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The Club of the World.

Representatives of the Great Bichloride of Gold Club of the World in Session in Dwight.

Delegates From all Over the United States Present.

A GRAND MEETING OF GRAND MEN

The good and wholesome water from Charlie Waters' artesian well in the rear of Walter Weese's blacksmith shop on Delaware street, had a great deal to do with the primary movements in the organization of what has now become one of the grandest organizations in the world: Early in April last year a great many of the gentlemen here for treatment were in habit of visiting Weese's blacksmith shop to partake of a draught of the fine well water in the rear, and incidentally listen to a few of Weese's unlimited supply of funny stories, all of which are true. One morning during these many visits Major Moore, the lamented Dr. Miller and Weese were spinning yarns and some one suggested the idea that an organization should be formed which would more closely cement the friendships formed here among the patients, and place them in a position to do additional good to their afflicted fellow men. The idea was no sooner advanced than it was seen by the bright minds present that a grand future was open for such an organization. Shortly afterwards, one forenoon after morning treatment seven of these gentlemen formed in line in the blacksmith shop and the law was laid down to them by Major Moore and the primary organization formed by the election of Major Moore president, Mr. A. L. Osborne, vice-president, and Walter Weese secretary. No treasurer was elected at this time, as it was agreed that all financial obligations should be met by passing the hat. This order of things was continued until some time afterwards when Will Hagerty was elected the first treasurer. The meetings continued to be held in Weese's shop until the membership run up to about 40, and the shop became too small for meetings and blacksmithing. The club then rented Keppinger's hall for awhile and then Sons of Veterans' hall over Kern's store. Thus was crystallized the grand movement that is destined to be among the greatest organizations in the world and be the means of saving hundreds of thousands of victims of dipsomania, and making thousands of happy homes.

Mr. Weese, the first secretary, informs us that the first seven to sign the "roll of honor" were Major Moore, Walter Weese, Dr. Miller, B. Grant Richardson, Prof. Hatch, Mr. Snowhook and Mr. Clark, and Messrs. Livingston, Rheinstrom, Osborne, Diggins, Wetzel, Paxton Brockenbrough, Michael, Garfield and many others soon followed. Mr. Osborne, now deceased, was the second president. The popularity of the club knew no bounds and increased in membership so fast that it was impossible to find a hall of sufficient size to accommodate them.

They occupied Sons of Veterans' hall for seven weeks and then rented the old Presbyterian church, and even that was found too small and an annex was built by the club. The church was utilized until Monday when the club moved into the hall in the old opera house, recently used for treatment, which is roomy and well adapted for meetings.

A few months since it was thought best to have one central organization and with that idea in view the necessary papers were secured from the secretary of state authorizing the corporation known as the Bichloride of Gold Club of the World. The leading men in the different clubs were called together and Major Moore, of Pittsburg, the first president of the local club, was elected the first president of the world's club, Judge Arnold, vice-president, and J. D. Kehoe, secretary and treasurer, and a board of directors composed of the following named gentlemen: William S. Arnold, John T. Rice, John D. Kehoe, John J. Flinn, William M. Burris and Lyman H. Lyon.

This meeting, as we understand it, is for the purpose of further perfecting the world organization under the advice of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley and the delegates present. There are about two hundred delegates and alternates present from the different clubs throughout the country and several hundred visitors, and a brainier and more dignified set of men can not be found. Every class is represented, from the millionaire to the mechanic, and they dwell in peace and harmony. There is no discord in their ranks. They are all working for humanity's sake. The halls of congress do not resound with more eloquence than the halls of the old opera house will this week.

Gentlemen, the STAR AND HERALD, in behalf of our citizens, extends to you a hearty welcome, and wishes you success in your deliberations.

Morning Session.

The meeting was called to order in our new club room this morning, Mr. McNeil occupying the chair.

On motion of Mr. James Cooper, of Chicago, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was omitted, as there were a great many graduates to hear from.

Twenty new members were enrolled upon the secretary's books.

An interesting letter from Judge Freeman P. Lane, of Minnesota, ex-chairman of the club, was received by Mr. McCormick and read to the club. He told of the actions of a certain patient who had taken treatment for morphine at this place, and upon leaving went to Chicago and proceeded to get very drunk, displaying his badge at all the principal saloons in the place and making a fool of himself generally. Mr. Lane suggested that his name be dropped from the roll.

Dr. McLaughlin, who graduated a few days ago, made the club a short farewell address.

Among others who made short talks to the club were: Messrs. Ziegler, of Milwaukee, Youngblood, Chas. Eugene Banks, Hoofstetler and Waller Young. Several others were called for, but as they were saving their eloquence for the convention, did not respond.

The club adjourned until 1:30 o'clock, when the first session of the convention as called to order.

