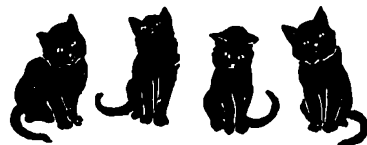


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No. 342. Portland, Ore., March 28, 1896.

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 4331 M. C. Baufield, Portland, Ore.

No. 343. Manistee, Mich., June 19, 1896.

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 Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. A. Cartier.  
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, R. R. Ramsdell.  
 Bojum, S. J. Chapman.  
 Scrivenoter, C. E. Haak.  
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 Custocatian, H. Harper.  
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 4337 C. E. Levett, Manistee, Mich.  
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 4340 H. R. Reynolds, Stronach, Mich.  
 4341 C. G. Wilson, Manistee, Mich.  
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No. 344. New York City, N.Y., June 15, '96

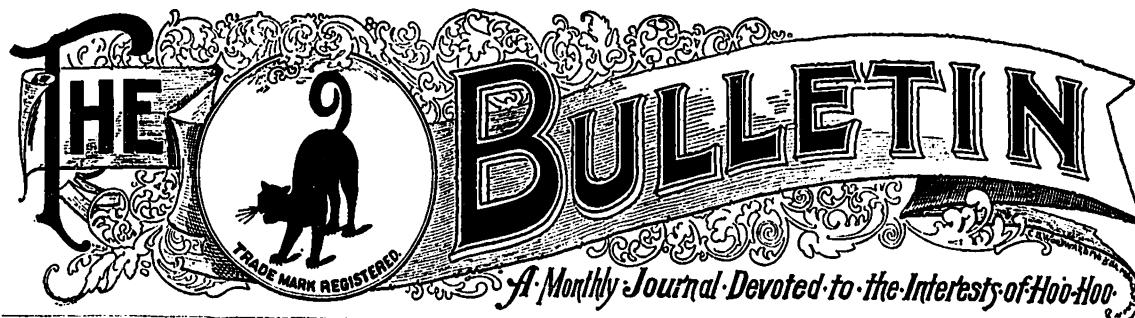
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 Snark, L. A. Kimball.  
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. W. Long.  
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, S. Miller.  
 Bojum, A. B. Hutchinson.  
 Scrivenoter, J. W. Long.  
 Jabberwock, W. S. Harris.  
 Custocatian, W. S. Harris.  
 Arcanoper, C. D. Kells.  
 Gurdon, A. B. Hutchinson.

No. 345. Ashland, Ky., June 25, 1896.

- MEMBERS.  
 Snark, C. L. Piper.  
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 Junior Hoo-Hoo, Don Alexander.  
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 Scrivenoter, E. D. Pool.  
 Jabberwock, J. J. Campion.  
 Custocatian, R. D. Davis.  
 Arcanoper, J. Spicker.  
 Gurdon, R. H. Vansant.

No. 346. Alpena, Mich., July 14, 1896.

- MEMBERS.  
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 Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. W. Ketcher.  
 Bojum, H. C. Newman.  
 Scrivenoter, J. Schneider.  
 Jabberwock, J. M. Clifford.  
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 4370 J. A. Corbin, Alpena, Mich.  
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 4372 C. O. Duncan, Alpena, Mich.  
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 4374 F. H. Riebenach, Alpena, Mich.  
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 4376 F. W. Hammond, Alpena, Mich.  
 4377 F. L. Richardson, Alpena, Mich.  
 4378 I. R. Myers, Alpena, Mich.  
 4379 R. H. Rayburn, Alpena, Mich.  
 4380 H. C. Hamill, Alpena, Mich.  
 4381 W. A. Fraser, Alpena, Mich.  
 4382 H. P. Wilson, Oscoda, Mich.  
 4383 M. S. Fletcher, Alpena, Mich.  
 4384 J. Nickolson, Alpena, Mich.  
 4385 A. N. Spratt, Alpena, Mich.  
 4386 G. F. McRae, Alpena, Mich.  
 4387 G. S. True, Alpena, Mich.  
 4388 G. A. Shannon, Alpena, Mich.



"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND."

That some should join the Order of Hoo-Hoo and meet disappointment in the realization of its Ethics, was (although regretful) to be expected. It were strange indeed if this should be the only social organization that could meet the expectations of all its anticipated votaries, and as the object of the Order has nothing strange about it, the sequence, of some who have joined the Order becoming dissatisfied, is only natural.

Hoo-Hoo needs no apologist. It has been placed upon a plane above the necessity of explanatory reasons about its inception or wonderful growth. There be those who see nothing in Masonry but white aprons and a mysterious array of emblems; nothing in the Benevolent Order of Elks but a decayed tooth, and so on through the category of secret societies. To such the sublime truths of a grand system of morals, and the holiness of friendships formed, are but the puerile ideas of enthusiastic wenklings. And so it is with Hoo-Hoo. Most of us have found in its very simplicity those things which should prove its greatest bulwark. Chiefly may be mentioned the friendships formed in the Gardens Right and Left.

Devotion to principle, the love of a pure woman, and the friendship of a strong man, is a trinity to make life worth the living. Hoo-Hoo has caused more true friendships within a given time than any other organization known to us. This is a truism that is verified by its membership. If nothing more was to be attained, is not this incentive enough for any true man? But there is more, and much more! To those whose eyes have been fully opened it is unnecessary to recapitulate the advantages accruing from this organized fraternalship. The Neophyte may look forward with expectant hope to the time when his eyes will become strong enough to read, without blinking, our motto of "Health, Happiness and Long Life."

HOO-HOO ANNUAL.

From the Southern Lumberman, July 15th.

On the ninth day of the ninth month of the current year, and at nine minutes past the ninth hour of that day, the fifth annual meeting of the great Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo will be called to order in this city, to transact such business as will tend to multiply the lives and promote the health, happiness, and prosperity, of the followers of the Great Black Cat. It is a very select organization, and only those following a few favored avocations are eligible to membership, and these must prove themselves to be first-class, all-around, good fellows. No outsider knows the numerical

strength of the Order, but a hasty glance at its official bulletin leads us to believe that, as near as we can guess, there are 4,000 of them, all told. Of these it is estimated there will be 1,000 in attendance upon the annual meeting at Nashville, besides many ladies—wives and daughters of the members.

Elaborate arrangements have been made by the local Hoo-Hoo to entertain that number, and such stray lumbermen as may happen to struggle in.

Hon. Robert L. Taylor has consented to deliver the welcoming speech, and, while he is not a member of the Order, there is not the shadow of a doubt but that he will be able to give the Hoo-Hoo yell, sing the Hoo-Hoo song and furnish the visitor more real enjoyment than they can pack in their grips, besides giving them a lot of information about things in general. We do not know whether Mr. Taylor is eligible for membership or not, but if he puts in a plea for a special dispensation on the ground that he sometimes says nothing and "saws wood," our money is up that he gets it.

During the entire meeting, while the business sessions are in progress, a committee of Nashville ladies will be on hand to take charge of the visiting ladies, and show them what Tennessee hospitality means. We do not know just what special entertainments these ladies will be given, but we do know that their visit will be made one to be remembered. The Lumberman hereby, in behalf of the local membership of the Order, invites and urges each Hoo-Hoo to bring along his wife, sister, or sweetheart; no matter how many may come, they will be taken care of.

