ECHOES FROM THE ANTE ROOM

Proceedings of the Nebraska Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

A HIGHLY INTERESTING SESSION.

The Grand Legion A. O. U. W. at Hastings—Iowa Grand Lodges—Gossip of Local Fraternities—The Week With the Fraternities.

Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

The thirty-first annual session of the Nebraska grand lodge, which closed on Friday in this city, was in many respects one of the most important legislative and deliberative bodies which has convened in the state and certainly the most important in the history of Nebraska Oddfellowship. The reports of the various grand officers are an indication of the constant, thoroughtsident, good work being done, and the magnificent parade of Thursday conveys an idea of the growth in numbers and power for good of this great order. The body had evidently come together for business, and a glance at the men who composed it gave an idea of how thoughtfully and thoroughly that business would be performed.

Among the distinguished members present were J. S. Hoagland, grand patriarch of the grand encampment of the state, from North Platte; C. A. Ayers, grand senior warden, Kearney; L. J. Byers, grand high priest, Lincoln; D. A. Cline, grand scribe, Lincoln; Sam McClay, grand treasurer, Lincoln; P. J. Gage, grand junior warden, Fremont; Patriarch G. L. Loomis, grand marshal, Fremont; J. F. Reed, grand inside sentinel, Central City; F. M. Givern, grand outside sentinal, Norfolk, and many other representative members.

The grand encampment met at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning with Grand Patriarch Hoagland, of North Platte, in the chair. The attendance was very large, exceeding that of any similar meeting for many years. The reports of the grand officers showed this branch of the order to be in a flourishing condition, and after the reading of these and a lot of miscellaneous business the annual election of officers came up, resulting as follows:

Grand Patriarch—C. D. Ayers, Kearney.
Grand High Priest—I. P. Gage, Fremont.
Grand Senior Warden—L. J. Byers, Lincoln.
Grand Scribe—D. A. Cline, Lincoln.
Grand Treasurer—S. McClay, Lincoln.
Grand Junior Warden — N. B. Heim, Omaha.
Grand Representative—F. B. Bryant, Omaha.
Grand Marshal—G. F. Reed, Central City.
Grand Inside Sentinel—C. E. Doughty, Norfolk.
Grand Outside Sentinel—B. Palmerton, Beatice.

At 10 o'clock a. m. the grand lodge was called to order by George H. Cutting, grand master, with the following grand officers in their proper stations:

George N. Beels, of Norfolk, deputy grand master; William H. Barger, of Hebron, grand warden; D. A. Cline, Lincoln, grand secretary; Samuel McClay, Lincoln, grand treasurer; E. J. O'Neill, Pawnee City, grand chaplain; J. C. Yutzy, Falls City, grand marshal; W. A. Kelly, Omaha, grand conductor; D. H. Lashley, Beaver City, grand guardian; C. J. Schramm, O'Neill City, grand herald.

After prayer by the grand chaplain, the grand master appointed the following standing committees:

On Credentials—J. P. Gage, Fremont; F. M. Given, Stanton; J. F. Thompson, Fairbury; E. N. Potter, Blair; J. Breiner, Hubbell.

Finance—F. B. Bryant, Omaha; Harry Hotchkiss, Lincoln; W. P. Freeman, Fairbury; J. B. Wambaugh, Kearney; W. G. Purcell, Broken Bow.

Judiciary—J. S. Hoagland, North Platte; E. L. Armstrong, Omaha; John Q. Goss, Ponca; S. L. Morris, De Witt; William Blakely, Beatrice.

State of the Order—J. T. Herich, Falls City; J. L. Edwards, Pawnee City; A. Viney, Omaha; J. M. Snellberger, Plattsmouth; George A. Bennett, Omaha.

Legislation—J. D. Hurd, Lincoln; George L. Loomis, Fremont; D. H. McElhinney, Hastings; G. F. Reed, Falls City; L. G. Johns, Seward.

Charters—H. M. Utley, Joseph Owens, L. Levi, E. J. Lamma and T. E. Casterlin.

Returns—W. V. Bain, William Bischoff, C. B. Parker, L. J. Byer and M. O. Kessler.

Appeals—John T. Meyers, A. H. Weir, C. D. Ayres, H. G. McMillen, J. B. Roys.

Correspondence—A. D. Cline, Lincoln.

Mileage—M. Powell, R. H. Pemberton, J. G. Hildebrand, R. H. Stewart.

Distribution—A. Gibson, Wm. Blakeley, C. A. Olson, C. L. Bitz, T. J. Hatfield.

Rebekah degree—John Evans, H. W. Werner, F. M. Rathburn, J. W. Walters, J. B. West.

