

H. A. CHENEY GRAND MASTER

The Masonic Grand Lodge
in Session at Omaha
Elect Officers.

BANQUET AT THE TEMPLE
COVERS FOR SEVENTY-FIVE

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State of Nebraska and the
Membership 17,886

OMAHA, June 8.—H. A. Cheney, Creighton, grand master; Henry Gibbons, Kearney, deputy grand master; James R. Cain, jr. Stella, grand senior warden; Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow, grand junior warden.

These were elected at the thirty-third annual election of grand officers of the A. F. & A. M., which was held Wednesday morning at the Masonic Temple with 500 present.

The Nebraska veterans of Free Masons held their banquet at the temple Tuesday afternoon with covers laid for seventy-five. Judge M. R. Hopewell, president, presided at the dinner. Toasts were responded to informally by Judge J. S. Davidson, J. H. Ehrhart, Rev. T. C. Mackay and others. The meeting Tuesday afternoon opened at 2 o'clock with the regular business of the order.

The convention will adjourn Thursday afternoon.

There are now 244 Masonic lodges in Nebraska and delegates from nearly every one are represented in Omaha today. The entire Nebraska membership has reached 17,886 which shows an increase during the last year of 767.

New Mascot for Team.

The Red Sox won't have any trouble at all in putting up the winning article of ball Sunday for it will be their first game with their new mascot, an English bull terrier, which High Mogul Brantner purchased at Council Bluffs the other day. The dog is a close relation, either a half brother or a brother-in-law of the one owned by Billy Egenberger and the animals look very much alike. The pup has only seen eight pay days, consequently he is only about half the size he will be when he becomes of age, and will have to grow some to catch up with his bet. He has a hair-lip expression on his countenance and two protruding ivory tusks that would hardly make a tramp safe on top of a six-foot fence. His owner has not announced what it will be christened.

GREENWOOD TO HAVE A COMMERCIAL CLUB

Salt Creek Town Falls in Line
After Pattern of Other
County Cities.

The question of organizing a Commercial club at Greenwood, which has been agitated some time by many of the progressive business men of that city, was finally threshed over Monday evening at a meeting held at the store of the Stone Mercantile company and a definite conclusion was reached on the proposition, which shows the general attitude of the merchants towards making Greenwood a city of boosters. Practically every business man in town was represented and those present were enthusiastically in favor of such an organization being perfected.

The men present were anxious to have no time wasted in getting the club under way as there are a number of matters that may well fall under the jurisdiction of the boosters this spring and, in order that the ball might be started rolling at once, a temporary organization was made for the transaction of business. The officers chosen for the time being were W. E. Pailing, president; Edwin Metcalf, secretary; L. H. Daft, treasurer. Following the election of officers, a committee was appointed by the chairman to draft constitution and by-laws, with the instruction to report at the next meeting, which was set for Monday evening, June 13.

The progressive spirit shown by the Salt Creek town is well in keeping with Cass county and Greenwood's neighboring cities which have clubs that are of the most beneficial nature to the communities. A number of suggestions were offered at the first meeting of the club, which, if taken up and put through systematically, will work for the betterment of the town and surrounding territory.

TORE THEMSELVES AWAY.

It Was Hard For the Audience to Leave
After the Lecture.

"One of my most surprising experiences," said a lecturer, "was a comparatively small thing that has left an unforgettable impression. It occurred in a small town hall that had just been refurnished and redecorated. The seats were of that collapsible wooden kind with leather bottoms, and they had all been freshly and neatly varnished.

"So far as I could judge from the lecture platform, my remarks went off excellently. The audience was attentive, and when I had finished there was the usual applause that sometimes leaves a lecturer wondering whether the audience is pleased with the lecture or is just expressing its satisfaction that the infliction is over. I was about to leave the platform when I was surprised to notice that the audience was still seated.

"I stood and looked at them, and they sat and looked at me. It was a small hall, and there were only a dozen or so rows of seats immediately in front of me. I could see the faces of all the people, and the expressions puzzled me. In fact, each face wore almost the same expression of surprise, astonishment and indignation. Here and there one of them would start to get up and then change his mind and remain, thinking it over. They seemed to be waiting.

"Then it dawned on me. The seats! They had been newly varnished, and my entire audience was stuck to them. I began to wonder whether I should have to call for the janitor and pry them off one after another.

"Fortunately one man, sitting in the front row, had the courage to meet the situation. He drew himself together, made a mighty effort and rose suddenly to his feet. The thing happened just as everybody had expected. There was a tearing sound as he left the varnish, but he was on his feet and had set an example that the rest felt they must follow or remain there forever.

"I went to the edge of the platform.

"'Ladies and gentlemen,' said I, 'shall I begin another lecture?'

