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## INSTALLATION OF THE REBEKAH OFFICERS

## CAFETERIA BANQUET FOLLOWS CEREMONIES

The Rebekah lodge of this city held installation of officers on Tuesday night of this week, which was followed by a banquet that will long be remembered by the participants as one of the real enjoyable events of their lives.

The committee that planned the entertainment which was in the nature of a surprise to the rest of the members, was in the efficient hands of Mrs. Emma Wilbur, Mrs. Ethel Davis and Mrs. Winnie Hamman. Dr. H. A. Beauchamp acted as toastmaster in his usual original and witty manner.

About fifty persons sat down to the three-course cafeteria dinner at the close of the installation ceremonies, which were conducted by Mrs. Lucinda Miller, State District Deputy Grand Marshal, and Mrs. Emma Wilbur, State District Deputy Grand Master.

The officers installed were: June Kearns, P. N. G.; Margaret Schaefer, N. G.; Ella Williams, V. N. G.; Lula Lilly, Chaplain; Minnie Caspell, Warden; Mrs. W. C. Gauntt, Conductor; Mrs. Anna Hobson, L. S. N. G.; Eliza Roy, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. Sarah Davis, L. S. V. N. G.; Mrs. Anna Stayton, R. S. V. N. G.; Emma Sloper, Inside Guardian; Beasie Clow, Outside Guardian.

Following the ceremonies the lodge was called to the spacious dining hall where they were entertained at the banquet by a Hula Hula song by the Misses Verda and Gladys Hamman, Ruth Roy and Marguerite Ryan and other numbers by members of the lodge.

Mrs. Lilly served the hot biscuits, which were delicious, in a Japanese costume and to the accompaniment of dozens of toy balloons of brilliant hue that added color and zest to the entertainment.

The rooms of the I. O. O. F. hall were beautifully decorated with ferns, Ivy and Oregon grape, and the lodge colors of pink and green.

Frances X. Hoerth, an electrician of Salem, is working for C. E. Taylor, manager of the Stayton Electric Light Co.

## SCHOOLS BECOME SOCIAL CENTERS

In his biennial report to the legislature Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill highly commends the law making every Oregon school house a civic center. In discussing this subject, Mr. Churchill says:

"In 1915, the state legislature enacted a law making every public school-house a civic center, under the control of the control of the district school board, where the citizens of the district may engage in supervised recreational activities, and where they may discuss any and all subjects which in their judgment pertain to the educational, economic, artistic and moral interests of the citizens. Lighting, heating, janitor service and the services of the supervising officer when needed, may be paid from the public school funds of the district.

"The passage of this law has done much to open the doors of our country school houses to the church, the grange, the farmers' union and the parent-teacher association. Because these buildings were erected primarily for the use of the schools, their use has frequently been refused for any other purposes, in spite of the fact that a building for public meetings is greatly needed in every rural community, and the schoolhouses are used for school purposes only five days in the week and then for not more than from six to nine months in the year. Thus many thousands of dollars worth of public property has been standing idle a large part of the year and many people have been denied the social and intellectual pleasures which are so greatly enjoyed in the country districts. This economic waste will be largely done away with through the passage of this law providing for the use of school houses as civic centers.

## PARENT TEACHER'S PROGRAM, JAN. 12

A very interesting program has been arranged for the Parent Teacher's meeting to be held at the High school on Friday, January 12. Some very important topics will be discussed by business and professional men, which will be of great interest to all.

**PROGRAM**  
Orchestra  
Song.....Chorus  
Solo.....Mrs. J. W. Mayo  
Physical Causes of Retardation  
Dr. Beauchamp  
Retardation in Grades.....Mrs. Pratt  
Conditions of Retardation in Stayton  
W. C. Gauntt  
What the Business Man Expects  
of the School.....J. P. Wilbur  
Economic Phases of Retardation  
Dr. C. H. Brewer  
Orchestra  
Everyone is invited to attend.

## THE MODERN ELIZA.



—Bell in New York Evening Post.

## STAYTON MUTUAL TEL. CO. MEETS

About thirty members of the Stayton Mutual Telephone Co. met at the City Hall Monday night at the regular yearly election.

