

GRAFT JIDINGS.

United States.

COVERT LODGE, No. 11, A. F. and A. M., at Omaha, Neb. The following very interesting account of Covert Lodge will be read with very great interest by the thousands of Brethren who knew Brother Joesph Covert. Uncle Joe, was always at his post. Probably no member of the Order in Cincinnati, or Ohio, was as well known as Bro. Covert,—whom, to know was to love. The honor done his revered name by the Brethren in Nebraska will meet a hearty "So mote it be," from the Brethren of this jurisdiction.

Covert Lodge, No. 11, A. F. and A. M., at Omaha, Neb., was named by a number of Cincinnati Masons, who were residing here at the time it was organized, in honor of Brother Joseph B. Covert, who was for a long time janitor and Tyler of the Masonic building at Cincinnati, loved and respected by all who knew him, and deeply lamented at his final taking off.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 17th, 1884, Covert Lodge was assembled with its regular Officers and there were present: P. G. M. Robert C. Jordan, P. G. M. Harry P. Deuel, and Past Masters H. P. Deuel, H. L. Seward, E. K. Long, C. K. Coutant, James S. France, and a large number of Brethren.

The W. M. called Past Grand Master Robert C. Jordan to the East, and Bro. C. L. Deuel was introduced and raised to the sublime degree of M. M. The peculiar interest in this case was that Brother Deuel's father and grand-father were present and are members of this Lodge.

It has seldom if ever occurred that three generations are living members of one Lodge at the same time.

P. M. Long spoke of his personal acquaintance with Brother Covert, during the ten years he was a member of Cincinnati Lodge, and of the many estimable qualities possessed by Bro. C. which endeared him to the members of the fraternity wherever he met them, securing their good will and esteem in life, and their sincere sorrow when he was overtaken in the final sleep of death, and removed from our earthly presence forever. The rank and standing of Covert Lodge will never reflect discredit on his honored name.

Bro. Robert C. Jordan, the first Grand Master in Nebraska, said that he was glad to hear the good words spoken of Bro. Covert whom he had known and loved for many years. He took special pleasure in presiding at this ceremony for the reason that he had performed a similar one for the young man's father, Past Grand Master H. P. Deuel, who was sitting beside him, about twenty-five years ago.

The W. M. of Covert is Bro. Frederick B. Lowe, a young, active and bright Mason, who is the first native Nebraskan ever raised to M. M. in this jurisdiction.

BATAVIA CHAPTER, R. A. M., No. 112, has elected the following officers for 1885; H. P., R. J. Bancroft; K., J. M. Neely; S., S. G. Teasdale; C. H., W. W. Perkins; P. S., J. F. Hannold; R. A. C., A. M. Dimmitt; Mas-