

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS CELEBRATE

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs met in joint session, Tuesday night, in the Odd Fellows hall, and the result was certainly what every one present will long remember as one of the pleasantest episodes of their lives.

For there was music, excellent music, by the fine Rebekah orchestra, under the capable direction of Prof. Thomas. Then there were refreshments which possessed an added flavor from their being passed around by some of the fairest members of the Wanteska Rebekah Assembly. And then there were the talks—short, interesting and profitable talks.

First, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Asheville made the principal address of the evening. Few men there are in North Carolina taking a more active part in guiding this great order than this fine physician and able speaker, who, in his address spoke of the power of co-operation, said that Odd Fellowship stands for the care and education of the orphan, for right, and for aid and succor to the helpless. He spoke of the adaptability of this order to changing social conditions, said it was the greatest secret society in the world, was the first to establish sick benefits for its members and expected at the coming meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Atlanta that it would establish a national sanatorium for those afflicted with tuberculosis.

He paid an earnest tribute to womankind and to the Rebekah Assemblies, saying the marvelous growth of that branch of Odd Fellows in this State was due to the untiring efforts of their President—Mrs. Hattie Reed Whitaker. His stories, and they were witty and pointed, served but to further illustrate his arguments and a burst of sincere applause at the close of his talk testified to the pleasure he had given his large audience.

Mrs. Whitaker's thoughtful address made a profound impression upon her hearers. It is to be regretted that lack of space prohibits its publication until our next issue. Mrs. Whitaker came with a message from the orphans and it was earnestly delivered.

Mr. W. A. Smith said that woman would always have her rights. Said that was his experience. He made a forceful speech for aid for the orphan's home.

Mrs. Stella Dodamead, Secretary of the State Assembly, told briefly of her visit to Seattle and complimented the local Rebekahs on their efficient team work.

Reception at Park Hill.

One of the most charming social functions of the Winter season was the reception, Tuesday, from 2 to 6, tendered Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Gaines of New York, by Mrs. M. A. Brown, at her beautiful home, "Park Hill," on Fifth Avenue.

About 60 guests were present. The entire lower floor, prettily decorated with Christmas greens, was thrown open for their entertainment. Dainty refreshments of chocolate and sandwiches ice cream and cake were served.

The violin solos by Miss Annie Smith, with Mrs. Garland at the piano were keenly enjoyed. Mrs. Flem Brooks sang delightfully and Mrs. James Lowe of Spartanburg, rendered a piano solo most effectively.

A COUNTY FAIR ON MAGNIFICENT MAIN ST.

Editor Hustler:

The handsome prizes offered by the First National Bank and The Hustler may, and ought, to be the seed to produce fortunes for our County. Now that we must have good roads for our farmers, the farmers must have good products for the markets. Good roads make good farms and good farms makes good roads; good roads and good farms make good towns, so as the farmer supports the town man, the town man must help the farmer. How can this co-operation be utilized to the greatest reciprocal advantage? Let every business man in town offer a prize for some farm product, equal in importance to a reasonable percent of the annual benefits drawn by him from their patronage. If all would show themselves just and generous, we would have a lot of handsome prizes that would encourage our farmers to increase their products hundreds of thousands of dollars in the shortest conceivable time, and the business man would thrive with the farmer.

Thus far, all will agree, but, says one, and then another, and then all will say, "no trouble about the prizes, and no business man can afford, possibly none would wish to say to the farmer, you are no good to me, and I have no prize to offer you," but the trouble is we have no fair grounds, and to make them with appropriate buildings would cost thousands of dollars. Not so much trouble exists, for the truth is, we have the finest grounds that can be found in the State, and all the necessary buildings. Could a finer ground be found than Main street, with the other business streets; the wagons can be decorated for display, the Opera House used for the ladies and all the houses in town for shelter. What a magnificent fair ground we would have, and what an opportunity each business house would have to arrange for the display of the articles for which it offers a prize, either within or without his business house and apart from the business features, what good and what joy would come to the town and county from an annual feast, of mingling and comingling of our people.

With the death of the greatest benefactor Henderson County ever had, (who was he?) died the Western North Carolina Fair. How many men would like to be missed when they follow him, by making themselves useful to the people who are making them in their business? If our business men will come forward by offering cash prizes, then a little planning will make our town, for one or two days, next fall, a beautiful fair ground, and we will have a fair that will make our hearts glad.

W. A. SMITH.

1097 1-2 Pounds of Henderson Hog!

R. K. Stepp recently killed three hogs weighing a total of 1097½ pounds—over half a ton of meat. Mr. Stepp knows how to raise hogs.

Complimentary Supper

On the first Saturday night of each month, Manager Boyte of the Blue Ridge Inn will give a complimentary Dutch supper to the traveling men.

IS COLUMBUS GUICE A SURE 'NOUGH MILLIONAIRE?

Is our townsman Columbus Guice a millionaire?

He may be, if he can establish his claims as an heir-at-law of Frank Bates, deceased.

