MONEY FOR JANITORS

Omaha's Outlay for Care and Service in the Public Schools.

SOME STATISTICS FROM OTHER CITIES

Cost of the Service Has Increased Rapidly in Omaha in a Few Years Suggestions for Improving the Service and Reducing the Expense.

Some months ago the Board of Education appointed a committee to investigate the janitor service of the public schools of Omaha with reference to the efficiency and cost of the service as compared with that of other cities, and to make such recommendations as to salaries and rules as the committee deemed

The committee has secured special reports from leading cities of the country regarding the employment of janitors of public schools, and the information is useful and valuable for drawing comparisons with Omaha. It must be confessed the showing is not at all creditable to Omaha. Not alone is the janitor service in the public schools of leading cities maintained at a much lower cost, but the efficiency, indicated by the saving of fuel, repairs and supplies, is much better than in this city. Such a condition in the schools of Omaha is a Such a condition in the schools of Omaha is a clear indication that something is wrong with our school management.

To care for the forty-four school buildings and their annexes the board employs fortynine janitors at a cost for the year 1891-92 of \$33,318. The rules and regulations of the

Section 81, Janitors are expressly forbidden to smoke while about the building during to smoke while about the ounding disciplinated by school hours.

See, 82. Jainttors shall be responsible directly to the principals of schools and subject to their finstructions in regard to their duties in all particulars, and shall not absent themselves from the school premises during school hours except by permission of the principals principals are, however, not allowed to send janitors on errands when furnaces are in operation.

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Sec. 83. Each janitor shall be required: (a). To theroughty sweep the building in his charge each afternoon after the close of school, and to carefully dust desks, scats, doors, windows, balusters, etc., on each morning at such an hour as to allow the dust to settle before the opening of school. Outhouses are to be swept on each evening. (b). To wash the floors of each building once a month, and the floors and scats of the outhouses as often as may be necessary to insure absolute cleanliness. (c). To build fires in the morning according to directions from the principal, but always early enough to insure a proper temperature at 8:15 a. m., and supply the necessary fuel for the day's use. (d). To ring the bells at such hours as the principal may direct. (e). To keep all walks free from snow and ice. (f). To attend to the cleaning of stoves, stovepipes and furnaces. (g). To lock the doors of all outhouses, and the outside doors of school houses, and to fasten the windows before he leaves the building each evening. (b). To wind the clocks and regulate them, and to see that they are on uniform time cach morning. (h). To thoroughly clean in every part the entire building and premises during each vacation. (f). When required by the principal to remove desks and benches or fasten them down and make such slight repairs as may be necessary. (c). To report to the principal any repairs necessary about the building not included above. (d). To report to the secretary the receipt of any fuel that does not come up to standard required by the board. (m). And to perform such other duties as may be required by the principal.

The janitors of the public schools may for convenience be graded into three groups according to their efficiency and responsibility. The first includes those who have charge of steam heated buildings. None but licensed engineers are permitted under the ordinances of the city to take charge of a steam plant, and

est rate of wages. The second group of jani-tors are those who have the care of buildings heated by furnace. No special license is re-quired of them as of steam engineers. The third group, principally women, have the care of the school houses heated by stoyes, which number the detached buildings, the suburban schools and rented rooms in crowded districts.

crowded districts.

Another feature of the janitor service is the length of time of actual employment. Janitors are hired by the board for a year and paid for twelve months service. The factis, however, that their work covers only the period of the school year of nine months. With the exception of a few days house-cleaning and general care of the school premises during vacations janitors have hardly any work to do for fully three months of the year. The school days hs of the year. The school day extends from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. During the late fall, winter and early spring months, a period not exceeding seven months of the year, the janitors work is necessarily the severest. The time of actual employment during the year reduced to hours may be averaged in a general way as follows: For six months of the year, ten hours a day; for three months of the year, seven hours a day; for three months of the year, three hours a

day.

The school janitor apparently is not an

Schedule of Wages In an endeavor to fix a schedule of wages,

which shall recognize these various groups of efficiency as well as equalize the differences of winter and summer work, the Board of Education for some years past has been guided by an extremely ingenious scale of prices, as follows: For buildings heated by stoves and fur-

For buildings heated by section School maces:

No. of Rooms, Months. Months. Months.

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moralized the whole janitor service. There is a constant clamor for extra pay, which the absurd rules of the board recognize. Under the schedule janitors are entitled to additional compensation for "detached" school rooms and for the number of rooms in use irrespective of their size. respective of their size. Both of these rules have been a source of abuse. Janitors are impressed with the idea that any work about

the premises or buildings not down in their daily routine is "extra" and must be said for. The neglected school yard, the uncut weeds, the broken fences and sidewalks bear witness to the janitor's creed, no "extra"

A large amount of money can be saved to the school board annually by dropping from the pay roll during the summer vacation fully one-third of the janitors, especially those employed to look after rented build-ings and detached annexes.

The Character of the Janitor. The Character of the Janitor.

