

ANNUAL LODGE OF SORROW HELD BY GREAT FALLS ELKS

The Rev. L. J. Christler of Havre Delivers Memorial Address at Services in Temple.

In memory of nine members who have died within the last year, the Great Falls Lodge, No. 214, B. P. O. E., held services of sorrow Sunday night, annual Elks' memorial day, in the Elks' temple.

The Rev. L. J. Christler, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church at Havre, delivered the memorial address.

The Rev. Christler has a life membership in the Elks' lodge which was a gift to him from Auburn Lodge No. 474, of Auburn, N. Y., more than 20 years ago.

In his address Mr. Christler compared life and death as great adventures. He lifted death from its grim setting in the solemn meeting by treating it as healthy minded people accept and risk life, as a great adventure which stirs the pulse, challenges pluck and tests the nerves.

The basis of his address was "The Creed of Sanctified Common Sense as Opposed to a Faith-Harbor of Escape From the Storms and Thrills of the Great Adventure of Both Life and Death."

The Rev. Mr. Christler said in part: "No period in the history of the world's events in Elksdom awakens such profound and tender feelings in the heart and mind of an earnest Elk as does the first Sunday in December of each year, when observance of the memorial day gives opportunity to exemplify in a practice of singular beauty and power the teachings of our brotherhood."

"It follows, therefore, that the value of this day is inestimable, in that it not only lends dignity to the fraternity, but it enforces the renewed respect of all for the faith that is not a way of talking, but a way of walking; the faith, worthy of the best that brain can think or will can do."

"The fundamental outlook on the associations of this day and the ceremonies of the other regularly stated conclaves of the year, while different in character, is not so very different in principle."

"The message to us at the moments when around the altar we bind ourselves to the same ties and pledge ourselves to the same duties is concerned with the co-operative venture of men to intermingling high ideals and the lofty joys of service with the hard tasks and chastening experiences of life that our names and characters will be as pure and legible upon the hearts about us as the stars on the brow of an evening cloud."

"It is then and there we commit ourselves to a brotherhood of decision, of life, not by an intellectual acceptance, but by moral loyalty, not by profession, but by the conscious joining of our hearts with the choice spirit of human adventure."

"So, then, the message of today differs only from the voice of the other conclaves in that it is concerned with the moral attitude of each one of us toward the adventure which we call death, wherein the things we dreamed of in life's adventure are at last accomplished and the things marred by the blunders of the same are at last whole, for whenever we arrive at the cradle or at the grave, either spells adventure."

"It is impossible to go back and follow down along the lines of modern experience, of ethics, of religion and civility, and not encounter along the way today in church, fraternity, state and nation a discouraging decline of the spirit of adventure. In then, each hesitating, halting, afraid, in a most painful, dramatic way."

"Here are some of the maxims that spell decay only to a religion, a brotherhood, a civilization lolling in slumbered cases. Above church alters the self-protective prayer 'Grant that we may not run into any kind of danger,' or the motto, 'Join the church and find a harbor from wrath.' On the bridge door, 'Come in men, and be sheltered from the chilly winds and vicissitudes of life, or the slogan, 'Join the fraternity for the security and popularity it insures. Over the seats of governments the most conspicuous sign of all—a twin to the one that stands on so many railway stations—'Safety first' or 'Security, not adventure.'"

"Nothing can be more remote from men made for hard tasks than this gabble of the 'play safe' kind of a people, many of them good people, but too many of them good for nothing in a world filled with the tragic needs of today."

"Among the vast adventures of church, of fraternities, of state, of nation and of man today is to make choice between war and peace, for since the last war, our boast of a civilized people sounds empty when experience shows there is not much of that commodity in existence."

"Let us make the adventure at this hour with all its attendant risks and thrills by announcing to the world 'We the people of America do govern, because there can be no better order of living in brotherly love, in faith, in justice and in fidelity so long as hearts and backs are broken with the cost of armament.'"

"We cannot fold our hands in smug satisfaction—now that victory has been won—for victory is always a starting point for greater adventures if it is to live and not decay."

Program of Elks Memorial Services

- Following is the program of the memorial: Processional March... Selected Invocations... Most Rev. M. T. O'Brien... Opening Ceremonies... Roll Call of Deceased Brothers... Secretary Charles Wegner... Vocal Solo, "One More Glimpse," (Agatha Backer Grondahl)... Walter Halverson... Responses, "Cavalliere Rusticiana," (P. Mascagni)...

The members of the lodge who died during the past year were, Paris Gibson, John D. Brown, R. M. Buzgig, E. Woodworth, W. C. Beer, Maurice S. Parker, John S. Olsen, George F. Overfield and A. H. McDonell.

