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Rapid Clothes Selling At The New Clothing Store

This 15 per cent. discount we are giving

on men's and boys' Suits and Overcoats is certainly attracting the attention of the early buyers. You know that every dollar's worth of merchandise we have in store for you is New and Up-to-date, bought since the first of August, 1909. All our Suits and Overcoats are of the New Models and New Fabrics, marked to sell at the lowest possible cash price. 15 per cent. off on such merchandise as this means money in your pocket.

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Our 15 Per Cent. Reduction Sale Means Something to you, as well as to the man who buys one of our \$15.00 Black Dog Fur Coats at \$12.75. See our Fur Department on the second floor before making your purchases. We have Everything in Furs at right prices.

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FITTINGLY OBSERVED.

Fiftieth Anniversary of Organization of Cresco Lodge No. 150, A. F. & A. M.

Fifty years is a long span of time in any of the affairs of men and fiftieth anniversaries are so rare that their recognition and observance are almost universal; and in accordance with this custom, Cresco Lodge No. 150, A. F. & A. M., on last Tuesday evening the 23rd, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its organization, assisted by a large number of visiting brethren from other lodges in the vicinity.

The observance of the occasion commenced in the Masonic hall in the afternoon, where in the presence of one of the largest assemblies of Masons ever in the hall, H. G. Addie was raised to the degree of a Master Mason, it being conferred by H. H. Hughes, Senior Warden of the Iowa Grand Lodge.

In the evening an elaborate banquet was served in the Armory, over 300 Master Masons and their ladies being seated at the long rows of tables. Bro. John Gammors invoked the divine blessing and the completion of the banquet, Bro. C. W. Reed as toast master introduced the speakers of the evening.

Bro. Wm. Wilbraham gave the address of welcome and took occasion to call attention to the growth of the Lodge and some of its early history. Dr. Daubney, of Decorah, in behalf of the visiting brethren, responded in a happy manner which brought forth hearty applause.

Bro. H. H. Green, Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, responded to the toast "Light," and gave an address in his best and happiest vein, and with variations from grave to gay, from gales of laughter to deepest reverence and contemplation of the serious things of life.

Bro. Geo. W. Kessel's address was omitted owing to the serious illness of his daughter, and Bro. H. W. Hughes gave the closing address which stamped him as an after dinner speaker of more than average ability. His subject, "Coming Home," gave him latitude for referring to various home comings—his own return to his early home in the county, the return of the lodge member to the bosom of his family, and the return to the Heavenly Father's home at the close of life and gave Bro. Hughes opportunity for much brilliant wit and good sentiment and sense and the opportunity was taken advantage of to the utmost.

The musical numbers of the evening were enjoyed to the fullest extent. Carpenter's orchestra played during the course of the banquet and vocal solos were rendered by Miss Nesheim, Mr. Lyon and Mrs. O'Malley, which in every instance met with the hearty favor and applause of the assemblage.

The program closed with a farcical conferring of the Freeman's degree on Chan Robinson, who is now fully convinced that he is a really and truly "Illustrious Prince."

The following visiting Brothers, many of whom were accompanied by their wives, attended the communication of Master Masons in the afternoon, while others attended the banquet but their names are unobtainable.

H. H. Hughes, Burlington, Grand Sr. Warden of Grand Lodge of Iowa.
Enoch Strother, Virginia Lodge, No. 3, Virginia City, Nevada.
Thos. H. Jones, Pilot Lodge, No. 367, Oklahoma.

N. H. Baily, Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 35, Hastings, Minn.
J. H. Bradish, Cando Lodge, No. 41, Cando, N. D.
H. S. Webster, Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 204, Postville.

F. W. Tuller, Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 204, Postville.
G. W. Peckham, Arcturus Lodge, No. 237, Ossian.
E. C. Mills, Arcturus Lodge, No. 237, Ossian.

A. R. Hungerford, Moravian Lodge, No. 58, Spring Valley.
W. H. Winstlow, Moravian Lodge, No. 58, Spring Valley.
P. A. Winslow, Moravian Lodge, No. 58, Spring Valley.

