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MASONIC INSTITUTION HERE A REAL HOME WHERE EVERY CARE IS GIVEN THE RESIDENTS

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When we think of a great institution devoted to the infirm and aged we are wont to picture a place of stiffness and cheerlessness and one that is merely a place to stay for a short time until death releases the unfortunate. Such, however, is not always the case. A real "home" in every sense of the term is the Nebraska Masonic Home situated in this city and where the aged ladies and gentlemen are residing in their declining years and if there is anyone who does not believe that this is true they have only to visit the institution that the Masons of the state have provided for their aged members and their families. Far from the traditional "institution" is the bright and attractive home and everything that the generous heart of Masonry can conceive of has been provided there for these old people.

When the visitor enters the home he is impressed with the bright and attractiveness of the interior of the building, their spotless cleanliness and the pleasant feeling of home-like atmosphere that prevails there. The whole interior has been redecorated and painted the past summer and is finished in soft soothing colors that adds to the general spirit of comfort that prevails over the building.

The parlors are tastefully furnished and many of the rare and valuable furnishings that were once the pride of the George Lininger home in Omaha are to be found in these parlors including a rare old ebony cabinet, cozy fashioned chairs and many of the choice pictures that were a part of the priceless Lininger gallery in Omaha, while also can be found here as in the dining room examples of the art work of J. V. D. Patch, the distinguished portrait painter, who is a resident of the home. Mr. Patch has painted a life-like portrait of Col. Frank H. Young, former president of the Masonic Home association which hangs in the parlors where there is also a tablet to the memory of Mr. Lininger, one of the founders of the home.

The halls of the lower floor are wide and handsome and make a desirable place for the residents to exercise when the weather does not permit their getting out into the open. On the first floor are a number of rooms which the lodges of the Masons and Eastern Star over the state have furnished and these rooms are as pleasant and well furnished as the parlors and dining room and fully arranged with a view of the comfort of the old people of the home. The pleasant atmosphere that one feels on entering the home is reflected in meeting the residents who, while most of them are suffering from physical infirmities, are cheerful and smiling and their brave attitude in the face of their suffering makes one ashamed of the complaints that in good health are often given to making. One of the cheerful ladies of the home is Mrs. Sarah Parr, the oldest resident of the home, having been brought there as a child and though she is now confined to her chair or bed by paralysis, she is as bright and pleasant as though misfortune had passed her by. Another of the patient sufferers is Mrs. Harriet VanWie, who has been bedfast for the past fifteen years and who patiently and cheerfully, with true Christian faith awaits the time that will mean rest from her illness. Mrs. Van Wie enjoyed recently her first movie show when she was taken to the dining room of the home and saw on the screen the pictures that almost speak and the sensation was one of wonder to this grand old lady.

The dining room of the home is a room well lighted and cheerful and the tables are arranged so that the members of the home can gather around in their intimate groups at the meal hour. Superintendent W. F. Evers who is always on the alert to make the home as pleasant as possible has hit on the happy plan of having one of the gentle old ladies at the home at each of the tables and they have added a touch of home to the meal hour. The dining room is a larger portion of the residents of the home are old gentlemen. The dining room has another of the fine paintings of J. V. D. Patch on the walls that adds to the attractiveness.

The kitchen of the home is a model of efficiency and it has been thoroughly equipped and up-to-date as any hotel kitchen in the state and provided with the latest and best methods of handling the food supply. The home does their own baking and a large electric dough-mixer is among the equipment of the kitchen as well as a patent dish-washer that helps to lighten the labors of the cook and assistant. A well stocked pantry opens off of the kitchen and a dumb waiter is used to convey the food to the second floor where the infirm and bedfast are kept. An example of the earnest effort that is made to give the complete comfort and pleasure of the old people is shown in the preparation of the menu each day, as

this is looked after by Mr. Evers each day and there is no constant repetition of the same assortment of food but every day it is diversified in such a manner that it is enjoyable to the old people. In a great many places of this kind there is a tendency to have the same menu used several times, but not so at the Masonic home.

