

WEST SCRANTON

INSTALLATION AND BANQUET

HELD LAST EVENING BY HYDE PARK LODGE, E. & A. M.

George Oberdorfer Installed as Worshipful Master—Addresses by Hon. H. M. Edwards, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, Rev. H. C. McDermott and Others—Christmas Exercises in the Schools and Churches—Boy Injured by the Cars, Funerals, Weddings and Other Notes.

The newly elected officers of Hyde Park lodge, No. 229, Free and Accepted Masons, were installed last evening with appropriate ceremonies at Masonic hall. They are as follows:

Worshipful master, George Oberdorfer; senior warden, Harry Wrigley; junior warden, W. E. Lewis; treasurer, William R. Williams; secretary, Charles E. Laming; trustees, Charles R. Ditcher, James M. Eaton and Thomas B. Carey. W. Hayden Evans will represent the lodge at the Grand lodge meeting to be held during the coming year. Secretary Laming and Treasurer Williams were re-elected, and have served the lodge for many years.

Retiring Worshipful Master W. Hayden Evans was presented with a handsome past master's jewel. The installation was conducted by District Deputy Grand Master A. E. Stevens, who has officiated in that capacity thirty-six years.

Following the lodge meeting, an informal banquet was held in the dining hall, at which Hon. H. M. Edwards presided as toastmaster. He made a brief address, and was followed by Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, pastor of the Penn Avenue Baptist church; Rev. H. C. McDermott, pastor of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church; Hon. John R. Platt, D. J. Davis, and others.

The children's Christmas festival will be held at St. David's Episcopal church on the Sunday evening following Christmas.

The members of the Sherman Avenue Mission will present on Christmas night a cantata, entitled "Santa Claus," under the direction of Richard Phillips.

This evening the Sunday school of the Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church will hold their annual Christmas tree exercises.

The Christmas entertainment at the Jackson Street Baptist church will be held tomorrow evening, when Charles Hartley and others will entertain.

Dufour's French Tar

will promptly relieve and speedily cure coughs, colds, whooping cough, croup, etc., and all lung troubles. For sale by G. W. JENKINS, 101 South Main Avenue.

Eleventh Hour

BARGAIN HUNTERS

May Reap a

Rich Golden Harvest

At our many bargain counters, from now on till Christmas Eve.

Everything of a holidayish nature has a price on it that will surely close out the entire stock on hand before the closing hour on Tuesday night.

There's No Time For Particularizing These Days.

but if you have not bought your Christmas gift needs yet, consider yourself extremely lucky, for the money saving is bigger than you have any idea of. The selection in

Toys Dolls Games Bric-a-Brac

Fancy Goods Perfumery

Toilet Requisites Handkerchiefs

Neckwear of All Kinds, Etc.

is still in first class shape and there is no question about your being suited just as well as though you had come earlier.

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Among the college students who are spending their holiday vacations with their parents here are: James Cullen, John Brown, John McNamee, Thomas Jordan, Joseph Healy, John Wann, Joseph Clark.

Dr. W. B. Stanton, of Philadelphia, is the guest of friends in town.

Miss Ethel McDerrott, of Oronota, N. Y., is spending a few days with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McDermott, of North Hyde Park avenue.

Miss Sara A. Jones, of Hampton street, will spend Christmas with friends in Bethlehem.

John Stone, of North Bronley avenue, is visiting friends in Pittston.

John Randolph, of South Hyde Park avenue, is suffering from an indisposition.

Mrs. E. J. Hughes, of North Bronley avenue, is recovering from a slight illness.

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For several weeks past the water furnished by the Scranton Gas and Water company in this part of the city has been unfit to use either for cooking purposes or to drink, and a committee of representative citizens brought the matter to the attention of the Scranton Gas and Water company's officials.

John Demuth, Fred Kirchoff, Charles Brill and Alferman John Lentos took two samples direct from their house faucets a few days ago and carried them in bottles to the Wyoming avenue main office, where they stated their grievance.

Although the committee got no direct satisfaction, it is evident their mission bore fruit, for yesterday employees of the company opened many hydrants on the principal streets, for the purpose of cleaning the mains. There is no apparent change in the condition of the water as yet.

A. J. Colborn Heard from. William Naegeli, of 908 Pittston avenue, a prominent member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, was agreeably surprised a few days ago by receiving a postal card from Attorney A. J. Colborn, dated Dec. 9 and mailed in Hamburg, Germany. The card is unique in that it is composed of an American flag on the reverse side in red, white and blue, with an excellent photo of President Roosevelt in the center. The greeting reads, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and along the top line, printed in gold letters, is a banner of "Yankee Doodle."

Extending from the left-hand corner to the president's picture is the following sentence, also in gold letters, "Glory to the Union." The card is a decided novelty.

A Serious Case. Fred Mursch, of 801 Pittston avenue, is seriously ill with an unfortunate affliction that may render him deaf for life. A few days ago one of his ear-drum nerves became affected and an operation was made to relieve the pain. Mr. Mursch made rapid improvement until Saturday night, when the nerve of the other ear snapped and left him almost totally deaf.

Dr. Wehlan was summoned and an operation was decided upon. Assisted by Dr. Moran, the attending physician performed the delicate operation yesterday afternoon, which was entirely satisfactory. Mr. Mursch is now confined to bed, but unless other complications arise there is hope that his hearing will at least be partially restored.

Funeral of Paul Cramer. The remains of Paul Cramer, a former resident of this section, who met with a fatal accident in Youngstown, Ohio, last week, were received at his brother's home, at 60 Cedar avenue, yesterday morning, and interred at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. William A. Nordt at the house, and interment was made in the Pittston avenue cemetery. The pall-bearers were Fred Chryslit, chairman, John Lempton, Philip Hartman and George Bechtloch.

Last Night's Social. A merry social gathering for members only took place at the South Side Athletic and Social club rooms, 609 Cedar avenue, last night, which was largely attended.

The members gathered early and at 8 o'clock they were summoned to a rabbit lunch and supper, which was heartily enjoyed. Caterer George Rosen received the thanks of those present for his hospitality.

Coming Social Events. The Fourteen Friends have decided to celebrate the birth of the New Year in the old style, and they will have a watch-night party at their headquarters in Best's hotel parlors on New Year's eve.

A committee of eight has charge of the arrangements, and they will provide for as many as send in their names by next Sunday to Stewart James Best. The names of the committee are a guarantee that the affair will be one of the social events of the season.

The Knights of St. George are actively at work preparing for their New Year's banquet and ball, which will take place in St. Mary's hall. No expense is being spared by the committee, who have secured excellent music, superb decorations and a bill of fare that will equal any of the best hotels in the city. A very large attendance is expected, and arrangements are being made accordingly.

On Monday, December 20, the Saengerbund and Maennerchor societies will celebrate what is known as "Weinachts-Beschuerung," or Christmas tree festivities, which includes a drawing for prizes. Both societies have energetic committees at work, and it is likely both will be well patronized.