"Apparently the threat and the successful escape of that one determined man inspired the others. There followed a succession of reports, like a line of infantrymen firing their guns one after another, and then the audience was on its feet and moving toward the entrances. But the expression with which most of them looked back at those newly varnished chairs was something to remember."—Youth's Companion.

Sardinia.

That large Italian island Sardinia still belongs to the middle ages. It is hard to believe that Sardinia, known to the ancient Romans as the granary of the empire and its mineral treasure house, should so recently as 1838 have been entirely without roads. The beautiful highways over which, in Augustin days, golden harvests had been wheeled to the coast had been lost since the fall of the empire. Even feudalism retained its hold on the life of the Sardinians till 1856. Pestilence due to neglected soil and undrained swamps has no doubt helped to retard the return to civilization of the island which gave the crown to King Victor's house.—London Chronicle.

A Plant Watering Scheme.

Persons engaged in rearing household plants are often in a quandary when it is desired to leave the house temporarily without neglecting the plants. An arrangement can be readily rigged up so that the necessary water will be supplied to the soil automatically. Take a bowl of water and raise it well above the level of the plant to be watered by means of a box or a pile of books. Twist several strands of common darning wool together to form a long thread and soak them in the water. If one end be hung over the bowl and the other end left in the water a steady drip-drip will commence and continue until the bowl is empty.—London Globe.

Education and Efficiency.

Nowhere for many years continuously has the education machine worked more untiringly than in London. Yet of the skilled labor of London two-thirds is done by men and women from the provinces, while seven out of every ten dock laborers and 80 or 90 per cent of those who seek refuge in night shelters are London born and bred. What does this mean? Is it merely the fierce competition caused by the compelling attraction of London, with its glitter of wages, or does it prove some fatal weakness in the London schools?—London Saturday Review.

COMMITTEE OF THE RED MEN IN SESSION

Develop Plans for the Celebration of the Fourth of July.

WILL HAVE BIG PARADE OF SHOPS, LODGES, MERCHANTS

Every Event and Concession to be Strictly Clean, Moral and Refined.

(From Thursday's Daily)

The Fourth of July committee of the Red men consisting of William Gravett, Anton Koubeck, J. E. McDaniel, and William Heinrichs, met at the Red Men parlors last evening and discussed the coming celebration of Independence day. The ruling sentiment of the evening was that the festivities be arranged to meet the satisfaction of the most fastidious and to make something doing for the old, the young and all, no matter whether they be Swedes, Germans or Yankees, and that the money making side of the entire affair be reserved for Plattsburgh people as far as possible. They do not intend to have the streets filled with refreshment stands and eating parlors of traveling companies that generally flock around such events like moth-millers around a gas lamp, but they will endeavor to see that the local merchants reap the benefits of the day and that the money is kept at home. The meeting last evening was called to order by Chairman McDaniel, the first business coming before the body, being that of arranging for the day's music. It was about decided to secure the Modern Woodmen band of twenty pieces to play from early morn till nine o'clock in the evening and to be there with the goods for all the big events of the day. A report from Heinrichs was given concerning a merry-go-round for amusement of the younger ones, and incidentally some of the older ones who have to see their offspring are given a safe journey on the revolving jigger. The Tulene brothers expect to have their patent machine in working order by that date and it will be put into operation for the first time on the streets of Plattsburgh, probably put up the Saturday before the Fourth.

A report from the committee appointed for the purpose, assured the enterprising members that they could secure exclusive rights of the streets and would undoubtedly receive the support and good faith of the city council. The manager of the base ball association has been interviewed and two base ball games will be scheduled with big teams, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The M. W. A. band will escort the teams part way to the grounds, but on account of the long distance, they will not proceed all the way to the park.

In order that the young folks may have their hand in the celebration a committee of O. P. Monroe and Roy Taylor was appointed to prepare contests and secure prizes for children's egg races, sack races and any number of amusements. Heinrichs and Grimes were named as high sports in the ring committee, to line up a good wrestling bout and boxing exhibition, so the Cass County pug will not have to travel half way across the country to see the Jeffries-Johnson mill. The amusement company proposition has not been definitely settled as yet. Emil Walters was in Council Bluffs last night, making negotiations with the Parker Amusement Company No. 1 and correspondence is being carried on with other concerns, so there is a certainty of having plenty to do along that line.

One of the most important proceedings of the meeting was the decision of the committee to have a big parade during the morning hours of the the Nation's birthday and Gravett, Luschinsky and Budig were named to arrange the details of the procession. It is the intention of the promoters to have every department of the Burlington shops, every merchant of the city, and every order in the county represented in the parade and they have made it worth while to compete in the event by putting up \$45 in prizes for the winners, the sum to be divided in denominations of \$25, \$15 and \$5. The boys are going to plan for a big turn out on the streets and it is safe to say they will have it too

Henry Stull, J. W. Lowther and Chas. Truman were appointed to work out the Haymaker float, and J. C. York, Emil Walters and Ben Rainey to make Plans for the Red Men float.

