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MASONS HOLD BIG GATHERING AT ANGELICA

Past Masters of County Guests of Melrose Lodge No. 818, Friday Evening

One of the most interesting and unique meetings in Allegany County Masonic circles was the regular meeting of Melrose Lodge No. 818, of Angelica, last Friday evening.

The meeting was the first one at which the lodge had worked the third degree since the disastrous fire nearly two years ago, when all of their property was destroyed.

The work of conferring the third degree was done by Past District Deputies of this Masonic District, Robert Morgan of Cuba as Master, F. L. Taylor of Bolivar as Senior Warden, and B. S. Brundage, of Andover, as Junior Warden, Daniel Todd, of Friendship, as Senior Deacon, Harry Keller of Cuba, Junior Deacon.

The Past Masters of the district had been invited to this dedicatory service and over one hundred responded to the invitation.

Melrose Lodge now has a beautiful new home, finely furnished and equipped through with club rooms adjoining, and are in a position to make things move masonically around Angelica.

The Past Masters from Andover present were: H. D. Smith, E. F. Stearns, J. Harvey Backus, B. S. Brundage, B. B. Hann, Geo. H. Beebe and A. D. Fuller.

WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW IS BRIGHT

Operating Industries and Payrolls Mean Prosperity in Every Locality

Boston—For first time in its history, American Woolen Co. is operating at absolute 100 per cent. capacity with every spindle and loom and some night operation.

St. Paul—Northern Pacific announces \$5,000,000 improvement program for 1923, while deliveries of freight car and locomotive equipment for the year will involve 14,500,000.

New York—Paper production for February and March exceed all previous records. American railroads have announced appropriations totaling \$1,540,000,000 for new equipment, track and other improvements to handle the nation's freight business. New freight cars ordered during the past year 223,616; new engines 4,219.

New York—Westinghouse Electric Co. showed orders for March totaling for year 1923 \$200,000,000 which will be the best business in the company's history.

The Federal Reserve Bank says: "Volume of bank deposits is now larger than ever before and volume of bank loans and investments not much if any below the former maximum. Productive and distributing activity of the country is very near capacity. General level of commodity prices has risen about 11 per cent. in a year."

Kansas City—Three cuts in gasoline price recorded here in month, to 16c a gal.

Atlanta—Tonnage of fertilizers sold in cotton states to April 1st was 65 per cent. greater than in 1922 on same date. A large part of the sales have been on a cash basis.

Business leaders are opposed to another period of inflation and realize necessity of keeping commercial activity within sound confines. If production costs can be held to reasonable figures and prevent undue price rises, permanently prosperous conditions can be maintained.

Detroit—Great Lake Shipping Companies looking forward to one of their best years.

San Francisco—Refining capacity of Standard Oil of California of 180,000 bbls. daily makes it second only to that of Standard Oil of New Jersey.

Miami—Florida's most prosperous tourist season has just closed. 12 new hotels planned at this beach for next season. Exceptional demand for Florida property has been experienced in St. Petersburg, Tampa, Orlando and other cities.

Atlanta—Building permits from April 1 to 1st shattered record for any month in history of city, aggregating \$4,436,000.

Houston—International Portland Cement Corporation to enlarge its plant at Manchester from 725,000 bbls. a year to 800,000 bbls. It is the

DIES SUDDENLY AT FRIENDSHIP

Friendship, May 6. — While walking from the Friendship depot to board Erie train 25 yesterday morning Mrs. Ida DeForest, aged 61 years, of Black Creek, suddenly moaned, threw her hands to her heart and dropped dead on the platform. Dr. Fuller was called and found that death had been instantaneous.

The lady, who was the mother of Mrs. Fred Ferris, residing on the Babcock farm, near Friendship, had been visiting her daughter for some days and was returning to her home in Black Creek. Undertaker Mason of Friendship took charge of the remains.

CONTRACTORS MUST HAVE MONEY BACKING

State Highway Department Will Require Written Endorsement from Banks.

Owing to the number of contractors, who through lack of sufficient capital, have failed to complete highway contracts undertaken for the State, Commissioner Greene has ruled that hereafter, before any contract is awarded, the successful bidder must present written evidence from a bank showing his financial responsibility. The Department will require that a contractor shall be able to show resources amounting to at least 10% of the total contract price.

This ruling meets the general approval of experienced contractors who believe that this new requirement will result in a material benefit to the State, and to responsible contractors.

