ON THE WING.

Ranger Pays a Visit to Indianola.

Some of the Sights He Saw There.

Three hundred and eleven miles from Omaha, two hundred and seventy-two miles from Denver, seventy-five miles south of North Platte and sixteen miles north of the Kansas state line, lies the town of Indianola, the future headquarters of the Republican Valley division of the B. & M. railroad and the present western terminus of that great railway system.

Your correspondent last week traveled over the hitherto extremely productive prairies of western Iowa and eastern Nebraska and grieved to see and hear of the very poor crops that this year gives, but here all this is changed. For nine years there has never been such a heavy yield of small grain or such abundant promise of a heavy crop of corn. True, the chinch bug has been here, and the heat of last week scorched some spots of corn, but this will not be sufficient to materially reduce the glorious result.

Red Willow county, of which Indianola is the seat, will give an average of twelve bushels to the acre on wheat, but the best crop is corn which promises an average of forty bushels to the acre, as a very moderate estimate. I have seen millet that was five feet, eleven and one-half inches tall. Oats that went sixty bushels to the acre, wheat with a yield of twenty-two bushels, rye that went twenty-five to the acre and timothy that stoood forty-two inches above the ground Talk about your big pumpkins, but this county will beat them all on cucumbers and beets. A cucumber that measures five feet in length and a beet that weighs five pounds and three ounces are among the products of this prolific region. We haven't seen either cucumber or beet but they are vouched for by Joe Bergen, Ike Starbuck and Tom Scott three of the best men in Red Willow county, and they promise to see that they are forthcoming at the state fair.

The moneyed interest of this county and the county west of this point is live stock, and with not a spear of hay or an ear of corn, fully one hundred and fifty thousand of horned cattle. located on the Republican and its tributaries, stood last winter, the severest ever known, with a loss of not over five per cent., and the average loss is figured on the northern valleys at eight to twelve per cent., according to location.

Prof. Aughey says that the composition of the soil of this valley is an exact counterpart of the Rhine region, and certain it is that the grapes that grow wild here are superior to the same found elsewhere.

No doubt in time this will be a wine producing district.

The railroad prospects here are gilt-edged. Located nearer to the mountains than to the Missouri valley, with a great and increasing demand for produce at high figures in the former locality, this county, when the road is completed to Denver or mayhap San Francisco, will find its farm products worth much more than the localities farther east.

The division headquarters will bring machine shops, round house and a host of employes

Indianola is now growing rapidly and is pluming its wings for still higher flights.

The cow boys frequent this town, but not for blood or whisky, but to find wives; at least we are so informed by the men who deal in weddings. Certain it is that those we saw seemed to have a wonderful profusion of gilt lace on their hats, shiney spurs on their heels and a heavy coat of pomatum on their hair However, the stock of marriagealbe women is well nigh exhausted and the New England anti-old maid society should make a note of it.

IN THE WAY OF NEWS,

the latest is the arrest of O. P. Jones, for horse stealing. He will be taken to North Platte for the trial, and J. J. Starbuck, attorney will try and push his prosecutors off the track, which notwithstanding his acknowledged legal ability, will be very doubtful business, if what we hear should prove true at the trial.

The contractors are about to commence operations on the B. & M. line to Denver. They will complete the road by twenty mile sections, ironing as they go.

They are bound to beat Gould's Central Branch Kansas road that wants to gobble a canyon on which they claim some kind of a preemption right.

This town is now the great cattle shipping point of the valley, and it is expected that double the number of cattle shipped last year will get through tickets for Chicago during the coming fall.

As an item to show the business done here there are three lightning jerkers at the Indianola depot.

HISTORY.

Indianola sprang into life eight years ago, Joe Bergen, wet nurse and J. J. Starbuck, godfather. Both the attendants on that occasion, are still alive and well, with ability to care for any quantity of such lively infants. One year ago the railroad came a dashing beau, pleading for the hand of the Indianola maiden. The old folks asked him if he had money enough to support a wife, and when satisfied that he was all hunk then the wedding promptly took place, at least the railroad entered the town and the old folks came down with a handsome sum to set them up housekeeping.

