

STIRRING TALK, ODDFELLOWSHIP

Alliance Physician, Who Was Initiated More Than Forty Years Ago, Spoke to Large Audience

On the program at the Odd Fellows' public ceremonies last week at the Opera House was an Alliance physician, Dr. H. H. Bellwood, who was initiated into the order more than forty years ago. He spoke as follows:

A few days ago I met Brother Lawler on the street, who handed me the following slip of paper:

Brother Bellwood, you have been selected to make a short talk on Odd Fellowship at the Opera House January 13, 1915, meeting of the Knights of Chivalry." Signed by the Committee on Program.

After satisfying myself that this was not one of Tom's practical jokes I commenced to look it over and must say was much gratified at finding that word "short", and I imagine that you also feel grateful to the committee for having inserted it. Will say that I was initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship more than forty years ago. I have visited in the meantime grand and sub-ordinate lodges from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, and everywhere and at all times have received a most hearty welcome. The old familiar odes which have been sung since the first lodge was organized seem always to enthrall its members. Like the Lord's Prayer, the oftener you repeat it, somehow the better you seem to feel.

My friends, it seems to me that if a man could talk on any subject it would be Odd Fellowship. I shall not dwell on its humble birth, or its past history, although these bristle with much that Odd Fellows are proud of. But what are its teachings? What are the great aims in its ceremonies and lectures? What impression must it make on the initiated? What effect does it have on

the community where it is established? Beneficial beyond doubt, because it appeals to the very best elements in human nature and it is to that end that it makes its appeal.

The first step on entering a lodge room, the candidate is told that the world is shut out, things bad, impure things, selfish and immoral things are barred. That friendship and truth are the cornerstones of the superstructure, and that love asserts her mild dominion. He is brought to realize the vanity of worldly things. He is taught that true living consists in discharging his obligations, to his family, his country, his fellowman and his God. That as an Odd Fellow he cannot live within self alone, but must awaken and discharge the higher and nobler obligations that he owes to society and his fellowmen. By so doing his own life is elevated. His mind is broadened, his sphere of activity is enlarged and the spread of his affection reaches out in a sympathetic manner toward others.

In the next step he is taught some of the most ennobling influences of true friendship, by lessons drawn from the highest ideals of human conception and historical narratives. By these lessons he is impressed with the difference between sham, pretended, false friendship and the true and never faltering kind. He is then led gently into the realms of love, sympathy and pity, where the strongest impressions and most ennobling lessons of true devotion to the highest and purest ideal of life are presented before him, where enmity, jealousy and strife are forgotten. The tenderest cells of the heart are opened, and even enemies become the objects of pity and the recipients of acts of love.

Having been led step by step through first a true conception of self, second, an imperishable and un-faltering friendship, he is now ushered into the climax chamber of Odd Fellowship. Into the temple of truth. Where the most ennobling influence of imperial truth is written with an indelible pencil upon the pure white tablets of his heart. Truth not only uttered, but acted, true to every duty and obligation of life.

Fitted with such an armor, is it any wonder that Odd Fellowship has from the beginning (humble though it was) continued to sweep across the hills, mountains, plains, woodlands and prairie, gathering as it went, until today its temples and homes decorate most every city, village and hamlet from the rock ribbed shores of the Atlantic to the Golden Gate of California, from the surf beaten shores of the Southland, to far beyond our borders in Canada, and it continues to follow the flag, and is now firmly planted in the far off islands of the sea. And its good deeds must surely be felt wherever it has been established.

Its ideals being for the elevation of human character, it appeals not to the selfish, but to the generous. Not to the covetous, but to the charitable. It is the hand maiden of the church.

It is one of the great instruments pressing to a broader and higher ideal of the divinely intended sphere of human endeavor and with its vast army (the largest fraternal organization in the world) no longer numbered by the hundred thousands but by millions, it must prove one of the potent factors to hasten that day when the sword shall be beaten into plough shares and the spears into pruning hooks. Then man shall learn war no more; then will have come the Halcyon days. The universal brotherhood of man, the fatherhood of God.

GRAND DANCE FEBRUARY 12

Post M. T. P. A. to Give Grand Ball at Gadsby Hall Next Month—Committees Appointed

At a special meeting of Post M. T. P. A., held Saturday afternoon at the Hotel Alliance, it was decided to hold a dance at the Gadsby hall on February 12. The last dance given by the Post was very successful, and it is hoped that this affair will be even better, if possible.

The committees appointed were: Hall—Jack Hawes, S. A. Senk; Ticket—Harry Czarnosky; Music—S. W. Thompson; Floor—Robert Ludington, Geo. A. Reed; Advertising—Lloyd C. Thomas; Program—Joe O'Connor, H. W. Hull, Wm. Nieman; Decorations—R. M. Baker, L. H. Highland, C. L. Ewing, Robert Ludington, H. W. Hull. The best music that money can buy will be furnished.

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ANGORA ITEMS

Angora, Nebr., Jan. 20—Mrs. Everett went to Omaha Thursday, January 14. We understand that while there she will be treated for cancer.

A good crowd attended literary, although the weather was very unfavorable. The mock trial was very good, wherein were C. L. McDaniel, plaintiff; A. G. Stoner, defendant; attorney for plaintiff, Wm. Orr; for defendant, R. K. Maybell; judge, Dr. Ward; sheriff, R. H. Atwell. It was a laugh from start to finish. The debate, resolved that curiosity will lead a person farther than necessity will lead them, resulted in favor of the negative side.