The afternoon session was devoted largely to the hearing of reports. That of the grand master showed that since the last session the following lodges had been instituted: Keystone, 155, Omaha; Ansley, 156, Ansley; Plainview, 157, Plainview; Wood River, 158, Wood River; Frenchman Valley, 159, Culbertson; Elmwood, 160, Elmwood; North Bend, 161, North Bend; Sargent, 162, Sargent; Stockholm, 163, Stockholm. Seven lodges Rebekah degree have also been established.

During the year the order in Nebraska has furnished relief to 396 brothers, sixteen widowed families and furnished funds for 1,175 weeks of sickness; has buried thirty-five brothers at an expense of $962.25 and has paid in grand lodge dues $4,579.81. The total assets of the subordinate lodges is quoted at $234,132.69.

The grand secretary's report was as follows: Total number of lodges, 123; number of members, 6,489; gain over last year, 614; total paid for relief and benefits, $6,024.54; receipts of subordinate lodges, $59,142.42; expenses, $20,458.26; members Rebekah degree lodges, 1,015; receipts, $740.87; expenses, $279.74; balance on hand, $461.23.

The reports of representatives to the sovereign lodge which was in session at Los Angeles in September show that membership of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Manchester Unity of England is greater than any secret organization in the world. The exemplification of secret work by the grand representatives consumed the remainder of the afternoon.

The evening session was devoted to the exemplification of staff work by Omaha lodge No. 2.

During the Thursday morning session Grand Secretary Cline's proposed amendment to the constitution, providing for district representation was argued pro and con and finally lost.

After the conclusion of the debate on the amendments, routine business followed. During the time mentioned patriarchs and chevaliers were warned against visiting saloons while in uniform.

The election of officers then followed and resulted as appended:

Grand Master—George N. Beels, of Norfolk.
Grand Warden—W. H. Barger, of Hebron.
Senior Warden—John Evans, of Omaha.
Grand Representatives—George H. Cutting, of Kearney, and J. H. Hoagland, of North Platte.
Grand Secretary—D. H. Kline, of Lincoln.
Grand Treasurer—Samuel McKay, of Lincoln.

The grand parade of the afternoon was one of the most impressive ever seen in Omaha, and received the unlimited applause of the spectators.

At the head of the line rode the grand marshal of the grand lodge, J. C. Yutzy, of Falls City.

Following came the commander of the department of Nebraska, Major J. W. Nichols, of Omaha, with his staff, consisting of F. P. Bryant, Omaha, adjutant; W. F. Pickering, Kearney, lieutenant, commissary; Ira Johnson, Kearney, lieutenant, quartermaster; W. V. Bain, Lincoln, lieutenant, chaplain; L. D. Byers, Lincoln, commissary sergeant; C. E. Cooper, commissary sergeant; J. A. Johnson, ensign sergeant; Henry Bolin, color sergeant; Lieutenant Colonel George N. Beels, of Norfolk, late of the Third army corps, United States army, acted as aide-de-camp to the major.

The splendid uniforms of the commander and staff officers evoked expressions of admiration on all sides, and the soldierly bearing of these distinguished patriarchs militant received much complimentary reference.

Then came the Union Pacific band followed by Canton Ezra Millard No. 1, Canton Ford, Lincoln, No. 2, Canton Excelsior, Kearney, No. 3, Canton Excelsior, Fremont, No. 4, Beatrice Canton, No. 5, Grand Lodge Officers, Rebekah Lodges, Ruth No. 1, Ivy No. 33, Golden Link, No. 38, in seventeen carriages. Subordinate Lodges, Blair No. 14, thirty strong, Omaha, No. 2, thirty strong, Alamanen No. 8, State, No. 10, forty strong, Beacon, No. 20, twenty-five strong, Goodrich, No. 144, sixty strong, South Omaha, No. 148, twenty-five strong; Keystone, No. 155 Hoffman band, Nebraska State Grand Lodge, 150 strong.

The long line was skillfully handled and presented a magnificent appearance.

In the evening a reception and ball were given at Goodrich hall attended by nearly 1,000 persons.

At 9 o'clock the grand march was called. This was lead by the members of the cantons of patriarchs militant in full uniform, each chevalier accompanied by his lady. The cantons were followed by members of the subordinate lodges, all in full uniform. When the band started the march there were between 250 and 300 couples ready to keep step to the music. The grand march was a magnificent affair, and pronounced by all present to be one of the grandest they had ever seen on such an occasion in the west. Dancing followed, in which all indulged who felt so inclined, and a grand banquet followed.

