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M. W. A. OFFICERS.

Annual Election Wednesday Night; Installation January 9.

The Modern Woodmen camp of Laclede is in a healthy and prosperous condition, having nearly one hundred members, owning its hall property and entirely out of debt. At a well attended meeting last Wednesday night officers for the ensuing year were elected and much other business transacted.

On January 9 there will be a joint installation of Royal Neighbor and Woodmen officers. The services will be held at the opera house and will be open to the public. Following the installation the Royal Neighbors and the Woodmen and their families will have supper to be served at the opera house. A regular program is being arranged for the evening.

The Woodmen officers elected last Wednesday night are: H. J. Libby, venerable consul; J. Q. Aber, worthy advisor; J. Clair Lomax, clerk; E. E. Toothaker, banker; J. C. Brown, escort; Dr. F. W. Burke, physician; A. R. Bissett, watchman; Ed. E. Love, sentry, and Dr. T. D. Fawcette, member of board of managers.

Eastern Star Officers.

At the regular meeting of Laclede chapter Order Eastern Star held last Monday night the following officers were elected: Gertrude Smith, worthy matron; E. E. Benson, worthy patron; Louise Burke, associate matron; Jno. T. Lomax, treasurer; Ella Standly, secretary; L. Kathryn Felt, conductress; Etta Dye, associate conductress. The following officers have been appointed by the worthy matron: Gertrude Smith, worthy matron; E. E. Benson, worthy patron; Louise Burke, associate matron; Jno. T. Lomax, treasurer; Ella Standly, secretary; L. Kathryn Felt, conductress; Etta Dye, associate conductress. The following officers have been appointed by the worthy matron: Gertrude Smith, worthy matron; E. E. Benson, worthy patron; Louise Burke, associate matron; Jno. T. Lomax, treasurer; Ella Standly, secretary; L. Kathryn Felt, conductress; Etta Dye, associate conductress.

Died at the Anderson House.

Fay L., the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bowyer, of Pittsburg, Kansas, died at the Anderson house Thursday night. Mrs. Bowyer and her two little boys were on their way to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Turner, in Jackson township and on reaching Laclede Fay was too sick to proceed farther. Dr. Standly was called and found him suffering from a bad case of pneumonia. The remains were placed in charge of Undertaker Felt and shipped to Linneus yesterday noon. Mrs. Bowyer expressed her deep appreciation of the kindness shown her by the people of Laclede in the calamity that overtook her among strangers.

Locust Creek Items.

J. Q. Lewis' baby has been quite sick for the past few days.

Geo. W. Estes was in Chillicothe last Saturday on business.

Mrs. W. W. Hoskins and daughter spent Monday with W. A. Balcom and family.

Mrs. Silas Thompson, of Laclede, is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Ricker.

Mrs. L. Eichman was called to Dean Lake last Saturday on account of the serious illness of her sister.

Miss Sallie Piggott, of Forker, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Burnett.

Mrs. E. J. Watson and two daughters, Misses Ellen and Zellah, spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. J. Q. Lewis.

Ten loads of coal were hauled from the Estes and Lloyd mines last Saturday. Work at the mines is being rushed now getting ready for another cold snap.

State School Notes.

The next annual report of the state superintendent of public schools will show some interesting facts. Among them will be:

The compulsory attendance law has brought 26,263 children into the schools the first year after it was adopted.

The highest annual salary paid a rural teacher in Missouri is \$600 for term of eight months at \$75 per month; the lowest \$60 for term of four months at \$15 per month. The average is below \$300.

St. Louis has an assessed valuation of \$240,000 per teacher employed and pays an average annual salary of \$720. Kansas City has an assessed valuation of \$110,000 per teacher and pays \$830 as an average annual salary.

Rural districts in most counties show a larger assessed valuation to the teacher than do the town schools of the same county, and the average for the rural teacher is above that of the city and town teachers of the state.

The average levy for school purposes in the rural school districts is about 47 cents on the hundred dollars assessed valuation, while in the cities and towns it is about 82 cents.

The above facts indicate that there should be some legislation requiring longer terms and larger salaries, especially in such districts as can support them on a levy within the constitutional limits.

Both the Southwest and Northwest Missouri teachers' associations held during the Thanksgiving holidays passed resolutions favoring legislation requiring state uniformity of textbooks for rural and village schools.

There is great demand for trained state normal schools as well as for the enrollment in these five schools so far since September is, in round numbers, as follows: Kirksville, 600; Warrensburg, 700; Cape Girardeau, 400; Springfield and Maryville, each 200.