Not alone are the janitors of the schools overpaid, but the men selected are in too many instances incompetent and undesirable. The complaint is general that in proportion to the rate of wages paid a high grade of competent and skillful mechanics can be secured. There are reasons for this state of affairs, reasons for which the board is responsible. Janitors are elected by vote is responsible. Janitors are elected by vote of the Board of Education. In too many instances in the past the positions of janitor, have been traded off to ward politicisms for service at elections or primaries.

Members of the board are constantly

harassed and importuned to help this and that applicant on the ground that he is a good republican or democrat and a faithful worker at the polis, Political pull, favorit-ism, personal friendship, all things except competency, experience and sobriety are urged on behalf of a candidate. The place is looked upon in many quarters as a pleasant occupation at a high rate of wages, and all that is necessary to secure it is to ingratiate oneself in the good graces of one or more members of the board.

By another class of people, a janitorship is a soft to be comediated.

is a soft job for one's decrepid or aged relatives and friends. Men who have failed in legitimate work and employment believe they have divine right to demand of the board a perpetual pension on the janitor list. Among candidates of this description the deserving applicant is unfortunately too often crowded out in the election of a jan-

Once elected a janitor is a king unto him-self. There is no check upon him as to the quantity of fuel he burns, nor is he limited as to his supply of brooms, brushes and other necessaries. Since he employs his own as-sistance, it is to his advantage to hire th cheapest help he can secure as firemen and cheapest help he can secure as firemen and sweepers; or if he is economically inclined or too lazy to work himself his wife and family can be pressed into service. He is not held accountable for damages to his furnace or boiler. No one is in authority to inspect his heating plant and see to it that he keeps it in remains. in repair. If he or his assistants are negli-gent or wasteful no one calls him to account. The principal of his school stands in fear of "influence" and members of the board do not familiarize themselves with items of the expense account.

The Steam Heated Buildings.

An investigation of the personnel of the steam heated buildings affords some interesting facts. Of the larger buildings, ten are heated by steam and require licensed engineers for their operation. The city ordinances are extremely severe in defining the qualifications of a licensed engineer. No steam plant can lawfully be operated by No steam plant can lawfully be operated in Omaha except under the charge of an en-gineer duly licensed and qualified by at least three years experience.

three years experience.
It is safe to say that if the ordinance were strictly enforced not more than two or three strictly enforced not more than two or three janitors in the schools could pass muster. Of the janitors employed in the ten buildings mentioned, one holds a first grade engineer's license, one holds a second grade engineer's license, ten hold third grade (fireman) lleenses, one holds no license, one holds a doubtful certificate. In other words the school board is employing third grade engineers or fiveness in all but tree of its eterm. neers or firemen in all but two of its steam heated buildings at the pay of first class en-

The December Pay Roll. For the month of December, 1892, the board

expended for janitor service \$2,980.50 lows:), as fo
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Cost of Janitor Service Elsewhe	re.
It becomes a pertinent question in	view e

It becomes a pertinent question in view of the large amount expended for janitor service to inquire as to the cost of similar service in cities under like conditions as Omaha. The comparison of twelve cities with Omaha, as shown in the table below, will open the eyes of our people not a little.

Omaha is paying \$33318 for janiter service for 14,625 pupils, or at the rate of \$2.28 per pupil. At a glance, it will be seen that we

are paying a greater sum for this kind of service than any of the cities named in the list, and it is fair to conclude that Omaha enjoys the unenviable distinction of being the highest priced city in America, if not in the world, so far as the employment of school janitors is concerned. Again, for co parison, Omaha is paying more for janitor service than Detroit with 25,811 pupils, and nearly as much as Minneapolis with a school enrollment of 23,797. The city of Columbus, O., with a school attendance of 1,000 less than Omaha, maintains a system of janitor service at a cost of \$7,000 less than our own. Cincinnati, with more than double systems. with more than double our school enrollment, pays \$30,000 a year; St. Paul, with an attendance of 16,700 pupils, is taxed only \$26,000 annually, while Kansas City, with 2,600 more pupils in her schools than Omaha, is able to care for them at just half the cost to Omaha! These figures are significant:

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	23,797	34,890 11	1 46
	24,616	26,660 00	1 13
	4,293	7,185 00	1 67
	17,213	17,484 36	1 02
	36,742	80,273 00	82
	5,900	9,572 85	1 64
	25,811	33,172 67	1 29

COST OF JANUTOR SERVICE IN THIRTEEN CITIES.

For the Past Decade. It may be asked, has the janitor service in Omaha schools always been an expensive item in the annual budget! Facts do not bear this out. On the contrary, the service in Omaha for a number of years prior to 1887 had been conducted as economically as in any city with which comparisons may be in

COST TO OMAHA FOR TEN YEARS.

