

## ELKS HOLD REUNION, INITIATION MARCH 20

Eighteen Candidates To Get Rough Ride; Traditional Banquet And Amusements Are Planned By Committees.

Extensive plans are being made for the spring reunion of Cedar Rapids lodge No. 251 of the Elks to be held March 20 when a class of eighteen candidates will be initiated.

Joseph R. Anderson has been appointed general chairman for the affair which will begin with the traditional banquet at 6:30, for which it is said a special menu is being prepared. The committee on the second session of the initiation is also planning some extra stunts.

Candidates who will "ride the goat" are Weaver Witwer, Charles D. Hadlock, Walter A. Meyer, Martin C. Burke, O. H. Lomison, O. Lomison, Marshall E. Clark, Russell J. Gray, A. T. Bena, William T. Loe, J. Polansky, Joseph M. Avery, A. A. Wosola, Le Roy R. Carney, E. M. Butler, Charles A. T. McRousek, F. N. Stepanek and Louis Stepanek.

The committees for the reunion are: Dinner—Leo Duster, Joseph Anderson, Jack Evans and Wallace Fleming.

Examination—Dr. B. J. Moon, Dr. C. H. French, Dr. J. K. Von Laetum, Secord, Section—A. A. Volz, E. Host, Young, J. L. McIntyre, Jack Evans, Harry S. Johnson, Jack Anderson, Wallace Fleming, Belden Hill, Ben Shinn and L. E. Davies.

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### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TO BANQUET MONDAY

The Christian Endeavor Union will give a booster banquet Monday at 6:30 in the First Christian church. This will take the place of the monthly meeting.

The early part of the evening will be spent with "pop" songs and yells. Each society is asked to respond to roll call with one or the other. The tenth district convention, which will be held in Marion this month, is the occasion for this banquet. Iowa's field secretary, Tom Fred Campbell of Fairfield, will be present to give one of his booster talks. There will be no business session.

Invitations to Endeavors of Monticello, Anamosa and Marion have been sent out. Marion has a new union and its spirit of fellowship with the local union is establishing a foundation for a Linn county union, which will be formed soon.

## A WORDLESS FOURTH STREET STORY



A special amusement feature will be furnished by Ralph E. Cutler. The feature of the evening will be the singing of "Dear Old C. E.", the words and music of which were written by Grant Perrin of this city. Mr. Perrin will be at the piano.

The Ladies of the Loyal Daughters class of the First Christian church will serve the meal. Plates are forty cents and the presidents of the various societies are asked to phone 4392, between the hours of 10 to 12 Monday morning as to the number of their group attending. A "Flying Squadron" has been organized and will visit a number

of societies Sunday evening. Miss Josephine Reed and Harold Walrath are in charge of the banquet arrangements.

### Titled Scion Of An Indian Mutiny Hero Is Dead In Canada

VICTORIA B. C., March 14.—(By Associated Press)—Sir James Outram of Calgary, 69 years old, said to be the third baronet and grandson of an Indian mutiny hero, died here yesterday. Sir James' eldest son, Sir Francis Boyd Outram, also a

mutiny hero, was born in London. He came to the Canadian Rockies in 1860 and devoted himself to Alpine pursuits ascending Mount Assini in 1861. Mount Outram, the highest peak of the west branch of the north fork of the Saskatchewan range, was named after him.

Grateful. "No, sir," declared Senator Spurgin. "I will not vote to cut down the appropriation for the government printing office."

"The composers over there are the only people who read my speeches."

## Lodge Notices

Knights of Pythias, Star of the West Lodge No. 1 will do work in the Rank of Esquire Monday night. National Union Assurance Society On Tuesday night Pioneer Council No. 183 will give hard times dance and card party in Pythian building for members and friends.

M. W. of A. Linden Camp, No. 145 will meet at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday for regular business and adoption of new members. Refreshments will be served. Court Cedar No. 3, Foresters of America will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday in I. O. O. F. hall. All past chief rangiers are requested to be present to exemplify the degree work.

Parlor City Homestead No. 30, Brotherhood of American Yeoman will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday in the K. P. hall. After meeting dancing will be enjoyed by members and friends. Women will wear aprons and men, overalls. Kingston lodge I. O. O. F. 722 will hold its regular meeting at Kingston hall over the police station at 8 p. m. Tuesday. Degree work will be put on by Jan. Thus lodge. All Odd Fellows are invited.

### KENWOOD PARK NEWS

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#### Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. B. F. Pickering, pastor, Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock, subject of sermon, "The Race of Life." Five minute talk for children at this hour. Junior Christian Endeavor at 3 o'clock. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock. Leader Samuel Miller. Evening service at 7:45. There will be a talk on St. Patrick by the pastor. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Manse. Choir practice on Thursday evening at 7:30. On Monday evening the Rev. Philip Palmer will meet the officers of the church at the Manse.

#### Methodist Church.

The Rev. H. E. Morrow, pastor, Bible school at 9:45, Junior church at 11 o'clock, morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Entering the Kingdom of God." Epworth League at 6:45. A set of stereoscopic slides will be shown. Evening worship at 7:30. The Rev. L. W. Soule of the St. James Methodist church, will give a story sermon entitled "The Shoes of Happiness." On Wednesday evening at 7:30 the mid-week devotional service will be held with Mrs. H. E. Morrow as leader. On Thursday evening at 7:30 the Pioneer club will meet. Also at this hour choir practice will be held at the home of Mrs. F. C. Reid. On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock the school of religious instruction will be held at

the church. On Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock the class of older pupils will have an extra session.