A discussion of the constitution and routine business on Friday brought to a close the most successful and interesting session ever held in the state. After a sharp contest between Beatrice, Nebraska City, and Grand Island, and the chosing of the latter as the next place of meeting, the grand officers were installed and the meeting adjourned.

Daughters of Rebekah.

At 11 o'clock Thursday assembled the Fifth annual state convention of the Daughters of Rebekah at Metropolitan hall, with about one hundred and fifty delegates in attendance. After routine business the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. S. Linsey; vice president, Mrs. E. G. Armstrong; secretary, Mrs. S. M. Wright; treasurer, Mrs. Bohanan.

Next year the Rebekah degree is entitled to a national convention, the same having been granted by the sovereign grand lodge in session in California. It will convene September next at Columbus, O., the same time and place having been centered upon by the sovereign grand lodge for its next annual session.

The following representatives and alternates thereto were chosen:

Representatives—Mrs. E. M. Osborne, of Omaha; Alice Williams, of Lincoln; Mrs. Haller, of Blair, and Mrs. L. E. Rathburn, of Omaha.

Alternates—Mrs. S. M. Wright, of Omaha; Mrs. Bohanan, of Lincoln; Mrs. E. M. West, of Omaha, and Miss Roice, of Omaha.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the degree staff of Ruth lodge, No. 1, degree of Rebekah, exemplified the secret work, known as the "Beautified California," in the presence of about one hundred and seventy-five visiting members. The Ruth staff has costly and elegant costumes. The work was done with dramatic effect. The movement of the ladies on the floor was exceedingly graceful, yet with the precision of military discipline. The principles of friendship, love and truth were exemplified in a touching and impressive manner.

The proceedings wound up with an entertainment at Goodrich hall.

Select Knights in Session.

The second annual session of the Grand Legion, Select Knights, A. O. U. W., of Nebraska convened in Hastings on the 16th. It is the semi-military branch of that popular and very prosperous order in this state and has now a membership of about four hundred. Nearly two hundred were in attendance at the session, making their headquarters in G. A. R. Hall. The following officers were elected: James W. Carr, Omaha, grand commander; William M. Anderson, McCook, vice commander; George F. Millburn, Minden, lieutenant commander; W. P. McAllister, Grand Island, treasurer; F. B. Risley, Culbertson, senior workman; W. E. Green, St. Paul, junior workman; J. M. Wolfe, Crete, standard bearer; George P. Dean, Grand Island, guard; A. R. Vansickle, Hastings, medical examiner; James W. Carr and H. W. Cole, supreme legion representatives. The report of Grand Commander Carr gave the legion much encouragement and showed that whereas one year ago the community was in consinerable debt, it is now almost clear and the membership has increased from not quite 200 to nearly 400.

Among the most important legislative measures considered was an amendment to he by-laws relative to the justification of urelies of officers' bonds; an amendment of the constitution in accordance with the recommendation of the supreme lodge abolishing the order of grand marshal; the fixing of the per capita tax; some action was also taken towards getting the beneficiary department in this jurisdiction established in running order, and the indications are that this will soon be accomplished.

Grand Commander Carr, in his report, recommended that the supreme commander be petitioned to call a special session of the supreme legion to act on a proposed amendment to the laws of the supreme legion relative to membership. The amendment, if passed, will allow the taking in of members to the select knights who are not members of the A. O. U. W., though not admitting them to the beneficiary rank.

The re-election of Grand Commander Carr took place in the face of a specific refusal on his part to accept, which is a pretty fair indication of his popularity and efficiency.

A. O. U. W.

Lack of space prevented justice being done the A. O. U. W. reunion last week. After the parade, which was fully described and duly appreciated by the spectators, the exercises were concluded at Goodrich hall. Mayor Broatch in a few happy and well chosen expressions, extended to the visitors a welcome to the city. Grand Recorder H. M. Waring then took up "The Principles and Purposes of the Order," in a terse, clear and well arranged address which was closely attended and frequently applauded. Grand Commander J. W. Carr spoke eloquently of the history, work and objects of the select knights, showing their prospects and hopes.

The evening was taken up with a dance in which a large number of the members and their ladies participated. Altogether the affair was a great success.

His Last Lodge.

The last hours of the session of the grand lodge I. O. O. F. were considerably saddened by the death of Delegate Benjamin Palmerton, captain of Canton Beatrice No. 5. He was eating his dinner at the the hotel and chatting pleasantly with some friends. In the midst of a sentence he suddenly fell back in his chair as though dead. He was immediately taken to his room and medical aid summoned, but he died soon afterward. Mr. Palmerton was sixty-five years of age and leaves a wife and several children.

