Twenty-six new members were initiated bringing the total membership up to fifty. Clears for be ensuing year were installed Friday evening.

Benjamin Thompson, one of the old settlers of Sheridan township, died Sunday at 12:30, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Thompson had been a resident of Sheridan township for about twenty-five years, and was a man highly respected and honored in his community. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss, two daughters, Mrs. William Kerr, of Hastings, Neb., and Mrs. Dr. Wright of Des Moines, and a son. Benjamin, who lived with his father. The funeral is to be held this afternoon in the M. E. church of Malcom.