

POMP AND CEREMONY

The Arctic Brotherhood Hall Formally Dedicated to the Brotherhood of Man

WITNESSED BY AN IMMENSE CROWD

Social Dance Followed Dedication Ceremony.

EVERYBODY WAS PRESENT

And the Occasion Was One Long to Be Remembered Good Music and Elegant Collation.

With a fanfare of trumpets and a mellowed light made all the more weird by an array of torches and the occasional burning of red fire, with its lay members clad in cowled robes of spotless white, and with its friends, wives, sisters and sweethearts daily dedicated to the uses of the order and the brotherhood of man, the hall and building recently completed, the largest and best structure of its kind not alone in Dawson, but in the entire great northwest. Indeed, it would be hard to find anywhere on the Pacific coast outside of the largest cities a building more complete which has been specially constructed for the exclusive use of a secret organization.

By 9 o'clock the two rows of chairs surrounding the hall, and the gallery were filled, every seat being occupied by the fair ones and their escorts intent upon witnessing for the first time some of the occult incantations indissolubly associated with all orders of a secret nature. Such youth beauty and chivalry as Dawson can claim was present in all the radiance made possible by the regulation sombre black evening dress and immaculate shirt bosoms of the gentlemen and the elaborate gowns, bare arms and faultlessly moulded, snowy shoulders of the ladies. Until the present time St. Andrew's hall has always been looked upon as the criterion for everything recherche and beautiful in the world of Society, but in the future the honor must be di-

vided, the Arctic Brotherhood, while not usurping the place of the patron saint of Bonnie Scotland, having carved for itself its own little niche in the memory of those whom Terpsichore claims as her faithful devotees. In numbers it is thought many more participated in the enjoyment of the evening than were present at the last St. Andrew's ball. The hall is larger, so it is said, by 500 square feet than the old Savoy, yet during the early part of the evening it was so packed as to render dancing somewhat difficult, the gallery, too, in the meantime being crowded to its utmost capacity. It is thought fully 250 couples were in attendance, a number far larger than has ever before gathered together upon any similar occasion.

Preceding the dance came the dedicatory ceremonies, the ritual for which together with all arrangements were specially prepared by J. S. Cowan. They were very impressive, of a nature solemn and arranged with the special object of keeping uppermost in the minds of all the first precept of the society—the great, universal brotherhood of man, a sentiment so aptly expressed in the motto of the order "No Boundary Line Here," no east, no west, no north, no south.

The first intimation of the beginning of a spirited march by the orchestra, with the first bars of which the door leading to the ante-room opened admitting Brother Captain Starnes who escorted to his station Past Arctic Chief L. R. Fulda together with his right and left supporters, J. M. Jackson and Fred R. Alley. In a few words Mr. Fulda stated the purposes for which they had met and announced the commencement of the dedicatory exercises. He directed one of his aides to ascertain if all were in readiness who reported an arctic trail guide at the doorway craving admittance. The guide was shown in the camp and upon saluting his superior informed him the camp officers together with those of the grand camp were without, having assembled together for the purpose of dedicating the hall to the uses of the Arctic Brotherhood. The orchestra again played a march and 100 members of the camp filed in to the martial strain, each robed in a white parky. After marching twice around the hall they were arranged half on either side facing each other. Then came Arctic Chief L. L. James and his supporters M. H. Craig and George Murbarger, Vice Arctic Chief Emil Mohr and his supporters R. T. Elviage and E. E. Shoffer, Chaplain Wm. Sheridan and Alchemist F. N. Atwood. After an invocation by the chaplain the officers of the grand camp were escorted to their stations, the personnel consisting of Grand Arctic Chief F. W. Clayton, Grand Vice Arctic Chief Dr. A. T. Edwards, Grand Keeper of Nuggets R. A. Kalenborn, Grand Chaplain J. S. Cowan, Grand Arctic Trail Blazer and Chairman of the Building Committee J. A. Greene, Grand

