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EASTERN STAR AND MASONIC INSTALLATION

New Officers Seated for Year of Service.

PAST MASTER GIVEN JEWEL

Sam Mothershead Presented With Token of Esteem by Members of Burns Lodge.

Burns Chapter No. 40, Order of the Eastern Star, and Burns Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., held their annual installation of officers jointly last Saturday night, December 27.

The usual procedure at these installations was followed, giving visitors belonging to one lodge an idea of the beauties of the other.

Mrs. Etta Jones, who has been the efficient secretary of the Chapter for so long that even the editor can't remember, was the installing officer for the Eastern Star, and Charles M. Faulkner, retiring Master of the Masonic lodge, for the Masons.

Mrs. Jones called the meeting to order and directed the Marshal, Mrs. C. H. Voegtly, to present the officers elect for installation. The first of these was Mrs. May V. Eggleston, Worthy Matron for the ensuing year, who was given the usual admonition and seated. Other Star officers then followed, they being Chester Dalton, Worthy Patron; Miss Leona Thompson, Associate Matron; Mrs. Eugenia Faulkner, Conductress; Miss Lella Egli, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Inez Geer, Treasurer; Mrs. Etta Jones, Secretary; Miss Ellen Geer, Adah; Mrs. Enid Gowan, Ruth; Mrs. Neva Geer, Esther; Miss Helene Dalton, Martha; Mrs. Nita MacGowan, Electa; Mrs. Florabelle Smith, Warder; C. Erman Dillman, Sentinel; Mrs. Sarah Farre, Organist; Mrs. Florence Dalton, Chaplain; Mrs. John Gemberling, Marshal. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Neva Geer, Mrs. Ella Mothershead took her place as Esther for the installation ceremony.

Following the installation of Eastern Star officers, Charles M. Faulkner took the chair and proceeded to the installation of the Masonic officers, with Tom Allen as Marshal. Officers seated were R. Fred Williams, Worshipful Master; Grover N. Jameson, Senior Warden; Charles Loggan, Junior Warden; A. C. Welcome, Treasurer; Sam Mothershead, Secretary; Joe Thompson, S. D.; C. Culver Page, J. D.; Maurice Schwartz, S. S.; C. Erman Dillman, J. S.; Ernest Muck, Tyler.

A notable incident of the Masonic installation was the fact the entire ceremony was conducted without the aid of a printed or written manuscript of any kind, the installing officer giving his lectures from memory.

Immediately after the installation, the Marshal was directed to bring Sam Mothershead to the East, where Mr. Mothershead was presented with the jewel of a Past Master of the order, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of Burns Lodge. In presenting the jewel the presiding officer spoke of the long and faithful service Mr. Mothershead had rendered the lodge, holding all of its various offices and acting as an inspiration to newer members.

A turkey dinner was served at the close of the evening, after which the younger members enjoyed an impromptu dance.

WEATHER NOT FAVORABLE FOR RABBIT POISONING

Biologist E. E. Horn has received 500 ounces of poison for distribution to the people of this county in the campaign of extermination of the rabbits. He was called to Malheur county yesterday for a short time and did not have time to distribute the poison to the several community distributors, therefore if any is needed before his return the applicants may apply to the county clerk.

Mr. Horn got some out to Cecil Irving on Cow Creek, Fred Haines at Harney and Supt. Shatuck at the Experiment Station. These are the only district distributors who have any of it on hand.

Mr. Horn hopes another snow storm will come within a short time when conditions will be more favorable to poisoning. He says that so long as the rabbits can eat at their usual feed and on their customary feeding grounds the poison is not so effective, but if the hay stacks are fenced and the ground covered so they cannot easily get to the feed they will very readily take the poison.

Mr. Horn expects to be back within a few days.

PROTECTION OF BADGER URGED BY RANCHER

E. N. Greever Claims Animal Best Friend in Keeping Down Sagerats.

E. N. Greever, who for years has lived on a mountain place to the north of Burns, was in town this week making proof on his additional homestead. In conversation with a representative of this paper and a friend in which the subject of pests was under discussion, Mr. Greever urged the protection of the badger, not essentially by law but by common consent, as he stated the badger was one of his best friends in the way of keeping down the sage rats. Mr. Greever lives in the foothills where the sage rats are worse than in the valley. He has observed the work of the badger and knows whereof he speaks.

At the time of this conversation the writer was under the impression that the badger was more or less vegetarian and that so long as his fur was of value the animals would be hunted and trapped.

Later it has been found that the badger fur is not so attractive and does not command a very high price on the market. Dr. L. E. Hibbard, another man who is a close observer and is familiar with the ways of animals, has come to the defense of the badger. Two of these animals are making his farm their place of abode during the past winter and the Doctor says he feels sure they have been at last 356 benefit to him during the past few weeks from his observation of their work in digging out hibernated sage rats. Even since the snow has fallen and during the cold weather, these animals have been busy and although the ground is frozen to a considerable depth and the snow obliterating all visible sign of rat holes the badger seems to accurately find the nesting places and invariably he brings out several rats each time he burrows in.