Back in the forties Frank Bates of Greenville, S. C., while a young man drifted to the "gold diggings" on the Pacific slopes of California.

There he accumulated quite a small fortune, and years after he left there, wandering in search of the precious metal in the hills of the Argentine Republic.

Again he was successful and if information from the office of the Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., and the Consul-General at Buenos Aires prove correct he died at Mendoza, Argentina Republic in 1906, leaving a large amount of gold in the London and River Plate Bank of that city, and also valuable mining properties, worth perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Mrs. Guice, the wife of our townsman, Mr. Columbus Guice, is a niece of Frank Bates, who at the age of 75 years, died at Mendoza, and as Bates left no wife or children, Mr. and Mrs. Guice will with the other relatives in South Carolina and Georgia inherit this vast estate.

Judge H. G. Ewart, attorney for Mr. Guice, has been for some time quietly working on this claim.

From the Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., he has been advised that Bates died at Mendoza in 1906, leaving large deposits of gold in the London and River Plate Bank of that city and that the funds would be turned over to the legal representatives of the Bates estate in America.

From the Consul-General at Buenos Aires he has been further advised that the Argentine authorities are ready to deliver the deposits made to the American representative, as soon as the proper power of attorney can be executed and the death certificates of the parents of Frank Bates and the birth certificates of Mrs. Guice and the surviving nephews and nieces of Frank Bates can be forwarded to the American Consul-General at Buenos Aires.

There are only a small number of heirs to the estate, and it is by no means improbable that Mrs. Guice may find herself a very rich woman in the near future. The mines of Bates in Argentina may prove to be rich beyond compute.

If there should be any difficulty in securing the property from the Argentina Government, Judge Ewart, counsel for Mrs. Guice, may go personally to Mendoza and present her claims to the authorities there.

The Hustler congratulates Mrs. Guice who is a most worthy lady and trusts that she will soon be in the enjoyment of a good portion of this estate.

Mrs. G. M. Hill of Blue Ridge is also a niece of Frank Bates, she being a sister of Mrs. Columbus Guice.

Ah, Me!

A little card in front of the receiving teller's window of the Wanteska Bank bears this legend:

It is easy enough to be pleasant. When life flows along like a song. But the man worth while Is the man with a smile, When every thing goes dead wrong.

THE KNIGHTS AND THEIR LADIES BANQUET, MONDAY

The Knights of Pythias of Hendersonville, with their ladies, will banquet at the Blue Ridge Inn next Monday night. Officers of the Grand Lodge have been invited and the occasion is expected to be a red letter day in the annals of Hendersonville Pythianism.

Brother R. N. Willcox will preside at this festive occasion as toastmaster, which is sufficient guarantee that there will not be one single little solitary dull minute in the evening. No, not one.

Here's the excellent program of things to eat:

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| Pickles | Celery | Olives |
| Lobster Newberg en Caisse | Roast Young Turkey, Oyster Dressing | Cranberry Sauce |
| French Peas | Chicken Croquettes | Asparagus on Toast |
| Salad al Jardiniere | Rose Ice Cream | Fancy Cakes |
| Swiss Chees | Swiss Chees | Wafers |
| Coffee | | |

That fine Wanteska Rebekah orchestra will be there and the Knights and ladies will have an enjoyable dance both before and after the banquet, which will be served at 10 o'clock.

A Perfect Horse

"Steven Clay," that magnificent stallion recently purchased by Bryson & Hamilton and Plato Hefner, is said to be a perfect horse—an animal without a blemish or defect.

"Steven Clay's" dam was a standard bred Clydesdale; his sire, a standard bred Wilkes, which means he is of the best blood in the world. He weighs 1300 pounds and will be managed this coming season by Burt Jackson. The improvement of the stock of Henderson county is earnestly to be desired, and with this great stallion permanently located here that improvement is certain to follow.

Sunofsky—Granger

Miss Mary L. Sunofsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sunofsky, and Mr. H. L. Granger, a prosperous planter of Nichols, S. C., were married at the home of the bride this (Wednesday) evening, at 4:30.

Rev. John Hughes performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of invited guests. Mrs. M. C. Toms played, very effectively, Mendelssohn's wedding march as bride entered the room upon the arm of her father.

The decorations, holly, mistletoe and flowers, were in excellent taste, some very beautiful effects being obtained.

Miss Rosa Lee, the sister of the young and charming bride, was bridesmaid, while a nephew of the groom, was best man. Mrs. J. E. Francis was matron of honor.

Miss Mary was married in her traveling gown of blue, with hat to match. The happy couple, carrying with them the best wishes of a host of friends, left on the 5.15 for the South and their future home will be in South Carolina where Mr. Granger is the owner of an extensive plantation.

SOME SPECIALS AT WALKER SMITH'S

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| Grape Fruit, very fine, | 5c |
| Cranberries, per quart, | 8c |
| Tomatoes, 3 cans for | 25c |
| Fancy Lemon Cling | |
| Peaches, only | 20c |

PERSONAL NEWS OF THIS BUSY TOWN

Genial George Gash of Tryon was in town Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Bowen and family leave Thursday for Newberry, S. C., their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bruns and children are spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Ewbank.

