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LODGES HAVE A JOLLY TIME

MASONIC ORDERS HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION TUESDAY

BANQUET FOLLOWS SERVICE

Members of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge Give Pleasant Banquet After Work.

One of the most pleasing events of the season was the joint installation of the officers-elect of Adah Chapter, Order of The Eastern Star, and Lyon Lodge, No. 29, A. F. and A. M., which took place in the Masonic Temple on the evening of St. John's day, December 27th. The following officers of Adah Chapter were installed: Worthy Matron, Mrs. C. W. Butler; Worthy Patron, P. M. Kirkland; Associate Worthy Matron, Mrs. P. M. Kirkland; Conductress, Mrs. W. R. Campbell; Ruth, Mrs. J. C. Morrison; Martha, Mrs. Fluke; Esther, Mrs. E. E. Hiltbrand; Electa, Mrs. C. W. Pervine; Sentinel, C. W. Butler; Organist, Mrs. J. R. Richardson; Warder, Mrs. H. Mattison; Secretary, Mrs. O. D. Butler; Marshall, Mrs. J. E. Hubbard; Chaplain, Mrs. Sarah Irvine and Treasurer, Mrs. Mix. Mrs. Carrie Hubbard acted as Grand Marshal and Mrs. O. D. Buttler acted as the installing officer.

In installing the officers-elect in Lyon Lodge, Dr. O. D. Butler acted as Grand Marshal, and Past-Master P. M. Kirkland as installing officer. The following were installed as officers for the ensuing year: H. Chas. Dunsmore, Worshipful Master; H. Mattison, Senior Warden; K. C. Eldridge, Junior Warden; H. W. Dickinson, Senior Deacon; M. C. Williams Junior Deacon; J. W. Kirkland, Senior Steward; John Dickinson, Junior Steward; H. Hirschberg, Treasurer; C. W. Irvine, Secretary; and George Kurre, Tyler.

After the installation exercises the members of the lodges together with the guests and visitors present, repaired to the banquet hall where all did ample justice to the elaborate spread that was served. The rest of the evening was spent in games.

Both lodges are in a prosperous condition and look forward hopefully for a highly successful year under the leadership of the new officers.

ONE FOR FATHER

I think it is time
To be writing a rhyme
Extolling the virtues of Dad.
It's gone far enough,
And sure does seem rough
To think of the snubs he has had;
We write much of mother
And tell how we love her,
We offer our hearts to her shrine,
We praise her ornately—
—She takes it sedately—
Hereafter its father for mine.
Of course I'll admit,
She deserves quite a bit
Of love and affection, no doubt;
I always have said it,
She gets all the credit,
But Father's most always left out.
Who does all the plugging,
While maw gets the hugging?
Who toils in good weather and bad?
Whose arms bear the burden,
Who scarce gets a word in?
You bet your sweet life it is Dad.
How long he has waited,
For praise belated,
Let's make his poor starved heart
Feel glad,
And while we are about it,
Let's stand up and shout it—
Three ripping-hot cheers for old dad

Mr. and Mrs. James Dougherty, Daisy Dougherty and Miss Werdeman of Portland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Kirkland over Sunday.

GRIM REAPER CALLS PIONEER

Mr. John Meeker Dies at the Odd Fellows' Home in Walla Walla, Washington.

Mrs. Mary Huntley received a telegram Christmas morning announcing the death of her father, Mr. John V. Meeker, which occurred at Walla Walla, Wash., on December 24, 1910. Mr. Meeker was a resident of this vicinity for many years and was well and favorably known.

He was a pioneer of Puget Sound country and was the first hop grower of the Pacific coast, carrying the roots on his back from Fort Sill man where they arrived by steamer from the Puffallup Valley in the early fifties.

Mr. Meeker died at the Odd Fellows' home in which order he stood very high. He was one of the oldest members, having been identified in that order for 57 years. He was a Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand representative, and served as Representative to the Grand Lodge held at Providence, Rhode Island, in 1883, at Columbus, Ohio, in 1889 and at Topeka, Kansas, in 1890.

He leaves one brother, Ezra Meeker, who with ox team and prairie schooner, blazed the trail called the "Old Oregon trail."

The following children are left to mourn his loss: Mrs. Harriet Donna and Mrs. Francis Bean of Tacoma, Wash.; I. P. Meeker of Santa Rosa, California; Mrs. Maggie Femander of Portland, and Mrs. Wallace Huntley of this city.

TRAIN KILLS TWO COLTS

Tramps are the Cause of Mr. Burton's Heavy Loss.

Monday evening J. H. Burton sustained rather a serious loss as a result of carelessness of tramps.

