

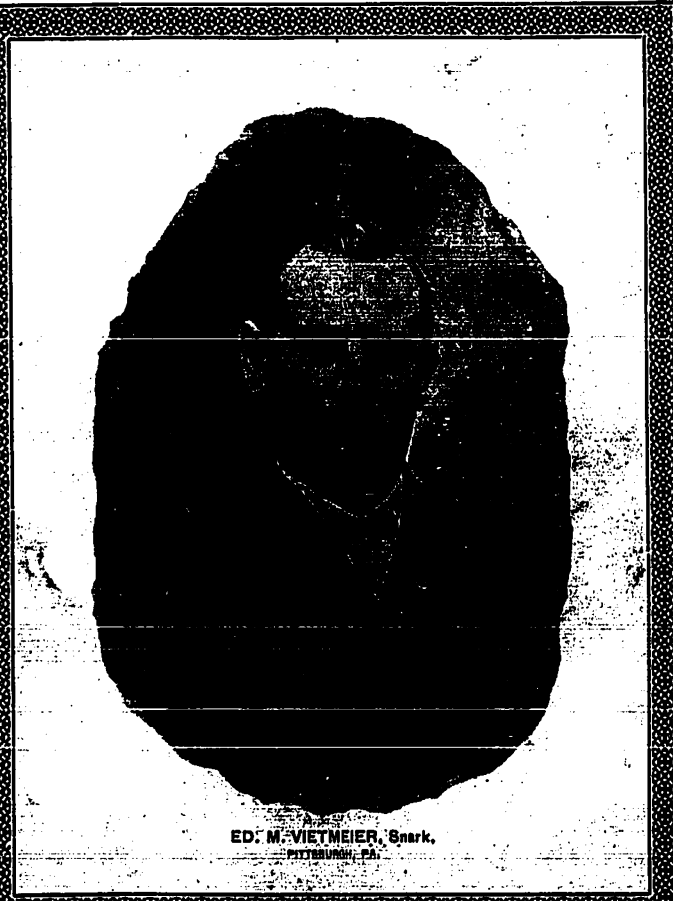
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**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9, 1903.**

The convention was called to order by Snark W. H. Norris in the assembly room of the Hotel Genesee, at the hour of 9:09 o'clock.

**Present at Opening Session.**

Those present at the opening of the convention were as follows:

612	651	3644	1032	5352	2676
32	734	2714	129-A	1689	1111
4736	6226	6932	7260	997	8776
8235	447	936	5896	7863	9658
7352	1115-A	2	95	9225	4763
93	5790	386	1880	5932	9538
8407	4456	6643	2220	862-A	9221
5593	851-A	7353	9832	1649	7292
1940	7197	7347	586-A	9519	5294
2505	1660	408	3328	8430	8233
338-A	4932	8406	377-A	2600	737
8659	1175	9543	6368	636	9447
8531	9573	369	5926	7563	5584
3677	48	1947	9545	233	671
1795	1346	99	583-A	7801	8395
4742	2809	8276	7344	8408	5639
863-A	6146	8012	9544	113-A	7728
3140	1946	2970	858	925	5158
6070	5971	2100	9939	5182	376
8951	6480	9550	8122	9540	2957
6857	1059-A	2954	7344	7987	5002
3	4469	628	4261	579	3795
1087-A	5364	1390	0174	7384	5247
8405	6091	7354	972	4792	6929
2482	5845	4724	3840	4161	3485
8683	4509	9313	2186	391-A	5202



**The House of Ancients.**

B. A. JOHNSON Chicago Ill.  
W. E. BARNES, St. Louis, Mo.  
J. E. DEFENBAUGH, Chicago, Ill.  
H. H. HEMENWAY, Colorado Springs, Col.  
A. A. WHITE, Kansas City, Mo.  
N. A. GLADDING, Indianapolis, Ind.  
GEO. W. LOCK, Westlake, La.  
WM. B. STILLWELL, Savannah, Ga.  
A. H. WEIR, Lincoln, Neb.  
W. E. NORRIS, Houston, Texas.



**The Supreme Nine.**

Snark of the Universe—ED. M. VEITMEIER, Pennsylvania.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo—FRANK N. SNELL, Wisconsin.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo—J. S. BONNER, Texas.  
Rejum—C. D. BOURKE, Illinois.  
Scrivenoter—J. H. BAIRD, Tennessee.  
Jabberwock—KARL ISBURGH, Massachusetts.  
Gustocatian—JOHN FEIST, New York.  
Aronasper—J. E. FITZWILSON, South Carolina.  
Gurdon—JAMES A. OLOCK, Oregon.

**THE VICEGERENTS.**

The new Snark will proceed with the appointment of the Vicegerents as rapidly as possible. Probably a number of last year's officers will be reappointed, as experience is of great value in carrying on the work of Hoo-Hoo. In the meantime, the old Vicegerents understand that they hold office till their successors are appointed.

**Open Meeting.**

SNARK:—The meeting will come to order; the Gurdon will close the outer door and all brothers will be seated. I will ask Brother Spencer to go out and see if there are any ladies wishing admission. I will ask Brother Treat to go to the lobby and if he finds those members there, to conduct them up. I will give those two permission to leave. During the open meeting ex-Snark Weir will preside. I now turn the meeting over to Brother Weir.

MR. A. H. WEIR (2505):—Brothers, our guests and ladies, if there is one thing outside of the Order which its membership appreciates above everything else but the Lord himself, it is the courtesies which have been uniformly extended us in every city and place where we have held our annual meeting. I never go home from an annual without remembering with the most sincere pleasure and gratification many of the courtesies and considerations extended us as an organization and to ourselves as individuals. I went alone to the first annual I ever attended. I didn't think it was going to be much of an entertainment and I thought I would go and see for myself what it was. Since that time I haven't missed one, and I never will. When I

got back home I told Mrs. Weir that she must come with me next year to the Hoo-Hoo Annual. Woman-like, she wanted to know what she could do. "Well," I said, "it will be all right for you." She isn't here today, but it is because her health was in such condition as not to warrant her making the trip, but aside from today she has never missed one since that time, and about a month or two before the Annual she begins to ask me about it; she says it is such a pleasant occasion and the ladies of the city where the convention is held take such excellent care of the visiting ladies that they have a splendid time; and I can say for the officers and members that we are taken such good care of that we certainly attend with every anticipation of pleasure, and we never go away without feeling that we have been filled full and not a moment has passed that was unpleasant or unsatisfactory, but it is a continual round of pleasure from first to last. Now, in Buffalo, the citizens of Buffalo are prepared to extend to us all such courtesies as we have enjoyed elsewhere, and I doubt not but that they will try to excel them. We have the representatives of the city of Buffalo present to extend to you the greetings of the city, and I know when they get through you will be glad you came. The councilman present informs me that the Mayor has written a letter, which will be read first by his secretary.

(The secretary to the Mayor stated that the Mayor regretted exceedingly it was impossible for him to be present, and then read the following letter:)

#### Letter from Mayor Knight.

CITY OF BUFFALO,  
MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Erastus C. Knight, Mayor.  
Frank W. Hinkley, Secretary.

September 8, 1903.

To the Officers and Members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo:

GENTLEMEN:—I regret exceedingly that I will be unable to attend the opening of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo on the ninth day of the ninth month, and personally extend to each and every member of the organization a most hearty and cordial welcome to the city of Buffalo, but I find it is impossible to be in the city tomorrow. Some weeks ago I accepted the invitation of the Toronto Exposition to be, with my family, the guest of the exposition now being held in Toronto, and my personal and official engagements necessitate my going to Toronto today, which prevents my presence with you tomorrow.

Buffalonians are great admirers of the Order of Hoo-Hoo, and I take this means of extending to all of the officers and members on behalf of our citizens a sincere welcome with the assurance that the freedom of the city is theirs and that it affords our people great pleasure to extend to them all the hospitality for which this city is famed. It is rather difficult to convey by letter the real cordiality which our citizens feel towards the Order of Hoo-Hoo, consequently, at my request, Alderman J. N. Adam and Councilman Simon Fleischmann will address you personally and present the key of the gates, which will admit you to all the mysteries of the city.

With best wishes for the continued success and prosperity of your Order, and with assurances of greatest esteem for its members, I remain,

Very truly yours,

ERASTUS C. KNIGHT, Mayor.

MR. FRANK W. HINKLEY (Mayor's Secretary):—Of course any key which his Honor, the Mayor, might present would necessarily be a night (Knight) key, and while that is true and that is what the male visitors to a strange city usually want, he has authorized me to say that the key which will be presented by the other officials is not only a night, but a day key, and with it you have opened to you the whole city. (Applause.) I have no doubt the Mayor will be worthily represented by Alderman J. N. Adam, whom I now introduce to you.

#### Alderman Adam's Witty Speech.

Alderman J. N. Adam welcomed the Order on behalf of Mayor Erastus C. Knight, and spoke as follows:

President Weir, Great Snark of the Universe, and the Many Other Lesser Luminaries of the Order:—Our Mayor sent for me yesterday morning at exactly 9:09. I went at once and he told me he had made an engagement to visit a foreign country in the immediate vicinity; that he was going to leave Buffalo—he generally does when he goes away (laughter)—and that the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo were coming here. He said, "I will leave Buffalo and I want you to give it to them—and serve it hot." (Laughter and applause.) "Who are the Hoo-Hoos," I said. He said, "They are not 'Hoo-Hoos'; they are simply 'Hoo-Hoo.' They are a concatenated order, like the—The Foresters or the Wild Men of the Woods." He said, "The woods are full of them." (Laughter.) Then I said, "Why not send Councilman Fleischmann?" "That would be all right," he said, "if Deale was still Mayor, but I want to send a wooden man, anyway," and orders are orders. "Besides," he said, "I don't know why I shouldn't send a goo-goo man to meet a Hoo-Hoo." (Laughter.) And then he added, "Besides, you are a member of the board." (Laughter and applause.)

But I remembered there was another board and a board consisting of nine members, your mystic number, and that it would be much more appropriate to send the president of that board. "Well," he said, "they can't originate anything." "But," I said, "no action of the Board of Aldermen of which I am a member would be of force or effect unless it was approved by a member of the Board of Councilmen." So he said, "Well, we will have to send the president along in order to make delivery of the city legal," and so my friend is here (indicating Councilman Fleischmann) to give his consent, the Mayor having given his approval in advance. I said, "Tell me some more about this Hoo-Hoo lot," and he went on and I took down a few notes of what he said, and I find that they cover just exactly nine pages. You will see how this thing runs through all the—(applause and laughter.) He said, "They are the finest lot of men the world ever saw, and they don't saw wood, either." (Laughter.) He said, "There is a lot of push amongst them; they are regular shovers." He said, "They meet nine times in nine years and this is the nine and threeninths time." (Prolonged laughter.) He said, "Another thing, there are 999 of them, anyway; they have nine officers of various ranks." He said, "The lowest is a Gudgeon" (Gurdon)—well, I don't think he got his mind really onto the right names. He said "It takes nine gudgeons to make a Canopener (Arcanoper), and nine Canopeners to make a Custocatian, and nine Custocatians to make a Jobblewock (Jabberwock), and nine Jobblewocks to make a Scrivenoter, and nine Bojums to make a Junior Hoo-Hoo, and nine Junior Hoo-Hoos to make a Senior Hoo-Hoo, and nine Senior Hoo-Hoos to make a Snark." (Laughter and applause.) He said, "That makes eighty-one." I said, "May I be permitted to suggest that is only seventy-three, because there is only one Snark." "Oh," he said, "Nine times nine is eighty-one; eight and one are nine." "Don't you see," he said, "that makes it as plain as day?" "Now, remember," he said, "at 9 minutes past 9 on the 9th day of the 9th month, in the year of Hoo-Hoo, 9999, you be there to speak for me," and he said, "You will remember that these men represent 123,456,789 feet of lumber." He said, "There are no ciphers in the lot." He said, "They are an interesting community." Well, I know he meant they have a community of interests and that was what they were coming here principally for. He added, "Their symbol is a black cat." He said, "That is where the 'cateration' comes in." (Laughter.) "The con"—well, what he said was in confidence. (Laughter.) He said, "You can work in something about Felix sent Felix, the unhappy cat; talk about the cat with nine tails; talk about the cat having nine lives;" and, oh, I began to think then I should have said "Nein, nein," in the first place. (Laughter.)

Well, gentlemen, what are we giving you? We are giving you our dearest possession. We are giving you the finest piece of real estate on the globe. It has a commanding situation, centrally located; within easy reach of railroad and steamship lines; a salubrious climate; it has all the appointments of a well-equipped, up-to-date city. It is yours; you may take immediate possession. Make it your home; do not go away; stay with us. (Applause.) One thing only we hold in reservation—that is our city hall. It is under trustees. Take it. We give it with all our heart. We find "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and we throw our blessing in with it. You have it presented to

you by an Alderman; but one thing is lacking, and that is the consent of a Councilman. And now I call upon Councilman Fleischmann to make us all happy by giving us his consent: Councilman Fleischmann, a member of the nine composing the Upper House. (Great applause.)

#### Councilman Fleischmann Speaks.

MR. SIMON FLEISCHMANN was greeted with applause and addressed the meeting as follows:

Mr. President and Members and Wives of Hoo-Hoo:—I wish to say at the outset that it is a very great pleasure and much satisfaction to me, and one which I am not often called upon to perform—to pass upon the action of the Board of Aldermen in giving the city over to its friends instead of its enemies. (Laughter.) I wish that that were all we had to do from one end of the year to the other, and as the opportunity is a rare and conspicuous one, I want to say right now that the action of the Board of Aldermen in this particular and sole respect is unanimously approved. (Laughter and applause.) The action of his Honor, the Mayor, would be void without the action of either or both houses, but we sometimes get a little cantankerous and pass resolutions over his head; but in this instance he has given you this great city, under his hand and seal, and he has sent his official approval here, which I think he should do when he leaves the city, as we feel competent to take care of matters to an extent which would justify his affixing his signature to anything that we approve. (Laughter.)

