

Omaha Man Prominent in Many Lodges

Upon the fourth floor of the Brandeis building, there is an office door which can be distinguished from the many others by the simplicity of the inscription of only two lines upon it.

On another office door upon the third floor of the postoffice building there is another inscription which is still less likely to attract the eye of the average passerby. The latter is in plain gold letters and reads, "U. S. Commissioner."

Stopping in front of the door in the Brandeis building a reporter read the small sign:

"Gustave Anderson, Attorney at Law."

He knocked lightly and was immediately ushered into a neat office room by a gentleman with a gray beard and mustache and a kindly disposition. The dignity with which he sits upon the bench when trying important cases as United States commissioner had transformed into the affability of the attorney at law.

"Judge, your honor," the interviewer began.

"I guess not your honor, now," Judge Anderson interrupted.

"Judge, we understand that you are interested in a lodge and we want you to tell us about it."

"Here is my card," said the magistrate, "from which you will find that I am not interested in a lodge, but lodges."

Upon the front of the card was "Gustave Anderson, Esq., Sovereign, Inspector General, State of Nebraska, Omaha."

"You are unlike most people. Why do you not have all that printed on your door?"

"Being a judge," was the answer, "I avoid showing any discrimination or partiality, which I would do if that was on my door. If I do not explain myself clear you look on the back of that card. That explains everything."

The back of the card came near explaining everything, except, perhaps, itself. It explained that, besides being a United States commissioner, Judge Anderson is:



GUSTAVE ANDERSON.

Past Master, Covert Lodge No. 11, A. F. and A. M.
 Past High Priest, Bellevue Chapter No. 7, R. A. M.
 Past Eminent Commander, Mount Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha.
 Past Patron, Vesta Chapter No. 6, O. E. S.
 Past Sovereign, Cœur de Lion Conclave No. 10, Red Cross of Constantine.
 Past Potentate, Tangier Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Noble Mystic Shrine.

Past President, Masonic Veteran Association of Nebraska.
 Past Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters and Super-Excellent Masters of Colorado.
 Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado, Knights Templar.
 Honorary Member, Masonic Veteran Association of the State of Michigan.
 Honorary Member, Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Italy; Member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and President of the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha.
 Judge Anderson is also a member of the local Elks' club, having belonged to the organization since a short time after its inception.
 Judge Anderson has lived in Omaha since 1862. He came to the United States from Cronoberg, Sweden, and lived in Illinois a year before he came here.
 Judge Anderson was elected several times to the police judgeship of Omaha. Thirty-five years ago he was appointed United States commissioner by Judge Dundy of the district court.
 "Are there any other lodges to which you belong besides those named on this card?" he was asked.
 "Well, the only one I can think of right now is that I am deputy grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska."
 "Is that all?"
 "Yes, that's all."
 "Judge, does Mrs. Anderson belong to any lodges?"
 "Oh, yes; she is a member of the Eastern Star."
 "That is all you can think of right now, you say?"
 "Yes, that is all. Don't be in a hurry to leave. Would you like to see some lodge lodges?"
 "Oh, yes. I have some more besides those—half a bushel of them. Well, good day; call again."

HOYT LEADS TANGIER TEMPLE

Annual Election of the Mystic Shrine Last Thursday.

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Classmen Take in Class of Nine—Other Lodge Guests of Interest to the Many Thousands of Lodge Men.

Luther E. Hoyt was elected potentate of the Tangier Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at the regular annual meeting held at Masonic Temple Thursday evening, when the following officers were also elected for the ensuing year:

Luther E. Hoyt, potentate.
 James A. Howard, chief rabban.
 William R. Bennett, assistant rabban.
 H. K. Burkett, high priest and prophet.
 Leslie J. Abbott, oriental guide.
 William E. Rhodes, treasurer.
 William T. Bourke, recorder.
 Delegates to the Imperial council to be held in Rochester, N. Y., July 10, 1910: Luther E. Hoyt, George Greene, John R. Stina, A. J. Pierson.

I. O. O. F.

Omaha lodge No. 2, will have four candidates for the second degree on Friday night.

South Omaha lodge No. 14, will confer the first degree on two candidates Monday night.

Danneberg lodge No. 216, will have three candidates for work in the second degree next Monday night.

Hesperian encampment No. 2 has a large class for the patriarchal degree next Thursday night.

All of the past grands of Omaha, South Omaha, Benson and Florence have been invited to meet with Benson lodge No. 29, next Tuesday evening.

South Omaha lodge No. 14, Danneberg lodge No. 216, Alpha Rebekah lodge No. 44 and Crusaders encampment, all of South Omaha, are planning on a joint installation of officers on Monday night, January 3.

Grand Patriarch Marks last Friday evening actively attended the encampments of Nebraska this winter.

Classmen of America.