For the gentler sex, a grand ball is scheduled for Coates Hall, with dancing from nine p. m. until 1 a. m. The hall has been rented for the night and good music can be banked on. The committee discussed the advisability of leasing the ferry for the day in order that the Iowa people might be transported across the river gratis. So far as can be learned, none of the neighboring towns on the Iowa side expect to celebrate the day and if the weather is favorable, the ferry barge will be kept busy all day. Traps artists are on the minds of the boosters and a few thrillers will be on the bills to stir up the blood of the excitement seekers.

For the formulating of plans and for the hearing of the different reports a meeting of the various committees was called for the coming Saturday evening when the concession arrangements will be taken up in detail and the rules and restrictions made out. The advisability of having public fire works, probably on the sand bar will be brought up and other matters settled. The Red Men, about 250 strong, are giving the public to understand that the celebration is to be a perfectly clean and moral one with no gambling or questionable concessions and that the strictest order will be preserved during the entire day. The boys will later print large placards and posters to place conspicuously in this city and every town in the county. A few weeks before the Fourth, the Redmen in costume will make a tour of the neighboring towns in autos stirring up enthusiasm which will make the celebration the biggest event the town has ever seen. Today the dusks are continuing to circulate their subscription paper among the merchants and when the list is completed it will probably appear in the columns of the local papers. The boys are going into the deal like winners and they are going to come out on top.

Should be Done Away With.

Complaints are reaching The News lately of the vulgar habit tolerated in the business section of expectorating on the sidewalks. It is a practice covered by an ordinance which imposes fine for the offense and if the law were enforced it would roll an inconsiderable sum into the city coffers that would make a sum large enough to buy a few steamboats for the Missouri. Yesterday afternoon one of the refined women of the city just missed a deluge of star plug as she was proceeding to the postoffice, which was only one occasion of the insult thrown upon the ladies of the community by the curb stone canaries. It is a disgrace that can be easily overcome; the ordinance stands upon the books of the city. Why not enforce it?

Improvement at Depot.

Quite a noteworthy improvement is to be made this week at the Burlington depot in this city. The wooden floor of the baggage room is to be torn up and replaced by a permanent one of Burlington paving brick. At present there is a four-foot excavation under that portion of the building which will be filled in with fine stone dust, a car of which is now on the side track for that purpose. The brick for the work has arrived and as soon as the bridge and building crew finish up a little job at the shops the work will start at the station. The new work at the depot shows that the road is keeping up its local buildings in the most up-to-the-minute fashion and is willing to go to a little extra expense in making the details of the structure as near perfect as possible.

Who Belongs to the Cow?

P. M. Nord, who takes care of a herd of gentle bovines on his patch of ground near Oreapolis is trying to figure out who a certain Jersey cow belongs to which he has been taking care of since last December. The animal, a dark Jersey heifer, was brought to his place a short time before Christmas and as he was away at the time, she was left in his lot. Since the cow made its appearance on the farm she has added another to the herd and still the owner has neither shown up to recompense Mr. Nord for its care nor to claim the beast. He is now beginning to hink the Jersey was presented to him as a Christmas gift, but even at that, he would like to be able to thank someone.

Bellevue Graduation Exercises.

A party of Plattsburgh people left this morning for Bellevue college where they will witness the graduation exercises of that institution. In the class of about thirty graduates are two Plattsburgh students, Miss Florence Baird and Oscar Larson, who have been preparing themselves in the teachers course. Larson spent two years of his course in the engineering department, but the latter part of his time he devoted to specializing in teachers' work. The people leaving this morning for the big year-end ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Farley and family, Mrs. J. C. Baird and daughters, Mrs. W. H. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Larson and daughter Mrs. R. A. Foster.

Soldiers to Alaska.

Thirty officers and 582 men of the Sixteenth infantry will leave Fort Crook on June 15 for Seattle, Wash., where they will sail on transports for Alaska. The trip will be made over the Burlington to Denver, and from there over the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, Oregon Railway and Navigation company and Oregon & Washington. The Fourth Infantry is on its way from the Philippines to succeed the Sixteenth infantry at Fort Crook.

Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral services of the late William F. Leuchtweis will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of the deceased's mother Mrs. Geo. Shegan on North Eighth street. The funeral sermon will be given by Rev. W. L. Austin, the Methodist minister. The nearby relatives of the late Mr. Leuchtweis will be in the city to attend the final rites and interment will be made in the local cemetery.

Artery Gashed.

