

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Arrangements for the Supreme Lodge. Our Canadian Brethren Doing "The Thing Handsome."

The local committee of the Knights of Pythias are making the most complete preparations for the reception of the Supreme Lodge of the order and the visiting Knights and tourists who will be present in this city during the sitting of the Supreme Lodge in July. The project of securing the biennial session of the Supreme Lodge in Toronto first came prominently before the public in the shape of a motion passed at the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, held at Hamilton on June 14, 1885, instructing the supreme representatives, Dr. J. S. King and Geo. H. Mitchell, of Toronto, to invite the Supreme Lodge to Toronto in 1886. This action was endorsed by the Toronto lodges. When the Supreme Lodge met at New Orleans, in 1884, Dr. King proposed Toronto as the next place of meeting. The matter was referred to the committee on migration, and they reported showing Chicago to be the most central point nominated. The other places which competed for the honor were Toronto, Boston, San Francisco and Denver. No less than four ballots were taken before a choice was made. Dr. King made a stubborn fight for his nomination. He pointed out the beneficial effect that could be expected from the session being held in Toronto; that they had never, up to that session, given an office to any one outside the United States, although they claimed to be cosmopolitan, and urged them to obliterate national lines, and having given an important office to a Canadian, to go a step further and give the way for extending the order into Great Britain, by first getting a firm foothold in Canada. Apart from the advisability of holding the session in Toronto and the impetus it would give to the order here, he pictured the many points of attraction which the city and neighborhood possessed. The Niagara river and the magnificent country through which the tourists would pass were described, and the result was that the final vote between Toronto and Boston resulted in favor of Toronto, by a majority of nine.

The Supreme Lodge of the world is the highest representative body in the order. It is composed of two representatives from each Grand Lodge in existence, together with all past Supreme Chancellors, and the founder of the order, Justus H. Rathbone. Formerly, the Supreme Lodge met annually, but for some time past biennial sessions have been held. At the present time there are some 48 Grand Lodges, and great efforts are being made to have the Grand Lodge of Manitoba organized before the session of the Supreme Lodge. The representatives of the grand lodges are elected for four years, one retiring every second year. The officers of the Supreme Lodge are the founder, Justus H. Rathbone, Washington, D. C., immediate past Supreme Chancellor, John P. Linton, Johnston, Pa.; Supreme Chancellor, Hon. Jon Van Valkenburg, Fort Madison, Ia.; Supreme Vice-Chancellor, Hon. Howard Douglas, Cincinnati, O.; Supreme Prelate, Dr. John S. King, Toronto; Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, R. E. Cowan, St. Louis, Mo.; Supreme Master of Examinations, J. J. Willey, Wilmington, Del.; Secretary of Endowment Rank, Halvor Nelson, Washington, D. C.; Supreme Master at Arms, George B. Shaw, Eau Claire, Wis.; Supreme Inner Guard, C. F. Bragg, Bangor, Me.; Supreme Outer Guard, John W. Thompson, Washington, D. C. The officers are elected at each session and hold office until their successors are installed.

In addition to the Grand Lodges in existence the following unorganized states and territories which have no Grand Lodges are supervised by the deputy Supreme Chancellor. Indian Territory, Hawaiian Islands, British Columbia, Mexico, Idaho Territory and Manitoba. The session of the Supreme Lodge usually last from 8 to 10 days. The sittings are not open to any except those who have been past Grand Chancellors in their several jurisdictions. The Supreme Lodge will assemble in this city at 10 o'clock noon on Tuesday July 1st. In the first three days only short sessions will be held in order to permit the members to join in the festivities and celebration. For a year past the Supreme Lodge reception committee, composed of representatives from the city lodges have been devoting their energies to arrange a program for the entertainment of the visiting brethren. In this they have so far succeeded admirably, and if only the uncompleted program so far arranged is carried out, the visitors will carry away with them pleasant memories of happy days and a true Canadian welcome. Among the prominent attractions are a church parade of uniformed Knights at St. James' cathedral, the service to be conducted by an eminent divine and chaplain of the order from Chicago; a street parade of thousands of splendidly drilled and uniformed Knights, with mounted brigade and divisional officers; a public reception at the Columbian skating rink, Mutual street, when addresses of welcome will be delivered by Lieut. Gov. Robinson for the province, Mayor Howland for the city, and by the Supreme Chancellor and four orators of the order representing the northern, eastern, southern and western jurisdictions. A grand musical entertainment at the same place, and a two or three days' tournament at the exhibition grounds, in which prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$200 will be presented, a competition among the American bands, and a grand review of the Knights in brigades and divisions by electric light

OUR AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS.

