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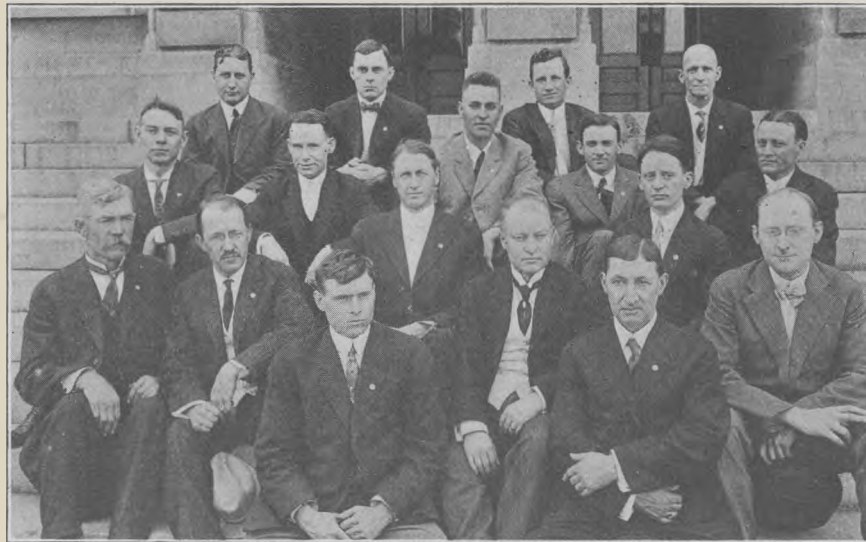


Thirteenth Year

JUNE, 1915

Number 10

Omaha
Division
N. F. S. D.



Our Host
at
"Omaha---1915"

Top row; left to right—B. E. Brown, C. C. Clark, A. G. Nelson, H. W. Merrill.
Second row—M. E. Stover, J. M. O'Brien, J. L. Reel, William Larsen, H. S. Lee.
Third row—P. E. Seely, I. J. Wittwer.
Fourth row—J. W. Barrett, W. H. Rothert, J. S. Long, H. G. Long.
Front row—R. E. Anthony, J. M. Thompson.
Total membership 37, of which 20 are non-residents.

OMAHA BULLETIN, NO. 5.

IT IS desirable that delegates at once notify the committee of the time of their arrival in Omaha and over what road; also that if they desire rooms engaged for them they so notify the Chairman of the Committee on Delegates, designate whether they desire rooms alone or with someone else, and if the latter, with whom.

On arrival in Omaha, delegates will be met by one of the committee and handed an identification card that will show to what room they are assigned and presentation at the hotel will bring immediate attention and proper adjustment to mutual satisfaction. They will also receive a general information card showing program of the convention, list of hotels, cafés, coming events and other information of value to both delegates and visitors.

All arrivals should go at once to headquarters at the Hotel Rome and register. When ready, they will be directed or

escorted to Elmwood Park where the ladies will have lunch provided (July 5). The afternoon will be spent in resting up, getting acquainted, or if delegates desire they may take in any one of the special list of attractions in the city—as the usual Fourth of July celebrations will be going on.

In the evening, if present plans carry, the delegates will be escorted to the Ak-Sar-Ben Den, which is a place of mystery, indeed, and there meet and make the acquaintance of King Sampson, with due ceremonies of introduction, etc., and receive his benign blessing according to the ancient rites and customs of this illustrious ruler.

While the delegates are learning the real thing, the ladies will be well taken care of by the Ladies' Committee, who have arranged a pleasant surprise for them. As we have promised to keep mum as to its nature, its pleasure will of course be doubled.

Tuesday will see the opening of the

convention, at 9 a. m., with all proper formality, to be followed at 10 a. m. by a public opening with the usual program of speeches of welcome and general felicitation.

There will be something doing every minute. Remember that. Do not forget that Omaha is ready for you, and wants you to come, every man Frat (and Aux-Frat) of you.

Lest you forget, the Chairman of the Delegate Committee is Waldo H. Rothert, 4103 Lafayette Ave., Omaha, Neb. The Chairman of the Visitors' Committee is Isaac Wittwer, 612 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Chairman of the Ladies' Committee is Mrs. Ota C. Blankenship, 4103 Lafayette Ave., Omaha, Neb.

The Rome Hotel has made another special rate for those of us who have to practice vacation economics. They have quoted for rooms without bath, two persons to a room, a rate of 75 cents per person. Other rates are as given in the



Assembly Hall and Ball Room, Hotel Rome, Omaha, Where Our Convention Sessions, Reception and Ball Will be Held.

"Bulletin No. 2." The club breakfasts, noonday table d'hôte luncheons, and dinners at The Rome are all that can be desired.

A letter was published in "Bulletin No. 3" from Superintendent Rotherth of the Iowa school, and the following has also been received:

Dr. J. Schuyler Long,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Long:

I write you in view of the coming meeting of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf in Omaha, to extend to the Society an invitation to visit our school grounds and buildings. It will be vacation time, so of course we can not show school work nor do entertaining to any large extent. But we should be very glad to extend all courtesies and to entertain in any way you suggest. I have talked it over with Mr. Rotherth and he understands just how we are situated and what we may be able and what we are willing to do. My chief desire is to help you and to help the committee in your arduous duties in entertaining the convention.

With best wishes for the success of the meeting, I remain cordially yours,

F. W. BOOTH,
Superintendent.

Omaha, May 25, 1915.

Everything is in trim and ready for the crack of President Anderson's gavel. The committees have their work cut out for them. Now, come. Come and help "Omaha-1915" to be all that has been expected from the three years' constancy The Frat has shown the slogan.

We are ready for you. We want you to come.

OMAHA DIVISION, NO. 32.
Omaha, June 10, 1915.

AUX-FRATS, LADIES! LOOK, LISTEN!

COME to Omaha for your vacation. Come when the N. F. S. D. convenes.

Come any day between July 4-10.

Should you come, be sure and let us know.

Write us now. Tell us what you wish in the way of accommodations and we will do the rest.

But—"A word to the wise." For comfort, convenience, restfulness, economy and courteous treatment the Hotel Rome is the place. It has made special rates that will fit the purses of any of you.

All roads lead to The Rome.

A good time is promised you—as much as is promised your fraters. Our daily

program, with one or two exceptions, runs parallel to that of the regular Program Committee. We will have some doings, and gay ones, too. Come and help make things fly.

The more, the merrier. Write us NOW.

Any one of the following Aux-Frats is at your service: Mrs. Ota C. Blankenship, Chairman, 4103 Lafayette Ave., Omaha; Mrs. Waldo H. Rotherth, 4103 Lafayette Ave., Omaha; Mrs. J. Schuyler Long, 611 Bluff St., Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. John W. Barrett, R. F. D. 2, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Perry E. Seely, 1806 Ohio St., Omaha; Mrs. Harry G. Long, 315 Grace St., Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. John M. O'Brien, 520 S. 24th Ave., Omaha, Neb.

THE OMAHA LOCAL COMMITTEES.

BELOW is given the complete make-up of the local committees in charge of convention arrangements at Omaha, giving the chairman's address for convenience in communicating, and so all may know who's who:

The Finance Committee is made up of the chairmen of the other committees.

Delegates—Waldo H. Rotherth, 4103 Lafayette Ave., Omaha, Neb., Chairman;



Hotel Rome, Omaha, The Convention Headquarters.

Perry E. Seely, Harry G. Long, Harold Lee, Frederick J. Hellsten.

Visitors—Isaac J. Wittwer, 612 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Chairman; John M. O'Brien, Arthur Nelson, William Bingham, John Thompson.

Reception—John W. Barrett, Route 2, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Chairman; Riley Anthony, George Murphy, David Eckstrom.

Printing and Publicity—Perry E. Seely, 1806 Ohio St., Omaha, Neb.

Play—Harry G. Long, 315 Grace St., Council Bluffs, Iowa, Chairman; Charles C. Clark, Waldo H. Rothert, Clarence Lee.

Ladies—Mesdames Blankenship, Rothert, J. Long, Barrett, Seely, H. Long, O'Brien, as noted elsewhere.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS— THE ROME.

To Which All Roads Lead, July 5-12.

IN VIEW of the fact that we are securing large concessions from the Hotel Rome it is not out of place here to ask that everybody think of The Rome first in selecting their stopping place during the convention.

A better place cannot be found in this section, being unexcelled in every feature that goes to constitute the "make-up" of a modern hotel. It is located on the corner of 16th and Jackson Sts., on all the principal car lines and within convenient reach of all points of the city.

The structure is six stories high with a basement and sub-basement. It has 250, all outside, rooms, 150 of which have private bath.

The lobby occupies about half of the first floor space facing 16th Street. It is beautifully furnished with rich oriental rugs, deep velvet plush chairs and settees, and reading lamps, which radiate a soft subdued light—the kind that makes reading easy and a double pleasure. The walls and ceiling are richly decorated and with the massive marble pillars, desks and wainscoting, it quickly impresses one with its imposing dignity. Along to the south is to be found the writing room and Western Union Telegraph office. Opening from the southeast corner of

the lobby is the entrance to the reception hall, which leads directly to the elevators, ladies' waiting and rest rooms, main café, and auditorium. This hall is even more richly and comfortably furnished and decorated than the main lobby. The café at the end of the reception hall is a large, well-lighted room having an unobstructed south and east exposure, which gives it an abundance of daylight and fresh air. The service and style of "feeds" is superb, and the rates are typically moderate.

To the north of this room is the large Assembly Hall, which, since its first opening, has been the scene of Omaha's most notable social functions. The room was recently redecorated at the cost of \$8,000.00, which figure is stupendous enough to give one an idea of what it is. The hall will seat 500 people comfortably and is lighted, both naturally and artificially, in such a way that there is no strain on the eye. This room will be the scene of all our business sessions, as well as the ball and various other receptions.

Outdoor gardens are quite rare in the west and in this The Rome has set the pace. A large summer garden adjoins the building on the east, being connected by a passageway from the vineyard. Here you can repair in the evening and amidst the pleasant surroundings order your dinner or refreshments and simultaneously enjoy a splendid program of vaudeville and motion pictures. The spot is, indeed, a very restful one after the day's heat and the convention's attendant grind. Darkness is banished by long festoons of mildly subdued colored electric lights which tend to lend enchantment to the surrounding verdure of trees, vines and flowers.

