

INSTALLATION AND BANQUET

Elaborate Affair Given by the A. F. & A. M.

Commemoration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist—An Excellent List of Toasts.

One of the most thoroughly enjoyable events that has ever taken place in the city under the auspices of a secret society was that of last night given by Yukon Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M., G. R. M., consisting of the installation of the new officers of the lodge recently elected and followed by a banquet. The day possessed what might be termed a double significance, for in addition to the ceremony of installation and the banquet it was commemorative of one of the most revered days in the Masonic calendar—that of St. John the Evangelist. The affair was not of a public nature, being confined to the members of the local lodge and other Masons of good standing who happened to be present in the city. The officers who were installed in the stations which they will occupy during the next year were: Dr. C. H. Wells, W.M.; Dr. A. J. Gillis, S.W.; Dr. Alfred Thompson, J.W.; Dr. A. P. Edwards, Treasurer; J. A. Donald, Secretary; J. S. Cowan, Chaplain; J. W. Stevenson, S.D.; George Brinson, J.D.; Dr. D. R. McLennan, S. O. S.; Dr. J. Strong, J.S.; L. G. Bennett, D. of C.; E. Searelle, Organist.

Following the installation the Knights of the square and compass gathered about the banquet table in the lower floor of this building. The menu was elaborate and a feeling of jolly good fellowship permeated everyone. There were impromptu addresses, songs and many toasts, of the latter the principal ones were drunk to the health of King Edward VII. and President Roosevelt. The toast list embraced the following: The King and the Czar. The President of the United States, G. M. and Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Our American Cousins. Sister Grand Jurisdictions. The Worshipful Masters. Newly Installed Officers. Past Officers. Visiting Brethren. Our Departed Brothers. Junior Warden's toast.

Those present were: Dr. Wells, L. C. Anderson, A. R. Joy, J. A. Donald, B. E. Aze, Ernest Searelle, Frank Johnson, J. L. Bowen, G. C. Killam, H. Pinkert, D. A. Matheson, J. P. H. Ahlert, J. A. Greene, W. G. Hingston, Chas. Milne, Capt. Richard Rediger, A. J. Gillis, Lew Craden, A. P. Richards, J. H. Caskey, Captain Belcher, A. H. Dever, W. V. Tukey, A. N. Taylor, L. G. Bennett, Dr. Macfarlane, F. H. Worlock, J. W. Stevenson, A. P. Matton, A. R. Thomson, F. N. Atwood, Emil Mohr, Dr. Strong, M. H. Thompson, J. S. Cowan, J. Hewkin, Dr. Alfred Thompson, W. N. Couch, H. A. Weld, Colonel Chas. Reichenhach, J. Arden, Thomas Bruce, Jas. C. Junken, S. E. Gillington, G. H. McLeod.

HOBSON GETS THE CLAIM

While Anderson Gets What is Left and Pays Costs.

A decision has just been handed down by Gold Commissioner Senkler involving the title to some claims on the right fork of Last Chance which were recently re-located. The plaintiff in the action was Thomas G. Anderson, the defendants being M. Lapstrom and H. Hobson. The gold commissioner's decision is as follows: "It appears from the evidence that the defendant Anderson staked 250 feet adjoining the lower end of claim No. 15 on the right fork of Last Chance creek upon the 10th day of May last, between 3 and 4 o'clock in

the afternoon, and applied for record upon the 17th day of May.

"The defendant Lapstrom staked the ground that he describes as No. 14 on the right fork of Last Chance on the 10th day of May at about 12:30 in the afternoon. He states his lower post was about 250 feet from the upper post of claim No. 12.

"The defendant Hobson staked what he describes as the upper half of claim No. 13 on the right fork of Last Chance on the 7th day of May last, and applied for record on the 10th day of May. He states in his evidence that his lower stake was about 250 feet from the upper stake of claim No. 12, evidently covering the same ground as the defendant Lapstrom.

"I must hold from the evidence that Mr. Hobson is entitled to that portion of the claim located by him allowed him by the regulations, namely 250 feet, provided he staked that amount. If there is any ground lying between the Hobson location and claim No. 12 that is covered by the stakes of the defendant Lapstrom, said defendant is entitled to a grant for said ground. And if any of the ground between the Hobson claim and claim No. 13, not within the location posts of either of the defendants, is within the location posts of the plaintiff, he is entitled to a grant for said ground.

"I must hold, however, that the protest itself must be dismissed with costs."