Now, like Brother Adam here, I have for some years been an official understudy of his Honor, the Mayor, in welcoming the various bodies that do us the honor to come here. I have observed, and I am going to let out the secret—not the cat out of the bag, perhaps, but I am going to confide in you that whenever there is a little ordinary affair to attend to alone in this line, his Honor, the Mayor, attends to it himself. (Laughter.)

He has, for instance, gone today to close a little a-fair known as the Toronto Exposition, and has left us here to do the more important work of welcoming this great body of representative men and women of the United States to the Queen City of the Lakes. Usually he sends up either myself or Alderman Adam, but when the event is a great one, a momentous one, he sends both of us (laughter and applause), and that accounts for our being here and his not being here. (Laughter.) Now, gentlemen, I think it is singularly appropriate that you should have finally come to Buffalo. In the first place we are at the south edge of what is known as the Niagara Frontier. We have a little suburb here devoted exclusively to lumber. It has about 30,000 inhabitants. It is one of our suburbs that wants to come in; but we have concluded that it ought to retain its distinction as a lumber center, and that might be lost if it were absorbed into the greater Buffalo. I refer to Tonawanda. When you go down to Niagara Falls you will ride through miles of lumber. There is so much of it there that you can't see Niagara or the Frontier at all. You will feel perfectly at home there for many miles. It is also appropriate that you should have come to this city, because we have a city of lumber or wooden homes here. Indeed, to a greater extent than is desirable, we still have wooden sidewalks here. Some of them you might step through, but you ought to keep away from that part of the city evenings unless you take a lantern with you and an accident insurance policy. (Laughter and applause.) Indeed, I think you will say it is surprising that such a fine city as Buffalo is can be built up of wood. Foreigners who come here, and I now speak seriously, have been amazed at the beauty of our houses, coming from lands where they build only with the eternal stone; and some people here, I am told, who have built houses have been amazed at the bills that can be run up in building a wooden house (laughter). Indeed, they tell me, there is only one bill in connection with the construction of a house which overtops the lumber bill, and that is, of course, the plumber's bill. (Laughter and applause.)

Now, this is also a fit place for a lumbermen's convention because this city numbers among its most public spirited citizens men who have finally graduated into the lumber business. I recall one, my former preceptor in the law business, Mr. Charles W. Goodyear, one of our most worthy citizens. I don't know whether he has risen to the distinction of becoming a member of this organization. If he hasn't it is either because he doesn't know about it or has been black-balled. He got rich practicing law and reached the limit there (which is a low one) (laughter)—in

wealth, I mean, of course; don't misunderstand me; then went into the lumber business and has been getting richer ever since. But I am happy to say he is a man who employ his riches largely for the public good, and we are proud of him. There is also in the room here my esteemed friend, Mr. Elias, another lumberman of high order. He is one of our best citizens, with standing and influence, who has been trying to make one of our crooked ways straight. (Laughter.) I refer to the South Buffalo River, which causes us trouble, and he is always engaged in good work. For him there is a great future, even greater, perhaps, than being a lumber prince. Now, gentlemen, these are some of the reasons why I think it fitting you should be here and should be welcomed here and which may prompt you to come here again. There are others to speak to you, but the pleasant task of presenting the key of the city to you has been left to me. Where is it? Who knows what has become of it? (At this time Mr. Fleischmann held up a large, gilded key, about 3 feet long.) His Honor, the Mayor, sent this down. (Laughter and applause.) You will observe that it is made of lumber, gilt-edged lumber. (Applause.) That is intended partially as his Honor stated in his letter, to open to you some of the mysteries of the city. Some of them we don't care to have opened unless you insist. (Laughter.) It is also intended to open to you, if necessary, the city treasury. People sometimes get into that with other instruments than a key. (Laughter.) But if you have any occasion to explore that, we want you to do it, with the consent of the Mayor and the Common Council. That is the way it is often done, too. (Laughter and applause.) That only happens, however, when a majority of the Board of Councilmen are out of the city. Finally, I hope it will be symbolic to you in a sense as being a key which opens to you our hearts and the great fund of good will and hospitality that is in our hearts for you, and I trust you will not have occasion, if I may pun for a moment, to pine for anything while you are in our city and that our treatment of you will be such that you will look back with pleasure to your visit to our city, as we are sure we shall, and that you will feel impelled to come to see us frequently in the future, as we are glad to have all good and worthy citizens throughout the land come and see us, our city and its beauties, its business interests and institutions, and also we hope that you will again feel like enjoying the hospitality which we now again extend to you from our hearts. (Applause.)

At the conclusion of Alderman Fleischmann's remarks the members present gave the Hoo-Hoo yell with much enthusiasm.

Ex-Snark A. H. Weir introduced Snark Norris to respond, on behalf of the Hoo-Hoo Organization, to the addresses by Messrs. Adam and Fleischmann, and said:

MR. A. H. WEIR (2505):—I doubt if these gentlemen realized what they were doing when they turned this city over to the Hoo-Hoo Organization. When it comes to opening the treasury in the manner this gentleman (Mr. Fleischmann) indicated to you, I want to assure you that will not be necessary, as we will get into the treasury anyway. Now, in response to these addresses of welcome, I will ask our Snark, Mr. W. H. Norris, to address you.

Snark Norris was received with much applause and spoke as follows

#### Snark Norris' Response.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:—Last year our convention was held at a city famous by its numerous advertisements scattered over the land. In addition to its other local attractions in its ladder of fame was added the mammoth gathering of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. Today we have been welcomed to a city which is famous in more particulars than one. In the galaxy of numerous cities going to make up this great Empire State, I believe you stand third in population—with your combination of squares, public places, parks and boulevards; with your various city, county and State institutions, your newspapers and your libraries; the peculiar position you hold by reason of your water channels and railway systems, renders you a key, as it were, between the great West and the commercial interests of the great East. The manner in which you handled the great Buffalo Exposition proved to the whole country that you possessed all the necessary materials that go to make up a great city, and today you are viewed with a jealous eye by some of your more densely

populated sister cities. We have been invited here, and right glad am I that it is so, for we as a body are delighted to know that we are in the hands of a people whose hospitality does not end within the confines of your beautiful city, and we hope that when we have departed you will have no regrets that we were a part of you.

The benefits derived from these annual gatherings are not ours alone, but also the cities which we visit. Our interests are growing year by year, as your commercial interests are growing, and as we grow we walk hand in hand with the other great industries of the country.

While I view this vast assembly I am attracted thereto by your strong and vigorous men, and above all by your handsome and lovely women. No assemblage is complete without them and while you have many things in your city of which you should feel proud—and doubtless do—yet I believe that this progress and advancement is due mostly to the kind helping hand, sweet smile and self-sacrifices of the beautiful women of your city.

I know that we will go away from you with a lasting remembrance of your city and the hospitality of its people, and on behalf of this Order I thank you, and assure you that we most heartily appreciate the welcome extended us.

MR. A. H. WEIR (2505):—Many of the members present are not owners of lumber yards, but they are connected with them in some capacity. The city of Buffalo has proposed to do what has never been done before—to present each one of us with a lumber yard, and they will be our own, and I presume after you get them you will be ready to make sales of them, and prospective buyers had better take note of this. We have now the tender of all the lumber yards, the mills and the sawmill business on the Niagara River. Mr. Elias will respond on behalf of the Lumbermen's Exchange.

#### Mr. Elias Speaks Hearty Words.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:—This was so unexpected it will be difficult for me to do justice to the occasion, but I want to say on behalf of the lumbermen of Buffalo and the Lumbermen's Exchange that we extend to you all a most hearty welcome. Buffalo (with the town of Tonawanda we have just heard of) is the second city in the United States in the lumber trade. We feel satisfied that if you will take the time to go through the different establishments here devoted to handling, manufacturing and marketing lumber in the various different forms and shapes, you will find very much that will be of great interest to you, especially in view of the fact that this association is made up almost entirely of lumbermen, sawmill men and machinery men. Therefore, on the part of the Lumbermen's Exchange of Buffalo and the lumbermen of the city I extend to you the freedom of the lumber yards of the city. We don't possess any keys; we have the doors wide open, and I am sure that each lumberman of Buffalo will welcome all visitors with a glad hand. I hope that during your stay in Buffalo you will avail yourselves of the various invitations that have been extended to you, because I feel that there is much here to be seen. I don't know that I can add anything to what the gentlemen have said about the beauties of Buffalo. I am sure that your stay here will be pleasant, at least I know the people of Buffalo, and the lumbermen in particular, will do everything within their power to make it so. I thank you. (Applause.)

SNARK:—Our Senior Hoo-Hoo, Mr. Schwartz, was to respond, but I understand he came into the city late this morning, and has not arrived here. Therefore I will call on Colonel A. D. McLeod to inspect and accept the tender of this lumber business.

#### Col. McLeod Responds.

Colonel McLeod was received with great applause, and said:

COLONEL A. D. McLEOD (737):—Snark and Gentlemen of the Reception Committee, Ladies and Brother Hoo-Hoo:—As a substitute my position is a little difficult. I am a railroad man, as Mr. Schwartz is, and I will very gladly accept all the lumber yards you have to offer, but in so far as responding is concerned I am very much afraid the audience will be in the position of the man that wanted

a plain hair cut. He was a big, blustering fellow, and he hustled into the barber shop early in the morning; hailing the man standing in the doorway he said: "I want a plain hair cut. No talk, get to work right away." The man commenced to hand the customer the usual papers. "No papers; not a word. I have read all the news; give me a hair cut." The man proceeded to carve his hair. "Great Scott," said the man as he looked into the glass after the job was finished, "is it true that you barbers must talk in order to do your work properly?" "I don't know," said the man with the apron, "you will have to ask the barber; I am only the carpenter from next door." (Laughter.) I am afraid you will feel I am only the workman after listening to the eloquence and wit with which you have been favored. Yesterday a lot of us were gods diffusing wisdom amongst the Cioister; that wisdom that has been coming down to us from philosophers of old, which is as shining today as it was when old Osiris and Ra were worshipped in those splendid temples which 5,000 years have crushed into ruins. Last night we sat at a banquet table with a lot of choice American goddesses; today we have resumed our former position and we are simply Hoo-Hoo. We are proud that we are Hoo-Hoo. We are representatives of a great Order which, in its turn, represents three of the greatest industrial enterprises of the present time; first, the lumber industry, because lumbermen are in the majority; second, the press, because the press is always heard, and third, the railroads, because railroad men are always modest. Last of all, the ladies, not because they are last or least, but because in that sorting according to merit which we read about in the Great Book, "the last shall be first." (Applause.) Now, I don't know much about Buffalo, about its growth; others can tell you about how it has grown in the last 100 years; but I do remember reading what the population was in 1812, the year it was born, I believe. It had 200 houses, as I remember from reading a quaint description in an old geography, and it was said: "The village consists of 200 houses and about 800 inhabitants, all with their gable ends to the lake." (Laughter and applause.) Well, that was rather a weakling child, but the child grew. It is now at the tip of this dividing line which runs from the lake to the river and separates the East from the Middle West. But it grew, and after it grew, being a child of the East, it married into the West family. It was a small family then, not many of them, not very well known; they were wild and woolly; but these Wests grew and grew and now, today, this daughter of the East is one of the mothers in that great West family, which, combined, we call the Mighty West.

We, as Hoo-Hoo, in accepting the hospitality of this city, I am prepared to say, are accepting the hospitality of the greatest city on this continent. (Applause.) That is perfectly proper, Hoo-Hoo (after applause); when you are home in your own town, St. Louis, Wheeling, Chillicothe, Oshkosh, Wapakoneta (laughter), Boston, New York, Chicago—that is your greatest city; but today you are in the great city of hospitality that has no bounds and for which a key is useless, because there is no keyhole. (Laughter and applause.) Now, I am not going to talk any more as a substitute, but I beg to thank, for my part, the gentlemen I represent, and for the audience, Buffalo, for extending this hospitality to us, and all we ask of them is, think as much of your own city as we think of it. We visitors who got off here, are sorry, like Flannagan, we have got to get on again. (Applause.)

MR. WEIR:—If there is anything that lumbermen enjoy in almost all departments of their business it is a quiet tip. We would like a tip as to how we can get transportation these days, but those tips are scarce. We like tips on the market so we can buy better than our competitor in the next yard, but we find that a little difficult. We have come to Buffalo to get tips, and I find there is a distinguished citizen of this State present, Honorable Leonard Dodge of Buffalo, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and he will give us, on the quiet, a friendly tip. (Applause.)

#### A Quiet Tip from Mr. Dodge.

HON. LEONARD DODGE (Buffalo):—Mr. President, Honorable Snark and Hoo-Hoo Friends:—I note by your official program that I am to give you a friendly tip on the quiet. I beg to assure you that I am no tipster and that everything in Buffalo is wide open and in no way on the quiet. Your programme also allows the Mayor to give away

the city and the President of the Lumber Exchange to distribute our yards and mills amongst you before I am given any chance whatsoever. It seems to me about all there is left for me to dispose of is Lake Erie and Niagara River. These I now take great pleasure in presenting to you (applause and laughter), and anything you may find in the immediate vicinity. The Chamber of Commerce wishes to join with all others in extending to you a hearty welcome to our city. We want to know you better. As a step in this direction we have arranged to give you an opportunity to inspect the portion of the gift which I have officially presented to you—Lake Erie. On Tuesday evening we desire you to become our guests and enjoy a moonlight sail on the lake by the steamship "Iroquois." This ship will sail from the foot of Illinois street Thursday evening shortly after 8 o'clock. We want you all to be there with your wives, sweethearts and friends. If you are pleased with Lake Erie and desire to take it with you, we will have it moved bodily to any point you may designate. (Laughter.) Or we will cut it up into little pieces and let you distribute it as you like. (Laughter.) If I must give you a tip it would be this: Go in and have a good time; while you are on the water, it isn't necessary to take it straight if it is a little chilly. Become so well pleased with Buffalo that you will want to make it your home. You are just the kind of people we would like to have with us always. (Applause.)

