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"PIONEER CITY" CASTLE.

Branch Order of Knights of the Mystic Chain Organized.

On Wednesday evening James Williamson, of Scranton, the district deputy of the Ancient Order of Knights of the Mystic Chain, explained to a large number present at Assembly hall, the history of this secret society, and the benefits connected with its membership. The order originated in Pennsylvania and during the past twenty-five years has made rapid progress. New castles are found in all states of the Union, and in this state twenty-two. It has degrees of military rank and an order with insurance attached. A castle was organized after Mr. Williamson's address to be known as the "Pioneer City" castle. The following are the newly elected officers: Chaplain, John Henwood; select past commander, J. B. Vreeland; alternate, Walter Mills, Jr. knight commander, John Price; vice commander, J. H. Shiegle; first lieutenant, D. P. Morgan; treasurer, Andrew Booth; recording secretary, E. B. Thomas; assistant, J. T. Howard; financial secretary, Edwin Blight; inside guard, William Thomas; outside guard, Thomas E. Richards; chief of staff, Abram Jacobs; assistant, Evan T. Richards; trustees for eighteen months, William Hughes; for twelve months, John E. Matthews; for six months, James O. Morgan. A large number of knights of Luzerne and Lackawanna counties will be present to aid in the institution. A vote of thanks was extended to Thomas Lee, of Jermyn castle, for his interest in the new society.

ENTERTAINMENT TO BE GIVEN

This Evening By the Women's Relief Corps.

The Women's Relief corps have arranged the following programme to be given this evening in connection with the supper: Piano solo.....J. M. Alexander Piano solo.....Lena Bronson Recitation.....Earl Haycock Piano duet. Sadie Miller and Mina Frank Recitation.....Martha Harris Mandolin and guitar.....Messrs. Hunt and Fox Selection.....Magnolia Quartette Recitation.....Helen Patterson Zither solo.....Professor Crowder Recitation.....Little Miss Knapp Vocal solo.....Ida Snyder Some additions will be made to the programme.

Miss Kraig Entertains.

Friday evening Miss Florence Kraig entertained a number of her young friends at her pleasant home on Archbold street, it being her tenth birthday. The evening passed pleasantly in games and other amusements. At 8 o'clock refreshments were served. Among those present were: Misses Rose Sherrer, Celia Tallman, Nellie Downing, Gertrude Kraig, Maude Briggs, Tessie Bains, Grace Elston, Amy Shelley, Martha Kozlar, Ruth Golden, Charlie Alexander, Oscar Hunter, Jessie Sherrer, Murrill Ransom, George Briggs, George Alexander, George Shelley, Orris Keaglar, Guy Chapman, Murrill Frisbie and Lester Frisbie. The young hostess was the recipient of many beautiful presents. Mesdames Bert Golden and Charles Keaglar assisted in entertaining.

The Mitchell's Fair.

On Friday evening the Archbold Hose company and the William Walker hose company, of Mayfield, were present at the Watt building, where the Mitchell received their friends. Saturday evening was the last night of the fair and a very large number was in attendance. The following programme was carried out: Instrumental selections, Wilson and Gramsey; instrumental selections, Melvin and Maxwell; Italian sketch, Octavio Williams; comic sketch, Henry Battle; recitation, Voras Knaff; tenor solo, John Evans.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Miss Esther Moses is visiting in this city. Miss Clara Maroney, who has been visiting in this city for several months, has returned home. Edward Hartwell, of Cottage street, is entertaining his mother, Mrs. William Hartwell, of Philadelphia. William Dilts has returned from a visit in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman and son, Guy, are visiting friends in Horrellville. Mrs. Emily Porter has been granted a pension. Her husband, who died last fall, served during the civil war. Mrs. E. J. Balsley is ill at her home on River street. K. P. Hanks, who has been on his vacation in this city, has returned to St. Mary's seminary, Baltimore. Father Griffin accompanied him. The Misses McCourt, of Scranton, visited Mrs. A. F. Gillis, of Park Place, Saturday. The New Century club will entertain their husbands and gentlemen friends this evening at the home of Mrs. L. A. Bassett, on Lincoln avenue. Eric Case, of Uniondale, was in town Saturday. Miss Sadie Miller, who has been visiting in Scranton, has returned home. Misses Belle Connor and Lettie Dixon, of Avoca, are visiting in this city. Mrs. J. S. Bassett, of Thorn avenue, is entertaining Mrs. F. W. Day, of Wilkes-Barre. George Mills, of Lincoln avenue, is ill. Miss Margaret Maule, a graduate of the Metropolitan College of Music of

