

State I. O. O. F. Meeting.

One of the several conventions scheduled for Charlotte this summer is to meet next week, that of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, one of the largest, most representative and influential fraternal orders of the State. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 11, 12 and 13, are the dates announced, the convention lasting three full days. While nothing definite can be given out as to those coming it is enough to say that the attendance will be equally as large as at Hendersonville last year, which was perhaps the largest ever held.

At least eight hundred delegates and visitors from out of town are expected. Important matters are slated for settlement at this meeting, such as among others, the proposition to organize a Rebekah State Assembly, a branch of the order which has been growing very rapidly of late.

The program as adopted by the committee on arrangement is as follows:

Tuesday, May 11, 2:30 p. m.—Grand Lodge will convene in the Masonic Temple.

Tuesday, May 11 8:30 p. m.—Address of welcome in the Auditorium by Past Grand James A. Bell and the response. A concert will follow by a class of 20 children from the Odd Fellow's home in Goldsboro. An exhibition drill by Asheville Canton, No. 3, Patriarchs Militant, and the conferring of the decoration of chivalry upon Grand Secretary B. H. Wood ell, of Raleigh, for meritorious service to the order will follow. These exercises will be open to the public at night.

Wednesday, May 12, 2:30 p. m.—Magdalene, Rebekah Lodge, No. 34, High Point, will confer the Rebekah degree upon the members of the Grand Lodge in the hall of Charlotte Lodge, No. 88.

Wednesday, May 12, 8:30 p. m. Blue Ridge Lodge, of Asheville, will exemplify the degree of friendship before the Grand Lodge, according to the new ritual, which has made a decided change in the work. This ceremony will also take place in the Auditorium but will be open to none but Odd Fellows.

Thursday night, May 13, 8 p. m.—Catawba River Encampment, No. 21, will confer the three-encampment degrees upon the members of the Grand Lodge.

There will be numerous entertainment features mixed up with these business sessions. A delightful time is assured all those who attend.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Independent Order Odd Fellows, now numbers about 400 officers and representatives. Several hundred visitors are always present at the sessions, swelling the attendance anywhere from 800 to 900.

(We expect Caldwell county from her numerous lodges to be well represented.)

Negro Shoots Another for "Conjuring" His Wife.

Gaffney, S. C., May 1.—A negro named Jim Crawford, who lives on the plantation of Mr. L. R. Ross, a mile from Gaffney, shot another negro named Melvin Edwards a few days ago with a shotgun, inflicting several painful, though not dangerous wounds. Crawford says that Edwards has been trying to "conjure" his wife and that he had warned him more than once to stay away from his premises and that if he did not do so he would have to take the consequences, and that when he came home and found him in the house he seized his gun and run after Edwards who fled and shot him. Edwards is able to walk around and says he will not prosecute Crawford for shooting him.

Toxaway Trains to be Extended.

Asheville Gazette.
District Passenger Agent J. H. Wood of the Southern railway here received pleasing information from the Washington office this morning to the effect that in addition to the splendid train service for Asheville and Western North Carolina, arranged for the summer season at a recent meeting of the transportation and passenger departments officials and representatives held in Washington, the officials of the road have authorized the extension of the Asheville and Lake Toxaway summer trains, Nos. 7 and 8, and then when the summer schedules are inaugurated these trains will be operated through from Lake Toxaway to Waynesville. This was the schedule that the Southern maintained during the season of 1907 but which, on account of decreased business, it did not put on last year. The inside figures for the trains extension have not been received as yet. The Waynesville figures, however, will probably call for the train leaving there about 6:15 a. m., the train passing through Asheville about 8 o'clock and going on to Lake Toxaway. Returning the train will leave Lake Toxaway in time to pass through Asheville and reach Waynesville probably about 8:45 o'clock. The Toxaway trains Nos. 7 and 8 means that Waynesville will have this season another very fine train service, three passenger trains into and three out of the town daily.

In addition to the extension of the Toxaway trains through to Waynesville, the Waynesville or Murphy trains Nos. 17 and 18 will be extended and made the Blue Mont trains. This will give Waynesville a direct train service from Blue Mont and the Montreat, Black Mountain and Swannanoa sections through Asheville every day. Train No. 18 on the Murphy division which arrives here at 6:30 from Waynesville will go on to Blue Mont as the new Asheville and Blue Mont train, and returning will leave Blue Mont in the morning in time to reach Asheville about 8 o'clock and leave here about 8:30 for Waynesville and Murphy on the present schedule.

Thousands Massacred.

By Cable to The Times.
Tarsus, Asiatic Turkey, May 4.—At least 10,000 persons have lost their lives during the massacres in this province, and some estimates place the total casualty as high as 25,000.

The villages of Osmanieh, Bazsche, Hamadieh, Kara, Kristian, Keoy, and Kozelock were wiped out. Each had populations of from 50 to 600. Other towns with a much larger population, in some cases 4,000 or 5,000 people suffered severely.

In one town of 4,000 people there are less than 100, nearly all women and children. Famine is feared.

The yard of the American mission house looks like a prison pen. The men wander around all night trying to keep warm. The women and children sleep at night on the floors of the school rooms. Few have beds.

Young Turks around Tarsus are trading Armenian girls among each other for horses and modern repeating rifles! There have been numerous instances of the murdering of women and children with deliberation, and there are other instances where women were brought out one by one and shot down, the bystanders clapping their hands at each fresh execution.