For business directory of Indianola, see sixth page. RANGER.

The Fruit Trade at New Orleans.

New Orleans Times,

The last steamer of the Mediterranean fleet having come in and discharged her cargo, it is now possible to give some details of the season's business. There were sixteen steamships, bringing each an average of 20,000 boxes of oranges and lemons, making a total of 320,000 boxes by steamers, added to what came by sail, footing up a grand total of 340,000 boxes. The receipts the year before were six steamers and three sailing ships bringing about 140,000 boxes, so that the present year's receipts show an increase of 20,000 boxes, while the parties conducting the business expect for the coming season, which will open about Nov. 1. a further increase of 250,000 boxes. In addition to these oranges and lemons, which are all from Italian ports, there are considerable receipts of Spanish fruits from Malaya and Almeria.

THE LODGES.

Masonic Courtesy—Dr. A. G. Mackay.

The Triple Link—Knightly Pythians—Miscellaneous.

A PLEASANT OCCASION.

Recently a new Masonic Lodge was instituted in Detroit, Michigan, and named Palestine, No. 357, in honor of Palestine Commandery of New York City. Recognizing the compliment, the latter body, by a committee, visited No. 357, and presented it with an elegant Bible, bound in Turkey Morocco, a gavel made of wood fron the Mount of Olives (mounted in silver), also a solid silver square and compasses, and 24-inch silver gauge. The occasion was an interesting one.

DR. MACKAY.

A reader writes for a short sketch of the life of Dr. A. G. Mackay: Albert G. Mackey was born in Charleston, S. C., March 12, 1807, graduated at the Medical college in that city in 1832, practiced medicine until 1854, when he began his masonic writings, to which afterwards he gave his entire attention. He was made a mason in St. Andrew's lodge, No. 41, same city, in 1841, was grand secretary of the jurisdiction in 1842, and held the office for twenty-five years. After he removed to Washington City, D. C., he affiliated with Lafayette lodge, Lafayette Chapter, and Washington commandery. He was buried in Glenwood cemetery, Washington City, on June 28, 1881.

GOAT HAIRS.

There is a general suspension of work in all the Omaha lodges for the summer season.

Grand Secretary Bowen is busily engaged in preparing the annual report of the grand lodge of Master Masons.

Reports from northern Nebraska indicate a constant growth of the order in that secion of the state.

THE TRIPPLE LINK

MISSOURI ODD FELLOWS.

In Missouri there are 339 Odd Fellow lodges, with a membership of 14,575. These lodges have a revenue fully aggregating $104,287.05 Statistics show that for the year ending March 31, 1881, there were initiated into the order in Missouri, 1770 persons, admitted by card, 391, reinstated, 288; withdrew by card, 371; suspended, 798; expelled, 35; died, 125. During the year the Odd Fellows of Missouri paid $5,483.30 for burying the dead; $4,887.95 for the education of orphans; $10,499.45 to widowed families, and $21,315.85 to the relief of members. This does not include that paid by the Mutual Aid association in cases of death.

LINKS.

The Soverign Grand Lodge declares that "action in regard to the intervisitation between the members of the order and the 'Manchester Unity' is at this time impracticable."

In the United States there are 7,067 subordinate lodges, 58 grand ledges, 856 Rebekah Degree lodges, and 1,842 encampments. The total revenue of all amounts to $4,391,215.35.

The Manchester Unity reports 543,485 members.

The last report of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of American Odd Fellowship, and counting those under the jurisdiction of the German empire, Australia and New Zealand, January 1, 1880, gives the membership as 465,466.

Ontario lodges give an annuity of $30 to the widows of their deceased members.