The following is a list of the Bichloride of Gold Clubs organiz-

ed to date and the numbers of their charters:

1. Dwight Aux.
2. Pittsburg, Pa.
3. Lafayette, Ind.
4. Farmington, Mo.
5. Dixon, Ill.
6. Northville, Mich.
7. Omaha, Neb.
8. Los Gatos, Cal.
9. Marshall, Mo.
10. Milwaukee, Wis.
11. Peoria, Ill.
12. Charleston, Ill.
13. Decatur, Ill.
14. West Superior, Wis.
15. Washington, Pa.
16. Philadelphia, Pa.
17. Mendota, Ill.
18. Cheyenne, Wyo.
19. Warren, Pa.
20. Bushnell, Ill.
21. Louisville, Ky.
22. Dubuque, Iowa.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

The following delegates have arrived up to the time of going to press, and registered with Secretary Kehoe:

Lafayette, Ind.—E. J. Broderick, J. J. Cumberston, M. Early.

Ill., is among us again, both as delegate and as missionary also. He brought two friends with him, which makes his string 9.

J. Haydon Burns, twelfth president of the club and delegate ex-officio, came in Sunday night. Mr. Burns was one of the most popular presidents who has ever held the chair.

Ed. McCormick, of St. Louis, ex-chairman of the Dwight club and delegate ex-officio, came in on the 4 o'clock train yesterday afternoon. Ed. says his folks didn't want him to come but he made a sneak and came anyhow.

Mr. Ed. Broderick, an old graduate and ex-sergeant-at-arms, is visiting and attending the convention this week. Mr. Broderick is in perfect trim, and says the Keeley cure is "out of sight."

Ex-chairman Morrison, who is attending the convention, delivered a rousing address to the club Saturday morning. Col. Morrison spent six weeks in Dwight some two months ago, and made one of the best presiding officers we have

and has since secured a position as leader of an orchestra at Joliet.

Chas. Wilson, of Denver, Col., a prominent club member of last October, is among the delegates selected by the Denver club to represent them at the convention. He meets many old associates.

Will A. Dabb, of the Hote Commercial, Chicago, came down with the crowd this noon and will remain during the entire session.

Otto Weiss, of Charleston, Ill., is among the delegates. Mr. Weiss took treatment in October.

H. W. Davis, of Charleston, Ill., is a delegate from that place. Mr. Davis delivered an excellent address before the club last night, which was appreciated by all present.

We notice our old friend Howard Smith, of Bloomington among the representatives present. He will soon open a Keeley institute at some point in this state.

Chas. Eugene Banks, associate editor of the Banner of Gold, and a year old graduate of this place, came down and talked to the club this morning.

Mr. N. A. Fowles, of Chicago, came down to attend the convention this noon. He is looking fine.

Dr. Wm. De H. Reeder, of Chicago, is prominent among the delegates from that village to-day. He reports everything lovely with himself and the world at large.

Sunday's Song Service.

Sunday morning's song service was made doubly interesting by a few encouraging remarks from old graduates having given the treatment a thorough test. After a few songs of praise from the book used by the club, Chairman McNeil took the liberty of calling on Mr. Hoofstetler, a graduate of last July, who responded and made a short address from the platform. His remarks were brief and to the point, and were given the closest attention by all present.

At the conclusion of this address ex-President W. M. Burris, a delegate from the club of Liberty, Mo., was called upon. Mr. Burris made a short talk in which he said he had been instrumental in bringing light and happiness into fifty homes, through the Keeley treatment. Ex-President Burris has been a faithful worker for the club and all present appreciated his remarks to the fullest extent.

Col. Nate A. Reed, Jr., of Chicago, editor-in-chief of the Banner of Gold, also gave the boys the benefit of a few good, wholesome truths, and a bit of his experience. Mr. Reed said he was not in the best of trim for speaking as the paper had occupied his attention for some time previous.

Jim Cooper, the recently elected president of the Bichloride of Gold Club of Hyde Park, made a few remarks, and the service closed with the grand old hymn, "My Country 'tis of Thee."

A Keeley Institute is now in operation in Rockford, Ill., at 123 North Main street. The beautiful city of Rockford has sent over sixty to Dwight; most of them prominent and influential men.

The first banquet held by the Bichloride of Gold Club, was in the Alton dining car "Oriental," about 5 o'clock April 15, 1891. Major Moore presided and it was a grand event all around.

Illustrations.

We present to-day a very good portrait of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, the discoverer of the great bichloride of gold cure, whose name is a household word the world over. Illustrations will be presented every day.

FIRE.

A Blaze Near the I. I. & I. Depot.

An alarm was sounded at the water works this forenoon. The call was immediately answered by the firemen, and Mr. Lightholder earned the "dollar of our dads" by being first at the hose cart house with his team. He hitched on and went as far as Geo. Flagler's residence, when it was seen there was no use going any farther, as the fire was at the 3-1, and there was no place to attach hose. The members of the companies present, however, went ahead with buckets. The engine house burned down, but the tank, depot and other buildings were saved.

It is not known how the fire started as no one was there at the time. The fire under the boiler had been banked up, but there was a heating stove burning at the time.

The alarm was not sounded right and consequently some of the firemen who could not see what was going on were not there. The alarm was three long whistles, but should have been one long and four short.

CRAZED.

The German Girl at Ash's to be Taken to Kankakee.

