

## WORK OF SESSION ENDS LAST NIGHT

Richmond Lodge of Masons Enjoyed an Excellent Entertainment.

### WAS A LARGE ATTENDANCE

CROWD WAS SWELLED BY DELEGATIONS FROM NEIGHBORING TOWNS—MEETING WAS CLOSED WITH A BANQUET.

Richmond Lodge, No. 196, F. & A. M., closed its work for the season last evening, when Master Mason degree was conferred on three candidates. The lodge has enjoyed a very successful year. The increase in membership has been large and the finances are in an excellent condition. The ceremonies last night were attended by a large crowd. The largest delegation from without the city came from Hagerstown. Other visitors were present from Centerville, Cambridge City, New Paris and other nearby towns. The rural districts supplied a liberal contribution. Among the visitors were several delegates to the general synod, which now is in progress in the city. The churchmen were accorded the well known royal welcome of the lodge and appreciated the courtesies shown them. "But," remarked one of them, "We knew what would be extended to us Masons visiting Masons."

#### Who Candidates Are.

The three candidates raised are John K. Sherman, Burnie L. Benbow and John S. Maxwell. The acting masters participating in the work were Bert Russell, O. K. Karns, and George Smith of Richmond Lodge, Harry E. Penny, of Cambridge City Lodge, but a local resident, and Joseph Blase of the Whitewater Lodge. The stereopticon lecture was delivered by George Smith past master of Richmond Lodge.

A spread was laid in the banquet hall and refreshments, cigars and speeches occupied the time and attention of the crowd until almost 1 o'clock. The welcome from the lodge was extended to the visitors by Master O. K. Karns. Responses were made by a number of the visitors. It was a visitors' night and they did all the talking. Among those who spoke were Brother Langer, a deputy district master from Lancaster, Pa., and Past Master C. T. Bass of Ancient Landmarks Lodge, Indianapolis.

## CONLEY FOUND DEAD

Well Known Man Discovered Prone on Floor, His Face Downward.

### PROBABLY HEART TROUBLE

"Say that fellow's breathing very heavy, he must have an awful case of asthma," said George Kindler a railroader to his companion upon retiring about 2 o'clock this morning at their boarding house, the residence of Mrs. Flora Conley, 25 South Ninth street. About a half hour later, Mr. Kindler went to the bath room and found John Conley lying face downward on the floor, dead. Coroner Bramkamp investigated the case this morning but up till noon had not determined what his verdict would be, although he thinks that it will probably be heart trouble.

Mr. Conley, a brother of the late Aaron Conley, former township trustee, was well known in this city, being a photographer of considerable ability. He was 54 years of age. His death was very unexpected, as upon retiring last evening he appeared to be in the best of health. He is survived by one sister.

The funeral will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Flora Conley. The burial will be at the cemetery in Boston. Both the funeral and the burial services will be private. Rev. W. M. Nelson will officiate.

## MAY PAVE EIGHTH ST.

Board of Public Works Will Take Action on the Matter Today.

### AWARD SEWER CONTRACT

If the resolution adopted by the board of public works today prevails without a successful remonstrance, it is likely Eighth street for a square each way off of Main will be paved. The surface will be covered with either brick, asphalt, bitumastic or wooden block. On South Eighth from Main to A streets, cement curbs and gutters are to be put in. On North Eighth the improvement will be to the roadway only.

The board has contracted for a sewer and vacated State street from Hunt to North West Second streets with John F. Cronin. The price named is \$1.50 per linear foot.

A contract for a sewer on South G street and in alleys north and south between Sixth and Seventh streets was awarded to Schneider Brothers for 63 cents per linear foot.

## Passion Play of Mexican Indians



The Indians of southern Mexico have a passion play even more realistic than that of Oberammergau. It ends in the mock crucifixion of one of the players. At the recent celebration, which occurs on Easter Day, Tiburcio Zambrana, who was crucified, died of lockjaw as a result of the play. Picture shows the crucifixion of the Tuxpan Indian, Tiburcio Zambrana.