Incidentally the dining room is the scene each week of the picture show, an event always looked forward to with interest by the old folks, the room being the largest and best adapted to this purpose. Mr. Evers has a large screen that is placed at one end of the room and the moving picture machine that Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 presented to the home does the rest of the work and the dining hall rings with merriment as the screen depicts the comedies and the members of the big family forget in the pleasures of the screen, the pains and troubles that are their lot. The second floor of the new addition is devoted to the care of the feeble and bedfast patients and here there is a most efficient organization to care for these sick folks. There is a head nurse, one day nurse, one night nurse and one man nurse, who care for the old folks who are not able to be around. A well equipped diet kitchen has been established on this floor where dishes for the sick who are on diet, is prepared by the nurses and here also is a well stocked cabinet of medical supplies that can be used in the care of the sick, together with the charts that keep a complete record of the sickness of the members and their condition each day.

The second floor is bright and pleasant to the patients and an extra large hall affords room for the ones who prefer to pace up and down the corridors and if they desire they can go out onto the large porches on either the east or west side of the building. These porches in the summer time are ideal spots and on the east side of the building the view one enjoys is immense as the hill on which the home is situated allows a view of the sluggish Missouri river, the business part of the city and many tree clad hills of the residence section and is well worth seeing.

The second floor of the older portion of the building is devoted to the quarters of the employees of the home and the office of the matron, Mrs. Lillian Carragher. This estimable lady is one of the efficient workers of the home who has assisted in making it the pleasant home-like place that it is and her long service there and acquaintance with the members makes her services especially valuable in caring for the old folks who feel that they have an old friend in the matron, second only to that of the genial superintendent, Mr. Evers, who is the prime favorite of all the old folks and whose pleasantness assists them in forgetting their infirmities and cares.

On this floor is also located the "guest room" where the visitor to the home is cared for when the occasion arises. This room is furnished with the finest and rarest of furniture that would delight the eye of the lover of the beautiful and used by those formerly used by George W. Lininger in his home. One of the valuable articles used here is a bed covering of satin, which is composed of badges of gatherings of the Knights Templar from all sections of the United States and which has in the center a large and beautiful cross with the jeweled crown of the Templar.

Both the main and second floor are well equipped with strictly modern baths and lavatories which are of easy access to anyone in the building and which are models of neatness and cleanliness.

Even the basement of the home has felt the touch of the efficient hand of Superintendent Evers and here as in other portions of the building there is no trace of dust or dirt and everything is arranged in a business-like and efficient manner that tends to make things easy to handle and much more satisfactory. Mr. Evers has made a number of changes in the basement of the building and among these was the cleaning out of an old corner formerly used as a store room and which has been transformed into a lounge room for the old gentlemen and where they can enjoy a social pipe of tobacco and visit with each other to their hearts content. From the general spirit of enjoyment prevailing there we will say that this has been a move toward the better and which has been appreciated by the old gentlemen who have appreciated. In this portion of the building is located the ice making plant which supplies the ice for the large boxes in the pantry as well as the meat cooling room, which is as fine and up-to-date as that of any modern meat market. The ice plant has the best of machinery and in addition to cooling the ice boxes and meat room supplies the ice for the coolers

and other uses of the home. While at the home we had the opportunity of viewing the meat cooling room and the supply of meat that has been secured from the recent butchering of two of the hogs raised from what was formerly waste from the home. The raising of the hogs was the idea of Mr. Evers and has proved a success as it has cost the home but little and given them a large amount of meat left to add to the food supply if necessary.

The basement also has three large store rooms kept free from all mice or vermin and as spotless as any room in the house and the well stocked rooms speak of the efficient manner of handling the conduct of the home.

The laundry building is another of the modern features of the home and it is thoroughly equipped to care for the needs of the place having two modern washing machines, two mangles for ironing, an extractor that works the clothes in hot water and a fine steam drying room. Here all the belting is protected by wire netting to prevent accidents and complies with all the requirements of safety. The basement of the laundry building is used as the power plant of the home and even here where the coal is constantly being used there is the all-prevailing touch of first class space.

The poultry houses at the home are being removed to the west portion of the grounds near that portion used as a garden spot and is being replaced by a large lawn and several of the plant clean and neat in every way.

It is planned during the coming summer to carry the improvement program to the grounds surrounding the home and give them the attention that will make them even more attractive than they are at the present time, although in the summer season there are no more beautiful surroundings than that in which the Masonic home is located.

