

THE MASONIC HOME LOCATED IN THIS CITY

How the Location Was Selected and Those Who Were Instrumental in Bringing it Here.

The following in reference to the Masonic home is taken from an extensive write-up on Freemasonry in Nebraska in the Sunday edition of the Omaha Bee: For the first time in a number of years the grand master of Nebraska Freemasonry is a resident of Omaha, the master chosen at the last session of the grand lodge being William A. DeBord. Omaha has been the home of a large number of past masters of the organization, the oldest past master now being D. H. Wheeler, who, however, was not a resident of the city at the time he was at the head of the organization.

At the last session of the grand lodge memorial services were held in honor of one of the most distinguished Masons of the present generation, a former grand master and resident of Omaha, Hon. George W. Linsinger—the "father" of the Masonic home of the state and one of the most earnest students of Masonry in the world.

Past Grand Master Linsinger was one of the men who early saw that the work of the order in Nebraska should be along the lines of that adopted in Great Britain if it were to meet that degree of success which its objects warrant. Previous to the evolution of the idea of the Masonic home the various lodges of state and the individual members had done much in the way of organized relief of distressed brothers and their families, but, with the exception of an inter-lodge relief committee maintained in Omaha for a number of years, there was no especially organized effort toward relieving members and their families.

Beginnings of the Home.

A number of the brethren, as early as 1866, started the movement for the education of the orphans of Masons. Donations received that year were from Jonathan N. Wise of Plattsmouth, O. P. Irish and J. N. H. Patrick. This fund of \$30 was the nucleus around which grew the fund which resulted in the purchase and maintenance of the Masonic home, but the establishment of a home was at that time no part of the idea of the donors. The next money to be received by the fund was a donation by Champion S. Chase of \$10.50, the next year. This fund grew until 1887, when the suggestion of a Masonic home was first made. In 1888 a corporation was organized to carry out the object, and Mr. Linsinger was elected president. When it came to locating

the home, Omaha was the choice of the holders of 134 shares; Plattsmouth received twenty-one votes and York six. The matter rested in this condition for several years and it was not until 1903 that the home was finally established. In all of these years Mr. Linsinger worked early and late to keep interests alive. On his visits to Europe he studied methods and systems and never permitted the interest to decline.

However, all of the work of Past Grand Master Linsinger would not have availed to establish the home as it now exists with the money at hand had it not been for Francis E. White, the present grand secretary of the order. Mr. White was one of the pioneer residents of Plattsmouth and had built a home for his family at that place, which was one of the largest houses in the town. It was surrounded by large grounds and located in one of the most beautiful building sites in the city. Upon Mr. White's election as grand secretary of the order he found it advisable to move to Omaha to reside and his residence at Plattsmouth was offered to the grand lodge as a Masonic home for about one-third of what the ground and building had originally cost. It took the grand lodge but a short time to decide that the offer should be accepted and under its instructions the Home was formally opened by the grand lodge September 1, 1903. Mr. Linsinger's name will always be connected with the Masonic Home and in his will he gave largely to its funds.

Running Expenses.

The running expenses of the home are secured by annual dues paid by each member of the lodge in the state, and this is the only fund for relief purposes which is raised by a law of the order; for, as has been frequently remarked, "Masonry is an institution peculiar unto itself. It follows none, patterns after none and competes with none." For this reason the order shuns publicity. The most genial fellows on earth will hold festive meetings from time to time. The flow of wit and honor; the height and depth of sentiment; the scintillations of the finest oratory are spread for the edification of the brethren, and aside from those assembled brethren none are the wiser. Literature, lecturers, philosophers, poets, all vie with each other in presenting to their fellows without money and without price products of their mind which the world believes itself fortunate to purchase at any figure.

