CLIMAX TONIGHT.

Masonic Bodies to Give a Big Reception.

Grand Lodge Holds Its Sessions Here.

ELECTION HELD TODAY

Thomas Fitch, of Wichita, to Move Up.

Perry Hoisington, High Priest Royal Arch Masons.

Tonight will occur the big Masonic entertainment and reception given by the Scottish Rite bodies to the visiting Masons with whom Topeka is thronged. The delegates and officers of the grand lodge A. F. and A. M. will be the guests of honor but all Masons have been invited and most of them will attend. It will be the big event of the Masonic week. Previous to the reception, which takes place in Masonic hall, the grand lodge will witness the exemplification of its degree work in a drama given by the cast selected from the membership of Siloam lodge 225, Topeka, in representative hall.

The grand lodge held its first session at the state house this morning and will continue this afternoon and Thursday. It is the largest of the three grand divisions of the Masonic order and is attended by about 300 people. The present officers of the grand lodge are:

Bestor G. Brown, grand master, Topeka.

Thomas G. Fitch, deputy grand master, Wichita.

Samuel R. Peters, grand senior warden, Newton.

Thomas L. Bond, grand junior warden, Salina.

Albert Sarbach, grand treasurer, Holton.

Albert K. Wilson, grand secretary, Topeka.

Albert Watkins, grand chaplain, Parsons.

Edw. W. Wellington, grand senior deacon, Ellsworth.

Fred S. Vedder, grand junior deacon, St. John.

Elmer E. Bleckley, grand marshal, Wichita.

Harvey C. Livermore, grand sword bearer, Olathe.

John W. Neilson, grand senior steward, Concordia.

Charles A. Loucks, grand junior steward, Lakin.

Charles C. Brooks, grand pursuivant, Peabody.

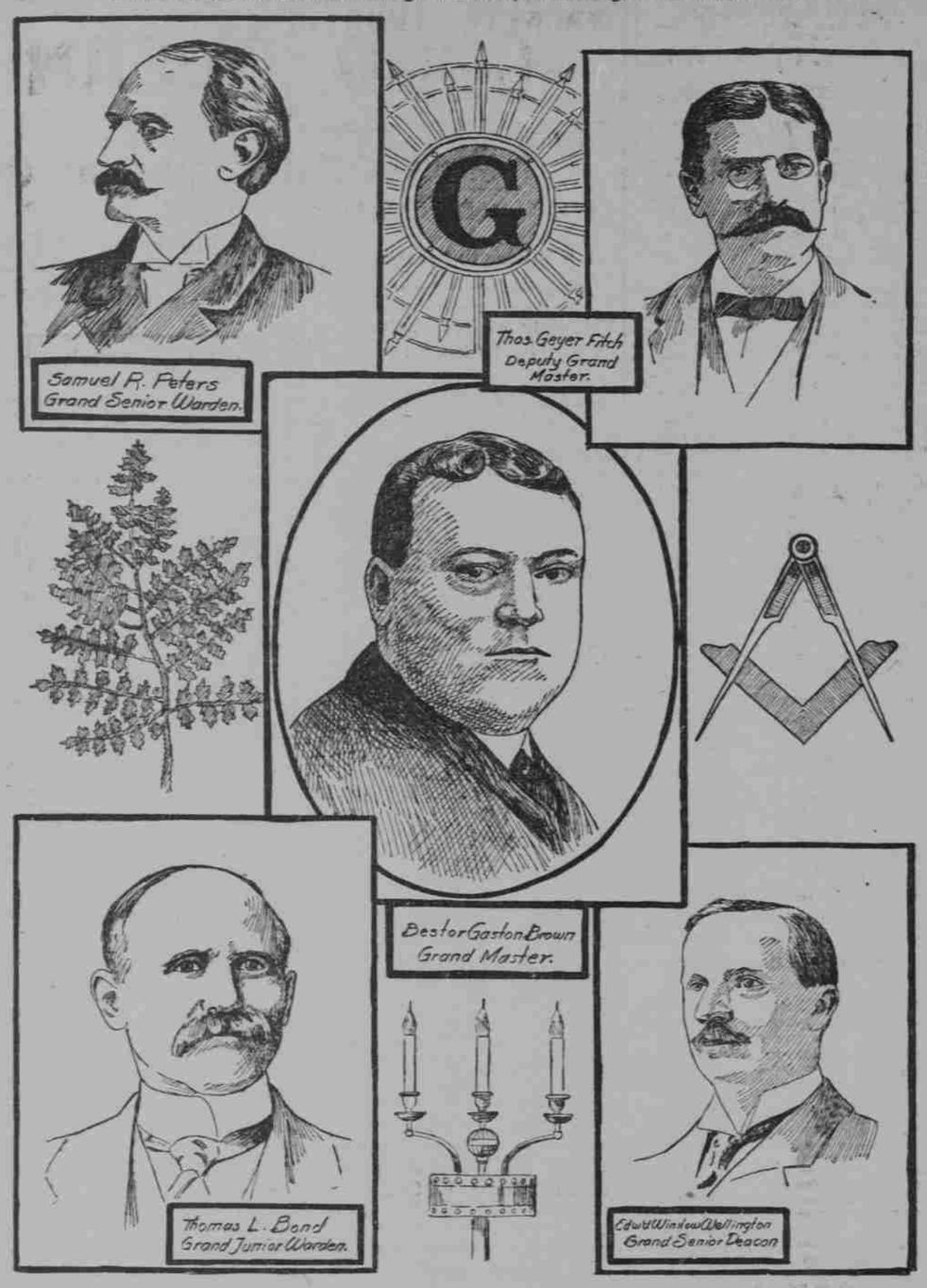
Spencer P. Wade, grand tyler, Topeka.

