

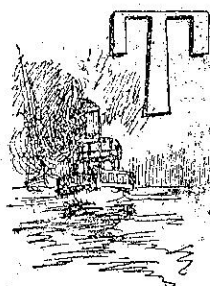
THEY PAID OUT \$13,000

FINE BENEFICIARY SHOWING MADE BY THE SHIPMASTERS.

OPENING OF THE YEARLY SESSION IN DETROIT YESTERDAY.

NINE SUBORDINATE LODGES REPRESENTED HERE.

President Clark Read a Lecture to Delinquents in His Address.



THE men that go down to the sea in ships are in the city from several states, and will be here for several days. Some of them are a combination of business with pleasure before they leave the City of the Straits.

The grand lodge of the Shipmasters' Association opened its fifth annual convention yesterday morning at the rooms of the local lodge, 12 Wood-



PRES. ALEX. CLARK.

ward avenue. Associated with it are nine subordinate lodges located at Buffalo, Port Huron, Chicago, Cleveland, Bay City, Milwaukee, Detroit, Marine City and Toledo. The present membership is 703. The grand officers are: President, Alex. Clark, Buffalo; first vice-president, George McCullough, Detroit; second vice-president, John W. Cochrane, Milwaukee; treasurer, Lyman Hunt, Buffalo; financial secretary, W. A. Collier, Cleveland; chaplain, W. E. Rice, Port Huron; marshal, C. E. Benham, Cleveland; warden, George Tebo, Chicago; sentinel, C. H. Weeks, Bay City.

When the session opened President Clark read his annual address. After giving a brief resume of the vicissitudes of the association during the past year, he referred



VICE-PRES. GEO. MCCULLAGH.

to delinquencies in the following manner: "Since our order has been in existence the grand lodge has always experienced a great deal of trouble in meeting death claims through the carelessness of many members in not promptly forwarding to the grand secretary their assessments after they have been notified." President Clark recommended that members should instruct their wives or any responsible person to look after their assessments for them during such time as it may be inconvenient for them to do so for themselves, in order to keep their claims valid.

The financial standing of the grand lodge was better now than at any time previous in its history. President Clark continued: "Considerable feeling has manifested itself for some time among many members, complaining that some members show a great lack of courtesy in meeting and passing in narrow waters. If a brotherly feeling is to show itself and it should, nowhere can it be exhibited in a more kindly light than in such places as these, and should be observed at all times. When possible, it is a desirable fact that the Shipbuilders' Association, permanent and international, is becoming almost a household word. Now, if a brotherly feeling is to show itself, it should be observed at all times, and should be observed at all times, and should be observed at all times." In his report, the grand secretary had decreased 34 per cent during the past year, yet the delinquent list had not increased in the same proportion. The total membership in good standing was as follows: Buffalo Lodge, No. 1, 136; Port Huron Lodge, No. 2, 62; Chicago Lodge, No. 3, 108; Cleveland Lodge, No. 4, 138; Bay City Lodge, No. 5, 33; Milwaukee Lodge, No. 6, 48; Detroit Lodge, No. 7, 91; Marine City Lodge, No. 8, 20; Toledo Lodge, No. 9, 30. The assessments made by the members as per the several lodges, were as follows: Buffalo, \$2,630; Port Huron, \$1,073; Chicago, \$2,136; Cleveland, \$2,938; Bay City, \$578; Milwaukee, \$1,374; Detroit, \$1,828; Marine City, \$364; Toledo, \$510, making a grand total of endowment receipts of \$13,484. Death claims paid last year amounted to \$13,000; balance on hand on December 31, \$742; disbursements for the year \$1,820 95; balance on hand, \$554 69.

The grand lodge went into executive session in the afternoon. Last evening business was laid aside, and a pedro party took its place. This morning they will visit the house of correction, and in the afternoon the officers will probably be elected.

United States District Court.

BEFORE JUDGE SWAN.

United States vs. Henry Flager; verdict of not guilty on all counts. United States vs. Martin Kommski; defendant's recognizance forfeited, capias forfeited. John E. Botsch vs. steamer Alex. Ninkic; proclamation of default; order of reference. United States vs. Henry Humphrey and Chas. King; in progress.

PROVISION IN THE SUNDRY CIVIL BILL AFFECTING IT.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF DENIS MCINTYRE PASSED.

Measure to Prevent Collisions at Sea Considered.

Washington, January 15.—(Special).—The great sundry civil appropriation bill, which was reported to the house this afternoon carries a number of provisions of particular interest to Michigan. The bill provides for proceeding with the construction of the public building at Detroit by contract in the discretion of the secretary of the treasury. It appropriates for improving Hay Lake channel, St. Mary's river, \$150,000; for completing the improvements of St. Mary's river at the falls, \$483,865; for improving the channel connecting the waters of the great lakes between Chicago, Duluth and Buffalo, \$300,000; for Mendota Light station, \$7,500; Portage Lake ship canal pier head fog signal station, \$20,000; Porte Des Morts range lights and fog signal station, \$21,000; South Fox island fog signal, \$5,500; new revenue cutter on the great lakes, \$100,000; Northville fish station expenses, \$4,380. There was originally included in the bill a provision that the secretary of the interior be authorized to transfer to the control of the secretary of the interior all those portions of the island of Mackinac in the straits of Mackinac, within the state of Michigan, that were dedicated and set apart as a national park by congress in 1875. But at the last moment the committee eliminated this item. The bill also contains the provision inserted by direction of the house transferring the prison at Fort Leavenworth from the control of the war department to the department of justice.

