about 15 feet of the edge of the water, Wilson saw the top of the man's head only a few inches below the surface. The body was standing upright, the feet embedded in the mud. Everything pointed to the fact that the man had committed suicide.

Wilson at once wheeled into the city and gave the police the information. He was able to see that the man's hair was grey and from all the circumstances of the body, he was satisfied the body was that of John Shaw. The provincial police were given the facts and in turn the South Saanich constable was told of the discovery.

John Shaw, it will be remembered, was brought to Victoria where an inquest will be held.

To-day the officers of the K. of P. lodge, of Rosland, offered a reward of \$100 for the finding of Shaw or the recovery of the body. While it is impossible to say whether the reward was taken owing to the fact that Shaw was a member of the Rosland branch, the notice had not appeared in public before the body was discovered.

On the matter of insurance the report says the very important branch of our order is to-day the

SUICIDE IN HAY MOW.

Sussex, N. B., May 13.—The body of Wm. Thompson, aged 42, a farmer of Rockville, was found in a hay mow yesterday. He had committed suicide by suffocation. He leaves a wife and twelve children. He had shown suicidal mania for some time.

TITAN BROUGHT NEWS OF HANKOW DISASTER

Thousands Were Killed by Tidal Wave on Yangtse-Kiang River.

Completing a smart passage from Yokohama, the Holt liner Titan, Capt. Day, arrived in port last night and after landing 60 Chinese and 4 Japanese steerage passengers, proceeded to Tacoma. Mr. Bell, agent for Butterfield and Swire, at Yokohama, came over on the liner.

Exchanges brought by the Titan tell of a great disaster on the Yangtse-Kiang, one of China's largest rivers, which was swept by a tidal bore a few weeks ago. Several thousand Chinese perished in the path of the bore which caused much damage at Hankow. Junk companies, lying in hundreds about the river banks, were overturned, thrown up the banks and smashed to pieces before their startled inhabitants could save themselves. While it is impossible to compute the number drowned it must be in the neighborhood of 8,000.

The Titan brought 7,000 tons of general cargo of which 1,300 tons will be discharged here when the steamship returns from the Sound.

GYPSIES INVADE HAMLET IN FRANCE

Put Local Force of Gendarmes to Fight—Besiege Town Hall.

There was a lively encounter a few days since at Wissons, near Corbeil, twenty-one miles south of Paris, between a band of marauding gypsies and a force of gendarmes. About fifty gypsies invaded the little hamlet of Wissons, and after pitching their camps in a convenient spot, proceeded to levy tribute upon the inhabitants. On being refused money or food, the gypsies maltreated several of the residents, and even attempted to set fire to their houses.

The terrified inhabitants flew for protection to the Mairie. The mayor mobilized the police and placed them on a war footing, but they could do little against fifty truculent ruffians armed with all manner of weapons. The local gendarmes, threatened with death by the enemy, retreated in good order to the Commune hall, where already had assembled a large proportion of the inhabitants of the village. The gypsies made an attack upon the place, and sought to break down the door. Fortunately it was found with iron so resistant to the assault.

In the meantime the mayor had telephoned for reinforcements to the nearest gendarmerie post at Longjumeau, twelve miles distant. A force of police was dispatched to Wissons in hot haste. On their arrival the nomads besieging the town hall showed fight. The police replied by charging, using the flats of their swords. In this way the siege of the town hall was raised and the residents rescued without having suffered any injury.

About forty of the gypsies were arrested. The remainder of the band took to their heels and made good their escape in the woody country surrounding Wissons. Two gendarmes were injured during the encounter. One was struck on the head with a stone, and a second, who had captured one of the marauders, was severely bitten on the hand by his prisoner.

WORK OF ORDER UNDER REVIEW

BY GRAND CHANCELLOR KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The Progress Made in British Columbia During Past Year.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

An interesting record for the year was given by grand chancellor J. Hammar of the grand domain of B. C. K. of P. at the session held yesterday.

The grand chancellor said that the year in the domain had established a record unequalled in the last sixteen years. He placed on record a tribute to the brethren in all parts of the country for the kind treatment he had received on his official visits and asked for forbearance of the lodges he had been unable to visit.