Miss Ruth Merrell, of Gerton, left Friday for a two weeks' visit to her sisters in Spartanburg.

W. M. Carmichael has returned after an absence of fourteen months on the road—and says he's glad to get home.

Miss Norma Bryson and Miss Annie McCarver of Charlotte, were guests of Miss Bryson's mother for Christmas, returning to Charlotte on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Justice left last Friday for a visit to different points in South Carolina. Mr. Justice returned Tuesday, while Mrs. Justice has gone to Waterloo, S. C., for a more extended visit.

Manager Boyte of the Blue Ridge Inn says the improvements to the hotel will be complete in about ten days, and when finished he expects to have one of the nicest hotels in the State.

Mrs. J. H. Cox, Lakewood, N. C., having returned the largest number of coupons, has been awarded the handsome Doll and Go-Cart from S. Johnsten, 321 Main street.

Mrs. F. W. Ewbank left on Monday afternoon for Beaufort, S. C., where she will attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Marie Scheper.

On Friday evening, last, Miss G. R. Pardue entertained a number of children, at a Christmas tree party. The little folks had a very pleasant time, and expressed their thanks in word and deed, to their hostess.

Mrs. G. W. Malpass received the sad intelligence, Tuesday, of the sudden death of her father, Mr. J. E. Wilkinson, of Wilmington, a most highly respected citizen of that town, where for 47 years he was an employee of the A. C. Line. Mr. Wilkinson spent the summer here a short time ago.

On Friday evening, December 10, 1909, Wanteska Rebekah Lodge met in regular session and elected the following officers: Mrs. Eunice Posey, N. G. Miss Madge L. Dunlap, V. G. Miss Meta Chewning, Rec. Sec. Miss Laura Arledge, Fin. Sec. Miss Sue Patton, Treas. Miss Daliale Clouse, Chap.

Postmaster Brownlow Jackson, who has been so seriously sick during the past three weeks, is rapidly recovering, and will soon be at the office again. This is good news to the many friends of Hendersonville's capable and efficient postmaster and the office will look natural again when he returns.

Miss Maidee Griffin has returned to her Atlanta home, where, it is rumored, (but don't say anything about it) she will be persuaded to remain a Long time. Miss Griffin made hosts of friends during her stay here, and the many delicate confections which left Mrs. Posey's millinery store, the result of her creative art, has made their fair wearers not the least ardent of her many admirers.

Miss Edwin Hunt is home for the holidays.

Mr. A. A. Gates has gone to Greenville, S. C.

Mr. T. W. Whitmire of Brevard, was in town Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Allen left on Wednesday for Florida, where they will spend the Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCreary of Hillsville, Pa., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Miller on 5th Avenue.

There will be communion service at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Dr. R. B. RoBards, of Rileys, Ky., has returned to his home after a brief visit to his mother here.

After the first of the year, the Blue Ridge Inn will change its name, and will be known as the "Hotel Majestic."

George Justice has received a check for \$300 for that fine mare of his. Sold to a man in South Carolina.

Miss Oehlase Williamson, of Glenwood College, Gastonia, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. S. E. McNeely.

BORN—Christmas night, to Mr. and Mrs. W. McCarron, a daughter. Mrs. McCarron and the child are well as is the genial chief-of-police also.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Shipman, with the children, are guests of Mr. W. K. Osborne at his hospitable home at Blantyre.

Mr. C. P. McNeely, cashier of the First National Bank of Mooresville, is the guest of his brother, S. E. McNeely, for a few days.

Harlowe Waldrop left on Tuesday to visit his sister in Greenville, N. C., for a few days before resuming his studies at the State University.

The Evans Cement Co., have sold four wagon loads of cement columns to Mr. Roper, of Flat Rock, to be used in his building there.

The Calhoun-Wilkins Company, wholesale grocers, are now sales agents for the famous "twist" tobacco, "Old Hickory," twice a World's Fair Prize winner.

Dr. W. C. Schaffer, of Greenville, Tenn., with his daughter, Miss Maude, of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ewbank.

Dr. W. M. McPheeters, president of the Presbyterian Seminary at Columbia, S. C., is visiting his family at "Glen Oak," their home here.

Ote Orr and his crew unloaded 16,000 feet of lumber in two and one-half hours, last week. Unloaded it from the cars at the depot and stored it in the new Clarke building. This is going some.

Charley Fowler, driving a wagon, fell from the vehicle, Friday, and altho' the wheels of the heavily loaded wagon passed over his legs, he was not seriously injured.

Charlie Hefner, brief mention of whose accident was made in last week's paper, is getting along nicely, and unless complications set in, will recover. Mr. Hefner was assisting in extinguishing a fire in the drug store at Daytona, Fla., where he is employed. His face and hands are badly burned but he will not be disfigured. He is in a hospital at Daytona and the Knights of Pythias, of which he is a member, is watching over him carefully. He is in good hands.