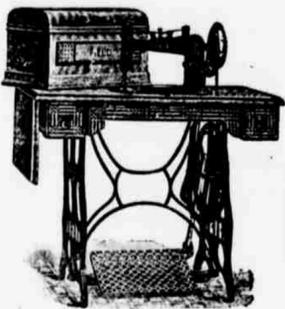




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I. O. O. F. ANNIVERSARY.

Brilliant Celebration of the Event Last Friday Evening.

The Odd Fellows of this city celebrated the eighty-third anniversary of the order Friday night in a most excellent manner, despite the unfavorable climatic conditions.

The members met in their hall at about 7 p. m. From there they marched to the opera house, where a public meeting was held. An interesting program was rendered, consisting of addresses by prominent members of the order, interspersed with music furnished by the John Venuto Italian string band. E. U. Overman delivered the opening address and acted as chairman of the meeting, giving a short history of the lodge of this city, and introducing Judge G. W. Norris, P. G. M., of McCook, who delivered the address of the evening to an appreciative audience.

After the exercises at the opera house the members of the order, with their families or sweethearts, repaired to Potter's new hall, which had been beautifully decorated for this occasion, where a banquet was given and the balance of the evening was spent in amusements of various kinds, and judging from the expressions of those present a most enjoyable time was had.

There were present many prominent visitors from neighboring lodges of the state and from lodges in Kansas.

The Odd Fellows of this city took more than ordinary pleasure in this celebration, as at the opera house they burned the mortgage on their home. They are now entirely free from debt and have a good working membership. They also expect to make an effort at the coming session of the grand lodge to have an Odd Fellows orphan's home established here, which is a movement the citizens of this city should help to further in every possible manner, as it will not only be an ornament to the city, but financially a thing to be desired.

Odd Fellowship has had a steady growth here and this lodge is one of the most prosperous as well as progressive in the state.

Ben Adhem lodge No. 186 is to be congratulated upon its most successful celebration.

Inasmuch as there are perhaps many who are unacquainted with the history of this organization, we have deemed it proper to give a few facts concerning it. The Order of Odd Fellows is a society of men for fraternal purposes; an association of individuals of various creeds and ideas, whose business it is not only to alleviate each other's troubles in cases of necessity, but to cement themselves in the unity of "Friendship, Love and Truth."

There has been much speculation as to the origin of the institution of Odd Fellowship. Some have dated it as far back as Adam, who is said to have laid the foundation stone of the order. Others hold that it existed among the ancient Jewish priesthood, under the leadership of Moses and Aaron. Some have said it was organized in A. D. 55 among the Roman soldiers, and that its present name was suggested by Titus Caesar, who called the brethren Odd Fellows because they knew each other by night as well as by day. But the truth is that the origin of the order is unknown. It has no record or authentic history that extends back much, if any, beyond 1800. Since its introduction into this country it has been so transformed and remodeled that, as it now is, it is really an institution of American growth, and exists nowhere else on earth except where it has been planted and nurtured by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The actual commencement of Odd Fellowship in America was in 1806. The first lodge was opened in old Shakespeare house, or tavern, in Fair street, New York, on the 23d of December, 1806. This lodge continued till 1822, when it became extinct. Washington lodge No. 1 was founded at Baltimore in 1819, from which date the order may be said to have been fairly and successfully commenced in this country.

The order steadily grew until it



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numbers, according to the last report, 1,162,316 members. It is the most numerous fraternity in the world and its marvelous growth is accounted for from its intrinsic excellencies and its peculiar fitness as a minister to the trials and adversities which are inseparable from human life.

"To relieve the distressed, to visit the sick, bury the dead and educate the orphan" are the aims of the order and its entire organization is leaving nothing undone to carry out those benign principles.

Republican Congressional Convention.

The Republicans of the Fifth congressional district of the state of Nebraska are hereby called to meet in convention at the opera house in the city of Hastings, Nebraska, on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, 1902, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of placing in nomination one candidate for congress for the Fifth congressional district, and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before said convention. The basis of representation of the several counties of said district in said convention shall be on the vote cast for: Hon. Samuel H. Sedgwick for judge of the supreme court, at the regular election held on November 5, 1901, one delegate for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof, so cast for said Samuel H. Sedgwick, and one delegate at large for each county. Said apportionment entitles the several counties to the following representation in said convention:

Adams	17	Hall	17
Clay	18	Hayes	17
Chase	4	Hitchcock	8
Dundy	4	Kearney	11
Franklin	1	Nuckolls	11
Frontier	8	Perkins	2
Furnas	12	Phelps	12
Gosper	8	Red Willow	11
Harlan	9	Webster	13

It is recommended that no proxies be allowed in said convention, but that the delegates present cast the full vote of the county represented by them.