The president, Henry Smith, called the meeting to order, and the election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows:

President, C. E. Taylor; V. Pres., J. M. Ringo; Sec.-Treas., E. D. Alexander; Director for three years, J. P. Wilbur.

After considerable discussion pro and con, the president appointed a committee composed of J. M. Ringo, S. H. Heltzel and A. D. Gardner to draft a constitution and set of by-laws for the company.

## GYMNASIUM WILL GO UP RAPIDLY

Work in earnest commenced this week on the new gymnasium under the direction of Grant Murphy as foreman, ably seconded by Chas. Lampman.

The new building, which is located near the northeast corner of the school ground, and in a front line with the high school building, will have ground dimensions of 56x70 feet. This will be divided into three parts, a main court for basket ball etc., 36x70, well floored and braced. The height of this part will be 28 feet besides the roof slope, thus providing plenty of air space.

On each side of the main court will be a space 10x70, one side of which will be used for rings, trapeze, horizontal bars etc., the other side will be built into dressing rooms, shower baths, lockers etc. These latter rooms will have a balcony overhead for spectators. The two side wings will have an elevation of 16 feet, and will leave a space of over 6 feet from the eaves of the main building to where they join that part. This space will be provided with many windows, affording lighting and ventilation.

Mr. Murphy stated yesterday to a Mail representative that the work would be pushed as rapidly as the weather would permit, as the school is very anxious to begin practice in their new gym.

L. S. Lambert and wife, and Misses Amelia and Ray Glover attended the funeral of Mrs. Hill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Glover, at Salem Monday.

**BASKET SOCIAL**  
The Catholic Order of Forerresters met at the I. O. O. F. Hall Monday night, and after the business session, the ladies were there with well filled baskets which all did justice to. There were several members of the Sublimity lodge present.

## WILL GIVE OPERETTA ON FRIDAY, JAN. 19

The first entertainment of the school year will occur Friday, Jan. 19, when the Chante Club of the local school, under the direction of Clyde Hoffer will present the operetta "Polished Pebbles," at the high school auditorium.

"Uncle Bob, a rich farmer, gives his sister \$5,000 to educate her two daughters and niece. The mother and two daughters spend the money foolishly, and neglect the niece. Upon request of the mother for more money, Uncle Bob arranges a meeting at the old farm, where the widow is exposed and Uncle Bob rewards the niece by taking her, abroad while the mother and daughter, are left behind.

The proceeds will go toward the gymnasium fund. Watch for bills.

## CHILD BARELY ESCAPES DROWNING

Benhart, the 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gehlen of this city, wandered away from home Monday, and Mrs. Gehlen's attention was called to the fact by the barking of their dog, which was running up and down the bank of the Salem-Stayton ditch very much excited. Mrs. Gehlen ran to the ditch, which is several hundred feet north of their home, just in time to see her son floating down the current under the water. She immediately screamed for help and jumped in the cold stream rescuing the lad just in time. The little fellow is now no worse for the experience, but the shock and excitement has kept the mother confined to her bed for several days.

## DIED

Charles A. Harold, brother of G. F. Harold of Linn county died at his home in Salem, Saturday, January, 6, 1917, in his 66th year.

The funeral services were held Monday at 1:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. G. Koehler and burial was in City View cemetery of that city.

Mr. Harold was quite well known in Stayton and Linn county. G. F. Harold, Raleigh Harold and wife and Miss Miss Ina Harold attended the funeral.

## BOARD OF CONTROL MEETS

The Board of Control of the Lone Oak Cemetery, met in Attorney Heltzel's office Monday night and elected J. M. Ringo as president and Grant Murphy as Sec.-Treas. The board is composed of three members from the Masonic lodge here: S. H. Heltzel, C. W. Holford and C. C. Cole; and three members from the I. O. O. F. Lodge, H. A. Beauchamp, J. R. Gardner and Grant Murphy.

Extensive improvements in the cemetery are planned for the coming year.

## WA HI CLUB MEETS AT THE T. J. HILL HOME

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hill in the Waldo Hills, was the scene of a merry crowd on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, when the members of the Wa Hi Club and a few invited friends, enjoyed one of the club's annual trees. Amid bright decorations of the Christmas colors, which were both artistic and pretty, the matrons and maids passed the afternoon hours in various ways.

