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A GRAND AFFAIR.

That's What the Installation Ceremonies Were of the A. F. & A. M.

A ROYAL TIME SURELY HAD

By all who attended the doings. The hall was crowded to overflowing by a delighted audience. The dance the grandest of the season.

That the installation of officers and ball given by the Choteau Lodge No. 44, A. F. & A. M. and Fidelity Chapter, No. 18, O. E. S. was a success goes without saying. From beginning to end nothing happened to mar the success of the occasion. The committees had made extensive preparations; everyone performed his or her part to perfection; the weather was all that could be asked; and the attendance was immense.

The installation ceremonies commenced at 8:30 p. m. and were impressive and well discoursed throughout. Dr. Drake acted as installing officer for both lodges and performed his part admirably. He must be credited with having an excellent memory and his oratorical powers are far from common. His easy delivery was noticeable from the start and throughout the entire ceremony, which lasted over two hours, he made no visible mistakes, which shows that his capacities in that line of work are superior to the average person.

The ceremony was interspersed by music of a high art and singing by the members of the two orders, which tended to make the work more impressive and interesting.

Sterling McDonald and Mrs. R. E. Hammond performed their duties as marshal of the A. F. & A. M. and O. E. S. respectively in a graceful and pleasing manner to the audience. The first officers installed were as follows:

A. F. & A. M.—Worshipful Master, J. G. Bair, re-elected; Senior Warden, Wm. Hodgskiss; Junior Warden, John E. De Haas; Senior Deacon, T. J. Dean; Junior Deacon, J. H. Dunlap; Secretary, R. E. Hammond; Treasurer, Alfred Harris; Tyler, Sterling McDonald; Senior Steward, R. G. Stewart; Jun. Steward, Julius Hirshberg; Chaplain, Rev. George Logan.

J. G. Bair's capacities as a presiding officer are apparent from the fact that he has, three times in succession, been elected to the honorable and creditable position of Worshipful Master of Choteau Lodge No. 44, A. F. & A. M. This is an honor that few men in local lodges can lay credit to. We presume there are few in the lodge who would make a more efficient or desirable presiding officer.

After a brief recess the installation was continued and the following officers installed:

Fidelity Chapter—Worthy Matron, Carrie Hirshberg; Patron, John E. De Haas; Associate Matron, Mary Bair; Conductress, Catherine McDonald; Associate Conductress, Luella Hammond; Treasurer, Amanda M. Cooper; Secretary, Jennie M. Drake; Ada, Grace Steele; Ruth, Hattie Coffey; Esther, Margaret Hodgskiss; Martha, Celia A. Drake; Electa, Augusta Dunlap; Marshal, J. G. Bair; Chaplain, J. H. Dunlap; Warden, Wm. Hodgskiss; Sentinel, Alfred Harris; Organist, R. E. Hammond.

Mrs. Julius Hirshberg, who was installed to the high office of Worthy Matron, is credited with having held every office in the lodge, beginning at the very bottom and being gradually elevated to the highest position of Fidelity Chapter No. 18.

The program for the evening's dances was an attractive feature of the occasion. Nothing was too good for the guests of the lodges and no pains were spared to make the affair

an enjoyable one. The crowd was well behaved and everything passed off nicely.

This short write-up would be incomplete without giving the committees and the order of dances:

The committees were composed as follows:

Executive Committee—John E. DeHaas, Alfred Harris, R. E. Hammond.

Reception Committee—Fanny Bynum, Mary A. Bair, Margaret Hodgskiss, Augusta Dunlap, Celia J. Drake, Luella Hammond, Eliza H. Scoffin, Grace Steele, John G. Bair, Geo. M. Coffey, Michael Connelly, James McDevitt, Julius Hirshberg, R. M. Steele.

Floor Committee—Carrie Hirshberg, Catherine McDonald, Sallie Graves, Elenora Ranger, Jennie M. Drake, Amanda M. Cooper, Mary A. Leech, Bertha Harris, John A. Kennedy, S. H. Drake, R. W. Crockford, Thos. J. Dean, Carl Harris, Wm. Hodgskiss, J. W. M. Knight.

Following is the order of the evening's dances:

- 1.—Grand March.....Grand Lodge
- 2.—Quadrille.....Blue Lodge
- 3.—Waltz.....O. E. S.
- 4.—French Minuet..Installing Officer
- 5.—Quadrille...Worshipful Master
- 6.—Schottische.....Worthy Matron
- 7.—Waltz Quadrille..Worthy Patron
- 8.—Oxford Minuet..Retiring Officers
- 9.—Waltz...Our Sisters and Brethren
- 10.—Quadrille.....Ada
- 11.—Polka.....Ruth

INTERMISSION.

- 12.—Quadrille.....Esther
- 13.—Princess.....Martha
- 14.—Newport.....Electa
- 15.—Quadrille.....1898
- 16.—Lancers.....W. O. W.
- 17.—Spanish Waltz.....K. of P.
- 18.—Waltz.....I. O. O. F.
- 19.—Quadrille.....D. of H.
- 20.—Scottische.....A. O. U. W.
- 21.—Oxford Minuet.....G. A. R.
- 22.—Medley...Home, Sweet Home

NOTES.