YEARS.	No. of Pupils.	Janitor's Salary Per Annum.	Cost Per Pupil.
581 - 52 592 - 85 583 - 84 584 - 85 585 - 85 585 - 87 585 - 89 589 - 90 589 - 90 589 - 91 589 - 91 589 - 91 589 - 91	4,350 5,261 5,876 6,273 6,868 8,283 10,961 12,498 14,279 14,023	\$ 3,937 4,741 6,337 10,935 9,948 11,898 22,461 23,602 30,445 32,974 23,318	8 .80 1 07 1 60 1 183 1 42 2 04 2 20 2 29 2 31
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in force. The large expenditure certainly cannot be laid to the theory of increased cost of living in Omaha since 1887. Cost of Janitor Service in Omaha. In the postoffice building the pay for jani-tors is as follows:

Foreman (with engineer's license). \$ 720 0 Janitor. 720 0 Assistant janitor 600 0 Douglas county pays these rates:	•
Engineer county hospital Per month Engineer and head janitor court	
Fireman, hospital 90 of Fireman, hospital 45 of Janitor, court house 60 o	3
The city comptroller reports the wages re- ceived at the city hall:	
Per month	

The Union Stock Yards company of South

Omaha pays its locomotive engineers \$100 per month; locomotive firemen, \$60 per month. The engineer of the Exchange building and bank building, an experienced steam fitter who makes his own repairs, receives \$65 per month. The night fireman receives \$55 per month; the janitor of the two buildings, \$45 per month.

ings, \$45 per month.

The Union Pacific headquarters building

The Union Pacific headquarters building is in charge of an engineer who has ordinary repairs to look after, and who is also fireman of two boilers. He receives \$75 per month. The head janitor receives \$75 per month. The B. & M. company employs two janitors for the headquarters building. The head janitor attends to the heating and receives \$65 per month. The assistant janitor is paid \$50 per month.

\$50 per month The Bee Building company pays its head

The Boe Building company pays its nead engineer \$125 per month, assistant engineer on night duty \$83 per month, fireman \$50 per month. Janitors receive \$40 per month. The New York Life building employs a first-class engineer at \$100 per month, fireman at \$55 per month, head janitor at \$50 and assistant lanitors at \$10 per month.

assistant janitors at \$40 per month.

The First National bank pays its engineer \$100 per month, firemen \$60 per month, janitor \$60 per month, assistant janitor \$50 per The evidence is conclusive that the janitor service of the public schools of Omaha is not what it should be. The duty of the Board of Education is to secure efficiency in this branch of the service at no greater cost to the people than what like employment is maid for in the company that

paid for in the open market.
CHARLES S. ELGUTTER.

EDUCATIONAL. The University of Utah has an enrollment

Sioux Falls, S. D., proposes to invest \$400,-000 in a High school building. The total number of students in Lehigh university this year is 560, againgt 527 last

The new catalogue of Yale shows that there are in the university 1,969 students, a gain of 185 over last year. This year's freshman class number 507, against 468 a year are.

Bishop Hurst says that ninety-two acres. bought in Washington for a site for the pro-posed Methodist university, have increased in value until they are worth \$500,000. He reports also that subscriptions to the \$10,000,000 fund continue to come in.

President Gilman of Johns Hopkins university makes a plea for endowments for medical and electricity schools, and for funds for the erection of a building in which to store the geological and mineralogical collection for scholarships.

By the death of Mrs. Jane C. Gammon of Batavia Fails, N. Y., the Methodist semi-nary of Atlanta, Ga., became the possessor of nearly \$750,000. The institution was es-tablished by the Methodists in Atlanta in 1886 as the geological department of Clarke university.

Dartmouth college has just received, under the will of Dr. Raiph Butterfield of Kansas City the largest individual bequest, with one exception, in its history. The executor writes that the estate is worth \$200,000, all of which goes to Dartmouth, except \$20,000 given to relatives and friends.

Simon Yandes of Indianapolis, last spring offered Wabash college \$50,000, on condition that \$30,000 be raised before December 15. The condition has been complied with, and the \$50,000 of Mr. Yandes is now available. The college is pledged by one of the gifts to the introduction of co-education within three years. Simon Yandes has, up to this time, given over \$200,000 to Wabash college The library at Johns Hopkins has received and placed on exhibition a facsimile of the famous map of Juan de la Cosa who was the pilot of Christopher Columbus. The original was made on ox hide in the year 1508, at

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Santa Maria, Spain, and is now in the Naval museum at Madrid. It contains the new lands and countries described in the decade before it was made. Announcement is made that Miss Mary E. Garrett, a daughter of Robert Garrett, late president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company, has made the munificent gift of \$306,977 to the Johns Hopkins university. This sum was given to complete an endowment fund of \$500,000 necessary to establish a medical school to be attached to that insti-

tution which women could enter on the same footing as men and graduate with the The complete tables of attendance at Harvard are given for the first time in the catalogue just issued. The total number of students in all departments is 2,966, divided as follows: College seniors, 327; juniors, 328; sophomores, 385; freshmen, 409; specials, 149; scientific school, 181; graduate school, 206; divinity school, 41; law school, 394; medical school, 451; dental school, 53; school

of veterinary medicine, 39; school of agricul-Rev. C. H. Polhemus, A.M., has accepted the chair of Greek and German in Tabor college, Iowa, and will begin work at the opening of the fall term in September, 1893. Mr. Polhemus graduated with honor in the class of '77 from Rutgers college, and from New Brunswick seminary in 1880. On leaving the seminary he succeeded Rev. Graham Taylor, D.D., in the pastorate of the Dutch Reformed church at Hopewell, N.Y., where he continued till December, 1891. He is at present supplying a church in Jonesboro, Tenn. In 1890 ne spent six months in Greece and Germany perfecting himself in Greek and German. He will add greatly to the teaching force at Tabor. teaching force at Tabor.