No particular program was arranged and after dinner had been served, which by the way was the kind the Wa Hi Club is famous for, a short business session of the Club members was held, after which all adjourned to the tree which was soon stripped of its many useful and pretty gifts, and judging from the exclamations of delight over the various packages as they were opened, everybody was pleased.

Miss Genevieve Patton favored the guests with a recitation in her best manner, which was roundly applauded. Music and visiting occupied the remainder of the afternoon.

By five o'clock the cry of "my horse next" had ceased, for the last rig was wending its way down the lane and a smile lit up the face of the muddy hostler.

## WOULDN'T WORK OVERTIME

An Indiana preacher startled his flock the other day with a most extraordinary announcement. The congregation had thought to please and surprise him by raising his salary from \$700 to \$800, and when they brought the joyful news to the preacher, he said: "My dear brethren I cannot accept it. I have all I can do to collect the \$700.—Preston, (Ia.) Times.

## MRS. RAY BLAKELY DIES IN EUGENE MONDAY

The sad news reached this city Monday of the death of Mrs. Ray Blakely at the home of her husband in Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blakely were called to the latter place on Monday, but she had expired before they arrived.

Mrs. Blakely was well known in Stayton and her husband, Ray Blakely is a Stayton boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blakely of this place.

W. F. Goodman and wife and John Blakely and wife left Tuesday to attend the funeral. The sympathy of the entire community is with the young husband and the two small children at the untimely death of his wife.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Preaching services every 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Bible school 10 a. m.  
Morning service 11 a. m.  
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.  
Evening service 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m.  
Marion F. Horn, Minister.

L. H. McMahan has resumed the practice of law in suite 311-12 United States National Bank Building, Salem, 1-28-x

## "BUY PROPERTY" WILL BE SLOGAN OF VALLEY

## EVERYTHING POINTS TO YEAR OF PROSPERITY

"There never has been a time in the history of the Willamette Valley, and more particularly this portion of it, in which the prospects for a bountiful year and the exchange of real estate has been brighter than in 1917," says J. T. Kearns of this city.

Mr. Kearns has already had several eastern men to Stayton, and there are more coming. He says that the Rural Credit Law, recently passed by the November election has its bearing on the influx of settlers that will soon be arriving from the already overcrowded East.

Assurances are also coming in that the railroad through the Minto pass has not been given up, and that the recent flow of European gold to America has unlocked immense sums that must be used in improvements.

While there is no active work at the present time, there has been several parties to Stayton that have the transportation problem before them, and with this paramount issue solved, Stayton would grow like a Kansas sunflower.

If you are thinking of investing either in city or farm property in this neighborhood, don't put it off too late for the rise is as sure to come as the fact remains that the lowest ebb was reached about two years ago. Buy now and get in on the ground floor.

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The addresses to be given at the Methodist Episcopal Church next Sunday morning and evening by the Armenian, Mr. Parounagian, will without doubt draw large audiences as the speaker comes from a country made famous by suffering, and although Mr. Parounagian has been in this country for some years he is well versed on the conditions in that land of misery, where he has a sister, or had, before the war storm broke out, concerning whom he says he hopes she is dead in which case she is not a victim of war lust. The visitor will preach in the morning and in the evening give his lecture on "My Trip From Armenia to the United States." He will also give a short address at the Sunday school session and make a talk at the monthly dinner of the church which will be held following the morning preaching service.

Miss Nora Crabtree entertained about twenty of her friends at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ward Holford, Friday evening. The time was spent playing games and about 10:30 a dainty luncheon was served.

## NOTICE

Owing to the fact that the demand for Cars has been so great that, we cannot insure delivery of either

### Ford or Dodge Cars

unless the order is signed up for spring delivery. Also this will protect you against any advance in price which may come.

**ANY TIME**

Peter Deidrich, Stayton Oregon

## Men of Marion Linn Co's.

TAKE NOTICE

DURING JANUARY WE WILL SELL YOU AN EXTRA HEAVY BLUE BIB OVERALL, 6 POCKETS WITH FLAPS OVER HIP POCKETS TO BE BUTTONED DOWN, AT THE LOW PRICE OF

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