Quite a number of people are employed at the home and more than the average person realizes as there are the superintendent, matron, head nurse, cook, assistant cook, two dining room girls, two hall girls, fireman and landress.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is an institution of which the Masonic fraternity can feel very proud and which this city and the people here have a deep and abiding interest and the old people there who have become known to the residents of the community hold a place all their own in the estimation of the Plattsmouth people and anything that they can do will certainly be afforded the old folks as has been shown on several occasions in the way of special entertainments.

Not the least of the causes of the efficient conduct of the home is due to the board of control of the home, composed of prominent Masons of the state and of which Mr. M. E. Johnson is the president, and this board is constantly on the alert to do all possible to make this the finest institution of its kind in the west. The board has been fortunate in securing Mr. Evers who has been acquainted with the workings of the home for several years and who has it now in the most efficient running condition of its history.

PLATTE RIVER IS STATIONARY IN DENVER

Denver, Col., June 8.—The Platte river in Denver tonight was stationary. The stream, which has inundated a large district in the Globeville, Jerome park and Valverde sections of the city, rose slowly all day but had reached its crest tonight and unless further heavy rains occur the danger of great losses here has passed, according to city officials.

Tonight the waters from the swollen river were extending through the railroad yards and seeping into basements of manufacturing plants under the Colfax avenue viaduct, which connects North Denver with the main section of the city.

High above Denver, at South Platte, thirty miles to the west, the Platte fell three-tenths of a foot since 8 o'clock this morning. The north and south forks of the stream join there and flow toward this city.

The big subject of speculation here tonight was the water supply. All citizens were urged to conserve water, following the breaking of four of the seven conduits that carry water from the impounding reservoirs to this city. Fear for the safety of the remaining conduits caused the dispatch of many guards to protect bridges over the Platte river on which the conduits rest. The reserve supply of water stored in city reservoirs tonight was 54,000,000 gallons. The three conduits that have been broken have a capacity of 30,000,000 gallons a day while the normal minimum consumption here even when no irrigation of lawns is done is 45,000,000 gallons a day.

Northern Colorado points reported flood conditions much improved.

Robert Newell and wife of Casper, Wyoming, who have been here for a few days visiting with relatives and friends departed this afternoon for their home in the west.

AT THE CHAUTAUQUA -- JULY 8 TO 12 RED CROSS



THE BEN HUR PLAYERS AND SINGERS
A Company of Genuine Entertainers—One of the Many Good Things to Be at Our Chautauqua.

This company of years of successes in the Chautauqua and Lyceum is better than ever. New songs, monologues, character songs, and instrumental numbers. Their program offers enough of the classical to please the connoisseur, and plenty to make them glad that they came to the performance. This is the most elaborate company appearing on the Chautauqua platform, believing that something pleasing to the eye is as essential as something to the ear. Theodore Turpin, tenor and manager, has been acknowledged by laurel managers as the best choralist in the world. Miss Edna Severin, contralto and character artist, is exceedingly charming and the rapidly with which she changes her character costumes is still as bewildering to all audiences. Anna Murphy, reader and soprano, was a student of Leland Powers, and has met with great success as an author and reader of short speeches.

ADAMS OF IOWA TO SUCCEED WILL HAYS

New Chairman Republican National Committee—Increase Tennessee Representation.

Washington, June 6.—Election of John T. Adams of Dubuque, Iowa, as chairman to succeed Postmaster General Hays, whose resignation was announced and adoption of a new basis of representation at national conventions resulting in a further cut in the southern delegates, marked the closing today of the republican national committee. Mr. Adams, who was vice chairman, was succeeded by Ralph E. Williams of Portland, Ore. Mrs. L. G. Woods of Pittsburgh, was elected second vice chairman, an office created in recognition of the women membership in the party.

The change in representation, based on the republican vote of the last election, reduced by twenty-three the number of delegates accredited from the southern states to the 1920 convention. This represents a cut of 17 per cent and makes a total cut of 40 per cent in the number of delegates from each state carried at the convention.

Under the new plan, the next convention will be made up of 1,937 delegates, fifty-three more than the last, unless there are great changes in the state votes of last fall, on which the calculation was made. The new system, adopted by one delegate from each congressional district, but under the new plan a district must have cast 2,500 republican votes in the last preceding election before it may send a delegate. To have two district delegates, there must have been cast 10,000 republican votes, or a republican representative must have been elected to congress. Under the former plan, 7,500 votes gave two delegates.