The Club's Maiter d'Armes. Prof. Leon Auguste Denis, now the new fencing professor at the Omaha Athletic club, is a thorough master in his profession. Before entering the French army to serve his five years term he had already taken a course in fencing of the civil professors. On entering his term of service he was soon after sent to the military school of Joinville le Pont, the regular military fencing school of France, where he was regularly breveted prevot d'armes and in October, 1884, he was sent by the military authorities to Senegal to act as maiter d'armes for the instruction of the French troops situated there.

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At the conclusion of his term of service Prof. Denis opened a salle d'armes in Rosario, one of the principal maritime towns of the Argentine Republic. From there he returned to France and engaged in fencing in Paris and at Havre, giving frequent public assaults. He then accepted an offer from the famous Fencers club in New York city to act as one of their teachers. Through the efforts of President Ames of the Omaha Athletic club, his friend, Mr. William Scott O'Conner, secretary of the Fencers club and champion of the United States with foils, induced Prof. Denis to accept an enfoils, induced Prof. Denis to accept an engagement in Omaha, so that today the Ath-letic club has one of the fluest exponents of foil work and saber practice (or broadsword)

to be found in America or Europe.

Fencing has been warmly endorsed and commended as an excellent exercise for ladies, and in New York city there is now a flourishing class of thirty to forty of the best known ladies in society.

Railway Employes' Fraternal Beneficial Association.

Omaha lodge No. 23, at their meeting Wednesday evening at their lodge rooms in THE BEE building, elected the following officers for 1893: J. O. Rhondes, president; E. W. Burroughs, past president; W. C. Bartlett, vice president; G. C. Smith, secretary; Frank Pogue, treasurer; E. Burke, conductor; R. C. Baughman, chaplain; C. J.

conductor; R. C. Baughman, Chapman, C. J. Johnson, sentinel. Trustees, R. Anderson, W. D. Linceln, John Nordwell.

This fraternal and secret society, although the senting of the secret society although the senting of the secret society. This fraternal and secret society, although but about two years old, has made wonderful progress and boasts of no deaths since organization. There are two lodges in Omaha and one in Council Bluffs. Although not especially intended for railway men exclusively, they devote their time more especially to that class, and, as it is not confined to men alone, but admits the ladies, and, being founded on a tontine or twenty-year plan, it is meeting with universal success in plan, it is meeting with universal success in every way. They also look after the social feature, Omaha lodge No. 33, already having made arrangements for a series of entertain

Mystic Legion. At the regular meeting of Midway Council No. 13 of the Mystic Legion of Kearney held in their rooms Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected and installed by

ing officers were elected and installed by Commissioned Debuty J. H. Darnell.

M. J. Pommer, W. C.; A. L. Graham, V. W. C.; John W. Brewster, secretary; Peter Lindgren, treasurer; John F. Fuqua, F. A.; R. Hibberd, F. I.; Amos Lambert, F. J.; J. J. Whittier, W. P.; Henry Lambert, C. E.; Walter Murray, C. P.; R. Hibberd, L. G. Hooley and Tony Cornelius, trustees.

The lodge has a membership of between eighty and ninety and is in a good healthy condition.

THE GOAT'S VERY BUSY WEEK

Many Interesting Events in Fraternal Circles of the City and State.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS SECOND CONVENTION

Marvelously Rapid Growth of This Auxiliary of Woodcraft - Elections, Installations, Presentations and Receptions Mark the Beginning of a Promising Year.

The most interesting event last week in fraternal society circles in Nebraska was the gathering in this city of the representatives of the Royal Neighbors of America, who came to attend the second annual meeting of the head camp. This society is young but is rapidly growing and the time is not far distant when it will become one of the eading fraternal organizations of its kind in

April 20, 1891, the jurisdiction was estab lished by a meeting in Council Bluffs, and the Royal Neighbors was organized by a number of ladies, who were the members of local camps, which had been organized outside of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the membership of which were made up of the wives, daughters, sisters and widows of the members of the Woodmen. When the organization was completed the jurisdiction was extended to embrace the nine northwestern states, and the head officers went to work zealously and industriously to spread the society and to make of it a success and find a place for it among the great fraternal organizations of the land,

Labor of this nature is seldom properly appreciated and rewarded, but the ladies were determined, and a woman's determination generally means that it is a go. They worked hard, and it required a stout heart to keep up under the great adversities en-countered, and the backsets were sufficient to weaken less faint hearts. But the women had started along the uphill road with a perfect conception of what effort was necessary to ascend the steep grade of prosperity, and that helped them materially in the good work.