CASS COUNTY BALL LEAGUE

Alvo and Eagle Win on the Opening Day

The Cass county baseball league opened the season Saturday afternoon with games at Wabash, Weeping Water and Alvo. The contest at Wabash was between Wabash and Elmwood the game being called in the ninth inning with score standing 2 to 2. A large crowd and a band accompanied the Elmwood boys to this place. The batteries in the local game were: Wabash, Hulfish and Otto; Elmwood, Clements and Langhorst.

The games at Weeping Water was played between Eagle and Weeping Water and resulted in a victory for Eagle by the score of 11 to 6. Batteries: Eagle, Trumbull and Finley; Weeping Water, Colbert and Dunn.

At Alvo the game was played between the local team and Murdock, the former winning by the score of 3 to 0. Batteries: Alvo, Newkirk and Parcell; Murdock, Phirgham and Phirgham.

Will Visit in the East.

Kern Fogerty and family came in last Saturday from Havelock and visited in the city with relatives over Sunday. Mrs. Fogerty will visit here for some time, while Kern will visit in the east. He departed last evening on the Burlington train for Roanoke, Virginia, where he will visit with his brother, James Fogerty, for a while and also visit at Washington, D. C., as well as other points in the east.

Died Sunday at Omaha

James Fiola, aged 86 years, of Omaha, father of Mrs. John Nemetz, died yesterday at his home of old age. Mr. Fiola has been an invalid for a number of years, and Mr. and Mrs. John Nemetz of this city, had just completed arrangements for the bringing of the parents of Mrs. Nemetz to this city to make their home with them, today. Mrs. Nemetz with the children departed on the morning train for Omaha, and Mr. Nemetz, on the fast mail and will attend the funeral tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Fiola will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Nemetz here.

Passes Away at Advanced Age

Tuesday evening Mrs. Hulda Gorham, passed away at the age of 96 years, after an illness of only a few weeks, at the home of her son, S. C. Gorham at Omaha. Mrs. Gorham was visiting in this city with her granddaughter, Mrs. John Boetal, was taken sick, and later was taken to Omaha, to the home of her son, as above stated. The funeral will probably occur tomorrow afternoon. John Boetal and family were at the bedside of the aged lady when she passed away. Mr. Boetal returned home this morning, and will go back for the funeral.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Tuesday night Mrs. George Craig, living in the Third ward, was stricken with paralysis. The stroke was almost instant and effected the right side of the face and the left side of body—the left hand and foot being almost useless. Mrs. Craig is comparatively a young woman and the stroke was a surprise to her and her friends. She is unable to move the one side or to speak well.

SUGGESTS A SET OF RULES

Iowa Editor Offers Advice to Drivers of Cars

An Iowa editor has recently published a code of rules for motorists, which was reprinted in the current number of the Motor Age. The rules are eight in number and are published below:

- 1—On discovering an approaching team, the motorist must stop and cover his machine with a tarpaulin painted to correspond with the surrounding scenery.
- 2—The speed limit will be secret and the penalty for violation will be \$10 for very mile an offender is caught going in excess of it.
- 3—In case a motor car makes a team run away the penalty shall be \$100 for the first mile the team runs, \$200 for the second mile \$300 for the third, and so on.
- 4—On approaching a corner where he cannot command a view of the road the motorist must stop not less than 100 yards from the turn, and send up three rockets at intervals of 5 minutes.
- 5—Motor cars must be seasonably painted so they will merge with the landscape. They must be green in autumn and white in winter.
- 6—Motor cars running on the country roads at night must send up a red rocket every mile, and wait 10 minutes for the road to clear, then proceed carefully, blowing their horns and shooting Roman candles.
- 7—In case a horse refuses to pass a motor car in spite of all the precautions that have been taken the motorist will take his machine to pieces as rapidly as possible and conceal the parts in the grass.
- 8—In case the roads are dusty the owner of a motor car shall slow down to one mile an hour when approaching a house and send a man ahead with a sprinkler to lay the dust.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS FOR M.P.