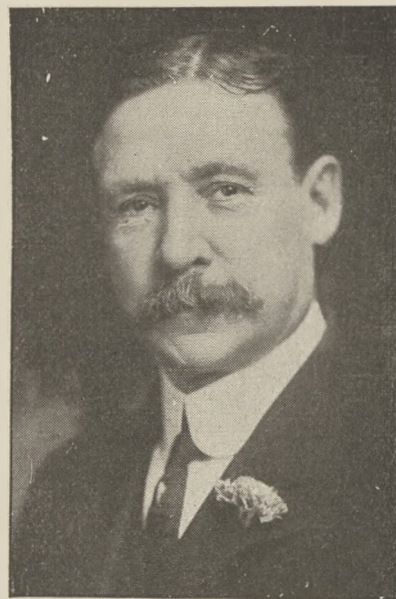
Just down a flight from the main lobby is the vineyard, which is yet something of a novelty. This is a cool, quiet spot, fixed up to resemble a grape arbor. One instinctively halts in admiration upon entering it. Beauty is reflected by the myriads of electric lights glowing softly from behind the artificial grape vines, leaves and fruit, the general color scheme being purple and green. The booths, which skirt along on both sides of the room, are sort of bowers built of

lattice work. The vines and lights trail gracefully in and out among these and through the lattice work. So natural does it look that one is deceived into believing himself in an old-fashioned grape arbor in his back yard. In this beauty spot you will find your inner man's wants served to a nicety.

Off to the north of the main lobby is the entrance to the barber shop, grill and bar. The latter is furnished wholly in mission style and a spirit of coziness pervades the entire atmosphere of the room. Small tables, large leather upholstered chairs and settees, open booths, a massive buffet, loaded and gleaming with cut glass and sparkling lights, constitutes its major equipment.

The culinary department is a model in itself for cleanliness and the manner in which the food is handled is the most sanitary.

There are many features individually characteristic of The Rome, but none more so than having its own water supply, furnished by a large artesian well right on the premises. Water from this



Rome Miller, The Man Who Put (the) Rome in Omaha.

source is used for all hotel purposes and is as pure as water can be. The attendants at The Rome are ever courteous and considerate of its guests. In fact, one of the mottoes of the management apparently is: "Our guests' comfort and convenience first, last, and always."

THE OMAHA FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Something About the Personnel of the Committee at the Helm of "Omaha—1915."

J. Schuyler Long, Ex-Officio Chairman, is President of Omaha Division, No. 32, and delegate to the convention; Past Secretary; educated at the Iowa school and Gallaudet College; principal of the Iowa school, instructor of the high class

and Editor of the school's paper, the "Iowa Hawkeye"; author of "The Sign Language," a manual of signs, and "Out of Silence," a book of verse; married Ella Florence Black of Indiana; lives at 611 Bluff St., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

John W. Barrett, State Organizer for Nebraska, Past President of Omaha Division, alternate delegate to the convention; Chairman of the Reception Committee; educated at the Iowa school and Gallaudet College; teacher in the Iowa school; married Augusta Kruse of Iowa; lives at suburban home on Route 2, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Perry E. Seely, Past President and Trustee of Omaha Division; Chairman Committee on Printing and Publicity; educated at the Nebraska school and Gallaudet College; instructor of printing and Associate Editor of the "Nebraska Journal," the school's paper; represented Omaha Division at the Columbus convention; married Emma Morse of Nebraska; lives at 1806 Ohio St., Omaha, Neb.

Waldo H. Rothert, Treasurer of Omaha Division, Past Vice-President; Chairman Committee on Delegates, alternate delegate to the convention; educated at the Iowa school and Gallaudet College; instructor in mathematics at the Nebraska school; married Florence Phelps of Missouri; lives at 4103 Lafayette Ave., Omaha, Neb.

Isaac J. Wittwer, Vice-President and Past Treasurer of Omaha Division; Chairman of Visitors' Committee; represented Omaha Division at the Columbus convention; educated at the Nebraska school; barber at 610 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa; lives at 515 Fourth St., that city.

Harry G. Long, Secretary and Trustee of Omaha Division; Chairman of Committee on Play; educated at the Iowa school and Gallaudet College; clerk in

PROGRAM FOR THE VISITORS.

THE Visitors' Committee of the Omaha convention has arranged a tentative program consisting of sight-seeing trips, etc., which will furnish plenty of entertainment to all. It is understood, however, that all depends on the convention's own arrangements for joining in the excursions.

Tuesday morning, July 6, the opening session of the convention will be the only and main attraction, of course, Tuesday afternoon a boat trip up the Missouri river and return, visiting the waterworks. This ride gives one a splendid view of the scenery characteristic of the Missouri.

Wednesday, July 7, a trip through Omaha's business section and a visit to the largest smelting and refining plant in the world, as well as to several public buildings.

Thursday, July 8, a trolley trip to Fort Crook, 15 miles out; historic Old Bellevue, etc. Return in time for luncheon as guests of the packing house people and a visit to the many packing plants.

Friday, July 9, morning, visit across the river to Council Bluffs, including Lincoln Point and monument and other points, and a ride out to the Iowa school, where the visitors will be the guests of Superintendent Rothert, Friday afternoon a visit will be paid to the Nebraska school, following a stop at Krug Park, at which place lunch may be had in case it is late. On this day the Liberty Bell will be in Omaha and arrangements will be made so that all will have an opportunity to pay their respects to this historic relic.

"SEE CHICAGO FIRST."

Arrangements Made by Chicago Division for the Visitors Stopping Off En Route for Omaha.

ARRIVALS in Chicago will be met at their trains if notice is sent to headquarters in good time, giving train and road, etc., and "tenderfeet" will be located at a good hotel. July fourth arrivals will not have to put up at a hotel, of course.

Headquarters should be made your headquarters while in town. Your mail may be addressed in its care.

Saturday afternoon, July 3, there will be an outing at Washington Park; in the evening the park's refectory hall will be the scene of an informal reception to the visitors. In case of rain, the afternoon gathering will of course have to be abandoned, but the evening affair takes no account of bad weather as it is in a hall.

Sunday morning, July 4, services will be held at the new All Angels Church, of which Brother Flick is pastor, at 6122 Indiana Ave., and a most cordial invitation is extended to all.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock sight-seeing autos will leave the Randolph Street entrance of the Public Library for a tour of the city. This is the "See

Chicago First" treat Chicago Division has promised its guests—the officers and delegates. (Members of Chicago Division and their friends may join the party by registering their desire to do so with the committee at headquarters no later than June 26. The cost to Chicago members is \$1.00.) The return to town will be in time to get dinner and "check out" at hotels, etc., and be at the Chicago & Northwestern Railway depot in time for the 9:35 p. m. train.

Brother Gibson is in charge of berth reservations for the "Chicago Special" and may also be asked about tickets, baggage transfers, etc., and a special passenger agent of the road will be in touch with the party all day Sunday.

Chicago will do all it can. Just ask the men with the Chicago buttons. If you are a stranger to them, wear your own Frat button and look for others at the station you arrive at. If you have not arranged to be met, come direct to headquarters at any time in the day Friday and Saturday and up to 2 p. m. Sunday.

IN THE MAKE-GOOD DEGREE.

H. STEWART SMITH of Colorado Springs, Colo., makes this department this month. Like the rest of the Colorado Frats, he is a non-resident member of Chicago Division and looking forward to the time when there will be a Division in his own territory. Brother Smith is a printer by trade, a product of the New Jersey school and its fine shop. He has won many prizes in job contests arranged by the "Inland Printer" and the "American Printer." He is proprietor of the El Paso Candy Co. shops at Colorado Springs; writes for the sporting magazines as paid contributor; is a great hunter and fisherman, traveling hundreds of miles in the Rockies trout fishing and hunting.



H. Stewart Smith.

Those of our readers who attended the Colorado Springs convention of the N. A. D. will remember Brother Smith as being one of the staff of the much patronized restaurant around the corner from the Alma Hotel. His store, located at 110 E. Cucharras St., will be headquarters for the fraters who journey west to Colorado, and for the N. A. D. party scheduled to stop off at Colorado Springs, July 13.



Bridge Over the Missouri, Connecting Iowa to Nebraska.

the Woodmen of the World offices at Omaha; married Mabel Fritz of Iowa; lives at 315 Grace St., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mrs. Ota Blankenship, Chairman of the Ladies' Committee; an enthusiastic Aux-Frat; National Treasurer of the Gallaudet College O. W. L. S.; educated at the Nebraska school and Gallaudet College; teacher in the Nebraska school; lives at 4103 Lafayette Ave., Omaha, Neb.



A Bird's-eye View of Omaha from Down Town.

OMAHA—THE METROPOLIS OF THE MIDDLE WEST

THE story of the growth and advancement of Omaha reads not unlike a fairy tale, so remarkable is the history of its progress. However, the cold facts and figures for the past eleven years reflect one of the most substantial growths ever enjoyed by any city.

It must be remembered that a metropolis grows only as its trade territory is developed. It must also be remembered that in the last eleven years the development of Nebraska and contiguous territory has been pushed with all the spirit and brains that is characteristic of growing middle west cities. This territory has shown wonderful development; consequently its metropolis, Omaha, reflects the same development.

In the last five years Omaha has located within her limits 200 manufacturing concerns or jobbing and branch agencies, employing more than 5,000 people. Omaha and South Omaha have 353 manufacturing establishments which employ more than 15,000 people.

Though under separate government, South Omaha with its population of 29,000 is a vital part of the city.

Omaha combines all things which go to make a great city—unusual facilities and opportunities for business, which in turn make possible a great home city, the acme of ambition of all public-spirited citizens.

Omaha is located near the geographical center of the United States and not so far from the center of population, some 200 miles. With the latter slowly but surely making its way westward, it will be but comparatively few years until Omaha will be the very heart of the population of the United States.

Omaha of today is a city of intense commercial activity and beautiful homes, with all the appurtenances which are necessary to make life worth while.

Omaha Is Great for Its Size.

Located on the Missouri river, midway between the Kansas and South Dakota lines, Omaha has an area of 24.5 square miles and a population of 155,312, showing a remarkable growth, which, if not so substantial, might be classed as spectacular. Though forty-first in point of population, Omaha and South Omaha are—

ITS GROWTH IN TEN YEARS

By E. V. Parish, Manager Bureau of Publicity, Omaha Commercial Club.

Third largest live stock and packing center in the world.

The fourth primary grain market of the world.

The second largest distributing center for agricultural implements.

The largest range market for feeder sheep in the world.

The largest creamery butter-producing city in the world.

And has the largest bank clearings per capita of any city in the United States, with the exception of Chicago and New York.

Omaha boasts the largest refinery in fine ores in the world, the annual output being \$30,000,000, while as a manufacturing center it takes rank with the leaders in this respect.