Nine months after the head camp was in-stituted at Council Bluffs the first annual meeting was held in that city. At that time six camps were in existence and the entire membership would not reach 300. It was discouraging times and the future outlook was anything but bright. The finances of the camp were exhausted and the new year was commenced with debt overhanging the organization. Soon after the meeting adjourned applications for charters began com-ing in and there seemed to be a general awakening all along the line. This was en-couraging, and at the close of 1892 twelve new camps had been chartered and the membership increased to 1,000. Funds became more plentiful, the obligations of the camp were liquidated and 1893 was commenced with a neat balance in the treasury. A prediction has been made that by the time the head can p convenes in Peoria next January the membership will have received the 5,000. the membership will have reached the 5,000

The head camp is incorporated under the laws of the state of lowa, and the head officers are located in Council Bluffs. Its supreme objects are to encourage and dissemi-nate moral principles, promote fraternity and to provide such financial aid and benefit as is hereafter described, to the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and widows of Modern Woodmen of America. In its executive departments are a head camp and the subordinate camps, and when the growth of the order shall require a grand camp may be organized. The elective officers of the assoorganized. The elective officers of the association are a supreme oracle, supreme vice oracle, head receiver, three head managers and the executive committee. Meetings are held annually on the first Wednesday in January of each year, and special sessions may be convened whenever it is deemed necessary. Each subordinate camp is entitled to representation in the head camp. All applicants for membership must reach the age of 18 years before being eligible, and the father, brother, husband or son of the applicant must be in good standing in subordinate camps of the Modern wood standing in subordinate camps of the Modern Woodmen at the time the application is made. Annual dues are fixed by the subordinate camp.

The Omaha convention has marked a new

epoch in the history of the order. Since its epoch in the history of the order. Since its foundation the promotors have realized that a beneficiary plan should be adopted. It was left for last week's gathering to take the necessary steps and it was decided to adopt the insurance feature upon the same plan as the Modern Woodmen. Policies will be issued in the sum of \$300 and \$500 for the first year, and the ages of those insured was first year, and the ages of those insured was fixed at from 17 to 50 years for women and 18 to 45 years for men. The matter was referred to the board of managers and head officers, they to perfect the plan of insurance and report in six months to a special meeting of the head camp. The remainder of the session was devoted to listening to the annual reports of officers, and a revision of the by-laws and other business of a routine

Officers were chosen for the ensuing year as follows: Supreme oracle, Mrs. G. W. Eastman of Omaha; supreme vice oracle, Mrs. A. Olson, Elgin, Ill.; supreme recorder, Mrs. J. R. Carrothers, Council Bluffs; supreme receiver, Mrs. P. J. Hennessy, Mrs. P. J. preme receiver, Mrs. P. J. Hennessy, Council Bluffs; supreme marshal, Mrs. O. E. Walker, South Omaha; supreme chancellor, Mrs. W. M. Hodges, Friend; supreme inner sentinel, Mrs. G. H. Brown; supreme outer sentinel, Mrs. F. Frank, Peoria, III.; board of managers, Mrs. K. C. Ramsay, chairman, Manito, III.; Mrs. J. E. Van Gilder, Omaha; Mrs. A. E. Blazer, Manito, III.; Mrs. E. D. Watt, Mrs. H. Shidner, Omaha.

Peorla, Ill., was selected as the place for holding the next convention and the date was fixed for the first Wednesday in Janu-

ary, 1894.

The session was brought to a close Thurs-The session was brought to a close Thursday evening, and it was a success in every particular. The delegates proved themselves possessed of executive ability and perfectly capable of conducting the affairs of such an organization, and master hands will pilot the Royal Neighbors over the seas of propositive to a place of affine pair in the season. prosperity to a place of affluence in the fra-ternal society world.

Ancient Order of United Workmen. Colfax lodge No. 26 of Schuyler recently elected the following officers, who will pilot that lodge along the course of prosperity for the next year: Master workman, Clifford Van Housen; foreman, E. F. Bingham; over-seer, J. R. Clark; recorder, J. H. Pollard; financier, F. H. Kolm; receiver, H. W. Kolm; guide, J. H. O'Callahan; inside watchman, C. Greaser; outside watchman, E.

Klein.

Tate lodge of North Platte, which is named after Hon. J. G. Tate, the state master workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, elected the following United Workmen, elected the following officers at the last regular meeting: Master workman, W. B. Vernon; worthy foreman, L. Isenhart; overseer, J. W. Alexander; recosder, John Keliher; financier, James M. Ray; receiver, J. E. Evans; guide, A. E. Huntington: inside watchman, Charles Margeleth; outside watchman, J. W. Fisher; medical examiner, Dr. N. F. Donaldson; trustee, H. M. Grimes.

One of the largest Workmen lodges in the state is the Grand Island lodge No. 1. It has a membership of over 300 and is still growing. The last meeting was one of the best ever held and the attendance was the

growing. The last meeting was one of the best ever held and the attendance was the largest. After several initiations in the first and second degree the lodge elected the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Past master workman, Fred P. Boyden; master workman, Charles Haux: foreman, Louis Upperman; overseer, A. L. Beegle; recorder, M. J. Durkin; financier, A. W. Bucheit; receiver, S. E. Sinke; guide, C. C. Dodson; inner watchman, L. W. Otho; outer watchman, S. F. Kent; trustees, George Rays and S. J. Bateman; recommended for lodge deputy, O. G. Winn. Thursday evening the officers were installed and there was a gala time among the workmen. There was an elaborate banquet, such as the A. O. U. W. so frequently has, and they are always of the best. A large number of visitors from sister lodges was present and enjoyed the occasion. Among the features of the average. present and enjoyed the occasion. Among the features of the evening's entertainment were several initiations. The lodge starts off very nicely with the new year and great things are expected of it.