PERILOUS JOURNEY

A. F. Bonke Writes of Experience on the River.

The boys at the Ames Mercantile Company are in receipt of a letter from A. F. Bonke, formerly in the employ of that company and who left early in December with a consignment of mail for Whitehorse. At that time the trail was in a very dangerous condition and Bonke's account of his trip is a thrilling one. At one time when horse, sled, mail and all went through the ice into the chilling waters of the Yukon it was necessary to get a rope from the horse's neck to a nearby tree on the bank to keep the floundering animal from being carried away under the ice. The horse was only gotten out after the greatest exertion and the rigging of a "Spanish windlass." Bonke writes that he got enough of trail-breaking to last him the remainder of his life.

THEY KNEW ALL ABOUT IT

The Skagway Conspiracy Was no Secret to Officials.

Ottawa, Nov. 23.—In connection with the alleged conspiracy to capture the Yukon, it is learned at the interior department that on the 21st of September last Comptroller Fred White was advised by Supt. Primrose, Dawson, of a report from Seattle that there was some scheme being concocted to seize Canadian territory in the Yukon. On the 25th Mr. White again received a message from Supt. Primrose saying that he was unable to confirm the report, although it was serious. On the 27th of Sept. Supt. Primrose again wired that his previous cipher message referred to the disputed territory, Dalton trail, and that he was writing.

On October 7th Mr. White received again from Supt. Primrose the promised letter, in which he stated that he had been unable to confirm previous reports, which reminded him very much of some of the threats which were made in the earlier years in the Yukon. It appears that a man named H. Grell had told another man at Dawson that he knew of a conspiracy that was going on to take place against the government, that Grell had been shadowed by the police, and it was discovered that he had told several stories about himself, that he had been in Dawson about a month, that his conversation was to the effect that he belonged to a secret organization which intended to take possession of the Yukon territory, their plans being to run to Whitehorse, take the smaller detachments along the river, and then it would be an easy matter to capture the barracks at Dawson, that the organization had representatives at both Seattle and Skagway, that they expected to be assisted by men from Circle City and Eagle City, and that Grell was known by a member of the Mounted Police as having been in the grocery business in Butte, Montana. Nothing more was heard of the matter until November 4th, when Comptroller Fred White received the following telegram from Supt. Wood, Dawson:

"Said reports discovered whereabouts in Skagway of papers relating to conspiracy to seize territory. United States refuse to secure unless Snyder makes affidavits as to conspirators. This, of course, he can't. Am satisfied such conspiracy exists." The police were also trying to locate a man named "Shorty" who had been mentioned as having knowledge of the conspiracy, but was thought to be somewhat crazy.

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The great social event of the week-aye, of the season, for it was freely admitted to excel St. Andrew's in point of general pleasure, was the annual ball given as a compliment to their many friends by the Northwest Mounted Police at the barracks last night. The police from the commandant officer down to the rawest recruit started in with the determination to make the affair a success in every detail and in no particular did that determination fail of success. On the face of every scarlet-coated officer and man was written in smiles and unmistakably the word "welcome." Every handshake repeated the word "welcome." The spirit of good feeling was contagious and from the moment a guest crossed the threshold of Barracks No. 1 he or she was made to feel that reserve and coldness had no place there. The result was, as many old-timers were heard to remark: "The most sociable and enjoyable ball ever held in Dawson."

The invitation list, and there were few who did not respond in person, was as follows: Judge and Mrs. Dugas, Mr. and Mrs. Hulme, Mr. and Mrs. Congdon, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Girouard, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McLennan, and Miss McLennan, Mr. and Mrs. Fulda, Mr. and Mrs. Larsen and Miss Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Pattullo, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Macaulay, Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. Davis-Colley, Mr. and Mrs. Dacie, Mr. and Mrs. Macfarlane, Mr. and Mrs. George Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mr. and Mrs. Jepson, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Shindler, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Toeller, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Torrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Hanwell, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Hagel, Dr. and Mrs. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell, Mr. and Mrs. McLennan, Chief and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Maynard, Miss Gales, Miss Haugwell, Mrs. Card, Miss Card, Miss Martin, Miss Macfarlane, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Connell, Mrs. Selix, Mrs. Bourg, Miss Bourg, Miss Crowley, Miss Rediger, Mrs. S. S. Ward, Miss Mason, Miss Turner, the Misses Thompson, Miss A. White, Mr. Max Williams and sister, Mrs. C. C. Yeager, Miss Hersberg, Mrs. J. Boyle, Mrs. C. Tukey, Miss Beacher, Miss J. Robertson, Miss A. Douglas, Mrs. Clifton, Miss Gleason, Miss Williams, Miss Norman, Miss McDonald, W. A. Moon, Harold Ralph, Miss Powell, Miss McCrea, Miss Belle McCormick, Miss Wilson, Miss Edwards, Miss Robinson, Miss Van Camp, the Misses Freemans, Miss Richardson, Miss Beede, Miss Thebo.

