

DEGREE OF HONOR.

A Strong Lodge Organized in Independence Last Monday.

For sometime arrangements have been perfecting in the Workmen lodge here for the organization of a Degree of Honor which is a beneficiary order for the female relatives of members.

Last Monday evening Mrs. Julia A. Gault, assisted by Mrs. J. P. Irvine and Mrs. M. W. Vinson, of McMinnville, instituted Willamette Lodge No. 42, Degree of Honor, with 39 members.

The following officers were elected: Past Chief of Honor Mrs. W. P. Conway; Chief of Honor, Mrs. W. W. Williams; Lady of Honor, Mrs. W. W. Parvillat; Chief of Ceremonies, Mrs. M. E. Wheeler; Recorder, Miss Bertha Fryer, Financier, Mrs. W. O. Cook; Receiver, Mrs. F. L. Taik; Sister Usher, Miss Dell Durham; Inside Watchman, Mrs. A. J. Wolcott; Outside Watchman, Dr. S. A. Mulkey. After the institution of the lodge a lunch was served and a pleasant social hour spent. The meeting night is every alternate Monday.

The Degree of Honor, an auxiliary to the Ancient Order of the United Workmen, is meeting with general favor throughout the state, many lodges being organized. The Degree of Honor is wholly under the control of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and its membership is confined to the members of the order, their mothers, sisters, wives, widows, daughters, or any other blood relatives, actual inmates of the household of such workmen, who are over 18 years of age and of good moral character. The work in the degree is simple, but impressive. It provides a means for the extension of the acquaintance of the members of the order with the families of their brethren, and secures more friendship of the ladies of the order and its objects. It will be of great advantage to the members of the order. Association with refined women has a tendency to restrain the grosser impulses of man, and his moral character will be greatly benefited by such associations. The ladies will be benefited by their intercourse with neighboring female friends, and their brothers, brothers, and fathers. The women of today lack much in a knowledge of business ways and forms. This degree will give them an opportunity to widen and extend their information in this regard. By close assimilation with the order the ladies will become better acquainted with its objects and teachings and this will but increase their regard for it, and will create within them an interest in its welfare. The wives and mothers of this nation are a controlling factor for good or evil. Their sense of right and wrong is developed in a greater degree than in man, and their ability to discriminate between good and bad is much finer. Their interest once enlisted on behalf of a good cause is more than half the battle, and they need but to be informed of the good accomplished for them by the order, to enroll themselves as earnest workers for the extension of its benefits to all those who have not availed themselves of its privileges. The Ancient Order of the United Workmen is the pioneer organization devoted to the upbuilding of the home by instilling into the minds of its members good moral principles, promoting their moral and social welfare, and providing for their families after their death. The ladies can help the order to accomplish its objects, and can exert an influence for good such as no other power can exert.

A Welcome Usher of '96.

The baptizing of the new year will have a welcome usher in the shape of a fresh Alim's nax, descriptive of the origin, nature and uses of the natural tonic and alternative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Combined with the descriptive matter will be found calendar and astronomical calculations, absolutely reliable for correctness, statistics, illustrations, verses carefully selected, and other mental food highly profitable and entertaining. On this pamphlet, published and printed annually by The Hostetter Company, of Pittsburg, Kansas, are employed in the mechanical department alone. Eleven months are devoted to its preparation. It is procurable free, of druggists and country dealers everywhere, and is printed in English, German, French, Spanish, Welsh, Norwegian, Holland, Swedish and Bohemian.

---A GRAND---

Christmas ::= Ball

Will be Given by the.

GENERAL GIBSON POST, No. 64 G. A. R., Department of Oregon.

At their Auditorium in Independence on

Christmas Night, Wednesday, December 25, 1895.

A CORDIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE:

The Reception Committee Will Consist of all the Members of the Post.

FLOOR MANAGERS:

Chas. Staats, Joseph Hubbard, Lyman Damon, Byron Atkins, M. L. Dorris, W. W. Williams.

Supper will be served in the assembly rooms of the Auditorium. Assisted by the ladies of the Relief Corps at 50 cents per couple. Music will be furnished by Cressey's Orchestra of Six Pieces.

Tickets - - - \$1.00 Spectators, Ladies, Gentlemen and Children .25

Proceeds to be applied to the indebtedness on Auditorium.

W. E. CRESSBY, T. J. FRYER, A. WILSON, Committee.

COUNTY NEWS.

(Observer.)

Polk county's jail is without an occupant.

This term of circuit court will probably run high up in the scale of expenses.

Sheriff Plummer took William Warren to the penitentiary Wednesday afternoon.

County Clerk Mulkey issued license to wed to Geo. W. Sebring and Miss Christina Goyeau during the week.

While we read of snow storms and cold weather in the Eastern states, grain is growing nicely in the Willamette valley.