C. W. Worthwein, Hampshire Lodge, No. 443, Hampshire, Ill.
W. H. Taubman, Relief Lodge, No. 211, Riceville.
F. C. Blandin, Relief Lodge, No. 211, Riceville.
T. W. Hazleton, Copsestone Lodge, No. 316, Calmar.

H. S. Brittenhouse, Clayton Lodge, No. 70, Monona.
C. J. Orr, Clayton Lodge, No. 70, Monona.

GREAT LIGHTS LODGE, No. 181, DECORAH.

H. H. Green Dr. W. F. Daubney
L. B. Whitney Geo. Trzcinski
H. F. Barthell Geo Mizner
H. J. Green R. H. Miller
F. E. Cratsenberg Ed Blakeman
Luther Reed Otto Dahljehn
J. W. McCall E. R. Abby
J. J. Headington Wm Headington
T. H. Conigsky J. H. Logsdon
Chas Mackenstadt J. F. B. Portman

HOWARD LODGE, No. 214, LIME SPRINGS.

Frank Burns S. H. Hall
G. A. Sterns Joe Williams
C. P. Nash A. L. Nash
F. N. Freemire F. O. Brown
D. H. Winegar A. D. Reynolds
J. W. Davis R. W. Davis
M. Munson H. W. Plummer
W. J. Roberts J. H. Jones
R. E. Jones P. G. White

Cresco Lodge No. 150 A. F. & A. M. is the successor to New Oregon Lodge No. 150 which was organized in New Oregon, Nov. 21, 1859, and existed there until August 1889, when in common with the greater portion of that village, it removed to Cresco.

Nine persons signed the petition for a dispensation and the records of the first regular communication of the lodge under this dispensation discloses the names of eleven members as follows:

N. Pullman, W. M.
Geo. W. Pierce, S. W.
H. B. Mitchell, J. W.
J. S. Lawver, Sec.
Josiah F. Mitchell, Treas.
J. J. Clemmer, S. D.
J. B. Mitchell, J. D.
H. Shuttleworth, Tyler.
Bros. Chas. S. Thurber, J. F. Webster and H. W. Yates.

Of this list of charter members, so far as known there are but two still living, H. B. Mitchell, now of Montana, and his brother, J. B. Mitchell, of Cresco, who was present at the anniversary celebration and whose brief address to the assembled Masons touched the heart of every hearer.

The village of New Oregon, might have been called a frontier town, it being located 65 miles from a railway or navigable river, in a sparsely settled community, there being at the time of the formation of New Oregon Lodge, but 3011 people in the county, as shown by the census report of 1880, and but 711 voters.

The lodge held its first meetings for a time in what was known as Lawyer's hall. Afterward it moved to the Sabin & Moon building, and in the month of August 1869, both the building and the lodge moved to Cresco, and in the month of December 1869, it took the name of Cresco Lodge. The lodge continued to make its home in the Moon building until it moved into its present quarters, during the winter of 1888 and 1889.

At the first regular communication five petitioners made application for membership, C. M. Munson, G. W. Harlow, E. W. Allen, A. D. Sabin and M. M. Moen. There have been initiated in the lodge 296 persons, 282 were passed and 278 raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. There were 82 affiliations, making a total of 360 Master Masons, whose names have appeared upon the records of the lodge as members.

There were 106 demits granted, 38 members were suspended and 5 expelled. The death record is incomplete. The present membership of the lodge is 120 Master Masons.

Cleaned the Standpipe

In conformity with the state law governing such matters, a sample of the city water was sent the state board of health for an analysis which showed a slight trace of animalculae and vegetable matter thought to be due to the stand pipe having not been cleaned for some time, and on their recommendation the stand pipe was cleaned last Tuesday. The water was drawn off and the pipe thoroughly scraped and cleaned and washed with a disinfecting acid. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to inspect the condition of the iron in the pipe and with the exception of a few slightly defective places in the seams the iron was seemingly as good as when the pipe was erected.