The house committee on merchant, marine and fisheries to-day considered the Fithian treasury bill to prevent collisions at sea. Commissioner of Navigation Chamberlin and Mr. C. H. Keep, secretary of the Lake Carriers' Association, were present. Mr. Chamberlin explained the objects of the bill, saying that it would preserve some of the existing local regulations, which, unless the bill passes, will be superseded on March 1 by the international regulations. Mr. Keep did not object to the bill as a whole, but said it ought to be more clearly worded so that there would be no doubt about its applying to lake vessels. The term "Vessels other than sea going" is regarded as indefinite. Mr. Chamberlin said he would not personally object to this amendment, but would like to consult Secretary Carlisle. Mr. Keep also objected to the ninth section, which authorizes the board of supervising inspectors to adopt regulations not inconsistent with the international agreement. He explained that the lake interests wanted a bill providing for a system of fog signals passed and that system would not be the same as the international rules. After some informal discussion it was decided to postpone further consideration of the Fithian bill until Friday and to take up the matter of fog signals, which will be provided for in a bill to be introduced by Congressman White, of Cleveland, next Tuesday.

ST. JOSEPH HAD BETTER LOOK OUT.**The Big Four May Use Muskegon For an Open Winter Port.**

Muskegon, Mich., January 16.—(Special).—The plights in which boats have been recently to enter St. Joseph through the ice has led to a revival of the talk of the Big Four pushing on its line to Muskegon for an open winter port. Then again the Big Four has so much trouble with Benton Harbor citizens in its fight for track and yard extensions that it has become discouraged. The line up the coast to Muskegon has been surveyed. This strengthens the rumors. Navigation here is unimpeded and its success has directed the Big Four's attention here with renewed interest.

Michigan Ice for Cleveland.

East Tawas, Mich., January 16.—The ice in the bay formed when the water was still and is now about fourteen inches thick, but of better quality than for years. The Forest City Ice Co., of Cleveland, have two very large ice houses and the present indications are that they will fill them on account of the excellent condition of the ice. They have not been filled for three years. Cedar dealers are making the most of the heavy snowfall in getting large quantities of posts and blocks on to the docks. More cedar will be gotten out this year than for several years.

HARD AT WORK.**The Shipmasters Put on Five Hours Yesterday Afternoon.**

The grand lodge of the Shipmasters' Association did considerable work yesterday, but it was mostly of a routine character. The Lake Carriers' amendments to the rules of navigation were indorsed. A substitute to the sound signal, which is recommended by the International Marine Conference, was perhaps the most important thing of the day. It was as follows:

"That a steam vessel hearing, apparently not more than four points ahead, of the whistle of another vessel, shall at once, so far as the circumstances will admit, reduce her speed to barest steerage way, and navigate with caution until the vessels shall have passed each other."

A committee, consisting of a representative of each of the nine subordinate lodges, together with the executive members of the grand lodge, was appointed to go to Cleveland on Saturday to meet the executive committee of the Lake Carriers' Association, and place the matter of navigation and signals before it.

The afternoon session was a long one, lasting nearly five hours, but the business was transacted in secret. In the evening the members were banqueted at the Russell. It was given by F. W. Eddy and James Graham, covers being laid for twenty. W. S. Mack, of Cleveland, presided as toastmaster. This morning the delegates will visit the house of correction, and in the afternoon they will elect their officers and adjourn. In the evening they will round up their work with a ball.

Steamer Imprisoned in the Ice.

St. Joseph, Mich., January 17.—(Special.)—Yesterday morning the steamer Petoskey for the third time this season got stuck in the ice off this port. Tugs from this port have made repeated efforts to reach her, but without avail. This morning the Petoskey, of Chicago, was telegraphed for and arrived this evening and is now working her way to the imprisoned steamer.

FINISHED THEIR LABORS.

The Grand Lodge of Shipmasters Elected Officers Last Evening.

The grand lodge of the Shipmasters Association concluded their work last evening. In the morning the delegates visited the House of Correction and accepted the hospitality of Capt. Joseph Nicholson. The afternoon session was a long one, lasting until nearly 7 o'clock and a number of matters of special interest to members of the association were discussed.

The officers elected were; President, G. D. Benham, Cleveland; first vice-president, George McCullagh, Detroit; second vice-president, W. S. Mack, Cleveland; treasurer, Lyman Hunt, Buffalo; secretary, W. S. Collie, Cleveland; chaplain, George A. Shaw, Marine City; marshal, Frank Welcome, Buffalo; warden, R. Young, Chicago; sentinel, W. E. Rice, Port Huron.

The next meeting will be held in Washington, D. C.

Last night Shipmasters' Association No. 7 tendered the delegates to the grand lodge a ball at Strassburg's academy, which was attended by over 100 couples. The dancing hall was prettily decorated and the programme of eighteen numbers was exhausted long before the festivities were concluded. Supper was served downstairs. The committee in charge of the affair were as follows: Reception, M. G. McIntosh, chairman, W. H. Campau, A. E. Stewart, P. C. Bassett, Geo. McCullagh, Marion Tenney; floor committee, James Kennedy, chairman, L. N. Stoddard, C. H. Moore, Chas. Miner, H. C. McCallum, M. Lightbody.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Annual Meeting of the Dry Dock Association at Buffalo.

Buffalo, January 17.—At the annual meeting of the Dry Dock Association held today a request to the Lake Carriers' Association for a reduction in dry dock charges was considered and it was decided to lower the dockage charge on cargoes from ten cents to five cents a ton on the first 1,000 tons and to two and a half cents on over 1,000 tons. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Thomas Quayle, Cleveland; vice-president, W. F. Fitzgerald, Milwaukee; secretary-treasurer, Hamilton Mills, Buffalo. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Port Huron January 16, 1896.