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It is reported that Anselmo's vote on license was 30 to 6, in favor of the open saloon. It would indicate that there is no probability of the town going dry soon.

Since Aguinaldo has been captured and taken the oath of allegiance to the United States, it will be in order for Pettigrew and a few of his devoted followers in the United States to follow suit.

The promotion of Fred Funston, to a brigadier general, as a recognition of his ability and courage as a soldier and commander, was the correct thing to do, and will meet the general approval of the public. The crowning feat was in the capture of Aguinaldo. While stratagem was used, courage was also an indispensable constituent of the success of the daring exploit. The plan was his own, and the execution of it depended wholly upon his management. The service was of invaluable moment to the American Army, and the honor conferred upon him, with the emoluments incident thereto, were worthily bestowed.

Governor Dietrich cuts down appropriations in the same wholesale manner as the alleged "reformers" increase them. In dealing with house roll No. 430, being a measure providing for the payment of the salaries of officers of the state government, Governor Dietrich withheld his approval of the section providing \$1,000 per annum for a clerk to the court reporter and \$800 for a deputy librarian. In the course of his message the governor says, "My approval is withheld from the foreign appropriations because the duties rightfully devolve upon the clerk and if he is unable to perform them he should be required to have the work performed without expense to the state." Governor Dietrich may not be a reformer in name, but he is a reformer in fact, which is much better.—Falls City Journal.

Jas. E. McWilliams, an old soldier of the Union Army of the sixties, has a valuable relic of the days of the civil war, of which he is justly proud. It is a copy of the Union Volunteers, published at Louisville, Kentucky, July 10th, 1863, by Haskins & Walbridge. The front page has red and blue borders, and two large flags adorn the page printed in red, with the words Gettysburg and Vicksburg above them. The paper gives a detailed account of the rebels' evacuation of Gettysburg, and the surrender of Gen. Pemberton of Vicksburg to Gen. Grant on July 4, and the communications between them leading up to the surrender. The paper is one of the regular editions, which Mr. McWilliams received at the time as a subscriber. He values the paper very highly, and it is well that he should.

This spring is most favorable for tree planting. The opportunity should be improved by every land and lot owner in Custer county. Arbor day does not come until the 22, but as this weather is very suitable no one should wait for Arbor day. The town, especially, would be very greatly improved if its streets, three blocks from the public square, were lined with thrifty trees. A popular subscription could easily be raised to purchase trees or to hire some one to go to the Loups and secure the necessary number to ornament the lots and blocks unoccupied, three blocks from the square on Maine, Broadway and Cedar streets and Third, Fourth and Fifth avenues. We would suggest to make the undertaking more certain of success that the city authorities

have ditches plowed along the line of streets where the trees are to be planted a foot and a half deep, in which to plant the trees which should be left open for mulching purposes and for additional purpose of conveying more of the rain fall to the trees. If the city will have the ditches plowed out we believe most of the residents will see to it that trees are planted on their respective lots or blocks, so there would be no expense to the city except securing the trees as the plowing can be done with the city team.

The Supreme Court Commissioners.

The Supreme Court has appointed the following Commissioners to serve for a term of two years, at a salary of \$2,500, a year:

John H. Ames, Lincoln, gold democrat; W. G. Hastings, Wilber, democrat; I. L. Albert, Columbus, populist; S. H. Sedgwick, York, republican; E. R. Duffie, Omaha, democrat; J. S. Kirkpatrick, Lincoln, populist; George A. Day, Omaha, republican; W. D. Oldham, Kearney, democrat; Roscoe Pound, Lincoln, republican. No stenographers for the commissioners were named.

J. S. Kirkpatrick was formerly a resident of Broken Bow, and partner of Judge Holcomb, and is well and favorably known to a large number of the people of Custer county. He served several terms as county attorney of Custer county. Custer county has two representatives in the Supreme Court and will have the chief executive in a few days, if present plans materialize.

Aguinaldo and His Champions.

(Kansas City Star.)