COLLEGE TEAMS DEBATE HERE IN JANUARY

Universities of Montana and Utah Consent to Stage Meeting in This City.

Debating teams from the state university of Montana and the University of Utah will meet in Great Falls sometime in January to debate a question of national importance yet to be decided, it was announced Sunday.

These teams, with the University of Idaho, form a triangular college debating association. Montana debaters met a crew team from Columbia university last year in Butte and lost by a close margin in a two to one decision.

Besides Utah, Montana debating teams this year will meet teams from Montana state college, the University of Idaho, a Redlands, Calif., team, and teams from British Columbia and Wyoming. Plans are being made also to arrange debates with Reed college, Portland, Ore., and Pennsylvania state college, it was announced.

Montana has written for a debate with the University of Montana and has offered to send in addition to the regular team a women's team to meet a women's team. No definite arrangements for such a meeting have been made at the present time, according to information from the university.

Test 22,000 Cattle in Gallatin County Tuberculosis Drive

Bozeman, Dec. 4.—Steady progress is being made in the tuberculosis cattle testing campaign in Gallatin county. To date more than 22,000 cattle, owned by 1,000 farmers, have been tested, and the number of reactors or diseased animals is virtually zero.

James J. Atkinson Old Timer Here, Dies at Brainerd, Minn.

Harlowton Raises Money to Support Ballard Hospital

Farm Hours Keep Judge Ayers Even With Court Calendar

Special to The Tribune. During the first week of the jury term of court in Judge Roy Ayers' department 27 cases have been disposed of with the court is right up with the calendar. The rest has been achieved by introducing what is called "farmers hours" in court.

OUTLOOK GOOD IN STATE FOR BETTER ROADS

E. H. Blakeslee, Engineer Constructing Bitter Root Bridge Sees Much Work Ahead.

The outlook for good roads and better bridges in Montana within the next few years is very optimistic, according to E. H. Blakeslee, 616 Fourth avenue north, construction engineer, who returned to Great Falls Saturday from Stevensville, where he is building a steel bridge across the Bitter Root river.

Mr. Blakeslee has been engaged in construction work in Montana for 15 years and was a member of the engineering staff of the state highway commission for several years. Besides the Bitter Root bridge, made up of two 230 foot steel spans resting on concrete piers, he has under construction a bridge across the West Gallatin river in Gallatin county, made up of a 105 foot steel span with two 20 foot approach spans.

Save Miles for Farmers These bridges are both for the accommodation of farmers located off the railroad and a long distance from shipping points. The case of the Bitter Root bridge is a case of a highway commission for several years. Besides the Bitter Root bridge, made up of two 230 foot steel spans resting on concrete piers, he has under construction a bridge across the West Gallatin river in Gallatin county, made up of a 105 foot steel span with two 20 foot approach spans.

Two Feet of Snow In speaking of the recent snow storm in that section Mr. Blakeslee said: "Flat cars loaded with steel and concrete were virtually buried and my bridge timbers looked like mountains of snow. The snow was 27 inches of snow on the level and when it quit snowing roads were impassable. The valley folk all sat around the fire and wondered how long it would last. Old timers who still stay at automobiles, yes, there are a few left—grinned at the lads whose cars were stalled in the main street of Stevensville and patched into town from the Burnt Fork country, remarked that it had been 'nigh onto 40 years' since he'd seen that much snow in the Bitter Root."

BIRTH. A son was born Dec. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Swan of 2615 First avenue north.

Prominent Physician of Butte Found Dead in Silver Bow Club

Butte, Dec. 4.—Dr. F. W. McCrimmon, prominent Butte physician and surgeon, was found dead in his room at the Silver Bow club. On the previous morning he had complained of not feeling well and had taken breakfast in bed.

From the position of the body friends believe he was making an effort to arise when he was stricken. It is thought death came about noon.

Dr. McCrimmon had practiced in Butte since 1891. He was a native of London, Ont., and was 51 years of age. He was a graduate of Western university and came to this city soon after leaving college. He is survived by his wife and a son, Frederick, both of whom are in San Francisco.

Elks at Anaconda Feed 773 Persons Thanksgiving Day

Anaconda, Dec. 4.—More than 8,000 pounds of potatoes, 3,000 pounds of meat, 1,000 pounds of apples, hundreds of packages of corn flakes, 200 large cans of salmon, and hundreds of pounds each of cabbage, rutabagas, turnips and carrots were distributed by Anaconda lodge of Elks to Anaconda families for Thanksgiving. The distribution was made on Thanksgiving eve and was part of the Elks' program in providing a holiday dinner to hundreds of Anaconda families.

