

## HAIL TO THE CHIEF RANGER

Father of the Order of Foresters Visits Omaha.

## HIGH COURT TO BE ESTABLISHED TODAY

Reception to Chief Oronhyateka This Morning to Be Followed by an Address at Boyd's Theater Tonight.

This will be one of the great days in the local history of the Independent Order of Foresters. It will mark the date of the institution of the Nebraska high court of the order. Oronhyateka, D.D., supreme chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, and a prominent official of other fraternal societies, will be a guest of the city during the day, and everything has been done that he may carry away with him a most favorable impression of the city. Naturally, the whole affair will be in the hands of the Foresters, and there is an unbounded admiration of the qualities and the capabilities of their chief. The program of the day includes a reception to the visitor, the institution of the high court by him, a lightening trip about the city, and an address in the evening in one of the theaters. All the arrangements have been perfected by a general committee, which is composed of representatives from the various orders in this city and South Omaha, as follows:

Court Omaha, M. A. Hall, Dr. J. M. Alken, T. L. Combs, James Mull, E. G. Brahe, Court Mendota, W. E. Davis, J. E. Chieff, Prof. G. A. Rohrbaugh, J. E. Sullivan, Dr. Charles Rosewater, Court Elk-Sar-Ben, J. N. Rutherford, Dr. Clausen, D. W. Duffie, Rev. J. O. Stanley and P. R. Rose, Court Allemania, Charles Bombolt, Judge Christian, Charles Grant, Ann Karch and P. Mertens, Court Fountain, F. M. Henderson, A. L. Hunter, J. B. Smiley, J. P. Murphy and J. E. Kohn; Court Pokok Volky, J. A. Brown, Dr. Holowichner, J. Kohn and J. Schlegel.

Dr. Oronhyateka was in Lincoln Saturday night, where he instituted a subordinate court of the order and delivered an address. He spent Sunday in the Capital City, and will arrive in Omaha this morning at an early hour.

He will be met at the depot and escorted to his hotel by a reception committee composed of the following: T. L. Combs and Charles Wata of Court Omaha, W. E. Davis of Court Mendota, F. M. Henderson of Court Allemania, Charles Bombolt of Court Fountain, J. B. Smiley of Court Pokok Volky, and J. E. Kohn of Court Elk-Sar-Ben.

This committee will act as a sort of body-guard to the chief and see that his personal comfort is attended to while he is in Omaha.

EVENT OF THE DAY.

The chief event of the day in the eyes of Foresters will be the institution of the high court in the morning. The convention will be called to order at 10 o'clock in Foresters hall, in the Boston street building. The first business of importance transacted, the primary feature will be the election of officers and their installation by the supreme chief ranger.

It is proposed after the ceremony is completed and an adjournment is taken that a public reception be held in the hall, at which the Foresters of the city will be given an opportunity to meet the high official. It is more than probable that the convention will adjourn at 1 o'clock in the afternoon also. If the time will allow it is intended to drive the chief about the city late in the afternoon.

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It was only while Oronhyateka was a student at Kenyon college that the prince of Waite made his memorable visit to Canada. The chief of the Six Nations departed him to deliver an address to the son of the "Great Mother," as they called the queen. The impression the young Indian made upon the prince and the royal party was so favorable that he was invited to continue his studies at Oxford, Eng., under the care of Sir Henry Alcock, regius professor of medicine. He graduated from the institution after a full course in medicine.

After his Oxford days Oronhyateka married a woman of his own race, and to them have been born several children, only two of whom have lived. The son, Acland, was a graduated physician, but is now engaged in looking after the interests of Forestry in England. The other child is a daughter. She is intellectually active and progressive, and is a musician, a superb horsewoman and one who can row and shoot like the proverbial "tomboy" of the race.

Dr. Oronhyateka has several homes, but the one nearest his heart is situated in the midst of his people on the reservation, which was born. It is located near Deseronto, Ont.

MEMBER OF MANY ORDERS.

Oronhyateka is prominent in many orders of fraternal societies. He is a member of the supreme temple of the Independent Order of Good Templars, the highest office in that body, in masonry he has received the degrees of the Royal Arch, Knight Templar, thirty-third degree in the Scottish rite and that of the Mystic shrine, and also most wonderful grand master mason of the Dominion of Royal and Oriental Masons.