The Matter Has Virtually Been Decided in Favor of Wabash

A special from Lincoln, under date of June 22, says: "Though the formal order has not been written, it is a safe guess to say the town of Wabash will shortly have a telegraph operator. Oscar H. Allen of that city complained to the railway commission because the Missouri Pacific had closed its telegraph office there, and the hearing was had this morning, both the chairman of the commission and the attorney for the Missouri Pacific intimating the order would certainly issue. Mr. Talbot, the railroad lawyer, requested the case be held open until next Monday, so that the general attorney might have an opportunity to put in evidence should he see fit, saying as he made the request that he believed the matter would be settled satisfactorily and there would be no reason for the issuance of the order.

"Were I a member of the commission," he said "I know what the order would be, right now."

It was brought out at the hearing that since the office was closed grain which would otherwise have gone over the Missouri Pacific to St. Louis is now going to Omaha and that practically all business over the Missouri Pacific from this point had been suspended.

J. W. Staten, agent and operator at Wabash, testified that while the telegraph office was open his wages amounted to about \$60 a month, but now about \$30 a month. Of this amount he said he usually spent \$12 a month telephoning to the next station to see if the trains were on time. He said he had to do this to accommodate the people of Wabash. "I have written the company about it," he said, "but have received no answer and I have sent in my resignation and asked to be relieved from work, and the company won't answer this request."

More Attractions on the Fourth.

The committee has just completed a contract with the Goff show company for several of their up-to-date performances. Four free attractions will be given during the day, both on the streets and park.

A trapeze performance which is considered the best in the country. It alone will be worth your time to come and see. If the weather conditions will permit, Plattsmouth will have the best celebration she has ever had.

Shorthorn Bull for Sale.

One good yearling shorthorn registered bull for sale. Mark White, Rock Bluffs.

Gave a Dancing Party

The following is taken from the Sunday Lincoln Journal: "Miss Juliette Atwood gave a dancing party Friday night at the Country club for her cousin, Miss Marjorie Agnew. Fifty young people were invited. Miss Zola Delecker came from Omaha for the event. Miss Agnew and her mother, Mrs. Nellie Agnew, will remain in the city with Mrs. S. H. Agnew for several weeks before returning to their home in Los Angeles."

THE DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT

R. D. Jones, a Pioneer Citizen of Cass County, Passes Away.

W. D. Jones received a telegram Sunday morning conveying the sad intelligence of the death of his uncle, R. D. Jones, which occurred at his home, two miles from McMinnville, Tennessee. The telegram did not give any particulars further than that his remains will be conveyed to Broken Bow, Neb., where he had resided for many years, for interment.

The deceased was a pioneer citizen of Cass county, living in an early day near Rock Bluffs, removing from there to Broken Bow, where he has resided a part of the time for a number of years, the other portion living at the place where he died. Mr. Jones was 86 years of age, and was known to many of the old residents of Cass county, and was most highly respected by all who knew him. Mr. W. D. Jones departed this morning for Broken Bow, where the funeral will occur tomorrow afternoon, and interment made beside those of the deceased's wife.

The deceased was greatly attached to his old home in Tennessee, where he thought he enjoyed life better than in the northwest, and was in the habit of dividing his time between the two places. The deceased came to Cass county in 1856.

ARTHUR H. SMITH DIED SUNDAY

Formerly of This City, and Was Member of Masonic Order Here.

Word was received at this place Sunday morning to the effect that Arthur H. Smith, formerly of this place was dead, and rumor had it that he had taken his own life, which later proved to be untrue. Mr. Smith was an operator of exceptional ability, and first came to this place as manager for the grain brokerage firm of McDearmont & Co., of Kansas City, Missouri, nearly four years ago. Here he worked for some time and later for the firm of F. D. Day & Co., and later engaged in business for himself, which he later turned over to his brother-in-law, E. E. Eaton. Going from here to Sioux City, Iowa, he remained there for some time, and then returning to Omaha, where he has been in business for himself for sometime past, and at the time of his death.