The dinner given by Mrs. Capt. Starnes on Christmas day was pronounced by all present to be one of the most pleasant occasions of its kind they ever attended. The table was decorated with maiden hair and a large candelabra in the center made a beautiful light effect. Dinner was announced at 7:30 and was continued for several hours, the courses being served without intermission. With impromptu toasts and responses, songs, speeches, stories, etc., the evening passed pleasantly and quickly, but it will remain for a long time in the memory of all who enjoyed it. Those present were: Capt. and Mrs. Starnes, Lieut. Tillman and Lieut. Mitchell of Fort Egbert, Eagle City; Capt. and Mrs. Wroughton, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Macaulay, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ridley, Mrs. French, Messrs. E. C. Senkler, Capt. Cosby, C. W. S. Barwell, Dick Cowan and Dr. Barrett.

The whist club was entertained Monday evening at the club house of the telegraph operators—in the old telegraph office, by Messrs. Fuller, Maclelland and others. Another game in the tournament was played off but the announcement of the standing of the members will not be made until the finals. The entertainment provided after the game was finished was excellent and the evening was one of the most enjoyable in the club's history. Those present were: Judge Dugas, F. T. Congdon, C. W. S. Barwell, H. G. Herbert, Chief McKinnon, Victor Grant, H. E. Ridley, Sam Marks, Chas. Worden, Messrs. Nicol, Noble and others.

Mrs. J. N. E. Browne gave a ladies' luncheon on Tuesday afternoon. The guests were: Mesdames Dugas, Girouard, D. W. Davis, J. L. Bell, and Davis-Colley.

On Thursday afternoon Master John Heath gave a sleighing party to a number of his friends. The drive was made as far as the 76 road house where the party stopped for lunch. They then returned and drove around town. The ride was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Those present were: Constance James, Helen Beede, Stella Mason, Madeline Shumas, Lucile Latimer, John Heath, Harvey Heath and Chart Malley.

Miss Killen, Miss Bagley, Miss Markis, Mrs. C. A. Celebe, the Misses Ida and Alice Thomson, Miss Martin, Miss A. Douglas, Miss French, Miss Long, Miss Chisholm, Miss McDaniell, Miss O'Grady, Miss LaTimer, Miss Killeen, Miss Bagley, Miss E. Markis, Miss Hamblin, Miss Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Prudhomme, Mr. and Mrs. Sale, Mr. and Mrs. Brayton, Mr. and Mrs. Powle, Mr. and Mrs. William Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. White-Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. P. Anzures, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. White, Mr. and Mrs. Mitch, Mr. and Mrs. Rediger, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Renouf, Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

with all the delicacies of the season and the nicest persons who sat down to the festive board declared it to be one of the most enjoyable dinners ever attended.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dr. J. N. E. Browne entertained at lunch. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. T. Dufferin Patullo, Judge Macaulay and R. P. McLennan.

Don't fail to see the cartoons at the Pioneer saloon. Hot and cold lunch at the Bank Saloon. A Christmas present will be given away to every child in the Klondike holiday week at Gandolfo's. Job Printing at Nugget office.

Church Services Tomorrow. St. Mary's Catholic—Low Mass 9 a.m.; High Mass and Sermon 10:30 a.m.; Vespers 7:30 p.m. Rev. Father Gendreau, pastor. St. Paul's Episcopal—Regular services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 3 p.m. Special service for men at 4 p.m. Methodist—Regular services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School at 3 p.m. The services tomorrow at the Methodist church are arranged with special reference to the New Year. The choir will render the following selections at the evening service: Anthem—"Christian the Morn Breaks Sweetly," Shelley. Solo—"Eye Hath Not Seen," Mrs. W. T. Libby. Anthem—"Oh Give Thanks Unto the Lord," R. Smart. St. Andrew's Presbyterian—Morning service 11 a.m., Sunday School 3 p.m. Evening service 7:30 p.m. Y.P.S.C.E. after evening service. At the evening service the following special music will be rendered: Mrs. Boyce will sing "The Star of Bethlehem," by Stephen Adams. The choir will sing the anthem entitled "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem," and a male quartette consisting of Messrs. McLeod, Miller, Cobb, and Bozorth will sing "Lead, Kindly Light," arranged by Dudley Buck. This last number will be unaccompanied.

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