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No doubt The Tribune's readers minds revert to this day in history, being the anniversary of George Washington's birthday, and it might, for who deserves more credit and respect than he who bore the record, "First in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." George Washington's education in the indifferent local schools, extended only to reading, writing, arithmetic, book-keeping and land surveying, then an important acquisition. It was one of his aims to be a gentleman and when only 13 years of age wrote, for his own use, 110 maxims of his civility and good behavior. At the age of 19, at the beginning of the seven years' war, he was appointed adjutant of the provincial troops, with the rank of major; in 1751 he made his only sea voyage—help to Barbadoes—with his brother, Lawrence, who died soon after, and left George heir to his estates at Mount Vernon. The news of the battle of Lexington (April 19, 1775), called the country to arms, and Washington, then a member of the continental congress, was elected commander-in-chief by that body, and on December 23, 1783, the independence of the thirteen colonies achieved, he retired from the army to Mount Vernon, which he had, during the eight years of war, but once visited. He refused pay, but kept a minute account of his personal expenses, which were reimbursed by congress. On April 20, 1798, he was inaugurated president of the United States at New York, and serving for two terms in this office, he refused to accept a third term. In 1797, when there arose a difficulty with France, threatening hostilities, he was appointed lieutenant general and commander-in-chief. On the 13th of December, 1799, being exposed to the cold and snow and was attacked with acute laryngitis, of which he died on December 14, 1799. Washington was 6 feet 2 inches high, with brown hair, blue eyes, large head and strong arms; a bold and graceful rider and hunter; attentive to his personal appearance and dignity; gracious and gentle, though at times cold and reserved, and was an exemplary member of the Church of England. Today being a legal holiday, the Jermyn postoffice will be open the following hours: Morning, 10.50 to 11.45; afternoon, 2.30 to 3.30. The Grand Army men, Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Old Soldiers, drum corps leave this morning for Shickleshiny, to participate in a celebration at that place today. Mrs. John E. Humphrey is slowly improving. Miss Laura Jenkins, of Pittston, who formerly resided in Jermyn, is visiting friends in town. Miss Mary Merrick, of Second street, is visiting her brother, Robert, in Scranton. Miss Reddington, of Olyphant, is visiting Miss Maggie Sullivan, of Mayfield. Mr. Bert Trim, of West Pittston, is visiting his sister, Mrs. T. B. Crawford, on Second street. Mrs. A. W. Cooper, of Hawley, is visiting friends in town. Mr. and Mrs. Kirin, of Scranton, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. John F. Nicholson. Miss Edith Voeste and Messrs. Edwin Mellow and James Reiley, spent Sunday in Parson. Born—On February 21, to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bergan, a son. Mrs. Fred Paatz, of Mayfield, is seriously ill. Raymond, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Soby, is suffering with diphtheria.

NATION'S BLESSINGS.

Sermon Delivered by Rev. S. C. Simpkins at the First Methodist Church of Peckville.

Rev. S. C. Simpkins, pastor of the First Methodist church delivered a seasonal sermon last evening, taking his text from 2 Corinthians, 9th to 15th verse, "God is the Source of All Our Blessings." In the course of his remarks, Rev. Simpkins said: This ought to be a time of universal thanksgiving to Almighty God for his unspending gift to us, when from every corner of our beloved land comes grateful and devout worshippers singing their songs of praise and voicing in prayer the upwilling of their heart, listening to the proclaimed word of



REV. S. C. SIMPKINS.

