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JOINT INSTALLATION FIRE DESTROYED HOME

BY THE FOUR ORANGE LODGES AND MEMBERS OF FAMILY HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Was Held on Tuesday Evening—Officers Were Installed by District Master W. J. Saunders.

A joint installation of the officers of the four Orange lodges of the city was held in the Orange hall, Princess street, Tuesday evening. District Master W. J. Saunders was the installing officer. The officers installed were: L.O.L. No. 6—Worshipful master, James McAmmon; deputy master, T. McDaniel; chaplain, C. Wolfe; recording secretary, C. Ackerly; financial secretary, H. Frost; treasurer, J. Waldron; director of ceremonies, W. Mulligan; foreman of committee, I. J. Cabot; hall trustee, J. Gould. L.O.L. No. 316—Worshipful master, W. Ferguson; deputy master, T. Scales; chaplain, G. Clannahan; recording secretary, H. Graham; financial secretary, C. Ferguson; treasurer, W. Dinn; director of ceremonies, N. Harris; lecturer, B. McCordell; foreman of committee, J. Purdy; hall trustee, J. Berry. L.O.L. No. 352—Worshipful master, J. O. Saunders; deputy master, J. Birmingham; chaplain, W. McAmmon; recording secretary, J. Ballouly; financial secretary, W. Hanson; treasurer, B. Easley; director of ceremonies, G. Webster; lecturer, H. Huhter; foreman of committee, W. Webster; hall trustee, W. Cullen. L.O.L. No. 577—Worshipful master, W. Chapman; deputy master, B. Davy; chaplain, C. Clarke; recording secretary, W. J. Saunders; financial secretary, J. Bennett; treasurer, J. Thompson; director of ceremonies, G. Webster; lecturer, H. Huhter; foreman of committee, W. Webster; hall trustee, W. Cullen.

A Lecture on Ireland.
Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald gave his lecture of "Ireland and the Irish," to a crowded house at St. George's hall on Tuesday evening. The lecture was even better than on future occasions on account of its being somewhat longer. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Women's Association of the church and the ladies netted a neat sum for their undertaking. At times the lecturer had his audience on the verge of tears, and the next moment of laughter. At the close of the lecture the Bishop of Ontario moved a vote of thanks, seconded by the Dean of Ontario.

The warm weather such as we have been experiencing for the past two days has dampened the hopes of those who were anticipating the early arrival of ice. Last year on December 10th, ice was here to stay. "Promo" cameras, very compact. Mahood's Drug Store. It is said the Borden government will declare a bounty of \$2 per ton on pig iron. New sachet powders. Mahood's Drug Store.

THE DAY'S EPISODES

LOCAL NOTES AND THINGS IN GENERAL.

Coal Store Exploded at Home of Mrs. Margaret O'Neil, 263 Sydenham Street at Six O'Clock Wednesday Morning—House Was Almost Totally Destroyed, With All the Contents.

In a fire which broke out shortly after six o'clock on Wednesday morning, the home of Mrs. Margaret O'Neil, at 263 Sydenham street, was almost totally destroyed by fire, with all its contents, while Mrs. O'Neil, her daughter, Miss Kate O'Neil, and son, Joseph O'Neil, had a narrow escape from death. The fire was caused by the explosion of a coal stove in the parlor. The total loss is placed at about \$2,500, partly covered by insurance. Miss O'Neil, so it appears, happened to be awake at the time, when she heard the noise of the explosion, and she acted promptly. Getting out as quickly as possible, she went to the room where her mother was sleeping, close by, and got her out into safety, and in the meantime, her brother, the other member of the family home, had also been awakened by the noise, and was astir. The building, being a frame structure, the fire made great headway, but the members of the family were able to make their escape by way of the back door, in the nick of time. The house filled with smoke quickly, and had not Miss O'Neil acted promptly, in a few minutes all might have been suffocated in their beds. Mrs. O'Neil is an aged lady, and it was a great shock to her and also to the other members of the family. Miss O'Neil has been confined to the home through illness for several weeks. The firemen were called, two alarms being sent in, the first coming from box 4, at the corner of Rideau and Bay streets, a telephone call coming in about the same time. The fire, however, got a good start before the call was sent in, and as it was a frame building the flames did not take very long in spreading over the entire building. As a result of the explosion, the coal stove was turned over on its side. A portion of the roof was saved, with one side of the house, but the rest was almost totally destroyed. The family had not time to save one article, and the house which was well-furnished, soon became a mass of ruins. A fine piano was included in the loss, while in addition to the loss of all the house furnishings, the members lost all their wearing apparel. One life was lost in the blaze, that of the poor canine being suffering from a broken leg, and was undergoing treatment. The dog was in the kitchen, unable to get out, and the members of the family had no time to take it out, and thus it died from suffocation. The house destroyed was one of the oldest homesteads in the city. Mrs. O'Neil owned the house, and had lived there for upwards of thirty years. The house was a landmark of the city.