The poor German girl who gave birth to an illegitimate child a week or ten days ago at the Ash residence on Delaware street, has gone crazy. She took a pair of scissors Thursday and was going to kill her baby and it was found necessary to take the child away from her and call in a couple of men to hold the poor woman and keep her in the house. She was taken to Pontiac Saturday for examination and will undoubtedly be sent to Kankakee. Such is the sad fate of this girl after about a year's residence in America. It is claimed that her mind never has been right and that she was led astray through her ignorance and that a settlement of the case was brought about through misrepresentation and bulldozing, and that the amount paid was but \$50, when it should have been \$550. Quite a number of the ladies of Dwight have taken an interest in the sad case and with Supervisor Thompson have caused all that was possible to be done for her comfort. The unfortunate being seems to have no friends to interfere in her behalf and had it not been for charitably inclined ladies the poor creature would undoubtedly have died. May be it would have been as well, as her present fate seems to be about as bad. We understand she also made desperate efforts to kill herself.

Banner of Gold.

The initial number of the Banner of Gold arrived in Dwight Sunday morning, and as the name would imply, is devoted partially to the Keeley bichloride of gold treatment, and of course was sought after by the delegates present, gentlemen here for treatment, and our people here generally. The paper will be published every Saturday after the present week, and is well edited and handsome typographically, and its literary contents are excellent. The first page inside cover presents a fine portrait of President Moore, and the second an inside view of Weese's blacksmith shop, where the club was organized. N. A. Reed, Jr., is editor and general manager, and Chas. Eugene Banks and Mrs. Kate Reed, associate editors, and Secretary J. D. Kehoe is the correspondent from Dwight. The list of correspondents include some of the most prominent literary lights in the country. The ladies' department is presided over by Mrs. Reed, who is an accomplished lady and entertaining writer. With all the Banner of Gold is a fine literary production and should, and undoubtedly will, receive the financial support it deserves.

Northern Lights.

Those who witnessed the strange and peculiar phenomenon in the sky lining the northern horizon Saturday night between the hours of 6:30 and 9 saw something seldom, ever before witnessed in this latitude. About 5 o'clock a slight reddish tinge was noticed, which spread and rapidly grew more bright as the shadows of night closed down upon the earth. Darker and darker grew the night, and still brighter the sky, until the whole northern horizon was covered. Suddenly streaks of white shot upward, which rapidly faded and moved upon each other as the red sky changed its position to the west. This continued for about two hours, when the sky gradually faded and resumed the natural color of the night. It was a grand sight, and one seldom seen with such good effect as it was Saturday night, and the many people in this city who spent an hour or so looking at the sky feel amply repaid for so doing.



DR. LESLIE E. KEELEY.

Central, Chicago—J. W. Cooper, T. A. Mitchell, Leonard Watson. Rockford, Ill.—H. B. Dickinson. Pittsburg—J. D. Kelly. Northville, Mich.—S. A. McLane.

Milwaukee—C. S. Clark, Geo. Ziegler, Frank McCrary. Charleston, Ill.—H. W. Davis, Geo. R. Chambers, Otto Weiss. Philadelphia—Frank Vincent, Alex. P. Castle.

Warren, Pa.—Chas. Dickinson. Springfield, Ill.—W. P. Grimsby. Freeport, Ill.—G. Stanley Mansfield.

Carbondale—D. B. Youngblood and two others.

A large number arrived that had not registered up to noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A short address of welcome was delivered this afternoon by Mr. McNeil, after which Dr. Keeley spoke to the delegates giving them good advice, a report of which will appear in to-morrow's daily. The Doctor was received with the delegates standing amid great applause.

PERSONAL MENTION

Of Some Who are Attending the General Convention.

Hon. Waller Young, ex-chairman and delegate ex-officio, is among the visitors. He was called upon and made a short talk to the club Sunday night. Mr. Young is at the head of a large institute at St. Joseph, Mo., started about a week ago, which he says is prospering and will soon be filled.

Hanley Mansfield, of Freeport,

ever had. He is thoroughly cured and says the happiness in his house is more than sufficient to pay for the few weeks—the most profitable of his life—spent in Dwight.

Lyman H. Lyon, director of the club, came in from Seattle, Washington yesterday morning. He has organized several clubs in Washington, and had to get ready on the jump to get here in time.

Frank B. Happ, of Kankakee, an ex-graduate, made us a pleasant call this morning.

Mr. Geo. Zeigler, of Milwaukee, is attending the convention. Mr. Zeigler was accompanied by his daughter during treatment, and the two have many friends in Dwight. Miss Zeigler rendered the club much assistance in club entertainments.

Col. Nate A. Reed, Jr., editor and manager of the Banner of Gold, made us a pleasant call to-day.

James Wood, of Chicago, called at the STAR AND HERALD office to-day. He is a graduate of several months standing, and an enthusiastic worker for the cause.

W. D. Ware, of Yates City, came in to attend the convention and make application for a charter for his native city.

Among the visitors who arrived yesterday we noticed the genial face of Amos O. Cole, of Joliet, who was a prominent member during the month of October. Mr. Cole delighted many audiences while here with his violin music