Guides of the North, East, West and South Dr. C. M. Wells, E. B. Condon, Max W. Kohn and John Gilson, and Torchbearers Wm. Carls, F. T. Hope, H. A. Weld and C. L. Peabody. The officers of the grand camp ranged themselves about the altar placed in the center of the room. The grand arctic chief incurred the arctic chief if it was his desire that the hall should be dedicated, receiving the reply that it was. After a few remarks apropos of the occasion, the singing of the odes and an invocation by the grand chaplain the ceremony was proceeded with. The grand guide of the north presented a gold pan of snow emblematic of purity; him of the south, a bouquet of flowers typifying life and the land of sunshine; from the guide of the east was received a bottle of quartz as representative of integrity, the limitless wealth of the far north and the solid foundation upon which the Arctic Brotherhood is founded; the grand keeper of nuggets presented a horn of plenty filled with gold dust; the individual offerings of the members of the order toward the liquidation of the society's debt. Upon the receipt of the several presents the grand arctic chief in accepting them declared the hall dedicated to the objects of which the offerings were emblematic. The chairman of the building committee turned over to the camp the keys to the building, the sacred fire upon the altar was lighted, there was more singing, the closing invocation was said and the interesting ceremony came to an end.

At its conclusion Brother Chas. Macdonald, Dawson's silver tongued orator, was introduced, he being down on the program for the oration. Shortly prior to the close of the dedicatory ceremonies a photographer had taken a flashlight photograph of the scene, using a charge of powder large enough to cause a loud explosion and fill the room with a dense cloud of smoke. It was laboring under such difficulties and the consequent confusion attendant that Mr. Macdonald was called to the stage and it was a happy inspiration that induced him to remark by way of a preface that "two things in life seemed inevitable—death and the flashlight photograph." The speaker was in his happiest mood and his peroration though brief was a masterpiece of wit, rhetorical flights and clean cut English. Following the oration were heard the orchestra in a selection, Miss Katherine Krieger, Mr. G. H. McLeod and Mr. C. S. W. Barwell in songs, though the beauty and pleasure of the numbers was well nigh lost by the noise of the restless youngsters who were anxiously awaiting the beginning of the dance. Mr. R. P. Wilson also gave a reading.

It was nearly 10:30 before the first number on the dance program was played and then it was kept up without scarcely a moment's intermission until half past four in the morning. The floor was in an excellent condition, the music was inspiring, making one's feet tingle with a desire to dance on or with joy unconfined and where a surfeit was ordinarily expected, still the dancers clamored for more, more till the orchestra laid down their instruments in sheer desperation. The success of the ball could scarcely have been greater, yet there were several annoying things which might have been avoided. First was the flashlight photo, an unmitigated nuisance which frightened everyone and filled the hall with smoke. Then one of the stoves persisted in discharging its smoke in the room instead of up the chimney, an act which came near driving several gentlemen to hard drink. The lights, too, were miserable. The system employed is an antediluvian gasoline affair with Welshbach burners, all of which possess the happy faculty of dying out to a mere glimmer and often going out entirely at the most inopportune and embarrassing moments. Still it was a great night and which will be long remembered by those fortunate enough to be present.

Minister Wu in Disfavor.

Peking, Oct. 23.—There is strong opposition among conservative Chinese officers to Wu Tingfang, Chinese minister at Washington, retaining a foreign mission. Those who take this view consider that his popularity abroad is a proof that he is not sufficiently loyal to the interests of China. It is probable that he will be recalled and given a position on the new board of foreign affairs, where his linguistic and legal attainments may be utilized under the eye of the government.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, listened attentively as a reporter read to him tonight the Peking dispatch telling of the opposition which has developed there to his continuing as a representative of the government abroad. He manifested no little surprise at the statement contained, and appeared nonplussed at the conclusion drawn that his popularity in the United States was an evidence of lack of loyalty to the interests of his government. Mr. Wu said it had always been his effort to do the very best he could on behalf of his country and people. He declared he had not received any intimation that his government was dissatisfied with him or that he probably would be recalled. He declined to be drawn into any extended discussion of the matter.