The election of officers will be held this afternoon and upon the retirement of Grand Master Bestor G. Brown, Thomas G. Fitch, of Wichita, the present grand deputy, will be chosen in his place. Fitch is a prominent Kansan, having been identified with Democratic political affairs for many years. During the Spanish-American war he was colonel of the Twenty-first regiment, volunteer infantry.

Perry M. Hoisington, of Newton, colonel of the Second Kansas militia, was elected grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons at the session Tuesday afternoon. The retiring officer was Frank E. Davis, who has been accorded many honors in Masonic affairs.

The new officers of the Royal Arch Masons are: Perry M. Hoisington, grand high priest, Newton; Thomas L. Bond, deputy grand high priest, Salina; Edward W. Wynant, grand king, Leavenworth; Aaron H. Connett, grand scribe, Great Bend; William M. Shaver, grand treasurer, Topeka; Wm. Frank March, grand secretary, Lawrence; A. O. Wellman, grand captain of the host, Topeka; Aaron F. Randall, grand Royal Arch captain, Newton; Thomas G. Fitch, grand chaplain, Wichita; Fred Washbon, grand marshal, Anthony; William H. Evans, grand lecturer, Marion; Spencer P. Wade, grand sentinel, Topeka.

Officers of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Kansas, Which Begins Its Session Today.



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JAPAN WANTS IT.

Ready to Take Russia's Abandoned Space at World's Fair.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—Upon the heels of the announcement from St. Petersburg that Russia will abandon her proposed exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, Mr. Hajime Ota, assistant commissioner general from Japan, announced that every foot of exhibit space that is given up by Russia will be applied for by Japan. Commissioner Ota states that the commission has ample exhibit material either here or on its way from Japan with which to fill the additional space. In fact, one of the difficulties that confronted the commission from the first was the question of not how large they could make their exhibit, but how best to confine it within the space allotted.

No confirmation of Russia's announcement had reached the fair officials yesterday from official sources. No official attaches of the Russian commission are here at present. Meanwhile the proposal of Commissioner Ota can not be made or considered, except tentatively.

IT IS A PAINKILLER.

Another Important Use for Radium Is Discovered.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Ann Arbor, Mich., says:

The possibility of using radium to convert ordinary rain and well water into a mineral water, merely highly medicinal than any known natural mineral water, has been demonstrated at the University of Michigan in a series of experiments covering the last ten weeks.

