TWENTY-SECOND CHAPTER.

SOCIETIES.

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS—HISTORY OF THE ORDER IN THIS PLACE.

The first lodge of Masons was organized in 1855, and was made up of members from both Neenah and Menasha. As the towns, and consequently the organization, grew in numbers, it was decided to separate and locate a lodge in each place, therefore we find that in 1857 the lodge was changed in name from Menasha Lodge No. 61, to Kane Lodge No. 61, the lodge on this side keeping the old number. The first election and installation of officers under this new dispensation occurred on the 14th day of January, 1858. Following are the names of officers: Aaron H. Cronkhite, W. M; A. Bidwell, S. W; Ira A. Torrey, J. W; D. K. Pangborn, Treas; Clitz Perry, Sec; H. Wooleidge, S. D; and L. H. Brown, J. D. Henry S. Baird, Grand Master of the State of Wisconsin was the presiding officer on this occasion.

The lodge for many years met over the store owned by Henry Wildfang, afterward for some years over Leavens' store, and in 1875 took possession of their present hall, in Pettibone Block. The lodge at this time numbers sixty-five members. Its present officers (1878) are T. T. Moulton, W. M; Alex. Billstein, S. W; E. A. Young, J. W; Wm. Kreuger, Treas; Willard
Jones, Sec.; E. W. Clark, S. D.; H. E. Coats, J. D. Their time of meeting is on the first and third Monday in each calendar month.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

A lodge of this society was first organized in Neenah on the evening of the 12th of December, 1849. The lodge was instituted by M. W. G. M, H. G. Page, assisted by D. D. G. M. Bannister acting as Grand Marshal, and C E P. Hobart acting as Grand Secretary. The lodge was designated as Neenah Lodge No. 41, and elected the following officers: Gorham P. Vining, N. G.; M. D. McGrath, V. G.; Wm. Tygert, R. S.; E. G. Pussley, Treas. The lodge continued in a flourishing condition for several years, but the interest afterward waned, and in the fall of 1859, after an existence of ten years, it was allowed to go down and the charter was given up.

In February, 1870, the lodge was reinstated, since which time it has continued in a highly prosperous condition, having in late years united a mutual insurance plan among its beneficiaries, also the branch degree known as a Rebekah Lodge.


DOTY ISLAND ENCAMPMENT.

This branch of the organization was instituted Jan. 1, 1871, by M. W. G. C. P, W. H. Lamphier. The follow-
ing were the officers elected: H. P. Leavens, C. P; I. W. Hunt, H. P; John W. Williams, S. W; H. E. Huxley, J. W; J. E. Quartemas, S; John Brown, Treas. The following are the present officers of the Encamp-

The division known as the Daughters of Rebekah, was organized Dec. 5, 1873, under the title of Cherisa Lodge, No. 31, and is now in a very flourishing condition. Its present officers are: Alex. Billstein, N. G; Mrs. Wm. Kellett, V. G; Mrs. E. W. Morrison, R. S; Mrs. A. Billstein, Treas.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

Neenah has a large and active membership in temper-
ance societies. The oldest organization is Crystal Lodge, No. 75, I. O. G. T. Though a lodge was sustained here at an earlier day, it was afterward suspended and the present lodge instituted Jan. 7, 1870. The following were the first officers: W. W. Daggett, W. C. T; Ellen C. Olmstead, W. V. T; R. D. Torrey, W. S; Ida Herrick, W. A. S; John Brown, W. F. S; Jennie Jaquith, W. T; W. B. M. Torrey, W. M; Mira Davis, W. D. M; Isa Brown, W. I. G; J. E. Quartemas, W. O. G; Alice S. Gallentine, W. R. H. S; Jennie Cook, W. L. H. S; D. E. Gardner, P. W. C. T; Rev. Thomas Walker, W. Chaplain.

The lodge at this time numbers over eighty members. It has a neat and well furnished hall, good library, and interesting meetings. The present officers are: F. F. Kellogg, W. C. T; Mary McIntosh, W. V. T; D. C. Disbrow, W. S; Etta Hayward, W. A. S; Myron Dunn, W. F. S; Hattie Teal, W. T; C. S. Briggs, W. M; Ida

TEMPLE OF HONOR.

This is a comparatively new temperance organization, and the membership is confined to men only.