MR. A. H. WEIR (2505):—I don't see that much more can be done for us. Everything in the vicinity has been tendered and, as Councilman Adam has suggested to me, the last is not the least, because every corporation needs a great amount of water. Now, this concludes the open programme, and personally and in behalf of the Order I want to thank these gentlemen for their courtesy and consideration and to say that in no place have we received more cordial and warm and hearty greetings than they have extended us. I have no doubt that every one of us will go away from this beautiful city of Buffalo with remembrances that will linger with us for life over the enjoyment we have found here.

I now turn the session over to the Snark, with five minutes' intermission; then we will take up business.

(The five minutes' intermission was had following the open session; after which the regular business session was called to order by the Snark.)

#### First Business Session.

SNARK (After recess had expired):—The Gurdon will close the door and the members will be seated.

MR. A. H. WEIR (2505):—I rise to a question of privilege, if I may interrupt the proceedings at this point. In passing over the programme I omitted the portion assigned to Brother Snell. No one regrets this more than I do, and I am unable to explain it. The programme shows I had it checked, yet in the closing moments it slipped my memory. I want to request that Brother Snell's address be furnished the Scrivener to be published with the proceedings. I have heard it said that it might be thought there was some reason back of this. I want to say there was not, and I want to see Brother Snell elected Senior Hoo-Hoo. It was nothing but an oversight for which I am alone responsible. I make this explanation freely, and I hope Brother Snell will accept the explanation.

(Mr. Snell's remarks were to be wholly extempore and were not furnished the Scrivener.—Ed.)

Snark Norris then read his address, as follows:

#### The Snark's Annual Address

Fellow Members in Hoo-Hoo: You will pardon me at the outset for indulging in the ruling passion. That is to say, I want you to pardon me for apologizing to you. My misfortune is not being able to present myself as a polished orator. It will be some satisfaction to you, I fear, to know that this is one of my last speeches and that it will soon be within your power to select a silver-tongued orator to make amends during the next year for my

shortcomings in that line. Nevertheless, Brother Hoo-Hoo, I am filled with pride as I stand on the rostrum to-day and realize that through your kind suffrages I occupy this exalted chair. It may be but for a fleeting moment. The tenure of office of the Snark of the Universe is short, at best, but I am a proud man in the knowledge that the nine gentlemen who have preceded me have been selected from the very flower of the membership, and that those who will follow me down the long line of years will in all probability be of the same character. This is my pride. You have given me the rank, and I can therefore lay the flattering unction to my soul that I have been considered worthy. My only hope is that in the universal balance of things I shall not have been found wanting.

#### Power of the Order.

We have gathered to-day to organize and conduct the twelfth annual meeting of our beloved Order. In this connection, if your experience has been what mine has been, we must all refer to Hoo-Hoo as our beloved order. It has done more to unite in America all the different branches of the trade; it has done more to bring together lumbermen from every section of this great country; it has done more to place the power of the united lumber business high in the estimation of the general public, than any other cause. Should we not be proud, therefore, that what was founded twelve years ago in the little Arkansas town should, upon its own merits and the merits of this great body of lumbermen who have espoused its cause, grow and continue to grow with each succeeding year until it has reached more than the limit which was originally set down for its maximum membership, and has passed into series A, and will later pass to series B with a numerical end which no man can foretell?

In submitting, upon this occasion, my annual report of the conduct of the order during my administration, I wish first and heartily to thank all members of the order, and more especially my associates of the Supreme Nine, for the generous support accorded. I have had occasion frequently to call upon each of my colleagues, and their response has always been quick and effective. This has been especially valuable to me, as I have not been thoroughly acquainted with all the sections in our numerous jurisdictions, and I have been forced to rely almost entirely upon the advice of my associates, and it is my pleasure to state that in no case has the confidence been misplaced.

The order is to be congratulated on the magnificent report which will be made by the Scrivener later on in the proceedings, which shows that great progress has been made during the year just passed.

#### Over One Hundred Concatenations.

Over 100 concatenations have been held in 31 different states, and more than 1,600 candidates have been initiated. The increase in concatenations and membership is 25 per cent over the banner year of the order, 1901-1902, while the work of the order has been extended into districts hitherto unclaimed for Hoo-Hoo. The dues received during the year amount to over \$7,000, against \$5,600 for the year before, while the receipts from concatenations exceed \$9,000, against \$5,800 the preceding year, and there is a larger balance in the treasury than at any time since the date when an increased allowance for concatenation expenses was conceded. In fact, this present balance has only been exceeded once in the history of the order.

In addition to the growth in new membership, there have been 150 reinstatements of old members, and others are pending, held back by the new method, which requires the endorsement by Vicegerents or members of the Supreme Nine, and which consumes more time than formerly.

Only seven resignations have occurred, and these were all for good and sufficient reasons.

Thus the statistical condition of the order is most satisfactory, and it becomes an extremely difficult



task to particularize, where all have done so well. Still, it would be unjust did I not sincerely congratulate those gentlemen who have presided over the destinies of the order in Canada, Massachusetts, the Pacific Slope, the mountain territory, taking in East Tennessee, western North Carolina and immediate neighborhood, and other Southern points. As the great growth of the order has always heretofore been in the West and South, and therefore the difficulties of progress less trying, it is those of the East and North, the pioneers taking the banner of Hoo-Hoo eastward with empire, and not westward, that the thanks of the order are due and who should be encouraged by praise to greater efforts in the future. We are strong in the South and West. We can also be strong North and East.

The Vicegerents report to me a considerable enthusiasm on the part of kittens just rescued from blindness for a full share in the future work of the order. I sincerely trust that their services will be in demand.

**Abuse of the Name Hoo-Hoo.**

I regret to call attention to the fact that there have been several instances during the past year of the improper use of the titular name of the order for outside advertising purposes. Fortunately I think this evil has received a setback which will probably preclude a repetition of any such offense, and I trust to the general good sense of the order to keep us protected from future annoyances of this nature.

It is with feelings of the greatest satisfaction that I ask my brothers to join me in sincere thanks to those in charge of the official organ of the order, the Hoo-Hoo Bulletin. It is not too much to say that the monthly visits of this bright and sparkling forum for the expression of all Hoo-Hoo thought, would be sadly missed should its publication be discontinued or should it pass into other and less competent hands. It has had much to do with stimulating growth, in exposing abuses and in keeping the membership close together, and it gives me great pleasure in parting with my connection with it to place a laurel wreath upon the brow of its able editor. In conclusion, I desire to make a few suggestions or recommendations which I feel may benefit the order in the future.

1. The office of Vicegerent Snark should be continued. Discipline and organization no doubt require local and state officers with power to act. I am so firm in this belief that I recommend that as the territory over which a Vicegerent has jurisdiction is too great, it should be cut down. If there is one Vicegerent in a state, make it two. If there are two officers, cut down their territory and appoint three or four. The advantages of this course in building up the order are, I think, self-evident.

2. It has been suggested that there might well be a change in the method of choosing the Supreme Nine. I do not hold with this suggestion. I cannot see why our present method of selecting does not meet with the requirements of the situation.

**A Needed Precaution.**

3. I recommend the revision of the biography blank, as exhibited to candidates in a small but important respect. Let it be asked if the candidate has ever been voted on for election to the order, and with what results. Considerable unpleasantness may be avoided by a due observance of some such regulation. For instance: Some six months ago I recollect a case where a candidate was black-balled at his home, and then, removing to a neighboring state, was quickly admitted into the order, with the attainment of all benefits attached to such a privilege. Charges are now on file against this man, and their investigation is in progress.

4. I suggest that in connection with the Relief Fund and matters coming up in reference to it, that our present method of handling the question be continued without change. I hope I may eventually see this department properly

financed and a sinking fund established to give it stability, but it may be that the time has yet scarcely arrived to take these steps. As our membership increases, so does our obligation to aid our brothers who should be assisted, but at the same time so does our ability to do this increase. The aim of this department is a fine one, but it must be exercised with discretion and judgment, although we must at all times remember that he gives twice who gives quickly, and it does not ease a starving man's last hours to give him a five-hundred-dollar funeral. This Relief Fund is a matter worthy of very careful consideration in the future.

5. I feel sure that it would be of much benefit to the order to have a meeting of the Supreme Nine at some central point, decided on by itself, after the annual meeting in September, and before the 31st of the following December, for the purposes of discussing existing conditions and furthering the interests of the order. The order should pay all proper expenses incidental to this meeting.

**An Important Topic.**

My sixth and last suggestion is upon a point which is of vital interest to the order. I regard it as the most important topic which will come up for discussion during this annual meeting. I am firmly of the opinion that the order has grown to a size, and reached a point, where it needs another officer on salary who can devote his time to traveling about the country and aiding Vicegerents in working up, and if need be reviving, interest, whether it be in new or old territory, and it seems to me proper and fitting that this officer should be the Junior Hoo-Hoo, who would naturally report to and be under the direction of the Snark, subject, of course, to the discipline and regulation of the Supreme Nine. I think that the fact of this traveling officer being a member of the Supreme Nine will be in itself of advantage in giving dignity and prestige to the concatenations. It would not be practicable, as has been suggested, for the Scrivenor to attempt to assume this duty. This officer is needed at home, and it can readily be seen that his continuous presence at his desk is desirable in behalf of the best interests of the order. I have no suggestion to make as to any changes in the distribution of the duties of any of the other of the general officers of the order, but I believe that this last suggestion is opportune and worthy of full discussion and in my opinion it should be passed upon favorably.

I thank you again, gentlemen and brothers, for the honor you have done me, and for the confidence reposed in me. I beg to assure you that in vacating the office of Snark I will not lose my interest in the order, but humbly joining the rank and file again, I will do my utmost while I live for the honor and glory of Hoo-Hoo.

The Snark's address was received with great attention and much interest was manifested in his suggestions. At its conclusion, resuming the chair, he called for the Scrivenor's report, as below:

**Scrivenor's Report.**

Since the Snark has so admirably presented the important features of the year's work I will confine my report to detail matters pertaining to my office. Our receipts and disbursements for the Hoo-Hoo year ending September 9, 1903, have been as below, my books having been closed at the close of business September 5:

RECEIPTS.		
1. Balance September 6, 1902.....	\$ 4,477 89	
24. Concatenations.....	9,277 49	
25. Merchandise (pins, buttons, etc., sold).....	1,478 42	
22. Dues.....	7,686 18	
68. Honorary Fees.....	90 00	
23. Life Fees.....	186 78	
15. Imminent Distress Fund.....	342 00	
62. Interest on Deposits.....	76 85	
11. Grip-tags sold.....	137 66	
Total.....	\$28,001 97	

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

26. Merchandise (buttons, etc., bought).....	\$ 8,781 70
28. Petty expense.....	122 44
30. Postage and registered mail.....	1,237 03
32. Stationery.....	323 00
34. Printing Bulletin.....	2,035 85
35. Printing handbook and supplements.....	2,440 00
36. Supreme Nine.....	27 00
33. Snark's office, year 1902.....	12 35
61. Refund account.....	204 36
54. Printing material and supplies.....	371 04
51. Telegraph account.....	100 91
50. Oats and electrocs.....	87 62
48. Express.....	981 77
28. Insurance (V. 1228).....	27 00
42. Scrivenor's clerical help.....	1,659 96
52. Office fixtures.....	91 90
56. Typewriter.....	90 00
18. Annual Meeting, Milwaukee.....	257 97
59. Annual Meeting, Buffalo.....	150 00
60. Good of Order.....	68 38
44. Scrivenor's salary.....	1,333 82
52. Trunk equipment and supplies.....	351 94
12. Grip-tags purchased.....	49 01
43. Rent for twelve months.....	288 00
15. Imminent Distress Fund.....	303 00
26. Premium Scrivenor's Bond (V. 1000).....	50 00
Balance on hand.....	6,658 02—\$28,001 97

I have examined the books of J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, and find the above statement to be correct. Jo. EDWARDS, Accountant.

Sworn and subscribed to before me Sept. 5, 1903. Jos. A. JOHNSON, Notary Public.

The vouchers covering every cent of above disbursements are here with the canceled check in each case attached, as is also the invoice. Anyone who wants to examine these vouchers is cordially invited to do so.

