

Statistics shew a membership of the Craft in the Territory of 653, with twenty-one Lodges.

E. H. Doyle, of McAlester, is Grand Master.

J. S. Murrow, of Atoka, is Grand Secretary.

#### IOWA, 1884.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the year 1884 are before us, artistically gotten up, and full and complete in every arrangement.

A special meeting was held pursuant to summons on the 7th May, 1884, at the city of Cedar Rapids, for the purpose of, first, laying the corner stone of the Library building; and, second, to enact such further measures, if need be, as may then be considered necessary to the speedy and successful prosecution of the work.

The Grand Master, George B. Van Saun, presided.

Before, however, proceeding to the special business for which Grand Lodge was summoned, the Grand Master and Brethren laid the corner stone of St. Luke's Hospital. This having been done and a considerable amount of speech-making indulged in, the particular work of Grand Lodge was performed with the customary Masonic ceremonies.

The orator on the occasion, was our widely known and esteemed R. W. Bro. Parvin, Grand Secretary, who delivered an address on the occasion, partially reported on ten pages; very much thereof, it is said, was omitted owing to the lateness of the hour.

From the drawing of the proposed building, bound up and sent with proceedings, we judge it to be of an imposing appearance; we trust it will be found in the future to answer all the purposes for which it is erected.

The annual meeting of Grand Lodge being the 41st was holden at Council Bluffs, on 3rd June, 1884, same Grand Master presiding.

At the opening of Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary Parvin was not present, having been detained by the grounding of the steamer on which he had embarked; it appears that, like the writer of these lines, a brother Grand Secretary, he was further hindered in his attendance, having been arrested for "malicious libel" by an unworthy member of the fraternity, and summoned to appear before the Grand Jury for the performance of an official act as Grand Secretary, which had been ordered to be done by his Grand Lodge. If such a state of things continue, the position of Grand Secretary may be one of peril in jurisdictions where "cranks" occasionally gain admittance into the craft.

The Grand Master's address is excellent, giving an account of his stewardship, his opinions on some intricate local questions, and on matters which however are of no particular interest to our Grand Lodge.

Th<sup>e</sup> report of the Grand Secretary gives an able and comprehensive statement of his labors during the past year.