### TABLET NOW PLACED

Richmond's Tribute to Lincoln Attached to Big Glen Bowlder.

### IT WAS A DIFFICULT TASK

The Lincoln Memorial tablet was placed in position on the large bowlder at the east end of Glen Miller park today. The placing of the tablet requires weeks of indefatigable toil on the part of the stone mason employed in cutting the bowlder. The granite formation was found to contain a large quantity of flint and iron so that the chiseling was done with great difficulty. The weather interfered largely with the work. The tablet which was put on the bowlder bears a medallion of Lincoln and the famous Gettysburg speech. The tablet is made of bronze and was presented to the city by Rudolph G. Leeds. Mr. Leeds defrayed all expense in connection with the making of the tablet and placing it on the rock.

No ceremony of any kind has been arranged for the unveiling of the tablet. It will be kept covered with canvas for a few days as a protection until the cement in which it is embedded will have dried. The face of the bowlder fronting on the road was chiseled off and holes cut in, in which were inserted lugs. By the use of cement the attachment will be made permanent and disintegration by frost will be reduced to the minimum. The tablet weighs about fifty pounds.

### CASE WAS DROPPED

Because Rachel Lantis failed to appear in court at the proper time this afternoon the case against her husband was dismissed. Lard Lantis was charged by his wife with profanity. The case was set for trial at 1:30 this afternoon. When the prosecuting witness and others failed to appear, when the court was ready to hear the case the prosecutor asked for a dismissal and it was granted.

A few minutes after such action had been taken and Lantis had left the building, his wife appeared. She said she had been delayed by a wait for friends to accompany her to headquarters. She seemed to regret very much that she did not get to see her husband tried.

### DIRECTORS TO MEET

Directors of the Y. M. C. A. will meet tomorrow night at the association building in regular monthly meeting for the purpose of considering business. In order to get through early, the directors will take supper at the spa. It is probable that a report will be made on the negotiations for final settlement between Caldwell and Drake, the contractors erecting the building and the building committee.

### SHE WANTS DIVORCE

After forty-four years of married life Rebecca Sebring of Cambridge City has applied to the Wayne circuit court for a divorce from George Sebring. The couple was married in November 1865 and the complaint alleges they separated in 1903. The plaintiff charges abandonment and failure to provide. The litigants are the parents of several children.

### IS NOTARY NOW.

Dr. A. E. Eble of East Germantown, this afternoon took out a commission as a notary public. The commission was issued by the county clerk.

### LATE WIRE FLASHES

### ITALIAN ARRESTED

Wanted at Cincinnati for Carving Up a Fellow Countryman.

### HAD A DANGEROUS KNIFE

Gaetano Camarco, an Italian, was placed under arrest in the new yards of the Panhandle yesterday afternoon upon instructions from Paul M. Minnkin, chief of police at Cincinnati. Camarco is wanted on the charge of cutting to kill one John Delappo, a countryman, February 22, 1909. The local police were furnished with a description of the man and the belief of the Cincinnati officers that he would be found working in one of the railroad construction gangs. The man made no resistance to arrest. The only possession he had with him at the time was a dangerous looking knife. It has a curved blade about four inches long, was as keen as a razor and equipped with a safety attachment, so that when open it could not be closed until a spring was released.

Sergeant Eikelberger of the Cincinnati police came to the city today and this afternoon returned with the prisoner. He said the man is regarded as a bad actor. He carved Delappo as the result of a quarrel. The prisoner is about thirty-three years old.

### ASSESSMENTS MADE

The Board of Review has made the following assessments:

1909. 1908.