**Concatenations.**

One hundred and nine concatenations have been held as per detailed statement below:

Number.	DATE.	PLACE.	No. of Initiates			Remitted Scrivenor		
			Life.	Hon.	Reg.	Life.	Hon.	Reg.
815	0-5-02	Dew Moines, Ia.	10					\$ 77 44
816	0-9-02	Milwaukee, Wis.	17	22	35			85 00
817	9-9-02	Whatcom, Wash.	16					80 00
818	2-24-02	Greenville, Miss.	9					40 08
819	10-24-02	Creston, Ia.	11					49 89
820	10-25-02	San Antonio, Tex.	10					50 10
821	10-31-02	Columbus, S. C.	4					15 11
822	11-4-02	Valdosta, Ga.	22					187 47
823	11-4-02	Memphis, Tenn.	2					13 32
824	11-13-02	Benton, W. Va.	20					146 25
825	11-22-02	Oklahoma City, O. T.	67					370 62
826	11-21-02	Honston, Tex.	15	46	66			75 15
827	11-29-02	Birmingham, Ala.	6					38 99
828	11-29-02	Aberdeen, Wash.	82					100 22
829	11-29-02	Wichita, Kans.	80					103 14
830	11-29-02	Merrimph, Tenn.	16					69 69
831	11-29-02	Nashville, Tenn.	14					70 00
832	11-29-02	Pine Bluff, Ark.	14					68 87
833	11-29-02	Jacksonville, Fla.	18					64 87
834	11-29-02	Winfield, La.	4					19 98
835	12-0-02	Torrill, Tex.	18					65 18
836	12-9-02	Shreveport, La.	9					45 00
837	12-18-02	Lawton, O. T.	21					140 07
838	12-19-02	Clay City, Ky.	22					110 00
839	12-27-02	New Orleans, La.	15					75 15
840	1-13-03	Minneapolis, Minn.	50					257 05
841	1-7-03	Spokane, Wash.	9					59 94
842	1-20-03	Indianapolis, Ind.	18					89 62
843	1-23-03	Nashville, Tenn.	9					50 31
844	1-19-03	Denver, Colo.	15					74 88
845	1-24-03	Meridian, Miss.	21					103 00
846	1-22-03	Lincoln, Nebr.	24					100 51
847	1-27-03	Cincinnati, Ohio	16					94 14
848	1-20-03	Pittsburg, Pa.	10					80 00
849	1-28-03	Centro, Ill.	22					110 22
850	2-3-03	Detroit, Mich.	0					89 96
851	2-4-03	Davenport, Ia.	11					55 11
852	2-7-03	St. Louis, Mo.	14					70 14
853	2-7-03	Boston, Mass.	9					50 94
854	2-4-03	Mobile, Ala.	24					120 00
855	2-19-03	Hattiesburg, Miss.	82					117 88
856	2-11-03	Chicago, Ill.	8	46	68			116 05
857	1-27-03	Kansas City, Mo.	33					295 79
858	1-17-03	Trinidad, Tex.	5					25 11
859	2-9-03	Atlanta, Ga.	5					85 05
860	2-14-03	Dallas, Tex.	14					70 14
861	3-21-03	Cleveland, Ohio	11					78 26
862	3-21-03	Mobile, Ala.	1					80 00
863	2-21-03	Milwaukee, Wis.	11	23	34			115 00
864	2-28-03	Clarksburg, W. Va.	11					53 87
865	2-21-03	Ruston, I. Tex.	14					70 10
866	3-9-03	Meridian, Miss.	8					40 08
867	3-14-03	Boston, Mass.	12					79 92
868	3-7-03	Danville, Ark.	12					61 99
869	3-21-03	New Iberia, La.	2	15	46 68			75 15
870	3-31-03	Guthrie, O. T.	18					158 18
871	3-25-03	Columbus, Ohio	11					79 81
872	3-24-03	DeQuisen, Ark.	2					136 87
873	3-28-03	Paducah, Ky.	8					36 61

Number.	DATE.	PLACE.	No. of Initiates			Remitted Scrivenor.		
			Life.	Hon.	Reg.	Life.	Hon.	Reg.
874	3-25-03	Stoux Falls, S. D.	15					69 00
875	3-28-03	Ocala, Fla.	8					40 08
876	3-28-03	Camden, Ark.	20					98 10
877	4-3-03	Charleston, W. Va.	17					85 00
878	4-3-03	Stanford, Wash.	12					60 12
879	4-7-03	Jackson, Miss.	14					70 14
880	4-17-03	Boston, Mass.	18					75 00
881	4-15-03	Little Rock, Ark.	12					60 03
882	4-15-03	Galveston, Tex.	1	20			\$ 90 00	196 74
883	3-30-03	Winnipeg, Canada.	10					60 00
884	4-25-03	Louisville, Ky.	8					40 00
885	4-25-03	Alexandria, La.	20					100 00
886	4-6-03	Pine Bluff, Ark.	23					115 00
887	5-10-03	Spokane, Wash.	18					89 00
888	5-21-03	Indianapolis, Ind.	27					84 83
889	5-23-03	Boston, Mass.	7					34 83
890	5-23-03	Charleston, W. Va.	18					65 00
891	5-30-03	Jeanerette, La.	17					118 22
892	5-20-03	Fargo, N. D.	11					25 00
893	6-5-03	Nashville, Tenn.	11					55 00
894	6-5-03	Winchester, Ky.	17					85 00
895	6-12-03	Bainbridge, Ga.	17					85 00
896	6-12-03	Florence, S. C.	7					34 83
897	6-15-03	Buffalo, N. Y.	15					89 00
898	6-12-03	Whitecom, Wash.	31					144 81
899	6-12-03	Beaumont, Tex.	40					235 45
900	6-15-03	Paro Snato, Ind.	9					25 05
901	6-20-03	Boston, Mass.	9					45 00
902	7-3-03	Asheville, N. C.	19					89 42
903	7-7-03	Toronto, Canada.	12					67 63
904	6-27-03	Toxarkana, Ark.	5					25 00
905	7-7-03	Colorado Spg, Colo.	11					55 11
906	7-15-03	Florence, S. C.	11					84 82
907	7-15-03	Pindlay, Ohio.	18					10 19
908	6-20-03	Weston, W. Va.	18					70 67
909	7-25-03	Lufkin, Tex.	30					150 90
910	8-4-03	Hidgeway, Ia.	16					75 00
911	7-27-03	Atlantic Beach, Fla.	12					65 00
912	8-4-03	Huron, S. D.	11					55 00
913	8-7-03	Toronto, Ont.	6					8 22
914	8-8-03	Hobart, O. T.	40					270 40
915	8-13-03	Canton, Ohio	4					

VICEGERENTS.	No. of Initiates.		
	Concate-nations.	Regular Initiates.	Honorary.
Florida (Eastern Dist.)—J. P. Lynch	8	83	
Florida (Western Dist.)—A. O. Thompson	1	8	
Georgia (Northern Dist.)—George E. Youlo	1	8	
Georgia (Southwestern Dist.)—A. M. Ramsey	1	8	
Georgia (Southeastern Dist.)—C. W. Samsay	1	8	
Illinois (Northern Dist.)—J. E. Fuller	1	23	2
Illinois (Southern Dist.)—P. T. Langan	1	23	
Indiana (Northern Dist.)—D. S. Menasco	1	56	
Indiana (Southern Dist.)—W. F. Hubbard	1	11	
Iowa (Northern Dist.)—H. V. Scott	1	44	
Iowa (Southern Dist.)—J. Moezel	1	30	
Kansas (Western Dist.)—J. E. Marra	1	47	
Kansas (Eastern Dist.)—W. C. Alexander	1	47	
Kentucky (Eastern Dist.)—George W. Schmidt	1	4	
Kentucky (Western Dist.)—A. J. Decker	1	4	
Louisiana (Northern Dist.)—F. G. Snyder	1	47	2
Louisiana (Southern Dist.)—G. M. Reddy	1	47	
Maryland—W. L. Rowe	1	52	
Massachusetts—Karl Leburgh	1	6	
Mexico (Southern Dist.)—C. R. Hudson	1	2	
Mexico (Northwestern Dist.)—R. Anderson	1	2	
Mexico (Northern Dist.)—W. E. Fraser	1	2	
Michigan (Northern Dist.)—James R. Roper	1	6	
Michigan (Southern Dist.)—A. J. Carson	1	5	
Minnesota—W. B. Tomlinson	1	22	
Mississippi (Northern Dist.)—W. G. Harlow	1	21	
Mississippi (Southern Dist.)—John W. Connell	1	14	
Missouri (Eastern Dist.)—A. O. Ramsey	1	53	
Missouri (Western Dist.)—Harry A. Gersuch	1	24	
Montana—H. W. Murphy	1	15	
Nebraska—D. E. Green	1	16	
New Mexico and Arizona—R. W. Stewart	1	3	
New York (Western Dist.)—John F. Poist	1	18	
N. Y. (Brooklyn & Long Is.)—E. Christmann	1	18	
North Carolina (Western Dist.)—M. Barns	1	1	
North Carolina (Eastern Dist.)—A. H. Edgerton	1	5	
North Dakota—T. E. Dunn	1	15	
Ohio (Central Dist.)—F. M. Smith	1	24	
Ohio (Northern Dist.)—D. W. Miller	1	10	
Ohio (Southern Dist.)—A. N. Spencer	1	141	
Oklahoma—Indian Territory—T. H. Rogers	1	87	
Oregon—James A. Clock	1	20	
Pennsylvania (Eastern Dist.)—J. P. Dunwoody	1	81	
Pennsylvania (Western Dist.)—Paul Terhune	1	29	
South Carolina (Northern Dist.)—J. E. Fitzwillson	1	2	
South Carolina (Southern Dist.)—E. R. Wilson	1	70	
South Dakota—R. O. Miracle	1	42	
Tennessee (Eastern Dist.)—W. H. Yates	1	93	1
Tennessee (Middle Dist.)—Hamilton H. Love	1	71	
Tennessee (Western Dist.)—John W. Dickson	1	82	
Texas (Northern Dist.)—T. W. Griffiths, Jr.	1	47	
Texas (Southern Dist.)—Kilburn Moore	1	93	1
Virginia—J. E. Duke	1	91	
Washington (Western Dist.)—E. Clark Evans	1	79	
Washington (Eastern Dist.)—J. L. McCreer	1	5	
West Virginia—H. A. Hollowell	1	39	
Wisconsin—J. J. Williams	1	2	
Total	100	1721	2

\*One of the concatenations here credited to Vicegerent Geo. E. Youlo was not held by him at all, he having resigned on account of removal from Atlanta. The meeting referred to was that at Atlanta of September 1 of this year. It was held by ex-Vicegerent W. S. Wilson.

+One of the concatenations here credited to Vicegerent W. G. Harlow, that at Greenville, Miss., September 21, 1902, was really held prior to his appointment as Vicegerent. It was present, however, and with the assistance of Mr. Sam. K. Cowan, of Nashville, made the meeting a very enjoyable and successful one.

! One of the concatenations credited to Vicegerent E. Clark Evans was really held by his predecessor in the Vicegerency, Mr. Victor H. Beckman, now our worthy Supreme Custodian. The concatenation referred to occurred at Whatcom, Wash., September 9, 1902, and was a notably successful meeting.

It is gratifying to note the wide territory over which concatenations have been held. Thirty-one states and territories and one foreign country are covered by above reports.

Record of Work in Jurisdictions.

The record of the work in our nine jurisdictions is as follows:

JURISDICTIONS.	No. of Initiates.		
	Concate-nations.	Reg.	Hon.
(1) Snark, W. H. Norris—Arizona, Old Mexico, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory	12	278	1
(2) Senior Hoo-Hoo, Geo. W. Schwartz—Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and Indiana	18	841	2
(3) Junior Hoo-Hoo, Frank N. Snell—North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, central portion of Canada and the peninsula of Michigan	10	175	2
(4) Boljun, James Wilson, Jr.—Ohio, Michigan, Virginia and West Virginia	11	140	
(5) Scrivenoter, J. H. Baird—Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia	18	840	

JURISDICTIONS.	No. of Initiates.		
	Concate-nations.	Reg.	Hon.
(6) Jabberwock, O. E. Yeager—New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and all other states east, and the eastern portion of Canada	12	125	
(7) Custodian, Victor H. Beckman—Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana and the western portion of Canada	8	170	
(8) Arcanoper, V. O. Davenport—Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nebraska and Kansas	4	80	
(9) Gurdin, Harvey Avery—Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Cuba	19	272	2
Total	100	1721	2

The distribution of Hoo-Hoo territory into jurisdictions to be looked after by the different members of the Supreme Nine, a plan which was instituted at the Norfolk Annual Meeting, has continued the work most admirably. More even than during last year have the wisdom and practicable benefit of the plan been apparent, and since the plan has now doubtless become a permanent feature of the work, due attention should be given in the selection of the new Nine to the geographical location of its members, as upon such geographical location depends an equitable distribution of the territory in such a way as to get the whole territory best looked after. The geographical location of the different members of the Supreme Nine this year was admirable, and the result is shown in the excellent distribution of the concatenations held. Very few of the Vicegerencies in the United States but have held one or more concatenations during the year, and when none have been held, in many instances, the failure is due to the very late appointment of the Vicegerent, or to lack of sufficient resident members to fill the stations of a concatenation. In one or two cases our Vicegerents have resigned on account of removal of residence or business, and this has interfered with plans and arrangements which otherwise would have resulted in good meetings.

The Deceased.