An outline of the programme is briefly given:

The afternoon of one day will be given over to a visit to the Centennial grounds, and to the points of historic interest in Nashville. The visitors, among other things, will be introduced to their ancient friend Menophy, who owns the first cat invented by the great god Ptah, one of the original Supreme Nine. Old Ptah made a mistake in his first cat in breathing into it only one life. It died of old age, and Ptah had it embalmed and gave it to Nephth, who, at that time, was doing the pharaoh business in Egypt—cornering the grain market and regulating the overflow of the Nile. The next cat Ptah made, all of the nine gods each breathed a life into it, and that is the reason why the average citizen can't kill a cat with a bootjack.

The play-time of another day will be employed in a special train excursion out to famous Belle Meade, where will be spread a

HO! FOR NASHVILLE!!

FIFTH HOO-HOO ANNUAL,

SEPTEMBER 9TH TO 12TH, 1896.

Reduced rates on Railroads and Hotels are announced on page 3.

READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

The Scrivenoter will cheerfully give information to any who do not fully understand the instructions.

genuine old-fashioned barbecue, with tanks of Jersey milk to drink, and a few other "contundaries." The meeting will close with a trip on a special train over the N. & C. road to Chattanooga. The run will be made on a "limited" schedule in the afternoon, and the night spent at the splendid Lookout Inn, on the mountain. The next day will be spent in visiting Chickamauga National Park and other points of historic interest, returning to Nashville in the late afternoon. Transportation to Chattanooga and return will be free to the visitors.

This is by no means the programme in full, but it is the outlines of a visit that the local Hoo-Hoo and the citizens of Nashville stand pledged to make one full of enjoyment to every member of the Order, old or young, who can manage to be on hand.

The *Lumberman* makes this early announcement that the busy, working men in the Order—and they are all that—can now begin to arrange for the trip. It will occupy about five days, and this can well be given over to pleasure and recreation.

#### A Letter on the "Chamber of Horrors."

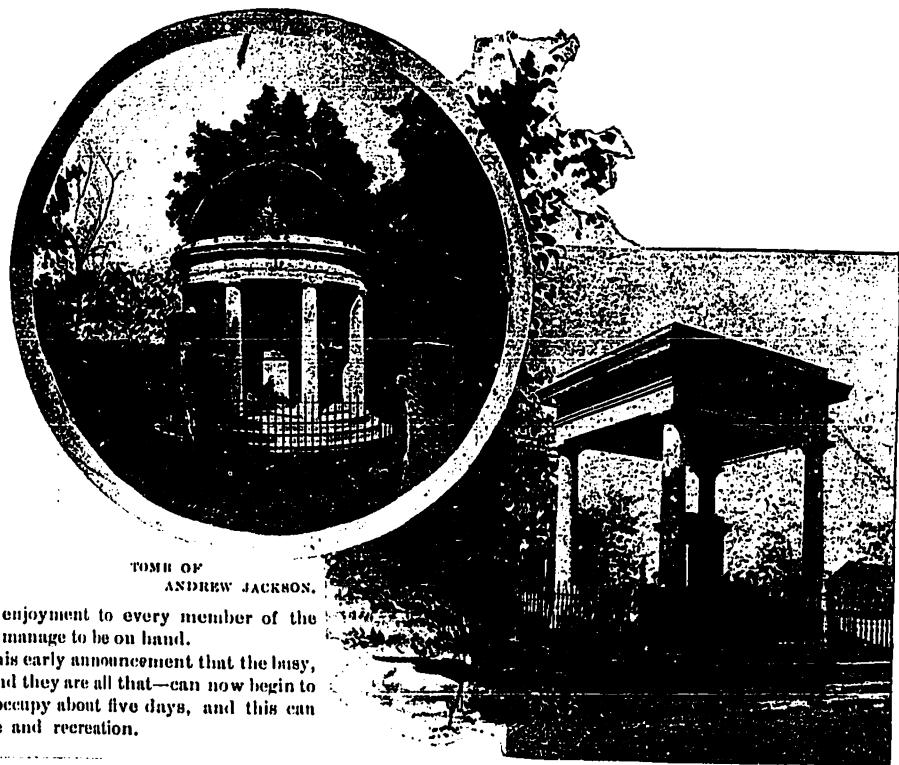
MY DEAR EDITOR:—I notice in your valued columns among other important and suggestive matter, a letter from the J. H. H., Mr. Cliff S. Walker, pertaining to the Chamber of Horrors.

Now just a few words on this subject. We all realize that the coming Annual will be a very enthusiastic one, and among other looked-for attractions of this meeting will be the proceedings of the Chamber in its work on the "passing of the Snark." The "Chamber of Horrors" is in its infancy; it was, as we all know, conceived and given birth at the Minneapolis meeting, and its especial mission in the Order was to place the Vicegerents (Past-Vicegerents) in a proper and fittingly numbered cell in the Chamber in the order they were appointed by the Most Worthy Acting Snark at the time of their labors, this to be a mark of esteem from their fellow brother Hoo-Hoo among whom they had labored in the onion bed of Hoo-Hoo for the good of the Order.

The Chamber was to be a resting place for the Past-Vicegerents, and whose particular function was to attend to the "passing of the Snark" at the annual meetings of Hoo-Hoo and nothing more; it was to frame in itself a fitting ritual for such work and preserve in its records and archives Hoo-Hoo literature, idioms etc., etc.

The Chamber at present is like Hoo-Hoo itself was at the beginning, viz.: much to be corrected and completed to reach a near perfection, but as it is composed of those who have labored in the cause of great Hoo-Hoo, it will without doubt be made more and more complete as its years roll on.

The idea suggested by the J. H. H. in his letter is such as would not carry out the ideas of the Chamber. In the first place, he has suggested that it should be composed only of the "flower" of Hoo-Hoo. Now this is in itself a reflection upon our most illustrious House of Ancients and the present Worthy Snark, as they have invariably endeavored to pluck flowers from the onion bed in naming their lieutenants in the various States to assist them in the work of the Order. This itself would make the occupants of the Chamber composed of just such as he (the J. H. H.) desires it to contain. However, the occupants of that Chamber are a modest set of fellows and have



TOMB OF ANDREW JACKSON.

TOMB OF JAMES K. POLK.

no claims for being flowers, etc.; they only claim for themselves the name of being juicy and full-scented onions, they are not "silk-stock-ing fellows" and won't be classified in that manner. They are only plain every-day Hoo-Hoo brothers who have worked, and are now shelved to rest and cure.

Then the button. Now this is a matter that, while important, could be changed if it in any way transgresses on Hoo-Hoo in its design, but really it don't; it is distinctly Hoo-Hoo, it is a *Black Cat*, not a *Red Cat* or a *Blue Cat*. We hold up our hands in disgust at that, as a *Black Cat* is *Only and Wholly Hoo-Hoo*. The Eye of Egypt is to show that it is alert and watchful of the Sacred House of Ancients; that all Hoo-Hoo is to protect, as inviolably sacred, the members of the Chamber, having especially guarded the interests of Hoo-Hoo during the reign of one of the occupants of the House of Ancients, now become a guard both for his own Past Snark and with it the duty of assisting and protecting all of the Past Snarks who dwell in the House of Ancients.