Reviewed by the Department of Agriculture. (Bulletin, May 1886.)

In the progress of agriculture now so general, it is of interest to ascertain what position North Carolina has maintained in the movement. Have any of its branches marched in advance of it, and if so, which, or has it merely kept abreast of the movement? These questions are worthy of such consideration at least as will admit of results being presented, and this is all that can be now done. The policy and duty of raising our own bread crops is so generally and fully acknowledged, that attention will be first directed to them. As no minute inquiry can be made as to the whole State—must indeed be limited to a small area—it seems most advisable to select some one of the counties of our great grain producing section for examination, since the condition of one will show that of others which grow the same crops. Casting the eye over the census of 1880, it will be seen that the county of Davidson produces the largest wheat crop in the State—to wit, in round numbers, one hundred and seventy-five thousand bushels. The yield in Indian corn was five hundred and forty-nine thousand bushels. By looking back to the census of 1870, some judgment may be formed as to its rate of progress. This will not always afford an absolute measure, because the labor directed to these crops at the former period may at the later period have been diverted to some other crop. But there is a general uniformity in the course of agriculture in every county which affords a reliable basis of calculation. By reference to the census of 1870, it will be found that the wheat crop of Davidson for that year was one hundred and fifty-two thousand bushels, while the corn crop was two hundred and eighty-seven thousand bushels. Upon comparing the figures of the two years, there is shown an increase in the wheat crop of 23,000 bushels, and an increase in that of Indian corn of nearly double. In considering the progress of the material resources of a country, allowance should be made for increase of population if the time is sufficiently long to require an estimate of that element in the calculation. The period here, however, is only ten years—less than one-third of what is computed as one generation—and need not be here taken into account. The increase must, therefore be set down to improved agriculture, both in methods and implements. The increase in the crop of wheat is in itself notable; but the doubling of one of the great staple crops in the short period of ten years is a striking proof of the skill and industry of our farming population. Such instances of an increase of production in the same time may be found in the new States where whole areas of country are settled at once by large movements of population, such as common enough in the system of immigration as conducted under the appliances of modern civilization; but it would be hard to find a parallel in an old settled country.

Looking to the yield of the other great cereal—Indian corn—we find the production in Albemarle to be 714,478 bushels—a difference in that of almost over Davidson of 165,000 bushels. But allowing as before for the inequality of area, this difference is compensated in value by the cotton crop, of which Davidson is a considerable producer—about 1,600 bales. The county of Davidson was taken simply as an example; others in our great wheat growing area would make the test as well. Space does not admit of applying it to these counties separately, but the increase of the chief food cereals shows the full sense entertained by our people of the supreme importance of growing our own food supplies, and the zeal and skill with which that aim has been pursued. A general summary will make this fact plain. The crop of wheat, in 1870 amounted to 2,859,879 bushels; that of 1880 to 3,307,393 bushels; an increase of 20 per cent. The increase in the production of Indian corn is still more remarkable. The crop of 1870 was 18,454,216 bushels; that of 1880 was 25,019,839 bushels; an increase within a fraction of 50 per cent.

TO THE BOARD OF MAGISTRATES.

For Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Wayne County.

Editor Messenger.—You have repeatedly urged that our county affairs,—that is the financial part,—should be attended to in a more business-like manner, and that a common business man, amounting almost to carelessness somewhere, or else the present complications would hardly exist. Maj. B. F. Hooks has rendered good service to the county, and it will be difficult to find another who will readily fill his place as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, but as there seems to be a demand for new men in the system, and learning furthermore that Maj. Hooks may decline a reelection, permit the suggestion of the name of E. B. Borden, Esq., for Chairman of the Board, well satisfied that a better selection could not be made. As a business-man and financier he stands in the front rank of our citizens and he enjoys the confidence of the people. His selection to the chairmanship, would undoubtedly at once restore public confidence and bring himself a large tax payer would be an economical one. Let the Board of Magistrates tender the chairmanship of the Board to Mr. Borden, and give him four good associates and reform is assured. A TAX PAYER.