We have had reported the death of thirty-seven men, as follows:

74. J. A. Dozier	Beaumont, Texas.
123. Jno. B. McKinnon	Orange, Texas.
437. R. T. Witbeck	Chicago, Ill.
1862. E. G. Burke	Kenner, La.
1884. Emory White	Minneapolis, Minn.
2011. C. H. Crano	Seattle, Wash.
2104. Jas. C. Fall	Shawnee, O. T.
2202. Wm. Blair	Ft. Smith, Ark.
2337. Don Alexander	Cincinnati, O.
3254. Chas. S. Dilts	Valley View, Ky.
3270. J. W. Moore	Duluth, Minn.
3280. J. W. Moore	Joplin, Mo.
3006. T. D. Kellogg	Antigo, Wis.
4072. O. E. Oomstock	Hutchinson, Kans.
4192. J. P. Zimber	Detroit, Mich.
4215. J. H. Burkholder	Marrow Bone, Tenn.
4495. W. A. Patton	Rome, Ga.
5182. W. A. Fennans	Shreveport, La.
5385. J. P. Willis	Arcata, Cal.
5672. N. W. Buckelow	Shreveport, La.
5697. A. Williams	Dodson, La.
5741. W. J. Tipton	Manning, La.
5824. W. E. Cook	Augusta, Ark.
6087. A. P. Brough	Savannah, Ga.
7045. Chas. Kiehn	San Francisco, Cal.
7490. J. Tipton	Chattanooga, Tenn.
7515. J. B. Watson	Cumberland, Md.
7561. Wm. Brough, Jr.	Oskdale, La.
8242. J. O. Harrington	Atlanta, Ga.
8410. F. H. Knowles	Cleveland, O.
8545. J. M. Marshall	Jane Lew, W. Va.
8773. August Nelson	Cincinnati, O.
8872. N. S. McLean	Omaha, Neb.
8903. Ewing Thompson	Nashville, Tenn.
9287. W. P. Powe	Olympia, Wash.
799-A Chas. A. Rinehart	Kincald, W. Va.
Hon. Dr. S. D. Beville	Alexandria, Va.

Resigned and Expelled.

Resignations have been accepted from seven men, the smallest number recorded since I have held the office of Scrivenoter. In view of the great increase of our membership, the marked decrease in the number of resignations during the past two years is most gratifying as denoting a continued and increasing interest in the order.

One man has been expelled this year, and against one other charges are now pending.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. H. BAIRD, Scrivenoter.

(During the reading of his report Mr. Baird interpolated as follows, at different places in the report:)

THE SCRIVENOTER:— \* \* \* In connection with the "Refund Account," I want to explain a little. It will be recalled that at the Dallas Annual Meeting the amount allowed Vicegerents for expenses was increased from \$3.33 on each man initiated to \$4.99. That change was made in the Constitution and By-Laws, but we had on hand in the office a great number of "Books of Instructions to Vicegerents," and in these books to avoid republication of the whole book, we simply changed the amount allowed with pen; this year, in getting our Vicegerents to work as soon as possible, some of the books went out without the change being made. As a consequence a good many Vicegerents remitted for concatenations on the old basis. Subsequently, when they discovered they were paying more than other Vicegerents, and in two cases having come out behind on the concatenations, and having paid the shortage out of their own pockets, they applied for and they were allowed the difference.

THE SCRIVENOTER:— \* \* \* I would say, in justice to Mr. Edward Kelly (California Northern District), that he was only appointed about two months ago, and the same is true as to Mr. C. H. Griffin (Southern California District). He was appointed recently and is now arranging for a concatenation in El Paso and is only awaiting some assistance from the Supreme Nine in the way of enough men to initiate them.

THE SCRIVENOTER:— \* \* \* My report was made up to the close of business September 5, and the next day I received a report from Mr. W. B. Tomlinson of a notable concatenation held September 2. At this concatenation Mr. Tomlinson had a class of twelve men, and I am sorry I did not receive his report in time to embody it in my report, for it is as much a part of last year's work as any at the data embodied in my formal report.

THE SCRIVENOTER:— \* \* \* I will say in reference to Mr. R. W. Stewart (New Mexico and Arizona), that he was appointed temporarily, hoping to get enough men to hold a concatenation at Chama, N. M., but we were disappointed in this and Mr. Stewart returned to Denver.

THE SCRIVENOTER:— \* \* \* I will say that the boys have arranged for a large joint concatenation at Portland tonight. This, I take it, takes in the Oregon and Washington Districts. The three Vicegerencies, the Snark says, are to cooperate in that concatenation tonight. Those people feel that they are so far off they cannot very well come to the Annual meeting, so they practically make the concatenation an annual meeting in itself, and they have a fine time.

THE SCRIVENOTER:— \* \* \* In justice to Mr. W. H. Yates of Tennessee, I will say he was only appointed about a month ago. We wanted a foothold in North Carolina and East Tennessee, and we initiated a young man named Yates of Johnson City, and he has a class ready for initiation. He will probably have to have a little assistance in initiating them.

SNARK:—You have heard the report of the Scrivenoter and no doubt you are much gratified at it. There are printed copies of it here and you can get them at the desk. I have three announcements to make. The local committee requests all those who have not yet registered to register at the Iroquois Hotel at noon, if possible, and also, that the concatenation will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Building, and not here as anticipated. The third announcement is that the official photograph of Hoo-Hoo for 1903 will be taken in front of this hotel (Genesee) at the close of this session. All Hoo-Hoo are requested to group themselves together in front of the hotel. I will also announce the following members on the various committees.

Appointment of Committees.

On Constitution and By-Laws.

- W. E. Barns,
- J. Lee Emsign,
- N. H. Falk,
- George W. Schwartz,
- A. H. Weir.

On Resolutions.

- W. H. Gibson,
- L. N. Fuller,
- S. D. Pine,
- J. W. Long,
- B. F. Cobb.

Good of the Order.

- C. H. Stanton,
- N. A. Gladding,
- R. W. English,
- E. M. Viemeler,
- W. M. Stephenson.

Legislation.

- P. B. Walker,
- E. M. Bunker,
- G. H. Adams,
- E. S. Boggess,
- F. N. Snell.

Auditing.

- O. E. Yeager,
- D. T. Call,
- A. C. Ramsey.

Press.

- B. A. Johnson,
- E. R. Coolidge,
- J. H. Baird.

Place of Next Meeting.

- W. B. Tomlinson,
- F. G. Snyder,
- Joe B. Cabell.

A Greeting from the Coast.

(The Scrivenoter read the following telegram, which was greeted with the Hoo-Hoo yell:)

Portland, Ore., September 10, 1903.—W. H. Norris, Snark, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Greeting. Eight hundred Hoo-Hoo, good and true of the Pacific Slope unite in urging that Hoo-Hoo come to Portland in 1905. Eyes of thirty-seven unlightened were opened. J. E. DEFEBBAUGH.

MR. W. E. BARNES (3):—Snark, I move you that the Snark be authorized to send a telegram of greeting and congratulations to the meeting which is being held at Portland today, and I also understand that our Custodian, Mr. Beckman, who started here, is very seriously ill at Minneapolis, and I would ask if any one has received any information from him.

SNARK:—Yes, Brother Platt Walker showed me a telegram from this brother saying he had looked all over Minneapolis, and went to the hospitals, and couldn't find out anything about Brother Beckman being there.

SCRIVENOTER:—I presume he has recovered sufficiently to come on. In his telegram to me, which I got the day I arrived here, he said he would get here the latter part of the week. I wired the Mississippi Valley Lumberman to hunt him up and look after his welfare.

MR. BARNES (3):—I simply confine my motion, then, to authorizing the Hotel; it is quite convenient and we have gathered together at Portland today.

(The Snark put the motion and the same was carried unanimously.)

SNARK:—I will get that telegram off at the close of this session.

SCRIVENOTER:—There is an announcement I desire to make before adjourning. I have an office in Parlor E, at the Iroquois Hotel; it is quite convenient and we have there all the books, papers and records. If any gentleman desires to pay dues he can call down there and get a receipt for it; or if any one wishes to know how his account stands as to dues we will be glad to look it up for him, or if you want any Hoo-Hoo jewelry, that is the place to get it. There will be somebody on duty all the time.

A motion that a recess be taken until 1:29 p. m. was made and, being seconded, was put by the Chair and carried.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

(The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p. m., some of the members being late.)

SNARK:—If there are any of the committees appointed this morning ready to report we will be glad to hear from them.

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—The Committee on Good of the Order is ready to report.

SNARK:—We will be pleased to hear any report that is ready.

MR. C. H. STANTON (3140):—Wouldn't it be well to wait a few minutes until more of the members come up?

SNARK:—I will appoint Brother Cooledge a committee to go down and call them up.

SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Snark, I want to make one informal suggestion, please; that Mr. Christiansen, who has charge of the register, make a public announcement in regard to it. There are several members present who have not registered and who want to know when and where they can go to register.

MR. E. CHRISTIANSEN (8405):—If after the meeting any one that wishes to register will go to the Iroquois Hotel, the register will be open and we will be glad to have you register there, in the rotunda, near the entrance on the Eagle street side. All ladies will register in the parlor, one flight up.

SCRIVENOTER:—Now, I want to urge every man here to register; to make successive efforts, if necessary, until he has registered. We can't keep a man in charge of the register all the time, but we want a complete and accurate list of every one here. If you have ladies with you, have them register. We want a permanent record of every one that attends here—an autograph signature; also all of the Buffalo ladies having to do with the entertainment of the visiting ladies, should register. Now, at the risk of talking too much, I want to suggest that the Local Committee make some announcement with reference to the concatenation. Several of our members here have prospective candidates. A gentleman has tried to turn over to me the initiation fee of one man. I am not the proper party to take it. I assume there are a number of applications and they must be in the hands of somebody, and the man that has the majority of them should have them all.

MR. JOHN FEIST (7352):—I beg to announce that the concatenation will be held in the Chamber of Commerce, corner of Pearl and Center streets, and I expect a class of at least fifty. After the concatenation we will have the session on the roof.

SNARK:—I suggest that you have a local Scrivenoter appointed; some young man who can attend to it, with headquarters at the Iroquois Hotel, or some other central point, to take the applications. Our Scrivenoter is too much occupied to take the applications and attend to the details.

MR. FEIST:—The Scrivenoter is already appointed. He will be there any time to get the applications.

SCRIVENOTER:—Who is the local Scrivenoter?

MR. FEIST:—Henry M. Feist, my son.

SNARK:—We will send them to your son, at the Chamber of Commerce.

COL. A. D. McLEOD (737):—In view of our experience at former concatenations, I suggest that they get the candidates there at least an hour before time of meeting, so as to have all the applications ready. The trouble at our annual concatenations has been that the applications come in after the time set for the meeting and we don't get to work for two hours' later.

MR. FEIST:—I will endeavor to find the appointee and get operations under way at once.

## Report of Committee on Good of the Order.

MR. C. H. STANTON (3140) read the report, as follows:

1. We recommend that each Vicegerent be limited to one concatenation a year, with this single exception, that a Vicegerent may hold a special concatenation at any lumber convention held within his jurisdiction.

2. We recommend that the Supreme Nine instruct all Vicegerents that they must devote their energies to securing the representative men or the heads of concerns or firms eligible under the Constitution, as we understand that this was the original intention of the founders of the Order.

3. That we appreciate most highly the delightful entertainment that has been given us at our various meeting places during the past few years; but believing such entertainments to be a burden and great expense upon our friends, and feeling that we are now of sufficient strength numerically and financially to take care of ourselves, we recommend that hereafter in selecting places for the Annual, we do so with the understanding that we do not accept entertainment at the expense of the cities at which we meet; and to this end we favor such places in the future as Put-In-Bay, Old Point Comfort, Hot Springs, Ark., Waukesha, etc. This to apply to our meeting next year and at Portland, Ore., in 1905, if it is decided to go to those places.

If the Order sees fit to adopt this recommendation, then the Scrivenoter should be authorized to proceed to the place of meeting at least six days prior to the ninth of September to make all arrangements for the entertainment of the members and their ladies.

4. We recommend the adoption of the sixth recommendation in the Snark's annual address, with the understanding that such officer be a man of good standing in the business world and of high moral character, and who is thoroughly acquainted with the aims and purposes of the Order and who may be identified with other business interests, but who has sufficient time to devote to this work. Salary of such officer to be \$999.99 per year, with the necessary traveling expenses.

5. We recommend the adoption of the third recommendation in the Snark's annual address.

6. We strongly, emphatically and most positively recommend that the membership be strictly limited to 9,999 living members in good standing, as originally proposed by the able founders of the Order.

C. H. STANTON, Chairman,  
N. A. GLADDING,  
R. W. ENGLISH,  
E. M. VIETMEIER,  
W. M. STEPHENSON,  
Committee.

SNARK:—Brothers, you have heard the report of the Committee on Good of the Order, and it is open for discussion.

MR. W. E. BARNES (3):—In order to get it before the house I will move its adoption.

(Seconded.)

SNARK:—It is moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

MR. BARNES:—Let us have some discussion on it; get it before the house in legal form.

COL. A. D. McLEOD (737):—Snark, perhaps some of the members do not know what the sixth and third recommendations of the Snark are. I suggest that you read them.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will read them.

(Scrivenoter reads third recommendation of Snark, referring to addition to be made to application blank.)

SCRIVENOTER:—That undoubtedly ought to be adopted.

SNARK:—I wish to make a few remarks about that. In some other orders I have joined the question is asked, "Have you ever been refused admission to this order?" In our blank that question is not asked. The question usually is, "Have you been refused admission within six months?" I think that ought to be changed in our blanks, and the question made to read, "Have you ever been refused ad-

mission or black-balled," and if so, it gives the Scrivenoter a chance to investigate and find out the reason for it. Your home people may know why you have been black-balled, but if you go into a strange country the people will not know the reason.

MR. C. D. ROURKE (421):—I move, as an amendment to Brother Barnes's motion, that this report be taken up section by section. (Amendment seconded and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I will read the report section by section. Before doing that, however, I want to say a few words to enable us to get an intelligent report of these proceedings. It is absolutely necessary, before addressing the Snark, to give your number or name, and preferably both. We always have trouble in editing the stenographic report of the proceedings to determine who said certain things, because our official stenographer is not personally acquainted with many of the members.

(The Scrivenoter then read the first section of the committee's report.)

MR. FEIST (7352):—I move the adoption of that section.

MR. ROURKE (421):—I am opposed to that. In Southern Illinois, if we are going to get any results we have got to hold a concatenation at Springfield, one at Chicago, and one a little further south at Cairo. We have some awfully good men down there that ought to be members of this Order, but we can't get them together. If we had more Vicegerents, of course that would cover it.