God and remembering all his good gifts to us as a people. The red tokens of earth's bountiful yieldings, the uninterrupted whirl of industrial wheels, the eloquent stroke of hammers, the steady buzz of the saw, the busy gatherings in the marts of trade, all these speak of God's good will and grace to us as a nation. Neither in thought nor in voice can we estimate the good

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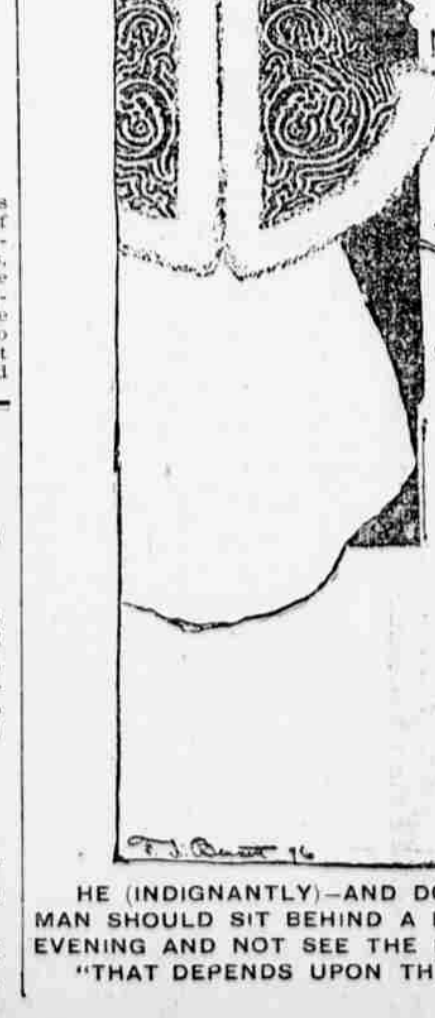
which has steadily come as the years have rolled by to us underserving ones. The sun has smiled, the clouds wept, the winds sighed, the earth has yielded her increase, and everywhere prosperity and blessings have come to us. It is sadly true that in many homes are vacant chairs; death has come, as come he will, and has sat as an unwelcome and unwelcome guest at the feast to hush its laughter and silence its song. Disease and loss, and pains and sorrows have had their victims among the many; but, as a nation, the commonwealth and the community, we have sought for aid to be grateful. The minor chords of sorrow and woe can only contribute to the perfection of sweet harmony, after which many days is made to sound forth. It is when we have endured the weeping for a night that joy cometh in the morning. It is when our hopes have become as ashes that God giveth beauty; and if sorrow has come nigh our dwelling let us not miss the serene joy, nor debar from our hearts inner sanctuary that spirit which is good, which comes so like a balm to the wound; but let us repeat tonight in another's presence, this blessed creed of the Christian church, that "God is good; that He is the source of all goodness and blessing; and the object of all glory." A little over one hundred years ago those who were living in New York city saw a great commotion in the harbor. British soldiers were hurrying to and fro and packing their baggage, prior to their departure for their native land. When all was ready, the sails were flung to the breeze and the entire British fleet departed for their homes, leaving behind them a "peace, sweet peace, floated over a free and independent people." That day New York city witnessed the most enthusiastic parade that had ever been seen in the New World. The long line filed out Broadway, down the Bowery, and on to the Battery, then, swinging round, marched back with banners flying and music playing. On reaching the central city, with bonfires everywhere, and the shouting of thousands, they marched to the city hall, where a grand reception was held. Old men fell on each others' necks and wept, while young men and maidens shouted for joy; and although the rest of our revolutionary army, leading from Bunker Hill to Valley Forge and Trenton was marked with blood, privation, and suffering and eyes, large head and strong arms; a bold and graceful rider and hunter; attentive to his personal appearance and dignity; gracious and gentle, though at times cold and reserved, and was an exemplary member of the Church of England.

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