No, I cannot agree with my friend the J. H. H. in all of his ideas. If there is to be another body or division to be formed in Hoo-Hoo, and which I would much deprecate, and be composed only of those who have the \$25 and the votes of all of the Supreme Nine, with a recommendation of 10 members of the Order, let it in no way interfere with the established rites and ceremonies of the Chamber of Horrors. Sincerely and fraternally yours, No. 144.

#### Notice.

A meeting of the Committee on Ritual was called by Chairman McClintock on July 31st, to take place at 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, August 3d, at the rooms of the Lumbermen's Association, 1360 Old Colony Bldg., Chicago, for the purpose of getting the work of revising the ritual in shape before the coming Annual. The committee made no report of its plans, or the work accomplished at this meeting, to THE BULLETIN, but doubtless good work was done, as will be seen by the report given at the Annual.

## NOTICE OF REDUCED RATES

On Railroads for the Fifth Hoo-Hoo Annual at Nashville, Tenn., September 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, 1896.

THESE rates are good for all members of your family, and our Nashville hosts wish it widely known that the ladies are cordially invited, and their presence is requested. A committee has been appointed who will do all in their power to make their visit to Nashville enjoyable; elaborate arrangements have been made for their entertainment.

### ONE FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP

The Southern States Passenger Association (including all roads south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers and east of the Mississippi River);

The Central Passenger Association (including all points in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois east of a line drawn from Chicago to St. Louis.)

The Louisville & Nashville from St. Louis and all other principal stations on their line, make one fare rate.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois, from Chicago to Nashville, make one fare rate.

The Mo. Pac. from Kansas City and points in Missouri, competition with K. C., P. S. & M. will sell tickets via St. Louis at one fare for round trip. The Iron Mountain from points in Missouri and Arkansas, at one fare. Tickets on sale September 6th and 7th, limited to return September 15th.

The K. C., P. S. & M. from Kansas City and other points on their line to Nashville, have made a ONE FARE RATE for the round trip. Tickets on sale September 7th and 8th, return limit good until September 15th.

### ...RATES...

The fare from St. Louis to Nashville, via I. & N., will be \$10.00 for the round trip; from Memphis to Nashville, \$6.00 for round trip; from Chicago to Nashville, via C. & E. I., \$13.50 for round trip; from Kansas City to Nashville, via K. C., P. S. & M., or Mo. Pac. via St. Louis, \$17.50 for round trip.

Everyone located outside of the territory of the Southern Passenger Association and Central Passenger Association should take a Certificate when purchasing a ticket, so as to secure the benefit of any reduction made by other passenger associations.

### HOTELS AND RATES.

The Maxwell House and Duncan Hotel—regular rates \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day—will make rate of \$3.00 a day, subject to the necessity of assigning two to one room.

The Nicholson—regular rates \$2.00 to \$3.50—will make a rate of \$2.00 a day.

The Utopia and Luicks Hotels are first-class European hotels and will make special rates.

Special rates will also be made by hotels at Lookout Mountain.

Those wishing rooms reserved, and all who expect to attend the Annual, should notify the Scrivenoter at once.

ADDITIONAL RATES RECEIVED SINCE INVITATIONS WERE MAILED.

The Central Passenger Committee has issued the following circular:

CIRCULAR No. 233.

EXCURSION FARES FOR THE CONCATENATED ORDER OF HOO-HOO.

Nashville, Tenn., September 9-12, 1896.

To Members of the Central Passenger Committee.

Gentlemen:—As giving effect to the action of your Committee, it is hereby announced that for the above occasion special excursion tickets of standard form No. 1, limited to continuous passage in both directions, may be sold at rate of one first-class fare for the round trip from all points in Central Passenger Committee territory, except from Western terminal of the Trunk Line Association, or contiguous territory affecting regular fares to or from such terminal, on September 7th and 8th inclusive, good going only on date of sale as stamped on back by selling agent, and good returning to initial point of ticket not later than September 16th, 1896.

The territory covered by this Association is as follows:

The Central Traffic Association is formed by railway companies located within the area bounded as follows:—On the East, by the western terminal of the Trunk Lines whose terminal are Toronto, Canada; Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls, Tonawanda, Black Rock, Buffalo, East Buffalo, Buffalo Junction, Dunkirk and Salamanca, N. Y.; Pittsburg and Allegheny, Pa.; Bellaire, Wheeling and Parkersburg, W. Va.; and Ashland, Ky. On the North, by the line of the Grand Trunk Railway from Toronto to Port Huron, including the points thereon, thence via the Great Lakes to Chicago. On the West, by a line through Joliet and Streator to Peoria, thence via T. P. & W. Ry. to E. Burlington, thence via the Mississippi River to its junction with the Ohio River. On the South, by the Ohio River.

The Western Passenger Association, by authority of B. D. Caldwell, authorizes a rate of one and one-third fare—certificate plan—for round trip from points in territory of their Association.

Lines covered by rulings of this Association are as follows:

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.	Chicago Great Western Ry.	Illinois Central R. R.	St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.
Burlington & Missouri River R. R.	Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.	Kan. City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs R. R.	Sioux City & Pacific R. R.
Burlington, Cedar Rap. & Nor. R. R.	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.	Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R.	Union Pacific System.
Chicago & Alton R. R.	Chicago, St. P., Minn. & Omaha Ry.	Missouri Pacific Ry.	Wabash R. R.
Chicago & Northwestern Ry.	Denver & Rio Grande R. R.	Rock Island & Peoria Ry.	Wisconsin Central Lines.
Chicago, Burlington & Northern R. R.	Fremont, Elkhorn & Mo. Valley R. R.	St. Joseph & Grand Island R. R.	Iowa Central
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.	Hannibal & St. Joseph R. R.	St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern R. R.	Jacksonville, Louisville & St. Louis Ry.

The Trunk Line Association, by authority of L. P. Farmer, commissioner, authorizes a rate of one and one-third fare—certificate plan—for round trip for all points in the territory of their Association. The roads governed are as follows:

Baltimore & Ohio R. R.	Lehigh Valley R. R.	Delaware, Lackawanna & West. R. R.	Pennsylvania R. R.
Central R. R. of New Jersey.	New York Central & Hudson River R. R.	Erie R. R.	Philadelphia & Reading R. R.
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	New York, Ontario & Western Ry.	Grand Trunk Ry.	West Shore R. R.

The territory of the Trunk Line Association includes the territory west of New England, traversed by the companies represented in the committee, and east of and including Toronto, Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls, Tonawanda, Black Rock, Buffalo, East Buffalo, Buffalo Junction, Dunkirk, Salamanca, Erie, Pittsburg, Pa.; Bellaire, O.; Wheeling, Parkersburg and Charleston, W. Va.

On the certificate plan you purchase regular tickets going, paying full fare, and take from agent a certificate, which you will have the Scrivenoter of the Convention sign, and on presentation to the agent on returning he will sell you a ticket at one-third fare and take up your certificate. If he has no certificate, take his receipt showing you have paid full fare going. Unless you have either of these you can not obtain the reduced rates returning.

### INSTRUCTIONS HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

Members located in the territory of the Southern States Passenger Association and Central Passenger Association, territory covered as shown above, should buy round trip tickets.