Nothing so truly tells the story of a city's business activity and prosperity as its bank clearings; they clearly show the health of a city as much as does the pulse the health of a body.

Omaha As a Banking Center.

Though forty-first in population, Omaha is sixteenth in bank clearings total, a remarkable showing, considering the cities for which it makes the pace. The total for Omaha's banks in 1913 was \$908,947,600, or a per capita of \$6,027 (an increase of 132 per cent in the last 11 years), nearly twice as much as Denver, Memphis, St. Paul, Louisville, Seattle, Portland, and Milwaukee, cities twice and thrice as large in population.

Omaha's bank clearings are considered abnormal by many who have not studied the cause of its seemingly impossible activity in this respect. Omaha's bank clearings can be traced directly to its large industries, notably its live stock and packing, its grain interests and its manufacturing and jobbing.

So safe are the methods of Nebraska bankers that of the 107 bank failures reported in the United States in 1911 not one was charged to the great Nebraska empire.

Manufacturing and Jobbing.

Omaha's manufacturing and jobbing business annually amounts to \$350,000,000, these figures including the output of its packing plants, located in South Omaha.

Being located in an agricultural state, its greatest activity naturally centers in those things which come directly from the soil. As a dairying and butter center Omaha occupies an enviable position, being the largest. The annual output of the Omaha creameries reaches 20,000,000 pounds, which, figured on a basis of 30 cents, makes a total of more than \$6,000,000.

Omaha's prominence is due in a large measure to its live stock and packing facilities. During 1913 Omaha and South Omaha were third, ranking only behind Chicago and Kansas City. 6,758,523 head of stock of various kinds were shipped into the market and of this 4,327,937 head were converted into meats and shipped to all parts of the United States. The packing houses of South Omaha turned out products to the value of \$105,819,382 last year. Practically two-thirds of this enormous amount was paid in cash to the shippers in the Omaha territory, and less than five per cent was sold back as meats, the remainder going to all parts of the globe.

Clearing House for Big Territory.

As a live stock market South Omaha draws twenty-two states and territories, but shipments from Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, and South Dakota dominate. Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and even Pennsylvania contribute their consignments, and as the industries develop in these states so will Omaha develop as the clearing house for this rich trade territory.

To handle the business of the packing industry more than 10,000 people are employed, the annual pay roll being near \$7,000,000. Forty thousand residents of Omaha and South Omaha are directly dependent on this great industry. The investment represented in the combined industries is \$25,000,000.

South Omaha is the largest range horse market in the world and occupies the same position with respect to feeder sheep.

As a Distributing Center.

Ten trunk lines of railroads center in the city, three on the west and seven on the east. Eight thousand miles of railroad are operated in Nebraska and 12,000 in Iowa, with Omaha as the focal point. Practically all the freight, passenger, mail and express service of these 20,000 miles is organized with respect to the interchange movement that passed through Omaha.

These facilities for distributing have made Omaha great as a manufacturing center, despite the fact that raw materials are not readily available. Of the thirty-one largest cities in the United States, Omaha is first in point of the value of manufactured products per capita. This alone is sufficient to explain why Omaha is so prosperous. Omaha is sixteenth in point of total manufactured products. Omaha turned out manufactured products to the value of \$193,385,671. Eliminating the packing house products, Omaha's per capita is \$1,019.

Fourth Primary Grain Market.

Due to the large output of corn and wheat, which are cleared through Omaha, the city takes rank as the fourth primary market in the WORLD. 68,574,700 bushels of corn, wheat, oats, rye and barley were shipped into Omaha in 1912. Omaha's record on individual grain was:

Second in corn, fifth in oats and sixth in wheat. Corn receipts were 31,111,200 bushels; wheat, 20,313,600 bushels; and oats, 16,384,200 bushels.

All not Business in Omaha.

But all is not business in Omaha. Business only makes possible that home life which all good citizens seek. In Omaha they find everything necessary to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Omaha boasts of its public and parochial schools, its churches, its parks and boulevards, its public and private institutions of all kinds, its public improvements and its citizenship in general.

Omaha has a public school system deemed one of the best in the land. Thirty-four ward school buildings ranging in cost from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and a central high school, sitting proudly on Capitol hill and overlooking the very heart of the city, and costing \$1,500,000, compose the system which teaches and directs 22,000 school children in the ways of good government. A teaching force of 526 instructors is necessary to develop the future citizens of Omaha.

An innovation in public school administration was the High School of Commerce, established in Omaha two years ago. The High School of Commerce undertook successfully to teach commercial studies as a part of the public school curriculum. The departure has been eminently successful. At present, the school has nine hundred students and so popular has it become, its growth is measured by its capacity. Forty teachers are employed, and two and four year courses are offered.

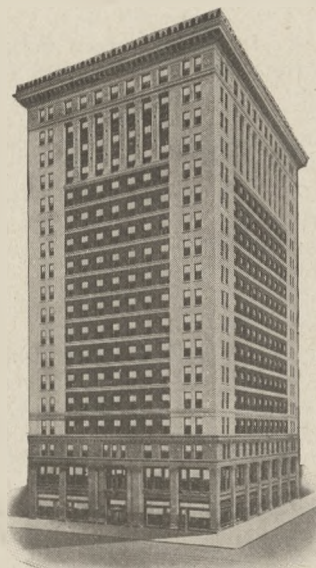
Schools and Churches.

Omaha's public school buildings and property represent a cash outlay of \$3,300,000, for which \$800,000 is expended

annually to maintain the school system. Omaha's parochial system consists of ten grade schools, four intermediate colleges and Creighton University, which ranks with the leading universities of the west. Five thousand Catholic youths are taught in the parochial schools.

Omaha is without exception the best hospitalized city in the west. Ten hospitals, with property valued at \$1,026,000, are available for the sick and needy. During the last year 11,918 patients were cared for. The institutions, which have accommodations for 1,082 at one time, were maintained at an expense of \$346,225.

That Omaha is a God-respecting city is evidenced by ninety-nine churches of all denominations. Church property is valued at \$2,117,000, while 40,941 of



Woodmen of the World Building, Home of Omaha's Commercial Club—a Monumental Proof of Fraternal Possibilities.

Omaha's citizens profess and practice some form of religion.

Three other organizations stand out prominently among Omaha's educational institutions. The Young Men's Christian Association, with a membership of 2,100, has a home valued at \$375,000, while the Young Women's Christian Association, which boasts a membership of 3,100, has a home valued at \$224,000. The Public Library, with a beautiful three-story building and 90,000 volumes, affords educational opportunities for a reading patronage of 70,000. The building and its contents are insured for \$310,000.

Not least of Omaha's improvements by any means is its system of parks and boulevards. The proudest boast that a city can make is that it is a good city in which to live. No single factor contributes so much to this ideal as a comprehensive system of parks and boulevards, the parks located convenient to the various local centers of population and the boulevards well kept, connecting the parks as convenient links.

The park system of Omaha compares not unfavorably with those of larger

cities where millions upon millions of dollars have been spent in developing a system of parks and boulevards, and where hundreds of thousands are annually expended for upkeep. For natural beauty, convenience of location, and for future development Omaha's parks and boulevards are the envy of middle west cities.

Omaha with its thirteen parks and forty-five miles of boulevards has the nucleus for a system that in the very near future will be developed into the greatest system of the middle west. It possesses every natural advantage. This system has been developed at comparatively small cost, due to the unselfish efforts of well-known business men. All told these parks and boulevards represent an outlay of less than two million dollars, yet the real value of the holdings is many times the original cost.

Omaha has thirteen parks distributed throughout the city in such a manner that no home is more than fifteen minutes' walk from some one of these parks. Distinctly it is a system of people's parks.

With one exception the parks are natural, Elmwood with its 208 acres standing out as a monument to the handiwork of man. Even with its wonderful beauty, Elmwood suggests the general scheme of detail as found in Hanscom, Miller and Riverview Parks which have attracted favorable criticism from globe trotters. This same beauty is manifested in the boulevard drives which connect the city from Riverview Park on the extreme southeast to Miller Park on the north.

A drive through the parks and over the boulevards on a hot summer day gives to the weary wayfarer a glimpse of nature seemingly impossible in the heart of a busy commercial center where three hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of goods are manufactured and jobbed yearly.

The total acreage of Omaha's parks is 947, which supplemented by street parkings aggregates a trifle more than 1,300 acres. Omaha's parks are centered around Riverview, Elmwood, Miller, Carter, Fontenelle, and Hanscom. These are the larger parks, providing four general districts. Riverview in the southeastern part of the city, fronting on the Missouri river, is one of the most popular. With 111 acres of Nature's treasures it appeals to all lovers of God's handiwork. The park contains a large lake providing skating in the winter and boating in the summer. The city zoo, with its buffalo, deer, bears, coyotes, wolves, alligators and a well selected aviary, finds a natural home on the hills and in the valleys.

Elmwood in the western part of the city has 208 acres, conveniently located as to transportation. This park with its vast expanse of open ground affords exceptional opportunities for recreation grounds, where baseball and other popular sports hold sway.

Miller and Carter Parks in the north, the former with 78 acres and the latter with 303 acres, are well equipped for

popular pastimes. Miller Park is one of the most attractive of the system, with its artesian wells, golf links and its lakes. It is to these lakes that the youngsters hie in the summertime and there, under the watchful eyes of the superintendent, paddle and swim to their hearts' content.

Adjoining Levi Carter Park is a lake covering 450 acres, which affords an ideal amusement resort, summer and winter.

To the critical student of Nature, Hanscom Park, situated nearer the city, in fact within fifteen minutes' ride of the business center, is perhaps the most beautiful of the entire system of beautiful parks. This park has been characterized by experts as one of the four most beautiful parks in the United States. It contains 78 acres, harbors a small lake utilized for bathing and skating and is readily accessible from all parts of the city.

Omaha's lesser parks have been located with a view of convenience to the people rather than to size of parks. Consequently some of them are small in area.

Bemis Park with 11 acres in the middle western part of the city is a veritable bower of beauty. Deer Park on the south with 19 acres serves a restricted area in its immediate section, while Kountz Park with 11 acres does similar duty in the north. Scattered at frequent intervals through the city are Curtis Turner Park with eight acres, Bluff View with one acre, Himebaugh with two acres, and Jefferson Square with two acres.

The boulevard system, outlined with respect to the parks as the termini, are so planned that they take in the wonderful beauties Nature has so generously provided. Central Boulevard, winding its way from the north to the south is unique in many respects. In its entire course it is within twenty minutes' ride of the business section of the city, and more often within ten minutes' ride, yet within its course there is not a suggestion of city activity; rather it is a suggestion of the wilds of the early days.

A City of Comfortable Homes.

