

Communications.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Ground Hog Day, 1896.

MY DEAR BULLETIN—According to promise I will now write you two true "tails" about my cat. In doing so, however, I know that I am taking great risks, for I attempted to relate them at an "on the roof" here at one time, when I was called down by our present most worthy Junior Hoo-Hoo, No. 1701, who called me Munchausen and accused me of an over-indulgence in the amber fluid; although I can say for myself, even if not corroborated by others, that I have always been truthful and temperate. However, to pick up the "tails": My cat is black and during cold weather was in the habit of sleeping in a coal bucket. One evening, at dusk, the servant wishing to fill the anthracite stove which I was fortunate enough to possess, and not noticing the sleeping cat, whose color was identical with the coal, raised the bucket and poured coal and cat into the feeder. But by the strange intuition possessed by all members of the feline persuasion, and which gives them the fortune of possessing nine lives, she crawled out of the fire and was none the worse for her experience. This cat is an extremist, and being dissatisfied with her first experience, she abhorred the coal bucket, and a week or two later, on a bitter cold Sunday morning, on returning home I discovered her as cool as she could be trying to keep warm sitting on a carpet. It seems, however, that the adage, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," was thoroughly exemplified in this case, for she was sitting on a piece of carpet wrapped around a lump of ice, and had a self-satisfied look, as much as to say: "It's a cold day when I get left." She was, however, thawed out, and during the warm months makes night hideous when sparking with her gentlemen callers, as if nothing had ever happened, and in entire ignorance that she has been written up and her history would appear in the BULLETIN.

B. T. T. O. T. G. B. C., No. 1702.

P. S. Being frequently asked why I resigned the position of Vicegerent Snark for my State, I will tell you that the abbreviated title of the above-named office, viz., "V. S.," was the cause of it, for the reason that many of my friends were anxious to know why I had quit the lumber business and taken up that of "horse doctor."

No. 1702.

The concatenation at Birmingham on the 7th of January was not a success as to the number of members who connected themselves with the Order, but among those who did were the presidents of three of the largest and best lumber companies in Alabama. And we all had a good time, anyway. We would have had a larger class of initiates, all good men, too, but for the unnecessary comments of some of the Hoo-Hoo present. Such expressions as "We will do you up," "We'll tend to you," and the like were made to the candidates by some members of the Order, who were comparative strangers to them. Such remarks are not only untrue, but tend to disgust the best class of lumbermen, and thus dissuade them from connecting themselves with the Order. We would like to suggest to some members that if they can't say anything better than that to a candidate, don't say anything at all. There are some good, congenial lumbermen who will never connect themselves with the Order until this disorganizing class of its membership is sat down upon.

No. 2624.

Mr. Marten Speaks for Himself.

George K. Smith, Esq., St. Louis, Mo.:

MY DEAR SIR—As it is your desire to create journalists in the ranks of your Vicegerent Snarks in order that our members may know what is going on in Hoo-Hoo throughout this country, I send you this detailed account of our recent meetings. The BULLETIN is the greatest and most useful addition Hoo-Hoo has added to the category.

The retail lumbermen's meeting which assembled at Detroit, was attended by 150 of its members from all over the State, and it was a pleasure to notice that a large majority of its members belong to Hoo-Hoo, and we have added to our Order 31 members from its ranks, and the wholesalers of Bay City.

Our concatenation at Detroit was a complete success, initiating eleven candidates into the mysteries, and after the ceremony a pleasant "on the roof" was enjoyed, at which time Prof. Stork

entertained our members and friends with his wonderful sleight-of-hand performance.

February 6, at 8:30 a. m., about 110 members boarded two special cars which were placed at our disposal by the F. & P. M. R. R. free of charge and emblematically decorated with streamers on either side of the coaches bearing the words "Detroit Hoo-Hoo" and the emblem of the Order in the center. The trip to Bay City was a most enjoyable one. At Saginaw we were met by a committee from Bay City, who presented us with badges and tickets for the banquet prepared for us at the Fraser and Campbell houses at 7 p. m., which was enjoyed with the appetite of a woodsman.

After dinner Mr. Joseph Myles and Mr. Arthur Holmes sat for two hours in room 109, writing applications, and the magnetism which prevailed was something unaccounted for, as the members had no trouble in securing candidates, and the candidates would keep the Supreme Nine busy answering questions regarding the eligibility clauses, as some had a friend that was a "good fellow" and others—well, you can imagine what a picnic I had. At last a man was brought to me that was a cigar manufacturer, and he was the right kind if he had been in the right business, as the cigars, pop, sodawater, gum, etc., that he insisted on our having led us all to believe he was the proper stuff for a social organization. I fully believe that we can get a good class any time we set at Bay City, and don't any of you worry that the date will not be set for the near future.

The Scrivenoters having finished their work, the officers and candidates were taken into room 109 and prepared for the grand street parade; officers wearing the customary gowns and the candidates properly hoodwinked and chained together, we marched two abreast, headed by two drummers, down the main street to the K. P. hall. You talk about noise, the Hoo-Hoo yell and Hoo-Hoo song—crowds upon the street, all singing the praises of Hoo-Hoo. You may talk about a Dutchman and his "Dudle Sack"—well, he simply would not be in it.