The following, from an exchange, may be a little sarcastic, but contains much that is sensible: "If a P. G. has been once to the grand lodge as representative, never send him again; he may become useful in that body, and represent your lodge intelligently. Spend the money on some Junior P. G. who has never been there, though of course it is a waste of funds, but it shows your disapproval of monopoly. The young P. G. will have a good time; the session, no doubt, he will avoid, finding it very dull, very hot, and far too uninteresting for his attention; he can get all the materials he wants for a report from the O. F. papers; what's the use of his bothering and sweltering in the G. L. room? It is far more pleasant to go round and see the sights."

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The three lodges of this young and rapidly growing order, now in this city, are thriving well; and will be fully represented in the grand lodge next October.

Last Thursday night Omaha Lodge, U. D. had work in the third degree, and made a Knight of their the esquire, Mr. Frank Bettach, after which the Knights went in a body to where a neat and plentiful luncheon had been provided by their newly dubbed brother; where they enjoyed an hour of social cheer, and then parted to meet again at their Castle hall, next Thursday night.

Omaha has had work in its Castle Hall almost every meeting night since its organization last winter.

Our lodges have been honored by visits during the last two weeks from Bros. J. B. Williams, P. C. of Ft. Du Quesne Lodge, Pittsburg, Pa., and A. E. Menuez, S. D. G. C. at large for the state of Iowa.

The organization of a new American longe is on the *tapis*, and the American Knights are determined their German brothers shall not out number them, if it can be prevented.

A. O. U. W.

Supreme Recorder Sackett's report shows that on June 1, 1880, the number of Master Workmen in good standing was 99,556. During June the Supreme Lodge paid out $24,000 for twelve deaths, five of which were from Kentucky and three from Ohio. Kentucky paid in during the month, $3,005, and received $8,000.

From February 1 to August 1, 1881, the number of new members admitted in California will be about 1,800.

The amount of money paid by the Order for deaths in May, was $126,641.60.

The death rate in Ohio still continues to be beyond its fair proportion. Out of the ten deaths that are enumerated in the assessment of the Supreme Lodge for July, six are from Ohio.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

The Reporter, in opposing the institution of German lodges says: "Supreme Reporter Plummer gives the following statistics: Up to January, 1881, there were seventy-four German Lodges, with a membership of 6,301; in all other lodges, 91,686 members. Up to this date, 1864 deaths were reported; 239 from the German lodges, 1,625 in all other, giving a proportion of one death to every 26.36 in German, and one death in every 57.03 in other lodgest or more than double the death rate in the former.

The supreme lodge has decided that a lodge cannot, by vote at a regular, meeting, call a special meeting, but that the latter, to be legal, must be called by the dictator, on the written request of seven members.

Five hundred dollars is offered by the supreme lodge for the best ritual of the order presented at its next session.

The Supreme dictator intimates that it is the fault of the Supreme reporter that death benefits are not paid more promptly. The latter official says it is because half of the Subordinate Lodges are in arrears over sixty days. As a Lodge not paying promptly is liable to suspension, jeopardizing the certificates of all of its members, this statement from the authorities shows a neglect of duty somewhere, and a great injustice to those Lodges which do pay their assessments, as it makes the latter responsible for deaths which may occur in Lodges which, according to the Supreme reporter's account, ought to be, but are not, suspended. The immense territory to report to one head cannot be handled so easily and promptly as when each jurisdiction has exclusive charge of its own Lodges, and this must be taken into consideration, also.

The number of a quorum in a Subordinate has been reduced to five.

Grand Dictator Travers, accompanied by several of the Grand officers, proposes an official tour to the Lodges.

POLITE PERSONALTIES.

Will R. Redeck has returned from Lake Minnetonka.

Mrs. Elizabeth Poppleton left yesterday for a visit to friends in Boston.

Mr. George Darrows is spending a short recreation in Colorado.

Harry Deuel is home again from Minnesota.

Mr. Lewis S. Reed is seeking health and pleasure in the mountains.

