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Alfred Hill and family and Elmer Hill left last week on a prospecting tour in Oklahoma.

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Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ills., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommend it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. It is a dandy for burns." Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns, and bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 at R. C. Scott's.

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The Cause and Effect of Odd Fellowship.

A Paper Read at the Eighty-fourth Anniversary, I. O. O. F., Noble Grand, Floydada Lodge, Saturday night, 26th ultimo

Fraternity the Foundation Principle of Odd-Fellowship.

The real practical and effectual basis of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is embodied in the social requirements of its grand fraternity as the outgrowth of a universal belief in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Such a faith allied with the Order's trio of principles—Friendship, Love, and Truth—comprises in one or other form the Order's complete decalogue of human excellence.

This was, as I fully believe, the conception of Thomas Wildey, the founder, and was the underlying and governing idea of James L. Ridgely, the Order's acknowledged constructor. Therefore, the germ of fraternity should be fostered, cultivated, and made to bloom in all its refulgence and be protected by and with every precaution that can be thrown around it as a safeguard against harm.

The carrying out of such purpose is the great mission of true Odd Fellowship. Then, with this idea as the cause of Odd Fellowship, let us turn our attention to the effect it has had on this great American Continent, which every liberty-loving man admires so much. In the year A. D. 1819, Thomas Wildey, a young New England blacksmith in the town of Baltimore, Md., with four associates, organized the first Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Washington Lodge No. 1, a fraternal and patriotic organization was organized at the house of Wm. Lupton, on Second Street, Baltimore, Md., and since April, 26, 1819, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has grown from the small number of 5 members to a vast army and today circles the globe, for the Order is not only prosperous and well founded in the United States of America and Canada, but in Australia, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, Hawaii, Cuba, and Mexico, together with some smaller countries and other lands where the Order is not so deeply rooted.

Now, for a moment, to the different branches of the Order and their work. First, is the Subordinate branch, which confers four degrees—the Initiatory Degree, the Degree of Friendship, the Degree of Brotherly Love, and the Degree of Truth. Second, is the Encampment, which confers three degrees—the Patriarchal, the Golden Rule, and the Royal Purple. Third, is the Rebekah, which confers the Rebekah Degree. This branch of the Order is specially interested in the establishment and support of homes for orphans, widows, and aged Odd Fellows, and in this work they have accomplished a vast amount of good. Fourth is the Cantons, who confer the degree of Patriarchs Militant, which is now the highest degree in Odd Fellowship, and constitutes the Military or Uniform Branch. Its Uniforms are handsome and attractive and form a pleasing and imposing feature in all parades and ceremonies in which it participates.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows does not confine its charities to its members alone; they sent to Chicago donations that amounted to more than \$90,000 to relieve the sufferers at the great fire; to the yellow fever sufferers at Memphis, Tenn., they contributed \$75,000; to the Johnstown flood sufferers they gave \$60,000; and with the same generosity did the contributions go to Galveston, Texas, and several minor instances could we mention where Odd Fellowship came to the front and

stayed until the storm was hushed and all made comfortable.

In our Order today we have thirty-eight Grand Lodges and thirty-eight Grand Encampments working under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the United States, and 20 widows and orphans' homes which have been built by the different States at a cost of \$889,508; and today they stand forth as a great monument erected to our Order and bear the value of \$1,078,972.75. Now in these twenty homes we are caring for 1,332 persons, who were dear to the hearts of our worthy brothers. These persons are being fed and clothed by the Odd Fellows of the United States, and still this is not a burden to us but a duty we owe to our God and to our deceased brothers. Odd Fellowship has many beautiful features, but this is its greatest and has won more men in the Order than all others combined. It has reached the hearts of the selfish, as well as the liberal minded men of our country, for men know they are human, and as such, they should make some provisions for their old age and for the maintenance of their widows and orphans should their necessities require, and they know that in a home of this kind ruled and governed as the homes of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows are, that they will find a comfortable abiding place and will receive the very best of attention that their homes today are being educated and prepared to face the world at large. They are not only being brought up in a literary way, but are given the best of advantages in music and art culture, and some of the homes today are training the boys in professions that will prove to them blessings in after years and cause them to be proud they had the advantages of a widows and orphans' home and the trailing of competent instructors, and the girls of our homes are not being brought up in idleness but are taught the necessity of doing the duties of a tidy house-keeper.

