

ODD FELLOWS' ORDER GROWS

Annual Session Shows All Branches Are Increasing.

NEXT SESSION TO BE AT LINCOLN

Subordinate, Encampment and Rebekah Lodges and the Cantons Show Much Enthusiasm in the Work of the Order.

The grand lodge, the grand encampment, the department council of the Patriarch Militant and the Rebekah assembly of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, held their annual session on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 15, 16 and 17, at Lincoln. There were about 1,000 Odd Fellows from all parts of the state in attendance at these sessions.

A special session of the grand lodge was held at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening in representatives hall in the state capitol building, and the past officials and the grand lodge degrees were conferred upon 200 new members.

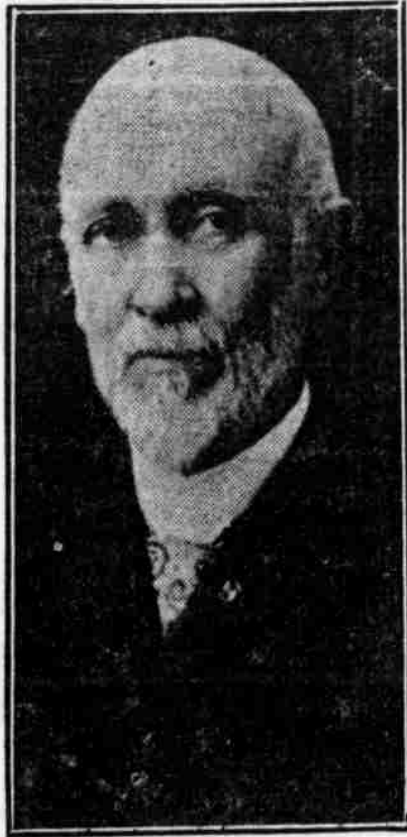
The fifty-fifth annual session of the grand lodge opened at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in representatives hall. The morning was devoted to disposing of amendments to the grand lodge laws. At 11 o'clock the grand lodge and the Rebekah assembly held a joint meeting in representatives hall. The afternoon session was devoted to committee reports and routine business.

Election of Officers.
Thursday morning the following grand lodge officers were elected: T. W. Bass, Broken Bow, grand master; Frank John, Grand Island, deputy grand master; J. C. Harnish, O'Neill, grand warden; I. P. Gage, Fremont, grand secretary; F. B. Bryant, Omaha, grand treasurer; W. J. Vosburgh, Kearney, grand representative; Paul Story, Red Cloud, held over from last year as grand representative; S. R. Patton, Omaha, and J. W. Kelsey, Lincoln, members of the home board trustees.

Lincoln was chosen as the annual meeting place of the 1913 session. Omaha Grand Island and York were placed in nomination, but Lincoln won out on the third ballot.

The amendments to change the manner of electing representatives to the grand lodge and grand lodge officers were rejected. Only a few minor changes were made in the grand lodge constitution, as most of the proposed amendments were

RE-ELECTED GRAND TREASURER OF ODD FELLOWS.



FRANKLIN B. BRYANT, Elected Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Last Week for the Fourteenth Time.

defeated. An amendment proposing a change in the manner of collecting grand lodge dues was defeated after a lengthy debate. The Omaha representatives put up a hard fight for this proposition to equalize the grand lodge tax, but were unable to win out when the matter was put to a vote.

The home board made a voluminous report, which was given the closest attention, and every action of the board was heartily endorsed.

A resolution was adopted making it necessary for representatives to answer all roll calls or lose their per diem. The grand master was given authority to call special meetings of the grand lodge in conjunction with district meetings.

Arrangements were made for an Odd Fellows' parade at the 1913 session.

Home Children at Grand Lodge.

A feature of the session was a program of songs and recitations given before the grand lodge by the twelve

orphan children of the Odd Fellows' home.

F. H. Swanbeck of Greenwood, Neb., addressed the grand lodge. Mr. Swanbeck is 98 years of age and has been an Odd Fellow for over sixty-eight years.

D. E. Thomas of Mount Airy, Ia., who has been an Odd Fellow for sixty-five years, was also a visitor at the grand lodge.

The grand secretary's report shows that during the year the order increased its membership in this state by 22, the total number of members in Nebraska now being 24,278.

The report of the representatives to the sovereign grand lodge shows that last year was a prosperous one for the order from every standpoint. The order now has over 2,100,000 members, the report showing an increase of over 65,000 members in all branches of the order during the year. There was collected by the order in 1911 \$13,300,000, of which \$5,854,000 was paid out for relief and sick benefits. The invested funds of the order now amount to over \$83,331,000. The next session of the sovereign grand lodge will be held at Minneapolis in 1913.

Rebekah State Assembly.
The Rebekah assembly held a special session in the senate chamber Tuesday evening to confer the Rebekah assembly degree on the new members in attendance at this year's session.

The regular session was convened at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the senate chamber. The forenoon was spent in hearing the president's address and disposing of committee reports. The afternoon session was devoted to the home board report and at 4 o'clock a memorial service was held. In her annual report the secretary stated that thirteen new lodges had been instituted in this state during the year and that there had been a gain of 2,226 members. The organization now has a membership of 14,667 in Nebraska. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$10,142.60.

The following officers were elected: Fannie DeBow, Coleridge, president; Susan Kierstead, Norfolk, vice president; Julia Welch, Lincoln, warden; Mary C. Stult, Omaha, treasurer; Emma L. Talbot, South Omaha, secretary; Mary Livingston, Mary Caldwell, Lincoln, members home board; Mrs. E. S. Davis, North Platte, delegate to sovereign grand lodge.

