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THE BOOM OF THE ICEBERG.

STORY OF THE TRIPLE LINK. Origin of the Order of Oddfellows and Present Standing. THE PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE. Coming Events in the World of the Mystic Bodies With a Number of Minor Happenings at Home. The Three Links. The order of Odd Fellows had its origin in England in the eighteenth century. The first mention of it being in a magazine published in 1745. The early English lodges were supported by each member paying a penny to the secretary on entering the lodge. Originally the lodges were formed for social purposes and to assist in obtaining employment for workmen, the members being sent from one town to another in search of work by a system of cards. Up to 1809 the lodges were self-instituted and without a system of general government. In that year the Manchester Unity was formed. Brother Ross, in his history, repudiates the mythical story which is to the effect that the order was established in Rome, A. D. 79, by the descendants of the priests and serfs of the Babylonian captivity, and concludes that it originated about 1745.

ing October, Widley was re-elected noble grand, but not without opposition, as the frail craft, the lodge consisting of but sixteen members, was already being rocked by the waves of discord and dissension that had arisen. The dispute ended in the withdrawal of the dissatisfied element. They endeavored to secure a charter for Franklin lodge, but this was refused by the Manchester Unity, jurisdiction having been vested to Washington lodge. Finally, in 1831, Franklin lodge received a charter from the Grand lodge of Maryland and the United States. At a meeting of the members of Washington lodge, for over two years, were the exclusive custodians of the mystic rites, and labored zealously in the face of many adversities, and through their unceasing toil laid the foundation upon which to build the magnificent edifice of Odd Fellowship, as it stands at the present time.

of the records of the sovereign grand lodge. But the supreme body was ever a part of the absent representatives. The course pursued demonstrated the fraternal feeling that prompts the government of Odd Fellowship. In 1830, when the sovereign grand lodge convened in Baltimore, the war was being waged and thirty-six representatives, from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia were absent. The seats allotted to these representatives were unoccupied during the session. Robert B. Boylston, of South Carolina was grand sire and during his absence Deputy Grand Sire Milton Henderson, of Indiana, presided. In his opening address he said: "The circumstances that surround us at this time are unparalleled in our history. Heretofore the representatives of our beloved order have annually convened, always under the most favorable auspices. Heretofore, representatives, when they met, joyfully congratulated each other upon the great success and growth of oddfellowship. What a terrible change a few months has wrought! We are here, all its attendant honors, has been inaugurated in our once happy country. While we act the part of so-called citizens we may pour oil upon the troubled waters, and all in the midst of a suffering incident to this unnatural strife."

THE BOOM OF THE ICEBERG. It Sounded Very Appropriate on the Last Glorious Fourth. BEATS ALL THE BIG GUNS. The Grand and the Beautifully Blended Together in the Scenery About Glacier Bay—Summer and Winter in One. The Fourth in Alaska. Copyright 1889. GLACIER BAY, Alaska, July 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The evening of July 3 found our party encamped upon the beach of a beautiful bay, about four miles to the east of Glacier bay, and on a portion of land that, in low tide, becomes an island. It is one of perhaps twenty-five of a group of islands named after one Captain Beardsley, who commanded an American man-of-war stationed at Sitka in 1880. There are two entrances to Glacier bay, one by way of Icy Straits and Cross sound, the regular route of the Alaskan line of steamers, and the other by what is called the "inland pass," or the route taken by us on our present trip.

coming in towards the Fairweather mountains dropped their huge bodies of ice into the depths below. So absorbed had I become in my surroundings that I had forgotten that the large breaking off from the glaciers is followed by heavy swells of sea, but my attention was suddenly attracted to this feature by a cry from our Indians, and almost before I can write it, our canoe was dancing upon the crest of a roller a dozen feet high, and as quickly she dipped her head beneath only to gracefully rise again upon another swell. I noticed that the Indian who sat in the stern of the canoe plunged his paddle deep into the water as a swell approached, and swung his head squarely to it, and she would gracefully rise and fall with each surge without slipping a thimble of water. This sort of excitement was a new thing to me, and I was sorry when we approached the shore where we were to pitch our camp.

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