After initiating 20 into the mysteries, which lasted along into the small hours of the night, we enjoyed a most pleasant "on the roof" in the adjoining room. After cigars were passed, Mr. J. M. Hammond welcomed the visiting Hoo-Hoo, saying that it was a pleasure to see so many members taking an active part and arousing the lumbermen of Bay City. Followed by your humble servant, who acted as chairman, simply calling their attention to the duties of a good Hoo-Hoo.

Mr. Ellis, Vicegerent, of District of Columbia, spoke in most eloquent manner upon the objects of Hoo-Hoo, how it was founded and what the officers expected of the members; in fact, he talked until it was almost necessary to call him down, but he left an impression with the new members that will last. Mr. E. H. Lewis, Vicegerent, of Washington, followed in a masterly speech, saying he felt at home in Michigan, as it was his former home, and was glad to be with us and see the interest taken in Hoo-Hoo by the lumbermen, and that we were looked upon as a coming power in Hoo-Hoo.

Mr. S. G. M. Gates, a newly made kitten, next said that as he now understood the objects of Hoo-Hoo and was very much mistaken in the idea he had, the Order could count upon him as a member that would do all in his power to further the interests of Hoo-Hoo (great applause).

Mr. Koop told a very funny story. Mr. Henderson, of the F. & P. M., also a newly made kitten, who so kindly placed at our disposal two coaches and took personal charge of the excursion, said he was proud of being a member of Hoo-Hoo and associated with the lumbermen, that it was a pleasure to do business with lumbermen, that it would be many years before the lumber business would die out in the Saginaw Valley, and that the friendly feelings that existed between the lumbermen and the F. & P. M. would never grow less.

Next day we spent between Bay City and Saginaw, and at 5:20 p. m. we left for home. The trip homeward was very pleasant, and it was noted for one reason—that a quartet was formed and no end to well-trained voices found among its members; and on reaching home this quartet and others encircled Mr. Henderson on the platform and sang "Au-Revoir," followed by three cheers for Henderson and the F. & P. M. We then dispersed for home.

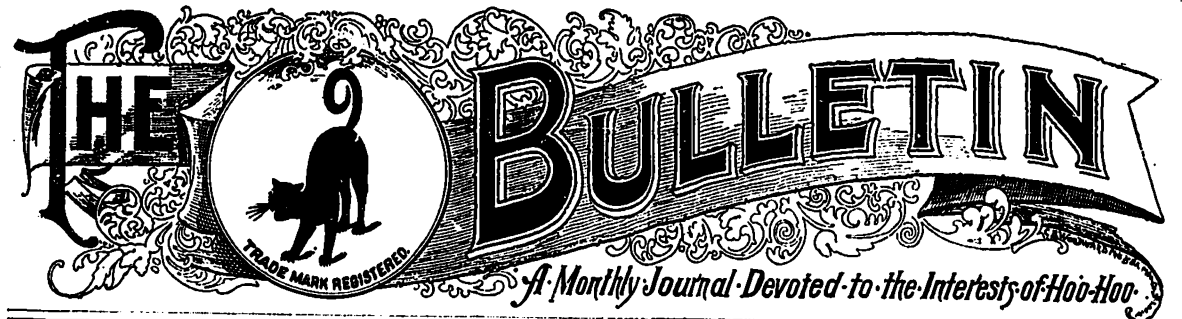
You will find enclosed herewith clippings from the papers, and if this will not make you tired, Mr. Editor, I would like a large, juicy notice for a concatenation at Saginaw, March 4, 1896.

I have one brewing at Manietes and another at Bay City, and if the west shore ever get started the cat will never come back.

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

The Alabama Vicegerent Talks.

In BULLETIN No. 1 we saw where T. E. Spottswood (1411) was out of employment. Well, he does not want any more to do just now. A well-posted lumberman is always in demand, so when the receivers of the Seaboard Manufacturing Company decided to get a practical lumberman to take charge of their plant, which are the largest yellow pine mills in the South, they decided on T. E. Spottswood. So now he has more than he can do, and at a salary which is a compliment for any man to receive.



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No. 5.

THE SNARK RESPONDS TO THE TOAST "THE HOO-HOO ORDER."

At the banquet given in Saginaw, Mich., after the meeting of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association, comprising the leading lumbermen from the Saginaw Valley to New England, our worthy Snark responded to the toast "The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo" in the following manner:

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN: There has been a good deal of levity this evening, and it is perhaps time that we should give consideration to more serious things. (Laughter.) I have to say, Mr. Chairman, that had Mr. Scatcherd been in attendance on the concatenation (not the "concession") you speak of, last evening, there would have been no necessity for releasing him from the bonds which bound him within the city hall, and had Mr. McKelvey, the dignified barrister who serves you so faithfully, been in that company, which was conducting exercises of unusual importance, there would have been no necessity for the injunction that he speaks of. (Laughter.)

Mr. Chairman: I have only to say a word in regard to the Hoo-Hoo Order, which originated about four years ago and has gathered into its membership four thousand men in the four years, all, or nearly all, in the lumber business, with a few humble newspaper men and others in the railroad lines. Father Patriarche, of the Flint & Pere Marquette, is one of the latest additions, and I am sure that from his lips you could hear a story that would interest you mightily, but which, for certain reasons, I am obliged to abstain from discussing.