If Aguinaldo was worthy to be called "the George Washington of the Philippines" he cannot violate his oath of allegiance to the United States without sacrificing his personal character as a man of honor, which is essential to patriotic leadership. A man who has violated his oath, given under solemn circumstances, can never inspire confidence. Hence, Aguinaldo is disposed of, as a leader of the insurrection unless his character is as some have painted it. If he is the man that the anti-imperialists have proclaimed him to be, he must keep his oath.

Alas! for Sulzer and Lentz and Pettigrew; alas! for Bryan, too; that they are placed in this embarrassing position! First they said the United States Army could never put down the Philippine insurrection. But it did. They said Aguinaldo would never give up. But he has. It they now assert he was influenced by the flesh pots of Manila, or money, then they must have been sadly mistaken in dubbing him "the George Washington of the Philippines." If they were right in that estimate of his intelligence and his fitness for leadership, then they must accept his belief that it is for the best that American authority shall be accepted. Aguinaldo is on the ground. He knows what the United States rule is over there. He has indorsed it by submission. It is certainly tough on the Pettigrews, and shows what a hard game it is to back the United States, either at home or abroad.

Address of A. C. Elliott, Supreme Secretary of the M. B. A.

Delivered at Broken Bow, April 3rd, 1901.

(Published by Request.)

The leaves on the trees around and about us; the grass on which we tread in its varying stages; the meadow and the moving fields of grain; the blossoms throwing kisses of fragrance as we pass; all serving their place in the ground program of nature, only to pass on, perchance to some more advanced stage, and when the proper time comes return to mother earth to add to her richness and help produce greater results.

All one grand harmony. These are but symbols, in their mute efforts, of what we with our blessings and advantages may accomplish.

They bring to us silent messages, silent reminders.

Reminding us that our surroundings have been enriched by science, by art, by educational privileges, and in every conceivable way

through the ages down to the present. Messages urging us to live up to the possibilities showered upon us.

And so what we may say to you will be concerning that where our heart is, in the fraternal work. If in so doing, we may leave you feeling we have, in some humble way, helped some one to see more clearly his duty to home, his blessings in the home, we shall feel our visit not in vain.

We shall be well repaid for leaving our office, even though much work awaits our attention.

We know it is but natural that you should wish to hear of the work you and I are enlisted in. For my part, I am in the work because I believe in it.

When we thoroughly believe in anything or anyone it is not hard to love the work or the person.

We are glad to be with you. Glad to meet those who are interested in the home, whether you are here as members of the M. B. A., or some other good order, or as interested listeners seeking the light to make bright the home.

Perhaps, some of you have sometime taken up a work in which you had full faith in its future, but at the same time knew it was untried and an experiment. Some friend comes and spoke words of encouragement, and gave you new determination. If so you can realize something of what your presence, your courtesies, and your attention tonight means to me.

It is good to know you are drawn here by the ever increasing and strengthening bond of Fraternity.

Fraternity is the beacon light that is rapidly penetrating the darkness of distress and sorrow, proving to the whole world that brotherly love and assistance are among the first problems to be solved by an enlightened and intelligent people.

If all men were members of a fraternity, all almshouses, workhouses and penitentiaries would have to go out of business.

Sympathy and affection should be a characteristic of this vast brotherhood bound by the principles of fraternal love, which says, with the poet:

To the giver shall be given,
If thou wouldst walk in light,
Make other spirits bright.
Who seeking for himself alone ever entered heaven?
In blessing we are blessed,
In labor find our rest.
If we lend not to the world's great work with hand and heart and brain,
We have lived our life in vain.

With all due reverence to the church and its work, I say to you, fraternal societies are doing a work that is not reached by the churches. It teaches practical Christianity.

Do unto others as you expect them to do unto you or yours in the hour of affliction, distress and sorrow.

This creed is one of the strongest foundation stones of national welfare.

Rev. Sheldon when editing a daily paper in refusing to print fraternal items, suggests his idea of what Christ would think of fraternal work, but we have a childlike faith, nevertheless, that He could not condemn the beneficent work that fraternal men and women are doing. The people who compose these societies are the same flesh and blood with whom the Master mingled at the marriage feast and upon whom in His dying moments He looked with tenderness.

The needs of humanity appeals to His great heart today.

The little children whom His great heart loved, as he said "of such is the kingdom of heaven," are the words of Fraternity.