THE KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

This is a society of mutual aid, the cardinal feature of which is a plan of life insurance by which members are secured in the payment of $2,000 to their heirs, in event of death. The payments are made in assessments which occur about monthly, and vary in amount according to the age of the member when joining. This organization is, at this time, comparatively new, but gives promise of being one of the best and cheapest plans for mutual life insurance ever devised. The order is secret in its workings, having the usual signs, grips and pass-
words. The present principal officers are: E. W. Clark, D; C. W. Howard, A. D; Hugh Wilson, Reporter; L. J. Dunn, Financial Reporter.

CORAL WORKERS—JUVENILE TEMPLE, NO. 43, I. O. G. T.

This lodge was organized April 10th, 1875. Present membership one hundred and twelve. Following is the executive committee for 1878: H. A. Hobart, Mrs. H. A. Hobart, Mrs. E. W. Clark, Mrs. F. F. Kellogg, Superintendent, H. A. Hobart. Following are the officers for the quarter commencing Feb. 1, and ending May 1: Bertie Ford, C. T; Calista Litton, V. T; Lillie Webb, R. S; Ella Peckham, A. S; Jessie Shoemaker, F. S; Grace Wright, Treas; Willie Servis, M; Jessie Ford, A. M; Jessie Stiles, Chaplain; Stella Bailey, S; Eddie Sutton, G; Ella Patterson, R. H. S; Mira Wheeler, L. H. S; Nellie Sheills, P. C. T. The temple own a library of one hundred and twenty volumes.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

The Order of Patrons of Husbandry, commonly known as “Grangers,” is a secret society devoted to the interests of the agricultural classes. It admits to membership only those engaged in agricultural pursuits. Its objects are not only general improvement in husbandry, but to increase the general happiness, wealth and prosperity of the country. The national organization of the Order was established Dec. 4, 1867. It is founded upon the axioms that the products of the soil comprise the basis of all wealth, that individual happiness depends upon general prosperity, and that the wealth of a country depends upon the general intelligence and mental culture of the producing classes.

Neenah Grange No. 109, hold weekly meetings on Saturday afternoon, at 2 o’clock, in their hall in Hunt’s
Block, on Wisconsin avenue. They have a very commodious hall, well furnished, with organ and all that is necessary to make their meetings attractive and pleasant.

Neenah Grange, No. 109, Patrons of Husbandry, was organized on the 28th day of March, 1873, with thirty charter members, the full number allowed at that time by the rules of the Order. The names of the charter members are as follows: H. E. Huxley, James P. Loomas, James Slover, George Allanson, William T. Merriman, J. C. Enos, Samuel Neff, S. M. Miller, Geo. W. Baird, L. E. Neff, F. E. Wendorf, Granville Mansur, B. F. Rogers, John A. Baird, Thomas J. Baird, P. Verbeck, Albert Huxley, Mrs. H. E. Huxley, Mrs. J. P. Loomas, Mrs. James Slover, Mrs. George Allanson, Mrs. William T. Merriman, Mrs. J. C. Enos, Mrs. Samuel Neff, Mrs. S. M. Miller, Mrs. Albert Huxley, Mrs. P. Verbeck, Miss Ida Huxley, Miss Emily Neff, Miss Elizabeth Baird.

The following were the officers elected for the first term, or the balance of the year 1873: H. E. Huxley, Master; J. P. Loomis, Overseer; James Slover, Lecturer; George Allanson, Steward; William T. Merriman, Ass’t Steward; J. C. Enos, Chaplain; Samuel Neff, Treasurer; S. M. Miller, Secretary; George W. Baird, Gate-keeper; Mrs. H. E. Huxley, Ceres; Mrs. W. T. Merriman, Pomona; Mrs. P. Verbeck, Flora; Miss Ida Huxley, Lady Ass’t Steward.

THE SCHUTZEN BUND.

This organization is confined to the German portion of our community, and has probably the largest membership of any like society in the place. It is, properly speaking, a shooting society, and they own a neat shoot-
ing park on the lake shore. They also built and own
the Schuetzen Hall, a very large building, the lower
story used by the society, and the upper portion being
a fine audience room with ample stage and appurten-
ances. The society was organized in 1870. The first
officers were: Prof. Henry Hoffman, President; Albert
Eisenach, Vice President; Fred Kreuger, Sec.; Louis
Felser, Treas. The present membership is about one
hundred, and the present officers are: A. H. F. Kreu-
ger, President; Charles Binger, Vice President; William
Arneman, Sec.; John Pingle, Treas.