A committee on memorial resolutions was immediately appointed and the following committee was selected to take charge of the remains, conduct them to Beatrice and remain there until after the funeral: E. J. O'Neill, Pawnee; D. H. McElhinny, Hastings; J. J. Hostetter, Nebraska City; William Blakeley, Beatrice, and J. Q. Goss, Papillion.

Hastings Notes.

Hastings Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., conferred the mark and past masters' on three candidates last Friday evening.

Teutonia lodge, No. 55, Knights of Pythias, gave a fine ball on the evening of October 16. Germania hall was filled with many dancers and a delightful teme enjoyed.

The charming light opera, "Chimes of Normandy," was presented last week by local talent under the auspices of Hastings lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias. It was a glittering financial success, but was very well rendered and gave excellent satisfaction to large audiences on the two nights of its prestntation.

Merry Woodmen.

Last week the woodmen of Council Bluffs and their wives enjoyed a feast of good things. Their hall was filled with a merry throng. An "old folks' concert" was given, after which came a "side degree" in which the ladies were given an idea of what it is to "ride the goat." An original poem by E. E. Wright was one of the literary features. An elegant supper was spread, after which various amusements were introduced for the diversion of the attendants. The entertainment was an unqualified success.

The Iowa grand lodge of Odd Fellows convened in forty-first annual session in Sioux City on the 17th. The day was devoted to the reception of visitors and secret work. The day following there was a public demonstration, with addresses of welcome and responses. Clarinda was selected for the next place of meeting. The officers elected were: Grand master, William Musson, of Des Moines; deputy grand master, J. C. Longueville, of Dubuque; grand warden, Louis Bredeman, of Council Bluffs; grand secretary, William Garrett, of Burlington; grand treasurer, A. J. Morrison, of Marengo; grand representative, J. K. Powers, of Cedar Rapids. The meeting adjourned Thursday evening.

The Royal Arch.

The grand chapter of Iowa Royal Arch Masons convened at Cedar Rapids, Ia., on the 16th with representatives from all parts of the state. The following officers were elected: Grand high priest, H. McNiel, Sioux City; deputy grand high priest, F. H. Lowring, Oskaloosa; grand king, George A. Quimby, Shenandoah; grand scribe, T. J. Vanhon, Mount Pleasant; grand secretary, Alf Wingate, Des Moines.

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Special Sale of All Wool Dress Goods.

On our center counter Monday you can have your choice in FINE ALL WOOL DRESS GOODS—Checks, Plaids, Mixtures, Fancies and Plain Colors, from 44 to 54 inches wide, at 72½c.

These are regular lines of Dress Goods that we have cut the price from $1.00 and many of them $1.50 per yard to

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Giving customers their choice of about one hundred different styles of All Wool Dress Goods suitable for fall and winter wear.

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The largest line of French Flannels for Tea Gowns, House Dresses, etc., beautiful shades and novel designs.

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1000 yards of elegant fancy Silk Velvets, worth from $1.75 to $3.00 per yard, all at one price,

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Large assortment of styles and colors to select from of the finest quality, all at 99c.

24-inch Quilted Satins, all colors, 75c.
22-inch Quilted Sateen, 50c.

FUR DEPARTMENT.

We are now showing a very fine selection of

High Grade FURS.

FUR TRIMMINGS,

Muffs, Boas, Scarfs, Capes, Etc.

In all the most fashionable and desirable kinds, including

Alaska Seal,	Black Martin,
Beaver,	Black Monkey,
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Natural Lynx,	Skunk, &c.

Our Prices are the Lowest.

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Our stock is now replete with novelties in all the various styles and colors that are now in demand.

LADIES' Fine Embroidered HANDKERCHIEFS.

SPECIAL BARGAINS

At 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, $1 each.

100 dozen 15-inch Genuine Japanese H. S. Handkerchiefs, solid colored center with striped and checked borders, only 25c, actually worth 45c.

25 dozen 32-inch Ladies' soft double twilled genuine Japanese Silk Mufflers, $1.15; actually worth $1.50.

CLOAK DEPT.

Reduced Prices on Cloaks

In our Cloak Department for the Co in week.

A Newmarket reduced from $8.50 to $3.50.

A Newmarket reduced from $9 to $5.

A line of Newmarkets reduced from $11, $12 and $15 to $6.

A line of Plush Wraps reduced from $15 to $11.

A Plush Wrap reduced from $20 to $15.

A Plush Wrap reduced from $22.50 to $16.

A Plush Wrap reduced from $25 to $17.

Everyone of these Garments is a bargain, and we recommend an early inspection.

Our Cloak Department is made up by selections from the most stylish productions of the Eastern Markets and contains recent arrivals direct from the markets of Paris and Berlin. Our assortment surpasses anything heretofore attempted by us in this department, and our customers will be surprised at our magnificent display of Newmarkets, Raglans and Ulsters both for Ladies' and Misses' wear, and at the most popular prices.