MR. C. H. STANTON (3140):—Our object in reporting on that as we did is based a good deal on the last section of our report, that the membership be limited to 9,999. I submit that we are only within about 1,500 members of filling up, and it seems to me it is laying burden enough on a Vicegerent to hold one concatenation a year. We can hold one and do it successfully, and the matter of lumber conventions will cover the balance in almost every State.

MR. CHARLES H. ADAMS (7292):—I am not feeling very well and I don't get this whole thing. The recommendation is that you appoint a man at a salary—

SNARK:—We are on the first section. We will come to that part later on.

MR. B. F. COBB (32):—I would like to ask how much we gained last year in members?

SCRIVENOTER:—We gained between 700 and 800 men.

MR. COBB (32):—It does not look as if we would reach the limit this year. From my experience as a Vicegerent, and going through different sections of the country, I know Mr. Rourke's words are true. We cannot get the best material and hold only one concatenation in a year; but I think that ought to be left to the discretion of the Vicegerents.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—Can Mr. Baird give us about the number of the present membership?

SCRIVENOTER:—About 8,400 by actual count.

MR. J. L. ENSIGN (3328):—Brother Snark and gentlemen, it seems to me we ought not to put any restrictions on the concatenations of Vicegerents, because if a limit as to Hoo-Hoo is ever to come, it will be when Vicegerents and concatenations are done away with and we have an annual concatenation and a waiting list, and it seems to me we ought not to do anything that will retard the Order in reaching the maximum membership, 9,999. At the present rate that would be a year after next, and at that time the usefulness of the Vicegerents will be at an end. It was originally the intention of the Order, as I understand, to hold concatenations at the Annuals only.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—The idea of the committee limiting concatenations to one a year was because we are not in a hurry to reach our maximum. What we are after now is quality and not quantity. In getting any

large number you get them at the lumber conventions, and a Vicegerent has authority to hold a concatenation at any lumber convention held in his jurisdiction.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I will try to get the horse before the cart this time. In those resolutions, instead of cutting it down to one concatenation, wouldn't it be well to advise the Supreme Nine not to push the Vicegerents during the year—"Hurry up; get more concatenations; get more timber in. We want to make a big show in our jurisdiction?" Wouldn't it be well to hold them down? I know some Vicegerents that haven't had any concatenations, and they have got letters that have made them smart a little.

MR. FEIST (7352):—The reason I made the motion to adopt the recommendation of the committee is this: Notwithstanding my friend Rourke represents that he had difficulty in getting them together at Chicago and Cairo and other places, if a member is sincere he will go a great way. We had a concatenation in Buffalo some time in August and there was a gentleman all the way from North Carolina who came here. He was sincere. That is the kind of people we want in.

MR. L. E. FULLER (612):—Mr. Snark, in our jurisdiction we have several very important lumber meetings within a year, all representing different classes of business. If we were limited to one meeting a year, it seems to me we would not be able, for instance, to obtain members, except, it may be, retailers, or hardwood men, or manufacturers—

A MEMBER:—No, you can hold a meeting every time there is a convention.

SNARK:—Yes, in connection with the conventions.

MR. W. B. TOMLINSON (6091):—I don't want to appear contrary and oppose this report at all, but I have found within the past year that the Vicegerent can give far more satisfaction if he has a small class. In January, at the time of the annual convention of the retailers, we had a class in Minneapolis. We put in a lot of people and I don't think anybody felt satisfied with it; certainly the candidates didn't. They felt as if they didn't get their money's worth, and I believe if a candidate goes through and gets everything any one can think of, he gets everything he looks for and has more enthusiasm to work for another fellow. We had a class last Wednesday night and put through twelve and every man got everything he had coming to him, and I think a lot more. Some of them came to me next day and said, "Tomlinson, the next time there is a concatenation here I will pledge myself to bring in two or three or four," whatever number they happened to think of. That is the class of people we want, and if a Vicegerent is limited to one—and it isn't every State that has a convention—he has got to—if he keeps up the record every Vicegerent wants to—take in more than he can properly handle. I think it is limiting it too much when you say he can only have one concatenation. The small classes count, not the big ones. (Applause.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I appreciate the motives that lead up to this report by the committee, but I want to say to you that we don't have enough concatenations today, and I want to amend that motion in this way: that Vicegerents be instructed to hold as many concatenations as possible, and that the number of candidates in any one concatenation be limited to nine. I know that there will be opposition to that. Some members will say, "What will we do in case of a lumber convention where there are 500 or 1,000 people, a great many who want to become members of the Order?" It isn't necessary that we take in 50, 75 or 100 at that concatenation. If one Vicegerent has one concatenation and initiates nine candidates and wants to hold another in another part of his jurisdiction, it is not only his right, but his duty to do so, and I think this will be very much better for the interests of the Order. I think the best thing for the Order today is to have as many concat-



enations as possible and as few candidates as possible. (Applause.)

SCRIVENOTER (408):—I have several times been on the opposite side of a discussion with my friend Mr. Schwartz, but I am absolutely and unequivocally with him in the statement he has made here. (Applause.) My observation from the Scrivenoter's office is that the life of this Order depends upon frequent and good concatenations. It has been urged that the anxiety of Vicegerents and the Supreme Nine to make a good showing at the end of the year has caused them to take in some men who should not have been initiated. I admit that. Gentlemen, we will continue to take in men that ought not to come in; but we can't prevent it. We can hold it down somewhat; but we can not get a class of people that is ideal. No such thing exists in nature. We have got to occasionally take in men who have no abiding interest in the lumber business; they will drop out and it will be a case of the survival of the fittest. Those that are left will be the ones we will want most. That is a better process of selection than any Vicegerent can exercise in the haste of working up a concatenation. I want to make an amendment to the suggestion of Mr. Schwartz that no concatenation be held with more than nine candidates, to the effect that none shall be held with less: make it nine. (Applause.)

MR. COBB (32):—I would like to know if these amendments apply to the yearly meetings or just the meetings held by Vicegerents.

SCRIVENOTER:—I would except annual concatenations.

A MEMBER:—Question on the motion.

MR. BARNES (3):—I am speaking now, possibly, on behalf of some of the Vicegerents who have to go across the State to hold a concatenation. It has grown to be a custom to give a rather more elaborate spread than I think is called for. By the time the Vicegerent pays his traveling expenses, pays his hall rent and pays for a session on the roof, in many cases, with nine candidates, the Vicegerent is going to be deeper in the hole than he is now. At some annual conventions of lumber fraternities, for instance, at Kansas City, I remember they had a large concatenation at which Snark Weir presided, I think, and while we initiated thirty or forty candidates the work was exemplified as it is in other orders. I undertake to say it was impossible to find one out of all those people who were initiated at Kansas City who was not strictly eligible, because everybody there knew the people going in. They were there from Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, and it would be a hardship it seems to me to absolutely limit the number to nine. If there is one thing I do stand for it is quality rather than quantity, but in the case I speak of, a Vicegerent in new territory, where he goes to considerable expense, I do not know where he is going to come out on a proposition of that kind.

MR. J. L. ENSIGN (3323):—I do not think it would be possible for this convention to limit the number to nine or make it a positive matter that it should be nine. I have been Vicegerent. A Vicegerent may have to go ahead and make all preparations for a concatenation; he has to get up his banquet and notify his friends to be there. He thinks he has nine, and after the banquet has been prepared one man falls by the wayside, and he has got only eight; what is he going to do to get the other? Is he going to tell those gentlemen, "We can't have this concatenation?"

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Just a moment. If he has the money in his pocket it doesn't make any difference whether or any come or not, if he has the applications, with the fees paid up.

MR. ENSIGN (3323):—My experience has been that members don't pay \$9.99 until a short time prior to the concatenation. They come in on trains, especially in Georgia, where I am, from rather small towns; some come 50 or 100 miles to a concatenation and don't get there more than two or three hours before the concatenation is held. It seems to me it is a hardship on the Vicegerents to limit them to nine, and I would be against that amendment.

MR. THOMAS K. EDWARDS (9):—I think you will have to leave old Chicago out when you get down to nine. I have never seen the time when you could get nine people together. Outside of a lumber convention you will never get nine candidates together. That is the poorest Hoo-Hoo town in the country.

SCRIVENOTER:—If you had the money collected wouldn't it be all right?

MR. EDWARDS (9):—They won't pay the money.

MR. ROBERT L. OLIVER (460):—By limiting the number of candidates to nine the expense of holding a concatenation would be considerable, and every man that holds a concatenation with less than nine candidates will come out in the hole. We must have nine or more. Many a time I have had fifteen or twenty on the list and only six or seven showed up and I couldn't turn the crowd down.

MR. C. D. ROURKE (421):—Let us get down to the practical side of this a little. To me the most enjoyable feature in connection with the concatenations is the session on the roof. There are preliminary expenses attached to every concatenation, at least \$5, and every Vicegerent will say I am low. It is a mighty poor hall you can rent for \$15. There are expenses of at least \$15 more while you are there, and you have traveling expenses—about \$50 all together, and you are allowed \$5 to pull that off.

MR. SAMUEL F. CARTER (69):—The suggestion was offered that if they had the money they could go through with it. I would like to ask, from the experience of any Vicegerent, if he could keep the money if he didn't put the man through. I don't believe you can. You go ahead and spend \$5 for expenses and that man is entitled to the initiation.

MR. COBB (32):—Put him on the next Vicegerent.

MR. CARTER (69):—What is the next Vicegerent going to do? He is entitled to that money. Up in Minneapolis we tried to run the thing—we were told in Milwaukee last fall Minnesota was dead. It was pretty nearly dead, but we tried to liven it up; we paid \$75 for the Elks' hall, the best in town. Last year the expenses have been awful; you can't do it on \$45. Personally I would rather put through nine men than I would thirty or forty, but you have got to figure it out. At this last concatenation I levied an assessment of 50 cents on each man. The Elks have a couple of men go around and haul up each man and keep the 50 cents. In Hoo-Hoo it is hard to do that. It is a different organization entirely. I simply said I asked an assessment of 50 cents from each member; it wasn't compulsory. We got \$8.30; possibly some fellow was holding out car fare. (Laughter.) But it is really hard on the Vicegerent to have to levy an assessment, because in some of the smaller towns in the East, I should imagine it would be mighty hard to get the nine people together to act as officers, and I think it is a little hard on the Vicegerents in the front rank to limit them to any number of men, especially where the expenses amount up as they do with us. That is the only objection I have to the limit of nine.

MR. F. N. SNELL (1795):—It seems to me that this expense account, when you come to figure it out and simmer it down, is one of the most important features of the concatenations. For instance the Vicegerent is permitted to hold a special concatenation at a lumber convention. That is just the time there will be a big crowd of our members.

The session on the roof will have to be provided to cover all those members. If you are limited to nine it is a cinch your expense account will overreach your receipts and somebody will have to go down in his jeans to dig it out. I don't believe it is good policy to call on the Vicegerents to do that or levy an assessment. It seems to me the thing is impracticable.

MR. ROURKE (421):—I move, as an amendment to the amendment, that Section 1 be stricken out.

MR. O. E. YEAGER (7354):—I second the motion.

MR. NELSON A. GLADDING (99):—Mr. Snark and gentlemen, one idea of your committee in making the recommendation in the resolution read awhile ago was that this Order ought not to get away from the fact that it was originally organized for the purpose of fraternizing the gentlemen of the lumber trade and allied industries who attend the lumber conventions. Originally, I doubt if it was ever intended to hold a concatenation outside of or away from a lumber convention. Some of the original founders of the Order probably are here today and they can enlighten me on that subject. I was one of the early members and that was my idea when I joined it. At the time I was made a member it was in connection with a lumber convention held in Memphis. For several years past numbers of concatenations have been held all over the country regardless of lumber conventions, and a great many men who have been taken in are not heads of lumber concerns or allied industries. To be sure they are nice men and all that, and I haven't a word to say against any members that have been taken in. I simply refer to the original idea of Hoo-Hoo as I understand it: that it was to have something for the lumbermen to do when they got through their business meeting, and the Order has drifted away from that, and we talk more about holding concatenations here, there and everywhere than we do in connection with the conventions. Secondly, in making this resolution and recommending it to this body today, the idea was to have the Vicegerents look after the conventions and get in a good number of representative men from the lumber industries and others eligible for membership from other industries at those conventions, and have a nice, social time after business. I am opposed to the limit of nine candidates because at a lumber convention there may be ten or fifteen first-class men that want to join; there may not be another lumber convention in that city for two years, and we don't want to turn down the other five or six men who would be a credit to the Order, and as the gentleman remarked, you might be short financially. He said he collected \$8.30; and that reminds me of a story. A preacher, after the sermon one Sunday morning, said, "You can all put in what you like for the church fund," and one man put in 30 cents. I don't think we ought to get away from the prime fact that this Order was formed for fraternizing the lumber industry, and I think we will have enough concatenations held during the year. There is a sufficient number of lumber conventions held in this country to have the Order grow as fast as we want it.

MR. YEAGER (7354):—I should like to ask some information of the Scrivenoter: How many concatenations have been held in the past year where less than nine candidates have been initiated?