Omaha is a residence city—a city of comfortable homes, no slums serve as a blot on the city. From one end to the other the homes of the workingmen are neat and substantial; the homes of the clerk, artisan and small tradesman are modern, though unpretentious, while the homes of the more successful in worldly ways are imposing and handsome.

Life in Omaha means more than mere existence; it means freedom of thought, freedom of life and well-filled pockets for him who does not fear the labor and toils that necessarily accompany successful endeavor.

MEMPHIS FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

THE Peace of the United States will be celebrated at the same time the Day of Independence is remembered, according to the plans of the Memphis deaf who met at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday

night, May 22, to formulate plans to excel all former celebrations as well as to entertain a larger crowd for the first annual picnic which will be held at Overton Park under the auspices of the Memphis "Frats."

As July 4 falls on Sunday this year, it has not been decided which day—Saturday or Monday—the picnic will be held. The full program, however, will be announced as soon as the majority of the out-of-town deaf have decided which day they could come to Memphis for the picnic.

I would suggest that you NOW write Mr. Robert L. Stout, care of Y. M. C. A., Memphis, Tenn., whether or not you will come to Memphis and which day you prefer for the picnic to be held. I would also suggest that later on you make in-



Omaha's City National Bank.

quiry of the ticket agents who will be fully informed as to what special fares will be authorized on account of Fourth of July excursions. If such reduced fares are authorized, as they have been for many years past, I have no doubt that the selling dates, limits, etc., in connection therewith will very satisfactorily take care of ALL of the deaf who want to go somewhere to have a good time.

Don't forget we, the "Frats," are always wide-awake when it comes to entertaining, and unless you come you will miss one of the most enthusiastic picnics ever held in Dixie Land!

The people never knew so great a need of an effective organization for the deaf as we have now and Memphis has never been found wanting and we must put forth still greater effort for the good of all the deaf, so put your shoulder to the wheel and COME.

JOHN AMOS TODD,

President Memphis Division, No. 38, N. F. S. D.

Memphis, Tenn., May 25, 1915.

TO NEW ENGLAND FRATS.

OWING to our inability to get proper grounds, Boston Division has abandoned its picnic scheduled for July 4. The affair will be pulled off in August, instead. However, visiting Frats will be able to find the usual crowd at Revere Beach and the resorts on the Fourth.

THE CHICAGO-OMAHA SPECIAL.

THE Chicago-Omaha special cars which have been arranged for to take us to Omaha from Chicago and over the splendidly equipped Chicago & Northwestern Railway, leaving Chicago from the fine station at Canal and Madison Streets, are attached to the train leaving Sunday, July 4, at 9:35 p. m., arriving at Omaha at 10:15 the following morning, in ample time for registration at The Rome and getting spruced up for the outing in the afternoon. Breakfast may be had on the train while rolling through Iowa's rich prairies. Accessions to the party will be made on the way through that state, as many Frats live along the line who have expressed their intention of joining the party en route.

Reservations that have been made for berths in the special Pullman tourist sleepers already nearly fill two cars. (If you have not made yours, do it now.) F. P. Gibson, 602 Schiller Building, or H. A. Gross, General Agent, 148 S. Clark St., Chicago, are at your service in connection with reservations or tickets. Rates of fare and for berths have been given in previous notices. We wish to repeat, however, that if you wish to be with this party your tickets must read over the Chicago & Northwestern Railway from Chicago to Omaha. East or south of Chicago routing is optional, of course. Several of the southern delegates are to join this party and all of the eastern ones.

Take up your file of The Frat and go over the several notices and bulletins that have been given in connection with this trip and you will assuredly see you cannot afford to miss such a splendid vacation opportunity. You can, too, go this way if you intend going west of Omaha, on to Colorado or to California. The Chicago & Northwestern Railway is also the official route of the National Association of the Deaf, and you can arrange to join the National Association party that reaches Omaha on July 12 and go on with it, as per that association's itinerary.

If you do not reach Chicago until after 6 p. m., July 4, go direct to the Chicago & Northwestern Railway's station and connect with the party there, but if you are to arrive earlier in the day, or on July 3, let Mr. Gibson know and arrangements will be made for your being looked after and allowed to "See Chicago First" before leaving for Omaha. Advise him as early as July 1, but make berth reservations now.

ATTENTION, BROTHERS, EVERYWHERE.

MARSH PATTERSON, 18 years old, red-haired and having a peculiar habit of blinking his eyes when talking, has left his home here (Muncie, Ind.) and his present whereabouts are unknown. His people are much concerned over his absence and anyone who can give information about him will be doing an act of humanity by writing to Arthur H. Norris, 704 E. Ninth St., Muncie, Ind.



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JUNE, 1915.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

In sending changes of address to this office Division Secretaries and individual members should always give the old address as well as the new one.

Omaha—1915! Last call.

July payments are nearly due.

Spend the Glorious Fourth seeing Chicago.

All roads lead to Omaha and to (the) Rome.

Meet us at Omaha, July 5, at The Rome.

Half a loaf is better than none. We made it 2,000 anyhow.

How would a greater Frat strike you? Have your delegate prepared to discuss that at Omaha. We are thinking of it.

The Omaha Aux-Frats are all right. None of us need have any doubts as to the "Missus" being looked after while we are at work.

Westward the star of the N. F. S. D. takes its way, to hang over Omaha for a week. May its beams light the way to a successful and profitable meeting.

The directory of the members which was to be gotten out this month has been temporarily laid aside. The question will be brought up at Omaha. It costs money and headquarters wants advice along that line.

Do not forget the Chicago Special leaves Chicago at 9:35 p. m., Sunday evening, July 4, and over the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. You have a standing invitation to be aboard.

Divisions are requested to notice that no permits for the suspension of meetings can be granted. At least one meeting must be held each month, even though "no quorum" is the result. It is not legal to hold in June meetings for July, or in any month to hold meetings that properly belong in another. If dates are not convenient, they may be changed, but the meeting itself cannot be waived. This is official. Read what Section 1, Article XX of the Constitution, says.

The Law Committee's "briefs" have been read in each Division by this time and the members ought to have a pretty good idea of the difficulties the committee had to contend with, and what the convention will be expected to handle. As a plain member only, we wish to protest against the way a lot of foolish amendments have been offered for Omaha to waste time on. This Society has about as perfect a set of laws as any, and there is no real reason for its convention wrestling with more than are of real necessity. Several important matters will demand the convention's attention, but it is likely to plainly discourage the tinkering with our laws that most of the "briefs" call for unnecessarily. All the necessary changes have been attended to by those who are qualified to know what to offer. Especially should the "robbing Peter to pay Paul" class of legislation be discouraged. It is to be hoped that the majority of the delegates are going to Omaha uninstructed. It is only there that the proper exchange of opinions and ideas will be in evidence. We hope that the Section in the By-Laws governing the Law Committee's duties will be amended so as to give that committee the power to examine and pass upon as to availability and advisability all suggestions for changes made prior to conventions. Such a clause would allow of only those suggestions of real value coming before the convention, and the conservation of its time can in consequence be counted upon. The Society should beware of having too many "cooks," and where progress and prosperity have been its meed under present and tried laws, beware of making new ones.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS.

32. Frank Chase, North Bend, Neb.
21. Frank Faulhaber, Cleveland, O.
1. John T. Daniels, Cripple Creek, Col.
30. John W. Shappell, Reading, Pa.
30. William Nizart, Reading, Pa.
1. John Lewis, Milwaukee, Wis.
1. John A. Kildow, Denver, Col.
49. John F. Sullivan, Des Moines, Ia.

Note—Owing to the early issue of the June Frat the list above is not up to its usual size. There are 16 other applications reported by Divisions as acted on, but not registered at headquarters.

Spend the Glorious Fourth with No. 1.

Omaha is ready for you.

GRAND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Collections for May.

Chicago	\$ 335.20
Detroit	104.99
Saginaw	10.48
Louisville	71.42
Little Rock	50.47
Nashua	17.66
Dayton	41.46
Bay City	8.79
Cincinnati	72.17
Evansville	15.27
Nashville	35.68
Springfield	17.97
Olathe	47.38
Flint	65.18
Toledo	40.26
Milwaukee	67.77
Columbus	48.49
Knoxville	41.75
Cleveland	70.89
Indianapolis	99.52
Brooklyn	130.61
St. Louis	120.65
New Haven	44.89
Holyoke	61.76
Los Angeles	68.97
Atlanta	39.78
Philadelphia	112.34
Kansas City	53.39
Omaha	45.40
New Orleans	50.14
Kalamazoo	20.63
Boston	54.58
Pittsburgh	51.95
Hartford	16.60
Memphis	17.70
Portland, Me.	77.98
Buffalo	49.14
Portland, Ore.	20.23
Newark	27.33
Providence	15.91
Seattle	23.30
Utica	47.21
Washington	24.74
Baltimore	50.40
Syracuse	14.44
Cedar Rapids	41.14
Huntington	10.56
Albany	16.91
Rochester	13.46
San Francisco	21.55

Total collections\$2,606.49

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

For May, 1915.

Balance.

From April report.....\$75,904.07

Receipts.

Financial Secretary Neuner	\$ 2,606.49
Rent, Chicago Division	10.00
Interest on mortgages	225.33
Interest on bonds	5.25
Grand Secretary's fees	2.50
Division bond premiums	13.40
Button sales	32.20
Frat subscription	.60

Total balances and receipts, \$78,799.84

Expenditures.

Death benefits (2)	\$ 1,000.00
Sick benefits	240.00



Lounging Room of the Omaha Commercial Club.

Accident benefits	140.00
Rent and light	42.00
Services, E. M. Rowse.....	75.00
Services, Dr. Furlong.....	10.00
Financial Secretary's expense.....	6.25
President's expenses	3.05
Officers' quarterly salaries.....	108.74
Grand Secretary's salary.....	100.00
Official publication	52.00
Insurance Department fee.....	25.00
Office expenses, sundries.....	4.26
Postage account	8.30
Engraving	3.88
Interest accrued on bonds.....	66.75

Total expenditures\$ 1,885.23

Recapitulation.

Total balances and receipts.....	\$78,799.84
Total expenditures	1,885.23

Balance, May 31, 1915.....\$76,914.61

GRAND TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Exhibit of Balances, May 31.

First mortgage loans.....	\$58,300.00
First mortgage bonds.....	15,500.00
Certificates of deposit.....	838.75
Savings bank accounts.....	304.78
In bank subject to check.....	1,471.08
Secretaries' accounts	400.00
Treasurer's cash balance.....	100.00

Total balances\$76,914.61

Note.—One mortgage of \$1,500.00 was paid off in May, and the proceeds, together with \$2,500.00 more, was invested in \$4,000.00 worth of first mortgage bonds on Chicago real estate, at six per cent interest.