Members in Texas going via Memphis, should buy a tourists' ticket to Memphis at the best rate obtainable, and then buy a round trip ticket from Memphis. Parties in the West coming via Kansas City should buy a ticket to Kansas City and take certificate from the Agent where you buy your ticket, and on arrival at Kansas City you can buy a round trip ticket via St. Louis, if desired, for one fare. Parties going from the Northwest, via Chicago, should buy a ticket to Chicago, and take certificate from Ticket Agent. On arrival at Chicago round trip tickets can be bought over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois at one fare for the round trip. Members from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan should secure a round trip ticket at one fare. Those intending to make the trip may save trouble and expense by notifying railroad agent a day or two in advance of your intention, thus enabling him to secure rates quoted on this sheet.



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"Long-Distance Telephone" from St. Louis to Nashville

What!!! Louder!!! Oh yes, this is St. Louis. Yes, we will have a meeting of the local members and send a large delegation. Lots of good and loyal Hoo-Hoo in this metropolis who wouldn't let an annual meeting roll by without attending. Yes, they have a one-fare rate over the L. & N. for the round trip.

No, they won't need many proxies, they will all be there. Yes, the Lumber Exchange will be largely represented; Mr. Waldstein and his friends will be there, sure. Yes, Jim, the ladies are all coming. What! No, no bad-looking ones. No, no beer. Auf widerschien.

The BULLETIN is greatly indebted to Mr. James H. Baird, of the Southern Lumberman, for the use of all the cuts shown in the two last issues, which enable us to give those who may not be able to go to Nashville to attend the Annual, a bird's-eye view of some of the handsome edifices of which this famous city boasts. A glimpse of them might also create a still stronger desire in the breast of those who expect to attend, to be present without fail.

Meeting of the Supreme Nine.

Our worthy Snark, Mr. J. E. Desebaugh, has decided to call a meeting of the Supreme Nine at 9:09 o'clock a. m. on the 8th of September, at the Dunann House, and issued a letter to this effect August 19. h. Some very important matters are to be considered.

Kansas City Hoo-Hoo Club No. 1.

D. T. Morton, Vicegerent for the State of Missouri, and the members of Hoo-Hoo Club No. 1 will hold a meeting in the club rooms in the Keith & Perry building, Kansas City, the chief object of which meeting will be to ascertain the probable number who will attend the Annual from Kansas City and vicinity. Kansas City herself boasts of 115 members, and should send a goodly number as delegates to the Annual. A one-fare rate, which has been made by the K. C., F. S. & M. and Mo. Pac. via St. Louis to Nashville, ought to insure a large attendance from Western Missouri.

Kentucky Hoo-Hoo.

Attention is called to the announcement of G. L. Piper, Vicegerent for the State of Kentucky, which appears in this issue. Mr. Piper has secured a special train for the sole use of Hoo-Hoo who will go to Nashville, and has invited all members in the State to assemble at Louisville and start from there on the "L. & N. Special Hoo-Hoo Train" at 3:30 p. m. on the afternoon of September 8th. A one-fare rate has been made. Notify Mr. Piper, Ninth and Kentucky streets, Louisville, of your probable attendance.

Detroit for the Annual Meeting in 1897.

A banner bearing the above motto will wave over the Michigan delegation, so writes John J. Marten, the stirring and earnest worker of our Order and Vicegerent Snark for the State of Michigan. In fact, he is thinking of putting an ad. in the Nashville daily papers for "boomers for Detroit." Every member in his State will work for this end, and also all the members of the Order after they have once listened to the pleading voice of our wide-awake co-worker Marten. Visit Michigan headquarters at Nashville and hear what he has to say on the subject.

Proxies, Proxies, Proxies.

On the 8th and 10th insts. were mailed to every member of the Order a proxy and invitation to the Hoo-Hoo Annual. If you did not receive both of these, write the Scrivenoter at once for them. These proxies are very important, and if you find that it is impossible for you to attend the Annual, fill out the proxy you received and send to the Vicegerent Snark, whose self-addressed envelope was enclosed with the proxy and invitation. We urge upon you not to omit doing this if you cannot come to Nashville. Come and cast your own vote.

The election of Supreme Officers is determined by the proxies, and we want every member in each State to be on hand or have a proxy represent his vote.

A Voice from the House of Ancients.

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock."—Matt., vi: 2.

I shall at this very last moment of an extended opportunity take time out of the heat and worry of this August day to say some things to Hoo-Hoo which will probably be new to many, distasteful to some, and on the whole, result probably in discussions which may settle some things which must be settled before Hoo-Hoo, as a great Order, moves triumphantly and easily into history.

I shall say some things about the building of this house wherein we live, something about the walls which surround the garden of health, happiness and long life, and something about the landscape gardening on the inside which will throw some light, I trust, on the first plans that were laid for Hoo-Hoo, and assist somewhat in an endeavor to strengthen the weak places in the superstructure in order that when the rain descends, and the floods come, and the winds blow, and beat upon our house, it will fall not.

THE THEME OF HOO-HOO.

All music has a theme, a delicate thread of harmony that knits it into a tangible whole; all attempts at effort which are successful, must have a central idea round which the other efforts cluster; all buildings have rafters and have substantial supporting posts; and if Hoo-Hoo shines for all time with a marked individuality—and it certainly does not seek to shine with anything else—it must have a theme that is different and individual and worthy.

Many will say that this is scarcely the time to talk about the frame work of our house, which is to stand on the rock, when we have already given it one or two coats of paint on the outside.

Hoo-Hoo has had a theme from the very first.

Ever since the day of the Revelation at Gurdon, Ark., the theme has been more or less left in the background, unsupported, unhonored and unsung. No very hearty effort has been officially made to set it in proper position and to give it that wide support which would make it evidently the one sterling principle of the Order.

This theme is a body with two heads. It is all based upon that wonderful amount of information contained in the short biographies which each Hoo-Hoo writes on the day of his initiation and has further foundation in the handbook which every Hoo-Hoo promises to carry "always with him," protecting the contents from the gaze of the unworthy, and cherishing the use thereof.

It is my province to say at this late date that the sole object of the gathering of the information which has been gathered from every Hoo-Hoo and embodied in the four-page application blank now bound in many volumes and on the shelves in the archives corner of the Scrivenoter's office, was to be a basis of information about each member of the Order, which was to stand for the member as a perpetual record of what he had done and would do in the world, in order that the Scrivenoter might at any time tell to any Hoo-Hoo who might inquire of the character of a member just what that person had said about himself over his own signature.

This information was to have been put to certain usages, and in a measure that has been accomplished.

The handbooks have been regularly printed and are universally carried by members of the Order, or kept where they can be easily reached, but only there begins the reason for the universal use of the handbook and the information which it contains, which should be the life of the Order and increase its usefulness to such a degree that the Order would stand absolutely unique and different from anything else in the way of a secret fraternity.

I have always believed that the broadest, best charity which could be extended to any human being was in the shape of extending an opportunity to that person to earn a living.

People do not always make their opportunities. People of great deserts oftentimes fail for lack of opportunity. A man may have wonderful ability in certain lines, and there be no possible market for that ability in sight; and yet it may be that many men are looking the market over for just that kind of ability, and would be glad to pay well for it if they could find it.