A Saginaw man asked me to-day to call with him at his house. He said: "I have been a member of the Hoo-Hoo Order for two years and have never yet been able to impress my wife with the belief that the Order was all that I have asserted it to be." But, gentlemen, mysteries such as surround that Order cannot be divulged.

I am glad to say in its favor that during these four years it has been my privilege to visit many States in the Union where this Order (which is but an incident of the lumber business) has planted itself and grown, and I have found one thing—that the lumber business is less dull and prosy to the lumbermen because of the enlivening advent of Hoo-Hoo. At a convention in Memphis, two weeks ago, there were 140 present, and about 90 per cent of the attendance was composed of members of the Hoo-Hoo Order, and it was the strongest and perhaps the most successful lumber convention ever held in the United States from the point of what they accomplished. They band themselves together in a way to make them money. But the spirit of fraternity is largely responsible for that ability to get close together and this spirit of fraternity exists in its strength in the Hoo-Hoo Order.

I have to say further that it is my pleasure to thank the toastmaster for having mentioned our Order in his program this evening, and that in the years to come, as in the past four years, we hope that this Order will grow in dignity and importance and usefulness. The State of Michigan now contains 300 Hoo-Hoo, and the next governor of this State must become a Hoo-Hoo before he can ever be governor. (Laughter and applause.) The mayor of the city, having in his charge several unprotected gentlemen last night, could not go in, but a member of the family did, and thus his chances for preferment are greatly increased. (Laughter.)

Gentlemen, you will notice a great many prominent railroad men allied with this Order, and one of them wrote me a few days ago that it had been of very great usefulness to him in the last two years, and in his letter he enclosed an application from an official of the same road. He said just what I expressed an idea of a moment ago—that the relationship between himself and the lumbermen had been put on another and a firmer basis. There was a friendliness and fellowship and a sentiment in their relationship, developing everything for good, and I am sure that many of you will consider this matter in the future, perhaps more than you have in the past, if you would amend your idea of what would seem something of mystery or want of dignity in the Order in your ignorance of the facts, and seek an opportunity to come with us. (Applause.)



GRO. K. SMITH, SCRIVENOTER,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

THE BLACK CAT.

The Hoo-Hoo Have a Very Lively Concatenation in Hutchinson.

At nine minutes past 9 o'clock on Saturday night last, March 14th, Vicegerent Snark of Kansas, H. C. Wood, with his bootjack, drove the old cats into the onion bed and read to them the pedigree of twelve handsome purblind kittens who had assembled on the roof to have their eyes opened to the light of Hoo-Hoo land. Kansas City, Mo., Wichita, Lyons and Hutchinson Hoo-Hoo were present in goodly numbers to take part and assist in the work.

Fun, pure and simple, is the predominant feature of this unique organization. It is said care will kill a cat, but the Hoo-Hoo throw care to the dogs, and give the cat and kittens the post of honor at all their gatherings. Hoo-Hoo is for the lumber fraternity, and that they know the value of fun and frolic is evidenced by the royal good time they have in their meetings "on the roof."

It is the pleasant memory of things that give them their real value, and if the purblind kittens who had their eyes opened on Saturday night do have an alfalfa taste in their mouth, which lasts a little longer than the sun, the royal entertainment of their concatenations will linger longest in the memory, and drive away the humdrum of everyday business cares and flirt with the bubbling fountains of jolly mirth and rollicking fun.—Hutchinson Daily News.

SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT, ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1896.

PETTY CASH.

Table showing Petty Cash transactions for September, October, November, December, January, and February 1896. Columns include Dr. (Balance, Sales, Cash, etc.), Cr. (Telegrams, Transfer and express, etc.), and To Balance.

Table showing Receipts and Gross Receipts by date and place. Columns include DATE, PLACE, No., Net Receipts, and Gross Receipts.

(a) - Authorized voucher for paraphernalia, \$15.00. (b) - Authorized voucher for paraphernalia and stationery, \$19.40.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table showing Disbursements by voucher number and amount. Columns include By Voucher No., Amount, and Total.

The distribution of \$4,361.77 is as follows: To purchase of buttons and cards \$712 15, To premium band (Scrivenoter's bond) \$4 56, etc.

Table showing Receipts by date and place. Columns include DATE, PLACE, No., Net Receipts, and Gross Receipts.

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PETTY CASH SUMMARY. Table showing summary of petty cash transactions for September 1, 1895, to March 1, 1896. Columns include Dr. and Cr. with various sub-items.

RECEIPTS.

Table showing Receipts by date and place. Columns include DATE, PLACE, No., Net Receipts, and Gross Receipts.



Facts About Cats.

[New York World.]

In the Tyrol girls who are fond of cats marry early. If it rains on a Dutch girl's wedding day it is because the bride has forgotten to feed her cat. If it rains when there is a large washing on the line in Germany it is a sure sign that the house mother has ill-treated the cat.

A Suggestion from a St. Louis Hoo-Hoo.

The Iron Mountain Depot, at the foot of Miller, Marion and Kewinsko streets, is a general meeting place for the local lumbermen, it being the lumber market, and as we are continually having lumber in, we go there upon its arrival to look at it and to have it unloaded ready to offer it to the trade for sale.

Growth of the Order.