The business was in good shape, as reported by his manager at Omaha, N. C. Olseen, who formerly worked at this place as operator for the Edwards-Wood company. Mr. Smith was born at Chelsea, Mass., December 2, 1873, and was in March 1905, united in marriage with Miss Mable Eaton, of this place.

He leaves a wife and one child, an infant son, Norris Arthur Smith here and one or two sisters in Massachusetts. The remains were brought from Omaha this morning and taken to the home of Mrs. Alice Eaton, Mrs. Smith's mother. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. The pall-bearers at train were John Bauer, W. E. Rosencrans, Will Robertson, Will C. Ramsey, John W. Crabill and Emil Weyrick, all members of the lodge here of which Mr. Smith was a member. He was a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security and carried an insurance of \$2,000 payable to Mrs. Smith.

Will Attend National Association

Principal W. G. Brooks of the High school, came in last Saturday from Sidney, where he has been assisting in the normal for his brother, who was to have taken part of the work but could not get there. Professor Brooks departed yesterday for Duluth, where he will stop for a few days, and with his brother F. D. Brooks, superintendent of the schools at Creighton, then they will go to Cleveland where they will attend the National Educational association, and will also take an outing in the east, visiting in Canada and the New England states.

CITY FATHERS IN SESSION MONDAY

Reports of Street Commissioner, Claims Allowed and Sidewalk and Street Matters Looked After During the Session.

With the Mayor absent, and one councilman not present, (W. A. White) J. P. Sattler, the president of the council, called the dads to order, they listened to the roll call and the reading of the minutes, which received the approval of the legislators. The next to demand the attention was a petition, or remonstrance relative, to and growing out of the sidewalk resolution which was introduced at the former meeting asking that a walk be constructed on both sides of Tenth street, north of Washington Ave, signed by Wm. Gingery and others. This went to the streets committee, as had the walk resolution of the meeting before, and time was given for a report on both at the same time, and they were instructed to investigate the matter.

Following was a petition from J. E. McDaniel, asking permission to build an electric light line from the building which he occupies on the corner of Fourth and Main to building No 509, Main street, where he wished to use an electric current for enlarging pictures and other purposes. This was presented by Will C. Ramsey, and allowed by the council without debate. The finance committee reported the payment of the bills following, and on motion of Schulhoff, they were ordered paid as well as the salaries of the councilmen. The chief of police and police judge had no report to offer, and the next on hand was the report of the street commissioner, which showed work done over many portions of the city, and coupled with it was an itemized expense account showing what each particular piece of work had cost, and was as follows:

Grading permanent walk	\$39 55
Filling mud hole	2 10
Sprinkling and cleaning Main St.	24 75
Cleaning sewer and inspecting	3 15
Repair bridge Granite and Chicago Ave	8 40
Lowering tiling	1 75
Work on bridge, Pleasant street	5 43
Draining lot No. 8, block 55	16 80
Repairing tiling, Eighth and Elm streets	3 90
Repairing box culvert, Sixth and Granite	5 35
Repairing box culvert, Eighth and Locust	5 00
Repairing box culvert, Ninth and Granite	3 50
Cleaning crossing and catch basins	28 66
Wm. Gingery, working with civil engineer	9 98
Total	\$158 32

Poll-tax worked out:

B. A. McElwain	\$ 3 00
A. J. Beeson	6 00
H. N. Newton	3 00
Total	\$12 00

The report was given to the streets, allies and bridges committee.

A summons was read from the sheriff, showing that Dr. J. H. Hall has brought suit against the city, growing out of the cleaning out of the stream which runs through the small pasture which he has on Chicago Avenue. The hearing of the case was set for July 27th, with the return day on July 6th. On motion the matter was referred to the city attorney, who was instructed in another motion to look after the interests of the city in the matter.

