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LOCAL MASONS WERE WELCOMED

Banquet Given at Anyox Last Night for Hon. A. M. Manson, Grand Master

Hon. A. M. Manson, Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of British Columbia, and the large party of local Masons returned to the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from Anyox. A hearty welcome was given Mr. Manson and his party at the smelter town and the visit to Enoch Lodge last night and the banquet that followed proved enthusiastic affairs. W. F. Eve, master of the lodge, presided over the gatherings and the Anyox members of the craft were out in force. Through the courtesy of Capt. D. Donald, skipper of the Prince Rupert, the boat was held until a later hour than its regular sailing time.

Mr. Manson continued through to Victoria on the Prince Rupert. He will be coming north later to visit the interior lodges.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ADD 65 MEMBERS TO ORDER AT EDMONTON

Are Welcomed by Archbishop O'Leary and Initiated by Grand Knight Enright

EDMONTON, Feb. 18.—Two hundred and twenty-five members of the Knights of Columbus Council 1184 greeted 65 new members, initiated during the day, to the membership of the club at a banquet held at the Macdonald Hotel. Busy from early in the morning, officials put the newsomers through the three degrees at Sullivan's academy, the ceremonies ending well on in the afternoon.

Grand Knight J. E. Enright put the applicants through the first degree while P. M. Dunne and R. P. Strickland, past district deputy of Saskatoon, watcher over the second and third degrees respectively.

Archbishop Speaks

Speaking at the banquet, Archbishop O'Leary welcomed the new members into the club. He spoke of the fine work done by the members during the past years and trusted that the club would maintain the standard.

Roger Strickland and Dr. Neagle, district deputy of Saskatoon, spoke of the work done in their territory and congratulated the Edmonton members of on their good work and especially commended the order in which the initiation ceremonies were carried out during the day.

Club Congratulated

Dr. Amyot, district deputy of Northern Alberta also spoke congratulating the new members and wishing for their success in club activities.

J. E. Enright was chairman.

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FLORIDA BOOM IS GOING WILD

Modern Cities Being Created Out of the Jungle and Fortunes Being Made

EXCEEDS CALIFORNIAN

Charles E. Starr Tells Rotary Club of His Travels Through United States

That the boom in Florida is going wild and that it exceeds the California boom, is part of the story told the Rotary Club at its luncheon yesterday by Charles E. Starr who was their guest for the occasion. Cities are being carved out of the jungle, real estate prices are wild, property doubles in value in a short time and many people have cleaned up a nice stake from the period of supeculation, but no one knows when the boom will burst.

Mr. Starr said he liked Florida and it was with regret they left that state in their recent travels. However they were out to see the country and in order to do that they had to keep moving.

California and Arizona

Starting from Seattle on November 28, Mr. Starr, accompanied by Mrs. Starr drove through to California visiting Los Angeles, Imperial Valley and other points of interest. The Imperial Valley is below sea level and since it has been irrigated has been producing cotton, oranges, grape fruit, figs and dates and other sub-tropical products. It is irrigated from the Colorado River.

Another irrigated country was passed through in Arizona where the products were mostly alfalfa, cotton and winter vegetables. He saw the vast irrigation works such as the Gillespie dam and the Roosevelt dam. The effect of water on the sandy soil was marvellous, making it wonderfully productive. In southern Arizona he visited the copper mines and went through to Western Texas where cactus trees grew 35 to 40 feet high and so many angora goats were raised that the country controlled the mohair crop of the world.

Interesting Details

In describing the drive through the country, Mr. Starr told interesting details such as the absence of culverts across the roads, the "bumper gates" which they passed through without getting out of the car, the miniature mountains they passed with their tops flat as a table, hundreds of them ranging in height from 50 to 200 or 300 feet high. Then they came into the timbered country and the districts of natural oil and on to Galveston with its enormous sea wall on which they depend for future safety. In that district they found a lot of mud and an absence of hard surfaced roads.

New Orleans was an interesting city divided into three sections, the modern city, the French section and the Negro quarter. Canal street is a fine thoroughfare with four street car tracks but in the French section the streets are very narrow and the two or three storey buildings overhang on either side.

Louisiana and Missippi seemed to be fertile with cotton and sugar cane as the chief products. The negroes there live chiefly on chewing sugar cane and eating corn bread and sweet potatoes. White potatoes were rare.

Florida Reached

Western Florida the travellers found had much waste land and was low and swampy. Taking turpentine from the pines was one of their industries. There was no sign of the boom in that part of the state. However they soon came to the boom country. They put up mostly at the smaller places, not attempting to stop off at Miami or Palm Beach, and they found that they could always get accommodation and prices were reasonable.

While the chief boom was on the coast, the interior towns appealed to Mr. Starr as being most stable. Orlando had grown to 35,000 from about five to eight thousand people and the streets were even more congested than in Los Angeles. Jacksonville also looked promising. The main crop on the coast was the northern tourist but the interior cities thrived as a result of development of the natural industries.

Driving on through Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee, while some of the cities seemed to be thriving, the country generally had a backwoodsy appearance and the roads were unimproved. The people were mostly Negroes or poor whites and even the cities did not show a growth like those on the coast.

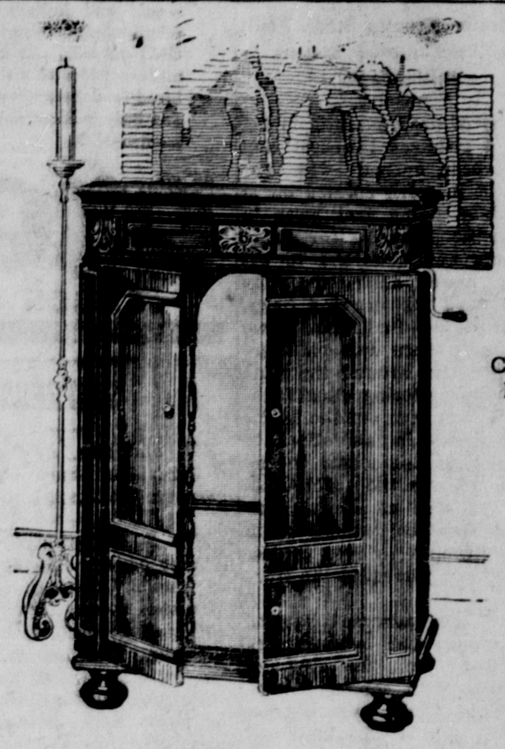
Kansas City was where Mr. Starr lived 18 years ago and the growth since he was last there was surprising. It is a railway and stock centre and does considerable grain business. In Missouri and Kansas there was hardly a run down or poor looking place. Everything seemed to be prosperous. Passing through S.E. Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona they passed through the Painted Desert, the Petrified Forest and saw the Grand Canyon thence back through California and home. And he and Mrs. Starr were glad to be back among friends again, much as they enjoyed their long trip.

Only Poor in Spirit

As the rich man was motoring through a country district, he noticed an old man seated outside a cottage with all his furniture around him.

"Poor old soul," the visitor said, stopping his car and giving the old gentleman a bank note. "What's your trouble—evicted, I suppose?"

"No, sir," was the mournful reply, "it's just my old woman whitewashing."



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