The letter which contractors will be required to secure from their banks is as follows:

Fred K. Stuart Greene, Commissioner; N. Y. State Commission of Highways, Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir: At the request of The Highway Company of Albany, N. Y., one of our customers, will say that we are satisfied as to their financial responsibility to undertake the contract in Orange County, New York, which contract we understand you contemplate awarding to them.

This Company has now a cash balance and negotiable securities deposited with us, amounting to \$20,000.00. We are also prepared to extend to this Company sufficient credit to enable them to successfully complete this contract.

When seen today, Colonel Greene said: "The delay and actual financial loss caused this State thru contractors who in the past ten years have defaulted in their work, can not be estimated in dollars and cents. We believe that this ruling will at least check, if it does not end, the trouble which always follows when an irresponsible contractor undertakes to build a highway, and later, through lack of money has to abandon the work."

only cement plant in the United States that uses oyster shells for raw material.

A. J. Brosseau, president of Mack Trucks, Inc., says: "I believe solution of Europe's problems has been brought infinitely nearer by work of the convention of the International Chamber of Commerce at Rome."

Chicago—Illinois Bell Telephone Co. plans to spend \$18,000,000 for new work this year. Estimated expenditures for next 5 years to reach \$100,000,000.

March building permits in 207 principal cities were \$422,591,923, an increase of \$161,564,177, or 61 per cent. compared with March, 1922. Greatest proportionate growth was in Pacific coast states which showed a gain of 171 per cent.

New York—Orders received by the General Electric Co., during first quarter of this year totaled over \$80,000,000, an increase of 56 per cent. over corresponding period in 1922. This indicates business for 1923 in excess of \$320,000,000.

Actual and estimated fire loss in this nation for 1922 as shown by the figures of the National Board of Fire Underwriters shows close to \$500,000,000. Carefulness would have prevented the majority of the fires.

New York—Chairman Lovitt of Union Pacific System says: "Indications are that western roads will have biggest volume of business in their history."

Saving deposits in United States banks have increased from \$2,935,204,000 in 1903 to \$13,381,661,000 on June 30, 1922.

More than one-half the total value of timber products manufactured in this country are produced in Washington, Oregon, Louisiana, Mississippi, California, Arkansas and Wisconsin.

Music in Our School

Interesting Paper Given by Mrs. Floyd Farwell at the Parent-Teachers Meeting in the Andover High School, Wednesday, April 25.

The article on "Music in Our School," which is printed herewith, was written by Mrs. Floyd Farwell, and read at the session of the Parent-Teachers' Association, April 25th. It is printed at the request of some who heard it and wish to pass on the message to those who were not able to attend this session. You will miss several talks, equally as good, if you fail to come out to the debate on May 15th.

Before we talk about Music in the School, let's go back a little further and consider the tiny tot of preschool age: Musical taste is largely developed by habit. Habits of all kinds are formed when and where? In the nursery, in the home. Is it not so? What about music habits? We read so much and hear so much of the physical welfare of the child, which of course is of prime importance; but what of the moral welfare as concerns music. The intellectual standard of a person is often judged by his likes and dislikes in music and literature.

We, as parents and teachers, are asking ourselves these questions:—How can I stop the pernicious influence of jazz and ragtime. Unthinking or amuseedly indifferent adults are responsible for this coarsening of musical taste. What will you do or suggest to change all this?

Margaret Anderton says in the Musician, "I consider the nervous prostration of thirty; the melancholia of 40-50, the grouchy glooms of 65; also the restlessness of 16 in our schools are directly traceable in the many instances to musicless homes, the stravation of the true music instinct."

The foundation of refinement and culture is laid in the tender years of childhood.

Why is it the children of Europe love beautiful music? Is it born in them? Well, it is partly a heritage, but it is part of their environment; what they are listening to every day. Teachers and parents, YOU can provide the music, children ought to hear in this country. How many of you are doing it?

Music has long been considered cultural; today its moral and spiritual values are at last to be recognized. It seems that, considering these facts, the importance of music in the school curriculum, would be readily seen and need little further emphasis.

