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I. O. O. F. Home at York Nebraska.

The above cut represents the new Odd Fellow's home located in York, Nebr. For many years the Nebraska Odd Fellows have been looking forward to the time when they might have a home of their own for the less fortunate members of their brotherhood and for the orphans of Odd Fellows, and this year their longings have been brought to pass. The site secured consists of a quarter section of land adjacent to the city of York. The actual cash price paid to the owners was twenty thousand dollars. The property is pleasantly situated and well improved.

This month marks the 90th anniversary of the foundation of the order. On April 29, 1819 Thos. Wildly and five others organized the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the primary object of the institution was to aid and succor the members in times of need. The idea took hold upon thoughtful people and the organization steadily grew until for years it has had more members than any other fraternal organization in the whole world. The one great commendable feature of this order is that it puts into practice the teachings of helpfulness and aid to the distressed.

The first grand lodge in Nebraska was held in Nebraska City, April 27, 1858. Five lodges had been instituted in the territory prior to that date. The Grand lodge report on the condition of the order has this to say:

- Number of lodges 6.
- Number of P. G. 25.
- Number of members 172.
- Number of brothers relieved 2.

Notwithstanding the pioneer life, the civil war and the Indians the fraternity steadily grew in numbers and usefulness. In 1880 there were 3076 members in good standing in the state, and \$1655.53 had been paid for relief while the lodges owned \$47,860.89 worth of property.

The last report of the Nebraska Grand lodge in 1908 for the year ending June 30th, 1908 showed 21,668 members in good standing and \$28,585.75 paid in relief of brothers, widows, orphans and other reliefs.

In 1873 a branch of this fraternity was instituted in this city known as Red Cloud lodge No. 64. This lodge flourished for many years but owing to a complication of causes surrendered its charter to the Grand lodge.

On April 29, 1891, Ben Adhem lodge No. 186 was organized in this city with the following charter members: G. W. Hummel, A. Morhart, H. Skeen, M. W. Dickerson, H. C. Scott, S. E. Cozad, Chas. Potter, A. C. Hosmer, Chas. Schaffnit, A. O. Berg, G. W. Dow, J. A. Tulleys and G. J. Warren. We believe that L. M. Crabill was the first new member initiated. The new lodge weathered the drouths and financial depression but its condition was precarious for several years. In 1897 big Oliver Hedge was made a member and the officers felt that they should be more proficient in the matter of initiation but little if anything was done. Soon after Fred Turnure made a trip to California for the benefit of his health. When he returned he fairly bubbled over with enthusiasm for Odd Fellowship owing to his magnificent treatment by the members in California. He also described the team work in many of the lodges which he had visited while away. The enthusiasm swept the lodge like wild fire and they set to work. And they gained. As an example they ordered \$400 worth of regalia, etc., which was purchased in 60 days time. The total amount was paid at the expiration of the sixty days out of initiations received during the period. The order in this city continued to grow and increase in membership and helpfulness. The little

band of 21 in 1897 now numbers 155 in good standing. This lodge owns the brick building in which the lodge meets and has \$2500 loaned out on first mortgage real estate.

At the last session of the Grand lodge Red Cloud was honored by the election of Paul Storey to the position of Grand Warden. By the rules of the Grand lodge Mr. Storey will be Grand Master of the state two years from now. Mr. Storey has been a faithful member and a hard worker ever since his initiation and he believes in keeping everlastingly at the upbuilding of the order.

Nor was this the only honor conferred upon Red Cloud at the last meeting of the Grand lodge. E. H. Newhouse was elected to a similar position in the Grand Encampment which is the lodge one step higher in Odd Fellowship and three years hence Mr. Newhouse will govern the destinies of the Grand Encampment of Nebraska lodges.

We feel confident that the Grand bodies will have no cause to regret the choice they have made in electing our fellow townsmen to the highest positions of honor and trust within their power.

The foundation upon which Odd Fellowship rests is the injunction to "relieve the distressed, visit the sick, bury the dead, and educate the orphans," and these things the order unquestionably does. Hence the home at York will aid them very materially in carrying out their principles and precepts in this state.

To those who desire to aid in uplifting humanity in a practical manner, to those who want to draw closer the bonds of brotherhood, to those who wish to render real service, to those who recognize the value of an organization that will care for his loved ones in time of need when he shall have passed into the great beyond, we unqualifiedly recommend the institution of Odd Fellowship to their thoughtful consideration. The sooner one is identified with a fraternity which possesses such a vast possibility for good the longer will be his term of service, and the greater his satisfaction in the knowledge that he has had a share in the work of making this world brighter and better.

This order has long passed the experimental stage as its usefulness has been demonstrated scores of times for many years passed. May its benign influence continue and may its opportunities for good be multiplied until that time to which hope looks forward with ardent joy when one law shall bind all nations, subjects and people, and that law shall be the law of universal brotherhood.

GUIDE ROCK.

Robert Jewell is quite poorly again. Mrs. Harry Vaughan has been quite sick.

J. D. Andrews of Lincoln was here the first of the week the guest of relatives.

Archie Lambert is the proud possessor of two fine lots which he recently purchased.

Friends here received word that Mrs. Joseph Garber was seriously ill at her home in Red Cloud.

Ed. Cady moved Tuesday to the Sides property, north of the Christian church, vacated by Howard Wirt.

Howard Wirt and family moved into their new house Monday. They have a very neat and convenient residence.

Edith Loper who took carbolic acid Thursday evening is thought to be a little better. She is a young daughter of Jacob Loper and resides across the river.



YOUR EYES DESERVE THE BEST

The best light for the eye is light from the sun in its natural proportions. Leading Oculists admits, and most of them frankly say that "any material used for making eye glass and spectacle lenses that absorbs any portion of natural light is injurious just to the amount it absorbs"

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A Mr. Lawrence of Iowa is visiting his relatives, Isaac Crow and family here. He and Mrs. Pearl Farmer called on their cousin Mrs. Hoover, Monday.

Mrs. Scott Askins of Hastings is here visiting her mother, Mrs. D. Kailey who has been ill but is now much better. Mr. and Mrs. Askins are moving from Hastings to Nelson where Mr. Askins will look after a furniture store owned by his brother-in-law, J. A. Sheeley.

There was a large attendance in spite of the disagreeable weather Sunday at the funeral of Rufus B. Crowell which was conducted at the house at 2 o'clock by Rev. G. W. Pool. Mr. Crowell passed away Thursday evening. He was accidentally shot April 4. A wife, six children, several brothers and a sister, his father and mother are left to mourn his early death. The entire community extend sympathy.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED IN 3 DAYS.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism. It gave her immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by The H. E. Grice Drug Co., Red Cloud, Nebr.

Farm Loans.

There are reasons why I should make you a farm loan. I know that I have the best rate, terms and option on the market. I examine the land myself at no expense to you. I understand and can correct any error in your title. Money is ready the very day that title is good.—J. H. BAILLY, Red Cloud, Nebraska.