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MASONIC.

Freemasonry is Not an Order--Tree-board Designs.

The brother who speaks of Freemasonry as an order displays a woeful lack of Masonic information. In no sense is Freemasonry an order. It is, however, a society, a fraternity, an institution. Freemasonry is a brotherhood the like of which does not exist. The present age has been fruitful in the multiplication of orders, and by the profane Freemasonry is classed with them. They are totally ignorant of the fact that the organization, laws and regulations of Freemasonry are original and unique.--Illinois Freeman.

There are about 140 inmates of the Ohio Masonic home.

In Minnesota no resident nonaffiliate is allowed to visit a lodge after he has resided in the jurisdiction for six months.

Bro. Thomas A. Box, who is 83 years old and tiler of Calaveras lodge, San Andreas, Cal., walks 13 miles from his home to lodge meeting and has not missed a meeting for many years.

The Hamilton County (O.) Masonic Employment bureau secured work for 80 members of the fraternity last year.

The grand lodge of Indian Territory has decided to dispense with past grand master's jewels and devote the money which it has been accustomed to appropriating for their purchase to the fund for an orphans' home.

A monument to Albert Pike will be unveiled at Washington in May, 1901.

The grand master of Colorado decided that "the voucher of a brother who may have met a visitor in the consistory, commandery, council or chapter and has not other knowledge of his standing in the lodge is not lawful information."

Lincoln lodge, Wiscasset, Me., uses a Bible on its altar which was presented to the lodge in 1805.

During Napoleon Bonaparte's time there was a Masonic lodge in nearly every regiment of the French army, of which the colonel was usually the master.

Teaching Road Construction.

One feature of the road improvement work in Michigan, as referred to by Chief Consul Earle of the L. A. W., is as follows: I have tried to get the colleges and preparatory schools to do something toward teaching the needs of good roads, the cost of bad roads, how to build roads and how to maintain them after they are built. So far I have met with no perceptible effect except at the Michigan Agricultural college at Lansing, and it gives me great pleasure to be able to report that Professor L. R. Taft has taken up the matter in such a way as to merit our highest esteem. He is building several samples of good roads on the agricultural grounds, and I predict that when he gets these fairly planted you will soon see samples built in other parts of the state.

Steel Track Wagon Roads.

Tests in steel track wagon roads to make traffic easy in sections where modern highway improvements are yet impracticable which have been made by the director of the office of road inquiry of the department of agriculture at the Omaha exposition, St. Anthony's park, Minneapolis and in the suburbs of Cleveland have proved that the idea is perfectly feasible. The advantages claimed for the steel rail wagon road are cheapness of construction, ability to diminish the weight of the wagon, ability to haul heavy loads with less horsepower, increase in speed and the ability to substitute inanimate power for horses.--Omaha World-Herald.

How to Bake Shad Roe.

Put shad roe into boiling water, adding one teaspoonful of vinegar and one teaspoonful of salt. Cook for 15 minutes. Pour off the water and cover with cold water. Let stand several minutes. Rest the roe in a buttered pan with one-half pint of tomato sauce. Bake 15 minutes in a hot oven, basting often. Remove to a platter and pour around one cupful of tomato sauce.

How to Make Tea.

This recipe is given by his excellency Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to Washington, who says that Americans do not know how to make tea: "There are no bad teas; some are better than others. Use green or black as you see fit. Now place in a teapot a sufficient quantity of tea leaves and pour upon it hot water. Let this stand for four or five minutes to allow for thorough infusion, and then you have a drink for the gods. That is all there is to it. No rum, no sugar, no lemon, no milk. Drink it warm, not hot."

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ODD FELLOWS.

Ontario Towns Bid For the Proposed Home--Fraternal Grips.

Canada has resolved not to be behind other jurisdictions in founding Odd Fellows' homes, for it appears that, while the grand lodge of Ontario has subscribed \$7,000 for a home, there is a spirited contest among the towns in that province to have it located in their midst. Beaverton as an inducement offers 35 acres of land as a site, and another town, Collingwood, offers 57 acres, with free water and electric light, and the lodge meeting at that place proposes to donate \$1,000 to the building fund.--Odd Fellows' Siftings.

Charges should be preferred against any canon or members thereof offering intoxicating beverages of any kind to the members or guests of the canon present at an entertainment or reception given by such canon. Strathcona lodge, Scotstown, Quebec, suffered the loss of their lodgeroom and effects through fire recently.

There are 54 lodges with a total membership of 3,042 in Manitoba.

The Patriarchs Militant ritual requires the bestowal of a regulation badge upon the candidate and from him an obligation to wear it.

In order to enable members of a defunct canon to become petitioners for the mustering in of a new canon they must first obtain honorable discharges.

New York encampments paid for relief last year \$19,450.

Odd Fellowship seeks to improve and elevate the character of man and to use its good offices to comfort him in sorrow, relieve his distress and to share his misfortunes, but to receive these benefits he must obey its laws, follow its teachings and practice its precepts.

It is the duty of the secretary to keep an accurate transcript of the proceedings, and no alteration which makes a false record is allowable.

The Illinois Odd Fellows' Orphans' home now has 141 inmates; 12 were received during the past two months.

Mystic Shrine.

The Imperial council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, meets in Washington May 22.

The power to establish the order in America was conferred upon Dr. Walter M. Fleming, a thirty-third degree Mason and past eminent commander of Columbian commandery, No. 1, of Knights Templars of New York, by Rizk Allah Hassan Effendee, Dr. Fleming established the order in New York in 1875.

There are 80 temples of the order in the United States and one in Canada, with an aggregate membership of over 60,000.

On the morning of May 22, on the occasion of the meeting of the Imperial council at Washington, there will be a unique parade, with 3,000 men in line, which promises to be the most spectacular affair ever seen in that city. All must be in costume, and the hundred or more patrols throughout the United States are making elaborate preparations to be well represented. Elephants, camels and animals of the desert will be used, while the costumes will be those of the ancient Arabians. At least 200 mounted men will turn out.

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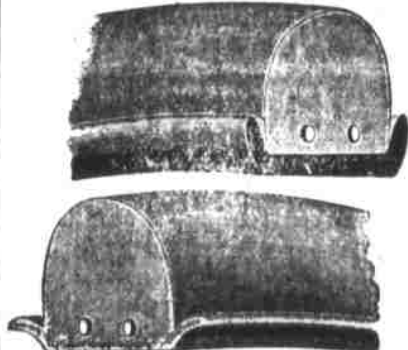
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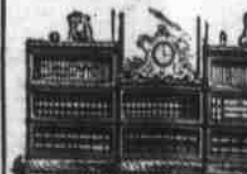
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