We give you below a little report of the progress and growth of our Order. Fifty-four concatenations have been held since the report made at annual meeting, and 506 men initiated during the past six months.

Table showing Growth of the Order. Columns include Concatenations and No. Initiated, with a list of states and territories.

Chicago Hoo-Hoo.

Vicegerent Snark McClintock not long since announced a meeting of the members of the Hoo-Hoo fraternity of Chicago and vicinity and invited them to meet at the rooms of the Lumber Association of Chicago, on the thirteenth floor of the Old Colony Building, on Saturday evening, March 14.

An enthusiastic meeting of Chicago Hoo-Hoo was held here to-night, and it was decided to make a strong effort to increase the membership in Illinois. The following committee was appointed to do missionary work: L. E. Fuller, chairman; J. M. Nixon, Max Soudeheimer, J. W. Schoen, C. D. Benedict, P. A. Gordon, Edward Hines, V. S. Molloy, E. M. Underhill, B. F. Edwards, C. F. Nelson and F. B. Darville.

The following committee was also appointed to arrange for a railroad concatenation: E. E. Hooper, chairman; J. L. Glaser, J. A. Wentz, H. E. Pierpont, L. L. Barth and T. K. Edwards. It was decided to hold a concatenation Saturday evening, March 28, to be preceded by a dinner at the Leland Hotel.

W. H. McCLINTOCK, Vicegerent Snark for Illinois. Rubber Stamps. Electrotypes and rubber stamps of all sizes can be secured from the Scrivenoter's office, fourth floor, Equitable building, St. Louis. Write for prices.



GEO. K. SMITH, SCRIVENOTER, EDITOR.

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OFFICERS.

SUPREME NINE.

Snark of the Universe.....	J. E. Defebaugh.....	Chicago, Ill.
Senior Hoo-Hoo.....	H. H. Hemenway.....	Tomahawk, Wis.
Junior Hoo-Hoo.....	Chas. S. Walker.....	Covington, Ky.
Bojum.....	W. I. Ewart.....	Gurdon, Ark.
Scrivenoter.....	Geo. K. Smith.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Jabberwock.....	Platt B. Walker, Jr.....	Minneapolis, Minn.
Custodian.....	E. R. Cooledge.....	Mobile, Ala.
Arcanoper.....	F. B. Cole.....	Tacoma, Wash.
Gurdon.....	Jos. B. Cabell.....	Memphis, Tenn.

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Alabama.....	R. H. Vidmer.....	Mobile.
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Colorado.....	R. W. Stewart.....	Denver.
Florida.....	E. F. Skinner.....	Escambia.
Georgia.....	M. F. Amorons.....	Atlanta.
Illinois.....	W. H. McClintock.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	J. T. Peck.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	H. A. Gabriel.....	Cinton.
Kentucky.....	C. L. Piper.....	Louisville.
Kansas.....	H. C. Wood.....	Hutchinson.
Louisiana.....	W. G. Wilnot.....	New Orleans.
Massachusetts.....	C. J. Kellar.....	Boston.
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Minnesota.....	J. C. Scannon.....	Minneapolis.
Mississippi.....	H. H. Folk.....	Lumberton.
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New York (Western District).....	W. W. Bellley.....	Buffalo.
Ohio.....	Fred S. Oakes.....	Huron.
Oregon.....	R. D. Inman.....	Portland.
Oklahoma and Indian Territory.....	H. B. Bullen.....	Sillwater.
Pennsylvania (Eastern District).....	A. S. McGaughan.....	Philadelphia.
Pennsylvania (Western District).....	H. H. Cumings.....	Tidloute.
Tennessee.....	D. H. Hillman.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Cocell A. Lyon.....	Sherman.
Virginia.....	W. A. Leary.....	Norfolk.
Washington.....	F. H. Lewis.....	Seattle.
Wisconsin.....	C. F. Smith.....	Rhineland.
West Virginia.....	A. H. Winchester.....	Buckhannon.
District of Columbia.....	W. H. Ellis.....	Chicago, Ill.

HOUSE OF ANCIENTS.

T. A. Johnson.....	Chicago, Ill.
W. E. Barnes.....	St. Louis, Mo.

MEETING OF SUPREME NINE.

Report of Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Nine, Gathered in Special Called Meeting at Memphis, Tenn., February 19, 1896.

Meetings were held in Gayoso Hotel, J. E. Defebaugh, H. H. Hemenway, E. R. Cooledge, Joseph B. Cabell, Geo. K. Smith and C. S. Walker being present.

Special matters, such as reading of important communications and action needed on same by Supreme Nine, allowing of trademarks to be used as per requests entered, etc., were discussed and settled.

A letter from F. S. Oakes, relative to trip of the Ohio retailers into Alabama, at which time many of the Ohio people joined Hoo-Hoo, was read, Mr. Oakes thinking he should have credit for these members.

In lieu of this request, and to settle the point at issue, it was moved and seconded that the Vicegerent of each State be credited with all members initiated in his State, whether residents of that State or not. This rule to govern until the next annual meeting, when constitutional provision can be made.