However, we will reflect upon the value of music in our school from other points of view. First: Think of the technical values of music. By giving a few minutes each day to music the child is afforded a chance for self-expression. He soon has more confidence in himself at the same time is gaining a knowledge of something that will help him in all phases of life. Besides all this he soon acquires a good quality of tone, a keener sense of rhyme, a knowledge of the fundamentals of music, a repertoire of songs, and an appreciation of good music. It teaches concentration. In reading the syllables and singing, keen attention is required. Second: Think of the physical values. It induces deep breathing and Dr. Alfred Mumford, the medical officer of the grammar school for boys in Manchester, England, says he found lung space and brain power to be closely related. By examining the breathing powers of boys coming new to the school he was able with reasonable certainty to predict which boys would use their mental vitality to best advantage.

Music is an emotional steader. In the education of tomorrow we shall go a step further, and lay greater emphasis on the training of the emotional life. It is in this particular realm of life the fine arts are destined to play an important part. It is restful to the nerves, etc. It relieves nervous tension for the teacher as well as the pupil. There is more of an incentive to work. It puts the child in a receptive mood. The monotony of the day's work is relieved. If the teacher can arouse the interest of the child in music, she will be just as capable in arousing his in any other subject. No teacher can direct music and still continue to be nervous, cross and irritable. Third. And really most important, is the moral value of music. It has the power to refresh, inspire, and edify the human mind; this must have a reflective value upon the power to work for good or bad in man, etc. his morals. An activity such as music, which brings out one's better feelings in spite of oneself, is bound to be uplifting and ennobling.

The essence of music, the thing we want to accomplish especially in the public schools is the awakening of a love and feeling for the beautiful. Twenty-five years ago school music was tolerated as a concession to advocates of culture, with little or no recognition of its educational value. Today music is about to be placed on a par with the three R's. And now we come to what concerns us most, music in our schools.

Where there is no musical instructor there is still ample opportunity for teaching the subject. A little extra time and a little extra effort. In the primary grades the children should be taught to sing the scale, ascending and descending, the syllables, what is meant by staff, note, clef, lines and spaces, to sing simple exercises by syllable, besides a repertoire of songs.

Most every teacher has some knowledge of music. Those who haven't would benefit by the study. It is only a short time now before some knowledge of music will be required of every teacher. For the fifteen minutes or more you give to music a day means more than the one hour of instruction a special teacher might give once a week. And even if you did have a special teacher, her work must be carried thru the week. There is a contention that the syllabus asks too much of the teacher with her other work. Do what you can and do that well. If you start to teach music in the primary, as you should teach, it will be considered as seriously as any other subject, by the children; and the difficulties met in the upper grades in music will not be encountered.

In the upper grades and in your high-school there is no limit to the possibilities. Why not a junior chorus composed of your high school boys and girls. About the pleasant part of my high school days, I remember, were those interesting Friday morning exercises. One of the high schools which I attended had a very fine orchestra of several mandolins, two violins, traps and piano. We always enjoyed one of their selections, some oral work, and sang several songs.

Perhaps you haven't an orchestra, but you have something as good. A Victrola. Your Victrola, to occupy its proper place in this school, should be right here in this room. It is the means of reaching every boy and girl with the music they ought to hear. As a suggestion for exercises once a week, why not play a fine record, also have the biography of the master who wrote the music. If you have no records of this sort, some one in this town has. If it were called for and returned by some grown person, I think they might be willing to lend it for a morning. Towns like this far from any large city where pupils do not get the chance to hear the great singers and operas first hand need not deny themselves this music with a Victrola at hand. Do not judge all records by the average output. Some of the selections from Rigletto, especially the quartet with the immortal voice of Caruso and the violin. Selections of Kreisler are particularly beautiful to me.

Plan something definite about music all thru your school. Be proud of the opportunity to say to any out-of-town visitor who might come to your school, "We have such and such music in the primary intermediate grades, and a chorus in our high-school of so many voices, besides a number of very high class records and our Victrola." You will be considered progressive. Then and not until then will you be doing your full duty by your pupils, our boys and girls.

Lets have more music, better music. Lets help make America, "The Music Center of the World."

H. E. AUSTIN HAS A FINE POSITION

Herman E. Austin, who this week is moving from Addison to Canisteo, has accepted an important position with the Dairymen's League to be manager and superintendent of all the 28 League plants in this district. He begins work immediately and will spend all of his time in the territory with headquarters at Elmira, coming home to Canisteo for the week-ends.

Mr. Austin is not only one of the most widely experienced milk men in the state, but is a high class man in every respect and his connection with the League will instill confidence in this great organization. — Canisteo Times.