Believing this, it has been the dream of my later life to see a great body of ordinarily well-deserving men banded together for the

purpose of a general and concerted effort in the direction of seeing deserving ability of all kinds reach a profitable market. Such a dream has been partially worked out and made a tangible fact by the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo; but it has not been done in a decisive aggressive way, and from the very first only accomplished in a half-hearted manner, which showed lack of official interest in the plan and in the disposition even to discard the idea which in the future should be considered the central idea—the posts and the rafters, the ridge-poles, and the general strong theme-frame of the house which we have built, and which we hope will stand when the rains descend.

A few more words of explicit explanation. From the very beginning I have advocated a bureau, in connection with the office of Scrivenoter, for the purpose of registering the names and capabilities of those who are out of employment, and the registering of the kind and class of men people might desire to employ. Even that in a half-hearted way has been in a manner made a fact; but it has never yet been done as it should be to accomplish the very best results.

Those in official circles have complained that Hoo-Hoo could not become responsible for the individual character of its membership, or agree that they would perform all the duties which they might as individuals agree to perform; that the majority of the membership of the Order did not care to be bored by an employment bureau service. Various other reasons were named why this scheme would be a bad policy which were equally as empty and void of sincerity as those just outlined.

It is not proposed by this writer to make Hoo-Hoo a bondman for every person applying for a position who may be so unfortunate as not to have an opportunity to earn a living. No one has ever really sincerely expected in their wildest flights of imagination that Hoo-Hoo could or would attempt to do anything of the sort.

If the blank of application upon which is based the Hoo-Hoo handbook is not for the purpose of making the membership acquainted thoroughly, one with the other, then what in the name of the nine commandments of Hoo-Hoo are those things for?

My claim is that acquaintance brings position; that Hoo-Hoo is acquaintance; that if 4,000 people know that John Henry Jones claims to be a good book-keeper and is willing to try to be employed at a certain price per month or year, then John Henry Jones has just 4,000 times better chance of getting a position which he desires than if no one knew that he was in the market for a position of that sort.

What I wanted to see was a widespread interest in this thing of such a character that those who were in the Order and needed men would naturally turn at once to the Hoo-Hoo BULLETIN and to the Scrivenoter's office for reference as to who it would be probably profitable to employ, and that those who were out of position would never hesitate to write at once to the Scrivenoter asking that the fact might be advertised abroad that he desired a position.

We now have the machinery to make this thing operative; have the information at hand with which to corroborate any statement an individual may make; we may at least know about his original application blank; whether or not the letter received at the office is from the person alleged; and there is no reason why a much more hearty effort should not be put on foot to make this an active matter.

Many people who believe this and will always believe this to be the central theme by which good work may be done by the Order were misled by the adoption of the "BULLETIN" plan at Minneapolis. I certainly understood that an employment department was to be given prominent place in the BULLETIN and was to be particularly and thoroughly looked after. It would be unreasonable to suppose that it has been actually neglected, for it has not. Those who have applied for positions have had their notices printed, but they have been done in an out-of-the-way-paragraph sort of make-up that has not been equivalent to being printed at all. They have not been grouped and the field has not been properly worked; and this must not either be understood to be a reflection upon the office of Scrivenoter for it is not. The present Hoo-Hoo ritual, either in the written or unwritten work contains no charge about this matter of employment. It only exists in the earnest desire of many Hoo-Hoo to see these things accomplished.



In closing this part of the paper, let me say that this is a theme which should knit together the music of Hoo-Hoo into a harmony of great charity, which is not the giving of money but the giving of opportunity to earn money. That it should be given to the Scrivenor by Hoo-Hoo as a duty to report to the Order on Hoo-Hoo Day the number of people who have applied to Hoo-Hoo for employment and received it and the number of people who have applied to Hoo-Hoo for employes and secured them. It should be instilled into the heart of every member of the organization and should give greater rejoicing on each Hoo-Hoo Day to know that a dozen people had been put into a channel where they might earn their own living than that we should find in the treasury of Hoo-Hoo a dozen thousand dollars more money than we had expected it contained.

ANOTHER HANDBOOK USE.

A great hue and cry has gone up from some quarters, of improper use of the Hoo-Hoo Handbook, and the soliciting of business by means of using the Hoo-Hoo Handbook as an address book. This by many has been termed "using" Hoo-Hoo. It is the opinion of the writer that those people who have "used" Hoo-Hoo in this way occupy a vastly more advanced ground in the direction of benefits, which Hoo-Hoo means, than those people who object to what has been done.

Some time since someone in Arkansas discovered that he could get a cloth manufacturer somewhere to make linen with our cat stamped all over it. He conceived the idea that it would be a good plan to circularize the Order and tell them at about what price they might get garments of various sorts made up all covered with these Hoo-Hoo cats.

Some people are not yet through talking about it and what an imposition it was that somebody should attempt to sell each member of the Order a circus-poster shirt.

Some good Kentucky Hoo-Hoo invented an "anti-rattler" and endeavored to sell it by sending a circular to every member of the Order. Now, I have not the remotest idea what an "anti-rattler" is. It may be something to eat or something to wear or something to drink—probably the latter, if it come from Kentucky—but certainly I, for one, am not jealous of our Kentucky brother if he sell an "anti-rattler" to a Hoo-Hoo with a profit. This is business—pure, unadulterated, cold-blooded, good business—and it is nothing else on earth.

The Hoo-Hoo Handbook is meant to be used as we use the books of commercial agencies.

If there is any information to be had which a brother Hoo-Hoo can give us, whether we know him personally or not we should recollect that we have each walked in the waving greenness of the Gardens Left and Right, and that it is the duty of a brother to reply to any civil business question which we may be asked above the Hoo-Hoo signature.

That sort of correspondence, even a correspondence touching the stability of commercial houses and all of those things that we deem to be necessary information, should be sought for and obtained in that way, and thus widen the influence and discover uses for which Hoo-Hoo was originally intended; and in this connection let me say that "originally intended" means just that.

There are probably some new things under the sun; I am not prepared to disprove it. There is a well founded assertion that there is nothing new under the sun; I am not prepared to disprove that; but these things which I have outlined here but which I have not probably talked of before in a public way, are the old and original plan and scheme upon which Hoo-Hoo was founded.

Since the founding I have endeavored to see these things accomplished in an official way.

TO SAVE THE ORDER.

Before each annual concatenation there has been a great deal of discussion among some members of the Order about what they could do to save the Order, to make something out of it, to make it really something which should live, and could live, and would live. Allow me to say here that if those earnest people who desire "new things" would abandon the habits of the ancient Greeks and return to the "old things" which are the employment bureau uses of the

original application blank, and the commercial uses of the Hoo-Hoo handbook, and see that those things are thoroughly ingrafted into the Constitution if need be, and into the ritual by all means, they will do more for the good of Hoo-Hoo than the digging up of any new traditions or new plans or new schemes for its benefit.

Another thing to do "to save the Order," which has been made imperative, and which should be insisted upon, is, that if the handbook is worth anything it is only worth something if it is kept in the hands of the members of the Order. It is considered valuable to the Order to know that each handbook has been received by the proper person, and that it has therefore been sent out by registered mail in order that a signature may be secured in the office of the Scrivenor, which can be compared with the signature on the original application blank in order that the Scrivenor may know that the handbook is in proper hands.

