

other lodges in the Domain combined—so we think—and several of them are now under way, as an experiment. Just listen to a few of these many schemes of members, acquired while locked in the embrace of Morpheus:

A castle hall, to be erected on a mountain peak with a tramway to convey us either way; new uniforms for the Amplified Team; new uniforms for the Lodge officers; an emblematic carpet for the hall floor; yes, and I heard of one member dreaming of purchasing the smelter and moving it to the ante-room, so that members who are employed there could always be in attendance. All of which goes to show that our members dream well, but their efforts do not pan out well, even to the extent that no brother has so far had the audacity to put the motion for these luxuries.

Pardon the writer, dear Mr. Editor, for this is an exceptional case. Our Lodge possesses a "smiling Benedict," and our worthy brother, John R. Widmer, is the object of congratulation. Bro. Widmer is employed at the smelter, and for that particular reason the story broadens. These smelter boys are considered a most peculiar lot; and are so notoriously shy. Marriage is entirely out of the question with them: they become "razzle-dazzled" at the sight of a woman, and when an introduction to a pretty girl is offered, many have been known to remain out over-night in order to avoid it. But occasionally—and only occasionally—one of these peculiarly shy mortals will so far forget himself as to become rash, then look out. Such has been the case with one here. Bro. John Widmer, a bright young man, full of heart, spunk and integrity, with friends everywhere, was once a resident of the largest city in Oregon, and it was there he met a charming maid. Last Christmas he hid himself to that city, and the ceremony on January 2nd was the culmination of that meeting, and Miss Clara W. Brown, one of Portland's well-known young ladies, was the happy bride. They were quietly joined in wedlock in the presence of a few chosen friends, immediately after which they left for their future home in Trail. Arriving here, they were banqueted, and were the recipients of several beautiful and costly presents. We extend to Bro. Widmer and his charming bride the heartiest and kindest wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

A little late in the season, but still fresh in our minds: I move that Bro. Widmer unfold a little of the history surrounding the application of that "mustard plaster," at that time so much commented on. Who seconds the motion?

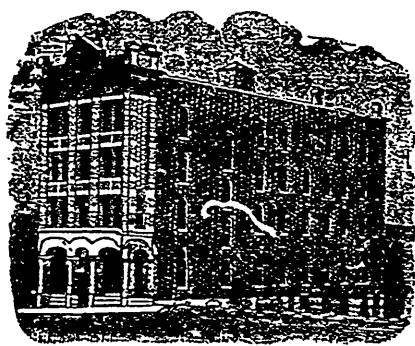
At a meeting held on January 19th, the newly elected officers were installed in their respective stations. Bro. Noble Binns acted as Deputy-Grand Installing Officer, and Past Chancellors Bros. Hayes and Corsan assisted. The new officers start out with a bright field, and hope to accomplish much during their term.

During the early part of January we received an invitation from our Rossland brethren, requesting us to participate in an evening's enjoyment, at which time they would install their new officers. It was very much regretted that we could not send even a single member on that occasion, so cold was the weather, it being right in the midst of the cold snap, when it was roasting in Kootenay. We sincerely hope our Rossland brethren do not think the invitation was received in bad faith, for had it not been so intensely chilly, and the conveyance facilities so slow, they would not have had room enough to accommodate us all.

The members who compose the leading stars in "The Mock Exposure" have occasioned considerable anxiety as to whether they will perfect arrangements by the time set. The work is extremely arduous and incessant, and it has been deemed advisable not to present the play until it can be produced in proper style. It is believed that it will eclipse anything in comedy ever witnessed in Kootenay, and if expectations are met, the players will arrange with the Rossland and Nelson brethren to present the play in their respective cities.

One of the events of the near future is a social, and it is proposed to make it one of the most enjoyable occasions for many a day. A lengthy programme will be arranged, consisting of songs, recitations, duets, solos, and general merry-making, after which an elegant spread will be served.

After considerable discussion as to the points of merit the Endowment Rank presents, some ten members have signified their willingness to join, and Bro. Morin was chosen as President; Bro. Gilmore, Vice-President, and Bro. Lewis, Secretary. It is expected that after the charter arrives, and everything is in smooth



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