In searching for a method by which radium could be applied to the interior of a cancer without any danger of the terrible radium, or X-ray burns, it has been demonstrated that the immersion of a sealed tube in pure distilled water for 24 hours produces radio-active water of powerful effects. Injected into cancers this water stopped pain in ten minutes.

Patients now under the radium water treatment include one with a cancer of eighteen years standing, and some of the ordinary nose and breast cancers. The eighteen year cancer has had six weeks of water treatment, and from the first five minutes after applying water pain has been almost wholly absent. In each of the other cases pains stopped immediately and several sufferers were released from the morphine habit which had been forced upon them.

DOCTORS ARE BUSY.

Chicago Hospitals Are Crowded to Overflowing.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Pneumonia, influenza and bronchitis are keeping Chicago physicians busy. Nearly every hospital in the city has one or more cases of pneumonia, while the less serious diseases are even more prevalent. Added to these are the far greater number of cases treated at homes, making the list of sufferers a long one. The situation is complicated by the fact that nearly every one of Chicago's big hospitals is filled and unable to take any more patients. At the county hospital there are 949 patients, leaving but one bed.

Conditions are similar in the other large hospitals. Of the 661 deaths reported last week by the health department, 175 were from pneumonia, while 37 were from cases of bronchitis and influenza.

MRS. HOSSACK FREE.

The State Becomes Weary of Trying to Convict Her.

Winterset, Ia., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Margaret Hossack, who has been convicted and sentenced to prison for life for the murder of her husband in 1900, is today a free woman. On motion of the state the case in reappearing was stricken from the docket and the defendant discharged.

The crime for which Mrs. Hossack was given a life sentence at Anamosa is one of the most atrocious in crime annals. Her husband, an aged man, was murdered while he lay sleeping. She aroused the household, saying some one had entered the house and struck the blow. A day later she was arrested at her husband's grave, tried and convicted. A new trial was granted and a disagreement resulted. A third trial resulted similarly, and the state concluded it was a waste of funds to again try the case.

Towne Quits Silver.

New York, Feb. 17.—In a speech before the Democratic club, former Senator Charles A. Towne has declared, in discussing the next platform of his party, that the Democrats of the west are willing to relegate the silver issue. The free coinage question, he is quoted as having said, has been settled by an increase in the world's gold supply and that while matters remain as they are, the people do not care anything about it.

THE OLD PLEA.

He "Didn't Know It Was Loaded."

The coffee drinker seldom realizes that coffee contains the drug Caffeine, a serious poison to the heart and nerves thereby causing many other forms of disease noticeably dyspepsia.

"I was a lover of coffee and used it for many years and did not realize the bad effects I was suffering from its use.

"At first I was troubled with indigestion but did not attribute the trouble to the use of coffee but thought it arose from other causes. With these attacks I had sick headache, nausea and vomiting. Finally my stomach was in such a condition I could scarcely retain any food.

"I consulted a physician; was told all my troubles came from indigestion but was not informed what caused the indigestion, so I kept on with the coffee and kept on with the troubles too and my case continued to grow worse from year to year until it developed into chronic diarrhea, nausea and severe attacks of vomiting so I could keep nothing on my stomach and became a mere shadow reduced from 159 to 128 pounds.

"A specialist informed me I had a very severe case of catarrh of the stomach which had got so bad he could do nothing for me and I became convinced my days were numbered.

"Then I chanced to see an article setting forth the good qualities of Postum and explaining how coffee injures people, so I concluded to give Postum a trial. I soon saw the good effects—my headaches were less frequent, nausea and vomiting only came on at long intervals and I was soon a changed man, feeling much better.

"Then I thought I could stand coffee again, but as soon as I tried it my old troubles returned and I again turned to Postum. Would you believe it, I did this three times before I had sense enough to quit coffee for good and keep on with the Postum; the result is I am now a well man with no more headaches, sick stomach or vomiting and have already gained back to 147 pounds." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

MILLIE JAMES WEDS.

Daughter of Louis James the Bride of a Millionaire.

New York, Feb. 17.—Although Millie James, daughter of Louis James, the actor, looks young enough to play the part of "Sarah Crewe," the fourteen-year-old heroine of Frances Hodgson Burnett's play, "The Little Princess," she was married yesterday to Edward Stachelberg, the millionaire sigar manufacturer.