Now, next to knowing that it is in proper hands, is it not business to know that it does not fall out of those proper hands? Why should not the handbook be returned to the office of the Scrivenor as the Constitution provides? Why should the members of the Order be warned to destroy their handbooks, but not to return them to the office of the Scrivenor? It has not been stated, but the reason given is this—that it would cost the Order ten cents apiece to have these handbooks returned. That the Order would have to pay overdue postage on the handbooks. That, as a fact, has never been stated to the membership as a reason, and the scheme to the membership to destroy the handbooks is an absolutely unbusiness-like arrangement.

There is a far better plan than this, and it is to so amend the Constitution that it shall be a law that those persons who desire a new handbook must return to the office of the Scrivenor their old handbook or handbooks, as it may be, before such a new handbook shall be sent to them; and that the old handbook or handbooks shall be returned to the Order, postage paid.

It is, apparently, a small thing, but it is the largest small thing which threatens the good of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo; and those people who are anxious to legislate and to write the Constitution and By-laws and things and to "save the Order", have a most elegant opportunity at Nashville to have the Constitution modified or changed to accomplish the return of the handbook or handbooks to the office of the Scrivenor.

I believe that the old handbooks should be collected if it costs \$500. This, it appears to me, is the only means of keeping the information to ourselves which we have been so long collecting and which we have spent so much money in getting. There are other matters which other people have more ability to discuss than myself. These things may seem to have been written a little tartly—I believe them so thoroughly and so violently and am able to talk them so readily, that I have not the time to look for soft words.

HOUSE OF ANCIENTS.

Following September 9 there will be a real House of Ancients, with Constitution, By-laws and regulations and things like people have who have not been through the Chamber of Horrors.

What the House of Ancients will be can only be outlined here. It is possible that the special revelation which created the House of Ancients will be given to those who come to Nashville.

The Order has given to the House of Ancients a constitutional right to exist. It will exist in harmony with the Order fully. The House of Ancients will handle the copyright matter during the coming Hoo-Hoo year in a way that will bring to the House of Ancients a fund for the perpetuation of the body and a fund which it is hoped can be used in a charitable way. Beautifully engrossed and framed permits will be given those who desire to use the Hoo-Hoo emblem in their trade and profession, and they will be given at a certain price. A means has been discovered by which those who secure this privilege can be protected in that privilege.

The House of Ancients will very soon institute the keeping of some books which may be exhibited only on the ninth day of the ninth month to those who have taken enough interest in Hoo-Hoo to attend the annual meetings. These books will be "The Book of the Seer," "The Book of the Dead," and "The Book of Charities." In these three books will be exhibited the record of the passing of the Snark, the record of the location of the last resting place and demise of those who have gone before, and the record of receipts and disbursements and fees that have come to the House of Ancients for distribution of the copyright or from any source whatever.

The House of Ancients will, in some ritualistic way, receive from the Chamber of Horrors the Snark each year as he is passed up to them, and afford him some means of resurrection. That is, the House of Ancients will receive such Snarks as are yet alive in any sense after they have passed through the hands of the Chamber of Horrors.

B. ARTHUR JOHNSON.

Notice to Delinquents.

It has been rumored that the Committee on Rules will recommend that the proxies of any delinquent members, be marked void. It is important that all dues be paid before September 9th.

Special Notices.

We are requested to publish the following notice: "A Hoo-Hoo in good standing wants a situation with some yellow pine lumber manufacturer, where he can command a good salary. Has had experience from the woods to the office, handling men and superintending of various departments, also on the road selling lumber, but prefers not to travel. First-class references. Address and number given by application to the Scrivenor's office."

Hoo-Hoo No. 4281 is looking for a position as book-keeper or assistant book-keeper and general office man. Has had seven years' experience with saw and planing mills, and can furnish best of references. Mail addressed to this Hoo-Hoo at Paducah, Ky., or the Scrivenor's office, will receive prompt attention.

A Hoo-Hoo's Heavy Loss.

On July 20th, at the Gulf Bath House, Galveston, Texas, Mr. A. G. Anderson, Hoo-Hoo No. 1653, was so unfortunate as to make a heavy losing, as someone relieved his clothing of a considerable amount of money, a very valuable watch, chain, and a Hoo-Hoo charm. The watch is a full-jeweled Jules Jurgensen, No. 10671; the chain is a 14-karat rope chain, and the charm was made especially for him, and is about the size of a \$10 gold piece, is solid gold, with the black cat raised on white enamel, milled edges, with diamond eyes, gold claws and whiskers. On the reverse side is Mr. Anderson's number, 1653, and his initials, A. G. A.

Mr. Anderson gave us this information in the hope that, if published in the BULLETIN, it might possibly assist him in recovering his property. The watch and chain were gifts of a relative now dead, and cannot be replaced, of course, by money, but Mr. Anderson thinks the bath house is responsible for his financial loss. Any information received regarding these articles described above will be treated entirely confidential and will be greatly appreciated, and we ask that Hoo-Hoo keep their eyes open in Mr. Anderson's behalf.

The Hoo-Hoo at Seattle Had a Great Time.

A lively concatenation of the Hoo-Hoo was held in Harms & Dickman's hall. Ten candidates, or blind kittens, were initiated in the Order, and their groans for mercy as they were cut by the band saw, trimmed by the knot saw, smoothed by the planer and put through the dry kiln could be heard by people on Cherry street who were listening to the concert. The dismal cries of the candidates were intermixed with the caterwaulings and fierce howlings of the Black Cats, who seemed to delight in the misery of the blind kittens. The candidates were inducted into the Order one by one, and those who were waiting heard the muffled cries of those who preceded them with no little discomfiture.

The candidates initiated were: Peter Patapodut Quinn, of Edmonds; Watson Knot Hole Allen, of Seattle; Thomas Skidwood McCaffrey, of Everett; F. Michael Duggan, of Seattle; Fritz Yankee Doodle Rathgeber, of Vancouver, B. C.; Albert Sidney Howard, of Conway; Alton G. Scholl, of Everett; Charles Spurgeon Moody, of Mount Vernon; Elmer Ellsworth Lytle, of Bothell; Richard Overweight Agassiz, of Seattle.

The initiation ceremonies were followed by a banquet in which the thirty-five members and ten candidates participated, and a splendid time was had.

Following are the officers who initiated the candidates: Snark, E. H. Lewis, of Seattle; Senior Hoo-Hoo, D. P. Hanson, of San Francisco; Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. P. Cole, of Tacoma; Bojum, George H. Emmerson, of Hoquiam; Scrivenor, W. M. Peltier, of Seattle; Jahierwock, J. E. Fox, of Seattle; Custocattan, James E. Bell, of Everett; Arcanoper, F. O. Ehrlich, of Seattle; Gardon, J. Fortain, of Seattle.

Mr. D. P. Hanson is the founder of Hoo-Hoo in the State of Washington, and he dropped in rather unexpectedly at the concatenation, lending much pleasure to the evening's entertainment by his presence.

Mr. Emmerson, who acted as Bojum, was with the boys for the first time at a concatenation since his initiation.

The next concatenation of the Hoo-Hoo will be held in New Whatcom on August 15, at which time Mr. E. H. Lewis expects to take a dozen or more local Hoo-Hoo from Seattle with him to assist in the ceremonies. A grand celebration will be held at Tacoma on September 9, known as "Hoo-Hoo Day."