Rearrest
Fairplay, Colo., Oct. 23.—District Attorney Pence has filed information charging Charles Baker and Mrs. Ella J. Vallie with the murder of the latter's husband, Uplide Vallie, at Jefferson. Mrs. Vallie, who had been discharged after a preliminary examination on the same charge, was re-arrested and lodged in jail in default of \$10,000 bail. Baker is also in jail today. Mr. Vallie was beaten to death several weeks ago.

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Names Were Mixed.

A strange freak of chance which wrote the name of a sister and brother in one and the same marriage license brought a disastrous double element from Eastern Washington to this city. How Ella Reavis and her brother Clifford, of Prescott, wanted to marry Thomas Shea and Myrtle Maar, of the same place, was told at the time by the Post-Intelligencer, as was also the fact that the four young people ran away from their parents and were wedded in this city. From here they returned to their homes.

When Clifford Reavis filed out the marriage license for himself, his sweetheart, his sister, and his friend, he was probably considerably agitated. In his confusion he wrote the name of his sister and his own name in the same license. Then he coupled that of Shea with that of his own betrothed.

Deputy Auditor Bowes looked over the forms. "Does any relation exist between you and the other contracting party?" said he to young Reavis. "None at all," answered the latter, not realizing the mistake he had made in filling out the form. Then the witness swore to the usual oath, and the four went in search of a minister.

Now there are among the auditor's records two marriage licenses and two marriage certificates according to which Clifford Reavis has married his sister Ella, and Thomas Shea has married Clifford's sweetheart, Myrtle Maar. The young people left this city Monday night. Whether they have discovered their mistake has not yet been learned. Deputy Prosecutor Attorney Faber yesterday stated that the effect of the blunder would be to nullify both marriages.—P. I., October 24.

TURKEYS Canadian-American TURKEYS

THIS THANKSGIVING DAY will be one of particular interest to the people of Dawson, for on that day both the Canadian and American people will have a holiday in common, the 28th of November, President Roosevelt and Governor-General Lord Minto having either by a coincidence or happy design proclaimed that day a holiday. Let us celebrate the event in a style befitting the occasion. If you will supply the appetite we will furnish the good cheer. We have the finest TURKEYS a white man ever put his tooth to at prices which, for the present, almost prohibit the sale of meat. These turkeys are all in prime condition, solid, corn fed birds.

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Samar Is Cut Off.

Manila, Oct. 23.—Nothing has been heard from the island of Samar for three days owing to the typhoon having blown down the telegraph lines, excepting one cable message and mail advices. Admiral Rodgers has received a report by gunboat. He has notified the troops at the ports to be ready for the surprise and massacre of the company of the Ninth regiment at Balangiga. At Pampubaban, island of Samar, all the buildings in the vicinity of the barracks were razed.

Gen. Smith, on his arrival at Calbayoga, island of Samar, sent reinforcements to Weyler. They found the garrison of that place, numbering fifteen men, besieged by over 100 bolomen. The transport Summer leaves here tonight with thirty-five men of the Twelfth infantry.

The cruiser New York was delayed by coaling and taking supplies on board, but she left Manila last night with 350 marines under Maj. Walter.

There are 2,600 troops in the island of Samar.

Gen. Chaffee does not anticipate any further disasters. He considers that there is no cause for alarm. The garrisons, he says, have been increased and every precaution has been taken to prevent another surprise like the one at Balangiga, which was unfortunate for two reasons. First, the loss of the men, and second, the effect which it will have on other parts of the archipelago. The general, however, believes this will only be temporary.

It is known that agitators have been endeavoring to inflame many communities by giving glowing accounts of the occurrences in Samar. The central Filipino committee has issued a proclamation confirming Mal-

var as the successor of Aguinaldo. Copies of the document have been widely circulated.

The Ort & Turkey Co., Ltd., start their Quartz Creek stage line on Saturday, Nov. 18th, giving an every other day service, Sundays included, leaving Grand Forks at 11 a. m. on arrival of 9 a. m. stage from Dawson. Returning, leave Quartz next day to connect with 2 p. m. stage for Dawson. c22

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