The mission of these societies is to do good, following the example of the Good Samaritan who bound up his brother's wounds.

Every time the clock strikes a good deed shines out from the Altar of Fraternity and only those who are in position to see can tell how far the little candle throws its beams.

None see the fitness of it all quicker than the man and woman who have joined hands and hearts for life and go forth to work out their future and fit a place to be their kingdom and they to rule as king and queen over all they be prospered in.

Some one, perhaps, is saying as he glances backward into the glorious past that love of country exceeds our love for the home. But what would be our country were it not for its happy homes? The uncivilized red man fought for his happy hunting grounds—they were his home.

George Washington, with his suffering soldiers, thought and fought for home, and we will always do him reverence.

The boys of '61 responding to the call of Abraham Lincoln went forth in behalf of liberty and country, that the homes of this fair land should forever after be be-

yond harm, and this in truth is the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The boys of '98, with the same warm and liberty loving hearts, went forth determined to lift the hand of tyranny from the neck of the oppressed.

Remembering the Maine, they did not forget Cuba's freedom, which in turn would advance the homes of that fair isle.

Long will we cherish the memory of the boys of '61 and '98 for their noble sacrifice of life and health, for today we can say "God bless our homes."

May it be written in characters, which will not fade, upon all our hearts.

Have we done and are we doing our duty in providing for the future of those who have a right to look to us for protection.

Each one should lay up treasures where moth and rust doth not corrupt.

This must be done each for him or herself.

Earthly provision can and should be made for each other.

The investment from \$10 to \$20 yearly in fraternal insurance will do this.

Think of life's uncertainties.

The wealthy man of today becomes the beggar of tomorrow, asking favors at the laboring man's door, because of rapidly changing circumstances.

The heat and passion in which business is conducted forbids proper time to consider and weigh the future of events.

The brainy business men and the wealthy men stand side by side with the prudent, honest toiler in approving of insurance and home protection.

We may meet with business reverses. Sickness, death in its suddenness, old age if we live, are the every day scenes of life.

Amid these scenes we aim to provide for our homes by investments one way and another.

Fraternal protection says use a small part of our income and provide for the future and continue at the same time your pursuits at the old stand.

A fraternal certificate with the beneficiary named cannot be affected by changing conditions, it is the sole property of the beneficiary.

We are all ambitious and striving to so push business that we may lay aside for a rainy day.

Do we all succeed?

Fraternal benefit societies or similar institutions have existed for centuries, but in this country they come with the locomotive, the telegraph and the telephone, which annihilated distance and brought together the people of every section.

They came when the cannons ceased their belchings; when the civil war was over.

The fact that fraternal societies are managed by its members being a representative body. The officers or managers are but servants if they look upon their positions in the true light.

Statistics of 27 of the leading fraternal societies show a membership of 2,370,974, representing benefits amounting to over \$4,000,000,000, which does not include the millions represented by the other smaller societies.

In this, the M. B. A. is given as one of the 27, and represented over \$25,000,000 on December 31, 1899.

How can we make comparisons that will help us to understand.

It seems incredible and yet statistics before us show it.

And fraternities stand ready, with willing hands, to lend comfort and aid to the homes of its members with this vast amount.

There was actually paid out last year benefits amounting to over \$40,000,000.

Compare the life of such societies calling on its members for money when funds are needed and thereby furnishing to their members protection at cost, with old line companies.

How seldom we find a fraternal failure while statistics show 774 old line failures out of 822 companies, after taking large premiums from their policy holders.

Look at the comparative figures, December 31, 1899:

27 leading old line, show insurance in force, \$5,867,000,000; 27 leading fraternal, show insurance in force, \$4,050,861,590; old line written in 1899, \$1,867,504,498; fraternal written in 1899, \$736,671,650; fraternal, per cent of expense, 11.3; old line, per cent 24; net gain, old line, \$462,211,787; net gain, fraternal, \$549,369,700; expenses for 1899, old line, \$58,252,517; expenses for 1899, fraternal, \$3,313,087.

We are not much of a believer in insurance from an investment standpoint.

□ We say this having carried insurance, some of it old line, ever since we were old enough to

do so.
The old line insurance we carry was taken before the day of fraternals with a reserve fund feature.
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