"See Chicago First."

Don't overlook the Omaha bulletins.

STANDING OF THE FUNDS.

Showing Balances in Each, May 31, 1915.

Reserve Fund	\$72,931.95
Mortuary Fund	1,924.95
Expense Fund	1,179.07
Sick and Accident Fund.....	878.64

Total balances\$76,914.61

MAY DEATH BENEFITS.

Paid to Mrs. Mamie Hurley, Chicago, Ill., for death benefit claim of William J. Curran, Certificate No. 212, deceased March 23, 1915, \$500.00.

Paid to Mrs. Cora Weymouth, Waterville, Me., for death benefit claim of Howard H. Mayberry, Certificate No. 1267, deceased April 3, 1915, \$500.00.

MAY DISABILITY BENEFITS.

William Klein, Buffalo, N. Y.....	\$ 15.00
*G. B. McGowan, Toledo, O.....	10.00
N. H. Uran, Hamilton, Ind.....	50.00
Adolph Kresin, Port Huron, Mich.	10.00
J. M. Kalal, Baltimore, Md.....	50.00
R. B. Conkling, Terrace Pk., O.....	10.00
W. V. Drott, Newport, Ky.....	10.00
*C. A. Auld, Buffalo, N. Y.....	10.00
*C. R. Stremmell, Bloomer, Ohio	15.00
Chesla Lavenger, Wyandotte, Mich.	15.00
*R. B. Crassons, New Orleans, La.	20.00
*M. J. Constantine, Bangor, Me....	10.00
*A. J. Fisher, Portland, Me.....	10.00
*I. N. Croxton, Topeka, Kan.....	50.00
E. M. Mather, Richmond, Ind.....	15.00
G. I. Owens, Oakland City, Ind.	15.00
*Charles Mock, Muncie, Ind.....	15.00
P. W. Ligon, Bon Aqua, Tenn.....	30.00
R. C. Harris, Memphis, Tenn.....	20.00

Total for the month.....\$380.00

A FEW LAST WORDS.

STOP at The Rome. In The Rome it's easy to do as the Rome 'uns do.

Plenty of pay-as-you-gulp beaneries in Omaha—if you must have that kind.

Nay, Pauline, the water you drink at Rome's fountain is the best artesian. You do not have to learn to like Missouri.

Bring along the "Missus." There's a plenty of entertainment for her.

"He who expecteth nothing shall not be disappointed." Therefore, do not ask to see the tornado "ruins" while in Omaha.

Bring your membership and due card with you, and your Constitution and By-Laws. Both will be useful.

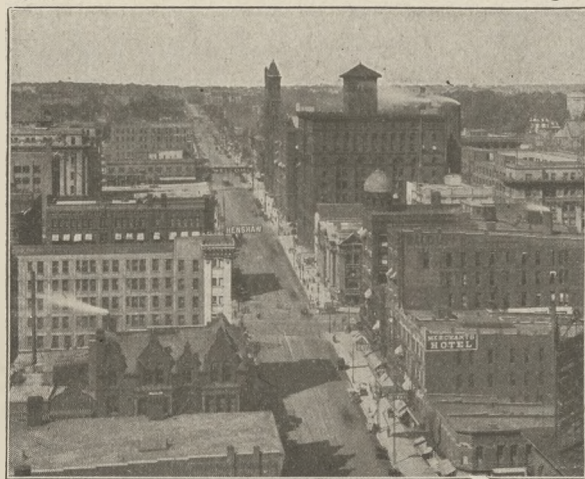
Delegates and visitors should engage their rooms in advance and as early as possible, through the proper committee, and remember to put up at headquarters—The Rome.

There are some other events in Omaha July 5 besides the blowing in of the Chicago Special. In the morning there's a championship wrestling match between Cutler and Stecker, and in the afternoon a 300-mile auto race at the stadium speedway; also Western League baseball games the 5th, 6th and 7th.

The Omaha-San Francisco Special of the N. A. D. leaves Omaha for the west, Monday, July 12, at 4:20 p. m. It is due to arrive from Chicago at 11 a. m. that day. If you are going on to the meet at 'Frisco, get in the band wagon here.

TO DIVISION TREASURERS.

PLEASE get in your June reports as early as possible. We must close our books early this month and every little effort to help will be appreciated.



A Business Section of Omaha.

Division News

Chicago.

Paul E. Fauth of York, Pa., a member of Philadelphia Division, No. 30, who has been on a long holiday junket out to the Pacific coast and return, with many stops here and there, called at headquarters, May 24. He had been enjoying his trip greatly and had much to tell of what he had seen in the course of it.

Mrs. Carl Osterberg, who has been visiting relatives in this city, was another caller during the same week. It was a pleasure to see her, and we were glad to have news of Brother Osterberg and the rest of the Cedar Rapids people.

Rev. G. F. Flick, who was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis on May 20 and had to be rushed to the hospital to undergo an operation, is practically well again at the time this is written. Although he was for a while at the outset in a rather serious condition, he came through splendidly and has made an amazingly rapid recovery.

W. S. Smith of Decatur, Ill., has bought a 104-acre farm near Charleston, Ill., and has given up his job at the Mueller factory, where he had been employed as a brass worker. He is glad to be back on the farm again, and is looking forward to the healthful, outdoor life and the independence it offers. We glean this item from a letter by George H. Roberts of Illiopolis, Ill., who adds that he and his wife are going to miss the Smiths very much—they lived not far away and often came over for a visit.

Omer P. Tarr has moved from Bonita, Texas, to St. Jo, where he has as neighbors a couple of other Frats, C. W. D. Oliver and Henry L. Nirider. Division No. 1 has quite a little list of members in the Lone Star state—far-flung outposts, perhaps the nuclei of future divisions. Right now Waco has nearly enough members to form a Division.

A number of the younger members of the Division attended the Jacksonville reunion.

Louisville.

Rev. Brother Allabough of Cleveland was at our April meeting.

A. N. Struck is sure one lucky guy. He won a lot down in Florida by signing his name to a ticket for a drawing at a local theatre. He may go down there some day, if he ever gets the car-fare. Well, Adolph, how does it feel to be a landed proprietor?

William C. Bader and Ernst Huber, our leading experts in piscatorial matters—regular professionals—report the fishing is fine over near Jeffersonville. Now watch the amateurs get busy. Jamison Hawkins is already telling about the big fish he is going to catch. (Well, that's the best yet—fish stories told in anticipation! Say, don't you reckon this office might as well start in right now to get out the "Official Proceedings" of the Omaha convention?—Ed.)

Net proceeds from our ball—\$80.00. Some work, but the result was worth the effort. Philadelphia Division, we feel, is making a mistake in deciding to discontinue this kind of entertainment. People want a good time. Why can't our brethren in the Sleepy City furnish it? We find that it pays. The master of one of the local Masonic bodies said to the Secretary after the ball, "It was the event of the season." Next year—well, you just watch us!

Dayton.

Dayton's anniversary social in March was a success, both as a social affair and in a financial way—\$51.06 netted, despite the stringency of the times. Among out-of-town Frats present were noticed Indiana's State Organizer A. H. Norris and William Hedrick, both from Muncie, Ind.; State Organizer for Ohio L. J. Bacheberle and Irvan Burton of Cincinnati; Joseph R. Goldman and John B. Taylor of Middletown, O.; J. B. Showalter, Horace Davis, William Baker and Ladoit Miller of Columbus.

Since the death of his wife, Elmer Lewis and his daughters have moved to

the Belpare Apartments, corner of Fifth and Torrence Streets, where he can live in more peace, with fewer cares and distractions.

W. T. Rose recently had to run down to Grove City to look over his property for repairs. This accounted for his absence from our April meeting.

F. E. Ingraham's illness was reported at the April meeting, and the Sick Committee was sent to visit him.

After having been idle for months, G. E. Simpson has landed a job. He is very grateful to the Frats for taking care of him during his enforced vacation.

H. T. Vollmer is doing quite well in his shoe-repairing shop, despite the hard times.

Perhaps most of the sister Divisions do not know that Dayton Division rents a safety deposit box in a leading downtown bank, in which its members can leave their certificates for safe-keeping without a cent's cost to them. Maybe some of the other Divisions might think this a good idea worth adopting.

Cincinnati.

The Aux-Frats pulled off their annual festival affair on Saturday, April 24. It took the form of a legerdemain entertainment, given by Preston L. Stevenson of Findlay, O. Quite a crowd was present, and a neat sum was realized for the Division's benefit. Mrs. Bert C. Wortman was in charge of arrangements for the affair, and was ably supported by the other wives and sweethearts of members. The success of the affair was a credit to their good management.

Mr. and Mrs. William Norrish have the sincere sympathy of all the members in their grief over the untimely death of their baby, which was stillborn.

Matt Buck contemplates going to Akron to work in a rubber factory. He is at present awaiting action on the doctor's report of his physical examination, which was required by the company.

L. J. Bacheberle, McBlevine Key and Joseph Goldman will represent No. 10 at Omaha this summer. After the convention Brothers Bacheberle and Goldman may take in the California expositions.

William Cooper, with Mrs. Cooper and their little daughter, came down from Portsmouth for the entertainment given by the Aux-Frats, and while in the city they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William F. DeSilver.

Clifford Ellerhorst has moved to Foster, not far from Cincinnati. He is at present employed in the Metallic Department of the King's Mills Powder Co. He and his wife are the proud parents of a lively youngster about seven months old.

Cincinnati Division will hold a basket picnic at Fernbank River Park, near Fernbank Dam, No. 37, on July 5. Come one, come all. Plenty of fun is assured. Edgar McV. Hay is Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements. For information, address him at 1372 Scott St., Covington, Ky.

Cleveland.

Cleveland Division is growing slowly but surely. They have two new applica-

tions under consideration now, and another pending for next month. We are going out after more, too. (Great stuff, boy! Go to it!—Ed.) The "Frat Catechism" sent out by the Propaganda Committee seems to be a very classy little "puller." We hope it will help us in getting new members.

William M. Meade has moved from the old home of his boyhood to set up a household of his own. Thus far he and his wife seem to greatly enjoy keeping house for themselves. They have a cute little boy named Robert, whom you ought to see trying to make signs to callers.

Thomas Sautler has been forced to remain idle for a while, because there is a strike on at the place where he works. The strike pay he draws from the labor union is keeping him going fairly well. But he is hoping the dispute will soon be settled, so that he can go back to his job.