THE INHUMAN WHITES.
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 6.—As a warning that they wanted all negroes to clear away from their district, a white mob burned two negroes and one negro to death in a wagon load of cotton near Savannah yesterday.

ASKS THAT JUDGMENT BE DECLARED NULL

Mrs. Herbert's Latest Action The Forerunner of An Important Case.
Montreal, Dec. 6.—There was another development in the Helbert marriage annulment case yesterday, when Mrs. Helbert asked that the judgment nullifying her marriage be declared null and void. It is understood this is forerunner of an action to definitely test in the courts the right of ecclesiastical canons to declare marriage null.

Prompt Action Essential.

H. W. Richardson spoke at the interview with the government re. Welland canal clearing. In a vigorous address he pointed out that if prompt action were not taken to deepen the Welland canal, practically the whole of the export grain trade from the west would go through the Erie canal. By the deepened Erie canal a rate of three cents a bushel could be given on grain from Fort William to New York or practically half the present rate. With a deepened Welland canal he believed they could meet this with a rate of two and a half cents. Even on the present basis of production the value of the western crop would, through the saving of freight rates, be enhanced by some four millions annually, which would more than pay the interest on the cost of enlarging the canal.

Election of Officers.

The annual election of officers of the council No. 20, C.O.C.F., took place in the Chelsea Friends hall, Tuesday evening. Charles E. Linton, chief councillor, was in the chair and much routine business was done. Past officers were elected: Past councillor, Charles E. Linton; chief councillor, Stanley Trotter; vice-councillor, William Buck; recorder, R. C. Bell; treasurer, H. D. McFaul; physician, Dr. H. J. Gasdiner; prelate, M. S. Bushy; marshals, P. J. Maloney; wardens, E. J. Smith, snrty, William Crawford; trustees, Capt. James Kirkwood, J. Gowans; auditors, O. V. Bartels, Silas Grimshaw; medical examiners, Dr. A. W. Richardson, Dr. A. E. Ross, Dr. W. A. McCarthy, Dr. T. J. Gagnier.

Still Carrying Coal.

The steamer Sowards was expected to arrive at Bath, this afternoon, with coal from Oswego. The Sowards has had a busy season, and is one of the best coal carriers on the route. Capt. Max. Shaw is in command, and he has made the Sowards travel this season. The Sowards is always one of the last of the local coal fleet to be laid up.

Bundle of Wire Stolen.

Harry Bredt, in charge of the installation of lights at the offices of the E.C.H.A., reports that a bundle of wire, containing about 250 feet, was stolen. He left the bundle down and after an absence of about ten minutes returned, and the wire was gone.

To Attend Anniversary.

F. S. S. Johnson, United States consul, leaves for New York, on Friday. He will be present at his parents' golden wedding anniversary, in Vineland, N.J., on Sunday, the 19th.

THE DAY'S EPISODES

LOCAL NOTES AND THINGS IN GENERAL.

Occurrences in the City and Vicinity—Other Brief Items of Interest Easily Read and Remembered.