Letters in response to a request from the Scrivenoter and Snark to each member of the Supreme Nine in reference to the postponement of the annual at Nashville until 1897, were then read, and a full discussion followed. A delegation from Tennessee, consisting of D. H. Hillman and J. H. Baird, made a strong plea for the next annual meeting to be held at Nashville, notwithstanding the postponement of the National Exposition at that place until the year 1897, and after the matter had been thoroughly discussed, it was decided that the next annual should not be changed from Nashville, where it had been decided to meet at the Minneapolis annual.

Moved that the Scrivenoter be instructed to write the Vicegerent of Arkansas to investigate reports as to eligibility of a member in his State, and if he was not eligible at time of his initiation he be asked to resign. Carried.

The necessity of the Ritual Committee taking action was discussed and Scrivenoter instructed to communicate at once with Committee on Ritual and ask them to report progress. This body is desirous of having the Ritual revised and the work complete before the annual meeting. As soon as the committee is ready to report, it was suggested that they meet with the Supreme Nine.

Moved that the Scrivenoter be instructed to secure pin for the ladies, same design as button, but reduced in size. Pin to bear number of each Hoo-Hoo, and each member being allowed but one pin, to be furnished at actual cost, and notice published in BULLETIN as soon as pins are ready.

Notice of Infringement.

Another notice of an infringement on our trade-mark was brought to our notice this month by several of our Hoo-Hoo who are loyal to our Order. "The Hub," a mercantile house of Lincoln, Neb., advertised their business with our largest size electrotype of the cat, in the *Lincoln State Journal* of March 10th, and as soon as the first letter enclosing the cut of the advertisement was forwarded the Scrivenoter, a telegram was immediately sent this firm asking to wire authority for the use of our registered trade-mark, followed by an official letter requesting the discontinuance of any such advertisement. Several letters on the subject have been received, and we have assurance that we will not be troubled again from this quarter. This is an example of how quickly the "cat" is noticed, and how apt an ad it makes.

Picture of Original Six Founders of Hoo-Hoo.

On February 19th, at Memphis, Tenn., the original six who first conceived the idea of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, gathered together and had a picture taken. The result was exceedingly satisfactory, considering the provocation the camera had. A cut of the picture is being made, and will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

Dues.

The second notice of dues was mailed from the Scrivenoter's office on February 20th to all who have not yet paid the due called for after the Minneapolis annual. It is greatly desired that the dues accounts be balanced as early as possible, and all who receive the second notice are requested to give it prompt attention.

Old Handbooks.

Copies of the old Handbook are constantly arriving at this office. You are again requested to destroy the old Handbooks, as they are obsolete and should not be allowed to lie around and fall into the hands of parties who might possibly use them as a directory for sending out circulars.

The Handbook.

Postal card receipts for the new Handbook are coming in freely. Before the next issue of the BULLETIN these cards will be checked with numerical list, and any numbers missing will be reported. Books were mailed to all members. If yours has failed to reach you, notice should be filed with the Scrivenoter at once. It is important that every member have a Handbook.

Supplement to Handbook.

The first supplement to the Handbook, containing the names of all members initiated since January 10th, was mailed March 15th. This should be pasted in the back of page 229. It also contains corrections of all errors in the Handbook and changes which have been brought to our notice to March 1st. The supplement was mailed under the cover. The Order can save \$40 in this way and serve you equally as safely and well as if 2c postage were used. If you have failed to receive a copy, report promptly.

Annual for 1896.

It has been definitely decided that no change will be made in the location of the meeting place for September 9, 1896. Nashville is actively engaged already in making preparations to entertain the visitors. With so many points of interest in and about Nashville, they will doubtless find it difficult to decide which ones will be selected. N-a-s-h-v-i-l-l-e-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-is all right.

To Vicegerent Snarks.

Our calendar for the remainder of the month of March, and for the following month, is not crowded for dates, so if you had intended holding a concatenation soon, and were in doubt as to your being able to get the trunk of paraphernalia, we wish to allay all such fears and say we will be glad to furnish a trunk on application.

We are particularly desirous of having news and reports from each Vicegerency. The BULLETIN is for all localities, and if your particular State or town fails to respond to calls for news, the entire membership suffers.

Financial Report.

Attention is called to the semi-annual statement of the financial condition of our Order. The cost of preparing a mailing list for the 4,000 subscribers of the BULLETIN, the publishing of this paper, the printing and distributing of the Handbook, and purchase of buttons, make up a large part of the expenses. Bill for binding had not been presented when this report was compiled. It is hoped each member will give this report careful attention and familiarize himself with "the way the money goes."

Personal.

H. B. Bullen, Vicegerent for Oklahoma and Indian Territories, has been quite ill, being unable to be at his office for about a month, but is now feeling much better and again able to be at his accustomed place.

F. A. Cheney (2463), a good Hoo-Hoo of Boston, Mass., has recently taken unto himself a better-half. The BULLETIN wishes him much joy.

Hoo-Hoo Pin for the Ladies.

In the minutes of the called meeting of the Supreme Nine, held on February 19th, it was moved that notice should appear in the BULLETIN just as soon as the pin was ready for sale. An order for twenty-five pins was placed this week, and think we will be ready to begin to supply all requests within ten day. Carefully read the action of the meeting in regard to the purchase of the pins, only one being allowed each member, and the Hoo-Hoo number of the member ordering to appear on the back of the pin.