The Independent Order of Foresters, of which Dr. Oronhyateka is the head, was founded in Newark, N. J., in 1858. It is a somewhat tempestuous course for some years, which finally culminated in a separation of some of the membership and the formation of a new body, the Foresters of Illinois. In 1881, after this separation, the management of the present body was transferred to Canada, at which time it was reorganized and placed on its present basis. At its reorganization only 363 members cast their vote with the new leaders, and the society started afresh with an indebtedness of over \$4,000. Since then the order has extended throughout Canada, the northern and western states of this country, and was recently planted in Great Britain and Ireland, where there are over 200 subordinate courts. There is a total of 2,600 courts in existence.

All this entailed very heavy expenditures. But notwithstanding this, and the fact that over \$4,000,000 have been paid in benefits to the members of the order, it has managed to keep afloat and has a surplus of \$2,001,655 remaining from the small monthly contributions paid by its members. The order has a membership of 360,000, and has increased on November 1 to 100,015.

The death rate of the order has steadily decreased. In 1880 it was 10.63; in 1881 it was 10.63; in 1882 it was 10.63; in 1883 it was 10.63; in 1884 it was 10.63; in 1885 it was 10.63; in 1886 it was 10.63; in 1887 it was 10.63; in 1888 it was 10.63; in 1889 it was 10.63; in 1890 it was 10.63; in 1891 it was 10.63; in 1892 it was 10.63; in 1893 it was 10.63; in 1894 it was 10.63; in 1895 it was 10.63; in 1896 it was 10.63; in 1897 it was 10.63.

The order has a standing monument of its prosperity in a magnificent temple building in Toronto, which was completed and dedicated in 1890. The building is 100 feet in height, and is in every respect modern.

EDITOR RAKER GETS A NEW TRIAL.

Supreme Court Overrules Judge Scott and Sends the Case Back.

The supreme court has passed upon the contempt case brought against W. S. Raker, editor of the Omaha Journal, and has ruled in his favor. The case was brought by Judge Scott, before whom Raker was convicted. In passing upon the case Justice Norval, who handed down the opinion, said:

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## EDUCATION NOT POPULAR

Railroad Company an Unwilling Propagator of a Nebraska Genus.

## BURLINGTON TO CUT OFF SOME TAXES

Discovers a School District with One Scholar Which Has Been Regularly Making a Tax Levy on Railroad Property.

Miss Edna Newton is a beautiful, well educated and altogether charming young woman of Perkins county, this state, against whom not one word of reproach could ever be said, but she is apt to enjoy considerable notoriety in the near future. This is all because the Burlington railroad has grown weary of providing her with a private governess and securing for her an education beyond the means of the railroad company. The railroad company will, during the next week, enter a formal protest with the court of Perkins county against a continuance of the custom that has given the young woman an education in such an agreeable manner at its expense.

Miss Edna Newton is the only child of school age or any other age in school district No. 54, Perkins county. The school board of that district consists of her father, who is the moderator, the Board of Directors, her mother, who is another director, but without other title, and one Frank W. Hastings, the treasurer of the board. The latter has no children. For several years past the school board has met in annual session and voted a school tax to the full limit. The money so raised has been expended in educating the only child in the school district. A school teacher, reputed to be a coming young woman, has been engaged for the purpose of educating Edna. An Edna was her only child in the school district. A school board at the Newton residence and instruct the young idea at home. It seemed more than fitting to Mr. and Mrs. Newton, and when the teacher was engaged, the understanding, it is said, that she should board with the Newtons at a good weekly rate.

A little misunderstanding between Hastings and the Newtons and a slight irregularity in connection with the last annual meeting, when the school tax was voted, have given the school board a bad name for the legal interference of the Burlington railroad. The annual meeting of the school district was held on the morning of June 23, 1896, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Newton the moderator, had three notices to this effect posted in the school house and the school district. Mr. Newton, a director, Hastings, the third member of the board, saw the notices, and appeared at the meeting. He was informed, however, that the annual meeting had been held in the morning at 3 o'clock and the school tax was voted. Mr. Newton had a short consultation after breakfast on that day and decided to hold the meeting at 4 o'clock. It was known that he might object to the re-organization of a governing body, at the expense of the district, so it was deemed best to let the matter go. 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