Beatrice lodge No. 136, is thriving, the membership being doubled within the last year. Meetings are now held once each

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week and great concern among the members week and great concern among the members is taken in the work of the order and its continued prosperity. At the last meeting the following officers were installed: I. I. Hill, master workman; M. E. Shultz, past master workman; W. M. Chumard, foreman; J. E. T. Dickenson, overseer; J. P. Saunders, financier; F. W. King, recorder; J. C. Brinkworth, receiver; Frank Cleveland, guide; B. F. Evans, inner warden; J. N. McDowell, past warden; E. T. Root, trustee. After the past warden; E. T. Root, trustee. After the installation ceremonies the members of the odge enjoyed an oyster supper at one of the

restaurants.

Holdrege lodge has selected the following officers for the coming term: Charles M. Johnson, worshipful master; Thomas Hufford, foreman; Sam Cooper, overseer; F. M. Neville, recorder; I. E. Austin, financier; J. W. Cody, guide; E. W. Reed, inside watchman; A. Johnson, outside watchman. The officers will be publicly installed Tuesday evening of this week and Grand Recorder Payne is expected to be present and conduct. Payne is expected to be present and conduct the ceremonies. A basket supper will be served, and the members and their families will be present in large numbers.

The following officers have been elected by Foreman lodge No. 12 of Kearney: A. L. Foreman lodge No. 12 of Kearney: A. L. Wilhoit, master workman; C. F. Muchow, oreman; George Stoddard, overseer; E. Fosbury, recorder; A. S. Potter, receiver; John Godby, guide; Asbury Smith, inside watch; L. D. Ferehand, outside watch; Mr.

Lodge No. 18 of this city has taken up new quarters on the third floor of the Patterson block and Monday evening celebrated the event. The new officers were installed and a large number of visitors was present from other lodges. A large number of lodges are now located in the Patterson block, and the rooms are commodious and bandsome and rooms are commodious and handsome, and well suited for the purposes. The officers installed are; Master workman, C. W. Beach; foreman, B. Quiyey; overseer, E. L. Stinger; recorder, C. H. Collier; receiver, H. B. Morrell; Guide, A. L. Lightfoot; in-side watchman, P. G. Boland; outside watekman, N. P. Madsen; financier, N. W.

Knights of Pythins.

At the last meeting of Eureka lodge No. 7, of Nebraska City, the following officers were installed: P. C., J. B. Kuhiman; C. C., H. M. Boydston; V. C., W. D. Robbins; P. John V. Morgan; K. of R. and S., J. E. Conley; M. of F., I. Phifer; M. E., E. McCallum; M. A., N. Anderson; I. G., A. H. Harvey; O. G., E. Conley.

Tuesday evening Triune lodge No. 56 of this city installed the newly elected officers for the results of the control of the city installed the newly elected officers. for the ensuing year. Triune lodge is in a very prosperous condition, the members are wide awake and interested in the work, and to this fact is due the great success of the

new rituals will be ready for use within a few days. They are only printed in the English language. Hon. George B. Shaw, member of the Fifty-third congress, representing the Seventh congressional district of Wisconsin. past supreme chencellor of the Knights o Salt Lake knights recently dedicated their

new castle hall, which is said to be one of the finest in the great intermountain country. The lodges throughout the west are appointing committees to arrange for tran portation to Chicago at some time during the great World's fair. During the administration of Supreme

Chancellor George B. Shaw, the membership of the order in America has increased 112,000, a record that is unsurpassed. New Orleans has thirty-five lodges with a membership of 4,800. Yet the Crescent City is below par on the Uniformed rank, there being only three divisions. Arapahoe has a Knight of Pythias band with twenty-five musicians. The organiza-tion was perfected through the efforts of the

members of St. Elmo lodge.

The officers elected by Valiant lodge No.
98 of Sidney are as follows: Chancellor commander, J. T. Tholecke; vice chancellor, Sig. Gutfreund; prelate, F. C. Jones; master of exchequer, W. H. Adams; master-atarms, James Burns.

The Knight Errant in speaking of the members of the supreme lodge

the members of the supreme lodge has this to say to the Nebraska representatives: "Nebraska sent new material to this session. Brother O'Neill was not entirely a stranger; his name and fame had preceded him. Among Nebraska Pythians he has been long and favorably known. Brother Mcfarland is undoubtedly possessed of some ability. He and doubtedly possessed of some ability. He and the junior member from Alabama joined in some tilts against the supreme chancellor and in the interest of the opposition in the Aldine lodge case, but before they got through they concluded that they started out wrong. Brother Mcfarland appreciates the situation now fully and is repeating the trite Teutonic phrase that begins 'the longer you lif' and ends with 'oudt.'"

