

THE SHIPMASTERS

Are Having a Good Time at Marine
City.

Capt. H. H. Parsons May Be Grand
President.

The first session of the annual meeting of the grand lodge, Shipmasters' association on Tuesday, now in conference at Marine City, was unimportant, the time being consumed in organization, appointment of committees and routine business. Delegates are in attendance from all large lodges, a large number of them bringing their wives. The association will get down to business this afternoon.

Much interest is being shown in the coming election of officers for the year 1904. The secretaryship is wanted by Detroit, Chicago and Toledo lodges, and a hot fight is anticipated. First Vice President H. H. Parsons, of Detroit, master of the steamer Choctaw, will probably be elected president.

Tuesday evening a banquet was given to the shipmasters at the Hotel Dupont and a reception to their wives was given at the home of Mayor S. C. McLouth. At the banquet J. A. Ward, who is a past president of the association, was toastmaster. Speeches were made by Hon. S. C. McLouth, Marine City; Grand President W. D. Hamilton, Chicago; A. F. Stern, Marine City; Hon. G. N. Jones, Marine City; Capt. Lisk, Milwaukee; H. H. Parsons, Detroit; Capt. Matteson, Marine City; Capt. Higgle, Chicago; and others. Solos were given by Miss Barhume and Miss Dupont.

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