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THE Grand Lodge of Washington met in Thirty-fifth Annual Communication at Spokane, on June 14th, 1892, being fraternally welcomed to that beautiful city in an address on behalf of the mayor and citizens by M. W. Bro. Louis Ziegler, P. G. M., in which are the following paragraphs illustrative of the rapid growth of western cities :

“ Since last you assembled here, our city has experienced some very great changes. Eight years ago, when we met here, the city of Spokane Falls was a small hamlet of less than two thousand souls. I have now the honor of extending to you the hospitalities of a city teeming with thirty-five thousand people, and blessed with health, prosperity, thrift and remunerative industry—all caused by the inexhaustible resources which surround us on every hand. The untold mineral wealth, the exhaustless fields which yield the richest harvests, and the endless forest with its untold wealth of lumber, have all contributed and are still contributing to build here the magic city of the great North-West.

I trust, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, that you will pardon our youthful and local pride when we refer in glowing terms to our lovely city in all its phases, but feel that we can hope for your indulgence when we call to your mind the fact that this beautiful city before you, as it now stands, is not yet three years old ; and, like the Phoenix of old, has sprung from its own ashes a grander and more beautiful bird. To its palatial blocks of five and six stories ; to its lovely and happy homes ; to its institutions of learning ; to its halls of the sciences and its chambers of commerce and trade, with its variety of attributes, we point the stranger with a pardonable pride.”

The address of Grand Master Thomas Amos contains the lengthy record of a very busy term of office, and the following decision, which we are by no means convinced is erroneous, but which we have not the slightest doubt will provoke the severe criticism of those who would limit the universality of Freemasonry by ostracising all Brethren, no matter how good their Masonry or morals may be, if they have not received the former from a Lodge duly chartered by some regularly constituted Grand Lodge.

“ On February 1st, the credentials of a Brother seeking admission into Valley Lodge, No. 71, were submitted to me for my inspection and approval. It appeared that the Brother was made a Mason in Lodge Le Progrès de l'Océanie, No. 124, A. F. & A. M., under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of France, located at the city of Honolulu, Island of Ohau, Hawaiian Islands. It occurred