The ceremony took place in the parlors of the Savoy hotel, at 1 o'clock. Only relatives and most intimate friends were present. The marriage was solemnized only by the civil contract by Justice Dugre. Maurice Mendham, the banker, accompanied Mr. Stachelberg to the hotel.

There were no set decorations, but a few vases of roses and lilies and a few bowls of violets had been set about the large parlor. Miss James wore a simple gown of pearl gray cloth, made with a gathered Paquin skirt, and a full blouse waist, trimmed with white silk and heavy lace. Her hat was of pearl gray cloth, trimmed with white ribbon, lace and violets. She carried a very large bouquet of violets and lilies of the valley.

The bride's family was represented by her brother, Leavitt James, and her half sister, Gertrude Slaughter, daughter of Marie Wainwright. One of the groom's brothers and two of his sisters were present, but his mother and two other brothers and another sister are in Paris.

In refutation of the story that the wedding had been postponed from two years ago on account of the opposition of Mr. Stachelberg's parents, the groom showed a cablegram from his absent mother congratulating him and wishing him joy.

There were about twenty guests, among them Dr. Carleton Simon, Louis Houseman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Regansburg and Mr. and Mrs. Endicott Pardee. An elaborate breakfast was served, and the bridge and groom left for Florida. They will reside in New York, but are not ready to announce when and where they will be at home to their friends.

Mrs. Stachelberg became celebrated by her portrayal of a little girl in "Lover's Lane."

Miss James was seen in Topeka in "Lover's Lane" as well as in one or two other productions.

Legislation Can't Remedy It.

London, Feb. 17.—The crisis in the cotton trade was the subject of a question in the house of commons today in reply to which Home Secretary Akers-Douglas, in behalf of the government, said that although it was recognized that the situation undoubtedly was the cause of anxiety, it could hardly be amended by legislation respecting gambling in futures. The government, he added, could not introduce such legislation. The best remedy would be to increase the sources of supply in various parts of the empire.

Duse Has Pneumonia.

New York, Feb. 17.—Eleanor Duse, the actress, is seriously ill with pneumonia, says a dispatch to the American from Genoa. Specialists have been called into consultation.

WHAT TO DO.

That Is Now Situation in Waterworks Case.

Mayor Bergundthal Makes a Sensible Talk.

SHOULD GO SLOWLY,

Danger in Taking Hasty Action in Matter.

Question Is Whether Plant Can Be Restored.

Tonight's council meeting promises to bring forth some developments in the waterworks situation. Unless present plans miscarry, two resolutions will be introduced, one by S. T. Howe providing for an examination of the water plant by hydraulic engineers, and one by C. V. Wolf notifying President Street of the water company that the city will not take the water plant for $620,000. Wolf is not real sure about his resolution; it is a little too radical even for him.

Mayor Bergundthal is back from his Chicago trip, and has taken a firm stand against any hasty action by the council. He stated his position fully to a State Journal reporter today as follows:

"So far it seems premature for anybody to declare in violent language that the waterworks are no good; that the city should cease all negotiations for the purchase of the plant. It is natural that such an attitude should be taken by a good many people, because of the disastrous experience with the fire of February 13. This failure of the water company to give the city good pressure no doubt cost the town about $100,000, and there is naturally much indignation. In the heat of the moment, people are likely to say things which are a little bit too radical.

"This attitude of extreme excitement will pass away before long, and the city will be able to consider the situation more rationally.

"It will come to be recognized that there are several matters in which it is possible to agree upon a statement of facts. First, there is no denial of the fact that before the June flood the water pressure was generally satisfactory. Second, that since the flood, it has been generally very unsatisfactory. Third, that if the pressure can be restored to what it was before the flood, the city is in favor of buying the plant. It twice voted for city ownership and once voted to pay $620,000 for the plant.

"It therefore remains only to decide whether the plant can be restored to the condition it was before the flood; whether repairs can be made which will assure the city that it is getting just as good a plant as it bargained for. The officials of the Water company are positive that when they complete the repairs which they have commenced, they will give as good water pressure as they did before the flood. Why not wait and see if they are able to do this? Then if the city wants to hire an expert hydraulic engineer to examine the plant and assure the city that it is all in good shape, and able to do what was expected of it, it would be a very good thing to do.