The report names the following deputy as having been appointed grand chancellors and committees:

Eastern division—No. 1, Far West, Collin Markley; No. 2, Ladysmith, W. G. Simpson; No. 3, Vancouver, L. V. Evans; No. 4, Nanaimo, Thos. Woodcock; No. 5, Royal C. P. Victoria, W. A. Kettle; No. 6, T. Whiteaway; No. 11, Mt. Pleasant, W. T. Murphy; No. 14, Benevolence, R. Horn; No. 15, Maple, J. N. Evans; No. 16, Granite, Thos. Hambrugh; No. 17, Victoria, W. A. Kettle; No. 18, Goustream, A. Weeks; No. 20, Primrose, F. Rushton; No. 21, Rosland, W. Brokenshire; No. 22, New Denver, F. D. Kelly; No. 23, Trail, R. Board; No. 24, Sanby, H. Gordon; No. 25, Nelson, W. O. Rose; No. 26, Gold Range, J. B. Scott; No. 27, Okanagan, W. R. Brown; No. 28, Phoenix, J. A. Morrin; No. 29, Greenwood, D. Murray; No. 30, Grand Forks, F. Miller; No. 31, Fernis, Thos. Beck; No. 32, Ymir, J. G. Dewar; No. 33, Crescent, T. M. Roberts; No. 34, Copper King, L. W. Nichol; No. 35, Emerald, W. A. Kettle; No. 36, Millway, E. A. Hain; No. 37, St. Eugene, E. A. Hill; No. 38, Arrowhead, H. Stephens.

Committees.

Finance—J. M. Hughes, P. G. C., Far West Lodge No. 1; G. Thomas, Jr., Vancouver Lodge No. 3; W. T. Murphy, Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 11.

Credentials and returns—E. Pferdner, Far West Lodge No. 1; W. A. Kettle, Victoria Lodge No. 17; A. Stonehouse, Forks, P. Lodge No. 20; W. T. Murphy, Jr., Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 11.

Judiciary—C. F. Nelson, New Denver Lodge No. 22; G. Thomas, Jr., Vancouver Lodge No. 3; W. O. Rose, Nelson Lodge No. 25.

Printing and supplies—E. Pferdner, Far West Lodge No. 1; W. A. Kettle, Victoria Lodge No. 17; A. Stonehouse, Rasthorne Lodge No. 11.

Grievances and appeals—T. B. Booth, Nanaimo Lodge No. 4; J. N. Evans, Maple Leaf Lodge No. 15; A. J. Howe, Gold Range Lodge No. 23; A. D. Eclair, Greenwood Lodge No. 29; E. A. Hill, St. Eugene Lodge No. 37.

State of the order—George Johnson, Nanaimo Lodge No. 4; W. P. Smith, Far West Lodge No. 1; L. V. Evans, Vancouver Lodge No. 3.

Necrology—E. Pferdner, Far West Lodge No. 1; J. T. Evans, Ladysmith Lodge No. 2; A. Arnold, Crescent Lodge No. 25.

Transportation—Emil Pferdner, Far West Lodge No. 1.

Widows and orphans fund—Grand chancery, grand vice-chancellor, G. M. of E.

On the state of the order the report says: "It is pleasing to report that the state

WILLING TO LET COUNTRY DECIDE

IF OBSTRUCTION TACTICS WILL BE TOLERATED

Interesting Developments Expected in Election Bill Deadlock.

Ottawa, May 13.—A Conservative caucus was held this morning to consider whether the party would continue its determined opposition to the election bill in view of the compromise offered by the premier. It was announced by Mr. Borden after the caucus that the fight would go on and that no supply would be granted unless the government accepted the opposition's plan and block the new clauses relating to the preparation of the voters' lists in British Columbia and Manitoba and the unorganized districts of Ontario and Quebec by federal officials.

Interesting developments may be expected within the next few days if the opposition will not recede from its decision to continue obstruction tactics and block the new clauses of the country despite the reasonable and conciliatory attitude of the government. Unless the whole civil service is to be left without pay another interim supply bill must go forward on Friday next, yet the opposition declares the government will not get another cent unless the obnoxious clause of the bill is wholly withdrawn.

The government declines to be bullied by the opposition and is willing to leave the country to decide which party shall bear the onus for the present. The opposition's attitude in the corridors now seems to be that the opposition's attitude if continued might justify an appeal to the electors.