MR. BARNES (3):—I believe I can answer that by saying 101 concatenations and about 1,700 initiated, which would mean an average of about 17 initiated. And referring particularly to Brother Rourke's district in Southern Illinois I want to say, the most delightful, satisfactory concatenations I have attended in years have been held in the city of Cairo. It is announced a month or two in advance that there is to be a concatenation and the most elaborate preparations are made in the way of a hall. Nine are se-

lected as a rule, and those people know their business. If there are too many to go in at one time we have a matinee, one meeting in the afternoon and one at night; and while I do not think more than thirty or forty were initiated at one time, those people filled in the blanks, were given a ritual just exactly as it is, the closing ceremony and the whole business and they were instructed. People went there from Cincinnati and Memphis, and we go from St. Louis to attend a concatenation at Cairo, and it is an event. I am as much in favor of limiting the number who go in as anybody, but we want to take in those who will be a credit to the Order. My experience has been that if a man is thoroughly and gentlemanly initiated, he will stick; but if it is a hurly-burly, rush matter, the man is dragged up, fills in his application and is initiated in 15 or 20 minutes, he will not care much about it.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—All that Mr. Barnes says about Cairo is true. The most pleasant and satisfactory concatenation I ever attended was at Cairo, but the Cairo people are built along different lines from the rest of us, I think, in this respect; they don't take into consideration the amount of money received from the candidates as a rule. Money to provide the entertainment is made up before the concatenation. So far as limiting the membership is concerned, I don't care anything about what the limit is. My idea is to work some scheme which will bring the members of the Order together as closely as possible. I don't think we get together enough. I think if we could have little meetings, whether there are initiations or not, it would be a good thing; and that is one reason why the Cairo concatenations are best. They get together as a matter of sociability and fraternize. I would like to see something done to get the men together often.

(A number of members called for the question.)

SNARK:—State the question.

SCRIVENOTER:—The previous question was for the adoption of this recommendation.

SNARK:—Moved and seconded that we adopt the first recommendation. Ready for the question?

MR. BENJAMIN F. WILLIAMS (4932):—Brother Snark, a good many do not know what the question is. We would like to have it.

SCRIVENOTER:—The question is upon the adoption of the first recommendation in the report of Committee on the Good of the Order. (Reads same.)

SEVERAL MEMBERS:—Aren't there some amendments to that?

MR. COBB (32):—I move this section be laid on the table.

MR. EDWARD R. COOLEIDGE (376):—Second the motion.

(Calls of "question.")

A MEMBER:—A motion to table cuts off any further debate.

SNARK:—Those in favor of tabling this section will so indicate by saying "aye." (After the vote in the affirmative.) I will ask for a rising vote on the question.

(Those voting to table the matter stood and the Scrivenoter counted them.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I make it sixty.

SNARK:—Those opposed to laying it on the table please rise.

(Those voting in the negative arose and were counted.)

SNARK:—Voted that we lay the resolution on the table.

SCRIVENOTER:—The second recommendation is: "We recommend that the Supreme Nine instruct all Vicegerents that they must devote their energies towards securing representative men or the heads of firms of men eligible under the Constitution, as we understand this was the original intention of the founder of the Order."



MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I move that that be laid on the table.

MR. O. E. YEAGER (7354):—Second the motion.

The question was put by the Snark; the vote being taken by ayes and nays, the motion was defeated.

MR. COBB (32):—The reason I voted against laying that on the table is that I would rather have it talked about a little, but that resolution really amounts to nothing, because that is in our regulations, anyway. It is not necessary. We should live up to the ritual and our rules and regulations, and if we do there is no necessity for a resolution of that kind.

MR. EDWARD M. VIETMEIER (2714):—I fully appreciate that this was fully set forth in the instructions to the Vicegerents. Our only reason for offering this as a recommendation was so that it might be set forth more fully in as strong language as it could be. (Calls of "question.") I move that it be adopted. (No second.)

MR. B. F. WILLIAMS (4932):—I would like to understand what they mean. For instance, throughout our State a great many men have a line of yards and have managers at the yards. Would those men managing those yards be allowed to put their men in our Order?

SNARK:—Yes, they are eligible.

MR. SNELL (1795):—As I understand the intent of this resolution is simply to express from the membership to the Supreme Nine the desirability and advisability of their using perhaps a little more strenuous efforts in impressing upon the Vicegerents to use better efforts and exercise more care in the selection of candidates, getting in better material; and if that is the intent of the motion I am heartily in favor of it.

The motion to adopt was then seconded and, being put by the Snark, was carried.

SNARK:—The second recommendation is carried.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Brother Snark, I think the first section of the committee's report is a thousand times more important than this, and in explanation of my motion to lay this on the table I want to say it was the most uncomplimentary thing this body could have done to have tabled the first, and I saw no reason why the second should not be tabled.

(The Scrivenoter then read the third recommendation of the committee.)

MR. O. E. YEAGER (7354):—I think it is a little too early in the day to consider that recommendation. The recommendation is that the next Annual be held at St. Louis?

A MEMBER:—No.

MR. YEAGER:—And the next at Portland two years hence. I think we had better take two years to think this over. I understand that was the recommendation.

A MEMBER:—That isn't right.

SCRIVENOTER:—I think Mr. Yeager misunderstood the recommendation. It was that we select such places as Put-In-Bay, Waukesha, Hot Springs, etc. This is to apply to Portland, Oregon, in 1905, if it is decided to go to that place.

MR. YEAGER:—I don't know how you can decide to go to St. Louis unless you expect entertainment, and I don't see how you can go to Portland, unless you expect entertainment. We had better not decide on those particular points now, as we might wish to consider and decide on other points more appropriate.

MR. EDWARD M. VIETMEIER (2714):—To bring the matter before the meeting, I move the adoption of that recommendation.

SNARK:—Does any one second the motion?

MR. ROBERT L. OLIVER (460):—I second the motion.

MR. BENJAMIN F. WILLIAMS (4932):—I admire the spirit of independence shown in that resolution of wanting to pay the expenses of the organization at all the annual meetings, but it is the custom all over the country where such a body as this meets, when the citizens of the town want to entertain the members to let them do it, and I can't see why this Order should refuse to accept such courtesies in any city where they meet. There is not an organization or society that I know of but that accepts those courtesies. It is simply a courtesy from the town we meet in to be their guests.

MR. JAMES S. INNES (8395):—I move, if you permit the words "Portland, Oregon," to remain in that resolution, that you also put in "Toronto, Ontario." I think myself you are entirely neglecting Canada. You ought to have your meeting over there once in a while instead of having it always in the United States. We have got a bigger country than you have. (Applause.) I think we have got just as much timber, and we have a big lot of lumber there. The organization is small in Canada. It could be increased largely and with good material there. I think it is a mistake to introduce that in the resolution, "provided we go to St. Louis or Portland, Oregon," but if that remains as it is, I would like to have added, "or Toronto, Canada."

SNARK:—I take it that in submitting this resolution they simply used those places as an illustration.

MR. INNES (8395):—I would like to have Toronto used as an illustration. (Laughter.)

COL. A. D. McLEOD (737):—I would like to ask if there is a Committee on Constitution and By-laws?

SNARK:—Yes.

COL. McLEOD:—I hate to say anything against resolutions like these offered by a Committee on Good of the Order. The first resolution is entirely opposed by the Constitution, but I would move to cut out all the first part of the third recommendation, and simply provide that the Scrivenoter or some other gentleman be authorized to proceed to the place of meeting. When a city invites this Order to go there, I don't see why they should object to being entertained. (Applause.) I only speak now of the city of Cincinnati. If that city ever invites the Order of Hoo-Hoo, we will want the privilege of entertaining them, and we can entertain them. Therefore I repeat my motion, that the first part be stricken out and that we provide that the Scrivenoter proceed to the place of meeting at least six days prior to the 9th of September, to make all arrangements; that is, make them through the local committee, and see that we have proper accommodations. (Applause.)

MR. C. D. ROURKE (421):—I second the motion.

MR. O. E. YEAGER (7354):—I should like to offer an amendment to that amendment; that a committee of three be appointed by the Snark to decide on the next meeting place.

COL. McLEOD:—That has been done. This is merely on the question of refusing entertainment. The question of the next meeting place is not decided now. It is merely a question whether we refuse to be entertained by the cities or do our own entertaining.

(Calls of "question.")

MR. JOHN F. FEIST (7352):—I hope, gentlemen, you are not casting any slurs upon us. We want it understood that we want to entertain you to the best of our ability, and we intend to vote for any city that will give this organization entertainment. (Applause.) A few years ago the National Organization of Builders had an organization similar to this; they eliminated the feature of entertainment and two years afterward it went to the dogs, and that would be the case with this. You must give the people where you meet a chance to entertain you. That is my principle, gentlemen. (Applause.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I don't want this resolution to apply to St. Louis, because when you go to St. Louis next year, you will find your entertainment already provided.

COL. A. D. McLEOD (737):—I don't want to talk too much, but I deprecate the idea the gentleman advanced about any slur being intended on Buffalo. The entertainment here has been real; it has been republican. We expect to be entertained and enjoy ourselves thoroughly. No slur was intended by what I said. I hope you didn't take it that way.

MR. FEIST (7352):—No, not at all.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—Nor was any such thing intended by the resolution. I suppose the Committee on Good of the Order offered that because they thought the Order was getting too much money. We are going to try to get some of it away from them before we are through.

MR. EDWARD M. VEITMEIER (2714):—As a member of that committee I want to say that no slur was intended on the entertainment we are receiving at Buffalo. Every one on that committee appreciates what Buffalo has done, but we of the committee concluded it was asking too much of any city to raise four or five or six thousand dollars to entertain this organization, as has been done and is being done at present. We feel that we ought to go to some place where we can have a strictly business meeting. We have never had it yet. I venture to say there are not one-fourth of the members in this city today in this hall. We have never had a strictly business meeting and that was the object in offering that resolution. We wanted to go to some place where we could have a business meeting and then decide on what entertainment we want; and it certainly wasn't a slur on Buffalo.

MR. WILLIAM M. STEPHENSON (2676):—Without casting any slurs on Buffalo or any other city—and Buffalo has probably given us the best entertainment we have ever had—I rise to make a little addition to Brother McLeod's remarks. Not only has Buffalo given us a republican entertainment, but a wide-open democratic entertainment. (Laughter and applause.)

MR. CHARLES H. STANTON (3140):—I was appointed chairman of that committee and I live in Buffalo. Our only idea in that suggestion was to follow as nearly as possible along the line of the little boat ride down the river and get our ladies acquainted as much as possible. If we went to Put-In-Bay on the 9th of September, or any other summer resort, we would be able to get accommodations at the hotels at something like a reasonable price. We could have all our members and our ladies together at one hotel and provide entertainment enough at those points. When we go to large cities, like it is here, we can't get them all together. But we excepted St. Louis and Portland and the intention was to commence after two years.

MR. O. E. YEAGER (7354):—In that case I move that the original motion and the amendment be laid on the table for two years.

(Seconded.)

SNARK:—There is a motion before the House. We were discussing Colonel McLeod's motion to eliminate all of this recommendation except the concluding paragraph.

COL. A. D. McLEOD (737):—My motion simply was to let it stand that the Scrivenoter be instructed to go to the place we select and see that we have all our arrangements completed.

MR. NELSON A. GLADDING (99):—I move you, sir, that we defer action on this motion until tomorrow morning, until the members shall have had time to think it over.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I second the motion.

SCRIVENOTER:—Colonel McLeod's motion is before the House. It would seem it would have to be voted on.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—Something was said here about some of the members being absent. Those who are not here are not the business men and we can do business without them. In my business the railroad men that are present at a railroad meeting attend to the business; the men that go outside, shopping or riding with the ladies, have to be satisfied with what the others do. (Applause.)

SNARK:—Do you withdraw your motion?

COLONEL McLEOD:—No, sir, I don't withdraw it.

(Calls of "question.")

SNARK:—Please state the motion again.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—My motion is that the first part of that section be withdrawn, and that the latter part, which instructs the Scrivenoter to go to the place selected for our Annual Meeting six days before the meeting and see that all the arrangements are made and attend to the details, be allowed to stand. Whether he is to attend to the arrangements and look after the details or have it done by the local committee, I don't know, but the local committee don't know what to do; they don't know what kind of a hall to secure; they don't know what we want for our cloister or for the Hoo-Hoo concatenations, although they have the best intentions in the world, and it would be simple enough for the Scrivenoter to see that these things are nicely arranged. The question is on wiping out the first part of the resolution.

MR. F. N. SNELL (1795):—It doesn't seem to me it would require six days' work for the Scrivenoter to look after these things. We would like to have the Scrivenoter's opinion about that; what does he think of his ability in that line?

SCRIVENOTER:—I didn't interpret the resolution to mean that he should go and stay six days, but that he should visit the place of meeting six days in advance of the meeting. I will read it to make it entirely clear.

(The Scrivenoter then read the portion of the resolution under discussion.)

SNARK:—Are you ready for the question?

(Calls of "question.")

All those in favor of Colonel McLeod's motion will so signify.

(Motion carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—The fourth recommendation is: "We recommend the adoption of the sixth recommendation in the Snark's address, with the understanding that such officer be a man of good standing in the business world, with high moral character and who is thoroughly acquainted with the aims and purposes of the Order, and who may be identified with other business interests, but who has sufficient time to devote to this work. The salary of such officer to be \$999.99 per year, with necessary traveling expenses."

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—Isn't there standing on our books now a resolution authorizing the Snark to use that much money for that purpose, or am I mistaken about it?

SNARK:—No, sir; I do not think there is. Is there, Scrivenoter?

(Other members made remarks at this point and the Scrivenoter had no opportunity to reply.)

MR. C. D. ROURKE (421):—What is he going to do with all that money?

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—What is his duty? I ask the question because some may want the position.

MR. B. F. COBB (32):—I would like to ask you if this committee mean by that resolution that previous to this our Junior Hoo-Hoo hasn't been of good moral character? (Laughter.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I will read the sixth recommendation of the Snark.

(Reading same.)