Then followed the report of the claims committee, which recommended the payment of the following bills, which the council ordered paid:

C. L. Martin, livery	\$ 5 00
Wm. Wehrbein, livery	2 50
J. Waterman, lumber	25 50
Cass county, boarding prisoners	24 80
April	24 80
May	20 20
Total	\$79 00

The streets committee asked for more time on the sidewalk resolution and were given it, and on their recommendation the street commissioner was instructed to repair a culvert near Neuman's place, and one on Main, between 14th and 15th streets, and clear gutters in the Fifth ward.

onic Home for the building of a sewer from the intersection of Seventh street and Washington avenue to the intersection of Washington avenue and Eleventh, and from there to lot number 7 in the block in which Masonic home is located. This was laid upon the table to take its regular turn at the legislative grind. The matter of the street crossing contract was up for discussion. The contract which had, by adoption of the report of the committee, been awarded to Thomas Gaul, the lowest bidder, but as it had not been accepted by the filling of the proper bond for one thousand dollars, a motion prevailed to reconsider the action letting the contract to him, which prevailed. Another motion was entertained rescinding the awarding of the former contract and instructing the judiciary committee, if on proper investigation it could be done legally, to give the contract to H. C. McMaken and Son, whose bid was 24 cents per square foot.

The Fire and Water committee reported the checking up of the reports of the fire company showing them correct and were placed on file. Schulhoff objected to the itemized statements of the street commissioner, as he said it was a hardship on the commissioner to make them. Steinkner stood for the itemized report, as it showed what the money was spent for and anyone ought to know how to make one.

Steinkner wanted a pond filled on Chicago Avenue; some grading between Rock and Marble, on south Sixth street, adjacent to I. S. White's property, in order that he could put in a permanent walk, and grading on Main, between 7th and 8th streets by Richey and Long's places for a five foot walk. The requests were granted. Bookkeeper wanted the weeds cut on Fourth street and around the park before the Fourth of July, in order that the people might get around better. He also wanted the crossing on 11th and Granite fixed, and a big hole filled near J. G. Richey's and Brad White's. This went through; while Schlutz asked for grading near S. E. McElwain's for permanent walk, which was also granted. The grading for permanent walk along the property of F. R. Guthman was reported not to grade, and was referred to the streets committee. Weber wanted a ditch cleaned out, which was ordered. Neuman asked for repairs on avenue A.; also, a hole near, and grading to allow a team to enter alley on First street, between Granite and Marble; a man-hole raised on Third street, which is ten inches under the ground and tiling fixed on Wintenstein hill. This was all allowed. J. M. Vondron wanted the grader run over the avenue, which was ordered. Attention was called to the fact that where the gas company had taken up the brick paving on Sixth street it showed not over one-fourth good brick in lower layer, and that when grading was done there they would have to have more brick. A few sidewalk resolutions were offered and adopted.

Claims Allowed.

George Lindsey, street work	\$11 20
John Bates	11 20
P. S. Harrison	15 24
Clyde Funk	14 36
August Pein	13 14
Claude Smith	17 50
Wm. Gingery	15 93
J. F. Jeams	88
John Harkins	12 25
Frank Sasek	10 68
Frank Kalacek	12 08
Kroehler Bros., merchandise	17 20
R. A. Bates, printing	19 90
J. H. Merriam, engineering	63 00
W. B. Rishel, sprinkling streets	24 75
John Macin, salary	6 25
Lee Cotner	6 25
August Pein	6 25
Peter Evers	6 25
George Mann	6 25
George McDaniel	6 25
John Waterman, lumber	26 50
W. C. Ramsey, expense	1 73
John Wagner, burying horse and dog	2 25
W. C. Ramsey, agent council chamber	19 83
C. L. Martin, livery	5 00
Wm. Wehrbein	2 50
Cass county, boarding prisoners:	
April	24 80
May	20 20
Water Co., April, May and June	600 00