Sues The City.

H. C. Moen and the City of Cresco have been made defendants in a damage suit brought by John Linderman, who claims \$8,000 damages for injuries received while employed at sewer digging on Elm street last May. Linderman, it will be remembered, was injured by being struck on the head by a rock thrown out by a dynamite blast and still remains in a paralyzed condition.

Mr. Moen, after the accident, made a signed settlement with Linderman and his family, and as Moen in his contract agreed to keep the city harmless in all matters, the city fathers feel that the city has no legal or moral liability in the case and propose, if necessary, to fight to a finish any attempt to collect damages.

W. E. Haven appears as attorney for the plaintiff.

Hides and Furs!

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Lecture on Socialism.

Rev. Carl D. Thompson of Milwaukee, Wis., will speak on "The Fulfillment of Democracy" in the Cresco opera house Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, 1909, at 8 p. m. Admission is free.

Mr. Thompson is a Congregational minister. Has served as state senator in the Wisconsin legislature and stands high in his home community as an honest, able, progressive citizen. Even his political opponents speak well of him and do not dispute his sincerity and purity of motives in his advocacy of Socialism. He is an orator of the first order. He knows how to tell what he knows. His whole being vibrates for the cause of moral and industrial righteousness.

At our last Chautauqua in Cresco Judge Estelle said, "Did you ever hear Carl D. Thompson? If not, it is your loss. You have missed a treat. It is worth while driving twenty miles to hear Carl D. Thompson." Mr. J. W. Mackey, Cresco, Iowa, says, "I had the pleasure of hearing a speech by Mr. Thompson about two years ago at Prairie du Chien, Wis., and will say that it was the most clear and simple illustration of the benefits of government by the people I ever heard."

A cordial invitation is extended to you and your friends to attend this lecture, and especially to the ladies and gentlemen who heard the recent address of Rev. H. J. Hinman on "Modern Socialism" at the Congregational church. Admission is free.

Surprise Party.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 20th, a large number of friends and neighbors assembled at the home of Mrs. Mary Horan, in Orleans township, and gave her and family a farewell surprise party on the eve of their departure for their new home in Cresco.

John Murtha in behalf of the friends and neighbors presented Mrs. Horan with a handsome silver set of knives and forks, tea spoons, desert spoons, sugar shell, beautiful lamp and ten dollars in cash.

Mrs. Horan replied in a few words, thanking them for their kind remembrance and said it would always bring pleasant memories to her of the many happy days she had spent during her residence among them.

A very pleasant evening was spent in social chat, music and dancing. A delicious supper was served by the ladies present who brought well filled baskets, to which all did ample justice. It was an evening long to be remembered by those present, and all departed for their homes wishing Mrs. Horan and family much happiness in their new home.

Twenty-five Cent Dinner.

In the Woodman hall, over Zender's meat market, Cresco, Saturday, Nov. 27th, the ladies of the Evangelical church will hold their annual sale, consisting of aprons, night gowns, quilts, comforters and other useful articles, and also serve dinner from 11 o'clock till all are served.

MARRIED.

BAADIE JONES—At the home of Mrs. Willis Jones in Howard Center Twp., Wednesday, Nov. 24th, Rev. J. Pless officiating, occurred the marriage of Mr. Herman Baadie, of Farmersburg, Iowa, with Miss Maude Jones.

The bridesmaid was Miss Cora Sebastian, and Frank Jones, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The young couple will make their home at Farmersburg, Iowa.

My fine new lines of Fancy China, Cut Glass and Cut Rock Crystal can not be equalled anywhere. Prices the lowest, quality considered. Call and be convinced.
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Menu.

Mashed Potatoes	Potato Salad
Boston Baked Beans	Bean Salad
Sauer Kraut	Cottage Cheese
Chicken Roast	Meat and brown gravy
Assorted Pickles	Cold Slaw
Assorted Cakes	Pies
Bread and Butter	Coffee

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