Enterprise lodge No. 79 of South Omaha

Enterprise lodge No. 79 of South Omaha installed the newly elected officers Wednesday evening. They are as follows: Past chancellor, L. H. Miller; chancellor commander, R. A. Carpenter; vice commander, Peter J. Hanson; prelate, John B. Meyers; master of exchequer, H. B. Fisher; master of finance, T. J. Laur; keeper of rolls and seal, E. G. Hatcher; master-at-arms, Frank I. Lee; trustees, Colonel A. L. Lott, C. J. Collins, Z. P. Hedges.

Mars lodge No. 130 of Fort Omaha met Wednesday evening at the hall, Thirtieth, near Brown street, Chancellor Commander Gladnisch presiding. The attendance was large and the New Year was commenced with bright prospects. The officers were installed by Deputy Grand Chancellor Michael Cody, and they are as follows: Thomas J. Shaw, vice chancellor; Ely Rivers, prelate; Carl Williamson, keeper of records and seal; George Hall, master of exchequer; William J. McKee, master of finance; James J. Flannery, master-at-arms. After the installation ceremonics supper was served, and the bill of fare was a large one and included many ceremonies supper was served, and the bill of fare was a large one and included many good things to eat. The chancellor commander-elect was not present, and it was

impossible for him to be there. He will be installed at the next meeting. Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

One of the most prosperous lodges in the state is Rising Star lodge of Osceola. Its meetings are always well attended and its membership reaches seventy-four. Monday evening thirty-seven members were present to witness the installation ceremonies. The to witness the installation ceremonies. The following brethren represented the grand officers in the capacity of installing officers: S. B. Moffet, as grand master; A. N. Jay, as vice grand; T. H. Saunders, as grand secretary; E. Hartle as grand treasurer and J. W. Conklyn as grand marshal. They installed S. A. Snider, noble grand; Dr. S. O. Whaley, vice grand; W. F. Miller, secretary, and C. G. Gylling, treasurer. 1. Gylling, treasurer.

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Monday evening the members of Holdrege lodge installed the newly elected officers. There was a good attendance of members and after the installation ceremonies they repaired to a leading restaurant, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared at the expense of Noble Grand C. P. Carlson and Vice Grand L. Baughman. They partook of delicious food and sparkling wine and listened to short and interesting speeches and had a joyful time of it.

About one-half of the "Columbian Guard," the fine body of men who will do police duty at the World's fair, on the grounds are Odd

C. O. Farnsworth of Salt Lake City was appointed by the grand lodge to secure transportation rates and hotel rates for all Odd Fellows who desire to be in Chicago on Odd Fellows day, which is Monday, September 25. The rates secured will be for lodges and Beatrice lodge, No. 19, installed its new

officers-elect Tuesday evening at the lodge rooms in the Nebraska National bank build-ing as follows: Noble grand, W. W. Scott; vice grand, W. L. Rogers; secretary, M. B. Davis; financial secretary, T. V. Rhodes; treasurer, R. C. Davis; warden, L. W. Pitt; conductor, E. Kravis; warden, L. W. Pitt; treasurer, R. C. Davis; warden, L. W. Pitt; conductor, E. Knoering; outside guardian, A. J. Van Buskirk; inside guardian, H. C. Stoll; right support noble grand, A. L. Snow; left support noble grand, S. W. Locke; right support vice grand, C. B. Sperry; left support vice grand, Sam Eccles. Following the installation an enjoyable banquet was partaken of by the lodge in its dining hall. A number of brothers were present from DeWitt and else. brothers were present from DeWitt and else

iday evening District Deputy Grand Master F. B. Bryant of Omaha lodge No. 2 installed the newly elected officers of State Lodge No. 10 of this city. The officers installed are: George L. Edwards, N. G.; George C. Vallen, V. G.; P. Venstrand, sectors George C. Valien, V. G.; P. Venstrand, secretary; H. Jackson, treasurer; D. Hartson, R. S. N. G.; L. Demoratsky, L. S. N. G.; W. Gieselman,; W. E. Matson, conductor; L. N. Reed, I. G.; W. D. Hamilton, O. G.; Henry Nassy, R. S. S.; J. K. Ludis, R. S. V. G.; T. J. Wilson, L. S. V. G. State lodge is very prosperous and at the present time has a membership of 157, which it is rapidly increasing. reasing. The past week has been a very busy one for Deputy Grand Master Bryant. Monday

night he installed the officers of State lode No. 10. Tuesday night Keystone No. 155 Thursday night Hesperian encampment No. 2 and last night Omaha lodge No. 2. Mon-day night he will install the officers of South Omaha lodge No. 148. Hesperian encampment No. 2 is climbing

the ladder of prosperity very rapidly. The membership is on the increase, twenty-two candidates being initiated at Thursday

candidates being initiated at Thursday evening's meeting.
Friday evening District Deputy Grand Master L. G. Berdrow installed the officers of Harmony lodge No. 31, of David City. The officers are as follows: J. W. Marecheck, noble grand; W. C. Beil, vice grand; E. B. Taylor, recording secretary; L. G. Berdrow, financial secretary; John Harper, treasurer: P. C. Martin, inner guard; J. P. Becker, outer guard.