"It is ten months since the June flood, and it seems that in that time the company should have completed the repairs on the plant. The company claims that it has worked as fast as possible; that it has been delayed by inability to get material. You can believe this excuse or not, as you see fit; the fact remains that the city has been unable to hasten the repairs.

"And right there is the fatal weakness of private ownership of the waterworks. If the city owned the plant, it could itself assume the responsibility for repairs. If a private corporation owns it, the city has no way to compel the company to do anything. The best way for the city to be sure of getting good service from the waterworks is to own them.

"If the water company is able to make good its promise to restore the plant to the condition it was prior to the flood, the city should carry out its part of the bargain, and buy the plant. If the company is not able to make good the defects, it should be compelled to reduce the price of the plant by a sufficient amount to enable the city to make changes which may be declared necessary by a competent hydraulic engineer.

"I think that the idea of having a special meeting of the Commercial club to talk the matter over is a good one. What the business men of the city think about the matter will have great weight. I believe that in a case of this kind the business men will not be swayed so much by momentary passion as are the masses of the people. We all want to do what is for the best interests of the city and there is no use in getting excited about it.

"I heard about this fire about five minutes after I reached Chicago last Saturday. The telegram sent to me telling of the fire was handed to me just after I reached the city. It was a great catastrophe and I fully appreciate the feeling of our people that something must be done to protect the city, and done at once."

British Sympathy for Japan.

New York, Feb. 17.—British sympathy for the Japanese is manifested in remarkable responses to an appeal recently made for a fund for the widows and families of soldiers and sailors, says a Times dispatch from London. Japanese are accosted in all parts of London by persons desiring to contribute to the fund. One little girl sent 8 pence, explaining that it was her month's savings which she wished to send Japanese orphans. An old woman contributed 26 shillings, all in farthings.

EXPERT PACKER.

W. J. Voss, the Upholsterer, Is Kept Busy.

W. J. Voss of the Topeka Upholstering company at 609 Jackson street, has just finished packing and shipping to Wichita, Kan., Mrs. L. K. Brown's $14,000 stock at 603 Kansas avenue, and her household goods at 214 Tyler street.

John C. Collins, the custodian at the state house, had had his household goods at 1276 Tyler street packed by the able packer, W. J. Voss.

J. Lee Knight, one of Topeka's old pioneers who has lived in Topeka for the last 35 years, has had W. J. Voss of 609 Jackson street busily engaged for several days packing his household effects.

FOUND THE BODY.

Anna Eva Fay's Triumph in Kansas City.

Located Murdered Noah Long in Kansas River.

Anna Eva Fay, who is at the Crawford theater this week, has always mystified the people wherever she appeared, but the location of the body of Noah Long, who was murdered in Kansas City, probably attracted more attention than any one thing she ever did. The incidents will be vividly recalled by the following extracts from articles printed in the Kansas City World:

The cleverest detective woman in the world is engaged in trying to locate the body of Noah Long in its icy grave in the Kaw river.

Anna Eva Fay is working on the case in response to an invitation extended to her by the World. It is a World enterprise and the expenses attached to the search will be borne by the World.

Miss Fay has not promised to locate the body of Noah Long, but she has agreed to aid in search and will bring to bear all the marvelous power of second sight she is known to possess. Sheriff Mendenhall of Wyandotte county and Detective Joe Addison of the Metropolitan police department are cooperating with the World and Miss Fay, and thousands of people are awaiting with interest developments that are without a parallel in the criminal history of the eastern edge of the Sunflower state.