THE VIRGINIA ELECTIONS.

Result of the Contests in Richmond, Petersburg and Other Places.

RICHMOND, Va., May 28.—The election in this city yesterday has resulted in the overwhelming defeat of the regular Democratic nominees. Lee, Democrat, for city agent, was defeated by Smith, Independent, by a majority of over 2,000. The Board of Aldermen stands nine Democrats and nine Independents; the common council nine Democrats and twenty-one Independents; making an independent majority of twelve on joint ballot. The election was a crushing blow to the Democracy, and will result in a pretty general change in numerous offices in the city, including the heads of several important departments. In Petersburg all the general officers on the citizens' or anti-Republican ticket were elected. WINCHESTER, Va., May 28.—This city elected yesterday a Republican treasurer and sergeant, and Democratic clerk of court. The city council stands seven Democrats, four Republicans and one one tie. Returns not yet canvassed elect F. A. Grachen, Republican, mayor by a majority. The new water works proposition received only one hundred and forty-seven votes. Thousands say so. Mr. T. W. Atkins, Girard, Kan., writes: "I never hesitated to recommend your Electric Bitters to my customers, they give entire satisfaction and are rapid sellers." Electric Bitters are the purest and best medicine known and will positively cure Kidney and Urinary complaints. Purify the blood and regulate the bowels. No family can afford to be without them. They save hundreds of dollars in doctor's bills every year. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by Kirby & Robinson.

CLEVELAND-FOLSOM.

Wedding Preparations at the White House. The President in New York to Meet His Bride-Elect.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 30.—The President accompanied by Secretary Lamar, Postmaster General and Mrs. Vilas and Mrs. Lamont, left for New York this afternoon. The party occupied a special car attached to the regular 4.15 train which is due in New York at 10.35 to-night. He will attend the Decoration day ceremonies in Brooklyn and New York, and will return to Washington on Monday night. While in New York he will call on his affianced bride, Miss Frances Folsom, who is at the Gilsey House. Miss Folsom and her mother will remain in New York until Wednesday morning, when they will take a train for Washington. On their arrival in the afternoon they will go at once to the White House. The wedding ceremony, which will be performed by Rev. Dr. Byron Sunderland, will occur in the Blue Room at 7 o'clock. The Blue Parlor will be decorated for the occasion, but not lavishly. The guests will include the members of the Cabinet, the wives and not more than a dozen relatives of the President and Miss Folsom. There will be no "best man." After the ceremony a wedding-supper will be served in the family dining-room—not in the state dining-room, as has been generally stated. The whole affair will be characterized by the quiet good sense of the President, who wishes to avoid all unnecessary display and formality. The Wedding-dress will be handsome, but not extravagantly costly. The ladies of the Cabinet will be quietly dressed, as will naturally be most fitting under the circumstances. The President and his bride will remain at the White House for a day or two after the ceremony; but probably then go away for a week. The arrangements for this trip are not yet perfected. There are to be no "lady correspondents" present at the wedding. Whatever accounts are published must be derived from those present, after the ceremony. Probably a full description of the bride in her wedding-dress will be obtainable by the press, but there will not be more than twenty people present in the Blue Room, all told, when Dr. Sunderland pronounces Mr. Cleveland and Miss Folsom man and wife, and the representatives of the press will not be admitted. Miss Cleveland arrived at the White House last evening. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Nelson, at whose house in New York city she has been staying for several days. Miss Nelson will be present at the wedding on Wednesday. Miss Cleveland will remain here for a short time and then return to Holland Patent, where she will spend the summer. She will be followed here by Mrs. Hoyt, who is expected on Monday. These are the only sisters of the President who can attend the wedding, and for some reason Rev. William Cleveland will not be present. Mrs. D. R. Bacon, of Toledo (the wife of a prosperous architect in that city), is one of the sisters who will not be present; another is Mrs. S. Yeomans, the sister next older than Rose Elizabeth Cleveland; Mrs. Elizabeth's fifth sister, is in Ceylon. Her husband is a missionary there. The wedding guests will include the Cabinet officers and their wives and Colonel and Mrs. Lamont. The bride's relatives who will be present will be her brother and her cousin, Mr. Benjamin Folsom, who has been travelling with them in Europe and who will give her away. The original plans for the wedding have only been changed in that it is to be private instead of a large affair, as was intended before the death of Miss Folsom's grandfather. The plan has been from the first to have it a White House wedding, no other place having been considered. The wedding will be held at 10.35 on the morning of the wedding, ever since that engagement was settled upon, last September. On Miss Folsom's arrival in New York she made the decision not to postpone the ceremony to a suitable period after her grandfather's death in order to have the large wedding first planned. She acquiesced in the President's desire rather to have it private and at the present time. There is no doubt that the engagement, though before thought of, was ratified last September. It was the second visit to the White House of the bride and her mother. The first was soon after the inauguration, in the Easter holidays. They were here a week, and both assisted Miss Cleveland at her reception on the Saturday afternoon. The slight rumors of the President's intentions at that time rendered the young lady a person of interest to many visitors. Her quiet, unassuming manners pleased everybody, and she left a decidedly favorable impression. Miss Folsom is tall, has a good figure, fair complexion and brown hair. Her eyes are dark blue and are her chief beauty, both in color and expression. She is a woman to be called beautiful frequently, and always pretty, from a certain sweetness in her face. She is exactly the opposite of brilliant, and is spoken of as a sweet, sensible girl, unaffected, and likely, for this reason, to become a popular hostess of the mansion. On the second visit, last September, Mrs. Hoyt was her brother's hostess, and Miss Cleveland was not here. It is asserted that Mrs. Hoyt, as a married woman, better appreciated her brother's feelings than Miss Cleveland could do, and that during the ten days of Miss Folsom's stay Mrs. Hoyt sympathetically let the pair alone. In other words, the courtship, really began then, was not interrupted by this considerate sister. Miss Cleveland's manner toward Miss Folsom at the year ago visit showed that she hardly regarded her as the future wife of the President. She several times introduced her as "My little