It is not best always to stay at home; an occasional change is good for everybody. Even the kitchen fire goes out occasionally.

Roosevelt Bags Another Lion.

Nairobi, British East—Africa, May 3.—Theodore Roosevelt bagged one more lion yesterday at Wami, near Kaptiti. This gives him a total of three lions and one lioness on the present expedition. Kermit Roosevelt succeeded in bringing down a cheetah. The hunting was exciting and both marksmen did excellent work.

It is rumored in native sources, but the report lacks confirmation, that the Roosevelt party will arrive at Matrobi May 15 before proceeding to Sotik.

The lion killed by Mr. Roosevelt yesterday was brought down at close range. His quick work with the rifle saved the lives of some of his mounted escorts, who had narrow escapes from the infuriated beast. The accuracy of Mr. Roosevelt's marksmanship is a matter of astonishment.

Inspector Condemns Meat.

Special to The Observer.
Greenville, S. C., May 1.—Seventy thousand pounds of meat in the local warehouse of Swift & Co., was condemned to-day by City Meat and Food Inspector Smith. The heavy rains of last night backed up the water in a nearby stream and the warehouse was flooded with city sewerage. Nearly three carloads of meat was submerged, causing it to become soaked in the filthy water.

While the meat has been condemned, it has not yet been determined as to what disposition will be made of it, the opinion of the city attorney being awaited in the matter. It is learned, however, that the meat may be shipped away from the city, but it is apparent that it is unfit for food. It will certainly not be sold here. The loss to the packing concern, if it is not allowed to take the meat to another town for sale, will be about \$4,000.

Turtle and Frog Fall From Clouds.

Special to News and Observer.
Wilson, N. C., May 3.—This section is blessed—for in the recent storm but slight damage was done. The middle bridge on the Tarboro road leading out from Wilson was washed away, but this will be replaced and ready for travel by sundown this afternoon. Other bridges in different parts of the county, it was thought, were carried away, but they stood the storm of the deluge. At Wiggins' mill, about four miles from this city, the whole face of the earth was covered with water, and on Saturday at 12 o'clock it was rising at the rate of six inches an hour.

When the rain was coming down in torrents Saturday afternoon a small turtle was seen descending from the clouds. It struck the granolithic side-walk in front of the court house, but was not in the least hurt by the fall. At the same time a frog fell in front of the Gem Cigar store, and is there now on exhibition.

"The gentleman in Lenoir, who a few weeks ago hooted at the idea of frogs coming down with the rain, or being "rained down," will have to go "way back and sit down."

Snow in Virginia.

Roanoke, Va., May 1.—This was the coldest May day in this section in many years. Snow is falling to-night in the mountains and it is predicted that fruit and vegetables will be killed unless there is a change in the temperature before morning.

To know a good thing is only the winning—to know how to use it is the other. Buck's Shot.

Victims of Fearful Storm.

Montgomery, Ala., May 3.—A special to The Advertiser from Giles county, Tennessee, says:

Eighteen funerals as a result of the fearful storm of last week, occurred in one village of this county yesterday, six persons being buried in one grave and four in another, Mrs. McGraw and five children were buried together and Mrs. Duffy and two children were laid away in another grave.

One of the McGraw children, after the terrible storm of Friday, in which so many people lost their lives, helped her crippled father to find the family and get them together, five of whom had been killed. Then she walked a half mile to the nearest neighbor where she gave the alarm and asked for help, saying that she would be dead in a little while. Within a few minutes after uttering these words, she fell to the ground and expired.

Wireless Between New York and Chicago.

New York, May 4.—The wireless people are jubilant today over the success of the attempt made by the New York American to transmit news from this city to Chicago and receive news from that city by wireless. The American sent a wireless expert and a reporter to the roof of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to test the system of the United Wireless Telegraph Company. Far off in Chicago on the roof of the Auditorium Annex sat another expert and another reporter. A message was sent in a few minutes this reply came:

"To the American, New York.
"Your Message, the first by wireless ever sent between New York and Chicago, was received here at 10:58 o'clock p. m.
"Chicago Examiner."

Guilty of Embezzlement.

Seattle, Wash., May 1.—S. F. Parkhurst, formerly assistant cashier of the First National Bank, was to-day found guilty of embezzlement of \$50,000 from that institution. His speculations extended through 15 years and were covered up by manipulation of the bank's balances in San Francisco, Chicago and New York. Sentence was deferred.

Killed Girl Then Himself.

Northampton, Mass., April 26.—Enraged and temporarily insane, it is believed, because of her refusal to marry him, Porter Smith, who was graduated from Dartmouth College last June, today shot and fatally wounded Miss Helen Ayer Marden, of Somerville, Mass., a member of the senior class at Smith College, and then, turning the revolver on himself, committed suicide.

Miss Marden was taken to the Dickinson Hospital, where she died shortly before noon. She was the daughter of Frank W. Marden a Boston oil merchant, who lives in Somerville.

Smith, whose home was in Chicago, had been in Northampton for several days. It is said that he had persistently followed Miss Marden and tried to force his attentions on her. This forenoon Miss Marden came out of the students' building, where she roomed. She had gone only a short distance when she met Smith suddenly, workmen not far distant, heard a shot and a girl's scream. Turning they saw Smith standing beside the girl with a smoking revolver in his hands. Smith raised the revolver and fired two more shots at the girl.

Miss Marden sank to the ground and Smith immediately placed the muzzle of the weapon on his own head and fired, falling dead beside the young woman.



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