Dr. Hibbard thinks it well that we understand our animal life more intimately so that we may distinguish between the good and the bad. We are finding the sage rats and rabbits more of a menace each year, but the Doctor points out that both these rodents have had many years in which to multiply but in former years they have been kept down by their natural enemies, the coyote, badger, eagle and other predatory animals. Since we have placed a price on the head of Mr. Coyote and men with guns are indifferent to the destruction of the life of our fur bearing and feathered tribes the pests have multiplied in greater numbers and we must contend with them.

MOOSE LODGE HAS PARTY

(Contributed.) The Moose lodge in Harney county recently entertained their members and friends at the headquarters in this city.

Short talks from the officers explained the benefits and good work of the organization. Several solos were rendered by Frank Deveney, who is connected with the contractors on the highway, also several musical numbers by Mrs. Harry Smith at the piano and Mable Owsley on the violin. There were three boxing exhibitions, as follows:

Burns MacGowan vs. James Brandon, Jr., four rounds which resulted in a draw.

Derrill Haney vs. Polly Thornburg, four rounds which resulted in a draw.

A three round exhibition by the Barron brothers.

All the boys certainly showed every indication of developing ability, and kept the folks satisfied with their willingness to give them the best they could produce.

The evening ended with a banquet at which the best of eats were served and included everything from coffee to cake.

The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on Monday night January 4th, and all officers and members are respectfully requested to be on hand to assist in making reports to the Supreme lodge for the year 1919.

On Saturday night, January 17, 1920, a dance will be given for the entertainment of the Moose and the general public. It is intended to make this an annual affair thereafter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Guiland, formerly of North Yakima, have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Julia Smith for the past several weeks. They contemplate making this vicinity their home but have not fully decided what they will do. Mrs. Guiland is a niece of Mrs. Smith's.

J. W. Noonchester, of Williamson, West Virginia, is here on a visit to his son, L. L. Noonchester.

City Faces Problem Entertaining 1000

Stockmen's Convention in May Will Attract Record Crowd. Must Plan Accommodations Now.

Burns faces the problem of entertaining something like 1000 guests on Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7, this year. The occasion is the annual convention of the Cattle and Horse Raisers Association of Oregon, which is attended by stockmen from all over the Middle West.

Bend, where the convention was held last year, started 14 months before the convention, and then was not completely ready. Burns must not fail to show these men every courtesy and consideration possible. Adequate preparations must be made to feed and shelter these men and their wives and families.

The Chautauqua last June taxed the city's facilities to the utmost. This convention will make the Chautauqua look like a rainy Sunday on Main street. If we succeed in showing these men that Burns is awake, it will be the biggest advertisement the city can possibly have. If we fail, that fact will be as well advertised.

WE MUST NOT FAIL. Plans will be discussed and committees from the Commercial Club will be appointed at the next meeting of the club on Friday, January 9. Every merchant, stockman, and citizen of the county owes a duty to himself and the community that can only be paid by attendance and active help.

YOU, MR. READER, COME TO THAT MEETING NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT.

Appropos of the above, Chas. M. Faulkner, newly elected president of the Commercial club, is sending out the following letter:

Dear Sir:- On Friday evening, January 9th, 1920, at 7:30 will be held the most important meeting of the Burns Commercial Club of its existence.

The annual meeting or convention of the Cattle and Horse Raisers Association of Oregon will be held in Burns, Oregon on May 6 and 7. We are informed by the Secretary of that organization that already over five hundred stockmen with their wives have signified their intention of being present on those dates. Not a move has been made in preparation for this convention. A large undertaking is before us and there is not a minute to be lost if we are to make it a success.

Leading stockmen over several states have persistently urged for several years that a convention be held in Burns, heralded throughout the west as the center of the great stock country of Oregon. They are looking forward to this meeting as

one that holds in store something unusual for them. Are we going to disappoint them or are we going to make good? That is the vital question with which we are confronted.

This is the greatest opportunity we have ever had to advertise the resources of Harney County among real practical and substantial men. Harney County will be advertised, but how? By a boost or a knock according to our success or failure. Success can only result from united effort and co-operation. There is no sidestepping the issue. It is up to us to you and to me.

But few seem to have realized the importance of this convention or the size of the task confronting us. We are already six months late in starting preparations. The Commercial Club seems to be the only medium through which the work can be systematically prosecuted. Resolve right now to be at the Commercial Club Room in Burns, Friday, January 9 and assist in formulating plans for this important event. You cannot do it alone, nor can the other fellow. We must all do it together. Remember the time and the place. Yours very truly,

Chas. M. Faulkner, President Com. Club.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE WORK EXPLAINED

Bend Bulletin Says County Is Fortunate in Securing Services.

The work of a community nurse is being discussed by many of our people and is not entirely understood. As an outline of the work such an official representative may do in a county, the following article, written by an officer of the Bend chapter, is published in a recent issue of the Bulletin at the request of the organization. Since it applies here and has valuable information we clip it:

"The Bend Chapter of the Red Cross has been very fortunate in securing the services of a public health nurse. This work, under the supervision of the local committee on Nursing Activities, is part of the great National Red Cross peace time program. The plan is to have at least one trained public health nurse in every county in the United States. We are glad that Deschutes county is falling in line early.