At the Wednesday evening session the decoration of chivalry was conferred upon seventeen members. Following this ceremony the Rebekah degree was exemplified by Evening Star Rebekah lodge No. 55, of York.

The total membership of the Rebekah

branch of the order is 987,039, an increase of over 20,000 members during the year of 1911. The receipts of the year amounted to \$1,000,000.

Session of the Grand Encampment.
The grand encampment began its session at 10 a. m. Tuesday, in Odd Fellows' hall. The forenoon was devoted to committee work, and the afternoon to the election of officers and hearing officers' reports. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: S. R. McFarland, grand patriarch; J. W. Pitman, grand senior warden; J. A. Davis, high priest; W. A. Keaton, grand junior warden; I. P. Gage, grand scribe; F. B. Bryant, grand treasurer; E. H. Newhouse, grand representative for two-year term; W. G. Persell, Broken Bow, grand representative for one-year term; George Turkington of Omaha was appointed grand marshal.

There was the largest attendance in years. The only important legislative business transacted was increasing the per diem from \$2 to \$3 per day.

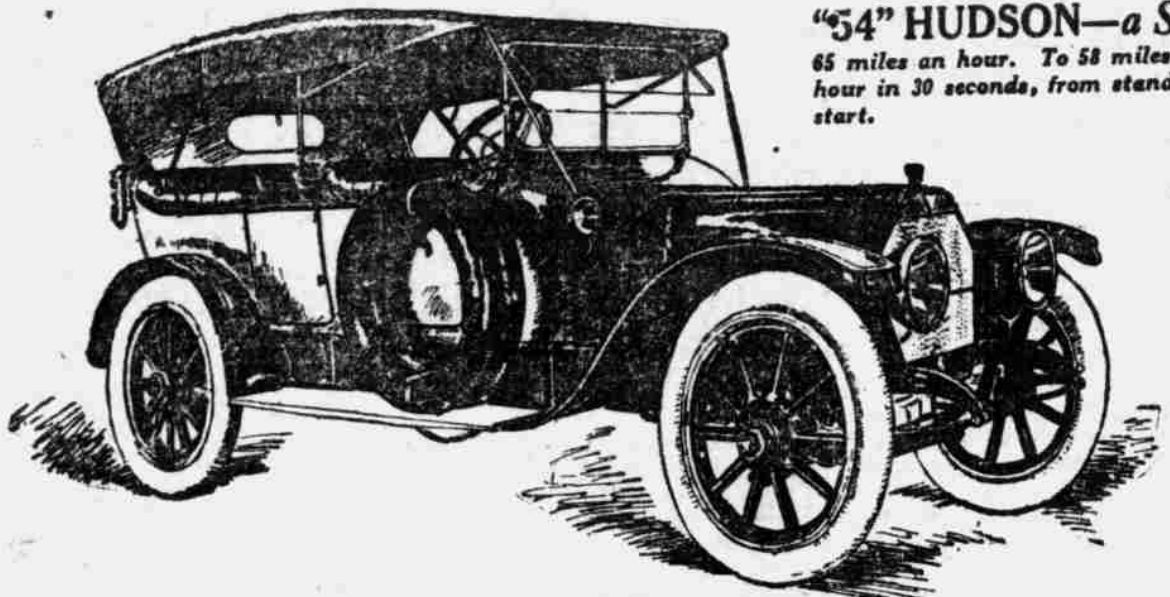
The report of the grand representatives places the receipts of the encampment branch of the order at \$900,000. There was also a large increase in membership. On Tuesday evening Sallie encampment No. 4 held a special meeting at Odd Fellows' hall and exemplified the encampment degrees for the benefit of the encampment visitors.

Patriarch Militant.
The department council of the Patriarch militant branch of the order was called to order at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, in Odd Fellows' hall.

The department council was authorized to select the time and place for the next annual session, arranging, if thought best, for a date and place different from that of the grand lodge session. This arrangement was made with the possible idea of holding a summer camp of instruction which is known as a cantonment. The per capita tax was raised from 30 cents to 50 cents per member. The report showed a large increase in membership.

The officers of the department will be elected by the cantons this fall. General E. S. Davis, who has served for four years, and whose administration has witnessed remarkable growth in this department, announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

At 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening the decoration of chivalry was conferred upon five Odd Fellows and twelve Rebekahs. Louise Short, the little daughter of Lieutenant J. H. Short of Ezra Millard canton No. 1, Omaha, was maid of honor in this beautiful ceremony.



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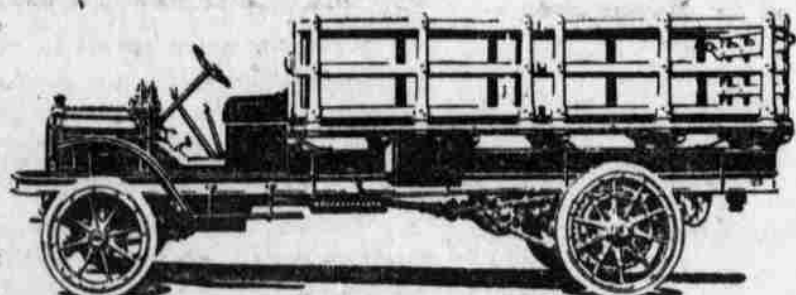
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