J. W. JONES, Chairman.
 ADAM BREDE, Secretary.

Arrested for Illegal Voting.

Sheriff McArthur drove to Bladen Monday to serve a warrant on D. S. Phelps, charged with illegal voting. Mr. Phelps came to this city and on his appearance before Judge Edson took a continuance of thirty days and was released on bond to appear for preliminary examination on May 28. We believe the people who made this complaint are making a serious mistake. While we know little of the merits of this particular case we have heard many rumors concerning it and the case which has already been tried and settled some time ago. When any man or set of men attempt to drive another as good or better than themselves from any community they will find that while they may seemingly be meeting with success at first, there will be a reaction after while which will be anything but pleasant for themselves. It is harmony and a united effort that eventually makes a city out of a small village and not a desire to run down and drive out an energetic and enterprising citizen.

The Portland Special.

Burlington Route trains to the North west change time on May 4. On and after that date the leaving time of the Portland Special, train No. 41, from principal points will be as follows: Leave St. Joseph 8:30 p. m.; Omaha, 11:10 p. m.; Lincoln, 1:05 a. m.; Grand Island, 3:42 a. m.; Broken Bow, 6:04 a. m.; Alliance, 10:35 a. m., arriving at Helena, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle and Portland about as at present.

FABLES.

From the Kansas Mail and Breeze.

A Nebraska steer that had had short picking all winter broke into an alfalfa pasture and for several hours had the time of his life, but after that the green clover began to get action and the steer soon had a bloot on that puffed him up like a balloon. An inexperienced calf passing by the field saw the bloated animal and, taking it for the real thing, stopped to admire. "Look at that fine, big, fat steer," he said. "Would that I could strike a lay-out such as he has." Then an old cow who had had many years of experience, hearing the talk of the young steer, said: "Don't fool yourself, young fellow; if the wind was taken out of yonder animal, what was left would look like a wrinkled hide hung over a rail." Moral: With a great many individuals wind counts for substance.

A Wilsonville hen that was the mother of six chickens was chatting with a neighbor, who, to pass away the time, asked the hen the number in her family. "Twelve," promptly answered the hen. The following day the neighbor saw the hen's flock and after carefully counting them said: "How is this? You told me yesterday that there were twelve in your family, but I can only count six." "Maybe you can only count six," replied the hen, as she commenced on another flower bed, "but you had been raised up in the neighborhood of Billie Morgan and learned his system of figuring, you would have no trouble about seeing twelve chickens in that flock."

The Nebraska sun and a cyclone got into a dispute about their respective powers, for both of them had been reading the old fable of Aesop's about how the sun had done up the wind in a catch-as-catch-can travel on a traveler. The sun blomed about how he had done up the wind on the occasion referred to by Aesop, until finally the cyclone grew weary and said: "I have listened to that ancient chestnut about how the wind could not make the traveler take off his coat, and how the sun made him peel off everything down to his undershirt, about as long as I am going to. If you think you are so many I will just try you a whirl. I don't know much about the wind in Aesop's time, but I think the modern cyclone can show you a few curves that will take the conceit out of you."

And the sun, which was still stuck on itself as a garment remover, accepted the challenge and suggested that they just try a Nebraska man who was going to buy another half ton of coal. Then the cyclone spit on its hands and went after that man, picked him up, tossed him in the air, ripped his coat up the back, tore it off and hung it on a cloud; yanked off his pants and tore them into carpet strips; pulled most of the hair out of his head; broke both legs and tied them in a double bow-knot. When it finally dropped the man over in the township next to that in which he was in when it started in on him, the only thing which he had in the way of raiment was the neckband of his shirt and one hose supporter, which still hung to his lower left limb. "There is your man," said the cyclone as it sauntered away. "If you think you can take more off him than I did I will own up that it is one on me."

Moral: It may be that in an early day the sun could do up the wind, but the orb of light wasn't up against the real thing, as he would be in a contest with a modern cyclone.

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