"The work covers infant welfare, the pre-school child, the expectant mother, tuberculosis, schools and bedside nursing. In her work, Miss Margaret Brems, our nurse, inspects children for physical defects, and recommends a remedy to the parent, visits the home to secure the cooperation of the parent and to assist in any possible way in correcting the trouble, gives short hygienic talks to the children, conducts Little Mothers' League in which the older girls are taught the simple daily care of a baby, and keeps down the spread of contagious diseases.

"The bedside nursing is given in Bend every other day, as Miss Brems is in town on certain days. On other days she is working in other parts of the county. The home nursing is for any one who desires to call for this service. It includes such things as baths, taking temperature and pulse, making the patient comfortable for the day and executing the doctor's orders. The nurse may not give bedside care after the first call without a physician in attendance. Care cannot be extended to those suffering 75 cents is charged per call. If a family is unable to pay this amount, it does not bar them from receiving the same attention. This fee is turned back into the Red Cross revolving fund, which is used for running expenses.

"Since Miss Brems has been in Deschutes county, she has inspected the schools at La Pine, Redmond, Terrebonne, Tumalo, and Sisters. Many of the children have had physical defects corrected, but the work is only well begun. Two well attended Mothers' Meetings were held at Terrebonne and Redmond. The recent Baby Week held at Bend had an attendance of 60.

"The work has been much hampered by a lack of means of transportation, but now that the County commissioners have granted the nurse a car, we expect to see still greater results reaching out to the more isolated districts.

"The work of the Public Health Nurse deserves the attention and hearty cooperation of every citizen in this county."

CRUISE INJUNCTION DISSOLVED BY ORDER

County Pays \$6,700 for Part of Work of Classifying Timber.

An order dissolving the injunction against payment for the county timber cruise was issued by Circuit Judge Dalton Biggs on Friday, December 26. At a meeting of the commissioner's court Monday, the county clerk was ordered to issue a warrant for \$6,700 to meet the obligation. The report, it is understood, is not complete, and part of the full payment will be withheld until the entire report is filed.

County Clerk Chester Dalton and Deputy Assessor Guss Bardwell denied a current rumor to the effect that part of the report had been removed without authority after filing. In the opinion of these officials, the missing portion had never been submitted, or had been removed before received at the assessor's office, as it passed through other hands before becoming a matter of record. Immediately upon receiving the sheets constituting the report, Assessor J. L. Caldwell had stapled them together, and while a few of were later removed, they are all accounted for, and were simply changed from an incorrect position.

Another rumor that political capital is being made of "The Mystery of the Missing Sheets" is rife around the courthouse, which, coming so early, leads the casual observer to believe the next political campaign in Harney county will be a merry one.

Declare yourselves, gentlemen!

IMPETUS GIVEN TO MONUMENT FOR HEROES

American Legion Appoints Committee.

LACK OF FUNDS OBSTACLE

One Organization Pledges Entire Treasury to Erection of Suitable Building to Perpetuate Memory.

Impetus was given to the movement recently announced in these columns to erect a community monument to our boys who lost their lives in the world war, when American Legion officials appointed a committee of their number to work with similar committees from other public organizations, and investigate sites and ownership.

The American Legion committee, it has been learned, is looking with favor on a certain block located in the main part of town. Ownership of this block is divided among seven individuals, firms or estates, and the valuation placed on the various holdings is largely problematic. However, from the nature of the use for which it is intended, many of the owners will doubtless be glad to part with their holdings much more reasonably than they would were it a commercial enterprise.

The monument contemplated is a building of sufficient permanency to adequately express for all time to come the depth of feeling that citizens and comrades of the heroic dead have for the men from this county who made the supreme sacrifice for democracy. That future generations will hold this memory sacred, provision will be made for a gymnasium, where the rising generation will be enabled to develop the strong bodies that make healthy minds.

A meeting place for civic organizations is another feature that will receive attention, as well as housing facilities for the public library, and Harney county historical data and relics. Other features to be incorporated in the monument will be decided upon when the various committees from organizations interested in its erection have met.

At present, lack of funds seem to be the obstacle that will hinder culmination of the plans made. One organization has already agreed to aid the project with all the funds at its disposal. Public subscriptions may have to be asked before the monument can be started, and it is certain that if any individual or group of individuals sees fit to finance the plan, he or they will earn a place on history's page that time itself will not dim, for the building would be a monument to the names of the donor, as well as to those of the heroes.

J. S. COOK INVESTS IN ANOTHER BIG FARM

A. A. Traugott of the Inland Empire Realty Co. reports the sale of the W. E. Crowder Five Mile Ranch this week to J. S. Cook of this city. This ranch contains 320 acres and a part of it comes under the new irrigation district just forming. It is a valuable piece of real estate and when developed will be one of the best producing places in this vicinity. The transaction involved quite a neat sum but the consideration was not given out.

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