He had been keeping the animals in a pasture near the city, and it was at this place where they met a sudden death. It is presumed that a tramp went into the barn on his place that evening to sleep, and in going through the gate left it open. The colts went out of the yard and on the railroad track where they were run down by a freight train and killed. One of the animal's head was completely severed from its body and the back of the other was broken.

HOME TEAM IS VICTORIOUS

Local Foot Ball Team Defeats the Portland Team With Ease.

In last week's issue of the Enterprise the sporting editor predicted that the local team would have a difficult task to defeat the Wabash team from Portland, and this seemed to be the general opinion, but the game played in this city last Sunday between the local and the Portland "pig skin" kickers proved to be the easiest of the season and was a complete walk-over of the visitors, who were scarcely in the game.

The game started with Wabash kicking off to Independence, and in the first five minutes of playing Emmerick went across the line for a touch-down, and Captain Pomeroy succeeded in kicking a goal.
At no time during the game was the local's goal in danger, Emmerick for Independence was the star as he succeeded in getting three out of five touch-downs. Walker and Pomeroy both scored for their team. No sensational plays were pulled off in the first half, but in the second period Independence worked the forward pass with great skill, making in all about forty-five yards. The final score was 29 to 0.

The local squad has had but little practice this season and the victory Sunday was a surprise to all. They have a game scheduled for next Sunday with the McLaughlin Club of Portland and we look for a fast game, as the Club team has laid claim to the amateur championship of Portland. We were unable to get the line-up of the visiting team.

COLLEGE TO TEACH FARMING

WINTER SHORT COURSE WILL OPEN NEXT WEEK

BELL IS ARDENT SUPPORTER

Rev. Dr. Bell Tells of the Many Advantages to Be Derived From These Courses.

Dr. J. R. N. Bell, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Corvallis, and at one time editor of the Enterprise, made us a pleasant call while in the city Monday.

Dr. Bell is an enthusiastic advocate of the Corvallis College and his visit here Monday was in the interest of that educational institution. He says that the farmers ought to improve the opportunity to attend the winter short course at the Oregon Agricultural College, which begins January 3 and continues six weeks. The courses are open to any person 16 years of age or more. Tuition is free and there are no entrance examinations required. An entrance fee of \$1.00 is collected upon enrollment and a small fee is charged in some of the laboratory courses to cover cost of material, but in any event the expense is small and the benefits to be derived from this winter course will by far exceed the nominal expense required. Board and rooms can be obtained very reasonable.

More than 600 people were benefited by the short course last year at the O. A. C. and at present the college is equipped to accommodate double that number. Then why not avail yourself of the accumulated knowledge and experience of men who are experts in the lines of business in which you are engaged.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Collins Celebrate The First Anniversary of Their Marriage.

The first anniversary of their marriage was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Collins on Fourth street on Monday evening, December 26, 1910. There were present, Rev. Dr. Dunsmore, who performed the ceremony a year ago, Mrs. Dunsmore, Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill, and the Misses Minnie, Bertha Eva and Cecil Collins and Cora Blanchard. A beautiful Christmas tree brightly illuminated with candles and loaded with gifts, which were distributed to the guests present.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Collins received many useful and valuable presents. Dinner was served to which ample justice was done by the appreciative guests, and the evening was spent with music and social intercourse.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins are among our most popular young people, and Mr. Collins holds a responsible position in the firm of Conkey, Walker & Lehman. Their many friends unite in wishing them many happy returns on the auspicious occasion, and in wishing them enlarged and increased prosperity and happiness as the year goes by.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF INDEPENDENCE CHAPTER

The following officers for the ensuing year, for Independence Chapter No. 25, Royal Arch Masons, were elected and installed last Friday evening, Dr. Dunsmore as High Priest acting as installing officer. Dr. O. D. Butler, High Priest; John Dickinson, King; Jerome Dornisfe Scribe; Clare Irvine, Secretary; H. Hirschberg, Treasurer; C. W. Butler, Captain of the Host; and George Kurre, Sentinel.

CHRISTMAS IS QUIET DAY

Santa Clause Comes to Many Homes in This City With the Usual Glad Tidings.

Christmas, with all its joys and glad tidings, is an event of the past. The occasion passed off very quietly in Independence this year, and nothing out of the ordinary occurred. The several churches in the city held Christmas entertainments, and on Christmas day the Birth of Christ was the topic of discourse in some of the churches.

Saturday was an exceptionally busy day for the merchants, but on Christmas day everything was quiet and peaceful in the vicinity of this prosperous city. The usual family reunion and Christmas dinner was in evidence, and many homes had family Christmas trees for the enjoyment of the little ones.