Miss Marie Maybell has been on the sick list the past few days.

Chas. Knight left Saturday, January 16, for Lebo, Kans. He also expects to visit at Kansas City and various other points before returning.

Earl Morrison is working on the railroad during the absence of Charles Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Ely returned Monday morning after an absence of several days. Mrs. Ely had been at Morrill and Ray at Omaha.

James Powell had two gentlemen down from Alliance the first of the week looking at land.

Mrs. Emma Gentle was treated to a very pleasant surprise January 15, in honor of her sixty-third birthday. Supper was served and after a pleasant evening all departed wishing Mrs. Gentle many happy returns of the day. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gentle, Mr. and

Mrs. M. L. Anderson, John Powers and family, R. K. Thomas and family, Alvin Turman and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Woods.

ASHBY ITEMS

Ashby, Nebr., Jan. 19—Mr. Barr of near Yankton, S. Dak., came in on 44 Friday to visit his brother F. H. Barr, whom he had not seen for twenty-two years.

F. A. Halloren left Tuesday for Lincoln to attend the lumberman's association.

G. A. Adam and Joe Duncanson from Survey were transacting business in town Friday.

Attorney Osgood of Hyannis was in town Friday, between trains.

Quite a number from here went down to Hyannis each night of the picture show.

Mrs. J. G. Cooley of Hecla came up Tuesday to visit a while with her sons, Leslie and E. C.

Miss Victoria Lisy came up from Hyannis Sunday where she had been taking teachers' examination.

W. H. Hinrich of Rapid City, president of the Ashby Lumber Company came down Saturday to look after his interest.

Dave and Crook Rector and their wives left Saturday for Winona, Mo., where they will live in the future.

Miss Anna Bos returned Saturday from David City, where she has been visiting relatives.

Messrs. Fuzate and Birch came in on the early train Saturday with a car of young helters which they took out to their ranch.

The ladies embroidery club was entertained last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Ruth Mansfield.

Last week was examination week for the school children. Most all of them did real well. The two highest in each grade are as follows:

Eighth grade—spelling, Vivian Fredinburg, 93; Wesley Barnes, 89. Arithmetic, Vivian Fredinburg, 92. Mamie Etter 98. Grammar, Vivian Fredinburg 89, Wesley Barnes 85. Geography, Vivian Fredinburg 98. Mamie Etter 96. History, Vivian Fredinburg 99, Mamie Etter 96. Physiology, Wesley Barnes 86, Mamie Etter 95. Sixth Grade.—spelling, Nina Kendall 94, Raymond Babb and Nellie Fredinburg tie on 78, arithmetic, Nina Kendall 94, Raymond Babb 88. Reading, Mamie Etter 98. Grammar, Nina Kendall 90, Raymond Babb 94. Geography, Nina Kendall 91, Raymond Babb 81. Physiology, Nina Kendall and Raymond Babb tie on 96.

An open letter from a member of the Bunch Grass Club:

The Bunch Grass Club were glad to hear so many of the Social Helpers were able to go to Alliance this time and glad to know they did so much work, even if they did have to work half the night. (We spent a very pleasant evening in Alliance). Also glad to know they were treated to ice cream and cake intended for the Bunch Grass ladies. Many thanks to the party who treated. The Bunch Grass ladies will perhaps be in Alliance again some day and will certainly call on you, but oh we were so glad you found out the difference between the Bunch Grass and the Social Helpers, for we do not want to sail under false colors.

Yours truly,
A Member of the Bunch Grass.

KINCAID ITEMS

Kincaid, Nebr., Jan. 18—Mrs. Hugh Smith's father, of Iowa, who has been touring in the West, is visiting here a few days.

Peter McLaughlin returned to his home in Ashland, Nebr., last week.

Jules Birkel spent a few days, on business, in Bridgeport, last week.

George D. Workman returned Saturday from Ashland, Nebr., accompanied by his cousin.

Hugh Smith returned to his home from the hospital Monday.

Henry Keenen took supper at the Soth home Thursday evening.

L. L. Unger went to Bridgeport last week on a business trip.

George D. Workman gave a party Wednesday evening, in honor of his cousin from Ashland, Nebr.

B. C. Soth was under the weather a few days last week.

There will be a dance at the home of Otto Metz next Friday evening. Everybody is invited. Come and have a good time.

Miss Martha Haak left last Monday to live in the city during her leave of absence.

ASH GROVE

Ash Grove, Jan. 13—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Berg returned Monday on 41 from their three weeks' visit in Lincoln, Utica, York and Broken Bow.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davig returned from Texas Tuesday and report a fine time in the land of sunshine and flowers.

Last Sunday Guy Rust and family spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Purinton.

Arthur Groves is suffering with a badly sprained wrist caused by jumping from an automobile. At last report he was getting along as well as could be expected.

C. W. Slesley visited friends in Alliance Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Purinton were visiting at the Berg home Tuesday.

Three coyotes was the result of the round up last week in the Wm. Nye neighborhood. Mr. Knapp lost a valuable dog, which was kicked by a horse.

About forty of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Blair gave them a surprise party Friday night at their home. The pleasant and enjoyable affair wound up with a dance, after which all went to their homes feeling that an agreeable time was had.

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