William Wurga received an injury at the shops this morning while trimming down an S wrench in the blacksmith shop. A sharp piece of steel flew from the machinery, striking him on the left wrist penetrating an artery. He hurried to the company physician who staunches the flow of blood and covered gash with heavy bandages. The wound was no large one, but the man was somewhat weakened by the loss of blood.

The local aerie of Eagles, No. 365 is today putting out the tickets for "The Boys in Blue" which will be given under their auspices Saturday evening, June 18, at the Parnell theatre. The reserved seat sale opens June 16 at the Riley hotel and the admission for the performance has been placed at 15c. The promoters assure the public that the show will be true to the name of the order—it will be a bird.

William Robertson returned this morning from Fort Morgan, Colo., to which place he went Monday afternoon to act as best man at the Henderson-White nuptials, the groom being a fraternity brother of Robertson's. There was a good sized party of Plattsburgh people at the ceremony, including Miss Clara Dovey, Mrs. John Donelan and daughter, Margaret, and Miss Verna Leonard.

The Wednesday night prayer meeting at the Methodist church is having an increased attendance at nearly every session, the number now running between fifty and seventy-five. Much interest is being manifested in them and the religious workers are well pleased with the outlook.

Elves Jones and wife departed this morning for Simpson, Kansas where they will help care for their grandson, Allan, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Sayles, who is very sick at his home.

Mrs. J. W. Mickelwait of Glenwood was in town between trains this morning enroute from her home at Auburn where she has been making a few days visit.

Mr. South, who was hurt in yesterday's railway accident, was R. J. and not Thomas South as first reported.

Mrs. Chas. Ulrich and two daughters went up to Omaha this morning to spend a few hours with a nephew who is confined in a hospital at that city.

MELEE ON THE MAIN STREET

Officers Stopped Mix-Up Last Night Near Riley Hotel.

AGGRESSOR FINED FIVE AND COSTS

Hello Man and Curry Comb Artist Made Some Excitement for Short While.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

A somewhat dramatic fracas occurred on Main street rather late last evening when Johnny Jones helped out the local street cleaning force by mopping up a portion of the principal thoroughfare, using for the purpose one E. S. Harvey, who evidently did not enter into the spirit of the cleaning escapade, and objected strenuously to the treatment he was given. As usual there was a woman in the case, and over the fair feminine, was the whole affair started. In police court this morning, Jones admitted that he had taken a drag or two from the amber colored bottle that might have had some effect on the pugilistic tendency of his dukes, but nevertheless, he was under the impression today that Harvey had put his nose in where the directions did not call for it. The general outbreak of hostilities happened at the corner of Main and Seventh, when Jones decided to take a poke or two at his friend Harvey. The latter was not especially smitten with that neighborhood and withdrew his force post-haste, but he was overtaken at the Riley corner by his pursuer who climbed his framework and was proceeding to deal out a bunch of nose warmers when the night police force arrived and restored the peace of the vicinity by their general appearance. But Big Chief Rainey had to be summoned to exercise the hand of the law by roping in the aggressor. This, however, was not done as easily as it reads, for Johnny did the disappearing act by crawling up in the hay mow of Martin's barn from which establishment he received his pension but Rainey was hot on his trail and soon had him out of his hidingplace and on the way to the strong house where he had time to think it over until this morning when he was hauled before Judge Archer to tell his honor what he knew about fighting and using profane language.

He seemed to be well posted on details and admitted he had been the big noise in the mix-up for which the law presented him with a prescription of five bones and frog-leg trimmings. This Johnny decided to lay out and he is now entered as a week's boarder at the Manspaker apartment house.

Harvey, a newcomer in the city, who depends upon the Nebraska Telephone company for his pretzels and makin's, made an invoice of the remains and found himself minus one three-buck Stetson and a Waterman, which he has jotted down in his profit and loss column, making his account balance for the experience and knowledge he got out of the excitement.

Increase in Pension.

Word was received today of the increase in pension from \$30 to \$50 a month of L. H. Karnes of this city on account of his almost total blindness. The increase of \$20 is to date from April 20, when the application for the raise was made by Judge Archer. The condition of Mr. Karnes' eyes is quite a serious one, for, with the effects of many winters on his shoulders, it is not expected that he will ever regain his lost sight.

A. D. Despain and two sisters, Mrs. R. D. Thompson and Mrs. R. B. Swarthout departed this morning for Concordia, Kas., to be present at the graduation exercises of Miss Helen Swarthout, who is finishing her senior year at an academy in that city. They will remain there for a day or two before returning home.

Mrs. James Kohoutek and Timothy Kohoutek are spending the day in Omaha, going up on the early Burlington train.

Miss Florence McElroy, daughter of Frank McElroy, arrived in the city last evening from Lincoln to spend a short visit with her parents.

P. J. Wheeler and sister, Miss Lillian, who reside about six miles south of the city, started out this morning for a brief Omaha visit with friends.