In the House this afternoon W. D. Staples (Manitoba) continued the debate on the election bill, declaring the opposition still objected to the bill despite the premier's concession, and demanded that the election bills of Manitoba and British Columbia be left entirely in the hands of provincial officials as in other provinces. T. B. Farrell (New Brunswick) followed on the government side. It is expected a decision will be reached at 6 o'clock on I. W. Roche's amendment and the debate will go on till to-morrow.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Ottawa, May 12.—The police are looking for an Italian who on Saturday in a dispute in a house at St. Louis street, shot at the police. The man on being taken to the hospital was found to have had a bullet wound in the shoulder. The bullet was removed and the man is now recovering. The police have information and a charge of attempted murder may ensue if the Italian is captured.

A. C. FLUMERFELT RESIGNS.

Vancouver, May 12.—Because of the pressure of business, A. C. Flumerfelt has resigned the presidency of the C. P. R. of B. C. The Alberta Coal & Coke Co. H. N. Galer succeeds him.

WEAK KIDNEYS

RESTORED TO STRENGTH BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

Bad blood is the cause of weak kidneys. The impurities of the blood clog the kidneys so that they are unable to perform their work of separating the waste matter from the blood—the bad from the good. The symptoms of diseased kidneys are numerous. The dull, sunken eye, the coated tongue, the backache, weak shaly knees, salivary glands, swollen face all show what is wrong. This disease must not be neglected. Every day delayed in finding a cure is a day nearer "Bright's disease"—that trouble is incurable. Do not waste time and money on a medicine which acts only on the kidneys. It may relieve, but it cannot cure you. The trouble is to be permanently cured must be treated through the blood. Good blood makes healthy kidneys. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make new, rich red blood—that's why they cure when other medicines fail. Thousands owe good health—some of them owe it to this medicine. Among them is Roy Davidson, who resides with his uncle, Mr. C. B. Maclean, near Brockville, Ont. Mr. Maclean says: "My nephew, Roy, was weak kidneys, and after a year he took the measles and this left him in a bad state. His kidneys were so weak that they were incapable of performing their functions. He suffered from backache, weakness and restlessness. For a time he had to leave school. Our family doctor was unable to help him. In fact he told me that Roy might never get better; that the disease would probably grow worse. I then procured a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had already used the Pills myself with great benefit and success. I gave Roy a few pills. He began taking them, and continued their use until he had taken a half dozen boxes, which fully cured him. He is now strong and healthy and after that he never was and neither study nor work about the farm seem to fatigue him. I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved him from a life of misery."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do just one thing—but they do that thoroughly. They actually make new, rich, red blood, which feeds and strengthens every nerve and organ in the body. That is why they cure the most common ailments as anaemia, general weakness, headaches and backaches, indigestion, palpitation of the heart, rheumatism, neuritis, and the ailments which make the lives of so many women and young girls miserable. Don't take something else which the dealer may say is "just as good." If you can't get the genuine Pills from your dealer send to Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and get them by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

STRAWBERRY BOXES TO BE PROPER SIZE

If They Are Not Up to Standard Must Be Marked Short.

Refused to Honor Certificates.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

When a box of strawberries is not of the regulation size of four-fifths of a quart it must be marked "Short." That is the decision of Maxwell Smith, the Dominion government fruit inspector.

The basket used by the local growers is larger than that used by the American growers. This often works a hardship on the local men because when the two classes of packages are together there is not much difference in appearance, although the Dominion package weighs considerably more than that imported from the south. In order that the public may understand that they are not buying the full weight of berries when they buy the American package the word "short" will be plainly printed on it.

The wholesale merchants were yesterday called together by Mr. Smith, who explained the matter to them and showed how the allowing of a smaller package on the market would be unfair to the local grower unless the same were plainly indicated in some way. The wholesalers of the city had laid themselves open to prosecution under the act and they immediately agreed to the course suggested by the inspector.

All who are interested in the exploitation of the natural wealth of this island will be glad to learn that the investigations of the expert brought to this coast by the Nootka Quarries company to examine into and report on their deposit on the West Coast, is most encouraging. Mr. O'Rourke, the gentleman who is making the examination, believes that the deposit at Nootka is likely to prove one of great value. His opinion is of the more value because he has been for years associated with the quarries of Senator Proctor at Proctor, Vt., where he holds a responsible position. The machinery requisite to open the quarry properly is now being forwarded and in a very short time the extent and value of the property will be established.

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