NEVER SPLIT WIDE OPEN OVER FAMILY LIMITATIONS

Proposal of Sterilization in Cossidente Case Rouses White Hot Debate; Woman Says Welfare Workers So Numerous She Can't Keep House Clean.

By JAMES A. STUART Special Correspondent of Great Falls Tribune Copyright, 1921, The Great Falls Tribune (While Washington is busy with the limitation of armaments, Denver and the west are engaged in a white hot debate over the limitation of families. What should be the proper ratio of children to the family age or income? An Italian woman, Mrs. Cossidente, has been haled into court for not caring for her children properly. The suggestion that her children might be taken from her unless she would submit to an operation of sterilization, has aroused a storm which threatens to become nationwide. The 60-year-old father—apparently a sort of inmate by-stander in the court proceeding—is said to have given his consent, but the mother is defiant.)

Denver, Dec. 4.—Judge Royal R. Graham, sitting in Denver juvenile court, has ordered that Mrs. Cossidente, who has not only set Colorado in a white hot debate in a most efficacious method of birth control, but has received numerous threats of bodily injury from the Italian colony of the city. This because it was reported that he had ordered the sterilization of Mrs. Clyde Cossidente, who was haled into court for failure to take care of her five children—all of them under eight years of age. Judge Graham denies that he ever contemplated directing such an operation without the consent of both the woman and her husband. One phase of the storm which has broken out is a demand by some to know if in this instance the sauce for the goose should not also be sauce for the gander. Mr. Cossidente is close to 60 years old, while Mrs. Cossidente is only half that age and declares her intention of bearing just as many more children as she can. Mrs. Cossidente blames all her trouble on "too many welfare workers." She says she couldn't keep them out of her house and although the medical authorities claim that some aspects she has the mind of a child, she does not hesitate to express that mind in very emphatic terms against her tormentors.

She Takes No Chances While the judge has denied entering an order against Mrs. Cossidente taking some of her children away from her, unless she should consent to the operation, that Italian mother is taking no chances as to the future and a visit to her home today in order to advise that their closed the place carefully cleaned and faces washed.

The case is now in the hands of a committee of three, J. A. Reynolds, attorney for the Cossidentes, and two women welfare workers who are to report conditions in the house on January 10 when Judge Graham will decide whether it is necessary to take the children.

Medical Student's Story Sterilization of Mrs. Cossidente was suggested to Judge Graham in the midst of the hearing of the case by a witness, Ray Sunderland, senior medical student in the university of Colorado, who attended Mrs. Cossidente in the hospital last night. Sunderland declared that he has talked the matter over with Cossidente and that Cossidente has given his consent.

"I was simply trying to keep the facts together," said Sunderland. "Before I went on the witness stand I again asked Cossidente if she would agree to the sterilization of his wife and he said yes, so while I was being questioned by the judge I made the suggestion that conditions would not improve as long as Mrs. Cossidente kept bearing children as rapidly as possible and that it might be well to consider putting an end to that."

"Then the judge named a committee to take over the case and he told them that it might be well for them to consider the sterilization suggestion if the parents would be willing, otherwise he would take over the case and he would home unless conditions were greatly improved."

Only Solution, He Says "In the consideration of this family's case the whole thing hinges on the large size of the family, the difference in the ages of Cossidente and his wife, and the mother's mental condition. There are five children now, all of them young. Cossidente is close to 60 years of age but his wife is only 30. Her age infers the possibility of bearing children for several years while they would be unable to care for them."

"With conditions as they are, it comes to me sterilization of either the husband or wife, if agreed to, is the only solution of their problem. It couldn't hurt Cossidente to be sterilized, because of his age, although I disagreed with him only the proposal to sterilize Mrs. Cossidente."

"Since the storm of discussion following the recommendation of the judge, which has been approved by most of the leading women of Denver and as bitterly denounced by most of the men, Judge Graham has issued this statement to set himself right in the Cossidente's case, a reporter came to me and asked whether an order for sterilization would be entered if the conditions made it necessary and with the consent of the parties concerned."

Declines to Comment "I sincerely hope that the objectionable conditions will be eliminated for the place for those children in their own home. I have no intention of forcing Mrs. Cossidente to give up her children or submit to an operation for sterilization as an alternative. As to the justice or advisability of such an operation in any case or under any circumstances, I do not care to comment."

sent during the entire hearing of the case, declares that after Sutherland had suggested to the court that Mrs. Cossidente should submit to an operation Judge Graham ordered a committee to visit the Cossidente home to view conditions there and then turned to Sutherland and said: "And, doctor, you will see to the carrying out of your suggestion." Despite the threats he has received, Judge Graham has declined to adopt the suggestion of friends to provide a body guard for himself.