The fiftieth anniversary of the state teachers' association convenes at Moberly December 27 with Superintendent Greenwood, of Kansas City, as president. He is the oldest member in point of continuous membership. The attendance will be large. Railroads and hotels give reduced rates. Write to Supt. Greenwood for program. Let the attendance be several thousand.

State Superintendent Carrington will hold his last examination for state certificates on December 26 at Moberly and Jefferson City. He gives but one day this time so as to allow those who have begun examinations to complete them before the end of his term. Supt.-Elect H. A. Gass has announced that he will, for a time, continue the examinations about as they have been.

Outwits the Surgeon.

A complication of female troubles with catarrh of the stomach and bowels had reduced Mrs. Thos. S. Austin, of Leavenworth, Ind., to such a deplorable condition that her doctor advised an operation, but her husband, fearing fatal results, postponed this to try Electric Bitters, and to the amazement of all who knew her, this medicine completely cured her. Guaranteed cure for torpid liver, kidney disease, biliousness, jaundice, chills and fever, general debility, nervousness and blood poisoning. Best tonic made. Price 50c at W. R. Barton's drug store. Try it.

Pay Your City Taxes.

The tax books for the city of Laclede are now in my hands for collection. Pay your taxes now and avoid the penalty that will be added January 1.

A. S. BYRD,
City Collector.

HERE AND THERE.

Doings That Have Taken Place in Laclede the Past Week.

John Hart, a former citizen of this place and well remembered by the older residents, died quite suddenly at the home of his brother Dan in Taneyville, Mo., about three weeks ago. The Harts lived on a farm just south of Laclede some twenty-five years ago.

W. L. Love has gone to railroading again. He was tendered and has accepted the position of tourist conductor on the Burlington, his run being from Chicago to Los Angeles, Calif. He left here Wednesday and took his first run out of Chicago Thursday night. The family will remain in Laclede.

To our customers: The delivery of goods to your homes has been, I think, satisfactory—twice each day, at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. If, however, it is your wish for a delivery at all times a day, I will see to it that it is done. I would like to have the sentiment of the people on this matter and would like to have you express yourselves at my store. C. E. Hilton.

Cards have been received in Laclede announcing the marriage of Miss Gineyra Anderson to Mr. John Oryille Boyd at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson, at Stanberry on December 6. They will be at home after New Year's at Keokuk, Iowa. The bride's many Laclede friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

Strange as it may seem, there are people who have been going to the postoffice on an average of three times that haven't yet learned that the quickest and only way to get their mail is to present themselves at the delivery window. Instead, they will hide behind the case and peck on their box and expect the delivery clerk to guess who it is that wants mail. Your face at the delivery window is a sight draft for your mail and is always promptly honored, while pecking on the box does no good and is wholly unnecessary.

A clumsy, foolish and fruitless burglary was committed sometime during Friday night of last week, when the postoffice building was broken into. The thief entered through the printing office by breaking out one of the back windows and tore the cash drawer in the money order department from its place and carried it away. It was found the next day near the railroad pond broken open. It didn't contain even a penny. The thief got nothing for his trouble but a few pennies taken from a private drawer and molested nothing belonging to the government. The job was evidently the work of a novice.

Last Tuesday evening the boys of the R. A. M. club gave a skating party at the local rink and had a number of their young lady friends present. The young folks spent a very enjoyable time, skating until 10 o'clock, when the skates were removed, the piano opened up and music and a good social time was had for an hour or so. Those present were Misses Ada Thompson, Etta Dye, Anna Brooker, Lizzie McGrew, Esther Rowland, Katie Harter, Myrtle McCoy, Julia Harter, Mildred Cupp, Vivian Hurlbut and Lola Brown; and the following members of the R. A. M.: Roy Hendricks, Frank Weaver, Carl Heryford, Bert Weaver, Virgil Harter, T. K. Willard, Max Jones, Lonnie Bruns and Nova Randall. Misses Daisie Rankin and Louise Burke were present as chaperons.

Some Evening Reveries.

It is not your own little loved one, or your neighbor's darling, or the child of any of your acquaintances, which crouches dead-eyed and hungry-hearted before its empty stocking, while all the rest of the world is flooded with Christmas gladness.

No, it is the child of the very poor, the fatherless, the outcast, the forgotten child of the dark alley that joy never enters and the heartless hovels that shut out cheer and hope; the forlorn child whose moaning reached the heart of God and caused Him to send His Son into the world to teach charity and love; the forgotten child whom Christ admonished us to give especial care—that as we do unto this poor child we do unto the Father in Heaven.

It is delightful to see joy shining from the eyes of your own little loved ones. But can you imagine the sorrow of that Father, who, on that day when the world is gladdest in celebration of charity and love, sees His own best loved ones forgotten and left to weep and moan alone in the dark alleys and bitter coldness of human neglect?