We direct special attention to our line of

London Dye Seal Plush Sacques

which are one quality only, and that the best Any guarantee failing to meet the representation in wear given by our garments will be replaced by a new one.

Our $25 Sacques is on sale elsewhere at $30. The market value of our next better garment is $40. We make a special price of $35 for this garment. Our Plush Sacques are finished with handsomely quilted, Satin lining, Chamois skin packets and genuine Seal loops.

Misses' and Children's Cloaks with many exclusive styles at prices ranging from $3 to $25.

Ladies' Hosiery And Underwear.

1 case Ladies' fine White Merino Vests Silk stitched, silk bound, Drawers to match, same price 50c.

1 case Ladies' extra fine superior quality White Vests, silk embroidered with Drawers to match, really a first-class garment at 62½c.

1 case Ladies' Natural Wool Vests and Pants, silk stitched, Pearl Buttons at $1 each regularly sold at $1.25.

1 case Ladies' Medicated Scarlet Vests and Pants, silk embroidery, Pearl Buttons, smooth and soft at $1, elsewhere $1.25.

Full lines of finer grades in Camels Hair, Silk, etc.

1 case Child's White Merino Vests and Pants, Silk bound, Pearl Buttons.

16 & 18	20 & 22	24 & 26	28 & 30
22c	25c	35c	45c

We have a full assortment in all the better qualities of Children's Vests and Pants.

HOSIERY.

100 dozen Ladies' fine Wool Hose with Merino heels and toes in black, navy and seal browns at 25c; regularly sold at 35c.

100 dozen Ladies' extra fine Wool Hose in black and colors at 35c, would be considered good value at 45c.

50 dozen Ladies' English Cashmere Hose in black and colors at 50c, the best value ever offered at this price.

Ladies' fine English and French Cashmere Hose in black and modes at

65c, 75c and $1.00.

100 dozen Children's Ribbed Hose, for warmth and durability this stocking has no equal; black and colors.

6 and 6½	7 and 7½	8 and 8½
35c	40c	45c

Our stock of Children's Hosiery is larger then ever before, representing all the best known English and French manufacturs.

50 dozen Men's English Merino and Camels Hair Half Hose at the special low price of 25c.

A very large assortment of Boy's and Men's Underwear.

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THE REALTY MARKET.

Instruments Placed on Record During Yesterday.

J R Watts and wife to J C Robinson, e½ out lot 7 and 10 28-100 acres, adjoining all in sec 10-15-13e, w d	$ 2,000
L Schroeder tr to William Mack; lots 18 and 19, blk 4, Brown park, w d	5,000
W W Keysor and wife to S M Kitchen, e½ lot 9, blk "B," Shinn's 1st add, w d	1,600
L V Morse to T C Bruner, lots 9 and 10, blk 20, and lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, blk 17, Morse & Bruner's add, q c d	400
W W Keysor to J K Keysor, w½ lot 9, blk "B," Shinn's 1st add, w d	1
W M Forster and wife to F W Gray, lot 5, blk 127, Omaha, w d	10,000
W H Rosenow to W L Selby, lot 7, blk 2, Lincoln place, w d	1,000
M Larson and wife to D C Miller, s½ lot 7, blk 6, Park place, w d	2,500
A Rosewater and wife to G R Crandall, e 42 ft of n 130 ft, lot 3, blk 3, Quinn's add, w d	2,200
R E Gaylord tr to S A Walker et al, lot 9, blk 1, Burlington place, w d	460
William L Eastman and wife to S D Goodchild, lot 21, blk 12, Bedford place, w d	650
I Masters and wife to D K Bond, w ½ lot 24, blk 1, Stevens' place, wd	325
E E French and wife to Wm McGregor, lot 11, blk 2, Lakeview, wd	1,000
R Farnsworth to S H Farnsworth, w½ lot 6, blk 36, Omaha, wd	1
E M Pugh and wife to H H Cronk, lot 14, blk 2, Monmouth park, wd	750
G G Wallace to H H Cronk, lot 15, blk 2, Monmouth park, wd	700
J L Miles et al to E S Free, lot 14, blk 4, Orchard Hill, wd	750
Seventeen transfers	$29,337

The Deacon Will Play Right.

BOSTON, Oct. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Director Billings, of the Bostons, has left for New York to arrange terms with the Detroit players who are eligible to sign contracts. Brouthers will undoubtedly cover first base and Richardson second, while Bennett and Ganzell will go behind the bat. It has been a conundrum what Boston would do with Jim White. Director Billings said this afternoon: "We took White because we didn't want him left. As to his position, he will play right field when Kelly is behind the bat."