Wayne Co. Lumber Co. \$ 4,020 \$ 4,000

Milton Mfg. Co. Milton 2,450 2,450

Centerville Creamery Co., Centerville 1,300 new

Dunbar Bros. Co., Centerville 4,500 new

G. O. Ballenger Co., Richmond 3,540 new

A. H. Bartel Co., Richmond 91,610 94,526

A. H. Bartel Co., Cambridge City 3,270 3,375

Brown Darnell & Co., Richmond 750 750

Champion Roller Mills, Richmond 27,340 26,000

Craighead Plumbing & Electric Co. 4,500 5,000

J. M. Coe Printing Co. 3,210 3,210

Chandler & Art Brass Works, Richmond 19,360 18,060

Dill & McGuire Mfg. Co., Richmond 24,380 18,230

Geo. W. Davis Carriage Wks., Richmond 32,200 32,800

Entre Nous, Richmond 130 130

Eureka Fence Mfg. Co. 710 1030

Cambridge City Corporations, American Casket Co. 4,340 2,360

Cambridge City Casket Co. 7,060 8,370

Hall Mercantile Co. 5,160 5,250

Ideal Concrete Co. 530 500

Paul Casket Co. 1,760 1,780

Cambridge Lumber Co. 13,700 11,950

National Drill Co. 16,720 13,350

Scott Stove & Furnace Co. 5,130 8,000

Standard Mfg. Co. 12,090 12,090

Hagerstown Corporations, Light Inspection Car Co. 30,040 20,000

Hagerstown Nat. Gas Co. 2,000 2,000

## WORSHIP THE SHARKS

South Sea Islanders Fear Them as the Abode of Ghosts.

### HOLD SOULS OF THEIR DEAD.

The Natives Offer Gifts and Food, Sometimes Human, to Appease the Man Eaters—The Hawaiians Used to Feed Their Dead to the Monsters.

In view of the wide distribution of sharks and their strength and ferocity, qualities which appealed to the savage mind, it is not strange that the cult of shark worship should have arisen. This worship is especially common in the south seas, where sharks are very numerous, says the Detroit Free Press.

In the Solomon Islands living sacred objects are chiefly sharks, alligators, snakes, etc. Sharks are in all these islands very often thought to be the abode of ghosts, as natives will at times before their death announce that they will appear as sharks. Afterward any shark remarkable for size or color which is observed to haunt a certain shore or rock is taken to be some one's ghost, and the name of the deceased is given to it.

Such a one was Sautahimatawa at Uawa, a dreaded man eater, to which offerings of porpoise teeth were made. At Saa certain food, such as cocoanuts from certain trees, is reserved to feed such a ghost shark, and there are certain men of whom it is known that after death they will be in sharks. These, therefore, are allowed to eat such food in the sacred place. In Saa and Uawa if a sacred shark had attempted to seize a man and he had escaped the people would be so much afraid of the shark's anger that they would throw the man back in the sea to be drowned. These sharks also were thought to aid in catching the bonito, for taking which supernatural power was necessary.

In the Banks Islands a shark may be a tangaroa, a sort of familiar spirit or the abode of one. Some years ago Manurwar, son of Mala, the chief man in Vanua Lava, had such a shark. He had given money to a Manwo man to send it to him. It was very tame and would come up to him when he went down to the beach at Nawono and follow along in the surf as he walked along the shore. In the New Hebrides some men have the power, the natives believe, of changing themselves into sharks.

The Samoan native believed that his gods appeared in some visible incarnation, and the particular thing in which it was in the habit of appearing was to him an object of veneration. Many worshiped the shark in this way, and while they would freely partake of the gods of others they felt that death would be the penalty should they eat their own god. The god was supposed to avenge the insult by taking up his abode in the offender's body and causing to generate there the very thing which he had eaten until it produced death. In one village Taema, the war god, was present in a bundle of shark's teeth. These curiosities were done up in a piece of native cloth and consulted before going to battle. If the bundle felt heavy that was a bad omen, but if light the sign was good, and off they went to the fight.

In the Fiji Islands, Vavau and other gods claim the shark as their abode, and their devotees must never eat of that fish, for if they did they would be partakers of the god himself.

It was in the Hawaiian Islands, however, that shark worship reached its greatest perfection. Its worship was quite common on the islands, each one having a special shark as his ancestral god. The worship of sharks was due largely to the fact that the belief in the transmigration of souls is quite general among the Polynesians, and the Hawaiians would feed their dead to the sharks under the supposition that in this way the soul of the dead would enter the sharks and so animate the latter as to incline them to respect the bodies of the living.