Charles Wasserstrom has gone to work with another firm for the time being. Owing to slack business, Black & Co. gave him a lay-off. He may go back to work for his old employers when their business picks up again.

"Honest Tom" McGinness was married to Isabel R. Geddes at Elyria, Ohio, May 7. Some congratulations are his, sure!

All the other Cleveland Frats are about the same as usual, and doing pretty well, thank you.

Toledo.

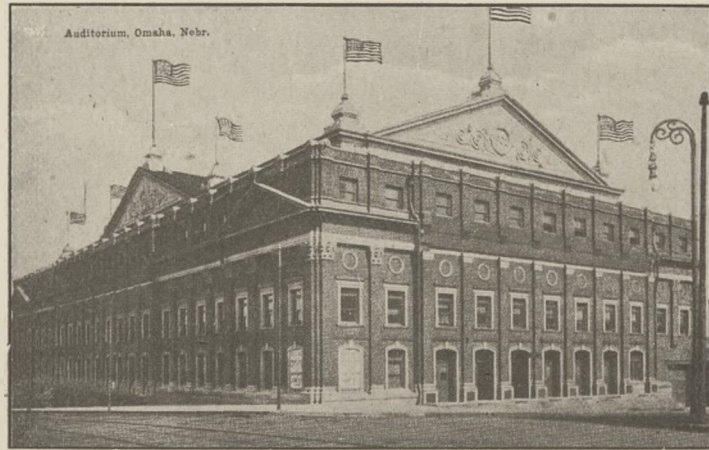
The local Division's first venture in the fishpond line, managed by Bert Tussing and Louis Blum, on the 20th of last month, was a pronounced success. Several different games were played, and the participants enjoyed themselves hugely.

Nathan Henick took a flying trip to Detroit a couple of weeks ago for the purpose of attending the pedro party and box social given by Division No. 2. He had a very good time and enjoyed making a number of new acquaintances. Afterwards he crossed the border and spent a night on Canadian soil, with a deaf friend. The next day Nate returned home with a small party of Toledo people.

During Mrs. Louis Blum's recent illness we remembered her with flowers. We were certainly delighted to know that she enjoyed them, and hope their fragrance helped to cheer her along on the road to recovery.

Preston L. Stevenson put in an appearance at the April meeting, and we were more than glad to see him. The election for delegates may have helped to bring him in. John Curry was elected as No. 16's regular delegate for the coming convention, with Richard King and Matthias Steinwand as alternates.

According to a local newspaper, "Preston L. Stevenson, a deaf mute, but one of the most energetic and valued employees about the county building in Findlay, recently celebrated the 28th anniversary of beginning his work as deputy county recorder." Though many political changes have come and gone, Preston is always reappointed to the position he has filled



Omaha's Municipally Owned Auditorium.

so long. We are proud of his good record.

George McGowan has recently returned to this city after a stay of about six months on the farm of his married sister in Michigan. It is presumed he has gone back to work at his trade as a bricklayer. Some time ago—in March, to be exact—George had the misfortune to fall off a wagon, and was quite badly hurt. But, we take it, he has quite recovered from this accident by now. We have not yet seen him since his return, but suppose he will be at the next meeting.

Frank Cook has a nice little brood of chicks running around the yard at his home on the West Side. He expects to do better yet when he gets right down to it, and is planning to raise a good many more later on. Frank has the ambition of becoming the most famous poultry raiser and fancier among the deaf. A good many other Toledo Frats are also keeping chickens.

Flint.

Cortland J. Ridler has left the "Flint Daily Journal," on which he had been working since last fall. He was planning to enter the Inland Printer Technical School in Chicago about the end of May to learn linotype operating.

Elmer Drake has bought a house and lot on Baker St., and will soon move there. Nothing like one's own vine and fig tree, and being one's own landlord.

Frank and William Drake recently bought a Maxwell touring car. Here's hoping they will have no trouble in getting home after Division meetings. Heretofore Frank has had to be excused from meeting at ten o'clock to take the last interurban car for home.

Four new members were taken in at the May meeting. Going some, eh! (Going some is right. Let the good work go on!—Ed.)

Fred D. Allen of Chicago was in town for a while, looking for work. But there was nothing doing here, and so he took his departure for Detroit.

Thomas Markey has been spending a few days at his old home, East Tawas.

Willis Hubbard delivered a lecture before the Detroit branch of the N. A. D.

on Saturday, May 16, for the benefit of the Thomas L. Brown Memorial Fund.

A number of the Flint Frats are making preparations for a camping trip up in the northern woods during the latter part of July.

Howard Blodgett has started a clothes repairing shop. He does the work outside of his regular hours at the M. S. D.

Dewitt Chapman of River Rouge was a visitor over Sunday at the Lawrason home during the early part of the month.

Mention has been made elsewhere of the party given on May 8 by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schreiber in honor of Miss Jeannette Telder, whose engagement to G. Herman Harper of St. Augustine, Fla., was on that evening formally announced.

Milwaukee.

James F. Cullen went to Janesville a few weeks ago to while away a period of idleness—the vacation given him by a lay-off at the Fred Mayer Boot and Shoe Co.

Ladimir Kolman and John W. Kurry were elected as our delegates to the Omaha convention. They expect to find their task more onerous than some suppose. (Right they are! Being a delegate is not all "beer and skittles."—Ed.)

Clarence A. Corey of Kalamazoo, Mich., attended a recent meeting of ours and delighted us with his short stories.

Richard Nordwig is soliciting orders for the Penn Coal and Supply Co. The firm is giving him great credit for his active work. Anyone wishing to lay in a fuel supply should give him an order. Remember the address, R. Nordwig, 1299 Seventh St.

Frank Harter of Racine was present at our April meeting. While in town he stayed with Otto Langner. Mrs. Harter came with him. Frank is steadily employed as a painter by the J. J. Case Co. at Racine.

Frank Osonek went to Chicago on business April 3.

James J. Kearns spent a few days in Wausau, Wis., visiting his relatives and friends—he and the writer of these items having been laid off for two weeks. After spending the fortnight in Wausau and Rhinelander, he returned to work at



Omaha's Post Office and City Hall.

the shoe factory where he is employed as a heel-builder.

Mr. and Mrs. Knoblock ran down to Racine on business and for a few days' visit with relatives a couple of weeks ago.

Ladimir Kolman was recently in Delavan for a few days—but do not ask him what for. Spare his blushes!

Brothers Plunkett and Kurry are thinking of going on to Colorado Springs to see whether the mountains are as wonderful as the Swiss Alps.

Mrs. Edwin Teweles left on May 2 for a couple of weeks' visit with her parents in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Fred Rapp had his foot hurt while at work not long ago at the Jeffery auto works in Kenosha. He is getting on very well now and has nearly recovered from the injury.

Members of Division No. 17 will please take note of the Secretary's change of address. Samuel Sutter, 1403 20th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Indianapolis.

George Owens, who is rapidly recovering from his long sickness, has left Indianapolis for Oakland City, Ind. He and his family have gone to live on the farm with Mrs. Owens' mother, and will be staying there for some time to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bonham have gone to Muncie to visit Mrs. Bonham's folks.

The officers of Indianapolis Division sprung a birthday surprise party on Grand President H. C. Anderson, March 3. The evening was pleasantly spent in conversation, story-telling and games. Refreshments were served. Brother Anderson received a number of presents.

Charles Mock of Muncie, Ind., had the misfortune not long ago to have two of his fingers cut off on a shaper.

Rev. Brother J. M. Koehler of Kansas City was to have given a lecture in Indianapolis on the evening of April 12, but he was unable to make his connection at Kansas City to reach Indianapolis in

time. The lecture has only been deferred, however, and will be given some time later. The subject will be Muhlbach's "Merchant of Berlin."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Binkley spent Easter Sunday at Robert's old home near Richmond, Ind.

No. 22's meeting date has been changed again to the second Friday.

Indianapolis Division's fifth annual mask ball, held on February 13, was very successful. In spite of many of the Frats being out of work, there was a good-sized crowd at the hall. Something like seventy-five dollars was cleared.

Evansville.

James Downey has moved into his new home in Howell, which he had rebuilt to suit himself. He intends now to raise many more chickens.

Addison Brassel, too, has moved, making this change of residence to cut down the high cost of living.

Mike Greenberg, who has been making trips to New York with carloads of chickens all winter, is through with all that and is back home to stay. On his several trips he never had time to look up any of the fraters of Brooklyn Division.

Dewitt Stephens, after his winter hunting, is once more out on fishing trips and launch excursions up and down the Ohio river. This is the way he kills the loneliness of bachelor life.

Adolph Brizius failed to get the delegateship plum, and so about the time convention week comes around he will start his annual camping at the mouth of Green river. He invites brother members to come out by turns and spend a day with him.

Boston.

The anvil chorus has been ringing in the ears of the writer of these items. He has been nicely panned for neglecting to mention Boston lately. We hasten to apologize and to assure you all that Bos-

ton is still on the map, as Omaha will show.

Now that the delegate question has been settled, we can heave a sigh of relief and turn our thoughts to spring time, fishing and motorboats. (Eh, Cryan?)

Robert Docharty voluntarily gave his services as a lecturer recently in aid of our local fund. His subject was the life of J. Pierpont Morgan, and the lecture was enjoyed by all who attended. Over a hundred tickets were sold, and our fund received a nice boost.

Harry V. Jarvis of Bangor, Me., spent three weeks in our vicinity while visiting his aunt in Lynn. We were really sorry he was unsuccessful in securing a position, for we should have liked to keep him here among us. During his visit Brother Jarvis displayed his skill at the ancient game of checkers; he had to admit, however, that Brother Cameron can more than hold his own.

Quite a delegation, headed by the Maine boys who are living down this way, Brothers Thibodeau, De Voe and Markee, went down to Portland for the annual social held there on April 17.

Rev. J. H. Keiser of New York conducted a service for the Silent Mission in Trinity Church on the evening of March 31, and all the fraters who could attend were present.

Everyone is glad to learn that George W. Holmes has so far recovered from his recent serious illness as to be able to leave the Arlington Hospital, where he has been confined for over five weeks. He expects soon to be around as usual—and that is mighty lively for a man who is nearing his 80th year.

We have had our share of unemployment down this way, and many of us have been out of work for months, while the majority have been working on only half time nearly all winter. At this writing work is beginning to get slack again



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at the shoe factories, which were running on full time all winter.

Frank E. Lander is still on the jump. After working in Northfield, Vt., all winter and, incidentally, helping to put that place on the map by his playing on the basket-ball team, he went back to Sherman, Me., where he was employed as inspector of hardwood flooring. He recently gave up that place, however, to accept a flattering offer from a big Nova Scotia mill and has gone up there among the "Bluenoses" to grade flooring. No wonder Frank can't see it when we complain of hard times.