NAHUNTA ACADEMY.

The Commencement Exercises of the School.

The third annual commencement of Nahunta Academy was visited by the citizens of Wayne and other adjoining counties on the 25th and 26th of May. The exercises for the evening of the 25th opened with a song of welcome by the school. Then the students who had exercises for the evening were called according to the arrangement of the programme. As they delivered their addresses the exercises were heartily cheered. Between many of the exercises the crowd was entertained with music by Miss Minnie Edgerton. As the scenes transpired those who knew what it took to get up an entertainment of the kind could not help being impressed with an idea of what an untiring effort had been made by both teachers and scholars to make the occasion one of success. We think the exercises for the evening were good, and the occasion was all that could be hoped for by any one present. The last thing on the program for the evening was reading the prize essays by Alson R. Edgerton and J. H. Stuckey. Subject for essays: One, "Public Schools"; the other, "The Education of the People." Richard Hollowell, Tyler Smith and Albert Aycock were chosen to examine the essays and report which was best on the following day. The principal then thanked the people for their presence, and solicited them to meet at the school in the church next day at 10:30. May 26.—The people commenced to arrive at an early hour, and by the appointed time quite a number had arrived. The school was arranged and at the church in good time. The exercises for the day commenced and passed off as pleasantly as could be desired, showing in every instance the skill and effort of teachers and scholars. A recess of 10 minutes was given and the people returned to hear the annual address by Rev. Solomon Pool; but he failed to come, and the task fell upon Prof. Hollowell, which task he very faithfully performed giving an interesting talk on education. The prizes were then awarded to the following persons, viz: to J. H. Stuckey for best essay, to Alson R. Edgerton for excellence in scholarship, to Maggie Aycock for good spelling. Mr. J. H. Edgerton, Secretary of stock company for the school, then made some announcements in which he spoke of the success of the school, and also of what they expected to do in the future. The school song "When shall we meet again" was then sung, and the exercises closed pleasantly. The afternoon passed off some strolling over the grounds, some going to ride and others quietly seated in comfortable places having a good long "tete-a-tete." The Literary Society had a meeting at 8 o'clock p. m., and discussed the following question, "Resolved, that the women of the 19th century should be as highly educated as the men." After a spirited debate the judges decided in favor of the negative. Thus the commencement passed off pleasantly to all present. J. D. D.

