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Red Cloud Chapter No. 19, R. A. M., stated convocations Wednesday on or before the full moon, and two weeks following. E. B. Fulton, H. P. W. C. Picking, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.

Red Cloud Lodge No. 64, I. O. O. F. meets every Saturday evening at Odd Fellows Hall. Transient brothers cordially invited. Eoy Hutchinson, N. G. Wm. Parkes, Secretary.

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Webster Encampment No. 25, I. O. O. F., meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at I. O. O. F. Hall. T. D. Hummell, C. P. W. B. Doty, Scribe.

K. of P

Cathalite Lodge No. 29, K. of P., meets first and third Tuesday of each month, at Masonic Hall. F. Bradbrook, C. C., A. C. Hosmer, K. R. S.

S. of V.

H. S. Kaley Camp No. 2, S. of V., meets first and third Saturday of each month at Masonic Hall. F. L. Spanogle, Captain, Henry Ludlow, Orderly Sergeant.

A. O. U. W.

Red Cloud Lodge No. 99, A. O. U. W., meets Saturday on or before full moon and two weeks thereafter at Masonic Hall. E. E. Highland, Master Workman, H. W. Brewer, Recorder.

G. A. R.

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W. R. C.

The Woman's Relief Corps meets Monday on or before the full moon and the second Monday thereafter, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Mrs. L. F. Knight, President, Mrs. E. M. Ferman, Secretary.

K. of L.

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Cattle Raising on the Plains

During the winter of 1871 and 1872 I engaged in the handling of Texas cattle in the semi-arid belt of Kansas. I had provided no feed for my stock. I knew that cattle could and did winter on the plains far north and west of where I was, but I did not know that there was a difference in the nutritious qualities of the different prairie grasses. I did not understand the peculiarities of the climate of the semi-arid belt, nor the effects of rain falling on dead grass. Stupid of me, of course, but I had plenty of company. My neighbors were bright Germans, intelligent Englishmen, and keen Americans from almost every State in the Union. We were a hopeful band, young, strong, and eager. When we gathered into our wretched hovels o' nights, and the pipes were glowing, our talk was of cattle, cattle, cattle. The sales of steers off the range at six cents per pound, live weight, made the previous spring, were strongly dwelt upon. I was repeatedly assured that the Kansas winters were so mild that I would not need a coat. The height the new prairie grass would surely be on the 1st of March was measured on table legs by outstretched and dirty index fingers for my instruction and encouragement. There was not one of all the band of eager men who rode the Kansas plains in those days who did not firmly believe that our fortunes were made. The country was full of cattle. November came in with a blizzard, and, with slight interruptions, kindly allowed by Nature for the purpose of affording us opportunities to skin dead cattle, the blizzard lasted until March, and the cold, stormy weather for two months longer. There was no new grass until the middle of May. In all the Texas herds held in Kansas the losses were heavy. Hardly a herd lost less than 20 per cent, and 60, 70, and 80 per cent losses were common. In spring we learned that great herds of heavy beef cattle, held on the Smoky, Cottonwood, and Arkansas rivers, had been frozen on the range, and that the Texans had saddled their horses and gone home. The creeks were dammed with the decaying carcasses of cattle. The air was heavy with the stench of decaying animals. The cruelties of the business of starving cattle to death were vividly impressed on me. Every wagon sent from the cattle ranges to the railroad towns was loaded with hides. The next summer, bankruptcy stalked over the Kansas plains and struck men down. Our trouble was that none of us knew that the tall blue joint grass was worthless for winter feed unless it were made into hay, none of us knew that the fall rains had washed the nutriment out of it, and none of us knew that about once in ten years there is a hard winter in the far West, during which the mercury modestly retires into the bulb of the thermometer, and blizzard chases blizzard over the plains in quick succession. Some of us learned the lesson at once, others, who claimed that the cattle needed protection, not food, erected sheds, which proved to be death-traps, the cattle "stacking" under them during cold weather, and tried it again, and went into bankruptcy promptly after the second venture. As it was in Kansas, so it is, in a less degree, in the so-called "cattle country." A wet autumn, followed by a hard winter, kills the cattle held on Northern ranges by the thousand. *Frank Wilkeson, in Harper's Magazine for April.*

Our Ex-Presidents.

The Dexter referred some time ago to the young man who is one day to be President of the United States, and the desirability of his fitting himself for this position. But on reflection the subject assumes a graver aspect. What the young man ought to be thinking of is his ability to become an ex-President. Anybody can be President who gets votes enough; the ability to get the votes is quite distinct from the qualifications to fill the office. And when a man is in, thanks to the excellence of our machinery, he cannot do much injury in four years, except to himself and his party. Moderate ability will carry him through respectably. But it requires a great man to be a successful ex-President. The office of President is a very exalted one. And when the man lays it down and retires and stands alone, and people compare him with the position he has just left, he must have very large proportions to stand the comparison. This aspect of the case has not been enough considered. Men are very anxious to get the office, and their friends push them for it, without thinking of the figure the successful man may make when his term is over. The fact is that in the contrast he may appear much more insignificant than if he had remained in private life. There has been a great deal of talk lately about giving the ex-Presidents a pension in order to place them in a position of dignity, and enable them to maintain something of the state the people have been accustomed to see them in. It has been often remarked that a king out of business becomes an object of compassion, even if he has invested money in foreign funds. Nothing but the possession of great qualities can save him from contempt. It is so with an ex-President. The practical suggestion to be made, therefore, is that the young man to whom we have alluded should so bestir himself to be an ex-President. If he can not attain the character and the qualities needed for that, he may be sure that the office of President will be but a hollow satisfaction.—*Charles Dudley Warner, in Harper's Magazine for April.*

"Rocus" is a new word lately added to the Texan language, and signifies a lively time of the Donnybrook Fair variety.