We feel that God's blessings have ever rested on the Order, for, as it was started in the early part of the 19th Century, it was met with every hindrance that could be thrown around a young order, and now stands forth as one among the best fraternal societies known, and having as its purpose, to relieve the distressed, care for the sick, bury the dead, and educate the orphan, which is a command of God and one which every individual should take heed and be wise. And another maxim we would add, that is the practice of Friendship, Love, and Truth, is a safeguard against the ills of life.

Odd Fellowship, with its different branches, is fighting under the great banner of fraternity, bound together with the chain of Friendship, Love, and Truth, and striving to bring men closer together and make them realize more fully the duty they owe to their families, their fellow man, and their God, for God's blessings have ever visited us as an Order during our 84 years of work. We have grown from the little band of five members to the great army of 1,035,146 Subordinate Lodge members in the United States and 38,315 in foreign lands, making a total of 1,073,461, and 373,653 Rebekah Lodge members, making a grand total of 1,447,114 Odd Fellow working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

And now, with these facts to us what the Order has been

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doing in general, let us now see what is doing and has been done in the Lone Star State. About 65 years ago the first Lodge was organized in Texas by Jacob Decordova in the city of Houston. The name of this Lodge was Lone Star No. 1, being then in the wild west and with only a small band the little company of pioneers, whose hearts were full of good deeds the number of Lodges now swell to 375, and the membership has grown to the 16,000 mark and is still playing on to victory, as a universal brotherhood is to be reached. During these sixty-five years of work in Texas, the Order has built a widows and orphans' home at Corsicana, which includes the building and forty acres of land, the value of which is \$50,000. In this home we are caring for 81 inmates, 61 of which are in school. One young lady, Miss Kate Cunningham, graduated from the school, and being honorably discharged, was employed as assistant teacher at the Home, where she is giving perfect satisfaction. Thru the instrumentality of our Grand Master, J. R. Gough, a scholarship was obtained in the Sam Houston Normal for Miss Annie Bell, who graduated from the Home last year. She was so well qualified as to enter at once in the senior class in said Sam Houston Normal. This year we will have a class of five girls to graduate. And as to the Christian training these children are receiving can best be obtained from the Sunday School Secretary's report of last year, which shows an average attendance in Sunday school of 63 pupils and an average attendance of officers 11, and last year there was preached at the Home thirty-five sermons by

the pastors of the different churches of Corsicana and ten lectures were delivered at the Home. The children seem well contented and show a willingness to improve the golden opportunities of life. The Home lost by death last year a young lady in the person of Miss Ethel Bledsoe, who was a bright and pleasant girl of excellent talent and loved by all of her associates. By this death Widows and Orphans' Home lost a bright jewel, but one's loss is another's gain.

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Saturday, May 30 at 8 p. m.

The Contest closes. Then the holder of the fortunate ticket will be determined, and as soon thereafter as possible the Maching will be awarded.

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Banker Posey paid Matador a business visit the first part of the week.

Lawyer T. F. Houghton was attending court at Matador this week.

A. R. Dillard, one of Lubbock county's new men, attended court at Matador this week.

A. C. Bowers visited his ranch in the brakes this week. He reports good season in the ground.

Good health, Dr. Nassaw and popular brands of corsets are selling away down.—G. R. Griggs.

Red top, or what is known as Sumach sorghum seed for sale at G. R. Gaiggs. Price \$1.00 per bushel.

J. R. Beck has been indisposed this week. He is now able to perambulate with the assistance of a stick.

The best physic: Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Easy to take; pleasant in effect. For sale by R. C. Scott.

Ned Bowers returned the latter part of last week from a trip in the Southwestern counties with some T M Bar cattle.

A girl came to make her home at the residence of C. J. Menefee this morning. Mr. Menefee knows no bounds to his felicity.