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN" WELL PATRONIZED

John F. Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company arrived in Andover Tuesday and carried out their program as advertised. The large tent was well filled and the production of this time-honored drama all that was expected by those in attendance. The Negro melodies, plantation songs and buck and wing dances between acts, were especially good.

Mr. Stowe and his company are fine people to meet personally and in a business way. As the long line of yellow trucks drove out of town Wednesday morning enroute for Jasper, where they were scheduled for that evening, many complimentary remarks were heard for the outfit.

NEW AUTO LENS LAW WILL BE ENFORCED

Aim to Rid Road of Glaring Head Lights, Only Used By Headless Drivers

Hornell, May 10. — While the drastic law against the use of illegal headlights by motorists in this state went into effect on May 1st, no arrests have so far been made here. It is not that there is any effort being made to arrest violators. Whether state police will swoop down some night and make wholesale arrests, none here are prepared to say.

Secretary Ernest Hand makes known the receipt of a letter from the New York State Automobile Association to the local club, explanatory of the law.

The law is not a new one. Thru the efforts of the New York State Auto Association, the Anti-Glare Headlight law was drawn. Some 200 devices were accumulated by the club. Sometime afterward the Tax Commission, invested with authority to pass upon the legal aspect of the 200, met and disapproved many.

Since December 6th, lists have been sent out with instruction as to how to adjust and focus lights. In order to have them focused properly it must be done by some garage owner, who has erected a testing station. None, so far as it is known here, has erected one as yet. All that is required is a white wall or screen with a line drawn across it, and twenty-five feet of unobstructed distance between the headlights and the wall or screens.

There are no official testing stations. Certificates showing that the lights have been tested are not worth the paper they are written on. There are no authorized testing stations. Many have sprung up in the state and are charging fifty cents and giving a certificate. This certificate has no value whatever as an official document and means nothing. There is nothing connected with the law which requires a certificate. Garages are warned that no one is authorized to appoint them official testing stations.

Dealers and garages are urged to equip themselves and qualify some one in their employ to make headlight tests.

The aim is to rid the state highway of the glaring headlight, responsible for most all of the accidents. Police, state police and the Tax Commission are preparing to rid the highways of the menace by arresting all violators at once.

VICTORY BONDS DUE

All Victory Bonds are due and will be paid May 20th. The Burrows National Bank will collect them for you. Interest will cease on these bonds on the above date.

NEW PRINCIPAL OF ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Prof. Warner W. Palmer, of Rochester, Heads Andover School Coming Year

The Board of Education of Andover High School has received the signed contract from Prof. Warner W. Palmer, of Rochester, accepting the principalship of the Andover School for the coming year.

When it became known that Andover High School was looking for a new principal, over fifty applicants sought the position, and out of this mass of applications the Andover Board of Education singled out Prof. Palmer as the man they believed best qualified for the position.

Prof. Palmer comes from the High School at Webster, N. Y., but lives in Rochester. He is a graduate of Rochester University and has taken several special courses preparing for teaching. He has the emphatic recommendation of the Armstrong Teachers Agency, which has always been considered by the Andover School when teachers are required.

STATE ROAD WILL GO OVER THE HILL

Decision is Reached in Building New Highway Down Canisteo Valley

Canisteo, May 6. — Engineering problems which threatened to delay construction of the succeeding links in the Addison-Cameron-Canisteo road have been solved within the past few days and final plans for this work will go into Albany at once. The solution of the problem relieves the Town of Cameron of the burden of building two overhead bridges and also eliminating two railroad crossings in Rathbone village.

The most serious problem was in the immediate vicinity of Cameron village. There the valley narrows down to such an extent that there was insufficient room to hold the railroad, the river and the highway. The widening of the valley at this point would have been a tremendous task and would have involved the excavation of thousands of yards of earth. In fact it would have meant the complete removal of a mountain.

The only alternative was to go over the hill or cross the railroad twice. The plans finally decided upon call for a road over the hill. This means a seven per cent. grade on each side for about three quarters of a mile. However, that is not a difficult grade and most modern cars can negotiate it in high gear.

The persons interested in this road are very much pleased that a decision has been reached and that construction will not be delayed. The contract will probably be awarded some time this summer.

The elimination of the two railroad crossings at Rathbone is another important matter. The state road will not enter the village proper, but will remain on the north side of the railroad, eliminating the two crossings that would be necessary if the improved road followed the present right of way. In order to do this, however, the state will have to obtain new rights of way for about three quarters of a mile along the north side of the tracks but this will not be a difficult task.

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