Polk county has upward of 200,000 young prune trees growing. Verily, old Polk will be to the front in the fruit business in the near future.

The political rambling is all sat, and most every day we can hear of some one who would like to serve the people in an official capacity. We are afraid there are not quite enough offices to go around.

The store of Messrs. Austin & Conkey was broken into by burglars last Saturday night and about \$100 worth of jewelry and silk handkerchiefs taken. The robbers gained an entrance through the back door of the store.

Mr. R. C. Craven returned from a business trip to Missouri on Monday. He reports much milder weather here than he found in Missouri. Mr. Craven thinks times are better east of the Rockies than they are on the Pacific coast. Of course, this is only a matter of short duration, when we will be fully up to the times, and our Coast will be fully abreast of any Eastern state.

At a regular meeting of Naomi Chapter, O. E. S., held on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M., Mrs. Allie Townsend; W. P., Mrs. A. B. Muir; H. M., Miss Nora Craven; secretary, Mrs. Libbie Muir; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Wiseman; Cond., Miss Retta Campbell; A. Cond., Mrs. Ida Gwynn; Adah, Mrs. Iuez Wright; Ruth, Mrs. Anna Goad; Esther, Mrs. Mary Simonton; Martha, Mrs. Julia Conway; Electa, Mrs. Dora Shreve; Chaplain, Mrs. J. L. Biddle; Warden, Mrs. M. J. Hill; Sentinel, Mr. E. Biddle; organist, Miss Jessie Wiseman.

This is Good—"Push It Along."

ANDERSON IND., July 17, 1895. Isaac Doles, Esq., Indianapolis, Ind. Dear Sir and Brother:—I take pleasure in commending the "Old Fellow's Grand March" composed by you as being in every way worthy of our great Order. I should be glad to see it made the official march of our Order. It is indeed a beautiful and appropriate composition.

Fraternally yours, M. A. CHIPMAN, Grand Master.

P. S. The above March for Piano or Organ, price 40 cents; for Brass Band 50 cents; to introduce will be mailed for half price when ordered direct from ISAAC DOLES, (Pub.), Indianapolis, Indiana.

Two lovers sat beneath the shade, And I and the other said: "How 148 that you be 3 Hath wailed upon this suit of mine; If a heart, it palp it 88 4 you— Thy voice is more melody— 'Tis 7 to be thy loved 1, 2— Say, O, nymph, wilt marry me?" Then lisped she softly, "why 13ly?"

DALLAS.

In the matter of the minor heirs of the Job Connor estate, D. P. Stouffer guardian, annual account filed and guardian charged with \$508.55 and credited with \$568.84 as per account.

In the estate of Cordelia Staats, deceased, final account filed and approved and administrator and bondsmen discharged.

In the estate of Esther J. H. Hastings, final account filed and approved and administrator and bondsmen discharged.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express to the people of Independence, in behalf of myself and wife, my heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness shown by the people of Independence since the accident which left my wife to endure much suffering. The friends who called so often and tendered their sympathy have our gratitude. M. FLYNN.

Strike the lyre in cheerful strain, The dancing season's here again, When tight-laced feet that pain one's, Shall "trip the light fantastic toe."

Oregon All Right.

(Oregonian.)

But, while there is no promised land, and while El Dorado is a fang of the imagination only, there is yet room for many hundreds of sturdy, self-reliant farmers, who would avoid at once the cold of Dakota and the heat of Louisiana, draughts and blizzards, as well as exhausted soil and ungenial society. There is a state of whose 60,000,000 acres not more than 2,000,000 acres are in crops and orchards; whose society is Northern, and has always been free; whose climate is neither severe nor unwholesome. Such a place and such a state is Oregon, which opens its arms and reaches out its welcoming hand to the toilers of 1895 as honestly, cheerfully and helpfully as it did in the day of the pioneer.

Grand Jury Report.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk county.

To the Honorable Circuit Court aforesaid:

We the Grand Jury drawn for the December term of said court, having completed our labors, beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the jail and find it in good condition, except the water closet, which is inconvenient, filthy and unwholesome. We recommend that the steel cage be extended on the south side for a water closet.

We also recommend the removal of the stables and sleds from the county's premises, as they render hazardous the county's property and the lives of prisoners who may be incarcerated in the jail.

We have examined the sheriff's books and accounts and find them kept in a highly systematic and careful manner.

We have examined the county treasurer's office and books, and find office and books neat, clean, well-kept and in good condition.

We have thoroughly examined the clerk's office and accounts of the clerk's office and find them neatly and well kept, and the books in each line of record written up to date.

We find the vault in which the records are kept inadequate and unsafe, and we recommend that the same be enlarged and strengthened, or rebuilt.

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SCHOOL BOOKS.

The series of school books now being used in the Public Schools have arrived and are on my counters. . . . M. E. Wheeler, C St. Independence.

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