The design is the same as the Hoo-Hoo button, reduced one-half. The material will be solid gold and best enamel, and will make a handsome present for wife, sister or sweetheart. The pins will be furnished at actual cost, \$1.50 each, delivered by registered mail. Orders will be filled as promptly as possible and much extra labor saved if remittance accompanies the order.

Deceased.

W. D. Murray, Secretary of the D. J. Murray Lumber Co., of Wausau, Wis., died at his home on March 2 of heart disease. He had been afflicted with this malady for a number of years, but it was not considered dangerous. On Friday, February 28, he was not feeling at all well and was compelled to return to his home, and continued to grow worse up to the time of his death. Mr. Murray was born in Cornwall, Canada, on March 12, 1844, but moved to Wisconsin early in life. He has been connected with machinery business since 1865.

List of names whose handbooks and letters have been returned from latest address on file. Any information regarding their present address will be appreciated.

- 1940 F. H. Doyle, 46 W. 21st St., New York City.
- 251 E. T. Spafford, Thompson, N. Dak.
- 1516 W. B. Colter, Hefford Junction, Wis.
- 411 A. Stauwood, E. End Illinois St., Chicago, Ill.
- 2567 A. R. Planders, Press Ptg. Co., Stevens Point, Wis.
- 1467 R. R. Runsdell, Traverse City, Mich.
- 3321 Jno. C. Buckwalter, Dallas, Tex.
- 2311 A. B. Rice, Rice Bros., Providence, R. I.
- 988 F. M. Barron, Phoenix Lbr. Co., Sherrill, Ark.
- 1382 A. Johnson, 22d and Larkin Sts., Chicago, Ill.
- 1717 F. E. Simar, Atkinson, Neb.
- 532 E. H. Gorse, 84 Adams St., Chicago, Ill.
- 3742 P. Dow, care Quincy House, Boston, Mass.
- 3093 L. K. Luse, newspaper correspondent, Madison, Wis.
- 1598 J. Russell, 410 3d Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2730 W. A. Bleloch, Holsten, Bleloch & Co., Duluth, Minn.
- 36 S. D. Carpenter, New Orleans, La.
- 191 R. H. Kinnear, Cripple Creek, Colo.
- 1819 Fred Hamilton, Rhineland, Wis.
- 750 D. V. Van Dyne, 210 Exchange Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
- 289 F. H. Clark, 202 Guaranty Loan Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 881 E. M. Porhan, Exchange Bldg., Boston, Mass.
- 734 H. H. Gibson, Whitley (Cooledge P. O.), Ky.
- 1199 G. Chambers, Glencoe, Mich.
- 1262 T. H. Dickinson, Boston, Mass.
- 867 W. Collins, Rhineland, Wis.
- 1739 O. R. Dunn, Tomahawk, Wis.
- 1958 C. D. Fisher, New York City, N. Y.
- 2733 J. J. Plahiff, Hot Springs, Ark.
- 1474 A. T. Gilbert, Tomahawk, Wis.
- 2057 R. Humphreys, Pittsburg, Pa.
- 1734 T. H. Hunt, Ashland, Wis.
- 1748 A. W. Smith, Tomahawk, Wis.
- 377 W. J. Tanner, Chicago, Ill.
- 970 D. W. Ten Eyck, Manistee, Mich.
- 2338 H. Waace, Norfolk, Va.
- 106 J. C. Nash, formerly at Kansas City.
- 1787 C. M. Bates, Marshfield, Wis.
- 1175 A. Rodgers, Muskegon, Mich.
- 2763 E. E. Hudspeth, Camden Lbr. Co., Camden, Ark.

Announcements for Concatenations.

D. T. Morton, the recently appointed Vicegerent Snark for Missouri, is going to work with a will, and is planning for a concatenation at Joplin, Mo., in the near future. No positive date has been arranged as yet, Mr. Morton wishing to be assured of a good class before taking final steps.

J. J. Loggie, Vicegerent of California, will soon hold a concatenation at Eureka, Cal. One was planned for the first week in March, but through some unfortunate circumstances was postponed until later in the month.

A rousing letter from John J. Marten states that "you may book me for concatenations at Bay City, Saginaw, Reed City and Alpena, Mich.," and further makes an official announcement of a concatenation to be held at Detroit on St. Patrick's Day, which was also the thirty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Marten, which we imagine would be celebrated in a most fitting Hoo-Hoo manner. A cordial invitation is extended to all Hoo-Hoo to be present at any and all of these concatenations. Positive dates will be announced later for the various meetings mentioned above.

The Vicegerent of Illinois has made a strong appeal to the Hoo-Hoo of Chicago to assist him in a vigorous and organized campaign for the purpose of extending our Order throughout the State of Illinois, and a generous response was received from all the local members, and active work begun, as will be seen from a report sent in by Mr. McClintock, which appears in another column of this paper.

A concatenation has been announced for the evening of March 28th at Chicago, and before the concatenation a banquet at the Leland Hotel will be served to those attending. If this proves to be what is expected—an enjoyable and pleasant occasion—it will probably be repeated next month, when it is proposed to hold another concatenation for the initiation of a class of railroad men exclusively.

Ohio is heard from again, and Vicegerent Oakes hereby announces a concatenation at Findlay, Ohio, on April 17th. The Hoo-Hoo of that State will all hear from Mr. Oakes about this meeting, and a cordial invitation is also hereby extended. If you have never attended one of this vicegerent's concatenations, better avail yourself of this opportunity, and bring an eligible candidate with you.