Kodaks, all prices. Mahood's Drug Store. James T. Sutherland left, to-day, for Peterboro. Court oysters, the big kind for frying, at Canovsky's. Remember "Chalmers church sale, Thursday, Dec. 14, at 3 o'clock. The report of the W.C.T.U. meeting will be published on Thursday. William Swaine, piano tuner. Orders received at McAuley's, Phone 778. Court Enterprises, No. 59, I.O.F., will elect its officers, to-morrow evening. A Christmas suggestion: Subscription the public library for your friend. William Baile, Barris street, who has been quite ill, is improving nicely now.

Navigation men say the season just closing on the great lakes was unsatisfactory.

Men I. Call and see our Perfect Comfort Boat, just arrived. Store open at nights. Buttg's. The police return thanks to citizens who have contributed magazines to the police station. H. Cunningham, piano tuner, 21 King street. Leave orders at McAuley's Book store.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. B. Russell, of Ameliasburg, celebrated their golden wedding on December 1st.

Sheriff Henderson, of Brantford, arrived in the city, this afternoon, with Thomas Fitzpatrick, sentenced to three years for theft. "Mac" MacDonald, formerly connected with the street railway company, here, is now night foreman in the street railway barns at Calgary.

Music for Christmas: great variety, 2,000 copies, 10c., by Chopin, Liszt, Wagner, Verdi, etc. Dutton's music store, 209 Princess street.

The police have received no information whatever, considering the whereabouts of Bernard McCall, Camden East, who was reported missing.

Miss Bessie McGill, Queen street, left the Hotel Dieu Tuesday afternoon, having been there for three weeks suffering from an attack of appendicitis. Dutton's store open at nights for Christmas presents. Underwear, sweaters, boot, music. Men and women, call, 209 Princess street.

There was but one drunk, in police court, Wednesday morning, and he was fined \$1 and costs, with the option of ten days. He had the money to pay.

Prevost, Brock street, has received all his fall and winter goods for his order clothing department, also in ready-made clothing and gent's furnishing department; they are all well assorted with new goods.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest Cullied From All Over the World.

A. L. Beck, principal of the California, Ohio, public school, died of injuries received in playing football when he joined with the students in kicking the ball in the school yard.

Playing with a revolver which he found under his father's pillow, Paul, the fourteen-year-old son of Charles Peters, of Stratington, Pa., accidentally blew off the top of his head.

Joseph, the seven-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bazakas, Shenandoah, was given a piece of meat to eat. It lodged in his throat, choking him to death before medical aid arrived.

A twelve-inch fall killed John Denhart, a New York factory watchman. He fell over backward while adjusting a bar at the elevator well, which is one foot deep. His skull was fractured.

While temporarily insane as the result of desponding over a fancied wrong, Hugo Malone, aged thirty, a sawyer at a mill near Scotia, Pa., hurled himself in front of a revolving saw and almost instantly his head and right arm were severed from his body.

At Kansas City, Mo., when their sand cave on the bank of the Kaw river collapsed, three children, Floasie and Ethel Hutchinson, fourteen and eleven years old, respectively, and Roscoe Sparks, nine years old, were killed and two others seriously injured.

To save a pet dog which he feared was drowning, Herbert Johnson, the ten-year-old son of C. W. Johnson, Lawrence, Kan., ventured out on a sheet of ice coating the treacherous Kaw. The ice broke and the lad sank in a ten-foot hole and was drowned.

THE MATTER POSTPONED

Until the Kingston Parties Can be Heard.

A special from Ottawa to the Whig says:—Kingstonians are interested in a case that was up before the railway commission yesterday. It is one in which the Grand Trunk railway authorities made an application asking for authority to take certain properties in Kingston belonging to S. Anglin & Co., J. Shipman and Mrs. Bridget Chambers. The land is required for the new Kingston city freight terminal. The case was postponed until the Kingston parties interested can be heard. It will probably be before the board at the January session.

Waterman's fountain pens in a "Santa Claus box," \$2.50. Mahood's Drug Store.

Barton Bennett, J. C. Adamson and John McPherson, of the Canadian Pacific offices, Toronto, were arrested charged with forgery and theft.

New sachet powders. Mahood's Drug Store. George F. Monaghan, seven years old, son of George Monaghan, New Brunswick, N.J., was killed when he fell off a street roller on which he was standing a ride.

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