Miss Fay, accompanied by her manager, Sheriff Mendenhall, Detective Addison and representatives of the World, started this morning from the Coates house at 9:30 o'clock in a carriage. The party drove direct to the old Twenty-fourth street bridge, on which it was claimed the old man was last seen alive. Miss Fay was directed to the exact spot where, according to the confession of Rhody Taylor, Long's bleeding body was thrown over the railing into the icy river. Several hundred spectators watched Miss Fay's every movement. She walked quietly to the railing and peered into the waters of the river. For many seconds she stood motionless, during which time only the suppressed breathing of the onlookers could be heard. It was a solemn period for all. Then Miss Fay spoke to her manager: "The body is under the second boat." Turning, she re-entered the carriage and was driven across the bridge to the home of Mrs. Donoghue, mother of Henry Donoghue, who, according to the confession of Miss Taylor, assisted James Goff in throwing the body of Noah Long into the river. Miss Fay then returned to her hotel a very tired woman. The boats were moved and the body floated to the surface of the river. The coroner was summoned. He ordered the body taken to Simmon's undertaking rooms. There it was identified by the widow.

Excitement Caused by Miss Fay's Finding of the Body of Noah Long.

JAPANESE CELEBRATE

2,564th Anniversary of First Emperor's Accession.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—Several hundred of the most prominent persons in the city attended the celebration of the two thousand five hundred and sixty-fourth anniversary of the accession of the first emperor of Japan, observed by the imperial Japanese World's fair commission. The event was held in the rooms of the St. Louis Women's club, which were gaily decorated with typically Japanese decorations. About thirty members of the St. Louis Japanese colony were present.

SAFE IN NEW YORK.

Greek Chariot Which Italy Is Making a Fuss About.

New York, Feb. 17.—Although not specifically mentioned, it is supposed the Greek archaic chariot, the sale of which to Americans has been the subject of interrogation in the italian chamber of deputies, is now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in this city. It was unearthed by peasants digging a foundation for a farm house at the foot of "Il Capitano hill," beneath which the road from Monte Leone leads to Norcia, the ancient Etruscan city, 14 miles from Vitrobo.

President Rhinelander, of the Metropolitan, said:

"The 'Biga' or chariot, is one of our most valued pieces of ancient artisanship and thought to be the only specimen of that early period in existence."

Jacob Rogers, the millionaire locomotive manufacturer, purchased it for the museum shortly before his death.

One Degree Cut Out.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The faculty of the college of liberal arts has decided that the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy no longer will be conferred at Northwestern university. The requirements for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science have been changed so as to demand only one ancient language, Latin or Greek. The effect is to unify the requirements for the arts and philosophy degrees and the latter is discontinued.

Carnegie Helps Wilberforce.

New York, Feb. 17.—Andrew Carnegie has promised Prof. Horace Townsend of the Co-educational Institution for Negro Students at Wilberforce, Ohio, that he will give at once to the university a library building. The structure will cost $15,000.

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25c Bromo Quinine	15c
$1.00 Beggs' Blood Purifier	59c
$1.00 Ayer's Hair Vigor	80c
$1.00 Herpicide	75c
$1.00 Danderine	75c
$1.00 Malted Milk	85c
$1.00 Scott's Emulsion	75c
$1.75 S. S. S.	$1.35
$1.00 S. S. S.	75c
$1.00 Warner's Safe Cure	80c
75c Palmetto Wine	65c
50c Ely's Cream Balm	40c
$1.00 Hood's Sarsaparilla	80c
$1.00 Paine's Celery Comp.	80c
$1.00 Hostetter's Bitters	80c
25c White Pine and Tar	20c
Bromo Seltzer	20c
50c Bromo Seltzer	40c
$1.00 Bromo Seltzer	75c
25c Herb Tea	10c
25c Listerine	20c
$1.00 Listerine	80c
25c Cough Syrup	20c
50c Cough Syrup	40c
25c package Pills	20c
25c package Tooth Powder	20c
25c package Tooth Paste	20c
25c Castoria	30c
6 bottles Castoria	$1.55
$1.00 Pinkham's Comp	80c
$1.00 Wine Cardui	80c
25c Packer's Tar Soap	20c
$1.00 Swamp Root	75c
$1.00 Blood Balm	80c
$1.00 Kodol	80c
$1.50 Fountain Syringes	$1.20
$1.35 Fountain Syringes	$1.05
$1.15 Fountain Syringes	90c
$1.25 Hot Water Bags	$1.00
$1.00 Hot Water Bags	75c

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