Brokerage Firm Dissolves.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—S. M. Milliken & Co., No. 11 Wall street, gave notice of dissolution to the New York stock exchange yesterday. Mr. Charles Stokes, the board member of the firm, was last summer compelled by order of the governing committee to retire from the firm of William Belden & Co., because of objections to Mr. Belden. The firm of S. M. Milliken & Co., was then formed by Mr. Stokes and Mr. S. M. Milliken, who had been the "Co." of William Belden & Co.

Murdered by a Tramp.

CROOKSTON, Minn., Oct. 20.—While Captain of Police Hayes was engagedi n conversation with a number of friends last night, a tramp fatally wounded him with a revolver. The man was promptly arrested. The reason the tramp gave for the deed was that Hayes had arrested him for being drunk recently. The affair has created intense excitement, and there is strong talk of lynching the murderer.

A New Nebraska Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Albert Hummel was to-day appointed postmaster at Gandy, Logan county, Neb., vice Stephen R. Chappell removed.

General Smith's Successor.

Mayor Broatch has accepted the resignation of Assistant City Attorney Smith and selected his successor, whose name he will send into the council on next Tuesday night.

The directory of the local Base Ball association will hold their annual meeting on November 19. There is much business of importance to transact, and the probabilities are that the session will be fought with interest to the lovers of the national game.

IN OMAHA SOCIAL CIRCLES.

A Quiet Week Socially but Brisk Matrimonially.

THE SCHMIDT-PAUL WEDDING.

Poppleton-Kennedy Nuptials—Omaha Club Reception—Miss Trumbull's Party—Mulford-Pope Alliance—Personals.

Finger Bowls.

With the present increasing admiration for cut glass, ladies who follow closely in the footsteps of fashion have cut glass finger-bowls in their collection, and certainly nothing in the shape of glass is more beautiful. Nevertheless, one need not mourn its absence, for there are many other clear glasses almost as pretty. Colored bowls are sometimes used, but unless of Bohemian or some other rare glass are not considered la mode. If the glass is colored a white doyly it is better suited to display its beauties, but if of clear glass the color may be exhibited in the doyly and in the contents of the bowl. The water may be tinted and perfumed. For a pink tea, rose petals may float upon the surface, for a yellow tea a slice of lemon or a yellow flower may add the tint; at a red tea, a red carnation or rose floats about in the bowl, and forget-me-nots lend their color to the blue tea-giver. A geranium leaf, a wreath of smilax, or a four-leaved clover will give green if desired. At a tea party it is not necessary to use a finger-bowl for each person, one at a small table being sufficient. Any pretty dish may hold bonbons, and they, too, may add to the color of the entertainment.

Omaha Club Reception.

The first "member reception" of the Omaha club was held in the rooms of that organization in the United States National bank building on Thursday evening. The occasion was the first in which the new and elegant quarters of the club had been thrown open to the families of members and in consequence, the rooms were crowded. Mr. Frank Lincoln, the celebrated humorist of Chicago was present and entertained the guests with a series of monologues which were as novel as they were interesting. The large and handsome billiard room fronting on Farnam street was cleared for the evening's entertainment and beautifully decorated with smilax and cut flowers. The floor was canvassed and dancing was kept up with a great deal of interest until 1 o'clock Friday morning.

Maggie McShane's Party.

On Wednesday evening a very pleaaant party was given to Miss Maggie McShane and her friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Taggart, Walnut Hill. A delightful time was spent until a late hour. Among those present were the Misses Katie McShane, Mary McArdle, Jewl Leon, Annie Campbell, Eliza Sullivan, Anna Burke, Susie and Sophie Wyner, Anna Noon and Mary McKurnan. The gentlemen were: F. J. McArdle, T. J. Leon, J. H. McCarville, W. Maher, T. T. Downey, W. E. Weber, M. H. Parrish, J. Goodall, J. Fanning, P. Burke, D. O'Connor, T. R. Mullen. All present pronounced the party the pleasantest of the many delightful parties which they have attended thus far this season.

Armour-Cudahay Champagne Ball.

Christmas eve, Monday, December 24, a grand ball and champagne banquet will be given by the Armour-Cudahy Packing company at South Omaha to their employes and invited guests. The entire office room will be used for dancing, two bands will be engaged and cloths will be spread for two hundred couples. Champagne and Tokay will head the wine list while the menu will excell anything ever before served at a banquet in Nebraska. Proper committees will be selected and a most elaborate programme will be prepared. Neither expense nor labor will be spared to insure its social success.

Miss Trumbull's Party.