At the regular meeting last Friday evening in Baright's hall, Nineteenth and Farham streets, a class of nine were initiated to lodge No. 1, Classmen of America. This fraternal society is meeting with phenomenal success and will be one of the foremost fraternal and beneficiary orders in a short time.

On Friday evening, December 10, this lodge will hold a grand open meeting in Baright's hall, to which all members and friends are invited. A program has been arranged consisting of ten special numbers, including Potter's Gibson Mandolin and Guitar club of twenty-one talented musicians.

Royal Achates Elect.

Omaha lodge No. 1, Royal Achates, held election of officers Tuesday night, December 7, with the following result: I. G. Baright, past president; H. J. Peterson, president; Alton M. Hutton, vice president; C. M. Mackley, treasurer; H. L. Chadwick, secretary; Mary Joseph, chaplain; Emma A. Schmitt, marshal; Marguerite McCabe, assistant marshal; L. B. Stewart, guard; J. G. Manning, sentinel; R. Jones, doorkeeper; W. W. Ward, trustees; Ada E. Langevin, musician; C. M. Mackley, captain degree staff. Initiations next Tuesday night, installation January 3, 1911.

Union lodge No. 118 will hold a social session after regular meeting next Thursday evening, at which refreshments will be served to members and visiting friends. This lodge will hold a card party and dance on Thursday evening, December 22.

Royal Neighbors of America.

At the regular meeting of Pansy camp, No. 12, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: E. F. Barlow, orator; L. Stuart, vice orator, O. M.

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The entertainment committee has promised an excellent program for the next meeting night Tuesday, December 27. There was to have been a class initiation of candidates at camp 211 on next Tuesday evening, but owing to a change in the date of the meeting, it has been indefinitely postponed. Benson camp expects to have at least 100 members by the first of the year.

Yeomen Elect Officers.

Omaha homestead, No. 104, of Yeomen, made arrangements at a meeting last evening for an active campaign for members. Miss Nellie J. Robin of the Moines has just come here to take charge of the work. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Raymond Woodrum, foreman; James M. Bailey, master of ceremonies; Gordon Roth, correspondent; Mrs. James R. Maupin, chaplain.

Alpha Camp, W. O. W.

At the annual meeting of Alpha camp, No. 1, Woodmen of the World, held Wednesday, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: J. H. Elbery, council commander; W. H. McGowan, adviser lieutenant; George E. Mack, banker; Charles Hult, clerk; L. H. Horton, escort; A. J. Frusman, watchman; W. B. Church, sentry; J. W. Gross was elected member of the board of managers to serve for three years. The meeting Wednesday evening was an exceedingly large and interesting one, over 300 members being present. To this was added something over fifty visitors. Plans are being made by the lodge for its annual Christmas tree.

Royal Arcanum Elects.

The annual election of officers of Union Pacific Council 199, Royal Arcanum, was held Tuesday evening. The following were elected to fill the offices for the ensuing year: S. P. Roswick, past regent; P. H. Tebbens, regent; H. G. Harner, vice regent; D. W. Dyars, orator; W. M. Mackay, secretary; A. C. Reed, collector; W. D. Cousman, treasurer; E. A. Zartman, guide; C. C. Phelps, warden; William von Kroge, sentry. Union Pacific council meets at the Metropolitan club, Twenty-second and Harney streets, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Ben Hur Drill Team.

Mecca court, No. 11, Tribe of Ben Hur, last Thursday evening put on its fancy drill, by Charles M. Rackley, as captain. Next Thursday evening it will have an open meeting for the members and their friends.

Miscellaneous.

Mrs. W. A. Smith, 622 Dodge street, will entertain the Kensington club of Vesta Chapter, O. E. S., Thursday afternoon. A literary and musical program will be a part of the afternoon's entertainment.

American Toys in Mexico.

Within the past few years, says Consular Reports, there has developed in Mexico an increased interest in American manufactured toys, especially mechanical ones. Up to a few years ago mechanical toys were not seen in Latin America, but during the holiday season here now the main feature of window displays is such products, and such show windows attract greatest attention. Another special feature is that the season for selling such toys here is not confined to the holiday or Christmas time, but really lasts the year round, for the reason that the Christmas holidays are not celebrated in Mexico with such special attention by sending presents as in the United States. The celebration takes a more religious and social form, and hence toys such as are usually sold in the United States during the month of December are sold here through all the months of the year.

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One of the most interesting of the exhibits to be presented at the Omaha Cement show this winter will be a new cement railroad tie, which recently was invented and now is being tested by an Omaha man.

Fifteen years ago this Omaha inventor, W. E. Owens, constructed his first cement post. Before that time he had made cement blocks of small size for building purposes, but this was his first attempt at anything like the posts and ties being made today.

The "cement" post, as it was called, was built around a wooden center about as large as a broom stick, which, when it had been in the wet cement some time, swelled and broke the post.