Those who can't attend the Omaha convention will make no mistake in coming to our picnic, to be held July 4 and 5. The committee in charge are hard at work over the arrangements and promise to make it the best ever.

Samuel C. Pavitt has the sympathy of us all over the death of his mother, who died on April 5 at the Malden Hospital, in her 79th year.

Providence.

Oh you Omaha! State Organizer Arthur Myers is our delegate, and we are satisfied that we shall be well represented.

Rev. Brother J. H. Keiser of New York held a special Lenten service at Grace Church on April 1. Many of the Frats were there, and all were loud in their praise of Brother Keiser's preaching.

A whist party was recently given in honor of Charles Williams at the home

of his fiancée, Miss Fuller of Lynn, Mass. Brother Williams took first prize, receiving a handsome pocketbook. Charles Newberg gave the winner a stiff fight for premier honors, but fell two points short of the victor's score.

The familiar face of Arturo Myers is no longer seen around these diggings, except on Sundays, for the reason that he is now working in Bristol, R. I., for the National India Rubber Co. According to Brother Myers, business there is all to the mustard.

Brother Burdick of Clinton, Mass., attended our April meeting. While in town he was the guest of Amedie Gaudreau.

The members of No. 43 want to congratulate Sam McCarthy of Huntington Division on his latest acquisition to his family. Good luck to you, Sam.

President Vigeant is busy furnishing a flat. He intends to have it ready by June, when he will join the innumerable caravan of benedicts.

Washington.

William Pfunder carried off the plum—the delegateship—and will represent No. 46 at Omaha. Irby H. Marchman and Hunter S. Edington were chosen as first and second alternates respectively.

Thomas M. Jenkins of Portsmouth, Va., and James C. Dowell of Washington, D. C., were initiated at last month's meeting. These two accessions bring the number of members on our roll up to twenty-six. We are sorry that Brother Jenkins could not have himself transferred to a shop in or near this city. We

should have liked to see him stay here, but he had to return home when his leave was up.

Washington Division was delighted to have as visitors at its May meeting John A. Roach of Philadelphia and Merton A. Fielding of Colfax, Ill. Both have been making quite an extended visit in the capital city.

Harry Turner returned in April from his trip to Oklahoma. He could not find any very good job out west, and so he preferred to come back to Washington.

Buffalo.

Harry A. Slater, who has been working only off and on for over a year, has at last got a good job at house-painting. That's good hearing, Harry. Stick to it, boy, like glue!

James R. Auld made a flying trip to New York about the end of April. He went for the purpose of trying to land a job in some big tailoring establishment, but found them all full up, and so about a week later he came back. While there, he attended the meeting of Brooklyn Division.

Philip J. Maue was the recipient of a fine carving set as a birthday gift from J. J. Devitt of Rochester Division. Many thanks for the kind remembrance, brother. Greetings and best regards to No. 52.

Syracuse.

Syracuse Division recently held a very successful party at the residence of Brother Dingman. There was a big crowd. Most of them were non-Frats.

but they seemed to take much interest in the N. F. S. D. and helped us net a good sum of money. James A. McGovern and Harold L. Holmes of Utica Division were also present.

We are arranging a nice banquet in honor of the first anniversary of the installing of our Division, and look for the affair to be a success. The visiting fraters will be most welcome.

Robert E. Conley recently made a Sunday visit on Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Kenyon at their new home in Baldwinsville. He stayed there overnight, and the next day all three went on a ten-mile walk to Liverpool for a call on Mr. and Mrs. James T. Lynch. The writer wonders if any other deaf lady could beat Mrs. Kenyon for endurance on a hike.

The wives of the Syracuse fraters have organized an Auxiliary, which has already proved a successful departure. It meets every week at the homes of the members in turn. Two meetings have been held thus far—one at Mrs. J. F. Keller's, the other with Mrs. George Connor. The next meeting is to be held at Mrs. James T. Lynch's. Already, the ladies have cleared a nice little sum of money.

No. 48 is growing. Three new members were recently added to our roster, and we expect several more in the near future.

Glen E. Foland wants to know if any Frat means to make a trip to the Omaha convention by motorcycle. If so, he would be glad to go along with them. Anyone who is planning such a trip please write R. E. Conley.

J. Fred Keller has just finished painting Brother John's house, and it looks very new and nice. It is fine for brothers to be able to help each other that way, and co-operate to cut down the high cost of living.

St. Louis.

The Division had another instance not long ago of the folly of dropping out by non-payment of dues. It was afforded on the recent death of Acel N. Hogue, who allowed his membership to lapse about a year ago. His beneficiary wrote to ask what steps should be taken for collecting the death benefit and was unpleasantly surprised to learn that he had long ago dropped out of the Society. The beneficiary of the late Michael A. Murphy, who was accidentally killed while three months in arrears, had the same experience on calling for payment of the death benefit. Keep your dues paid up!

Eddie R. Hopkins was baptized by Rev. J. H. Cloud on April 9 and confirmed by Bishop Johnson on the 16th. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller also was baptized recently and christened Edward Frank Miller.

St. Louis Division will have a picnic on June 13 at O'Fallon Park, and another on August 7 at the same place.

Arrangements are being made with Brother Hunter as chairman of the committee in charge for the entertainment of delegates and visitors who may pass through St. Louis on their way west to Omaha. Those interested are invited to

communicate with George D. Hunter, whose address is 3588 McRee Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Brothers Stumpe, Remshardt and Bloch are among those who are intending to go to the 'Frisco fair this summer. On their way they will take in the Frat convention at Omaha. Rev. Brother Cloud and J. H. Burgherr are the delegates from St. Louis Division, with G. W. Arnot and George D. Hunter as alternates.

Kansas City.

Kansas City Division has changed its lodge room and now meets at Fraternal Hall, 1109 Grand Ave., on the first Saturday of each month. All the members are well pleased with our new quarters.

A "fraternal drill" and social, at which were shown moving pictures of the New York School for the Deaf, was held at Grace Church Guild Hall, 13th and Washington Streets, on March 20th, and was a very successful affair. About a hundred of the deaf were in attendance, and an enjoyable time was reported.

Charles A. Hartman recently took a flying trip down among the Ozarks in southern Missouri, and bought a five-acre piece of good land. He is planning a "back to the soil" movement of his own—and probably will not go alone.

Matt L. Ahern has gone back to his old trade of printer, and is now employed with a big firm. He is doing very well in spite of not having worked in a printing office for eight years. He has a good memory for the lay of the case—and, we doubt not, remembers perfectly what the hell-box is for.

Rev. Brother J. M. Koehler recently preached an interesting sermon on "Fraternity" at Grace Church, with a good attendance present.

There is really very little news to tell. We are all in good health and spirits, and everybody is going along about as usual.

THE STORK, A BUSY BIRD.

THE Frat has the pleasure of announcing the following "arrivals," and extends most cordial congratulations to the elated papas and mammas.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Jackson of Oil City, Ontario, Canada, on March 6, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. John R. Courtney of Washington, D. C., during March, a fine, lustily crowing infant—but of which gender our informant neglected to state.

To Mr. and Mrs. Terry Page of Silver City, New Mexico, on March 26, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Crowley of Hartford, Conn., on March 29, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ottenbacher of Indianapolis, Ind., on March 30, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams of Kalamazoo, Mich., on April 10, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. James J. Boyer, of Chicago, Illinois, on April 10, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. D. McGregor Cameron, of Roxbury, Mass., on April 28, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cyril A. Painter of Wilksburg, Pa., on April 29, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schwartz of Toledo, Ohio, on May 6, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Steidemann of St. Louis, Mo., on May 16, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Greenberg, Evansville, Ind., a girl.

To Brother and Mrs. Louis Wallack, Chicago, Ill., a girl.

To Brother and Mrs. Joseph Bernstein, Hammond, Indiana, a boy.

WEDDING BELLS.

Ziba L. Osmun of Huntington Beach, Cal., and Miss Mildred Mojonier of Los Angeles were married on Tuesday afternoon, March 16. This wedding came as a complete surprise to the friends of both, but all were delighted to hear of it and hastened to tender congratulations and best wishes. The newly-weds are now keeping house in a cozy suite, deferring their honeymoon until July; they will spend it at the Exposition, and then go to Nebraska for a visit with Mr. Osmun's folks and perhaps attend the Omaha doings.

Frank J. Kuhn and Miss Elizabeth Rothmund, both of Philadelphia, were married June 2 at St. Peter's Church and left the same day on a honeymoon trip. Niagara Falls was one of the points they planned to visit. They will be at home after July 1 at 278 West Wellens Ave., Olney, a suburb of Philadelphia.

Lawrence James of Marion, Iowa, and Miss Maude Phillips of Sarepta, Mississippi, were married in Memphis, Tenn., on May 17. They are now at home in Marion, and are receiving the congratulations and good wishes of a host of friends. Mr. James is very popular, and is prospering well at his trade, which is that of a painter and decorator. His bride is a most intelligent and likable young woman, a graduate of the Mississippi school.

Engagement Announced.

The engagement is announced of Miss Jeannette Telder of Flint, Mich., to G. Herman Harper of St. Augustine, Fla. On May 8 Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schreiber gave a pleasant party to a number of friends in honor of the bride-elect, who is girls' supervisor at the Michigan School for the Deaf.

To Brooklyn Division Members.

Division Secretary Cosgrove has moved and is now located at 346 Hoyt St., Brooklyn. Please make a note of this.

A PENNSYLVANIAN PAT.

IN THE National Fraternal Society for the Deaf Illinois leads with 237 members and \$178,250 insurance in force. Ohio is second and New York third. Pennsylvania is in sixth place with \$80,500 insurance. The society has a total of 1,917 members who carry insurance amounting to \$1,294,450. During the past year death claims amounting to \$4,250 and sick and accident benefits amounting to \$3,540 were paid. The increase in membership during the year was 384. It is an excellent showing.—The Western Pennsylvanian.

COMING DIVISION EVENTS.

July.

- 3—Picnic, Syracuse.
- 3—Smoker, Kansas City.
- 3—Park social, Chicago.
- 4—Picnic, Huntington.
- 4—Picnic, Pittsburgh.
- 4—Picnic, Memphis.
- 4—"See Chicago First."
- 5—Picnic, Cincinnati.
- 5—Picnic, Pittsburgh.
- 5—Picnic, Nashville.
- 5—Picnic, Indianapolis.
- 5—Picnic, Atlanta.
- 5—Picnic, Kansas City.