With defiance in her eye and bitterness in her voice, Mrs. Cossidente hugged her baby fiercely to her bosom today and answered a question as to whether she had changed her mind since her first outburst against the court by asserting that she expected to have more children, would never

Hemstitching, 316 4th St. No.—Adv. Primrose Camp, R. N. of A. Meeting tonight, K. of P. hall.—Adv. Richard Barry, stove castings, in Graham & Rose coal office.—Adv. D. L. Holland of Judith Gap, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

LeRoy Hershberger, a rancher of Brady, spent Sunday in Great Falls. Dr. M. E. Knowles of Helena is spending a couple of days in Great Falls on business. State Senator Thomas O. Larson of Choteau, is spending a few days with friends in this city.

William N. Turnbull of Butte, is registered at the Hotel Rainbow. He will spend a few days in the city. George H. Ibbotson and Frank Ryzek left Saturday morning for San Diego, where they will spend the winter. E. E. Switzer of Brady, arrived Sunday to stay a few days in Great Falls. He is registered at the Park hotel.

Phone 6525 and we will call for your battery for winter storage. Great Falls Starter and Battery Co.—Adv. Sidney M. Logan of Kallispell is visiting friends in Great Falls. He arrived Sunday and will spend the week. Frank Wright, mining man from Neihart, spent Saturday in Great Falls. He left Sunday morning for San Francisco.

Nina E. Munsing of Wolf Point, is a business visitor in Great Falls this week. She is staying at the Park hotel. V. E. White, a merchant of Power, arrived in Great Falls Sunday. He will spend several days attending to business matters. Mrs. Alex Remneus of 1319 Fourth avenue north, was called to Alliance, Neb., late last week by the serious illness of her mother.

Ronald Higgins of Missoula, deputy United States district attorney, arrived in Great Falls Sunday to attend this session of federal court. L. V. Lockwood, civil engineer of Glasgow, spent Sunday in Great Falls conferring with E. H. Blakeslee, with whom he is associated in construction work. Mrs. Chris Olegard and daughter, Mayme, of Ribeling, will arrive in Great Falls today (Monday). Miss Olegard will undergo an operation for appendicitis Monday afternoon.

BAZAAR Members of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters are requested to attend the funeral of Marie Case, at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, from St. Ann's cathedral. And sale of home cooking by St. Mary's Guild of Episcopal church, Wednesday, Dec. 7, in Liberty theater building, Central avenue. PRIMROSE CAMP R. N. A. Election of officers tonight. All members requested to attend. FANCY APRONS ON SALE at McCoy's store today.

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B. P. O. ELKS, No. 214 Regular business meeting, Monday, Dec. 5, 8 p. m. Visiting Brothers fraternally welcome. ED. LA. BOSSIERE, E. R. CHAS. WEGNER, Secretary. WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM Regular meeting 8 p. m., tonight. Election of officers. MAMIE GAGLE, W. H. P.

give any of them up, and that she could take care of them as well as any mother. Lambasts Welfare Workers "Isn't my home clean now?" she asked. "This whole trouble is due to too many welfare workers coming here. So many of them came around here for them every few minutes, so they reported us to the court." Her face set with anger as she added: "I am the mother of these children and I'm woman enough to take proper care of them if they'll just stop bothering me." Cossidente said many citizens had

offered him money and aid in any form, but that he had declined all because he is able to take care of his own family. Meanwhile the local newspapers are bombarded with letters arguing for and against a sterilization law by the next Colorado legislature. THOMAS W. MACKEY'S FUNERAL SET FOR MONDAY Lewistown, Dec. 4.—The funeral of the late Thomas W. Mackey, who died early Saturday morning of cancer, will be held from St. Leo's church Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. John Arthur, of Los Angeles, arrived here from California last night, joining her sister, Mrs. E. C. Sweitzer of Lewistown.

MRS. EMMA CULBERLEDGE IS DEAD IN LEWISTOWN Lewistown, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Emma Culberledge, aged 42, a well-known resident of Lewistown, died Saturday afternoon following a brief illness that was not supposed to be of a serious nature until a short time before her death. Mr. Culberledge left Friday on a business trip to Oklahoma and has been wired. The funeral will be held Wednesday under the auspices of the Christian Science church, of which Mrs. Culberledge was a prominent member. Besides the husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Janita Samuel and Claire Culberledge, both residents of Lewistown.

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