Dr. J. Wes Carson reports a regulation weight boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Goins, near Floydada, on Thursday morning of last week.

Remember that C. Surginer keeps constantly in stock undertaker's supplies. He is prepared to meet the urgency of any demand.

J. W. Reed of Santa Fe community has about finished up all preliminaries, preparatory to leaving for his new home in Portales, N. M.

J. T. Morris and sons are rapidly preparing a new building for their stock of general merchandise.

This paper is in receipt of communications from Bob Luker and J. L. Davis, but they could not be inserted in this number. They will appear next week.

H. C. Atchison was in town Monday smiling from ear to ear over the arrival of a boy at his home on last Saturday morning, Dr. Carson being in attendance.

When you want a pleasant physic try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by R. C. Scott, Druggist.

Gound Bros. had the appearance of their store building improved this week by having it painted. Paint is a great beautifier as well as a preserver of a building.

I have a few more thousands of black locust sprouts which I must dispose of at once. As an inducement I will sell them below cost—from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per thousand.—D. J. Muncy.

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The Masons have been delayed on starting the work on their building on account of a mistake in shipping a car load of lumber. It has arrived at Canyon after so long a time.

C. S. McClenny of Stephens county is here looking around at the country and visiting D. T. Scott and family. Mr. Mac came thru in a wagon and says he crossed some rough country.

Luther Morris returned last Saturday from a business trip in the eastern markets, where he spent several days selecting a stock of spring and summer goods for his father's store, which will be opened shortly on the first floor of the Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World building.

J. L. Van Hook, Floydada's efficient tinner, has been of late devoting his spare moments devising and making a new sort of washing mashing. He has completed one for his own use and those who have seen it work pronounce it complete and superior to any other make. Mr. Van Hook has great faith in the success of the invention and will apply for a patent. The Hesperian has long since been aware of the fact that Mr. Van Hook is no greener.

W. A. Robbins has donned a jumper and less stylish looking trousers than he wears in the store and is making the saw sing "work away" in building his residence in West Floydada. Some of the boys declare that Robbins is going to marry, but this paper thinks that Robbins surely would not do such a thing without the knowledge or consent of his friends at Floydada.

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A. C. BOWERS The DRY GOODS Man

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Road 'Rumblings

Mr. Andrews and Postmaster Marks visited the railway engineers at the Tongue River and Cottonwood Creek country. The Floydadians left Floydada Tuesday morning and returned yesterday afternoon. Judge Campbell accompanied them. They spent two nights and a day with the engineers. Various reports about the whereabouts and meanderings of the engineers had come to Floydada. It was currently reported that the route was going in the region of Dickens City and would not touch Floyd County. Some people were crestfallen, but it was hard for the more enthusiastic to believe unfavorable rumors. The Floydadians and Judge Campbell ascertained the truth of the situation.

It was learned that some parties attempted to show the engineers

Every winter on the Plains seems to have been the longest of any ever had. They all hang on with terra pin-like tenacity.

Doctors are now required to report every birth and death, with sex and nationality, legitimate or illegitimate, within ten days under penalty of \$5.00 with costs. The county clerk is required to formulate these reports monthly and forward to the State Board of Health and Vital Statistics.

The Hesperian recently received a remittance of one dollar on subscription from George G. Graham of Portsmouth, Ohio. This is the eighth dollar The Hesperian has received from Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham states in his letter accompanying the one dollar that he has been a reader of Floydada papers since the days of the Kicker. Such a standby as Mr. Graham does much to cause an editor, when he becomes old and worn out, to have pleasant recollections when his mind reverts to the past.

Floydada nine make wonderful strides in improvement. It would afford The Hesperian much pleasure to be able once in a while to record as a news item and a subject of felicitous comment that the Floydada nine skunked such and such a nine from a distance. The Hesperian always takes special delight in eulogizing Floydada and her institutions, where it can truthfully and consistently do so, but it will have to abide the opportunity to become lavish in its praise of the skill of the Floydada nine. In the mean time The Hesperian shall be solicitous for the Floydada boys. It can now say much for their courage.

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