Mr. Kimball, Acting Vicegerent Snark, announces that he is making arrangements for another concatenation for Saturday, the 28th inst., at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Sturtevant House, this city. That seems to be the most convenient time for the people here.

J. W. LONG, Acting Scrivenoter,
E. D. of N. Y.

The Hoo-Hoo Order.

Among the many good things that have come out from the year now past, one that has had the largest influence among lumbermen and produced the greatest amount of good from apparently the smallest basis, is that which has come from the Concatenated Order of the Hoo-Hoo, or the Brethren of the Big Black Cat. It has a most heathenish set of names for its dignified officers, and disports itself on top of the garden wall at unseemly hours and doth divers and sundry unhalloved things within its borders, but it has proven a most beneficial adjunct to the lumber trade and its members. It has done more in the little time that it has been a portion of the lumber business to bring comfort and consolation in the lumber ranks than have all the inducement of trade and mutual interest. Without this Cat Order many of the present flourishing associations and organizations would have been impossible. The friendly and social spirit which pervaded the Cateries made possible the business combinations. From this Order came the combination of mutual friendship, frolic and social intercourse, and a knowledge that the lumbermen, taking them as a whole, were a jolly, good lot of men, with mutual interests, promoted by social intercourse. The tough edges were rubbed off and the good points belonging to each discovered. Thus, the lumber business of the future owes much of its success to the lucky chance which brought Johnson, Barnes and the other of the nine original members together that stormy night out in that famous border hotel. "Upon how slender a thread" lots of funny things sometimes hang.—*The Tradesman.*

Special Notice Column.

All notices appearing under this heading will be discontinued after one issue, unless otherwise instructed by those for whom we insert the notice. No charge is made for the use of the columns of the BULLETIN.

G. E. Carveth, Hoo-Hoo No. 1609, is desirous of securing a position at once, either on the road or general office work. He has traveled through Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, and is thoroughly familiar with the hardware trade through this territory, and is well up in the mill supply business. Mr. Carveth has been ill for some time and writes that he had to give up his business on this account, but is now much improved in health and is desirous of securing a position quick. Address him, care Hotel Wayne, Fort Wayne, Ind., for further particulars.

J. W. Henagen, Hoo-Hoo No. 814, has placed his application with the BULLETIN for a position as book-keeper or general office man. He states he is well up in the cypress and yellow pine business, and well acquainted with the trade in general. Can furnish A No. 1 references. Correspondence addressed to him at Patterson, La., will receive prompt attention.

Hoo-Hoo No. 1335, H. B. Bostwick, wishes a situation as lumber buyer or salesman of Southern lumber, or would accept a position as manager of a yellow pine mill. Long experience in either position. Best of references furnished. Address Hoo-Hoo No. 1335, at Laurel, Miss.

Wm. Lowry, Hoo-Hoo No. 3729, is desirous of securing a position as book-keeper, office man or correspondent. A specially good knowledge of cypress, thoroughly experienced, a good capacity for work and excellent testimonials from employers are among his qualifications. Address communications to Ruddock, La.

Hoo-Hoo No. 3882, G. C. Dana, is desirous of securing a position with some good firm, representing them on the road or in a yard. Is at present employed on commission. Permanent address, Everest, Kas.

J. W. Gue, Hoo-Hoo No. 1044, is at present located as book-keeper for a firm, but is desirous of securing a position on the road or connecting himself with some good yellow pine mill. Address him "personal," care of White, Woodruff & Fowler, Montgomery, Ala.

J. M. Grignon, Hoo-Hoo No. 1742, expert filer and shingle mill contractor, is open for a position this spring. Mr. Grignon writes that he has been running a shingle mill for the past fifteen years and is thoroughly familiar with the business, and is desirous of getting a shingle mill by the thousand in the South. Address him at Harvey, Ill., for full particulars and references.

Hoo-Hoo No. 2547, F. W. Gerrish, writes that he is open for a position as band saw filer, and can furnish best references, and has had much experience in the business. Would prefer a position in Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota, but would accept one at any place. Write for particulars to Sherry, Wis., Wood County.

Situation wanted by a thoroughly competent traveling man in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin or Dakotas, as well as in Ohio; posted in the lumber business, sash, doors, and Pacific coast products; estimator or general office man; desires work in the East, and will be pleased to correspond with any firm in need of such services. Address Hoo-Hoo No. 2032, No. 209 N. I street, Tacoma, Wash.

Hoo-Hoo No. 3388, Mr T. I. Bennett, is desirous of changing his location in business, owing to a change in the management of his company, and will be open for an engagement as manager of a retail lumber yard, or a position with some good wholesale lumber company. Has had a number of years' experience, and can furnish the best of references. Communications addressed to him at Webb City, Mo., or this office, will receive prompt attention.

It is desirable at all times to recommend our Hoo-Hoo friends for any positions when we hear of vacancies. In order that we may be of some service along this line, we solicit and request your correspondence, that we may do all we can to further the interest of Hoo-Hoo. Some communications have already been received which we believe have proved to be of much benefit to some of our members.

To the Order of Hoo-Hoo's.