Miss Blanche Trumbull gave a pleasant though informal birthday party at her home, No. 1708 Douglas street, Thursday evening. Dancing and cards were indulged in, and light refreshments being served. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Burgener, of Rushford, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Atwater, Misses Glick, Mason, Wright, Staley, Burgener and Marguerite Burgener, Messrs. Giller, Badeford, Stefner, Webster, Caldwell and Finch.

Shakspeare Club.

Last Friday evening the Unity Shakespeare club held its first meeting of the season. A large number of people interested in Shakespeare's works were present, and al professed themselves pleased with the evening's reading. The programme comprised the reading of the first two acts of the "Merchant of Venice," each part being taken by a different member of the club. While all the readers are not elocutionists, they all read intelligently, and some gave their lines with really dramatic force and expression. Among these Miss Walker as Portia, Miss Shellinberg as Jessica, Mr. Robinow as Launcelot, Mr. Copeland as Old Gobbo and Mr. Swoope as Shylock deserve especial praise. After the first act Mr. Swoope read an entertaining essay on "The Theatre in the Time of Shakespeare," which was greeted with applause.

The next meeting of the club will be on Friday evening, November 2, in Unity church, Seventeenth and Cass streets, when the last two acts of the "Merchant of Venice", will be read. This club is by no means confined to the attendants at Unity church, but all interested in the study of Shakespeare are cordially invited to be present and to take part in the meetings.

Policeman's Ball at South Omaha.

The annual ball by the South Omaha police force will be given in Hunt's hall, Wednesday evening, October 24. The following committees have been appointed:

General committee of arrangements—Councilmen John N. Burke and D. F. Bayless, and Marshal Al. C. McCracken and Messrs. James P. Maloney, John Sexton, Moses Redmond, Patrick J. J. McMahon, Dewitt O. Anderson, Thomas Looney, Joseph Humpal, John J. Fallen, Eugene Pickard, Nelson Lundgren and John J. Blivesnicht.

Reception—Mayor W. G. Sloane and John F. McMillan.

Floor—Messrs. S. B. Fenno, John J. O'Rourke, Rodie Redmond and James P. Maloney.

Invitation—Fred M. Smith, Daniel Rafferty and B. Jetter.

Marshal Albert C. McCracken and lady will lead the grand march.

Three hundred tickets have been sold.

A Complete Surprise.

Miss Kate Kennedy was happily surprised Monday evening by a large number of her friends at her home 2817 Maple street, the occasion being her birthday. Among her guests were Prof. Mathies, Misses Franco, Ina Kennedy and Mr. Clark, who furnished their choicest selections of music. The young lady received many handsome presents. One of the features of the evening was the bountiful repast spread for the guests.

Senator Paddock's Daughter.

Miss Hattie Paddock, the eldest daughter of Senator A. S. Paddock, will be married on the 30th inst, at her home in Beatrice, to Mr. O. J. Coleman, president of the First National bank of Broken Bow, Neb. The wedding will be solemized at high noon in the Episcopal church, by Bishop Worthington, assisted by Rev. Robert Scott, of Beatrice.

Fort Omaha.

Tuesday evening opened the society season at the Fort. The first turn of the wheel was a dance, and a very enjoyable one, too. A large number of young people from the city attended.

Miss Octavia Wheaton, daughter of General Wheaton, causes the wheel to turn again Friday evening by treating her friends to a birthday party.

Evening Star Club.

Friday night the Evening Star club was organized in Lev's hall, Thirteenth street. About fifteen members were present and elected D. P. O'Connell president and W. J. Ford secretary. This club will have the custody of the gold medal presented by R. C. to go to champion waltzer of the state.

Wedding Bells.

MULFORD-POPE.

Harry B. Mulford, a teller of the Union Stock Yards bank of South Omaha and lieutenant in the Omaha guards, was married at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Washington, Wednesday to Miss Annabelle Pope, formerly of Georgia. The newly wedded pair left on the Pennsylvania express directly after the ceremony for Chicago, where they will remain a few days before proceeding to South Omaha. The bride is a relative of the late Ben Hill of Georgia, and the family is among the most prominent of the first families of Georgia.

POPPLETON-KENNEDY.

Wednesday afternoon William Sears Poppleton, son of A. J. Poppleton, was married to Miss Charlotte Kennedy, daughter of B. E. B. Kennedy. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents at No. 1919 St. Mary's avenue, Dean Gardner officiating. The ceremony was held beneath an arch of roses. The wedding was an exclusive affair, only a few relatives of the parties being present. At 4 o'clock the newly married pair left for a bridal tour to the east.

SCHMIDT-PAUL.