Provision is also made for the seating of two additional delegates at large from each state carried at the last preceding election by the republican.

The plan was submitted by R. B. Howell of Nebraska, for a subcommittee. Its presentation precipitated a bitter fight by members from the states affected. The principal drive was made by a negro member from Georgia, and H. L. Remmel of Arkansas. The report, however, was approved 35 to 12.

As outlined by Mr. Howell, Tennessee is no longer considered a part of the solid south and is given an increased representation, of two delegates, as a result of the last action when the state was carried by the republican national ticket, and a republican governor and five of the ten congressmen were elected.

FOR SALE

Two good building lots, city water, near Columbian school. Price \$400, or will trade for auto at equal value. Will give or take difference. Box 5, R. F. D. No. 1, Plattsmouth, Neb. J10 31d.

Daily Journal want-ads bring the buyers and sellers together.

WILL REBUILD PUEBLO SOON

ORGANIZATION IN CHARGE OF RECONSTRUCTION PLANS—130 ARE LISTED AS MISSING

Pueblo, Col., June 9.—According to the latest available figures from the Red Cross and other official sources more than 130 persons are listed as "missing" as a result of the flood. The "missing" list is compiled by military authorities and the Red Cross from inquiries which have come in by telegraph, mail and personal inquiry.

Pueblo, Col., June 9.—The rebuilding of the city of Pueblo, including the reconstruction of wrecked homes, the restoration of the business and industrial sections devastated by water and the administration of relief throughout the flooded district today was turned over to the direction of the American Red Cross disaster relief administration. That action was taken at a conference attended by members of the "citizens' committee of twenty." James M. Feiser, manager of the southwestern division of the Red Cross, and A. W. Jones, director general of Red Cross relief in Colorado.

Following a conference, a statement was issued to the Associated Press explaining plans.

The statement was authorized by W. D. Thatcher, chairman of the "citizens' committee of twenty," former Governor Alva Adams, treasurer, and Robert S. Gast, the city's emergency relief agent. It follows:

"The American Red Cross has accepted entire responsibility for direction of city-wide reconstruction and rehabilitation in Pueblo and will be in sole direction of every phase of the work with no restriction in scope. Reconstruction will be limited only to the financial assistance that may be given.

"Contributors who come to the assistance of Pueblo are requested to send their subscriptions to the American Red Cross for use in Pueblo, in whose relief treasury all funds will be pooled. All disbursements will be audited by the war department as usual.

"It is urgently desired by Pueblo business men that any money or aid that may be appropriated by congress for relief be made available through the Red Cross or in closest co-ordination to avoid duplication.

"Contributions made by members of fraternities or lodges for relief of members here may be made through those organizations which are working in co-operation with the Red Cross here.

"Every possible dollar that can be contributed will be needed not only for immediate relief but for the long and painstaking task of rehabilitation which now has started," according to a statement today by James L. Feiser, manager of the southwestern district.

"The damage has not been exaggerated in early reports and in many cases destruction of the financial resources within the community brought the damage of the business district."

First Flood Wedding.
Pueblo's first flood wedding was performed today by the Rev. B. D. Derwell in charge of the Red Cross relief headquarters. Irving P. Richards and Miss Jessie Woulett, employees of the state hospital for the insane here, came to Pueblo headquarters at the court house and said that flood or no flood, they wanted to be married. When the room offered the minister \$5, he refused it, saying: "There is a military order prohibiting charge of more than 43 cents an hour for services during the flood. As it took only a minute to do this, I can't accept anything."

An order was issued by the military authorities today requiring the signature of Captain Oreville L. Dennis, Colorado Rangers, to all permits to visit the devastated area or traverse the main thoroughfares between the hours of 7 p. m. and 6 a. m. That signature is required in addition to the signatures of Col. Patrick J. Hamrock, adjutant general, and Lieutenant Colonel Paul P. Nelson, commander of guard troops here, in the case of Pueblo headquarters.

It will continue two weeks longer, Col. Patrick J. Hamrock, adjutant general, said, gradually to relinquish control to the civil authorities after the public utilities are in operation again and after the work of reconstruction by the Red Cross is under way.