Borrowed From the New Bern Journal.

[We hope soon to have a regular correspondent again at Kanston. In the meantime we continue to borrow from the Newbern Journal.] Elisha Lewis has arrived and looks like he is prepared to enjoy his full share of the commencement. Alonzo Phillips has lately returned from Oklaide Academy, and is spending some time with relatives in town. A. J. Hires, pastor of the Baptist church is absent from town. He preached at LaGrange 4th Sunday, and went north to spend some time with relatives. Mrs. Euphemia Dowdy departed this life on Tuesday, May 25th, at the residence of Capt. White. She had been sick since January, and dies the death of a Christian. Dr. C. B. Woodley, of our town, will soon begin the practice of medicine in Trenton. We hope him much success, and think the people of Jones county will find him a courteous young gentleman, devoted to a profession. It is in good hands that the monument will be standing around and seeing it well done, while the mason's lay the foundation of brick. The date of unveiling was discussed during the time, some parties missing it by several years. W. R. Skinner, of Vance Academy, Trent township, will accept thanks for an invitation to attend his examination and closing exercises on Monday and Tuesday of next week. It speaks well for the citizens and teachers that it has been possible to have a successful school during the busy season, and we regret that we cannot be present to report in full the closing exercises. T. J. Forlaw, a worthy citizen of our town, died on Thursday, May 27th, after a few days sickness. He was formerly a citizen of Duplin county, but moved here to get the benefit of our schools, and has kept a boarding house in our town. He leaves a widow and several children to mourn his departure. Funeral services were conducted on Friday afternoon at the Methodist church by the pastor, and many join in sympathy for the sorrowing. Dr. Reynolds lectured on the liquor traffic in the opera house on Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon, and to the colored people on Thursday night in the courthouse. His speeches were full of zeal and made some very strong points. One worthy of special mention is, that in courtship and marriage young ladies should demand of gentlemen the same standard of morals that young men demand of young ladies. He claimed that if this were done, the temperance question would be very soon settled. The Newbern district conference assembled promptly at the appointed hour Thursday morning at the Methodist church, a large number of preachers and delegates being present at the beginning. Presiding Elder Harris is President and Capt. W. A. Darden, of Greene county, Secretary. Many of the prominent men of the section of country surrounding Newbern, are delegates, and both preachers and delegates impress a spectator as a body of men of zeal, good sense, energy and good looks with here and there an honorable exception. Of the eighteen charges in the district, sixteen of the preachers were present the first day besides several local and visiting ministers. The appointment of committees and reports from charges consumed most of the time on Thursday and Friday. Some of the reports are amusing as given by the lay delegation, and truly all of them show a prosperous condition. There was preaching on Wednesday night by W. W. Rose; Thursday morning by P. L. Hermon; at night by H. H. Gibbons; Friday morning by R. C. Beaman. A report from the committee on district parsonage debt called out a lengthy discussion on Friday afternoon, and are deferred till Saturday morning. A description of the new house and the remainder of the proceedings will be given in our next. Col. A. C. Davis, T. A. Green, Capt. W. A. Darden, and J. W. Grainger, were elected lay delegates to the next conference at Reidsville, J. W. Bryan, Esq., of Goldsboro and C. B. Price, of Mt. Olive, were appointed alternates.

A CARD FROM O. H. ALLEN, ESQ.

KENANSVILLE, N. C., May 29, '86. Mr. Editor.—I notice that the special correspondent of the Chronicle in speaking of myself and Mr. Rose, of Fayetteville, in connection with a recent visit to Washington, uses this language: "Both think Col. Green stands a first rate chance to be re-nominated by a large majority. I wish to say through your columns that the correspondent is in error as to myself. I have said nothing to any one that would warrant such a statement. I do not know what the chances of any one for the nomination for Congress in this district are. I have had no sufficient means of forming an opinion. I was with Mr. Rose a short time in Washington but do not know what is his opinion as to the Congressional chances." Very respectfully, O. H. ALLEN.

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