

High Honors To Walter J. Harris

Walter J. Harris, who was elected Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons at the Grand Chapter meeting in Las Vegas in June, was installed at a special session of the Grand Chapter held in Masonic Temple, Reno, recently.

The event was made one of the notable events in the history of Masonry in this state. Members of the Commandry and the Blue Lodge participated and the highest honors of the craft were given the venerable and beloved member.

Mr. Harris served as treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for twenty-six consecutive years and his elevation to the high office came as an expression of appreciation on the part of the members for his valuable service to the order. The honor was not expected by him and it came as an agreeable surprise.

Many members from Carson attended the ceremony, among others being Chas. J. Rulison, a life-long friend, to whom went the honor of conducting the installation ceremony. Mr. Harris and Mr. Rulison spent their boyhood in Dayton and they were partners in the wood business when they were mere youths. Both have belonged to the Masonic order upwards of fifty years.

Paying No Rent For Twenty Years

So far as we know, nobody in this country has much trouble with landlords who vanish mysteriously into thin air, leaving tenants in a giddy state of free command of the premises. But in England the phenomenon apparently is not unusual. The British Property Owners' Gazette, quoted in a recent issue of "Freehold" tells us that within a few miles of the city of London, in a district where many people have to pay high rents, are houses that have had no landlord for many years.

"In Hammersmith, for instance," Freehold recounts, "one large family lives in a three-story ten-room house on which no rent has been paid for over twenty years. The landlord has completely disappeared and nobody knows where. The Hammersmith family recalls him fondly as a peculiar little man dressed in a silk hat and black coat. He used to appear promptly, once a week, to collect the weekly rent of one guinea. Then, one week in 1916, during the war, when everything was pretty upset, he failed to appear as usual, and has never been heard of since. The family was surprised at first, and as the months went by fell to brooding a good deal over the uncollected rent bill which kept mounting, mounting. After twenty years, however, they are used to it, and are now hoping that if they stay there long enough the house will eventually belong to them."

Daniel Petroll of Buffalo, who visited his estranged wife once a week and gave her \$1 for a kiss, objected when she boosted the price to \$5.

Treadwell Yukon Seeks More Ore

Engineers connected with the Treadwell Yukon Company, Ltd., are said to have been conducting a thorough examination and sampling of mining properties in the Goldpoint district, formerly known as Hornsilver, 31 miles south of Goldfield.

Properties under examination were reported to include some of those controlled by the Ohio Mines Co., which has been operating for several years in the district and lately, through Otto A. Dieckman, manager, announced plans for installing cyanide equipment in its mill, replacing flotation.

With this object in view, the Ohio Mines Co. has been conducting extensive cyanide tests on two-ton lots of ore from various parts of its mines. It has been developing and blocking mill ore on three levels of the Orlean mine, down to the 800-foot level, and prospecting in other workings.

In a report made public some time ago by the Treadwell Yukon Co., Ltd., it was stated by President Philip R. Bradley of San Francisco that operations of the company at Tybo, Nye county, may be terminated this year, since the reserve of ore appears to be nearing exhaustion and extensive work on deeper levels has failed to establish the continuity of ore bodies worked above.

It was indicated in the report that the company was seeking other properties with the hope of finding one to which its mill equipment could be moved upon closing down the Tybo operation.

Trainee Medals Are On Display

C.M.T.C. HEADQUARTERS, Fort Douglas, Utah. — With 108 medals on display in Citizens' Military Training Camp headquarters, along with several other worthwhile prizes, trainees are taking a renewed interest in their work. The awards include scholarships to the University of Wyoming and Hill Military Academy; a four-day all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D. C.; trips to Camp Perry, Ohio, to take in the national rifle championships; wrist watches, leather jackets, pen and pencil sets, miniature sabers and a regulation officer's saber appropriately engraved.

Awards are offered for the best company commander, best platoon leader, best sergeant, best corporal, best Red trainee, best Basic trainee, best squad and for excellence in many other classifications of military training, as well as for winning athletic contests.

The prizes will be awarded to the winners on Visitors' Day, July 29. The awards have been donated by organizations, business firms and interested individuals.

John Ketterman returned to his home in Hartford City, Ind., after several years in the Klondike, to find that relatives had gotten a court to declare him legally dead and had taken his share of a large estate.

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