Several of the African coast tribes worship the shark. Three or four times in the year they celebrate the festival of the shark, which is done in this wise: They all row out in their boats to the middle of the river, where they invoke, with the strangest ceremonies, the protection of the great shark. They offer to him poultry and goats in order to satisfy his sacred appetite. But this is nothing. An infant is every year sacrificed to the monster, which has been feted and nourished for the sacrifice from its birth to the age of ten. On the day of the fete it is bound to a post on a sandy point at low water. As the tide rises the child may utter cries of terror, but they are of no avail, as it is abandoned to the waves, and the sharks soon arrive to finish its agony and thus permit it to enter into heaven.

The Polynesians have an ancient fable treating of the flight of Ina, the daughter of Vaitorina and Ngaeta, to the sacred isle. After the sole dumped her at the edge of the breakers with such disastrous results to herself from the angry princess the latter summoned the shark and by its help succeeded in reaching the sacred island. Feeling thirsty during the voyage, Ina cracked a cocoanut on the shark's forehead, and this accounts for the bump now found on the forehead of all sharks.

Absolutely hopeless.

"But you might learn to love me," he urged.

She shook her head.

"You've no idea," she said, "what a poor student I am."—Chicago Post.

### PERILS OF EXPLORERS.

A Tragic Journey Across a Desert of Central Asia.

One of the most trying of the central Asian adventures of Sven Hedin, the Swedish explorer, was this: In February, 1895, Sven Hedin started eastward, exploring the country between the Kashgar and Yarkand rivers, proceeding in April to cross the Takla Makan desert, between the Yarkand and Khotan rivers. Never before had any known traveler attempted to exploit a course amid the eternal sea of shifting sand hills from river to river. The tale of that little, travel worn, bedraggled group, far beyond the last watering place, enveloped in dust, stumbling along through the dreary but agitated desert sea by crooks and roundabout ways, with desolation spread around and every trace of life departed, was a weird and pathetic one. "Not even a fly was to be heard in the air, not even a yellow leaf broke the monotony."

And ever at their head was the stern figure of the Swedish explorer, compass in hand, still enthusiastic, guiding them as best he could through the death shrouded wilderness. At length the camels had to eat their straw saddles, and the last of the bread was gone. Horrors followed. As men and camels dropped out of the line they were immediately enveloped in the whirling sand shroud and never seen again.

The end came on May 5, when Sven Hedin, crawling on all fours, dragged himself across the dry bed of the Khotan river. "All of a sudden a duck flew into the air and water splashed," he wrote. "Two of his followers were all that survived, and it is doubtful whether even those two would have lived to tell the tale had not Sven Hedin carried back water for them in his boots.

### MARKED THEIR TRAIL.

Two Brave Women Who Outwitted a Band of Indians.

One summer afternoon in 1776 Jimima Boone and two sisters named Callaway while boating on the Kennebec allowed their canoe to drift close to the opposite bank. Here, behind a bush, five Shawnee warriors were in hiding, and, although the spot was not more than a quarter of a mile from Boonesborough, one of the Shawnees struck boldly out into the water, seized the canoe and dragged it to shore with its screaming occupants.

Once in the power of the Indians, however, these youthful daughters of the wilderness betrayed a wonderful self possession and resourcefulness. They knew enough of Indian customs to realize that if their strength failed them and they should prove unequal to the long march to the Shawnee towns on the Ohio they would be slaughtered mercilessly. So they stoned their captors without protest or struggle. At every opportunity, though, they seized little pieces from their clothing and attached them to bushes on the trail. Nothing more was needed to inform Boone and his fellow settlers, who had quickly started in pursuit, that they were off the right track, and on the second day of the captivity they caught up with the Indians. A volley laid two Shawnees low, the rest fled, and by the close of another day the girls were safe in the arms of their thankful mothers.—H. Addington Bruce in Smith's Magazine.

Stories of W. S.