The event of the week, in Catholic circles, was the marriage of Miss Anna M. Paul, the daughter of George P. Paul, one of Omaha's oldest residents, to Mr. Joseph H. Schmidt, the well known druggist. It took place at the Holy Family church on Wednesday morning. Promptly at 9 o'clock the bridal party entered the church, the wedding march being a beautiful organ duet rendered by Misses Burkly and Burkhard. The bride was attired in a white corded silk semitrain, V-shaped corsage, trimmed with white and lace and orange blossoms, the veil extending to the end of the train. On her head she wore a wreath of orange blossoms, and in her hand carried a bouquet of cream roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Maud Paul, wore a shrimp pink surrah silk, walking length, trimmed in cream lace, Mary Stuart, collar and yellow roses. The groom was attended by his brother, William Schmidt.

The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. R. A Shaffel, S. J. The excellent music for the occasion was rendered by the choir from St. John's Collegiate church, Mrs. C. Burkhard directing. After the ceremony the party returned to the home of the bride's parents, No. 352 Burt street, where breakfast was served—those present being Rt. Rev. James O'Connor, Very Rev. R. A. Shaffel, S. J., Rev. A. M. Colaneri, Mr. and Mrs. Weiss, Council Bluffs; C. J. Smith, Dr. E. J. Taggart and Miss M. Heelan. The reception was held in the afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock. The presents were numerous and costly, among those who kindly remembered the young couple were Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Furay, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weiss, Council Bluffs; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Donahoe, Mr. and Mrs. John Baumer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. McGown, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Duffy, Mr. and Mrs. James Green, Mr. and Mrs. William Gentleman, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Collett, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Mallon, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Daly, Lockport, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleves, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kosters, and Mesdames J. D. Creighton, Cavanagh, Woodard, Cooper, Murphy, Heelan, Morgan and Deiss; Misses Clara Creighton, Nettie Buckley Nunchon, Lulu Burkhard, Mary and Margery Fitzpatrick, Mamie Deiss, Sophia Bamer, Sophia Brady, Mollie and Nellie Heelan, Margaret and Nellie Cotter, Lizzie Murphy, Winnie and Mary McDermott, Francis Cooper, Sadie Nash, Therese Geis, of Deadwood, Carrie Koesters, Julia Mullen, Nellie Carlon, Sadie and Agnes Smith, Mary, Etten, Right Rev. J. O'Connor, Very Rev. R. A. Shaffel, S. J., Rev. Koopmans, S. J., Colaneri and Glauber, Messrs. J. H. Nielson, Frank and Harry Burkley, Phil Murgen, James Perkins, C. J. Smyth, Blake, Bruce & Co., Thomas Flynn, T. H. Cotter, Frank Alexander, Peter Rocco, Ed. Murphy, W. J. Hughes, Dr. J. H. Vance, Dr. Keogh, John Nillman, Owen McKee, C. P. Thompson, Alfred Duncan, John Maguire, John M. Mullen, N. R. O'Shaughnessy, Wm. Weber, Thomas Downey, Martin Cavanagh, Harry and Maurice Hussie.

On Thursday evening a social was tendered the choir who so kindly rendered the music on the occasion.

HUTCHISON-TIDBALL.

The persons at a sociable of the Central United Presbyterian church at the home of G. S. Benawa, Thirty-third and Burt streets, on Tuesday evening, were astonished about 9 o'clock by the entrance of a wedding party and the subsequent marriage of Mr. Frank Hutchinson and Miss Belle Tidball. The wedding was a complete surprise to the company with the exception of a few intimate friends of the bride and groom. Mr. Hutchison is in the employ of W. R. Bennett & Co., while his bride has been bookkeeper for Benawa & Co. since the establishment of the firm.

SCOTT—BALDWIN.

Peoria, Ill., was the scene of a wedding last Wednesday night in which Mr. A. Scott of Omaha was united in marriage to Miss Letetia S. Baldwin. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Orr at the residence of the bride's parents, after which the happy couple left for Omaha, where they will be at home to friends at No. 2301 Farnam street. Mr. Scott is a valued clerk in the office of General Superintendent Dickinson of the Union Pacific.

General Gossip.

W. K. Ringwalt is in Cincinnati.

J. J. Gibson is in Madison, Wis.

Colonel C. R. Scott has gone east.

A. P. Cone left for New York Wednesday.

H. C. Weller left for St. Louis Wednesday.

J. S. Gaylor started for New York Tuesday.

Charles H. Annan has returned from the east.

Mrs. P. C. Himebaugh has returned from Chicago.

Miss Boyd gave a pleasant tea party Friday evening.

Mrs. Leavitt Burnham returned from the east Friday.

Mrs. Frank