Where in all humanity is there greater longing, dearer expectation, sweeter hope than in the heart of a child on Christmas morn?

In all the earth there is no look so sad, no sob so stabbing as are called forth by the empty stocking.

In our Christmas joy let us not forget the poor and friendless whom he commends to our loving care. Let us not forget that on this day heaven as well as earth should have some share of joy.

Young men and old men, how do you intend to spend Christmas? Have you ordered a case of whiskey and intend to spend Christmas with you in drinking, cursing and whooping like a gang of Indians, or do you intend to get your wife and children some nice little presents and Christmas morning take the little fellows on your knee and tell them about the good old Santa Claus, and about Jesus, whose birth we will soon celebrate? Men, don't spend Christ's birthday in drinking and cursing. Make this the happiest Christmas that your wife and children ever spent. Young man, don't keep your mother in trouble during this Christmas. Make it pleasant for her. When you leave home, tell her where you are going and when you are coming back, and then you will leave her with a smile, instead of eyes red from weeping and uneasiness.

Woman achieves her greatest triumphs when she fulfils the will of her Creator. She was created to be the helpmate, not the rival, of man. They are to work as one, neither striving to take the position which belongs to the other. Woman is to be the queen in the quiet and peaceful domain of the home. Yet the fact that she is at home does not mean that she has no influence on the progress of the world outside the home. The ideal that is formed at our mother's home is the highest we will form in all our lives.

Many a discouraged mother folds her tired hands at night and feels as if she had, after all, done nothing, although she has not spent one idle moment since she arose. Is it nothing that her little helpless children have had someone to save them from harm and to listen to their little childish griefs and joys; that her husband feels safe when he is away at his work, because her careful hand directs everything at home and makes it a safe refuge and place of rest for him when his day's labors and perplexities are over? Weary and faithful mother, be encouraged when you know you have done what you could.

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Local Events of the Past Week Recorded For Blade Readers.

Cranberries at Bensons'. Mrs. Jno. T. Lomax is spending a week in Kansas City.

Spurs coffees cannot be excelled. Benson Bros. sell them.

Persons indebted to me please call and settle. J. L. Burke.

About 100 cords of good cord wood for sale by E. B. Skulley; 'phone 99.

Roller skating at the rink tonight. Don't miss it as all are having a good time.

New things in china. The Buster Brown and his dog Tige china at Hilton's.

Saturday, January 12, will be the date of Dr. Griffith's next visit at the Foreman house.

Candy at less than you ever paid for good wholesome pure sugar candy—3 pounds for 25c at Hilton's.

My farm of 258 acres 2 miles northeast of Laclede for rent. Address J. G. Myerly, Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Z. White returned last week from spending several days with relatives at Tina and Bosworth.

Shadrock Griffith has erected a mail box at his farm northeast of town and is now a patron of route 3 from Laclede.

Miss Alma Loomis, of Meadville, and Miss Florence Jones, of Linneus, spent Saturday and Sunday in Laclede, guests of Mrs. M. P. Benson.

Benson Bros. have this week added a delivery wagon for the better accommodation of their customers and all orders will be delivered promptly next season, having signed with the Montgomery, Alabama, club, which is a member of the southern league. The salary is said to be a remunerative one.

L. W. Rummell announces in THE BLADE today that the big slaughter sale of the B. F. White stock of clothing at Brookfield will continue but a short time longer. Better take advantage of it now.

In the circuit court at Linneus this week Joe B. Moore who shot Geo. Denbo in his restaurant here last fair day, plead guilty to "felonious assault" and was fined \$100 and sentenced to one year in the county jail.

To new subscribers, THE BLADE will be sent from now until January 1, 1908, for one dollar, and if you will add \$2.50 more we will send the Daily Globe Democrat one year, providing you are a patron of a rural route.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Trimble, missionary secretary, will deliver a most interesting address at the Methodist church next Monday night. No one should miss this address, as it will be almost the occasion of a lifetime. Come and bring all your friends.

Dr. Putman, of Marceline, surgeon for the Santa Fe, was here Monday to see Guy Asbury, who has brought suit against the Santa Fe for \$2,000 for a mashed foot as received while working on the road as section hand some time ago. C. C. Bigger, of Laclede, is the plaintiff's attorney.—Mendon Constitution.

A letter received yesterday from Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Swearingen, who are in the Canal Zone, changing the address of their BLADE from Empire to Las Cascadas, states that they are well and well pleased with their home and that Mr. Swearingen, who is an engineer on the government railroad, likes his job, all of which is good news to their many friends.