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INSTALLATION HELD LAST FRIDAY EVENING

With impressive rites the newly elected officers of the Estacada Lodge, No. 146, A. F. and A. M. and those of the Mountain Chapter O. E. S. No. 108, were installed last Friday evening. These ceremonies were opened to invited guests besides the members of these two orders. The masonic installation preceded that of the Eastern Star. The meeting was called to order by Past Master F. G. Robley who acted as the installing officer, with the aid of Master of Ceremonies A. Drill. Both these brethren were very efficient in duties and the proceedings were conducted with a smoothness which is not always the case on such occasions. In their proper order beginning with the Worshipful Master, the various officers were inducted into their chairs and invested with the insignia of their rank. The following were thus installed: W. M., John Greenwood; S. W., Thomas Watson; J. W., Edwin D. Allen; Treas., Cornelius S. Allen; Sec'y., William Dale; S. D. Charles A. Norris; J. D., George W. Guttridge; Tyler, Beach R. Kimmel.

An intermission of a few minutes intervened between the two installations, in which the necessary changes in the lodge paraphernalia were made. When all was ready, Past Worthy Matron Susannah Greenwood with Elena Drill as conductress and Carrie Adix as pianist, began the ritual. From a spectacular point of view the Eastern Star ceremony is a more picturesque one than that of the Masons. Not merely on account of its members being mainly of the fairer sex, but the ritual contains more striking evolutions in marching and counter marching. Those installed were: W. M., Alice Laurry; W. P., J. Greenwood; A. M., Elizabeth Womer; Sec'y., Catherine Allen; Conductress, Eda Woods; A. C. Mae Reed; Ada, Eola Guttridge;

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Best Wishes for a
Happy and Prosperous New Year
To all our Readers

YULETIDE.

In the old plantation days, the slaves kept holiday season from Christmas eve to the sixth of January, a period of twelve days. This was in accordance with the ancient English custom based on the Church year, which celebrates the chief events in connection with the birth of Christ. Christmas Day commemorates His Nativity and the adoration by the shepherds; January 1st His Circumcision when eight days old; January 6th the visit of the wise men from the east. Thus the cycle is completed. December 28th is known as Holy Innocents Day because it commemorates the slaughter of the young children at Bethlehem by order of King Herod. It must be remembered that the holiday was derived from the holy day and not vice versa. If they had not been first holy days, they would not have become holidays.

School Exhibit

The exhibit at the High School Friday afternoon of manual work done by pupils, while not large, was very creditable. In the furniture line we noticed a typewriter table, taboret stands and dolls' bedsteads. The 7th and 8th grades showed a number of animal toys. In needle work there were aprons, sewing bags, bow ties and the like. The latter were on sale for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross and helped increase the funds of that society.

Some interesting overseas letters will appear next week.

Garfield Grange Installation.

The Garfield Grange will hold its regular meeting, Saturday, January 4th, 1919. In the afternoon there will be an installation of the newly elected officers, at which the public is cordially invited to be present. The ceremony will be conducted by H. G. Starkweather, a former democratic candidate for governor. A good program and time are assured, so there ought to be a fine attendance.

S. S. Christmas Service.

The Methodist Church was packed to its full capacity last Sunday night for the Christmas program given by the members of the Sunday School. Church was decorated in an artistic manner, the central device being a large white cross, above which hung a star. At the foot of the cross, white gifts were laid, consisting of food supplies for the Deaconess Home at Portland, which will distribute them among the poor. The little girls forming the Angel Choir looked their parts as they marched around the church in procession. A contrast in color to them, was given by the three shepherd boys in their bright colored blankets. An offering was taken up for the construction work in the foreign field. Below is the program: Trio, Christmas carol, by Misses Wooster, Ely and Finch. Gifts by the primary department. Scripture Reading by Miss Gladys Carpenter. Gifts by Angel Choir. Solo, "Silent Night" by Philip Standish. Gifts by Shepherd Boys. Cornet solo by Ray Drill. Gifts by Messenger Girls. Offering, and sermon by pastor.

AN INTERESTING NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

We now close a very eventful year and begin a new period of time in the Christian calendar. It would be well to spend a few serious moments in meditation, to make some resolutions for the future.

Every business man is accustomed to taking an inventory of his stock at the close of the year, to see how he stands so he may shape his future. It is proper then for each of us to take a retrospective view of the past year and govern ourselves accordingly.

The fact that we are alive is one of infinite import. Despite danger, disobedience, disease and death it indicates the "Father's" goodness and ought to solicit our allegiance to our Leader.

It is time for asking questions: "Is it well with us as individuals, as parents, as children, as families?" Yes, if our lives have been lived rightly. It is well with our departed friends, if they have gone to heaven.

God Himself, be it said with reverence, cannot put us once more where we were a year ago, or roll back the year so that we can live it over again. Time does not repeat itself. The past is gone forever. Yesterday, last week, last year, where are they? The poet answers "with the years beyond the flood." There is something appalling in the thought of being so in the hands of time as all men are, while unable to comprehend it. The great mystery of time, the illimitable, silent, never resting thing called time, rolling, rushing on swiftly like an all embracing ocean tide, on which we and all the universe swim like apparitions, which are and then are not. No mariner ever cast anchor in the stream of time. We may be shipwrecked but can never be delayed. What we do in this life must be done as the opportunity presents itself, for we shall never pass this way again.

If the past year has been full

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