A strange experience was mine
When by a fell mischance,
The Hoo-Hoo brought me into line
And made me join their dance.

I've seen of dangers not a few,
I've been in many fights;
Once drifted with a shipwrecked crew
For forty days and nights.

And once upon a kite-shaped course
While steeds ran neck and neck,
I fell beneath my noble horse
A bruised and hopeless wreck.

Before I scarce could get about
By aid of crutch and cane,
A fierce tornado blew me out,
Then blew me in again.

I next fell down a flight of stairs
And jarred the very earth;
It cost my father for repairs
More than the same were worth.

Disasters ever on my track
Increased to such degree
That a mere broken leg or back
Were deemed a luxury.

But when the Hoo-Hoo came to town
In great platoons and squads
And drew me up and dropped me down
And branded me with rods.

Until my buoyant spirit sank,
Then laughed in fiendish glee
And roused me in a water tank,
It was too much for me.

All useless my despairing yell,
The Hoo-Hoo would not yield—
A marvel that I live to tell
The secrets they revealed.

A "purbled kitten," think of that,
Erewhile their leading trump;
To-day I am a full-fledged "cat,"
A hardwood Hoo-Hoo'd chump.

Henceforward let my name be feared,
For I have sworn and swear,
By my concatenated beard,
And sunset colored hair,

Some other candidate shall sense
The woes I had to "tote,"
My only hope of recompense—
Will some one hold my coat?

Letter From Hoo-Hoo No. 17.

After several weeks' enforced silence, Captain Rosser Roemer, Hoo-Hoo No. 17, the well-known St. Louisan and former commander of the Busch Zouaves, who left home to assist the Cubans in their fight for independence, has found an opportunity to communicate with his friends. A letter was received from him yesterday. His numerous friends will be glad to read it.

The letter is dated February 14, and is postmarked at Caibarien, a seaport town in Cuba, about 100 miles from Havana. According to the other postmarks it came by way of New Orleans, and the envelope shows evidence of having been tampered with by the postal authorities of the belligerent island.

FROM INTERIOR, February 14, 1896.—Since writing last we have traveled over the entire district of Los Willers (our department), and are now enjoying a needed rest awaiting the force of an adjoining department, which will consolidate with us. I can not now say what our future operations will be, but think we will protect Gomez's front on his return march through the island.

The Spaniards dogged our steps for the first four days of our recent march, when our general gave them a decisive battle, and since we have not been molested. The fight commenced at 10 a. m. and lasted till 5 p. m., when the enemy retreated badly punished. I cannot estimate his loss, but a Pacifico informed us that 36 were

buried on his place, and that every other place in the vicinity hap more or less. Besides, the roads were full of the wounded being conveyed to the villages for treatment.

We lost 12, including a commandante (major), and 42 wounded. It may sound strange that our loss is always so much less than theirs, but the solution is easy. The Spaniards fight in military formation, solid front, squares, etc., offering good targets, whereas the Cubans pursue the Indian tactics of skirmishing, requiring accurate aim at individuals. Then the Cubans are perfect horsemen, have been used to firearms from youth, and are fighting desperately for freedom, their whole soul being in every movement. On the other hand, the Spanish troops are largely inexperienced, having been drafted for this war, are poorly fed and half-hearted, forced to do everything, and they themselves anxious to be rid of the same yoke they are compelled to fight to retain for others. Their pay is 25 cents per day. Half goes to company mess, and their officers see that only about 4 cents goes into their stomachs and the remainder to their pockets. The other half is intended for clothes and necessities, but as they seldom get that half they practically get nothing but a daily ration of a few spoonfuls of hash and potatoes. Can it, therefore, be marveled at that Cuba will soon be free?

Haven't got a letter yet, but I 'opes to. They will make good reading en route home, however, so tell all who care to continue writing.

Good-by, old boy. Remember me properly to all. Yours,
CAP.

Was It the Cat?

The supposed efficacy of a black cat as a lightning rod has been too frequently the subject of discussion and assertion to be treated at length at the present time. An illustration of this popular belief can be deduced from an incident that occurred to the wife of a well known business man of Washington.

The young matron had been expending considerable time and attention upon a handsome black cat, which she continued to stroke, notwithstanding the assertion of her family that by so doing she was charging herself with electricity. Finally after dark she decided that a pleasant way of winding up the evening would be to go for a ride on the electric cars to Bethesda. Accordingly, inviting two of her friends to accompany her, she set out for the ride in high spirits.

The trio found places together near the middle of the car and had gone a short space beyond the power house when their conversation was interrupted by the conductor hurriedly bending over them, as though to avert some catastrophe from beneath, and telling them to leave the car with all speed, as it was on fire. Scarcely had they left their seats before a sheet of flame burst through the floor just under the very spot over which the young matron had been sitting, the electrical apparatus beneath having ignited at that very point. She declares she will never stroke another cat.—*Washington Post.*

CONCATENATIONS TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

No. 316. Ft. Smith, Ark., March 18, 1896.

Snark, G. W. Schwartz. Jabberwock, L. Kenney.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. W. Ferguson. Custocattin, O. E. Woods.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, W. E. Barnes. Arcanoper, W. O. Prater.
Bojurn, W. S. King. Gerton, U. L. Coleman.
Scrivenoter, C. O. Short.

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