- 5—Picnic, Portland, Ore.
- 5-10—Omaha week: "Omaha—1915."
- 24—Excursion, Philadelphia.
- 25—Outing at Maumee, Toledo.
- 31—Picnic, Utica.

August.

- 5—Excursion, Baltimore.
- 7—Picnic, St. Louis.
- 8—Picnic, Milwaukee.
- 28—Picnic, Brooklyn.
- 28—Picnic, Rochester.
- 29—Picnic, Chicago.

September.

- 6—Picnic, Cedar Rapids.
- 6—Picnic, Muncie, Ind.

THE DENVER FRATS AGAIN.

THE Denver Frats are looking for you. They do not know how many of you are coming, but they will make things as pleasant for you as they can and about as outlined in the May Frat. They have arranged with Brother Gibson to advise them from Omaha as to who's who in the proposed Colorado party, how many, etc. Brothers Smith, Jones and Veditz of Colorado Springs will help at their end, of course. There's no reason why you fellows who have the time, the money and the desire to have the finest outing you ever had should not put Colorado on your schedule.

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- Horace B. Waters 529 Vinewood St.
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Robinson Hall—Second Saturday.
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- Daniel Shea Derry, N. H.
- DAYTON No. 8 Dayton, Ohio
A. I. U. Hall—First Saturday.
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- Samuel Sutter 1403 20th St.
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Imperial Hall, 360 Fulton St.—First Saturday.
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109 Second St.—First Saturday.
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- R. M. Robertson 20 Melrose Av., N. Arlington
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Crescent Hall—First Saturday.
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- E. E. Bernsdorf 322 E. Capital St.
- BALTIMORE No. 47 Baltimore, Md.
114 N. Paca St.—First Saturday.
- Orlando K. Price, Sr. 2773 W. North Ave.
- SYRACUSE No. 48 Syracuse, N. Y.
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- J. F. Koepfer, 309 Veeder Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.
- ROCHESTER No. 52 Rochester, N. Y.
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- Ira D. Todd Pittsford, N. Y.
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Second Thursday.
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National Fraternal Society of the Deaf



WHAT IT IS.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is a fraternal insurance society composed wholly of deaf men. It works on the lodge system, having branch lodges (Divisions) in various cities and others in process of organization—a combination of white deaf men of good moral character, health and education to help one another and to relieve their families of immediate want in case of death.

WHEN AND HOW IT WAS ORGANIZED.

The Society was organized in 1901 in Flint, Michigan, its originators being some young deaf men just out of school, with the idea of having a lodge organization of their very own for mutual aid and protection. The classification of the deaf by lodges for the hearing and insurance companies, at that time, as undesirable members or risks had considerable to do with the birth of the Society, which was then called The Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

In 1907 the Society was reorganized under its present name with a membership of 500, and a charter as a fraternal beneficiary association was secured from the Insurance Department of the State of Illinois.

ITS OBJECTS.

The Constitution and By-laws of the Society gives its objects in the following words: "To unite fraternally all able-bodied white deaf men of good moral character between 18 and 55 years of age who are possessed of good bodily and mental health and industrious habits; to give moral, financial and material aid to its members in times of need; to establish and disburse a fund for the relief of sick and injured members; and to benefit the relatives and dependents of deceased members who may be named as beneficiaries in accordance with the laws of the Society."

To gather and unite in a genuine Fraternity all acceptable white deaf men who are of the proper age and in sound health, for mutual improvement, protection and benefit, and so cultivate the true spirit of Brotherhood which the deaf, regardless of creed or station, should unite in.

MEMBERSHIP AND ITS QUALIFICATIONS.

It is open to all white deaf men possessing the qualifications given in the foregoing extract from the Constitution and By-laws, good mental, moral and physical health and between the ages of 18 and 55 years, for beneficial membership; that is, participation in the benefits.

Social or associate membership is open in the Divisions to deaf men who by reason of age or physical condition are not eligible to beneficial or active membership.

COST OF JOINING.

All candidates for beneficial membership must pay an admission fee of five (5) dollars at the time the application is made. The candidate must also pay the fee charged for his physical examination to the physician making same, which is generally one (1) dollar.

MONTHLY DUES.

The monthly dues are based on the amount of insurance the candidate wishes, certificates being issued in three different amounts (\$250, \$500 and \$1,000), and the rates therefor are as follows for Death Benefits; these rates being those of the National Fraternal Congress, which are recognized as the standard by the majority of first class fraternal organizations:

N. F. S. D. TABLE OF RATES.

The monthly dues for death benefits are according to the following Table of Mortuary Rates; the rate to be figured at the nearest birthday of the applicant for membership:

AGE	\$250	\$500	\$1000
18 to 21	\$0.24	\$0.47	\$0.93
22	.24	.48	.96
23	.25	.49	.98
24	.26	.51	1.01
25	.26	.52	1.04
26	.27	.54	1.07
27	.28	.56	1.11
28	.29	.57	1.14
29	.30	.59	1.18
30	.31	.61	1.22
31	.32	.63	1.26
32	.33	.66	1.31
33	.34	.68	1.35
34	.35	.70	1.40
35	.37	.73	1.45
36	.38	.76	1.51
37	.40	.79	1.57
38	.41	.82	1.63
39	.43	.85	1.69
40	.44	.88	1.76
41	.46	.92	1.83
42	.48	.96	1.91
43	.50	1.00	1.99
44	.52	1.04	2.07
45	.54	1.08	2.16
46	.57	1.13	2.25
47	.59	1.18	2.35
48	.62	1.23	2.45
49	.65	1.29	2.58
50	.68	1.36	2.71
51	.71	1.42	2.83
52	.75	1.49	2.97
53	.78	1.56	3.12
54	.82	1.64	3.28
55	.86	1.72	3.44

Applications not accepted from persons over 55 years, nearest birthday. Rates are level, monthly in advance.

In addition to the above rates, which cover Death Benefits only, an extra monthly due (assessment) of thirty (30) cents is charged to cover Sick and Accident Benefits and Grand Division Expenses. A small local due is collected by the Divisions to cover their expenses. The initiation fee is \$5, payable at time application is filed.

HOW FIGURED.

In figuring the total monthly due, take the rate given in the table for Death Benefits and add thereto the extra thirty (30) cents. These rates are of the level kind, remaining the same for life as at the joining age.

One's age is figured at the nearest age—age at nearest birthday.

LOCAL OR DIVISION DUES.

The Divisions oblige their resident members to pay a small monthly local due for meeting the expenses of the Division, but the amount is so small that it is not missed.

Non-resident members are not obliged to pay these dues, but they may give such assistance as may be requested by their Divisions.

PAYMENTS OF DUES, ETC.

All dues, etc., are payable on the first day of the month which they are for. In the case of resident members they must be paid at or before the time of the Division meeting; non-residents may pay theirs to the Division Treasurer by mail.

The Constitution and By-laws makes provision for all such payments and has additional provision for cases where same may be delayed through the inability of a member to promptly meet same, either from illness or other causes.

BENEFITS.

The Society guarantees to pay to the beneficiary named in the certificate of a deceased member the sum mentioned in said certificate; provided that the death of the member was not due to certain causes mentioned in the By-laws of the Society which are termed prohibitory causes, and subject to other slight restrictions such as prompt payment of dues, etc., as provided in the laws of the Society.

A Sick or Accident Benefit of five (5) dollars per week is also guaranteed to the holders of certificates for a period of ten (10) weeks in any twelve (12) months (year), on presentation of a properly filled out physician's certificate; provided such disability was not due to or caused by the prohibitory causes mentioned in the By-laws.

In some cases local Divisions have an additional Disability Benefit to the above.

These Benefits are only participated in by beneficial or active members, as mentioned in the paragraph concerning membership.

THE SOCIETY'S RECORD.

Since the organization of the Society, to the present time (January 1, 1915) it has paid forty-three death claims and thousands of dollars in sick and accident claims, keeping its promises to the letter.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

In addition to the sick, accident and death benefits provided, the various Divisions engage in social and literary entertainments for the pleasure and profit of their members, giving parties, balls, picnics, lectures, readings, etc., from time to time. In this way they make membership doubly attractive.

The feeling of good fellowship among the members is strong. Each member is made to feel that his interests are the interests of his fellow members—that the good of one is the good of all. The "fellow feeling" that makes one "wondrous kind" is applicable to this Society more than to any other of its kind, being as it is "of, for and by the deaf" in every sense of the phrase.

SAFEGUARDS.

The funds of the Society are deposited and invested under the supervision of its Board of Trustees, the books of the financial officers being audited by this Board monthly. A voucher system has been installed, every expenditure of funds requiring the approval of the Grand President, The Grand Financial Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are bonded by a surety company—in short, nothing is neglected that will add to the safeguarding of all financial matters.

The Society, being chartered by the State of Illinois, is subject to inspection by the Insurance Department of that state, and its books and vouchers are open for examination to its members or their legal representatives at all times.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is alone in its chosen field.

It is providing life insurance and disability benefits to its members at the lowest possible cost consistent with permanency and safety.

It draws its members together in not only the common bond their deafness has thrown around them, but also that of mutual and self-protection, as well as protection for those dependent on them.

The deaf have everything in common and an organization that looks after their interests as does this Society should have their hearty support and co-operation.

Everyone knows the value of life insurance. It is the duty of every man to provide such protection for dear ones. In time of death, illness or accident what is more welcome than Benefits such as this Society provides?

No fraternal order in existence today has a better claim on the thousands of the deaf in this country than has ours; it is for them alone; its membership cost is no greater than that of any first class order of the kind, its table of rates being based on the experience of years and that adopted by the National Fraternal Congress, which is the standard in most states of the Union.

The influence it exerts is most beneficial. The principles on which it is founded cannot be otherwise than elevating and helpful.

In joining you help yourself; help others, too, and those others of your own class—a class that needs the help of each of its units to demonstrate it is capable of holding its own with any other.

Will you not do your part? Join, and so give your aid and influence not only to the Society and your fellow deaf men, but at the same time guarantee its help to you and yours.

HOW TO JOIN.

If you are interested, as we believe you are, write to the State Organizer of the state in which you reside and ask for an application blank. Ask him for any further information you may wish to have, as well.

Or if you reside in a city where there is a Division, any member or officer of that Division can supply everything necessary.

If you reside in a state that has no Division, or far from such centers, write to the Grand Secretary.

If there is no Division in your immediate vicinity you will be attached to the nearest one as a non-resident member. Non-resident members receive the same benefits as resident members.

Be sure and give your full name, age, occupation and address. A postal card will do. Do it now.

For the Address of
State Organizers,
Grand Officers and a
Directory of Divi-
sions, See Page 15.