"We are going to assist in getting the street railway system in operation. Colonel Hamrock said, failed to create any broader markets. It was also brought out that the hope of reductions in freight rates has resulted in hesitancy by consumers and dealers to place orders, and because of this it was urged that the carriers promptly announce their conclusion in order that the uncertainty may be cleared up.

O. E. S. KENSINGTON

The Eastern Star Kensington club will meet on Tuesday afternoon at the parlors in the Masonic temple. Hostesses, Mesdames W. C. Soudenichsen, Bert Coleman, J. L. Meisinger, Christine Coughlin and Charles S. Doney. All members are urged to attend.

G. G. Hoffman departed this afternoon for Omaha, where he goes to visit with Mrs. Hoffman, who has been here for several days past at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Haynie. Mrs. Hoffman has not been in the best of health.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

MAN WHO TUNNELED OUT OF JAIL IS CAPTURED

Oshkosh, Neb., June 8.—Henry Webber, held in jail here on charge of forgery, tunneled through a wall and escaped last night, but was captured by Sheriff Smith early this morning.

The sheriff was informed that Webber had stopped at the farm home of Joe Gregoire, fifteen miles north of the city to get a drink of water. In their company Sheriff Gerald Gregoire followed Webber on horseback, keeping the escaping man in sight until the sheriff, with George Albee and Corbin Schlotter, deputies, arrived.

Webber was arrested without difficulty and brought back to jail.

NO GENERAL SLASH IN RATES JUSTIFIED

Is Word to Shippers by Freight Association Official—Inequalities are to be Adjusted.

Chicago, June 8.—Notice that "under existing conditions no general reduction in freight rates can be justified or made effective," was sent to shippers today by E. Morris, chairman of the central freight association. The announcement followed a conference of railway officers in Washington with representatives of associations and shippers interested in the transportation of construction and road building materials, who asked for a general reduction in freight rates on such commodities.

The letters informed shippers that the chief traffic officers decided no general reduction in rates on any kind of freight could be made.

While Mr. Morris announced, however, that where the "carriers have realized 5 per cent increase in rates and where such increases have produced inequalities, it will be the aim to correct these conditions."

Local and national conditions affecting the movement of commodities necessary for road building and other traffic which should be considered emergency measures, he said, would be treated as expeditiously as the circumstances permit, upon application of the shippers.

No Cut on Anything

The carriers were requested to reduce rates on building tile and brick by eliminating the advance of 4 cents per ton granted by the interstate commerce commission last August and applying previous rates. Representatives of other shipping interests asked reductions equaling the entire advance authorized by the interstate commerce commission.

"The tonnage directly affected by these requests," Mr. Morris' letter said, "approximates 25 per cent of the total tonnage of the railways and the carriers are asked to yield on this traffic approximately all the increase authorized."

The conference developed that, while in the opinion of various shippers rate reductions would stimulate the movement of these commodities, the fact remained that this was altogether conjecture. It was admitted that reductions equaling the entire advance authorized by the interstate commerce commission would be "and see that the water supply is made fit for use without being boiled before we remove the traps. We are going to clean out every cellar store, and public building and be sure the city is as clean as it can be."

The commanding officer said twenty-five more rangers are to be brought here from the western slope at once. It is also planned to send rangers south and east to investigate the loss of life and flood damage to surrounding towns and roads to report to military headquarters here. There is still no traffic over rail or wagon roads with the country south of here. Railroad men who are repairing lines out of here said today it probably would be two weeks before trains were operated normally. Three miles of railroad repair work on the Arkansas river from here was completed today.

COMMANDER GALBRAITH KILLED

Indianapolis, Ind., June 9.—Commander Galbraith of the American legion was instantly killed in an automobile accident here late last night.

STATE SUES BUTLER COUNTY FOR PAVING

Lincoln, Neb., June 8.—Sue for \$4,000 has been filed in Butler county by Assistant Attorney General Mason Wheeler in the name of the state against Bone Creek township. It is claimed that the township wanted a mile of road paved and signed an agreement to pay the expenses, providing the state did the paving.

The state performed its work and then discovered, Wheeler alleges, that the pledge was silently withdrawn.

Wade Grassman of Alliance, who has been here for a short visit at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hatton, departed this morning for Newman Grove, Nebraska, where he will enjoy a visit and from there go to his home in the western part of the state.