Otoe council No. 159 of Nebraska City recently elected officers and Thursday evening installed them. They are as follows: Charles W. Walters, regent; L. Levi, vice regent; William Wilhelmy, orator; David Brown, secretary; R. H. Miller, collector; H. N. Shumann, treasurer; Rev. J. B. Green, chaplain; C. A. Brandt, guide; H. Bachler, warden; C. Anderson, sentry; G. W. Hawke, W. F. N. Houser and D. MacCuaig, trustees; R. H. Miller, representative to the grand council; F. P. Ireland, alternate to the grand The social feature of the public installa

The social feature of the public installation of officers of Knoxall council of South Omaha Wednesslay evening, came near overshadowing the interesting installation ceremonies. The hall was filled to overflowing with visitors, including a large number from Omaha, and all enjoyed the excellent program presented for their entertainment. The installation ceremonies were in charge of Denuty Supreme Revent A. P. Brink. The installation ceremonies were in charge of Deputy Supreme Regent A. P. Brink, who courteously turned the work over to Past Grand Regent John S. Knox, for whom Knoxall council was named, Deputy Supreme Regent Bronson of Brooklyn, who, is in the city for the purpose of organizing a state grand council, was also present. Union Pacific council of Omaha was well represented and took as active. present. Union Pacific council of Omaha was well represented and took an active part in the ceremonics under the leadership of Regent Sheldon. A banquet and informal social closed one of the best conducted and most pleasant social events of the season. The officers installed were: Regent H. J. Reiser; vice regent J. C. Carley, orator, W. H. Goodman past regent, J. L. Martin; secretary, C. S. Mullen; collector, T. G. Lauer; treasurer, J. W. Sipe; chaplain, M. G. Zerbe; guide, Willis Berger; warden, L. T. Martin; sentinel, J. R. Lee; trustee, F. A. Broadwell.

Modern Woodmen of America For a yearling Howells camp, No. 1274, is the best exhibited so far and will probably bear away the red ribbon. It has a member-

ship of twenty-six and is rapidly increasing ship of twenty-six and is rapidly increasing that number. The annual election of officers recently held resulted as follows: J. H. Mechling, consul; Thomas Walker, adviser; F. J. Busch, banker; James Kavan, clerk; Adolph Diels, escort; N. H. Wilber, physician; Emil Brodecky, watchman; Fritz Lindner, sentry; J. W. Johnson, trustee; Thomas Walker, delegate to head camp. Fritz Busch was the only officer re-elected to his old position. Tuesday evening, January 10, the officers will be installed.

Clay Center camp recently elected, the fel-

10, the officers will be installed.
Clay Center camp recently elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. A. Ward, venerable consul; S. R. Barnett, worthy adviser; Frazer Trozel, clerk; J. O. Barnett, excellent banker; A. C. Wintermute, escort; O. P. Shoemaker, physician; C. A. Elwood, watchman; George Schwingle, sentry; J. F. Oxley, manager; W. A. Ward, delegate.

Monday evening at a well attended meeting of Platte Valley camp No. 465 the following were selected as officers for the coming term; F. H. Kolm, venerable consul; Dr. Woods, worthy adviser; F. E. Miller, clerk; M. D. Cameron, banker; F. E. Dudek, sentinel; A. Code, watchman; E. Lamhofer, manager. Order of Scottish Clans.

Clan Gordon No. 63 installed the following officers at the last meeting: Chief, Thomas Falconer; tanist, F. H. Cantlie; chaplain, W. Liddell; secretary, William Ross; financial secretary, W. W. Milne; treasurer, Thomas Meldrumg; senior hench, H. M. Murray; junior hench, F. Malcolm; seneschal, R. W. Shewan; warder, R. S. Beath: sentinel, William Chapman: piper, David McKenzie; standard bearer, William Hampton; physician, R. McDonald, M. D.

David S. Lees and James Bowie were also initiated members of the order. The social committee is very busy making arrangements for the usual grand concert and ball, in celebration of the 134th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, to be held at the Washington hall, Wednesday evening, January 25. No expense will be spared as it is the object of the clan to make the evening one for the enjoyment of the Omaha Scotch people and their friends. A truly Scottish program is being filled, which will consist of songs, dear to the memory of the immortal band, and memory of the immortal bard, and recitations. After the concert will be a supper, and the rest of the evening will be spent in dancing, during which Sootch selections will be given on

National Union.

Monday evening the members of Omaha Council No. 449 publicly installed the newly elected officers in the rooms in THE BER building. A large number of friends of the members were present, and included many

Tables were placed in the main room, and card playing was indulged in until a tar President Brush's mallet called for attention, and the officers were ordered to their stations. Then followed the installa-tion. All the new officers were seated in a semi-circle facing the president, who stood behind his station, which was draped with the stars and stripes. The altar in the cen-ter of the room was likewise draped with a twenty foot flag. Having everything in readiness the president informed Deputy Maynard, who administered the oath and duly installed the new officers in an impres-sive manner. After the solemn ceremony the members and guests betook themselves to the adjoining banquet room, where re-freshments were served. Supper over, card playing was resumed, and a happier, jollier crowd never graced the halls of Omaha, The hands of the big clock stole stealthily toward 12 before the party broke up, and the good time was at an end. good time was at an end

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