What's the matter with the installing officer? He's all right.

What's the matter with Corson? He's all wrong.

Who's all right as a presiding officer? J. G. Bair.

Who said the dance wasn't all right? Nobody.

The complimenting of neighbor lodges on the dance programs, showed courtesy and thoughtfulness.

Did you notice that the installing officer kept his hat on through the ceremonies? Not ignorance, we wish to say, but in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Masonic order.

In our rambles about the hall Friday night, congratulating officers, we looked, and looked in vain, for the "Worthy Master." Will Corson please explain to the public who he may be?

A NOVEL IDEA.

That Choteau has an inventive genius within her limits is a positive assurance, and that person is none other than S. Y. Penrod, at one time a school teacher in Teton county, but of late he has turned his attention to contracting and carpenter work in general.

A visit to his shop will convince the most radical anti-inventive skeptic that he has a novel invention and one that is very useful.

It is a little machine, known as a shingle nail driver and it works to perfection. It works on something the same plan as a corn planter.

The shingle nails are poured into a box, nearly the same as corn, and the machine feeds automatically and the nails drop into a slot and are buried in the shingles by a plunger, the same as the corn is pushed into the ground.

Mr. Penrod has applied for a patent, and if granted one he will have an invention that will win for him fame and fortune.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Of the State Board of Live Stock Commissioners Given Below.

The annual report of the state board of live stock commissioners, just filed with Gov. Smith, shows among other things that during the year the stock inspectors recovered 19,104 head of cattle valued at \$750,000. The board estimates the value of the stock output for the year at \$9,500,000. There were 192,162 cattle marketed outside the state and about 60,000 butchered at home. As compared with 1896 the year's output was about 2,000 less, but the prices for 1897 were considerably better. The board comments upon the improved condition in the cattle business of the state and prophesies a splendid business for this year. During the year 87 arrests for violation of the stock laws were made, of which 42 were convicted.

The board presents this table of the number and value of cattle inspected since the organization of the board:

Year	No. inspected	Est. value
1885	79,089	\$ 2,788,115
1886	119,620	4,186,700
1887	82,134	2,874,690
1888	167,620	5,836,070
1889	123,850	4,335,800
1890	174,035	6,091,220
1891	250,000	8,750,000
1892	203,000	7,445,000
1893	279,153	*8,374,740
1894	302,655	10,592,925
1895	306,640	**11,032,560
1896	354,884	***8,410,514
1897	252,162	***9,329,994

*At \$30 per head.
**At \$36 per head.
***At \$33 per head.
****At \$37 per head.
All others at \$35 per head.

Terms of District Court.

The dates for the opening of the several terms of court during 1898, in the counties comprising the 11th judicial district of the state of Montana, have been issued by Judge Smith as follows, to-wit:

TETON COUNTY.

1. Monday, January 17th.
2. Monday, April 18th.
3. Monday, July 11th.
4. Monday, October 3rd.

FLATHEAD COUNTY.

1. Monday, January 31st.
2. Monday, May 2nd.
3. Monday, July 25th.
4. Monday, October 17th.

A Pleasant Surprise.

A surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kerr Wednesday night at their new home on the Bench. Games, dancing and luncheon was indulged in until a late hour when all returned, satisfied that the evening had been well spent. The following people went from town:

Mesdames C. H. Drake, Chas. Wymer, Geo. Richards, T. R. Carr; Misses Jennie Drake, Della Evans, Ella Richards, Reta Summers, Maggie Shields, Wilmina Johnson; Messrs. Bill Cook, Frank Carr, Geo. Richards, Chas. Richards, Chas. Lamb, Roy England, Chas. H. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and Cecil Yeager. Music was furnished by Vade Hull.

Cupid on the Gain.

On examining the marriage records in Clerk of Court McDonald's office we find that the demand for marriage licenses is increasing. The record is as follows: 1893, 9; 1894, 15; 1895, 16; 1896, 18; 1897, 21. Mr. McDonald tells us that there are a number of licenses taken out each year that are never used, which proves the old adage—"There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip."

A Weather Prophecy.

Professor Hicks, the weather prophet, says there will be a storm Jan. 8, to be followed by severe cold. He also predicts the last half of February and first half of March will bring much severe and unpropitious weather.

Your Dry Goods buying should by all means be done at the

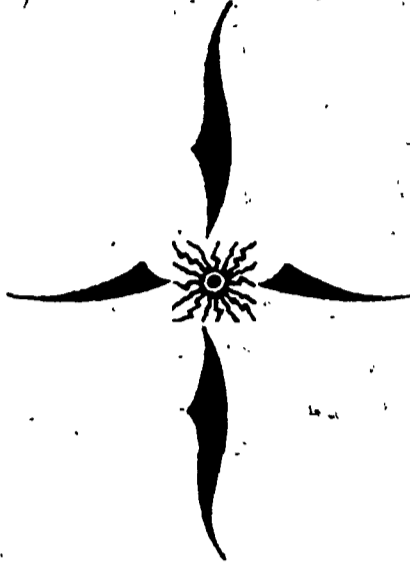


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