#### Sunday Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Alsop were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cook of Louisa.

#### Report From Contest.

At the sub-district declamatory contest held at Iowa City Thursday evening the local school was represented by Marjorie Emerson in the humorous division. She took third place. Ray Stephenson was entered in the oratorical division and took first place. There were four entries in the humorous division and three entries in the oratorical division.

#### Saturday Callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ainsworth of Cedar Rapids, were callers Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Alsop.

Mrs. Harry Emerson and her son, Richard, are spending a few days in Marion, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Engstrom.

#### To Gladbrook.

Mrs. Thomas Maxwell is spending this week in Gladbrook, in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foster.

#### Chicken Pie Supper.

The last chicken pie supper of the season will be given by the Presbyterian women at the chapel Thursday evening, serving begins at 5 o'clock.

#### Surprise Picnic.

The women of the Presbyterian church gave a surprise picnic dinner Friday at the home of Mrs. Emma Holmes in honor of the executive committee of the circle. The officers are Mrs. Emma Holmes, Mrs. D. H. Storck, Mrs. P. C. Hanson, and Mrs. A. Kaiser. An enjoyable day was spent. Each of the officers were presented with flowers.

#### To Minneapolis.

Mrs. W. L. Winn was unexpectedly called to Minneapolis Tuesday on account of the death of her grandson, Junior Winn.

#### From Anamosa.

Mrs. H. A. Pelton of Anamosa, spent Friday in the J. A. Corwin home, 326 West First street.

#### From Olin.

Mrs. Fred Jurgensen of Olin, spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. H. B. Gardner 209 West Third street.

Parkins never was tired of prophesying calamities and his friends were getting a bit fed up. Parkins had already predicted famine, and one day he remarked dolefully to a friend: "What would you say, my boy, if I were to tell you that in a short space of time the rivers of our country would all dry up?" "Him, I should say," replied the friend, "go thou and do likewise."—St. Paul Pioneer-press.

## "Catfish John" Transformed From A Derelict To Man By Salvation Army

"CATFISH JOHN," they used to call him.

But now he is "Mister John McCoy," and his status in the world has risen accordingly.

John was a derelict. Now he is a man.

By his own confession, he knew only one thing in the world, cared for only one thing—"fishin'." But that one thing he knew well. He said he could "feel it in the air" when the fish were biting, and many times he demonstrated that whether the knowledge was transmitted to him from the air, or merely as a warning of his strange sixth sense, he knew.

All the boys who spent much time down around the river knew John, who had been about Cedar Rapids for more than forty years. "Catfish John," they knew, that is, but if you had called him by his last name, they scarcely would have known whom you meant.

They knew him as homeless, careless, ragged, wandering. They knew him as one whose life had been a shabby. They knew him as an outcast from the society of his fellow men.

Once John had had a family, but his members were all gone. By day he fished and wandered. At night he had a retreat of his own, somewhere near a hot water outlet in the river from a factory, where he could steal a bit of warmth from the ground. If the weather was too severe, he sought the comfort of a barn. He had money to buy chewing tobacco. Sometimes he had enough to eat. That was all.

Yet he was not by nature a hermit. He liked the society of people and once long years before he thought of himself as caring something about religion, too. One night he heard the Salvation Army folk singing, preaching and praying on the street corner, and, curiously conquering indifference, he followed them to their headquarters at 107 First avenue, and went in.

There John sat, hunched over in his chair, his head down, his elbows resting on his ragged knees, the picture of dejection. He looked as though he neither saw nor heard during the service that followed. But that was not the case.

It was on Sept. 25—both John and the Salvation Army folk can tell you the date—that "Catfish John" took the first step which was to transform him to the respected and useful citizen, John McCoy. Going forward to the altar, he knelt, and while his blue uniformed friend knelt besides him, he besought their prayers.

That night they fixed up a cot for John in a room adjoining Army headquarters, and for the first time in months, he slept between sheets, with a sheltering roof over head.

So began his regeneration of mind and body.

For "getting religion" had been, to John, a process of real and lasting effects. The organization through which the change had come about refused to permit him to return to the old ways.

Most unmistakable sign of his reform—he went to work. First he did odd jobs about Army headquarters, keeping the rooms clean and in order. Then he began to work outside, cleaning, sawing wood, washing windows. Soon he won a clientele, and was in wide demand.

He was no longer a homeless stray. His room, at the house of the Salvation Army officer and his wife, was his pride and joy. He worked hard, earned money and became a man of affairs. He began to walk with a spring to his step; to hold his head up and look people in the face; to keep his face and hands clean, his beard tidy, no longer streaked with the tobacco juice that used to mat and stain it. He had a "Sunday suit," now.

To those who had known "Catfish John" for years, he seemed a different man.

A week ago last Sunday, when the collection plate was passed at Salvation Army services, John put in sixty-seven pennies, in token that it was his birthday and he was 67 years old. The pennies will go to help carry on the work this organization is doing in Cedar Rapids.

Next Tuesday the local Salvation Army will open its campaign for \$6,000 to continue its work here. And if anyone questions its right to ask such aid, it may point to John McCoy as one of many examples of those whose lives it has made over.

For John McCoy, who was "Catfish John," knows to whom the credit is due. And he says that with all the fishing he has done, he never made so big a catch as the night he "caught religion" through the Salvation Army.

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