Later Mr. Owens tried all kinds of cement posts and cement blocks while he was doing business in Omaha, but was dissatisfied with each. One cost too much to put out and the rest were easily breakable and lacked durability.

Finally the inventor discovered that a steel truss frame around a hollow iron tube gives a strength almost unbelievable, because cement solidifies around steel at a tensile strength. Tests made showed that it is practically unbreakable if used merely as an ordinary fence post and will last for years, outwearing several sets of wooden posts.

The invention was a success, as was proved by the United States government accepting the posts for four miles of fencing around Fort Crook. The government is now placing posts of the same sort around Fort Omaha. The Union Pacific railroad also tried out the post and decided to use it in fencing its right-of-way in Nebraska.

A cement railroad tie was found to offer an entirely different problem. Ties of all descriptions have been made and tried by different railroads, and are now in use. The Santa Fe tie is strengthened with two iron pipes and spikes a little larger than the pipes that hold the rails down.

The tie made by the Omaha inventor is built on the same plan as the posts, with a steel truss frame, and will withstand 10,000 pounds. It weighs 200 pounds and can be manufactured for 85 cents, a few cents cheaper than a wooden tie, and will last forever, it is said.

Another invention of Mr. Owens is a rail-faster, which makes the use of the tie practical. The fastener is attached to the outside of the tie by a number of corrugations, which are built in the tie, making it possible to place any number of rails. It has been pronounced practical by Omaha engineers and will be demonstrated by the inventor at the cement show.

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A Denver woman, going home for the day, locked everything up well, and for the grocer's benefit wrote on a card: "All out. Don't leave anything." This she stuck on the front door. On her return home she found the house ransacked and all her best china, glassware, gone. To the card on the door was added: "Thanks; we haven't left much."—Kansas City Star.

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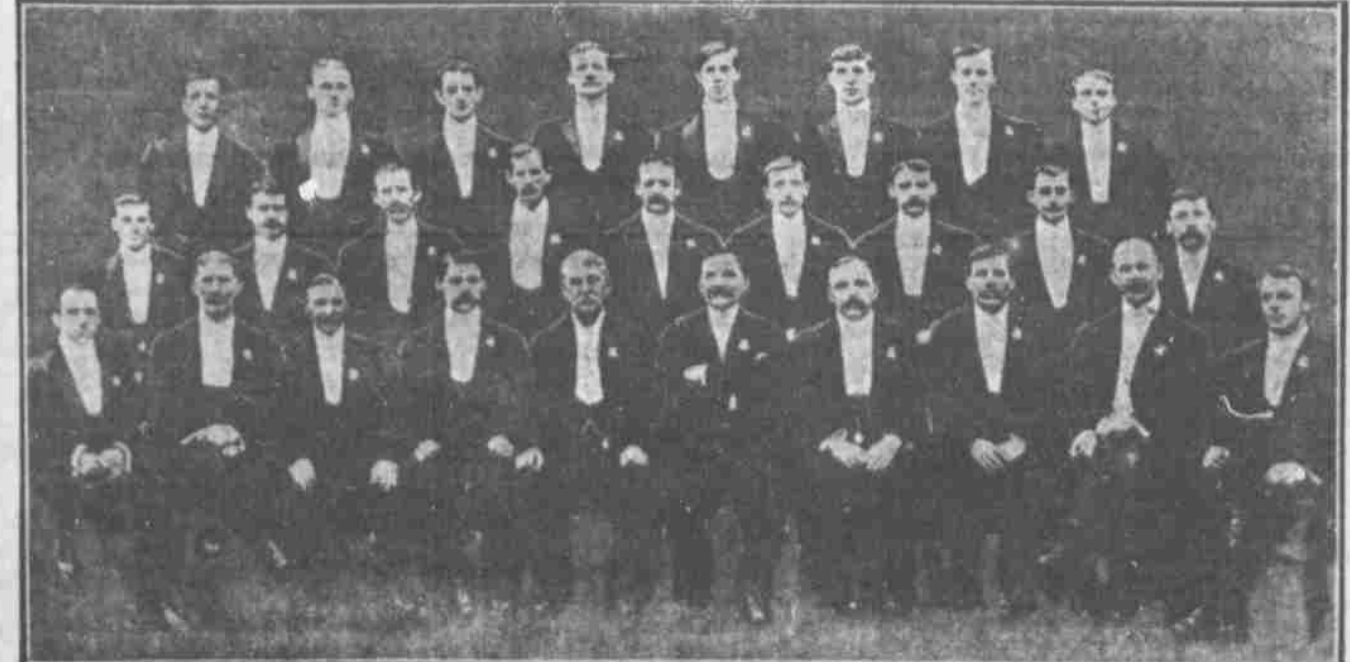
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