BELLE MEADE.

This is a picture of the magnificent stock farm where will be given a famous Southern "barbecue" on the afternoon of September 9th. Belle Meade is also the home of General W. H. Jackson. It is probably the most famous race-horse breeding establishment in the world, is located six miles from the city, and contains in the neighborhood of 12,000 acres—5,500 of which are enclosed in a deer park, which contains a herd of 600 deer.

The entire visiting Hoo-Hoo, their families and friends will be carried out to this place on a special train which runs within a few hundred yards of the house shown in the cut, which has so historical a reputation.

Announcements of Concatenations.

Arrangements have been nearly completed for a concatenation at Orange, to be held in the near future, some time between the 17th and 22d of the month, and Mr. Robert Emmet Kelley, of Beaumont, Tex., will act as Vicegerent Snark in conducting the ceremonies, owing to the absence of the chief officer of the State, Mr. Cecil A. Lyons. Mr. Dennis T. Call is working up this concatenation, and he assures us there will be a very interesting

class of candidates who will seek admission. Many Hoo-Hoo from the surrounding country, Beaumont especially, will be in attendance, and a great time is expected. Information regarding the exact date can be had from Mr. Call, of Orange, or Mr. R. E. Kelley, of Beaumont.

Vicegerent Hillman hereby announces a concatenation to be held at Chattanooga on the 20th inst., and desires to cordially invite through the columns of the BULLETIN every Hoo-Hoo who can do so to attend. Mr. W. O. Harter, of Chattanooga, has been instrumental in bringing this meeting to a climax, as for some time past many of the lumbermen of that city have felt a longing to enter our ranks. It is expected that some of the Supreme Nine will be present at the ceremonies.

M. F. Amorous will hold another concatenation at Atlanta on the 28th inst., notwithstanding the excessively warm weather. Atlanta, Ga. Acting Scrivenor Anderson is a great worker for the interest of Hoo-Hoo and has been of much assistance to Vicegerent Amorous during the past year. Hoo-Hoo continues to grow steadily in this State.

Vicegerent Oakes is still intending to hold his concatenation at Columbus on the 28th inst., and he does not want any Hoo-Hoo to lose sight of the date. This concatenation will be the last gathering that will be held in Ohio before the Annual Columbus, O. on the 9th of September, and Mr. Onkes is desirous of making it a banner occasion. In all probability quite a spread will be served after the initiation ceremonies, and if you desire more information, write to Fred S. Oakes at Huron, O. We would advise you to do so anyway, telling him you will be at the Columbus meeting.

Vicegerent McClintock is certain of holding another concatenation in Chicago before the 9th of September, and Chicago, Ill. at the meeting he will try and ascertain the probable number who will attend the Annual. Chicago has a one-fare rate to Nashville, and should send many delegates to the meeting.

**Weddings.**

The marriage of Mr. Bernard A. Brennan, Hoo-Hoo No. 2746, to Miss Mammie Flynn, of Milwaukee, Wis., was solemnized at St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday morning, July 8th, at 8 o'clock, Rev. J. J. Keogh officiating.

On account of the recent death of the bride's sister, the wedding was a very quiet one, only the immediate families of the contracting parties being present. The happy young couple left for a trip to Minneapolis, St. Paul and other Minnesota points of interest. The bride is one of the most charming of East Side young ladies. The groom, who was formerly connected with the saw mill department of the E. P. Allis Company, is now an attaché of their collection department. They will be at home, 306 Lyon street, Milwaukee, Wis., after August 1st, 1896.

**Concatenation at Vicksburg, Miss.**

On July 30th, at Masonic Hall, a lively time was had, both for the seventeen weaklings that the efficient acting Supreme Nine put through, and the members of the Order who were assembled to witness the ceremonies. "The personnel of the members present, and also of the candidates, made us all proud," so writes Vicegerent Folk, and a most enjoyable time was had. The use of the Masonic Temple was at the disposal of the Order, and when the officers' names are read there will be no doubt in the minds of every Hoo-Hoo that it was a "good thing." H. H. Folk, Snark; J. J. Hayes, Senior Hoo-Hoo; Cliff S. Walker, Junior Hoo-Hoo; J. B. Nalty, Rojum; N. A. Gladding, Scrivenoter; Jos. B. Cabell, Jabberwock; W. Carphy, Custocentian; J. H. Hinton, Arcanoper, and E. A. Dalton, Gurdon. After the initiation the ladies of Vicksburg spread a banquet for all, which was greatly appreciated by those present. The list of candidates will appear on the last page of this issue.

**Fargo Concatenation.**

On the evening of July 16th the second gathering of the followers of the Black Cat convened in Fargo, and a new litter of kittens had their eyes opened. The gathering was in A. O. U. W. hall, and the provisional officers were Vicegerent McCulloch, as Grand Snark, assisted by the following:

- Senior Hoo-Hoo—J. B. Thompson, Minneapolis.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo—Emory White, Tacoma.
- Rojum—J. G. Wallace, Minneapolis.
- Scrivenoter—J. P. Hubert, Minneapolis.
- Jabberwock—A. L. Wall, Fargo.
- Custocentian—H. C. Plumley, Fargo.
- Gurdon—G. P. Thompson, Minneapolis.

Among the visiting members of the Order were Fred T. Hogan, Henry K. H. Webster, N. W. Hawkinson, Minneapolis; W. R. Wentworth, Bay City, Mich.; Dionysius H. McMullen, Seattle; J. G. Ballard, Cloquet, Minn.; Thomas E. Dunn, Sheldon; I. F. Swarthout, Centralia, Wash.; H. A. McConville, Wheatland; Fred T. McCren, S. A. Shellabarger, J. A. Chesley, A. E. Johnson, O. R. Lindsay, Fargo.

A list of candidates will be found on the last page of this issue. After the degree had been conferred, an adjournment was taken to the Hotel Martin, where Miss Host Martin spread a banquet, which was most thoroughly enjoyed. The menu card was as follows:

- Little Neck Clams (In Memory of the Kittens)
- Green Sea Turtle caught with a Cant-Hook
- Kiln Dried Shad, Maitre de Hotel Sauce and Sawdust
- Potato Croquettes
- Second Growth Chicken, Saute a la Financier
- Potatoes Ship Lapped Creamed Sweetbreads Well Boxed
- Robert Lineyard McCulloch's Favorite Punch
- Shrimp Joblots Potatoes St. Julien
- Cold Turkey Straight Grained
- Cold Ham Vertical Grained
- Lady Fingers, Mill Stuff Style
- Cocoanut Drops, Without Pank Knots
- Chocolate Crescents, Quarter Round
- Neapolitan Ice Cream Angel Food a la Wall
- Tropical Fruit, Cut by Alsop
- Raisins a la Shellabarger
- Nuts, Cracked by the Litter
- Chesley's Coffee
- Twisted Shavings, with Matches from Banks

During the banquet the Western Union Mandolin Club gave a number of excellent selections, and George Hubert delighted the guests with several songs, the impromptu one full of local hits being especially appreciated. Mr. Hubert has a very fine voice, and much success is predicted for him.

Vicegerent McCulloch acted as toastmaster and everyone at the tables seemed moved to say something, and the remarks were all excellent. It was a most enjoyable evening, and all seemed to wish for an early repetition.