The climatic conditions could not have been better or more favorable for such an occasion and this added to the pleasures long held in anticipation by old and young. Taking everything into consideration the Christmas occasion of 1910 was about an average one in this city and was attended with as much of the true Christmas spirit as any ever known in the history of Independence. Notwithstanding the fact that a cry has gone out quite generally in the Pacific Northwest that times are hard, it was apparently not felt in Independence. Our citizens spent a great deal of money for presents and the merchants enjoyed a good holiday trade. Everything pertaining to the Christmas occasion gave evidence of prosperity.

PROPOSE BOARD OF CONTROL

State Institutions to be Put Under New Body.

Salem.—Legislation tending toward the establishment of a board of control for all of the state institutions will be asked for of the coming legislature, if plans do not go astray.

There seems to be a strong leaning in that direction by many members of the next legislature, and this feeling is being seconded by many who have had ample opportunity to become familiar with the conditions and needs of the state institutions.

Owing to numerous changes that have been made in locations and the immense amount of building that has been done at the various institutions, in many instances the administration of affairs at these various schools, hospitals and reformatories has in a way undergone a form of reorganization and it is strongly urged that it is necessary for the present heads of departments to remain much as they are at present.

HOPS ARE GOING HIGHER

Condition of the Hop Market Seems More Encouraging

Conditions of the hop market are said to be improving a little at the present time and there is accompanied with the increased price considerable joy on the part of the growers. The market has been comparatively low this season and these conditions in hop sections create a lull. If the remainder of the 1910 crop could be sold at 15 cents there would be a noticeable improvement in business.

Hop men tell us there is every reason to believe that better prices will prevail next season. Owing to the low prices this year it is said a few growers will plow up the yards and it is the opinion of some reliable hop men that the acreage will be less during the season of 1911.

WANT A NEW TOWN

McNary & Crouhisen are clearing a large tract of land near the railroad crossing and we are told that they will sell it off in lots. Evidently a town at McNary's Crossing is anticipated in the future.

COUNCIL IN EXTRA SESSION

CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS TWO SALOON BUILDINGS

RECORDER TO ISSUE LICENSE

Talk Over Street Improvement, Instruct the Recorder to Issue Two Licenses and Adjourn.

At a special meeting of the common council held in the council chambers Wednesday evening the following officers responded to roll call: Messrs. Moore, Hubbard, Eldridge, Mix, Bohannon and Williams. Mayor Hoffman was in the chair and called the meeting to order.

The matter of opening a street from Seventh to Tenth street and putting in a bridge between these two streets was introduced, but no action in this direction will be taken until the next regular meeting.

The arc light at Second and D streets was ordered moved to the intersection of Second and E streets, more particularly for the convenience of patrons of the Independence and Monmouth Railroad.

The saloon buildings owned by J. R. Cooper and Walker and Whitney have been constructed in compliance with the ordinance regulating saloons and were accepted by the council. The recorder was also instructed to issue licenses to the applicants at the required time.

The question of paving the streets in this city was introduced and an article from the Dallas Observer was read relative to the paving that has been accomplished in Woodburn and the results. From the discussions it is learned that the council is in favor of a hard surface pavement.

The annual meeting of the council will be held Monday evening, at the council chambers, and at this meeting the election of a city marshal and a city treasurer will be held.

The next regular business meeting will occur the following Wednesday evening.

EX-SENATOR BOOTH IS CHARGED WITH FRAUD

Head of Big Lumber Company Alleged to Have Paid Relatives to Take Up Land.

The Morning Oregonian a few days ago published the following:

That Robert A. Booth, manager of the Booth Kelley Lumber Company, paid four relatives \$100 each to take up land for him under the timber and stone act and besides this paid their expenses amounting to \$1649.04, was the testimony before Geo. A. Brodi, commissioner of the general land office.

The proceedings are being conducted in the grand jury room of the federal building in an effort to cancel the patent to 980 acres of timber land five miles south of Saginaw, Oregon, the deeds now being held by the corporation or its stockholders.

Edward Jordan, Stephen Larowe, Alice Larowe and Ethel Larowe were the persons who took up the claims proving up early in 1902. Mrs. Myrtle S. Appleton, of Lewiston, Idaho, step-daughter of Stephen Larowe, said she saw the papers containing the questions which her mother was to answer in making final proof. The questions were already answered when the papers were received. She thought it strange; and when she asked her mother about it, she said she was told that Mr. Booth had sent the papers.

Lucy Larowe, who also took up a claim, said that she made two deeds to Booth. For the first she received \$100. The second was made in December, 1907, at the time of the land fraud agitation.