Fred Nash, accompanied his wife, her sister and the Misses Sadie and Mary Nash, have gone to Canada for recuperation.

Mr. Jno. A. Horback, his wife and family are recreating at Lake Minnetonka.

Mr. P. L. Perine with his niece, Miss Lizzie Sharp, left yesterday for an eastern trip of a month's duration.

Brother Gardner on Sympathy.

From Proceedings of the Lime-Kiln Club.

"Am dis a sympathetic kentry, or am we a race of inconsistents?" asked the old man as he slowly unfolded his legs and stood erect. "As soon as a murderer am sentenced to be hung a sheer of de public begin to weep an' snuffle an' wipe deir eyes an' petishun fur his pardon, entirely forgittin' de widder an' chill'en of de victim. What do you call dat? Grant had two terms, a big salary, an' a good show, an' while 10,000 orfuns in America wanted bread, 'public sympathy' raised a quarter of a millyon of dollars fur a man already rollin' in wealth. What do you call dat? A gineral who neber won a battle am presented wid $2,000 worf of silverwar' frew sympathy, while 20,000 private sojers, maimed an' wounded fur life, have to fight de hull kentry fur a paltry penshun. What do you call dat? A good husband an' a kind father am killed ebery hour in de day in dis kentry, an' a man would have a hard day's work to collect a fund of two dollars to bury him. A president am wounded, an' men tumble over each odder in de struggle to make up a purse of $250,000. What do you call dat? If Vanderbilt or Gould war to be smashed up to-morrow, somebody would suggest a testimonial of a millyon dollars. If twenty honest but poor men war smashed up nex' day it would be nip-an'-tuck to raise a fund large 'nuff to pay fur de coffin. We am fust horrified at a murder, an' den turn aroun' an' weep ober de murderer. We sen' men to prison to punish 'em 'an de judge 'an jury turn aroun' and sign a petishun fur pardon. We make laws one day, an' seek to upset 'em de nex'. De man who commits a great crime to-day am spaken of as a frien' to-morrer. Arter sleepin' on it one night we call him a lunatic an' fin' excuses for him. Public sympathy has abolished de gallus, an' yet it will allow women and children to starve and freeze to death. Men rob our banks an' am pursued, not to be punished, but to be given commissions on deir stealins. Public sympathy, as I see it, am a sort o' jar filled wid buttermilk, bones, hash, buttons, scrap-iron, beer, slops and wilted bouquets. I doan' want any of it. If I break de law I want de panalty enforced. If I meet with misfortune I want to borry instead of beg. If I die I want no eulogies on my varchues or criticisms on my failin's."

A Baptist Minister's Experience.

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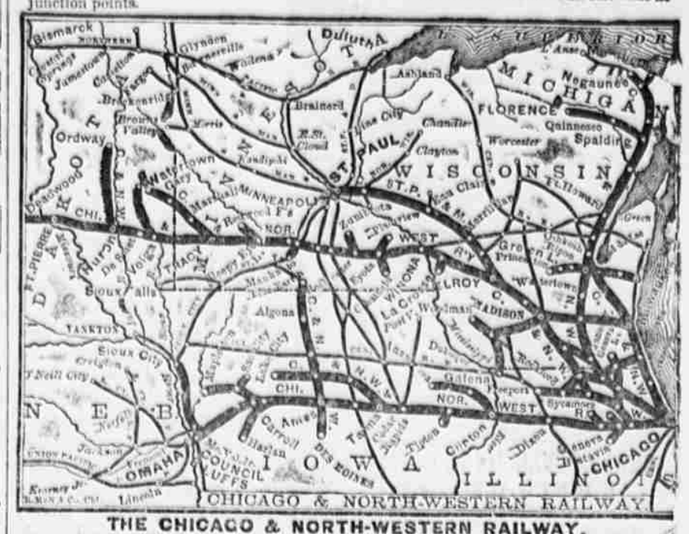

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