**STRONG ARGUMENTS.**

**Communication from an Active Hoo-Hoo in Kansas City.**

I have read with considerable interest the July BULLETIN, and have noted some of the suggestions offered by a few of our active brethren. I presume you will not object to receiving suggestions and criticism from others. First, I desire to say something in reply to Kitten No. 894, from Boston; it is my opinion that if the candidates had been required to deposit their money with their applications, with the understanding that no concatenation would be held unless a certain number presented themselves for initiation, his objection would be overcome. (Section V. of Article VI. states the minimum number.) We think that if our laws were more strictly adhered to, less complaint would be heard. Again, experience has proven that it would be unwise to reduce the initiation below the present figure, and that the amount of \$3.33 per candidate for expense incurred is liberal, where a due regard for economy is used. Strict discipline must be insisted upon in this matter. Extravagance should not be permitted.

As to the manner of conducting each concatenation, that must, of necessity, be left largely to the members attending, and on their behavior depends its respectability.

We agree with the brother kitten, when you are in Rome, do as Rome does, therefore, we must look to Boston kittens to keep our Order in good repute in their territory. We are not ashamed of the emblem of our Order here, as we wear it upon all occasions, be they religious, secret or political.

I would also like to say a few words as to the suggestions of our present Junior Hoo-Hoo, Brother Kitten Cliff S. Walker, one for whom I have the greatest respect, for the reason that his suggestions come from a strong desire to benefit the Order. I desire to take issue with him in reference to the Chamber of Horrors. This, as he states, was originated and brought to light simply as a mark of honor to be conferred on those who have filled the office of Vicegerent Snark, who, from the natural care in selecting them, are supposed to be the "Flower of Hoo-Hoo." To our mind, it would be bad judgment to permit any others to become eligible to this honored degree. The moment you put a money consideration as a means of eligibility, that moment you degrade the position which many might seek to attain. I believe in thorough democracy in conducting the affairs of our Order, favoritism for none and equal rights for all. We want no silk-stocking degree. With the excessive initiation suggested, many, no doubt, of our best members would decline the honor. Money would then become the standard of eligibility. I agree with Brother Walker that such initiation fee would be paid only by men who were able and anxious to receive the honor. I do not believe, however, that this would be for the best interests of the Order. The Chamber of Horrors is still in its infancy, and many things can be originated and adopted that would be attractive, create and maintain the interests of its members, which its members can adopt as such present themselves. To our mind, the expense attached need not be excessive. A nominal annual fee certainly should be sufficient, as the Chamber of Horrors will naturally increase every year. The time would soon come when they would have ample means at their command. As to the emblem connected with this degree, it seems to me that it is very appropriate. It does not infringe on the original emblem of our Order. The eye, we interpret, was put there by the originators of the degree, as a sign and token of their watchfulness over the best interests of the Order. As to his suggestion that the Supreme Nine employ an organizer to go over the territory and arouse interest in the Order, we believe it would be a bad move. The expense attached thereto would soon reduce our surplus. The Snark, together with the advice and consent of the Supreme Nine, must use their best judgment in the selection of the Vicegerents, to whom, of necessity, must be left the local organizing in their territory. I agree with Brother Walker as to the Chamber of Horrors, in reference to legislative powers. Such powers should be delegated, and alone remain with the Supreme Nine.

As to the balance of his suggestions, I perfectly agree with him. I trust that Brother Walker will take no offense on the criticisms that I make of his suggestions. These matters should be brought up at the annual meeting, thoroughly discussed, and we all abide by the majority.

**COMMUNICATIONS.**

**Subjects for Consideration.**

BLACKBURN, MISS., Aug. 3, 1896.  
DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have before me the BULLETIN for present month. I note communications from No. 894, and also Jno. E. Williams, on the subject of what should come before our next annual for the "Good of the Order." I agree with them that the Order has outgrown its first conception, i. e., only a body of "jolly good fellows," devoting the time to fun and merriment. It is calculated and can do a great deal of good to each and every member by devoting a portion of the time of each concatenation to business for the good of the Order.

"A little fun now and then," etc., is all right, and relished by all lumbermen, but too much of it has a tendency to cause all members to lack or lose that respect which an organization of this magnitude in numbers and in social and business character of its members should command. Another matter which should, I think, come before the next annual, is more stringent rules as to who, in the lumber business, should be eligible to membership. As it now is, any man occupying any situation so that he handles lumber or is around it, is eligible to membership. This, I know, is calculated to keep some out of the Order. I would not say where the line should be drawn, but there certainly should be some legislation on this subject.

NEW YORK, July 28, 1896.

BROTHER SCRIVENOTER:—I have noticed No. 891 "Nut to Crack" in BULLETIN, and I fully agree with him in some points, and know that the disappointment he mentions is experienced by others. But this cannot be helped always. I know of eleven applications that are on file and the candidates are anxious to come in, but after the date and place is set something unexpected comes up to prevent their being present, consequently only small numbers are taken in or else the meeting fails, and as he shows, the expenses are all planned and guaranteed, so someone is out of pocket. As to the meetings being boisterous, well, this is all in the hands of those present, and they have no one to blame but themselves. I have attended a great number of concatenations in different localities, and find in some sections it is conducted in a boisterous manner, while in other places there is just as much fun and sociability and no one could take any exceptions to the proceedings; in fact all go out still feeling they had not in the least been subjected to any indignities or in any degree treated otherwise than in a gentlemanly manner.

As regards the button: Personally I know a good many who do not like to wear it because it is too expressive and is not of such a character as most buttons of the kind that are worn. It undoubtedly was just the design that was wanted at first; but has not the society grown to such a size and are not its members such gentlemen that they ought to be provided with such an emblem that they would be proud to wear at all times, and can not someone suggest a design that will be as much or more emblematic of the society than this, and not be so expressive in appearance?

Our society to-day holds in its membership men that can not be excelled in any of the points required of man either as business men or good citizens to their country, and I think all members are proud of the society and of the character and numbers of its membership. So let us see if something cannot be done to place it on a still higher pinnacle.

DETROIT, Mich., August 1st, 1896.

MY DEAR SIR: It strikes me that we ought to inaugurate a Hoo-Hoo day for each State, in our Constitution and By-Laws at our next Annual, as the most of our members do not get together often enough to keep up the lively and sociable interest that should be taken by all Hoo-Hoo.

In my judgment it should be called in connection with the annual meeting of the State Association of Lumbermen. In that way it would not cost anything extra, and as a large majority of the members are now Hoo-Hoo, it would insure a grand annual concatenation for each State. This, you see, would be five months after our Annual, and the more I think of it the more it strikes me as being just the proper thing to get the members together. As a rule, two-thirds of the lumbermen in the State get together at that time.

I fully understand that the Vicegerent of each State has the power to name a Hoo-Hoo day, but the trouble is that it is a hard matter to satisfy all, and such action by the Order would settle the matter as far as the one man is concerned.

I trust I will be able to attend the Annual at Nashville next month. My business demands the closest attention these days, but we will have a meeting of Michigan Hoo-Hoo, coupled with a concatenation, in Detroit, August 15th, to urge members to attend the Annual, and will report the probable attendance later.

Yours very truly,  
JOHN J. MARTIN, V. S.

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