MR. J. LEE ENSIGN (3328):—It doesn't seem to me \$999.99 would employ anybody to travel that would lend any dignity or advantage to this Order. It is impossible for me to get a bill clerk in my office for \$999.99 a year, and in order to get a man to travel from place to place that would be fitted for that position I believe it would cost \$5,000 at least or \$3,000 a year. It would be difficult to employ any one. Besides, our Order is rapidly filling up. Within two years we will have 9,999 members. There is no necessity for an officer of this kind, and it seems to me it would be a waste of money, certainly a waste of \$999.99, and I therefore make the motion that this resolution be tabled. (Seconded by several members.)

(The motion to table the part of the resolution under consideration was put by the Snark and it was voted to table the same.)

The Scrivenoter then read the fifth recommendation of the committee.

MR. O. E. YEAGER (7354):—I move the adoption of that recommendation.

MR. F. N. SNELL (1795):—I would like to amend that motion by moving that the Supreme Nine be instructed by this body to so modify the application blanks.

MR. CLYDE W. FLETCHER (7297):—I would like to ask why the Supreme Nine have power to do that.

SCRIVENOTER:—It is within their power, I take it, as there is nothing in the Constitution—

MR. F. N. SNELL (1795):—That that is the sense of the meeting. That is the reason I put the motion in that way.

SCRIVENOTER:—As a matter of fact the blanks are being printed now with that on them.

(Question put and carried.)

(The Scrivenoter then read the sixth recommendation of the report.)

MR. B. F. COBB (32):—I move that that be adopted.

COLONEL McLEOD:—I don't think that ought to go on record in that way, because the original founder of the Order contemplated 999. Isn't there something in the Constitution that limits the number?

SEVERAL MEMBERS:—Yes, adopted last year.

COLONEL McLEOD:—There is no objection to passing that, of course. It would simply reinforce the Constitution, and I want to congratulate the committee on that.

SCRIVENOTER:—There is a motion before the house to adopt the resolution.

MR. J. LEE ENSIGN (3328):—Last year we settled that as I understood it, once and forever, that we were to have only 9,999 members of Hoo-Hoo. I move that we table the resolution. (Seconded.)

(The Snark put the motion.)

MR. CHARLES P. IVES (447):—I would like to ask if that was not acted on last year.

SCRIVENOTER:—Certainly; it is in the Constitution.

MR. W. E. BARNES (3):—The Constitution reads: "Membership shall be limited to 9,999 living members in good standing."

MR. CHARLES H. STANTON (3140):—There has been some misunderstanding among the members as to what that resolution adopted at Milwaukee really did mean. It was stated to the committee this afternoon that Series A meant that we would go on and elect 9,999 under Series A. The object of the committee was to emphasize the work at Milwaukee.

MR. CHARLES E. PATTEN (444):—This resolution doesn't seem to state the fact. The originator of the Order had only 999. Ten years ago at Chicago I made the motion to increase the Order to 9,999. We saw that we were going to outnumber 999 within a year or so, and it happened to be my turn to make the motion, and I did it.

MR. YEAGER (7354):—I think the present motion is out of order.

SNARK:—The motion before the house is to table this resolution.

(Motion carried.)

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—I move that, with that very satisfactory report from the Committee on Good of the Order, the committee be discharged.

MR. CHARLES H. STANTON (3140):—It was understood, when the question of a Committee on Good of the Order came up that the convention was on record as being "agin the Government," and we almost knew that any proposition we brought up here would be turned down cold. Therefore, Brother Snark, I move that the Snark appoint a new Committee on the Good of the Order. There must be something for the good of this Order, something to be discussed.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I second that motion.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—I would amend that motion by saying that the same committee be appointed again. (Laughter.)

SNARK:—There is a motion before the house, that the Committee on the Good of the Order be discharged.

(Motion put by the Snark and carried.)

MR. STANTON (3140):—Now I insist on my motion, that a new committee be appointed for the Good of the Order.

MR. EDWARD R. COOLEIDGE (376):—I think the Order is good enough without helping it any.

MR. F. N. SNELL (1795):—I rise to a point of order. I think the whole thing is out of order. These committees were appointed in the regular course of business, and I am inclined to think these motions are all out of order. I would like to have the Chair rule on that.

COLONEL McLEOD:—My motion that the committee be discharged wasn't out of order. There is no reflection on that committee. The good things they have recommended are already in our Constitution. I don't see any necessity for appointing a new committee. That committee was one of the best that could be appointed and I think they should be thanked for what they have recommended. The simple fact that these recommendations have been turned down doesn't cast any reflection on them. These principal points are already in the Constitution, and unless they have something further to recommend, I renew my motion that the committee be discharged with thanks.

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—The Committee on Good of the Order was appointed this morning and we were told to bring in something "hot." We found the Order in good condition; so we gave you the fourth degree in Hoo-Hoo. (Laughter and applause.)

SNARK:—This Committee on Good of the Order was appointed in the regular course of business. They served and brought in their report. Parts of the same were accepted and parts turned down, and if I see the necessity later for appointing another committee I will do so.

MR. CHARLES H. STANTON (3140):—Would a statement on the good of the Order be in order?

SNARK:—The committee has been discharged.

MR. STANTON (3140):—While I was Vicegerent in the State of New York, during Mr. Lock's administration as Snark, a gentleman who was in the employ of a lumber concern in the South reported to me that he got stranded at Columbus, and in some way got to Buffalo, but was taken sick. I thoroughly investigated the matter and found the member was apparently all right. We consulted among ourselves here—we could have gone out and raised the money in five minutes to send him home, but we didn't care to make him an object of charity and I telegraphed Mr. Baird that the member was here and wanted to get home. He wired

me to furnish him a ticket, and the means to get home on, and draw on him for the amount. I drew on Mr. Baird and gave the man the money and he went home. When Mr. Baird presented his bill they said the Supreme Nine should have been notified. Well, we had no time to notify nine men scattered all over the United States; so the matter was charged up to Mr. Baird. I thought it was a discourtesy to the Vicegerent and an injustice to Mr. Baird. Therefore, I move you that Mr. Baird be reimbursed for this amount out of the charity fund.

MR. L. E. FULLER (612):—I second the motion.

SCRIVENOTER:—I hope Mr. Stanton will do me the justice to say that I did not bring up this discussion.

MR. STANTON (3140):—No, I brought it up on my own account.

SCRIVENOTER:—The facts are as Mr. Stanton states. It was over two years ago. He wired me late one Saturday afternoon that the gentleman was here and unable to go home, out of money, and sick. Not knowing what to do, on the spur of the moment I wired him to buy a ticket for him and send him home. Mr. Stanton did that and took his note for it. The man did not pay the note. I drew a voucher for it as a disbursement against the Relief Fund and the voucher was disallowed. Of course, I instantly paid the amount, which was but a trifle, and nothing was said by me about it to Mr. Stanton or anybody else. I have even forgotten the amount, but it was only a small (Motion carried unanimously.)

MR. D. T. CALL (1399):—Brother Snark, will you receive the Auditing Committee's report?

SNARK:—Yes, we will receive that.

(The report was read by Mr. Call, and follows:)

#### Report of Auditing Committee.

We, your committee appointed to audit the accounts of J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, find the accounts of the Scrivenoter to be correct, and a certified check on the Merchants National Bank, of Nashville, for \$6,658.02 attached to statement, showing exact amount of funds on hand for the Order of Hoo-Hoo, year ending September 5, 1903.

D. CALL,  
A. C. RAMSEY,  
O. E. YEAGER,  
Committee.

MR. C. D. ROURKE (421):—I move that the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted and the committee be discharged.

MR. SNELL (1795):—I second the motion. (Carried.)

MR. L. E. FULLER (612):—Would you like to hear from the Committee on Resolutions?

SNARK:—Yes.

MR. FULLER (612):—They were prepared to be presented tomorrow, but if it is in order we will present them now.

(Mr. Fuller read the resolutions, and same were as follows:)

#### Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as Joshua Oldham & Sons, through their representative, Ed follows:

Whereas, the twelfth annual concatenation of Hoo-Hoo being about to close, thus ending one of the most interesting fraternal gatherings in Hoo-Hoo, a meeting in which earnest deliberations have prevailed and careful legislation for the good of the Order has taken place that we believe must result in great benefit to the future of the Order, and,

Whereas, having been most hospitably received and royally entertained in this great Queen City of the Lakes and been given an entertainment the like of which no fraternal order ever received, therefore your committee believe it to be fitting that it be resolved that the sincere thanks of the members of the Order be given our past Snark of the Universe, W. H. Norris, of Texas, not only for the conscientious manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, but also for the earnest effort he has made for the welfare of the Order and that in his retirement he has the best wishes of all Hoo-Hoo. Be it further

Resolved, that a like appreciation be given to the other members of the Supreme Nine for the equally good work during the past year. Be it further

Resolved, that we extend our sincere thanks to the Hoo-Hoo and other good citizens of Buffalo for the royal welcome they have shown the Order and the unbounded sincere hospitality with which they have entertained us, and especially appreciate the splendid work of entertainment that has been promoted and afforded by Vicegerent Snark Col. John Feist and his associates. Be it further

Resolved, that the thanks of the Order be tendered to ward S. Christiansen, for the handsome badges. Be it further

Resolved, that Mrs. C. H. Stanton and ladies of Buffalo be tendered the thanks of the Order for the delightful entertainment afforded the visiting ladies. Be it further

Resolved, that a tribute of filial remembrance be passed upon the departed brothers of the Order who have passed to that bourne from whence no traveler returns, and that the sympathy of the Order be extended to the loved ones left behind. Be it further

Resolved, that it is the sincere sense of this Order that every member of it shall forthwith become a member of the Ancient Order of Buffalos as a signal appreciation of the love and devotion in which we hold the city and inhabitants thereof. Even if we have to borrow the necessary eleven cents.

H. H. GIBSON,  
L. E. FULLER,  
S. D. PINE,  
B. F. COBB,  
J. A. LONG,  
Committee.

SNARK:—Brothers, you have heard the report of the Committee on Resolutions. What is your pleasure?

SCRIVENOTER:—I move that the report of the committee be received, and the committee be thanked and continued, as there may be other matters to come before the committee before we finally adjourn. (Seconded and carried.)

MR. PLATT B. WALKER (48):—Your Committee on Legislation is ready to report.

(Mr. Walker read the report of the Committee on Legislation, and the same follows:)

#### Report of Committee on Legislation.

We, your Committee on Legislation, believe that there is no necessity at this time for any additional laws for the government or regulation of our Order, but would especially urge a more strict observance and enforcement of those already in existence. No communications have been received by the Scrivenoter which should properly be referred to us. We have carefully considered the Snark's address, but have no recommendations to make regarding his various suggestions. We hope that all our Vicegerents will be duly impressed with the necessity of carefully scrutinizing every candidate for admission, not only to see that he clearly comes within the rules governing eligibility to our Order, but that his character and reputation are such as to make him desirable.

Signed by the full committee.

PLATT B. WALKER,  
B. M. BUNKER,  
C. H. ADAMS,  
E. STRINGER BOGGESS,  
F. N. SNELL,  
Committee.

SNARK:—You have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

(Report was adopted.)

#### Report of Committee on Place of Next Meeting.

MR. W. B. TOMLINSON (6021):—The Committee on Location recommends that St. Louis be selected for 1904. Attached to our report we have the letters from the Presi-

dent of the Exposition Company, the Mayor of St. Louis, and President of the Business Men's League, inviting us very cordially to meet in St. Louis.

MR. WALKER (48):—I move that the report of the committee be adopted, and that the committee be discharged. (Seconded.)

MR. W. E. BARNES (3):—Brother Snark, I would like to speak about that. At a meeting held a week ago Friday in St. Louis this matter of inviting Hoo-Hoo to St. Louis next year was brought up, and I was instructed to say that we will be very delighted to have you meet in St. Louis next year; that we will do the very best we can to make your stay in that city pleasant; and I was also instructed to say that in the matter of entertainment we couldn't make any promises at this time, for the reason that already something like 250 conventions have set their annual meetings for St. Louis next year, and among that number there are probably twenty or twenty-five devoted to the lumber business; the stove men, the box men, the National Association of Wholesale Lumber Dealers—I can't recall all of them, but there are probably twenty or twenty-five devoted to the lumber industries. So you can readily understand that at that time next year, with the greatest exposition that has ever been held on our hands, it may be that we will fall very much below some of the places where we have held our annual meetings in the matter of entertainment. We are going to have a very great show and we will do the best we can.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—I presume it is a foregone conclusion that we are to have our next Annual at St. Louis. Has any other place invited us?

A MEMBER:—None at all, to speak of.

COLONEL McLEOD:—The only trouble I can anticipate is in the line of accommodations, and I would like to ask the representative of St. Louis if they can guarantee that Hoo-Hoo will be taken care of in the way of hotel accommodations. I am afraid there will be the same objections there as when the question was brought up of holding the convention in Buffalo during the exposition, and that is why we turned Buffalo down. I am in favor of going there because they are going to have the House of Hoo-Hoo. But for that I think there would be strong objections to going there at that time. Perhaps our friends from St. Louis can tell us what they are prepared to do.

MR. BARNES (3):—I am afraid I can't enlighten you on the subject. I don't know how many people are going to be there, and this is a matter you will have to take your chances on. We will do our very best. We have a list of hundreds of hotels and residences where people can be accommodated and entertained, but I wouldn't undertake to say in advance that we can guarantee entertainment for all the members.

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—It is the desire of all Hoo-Hoo to meet in St. Louis next year, but I would move the matter of the next meeting place be left in the hands of the Supreme Nine, and that they take the matter up and if St. Louis can take care of us, we will go there; if not, we will go to some other place. (Seconded.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I think that is wise.

SNARK:—Brothers, you have heard the motion. Have you any remarks to make?

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—There is no question, I guess, but that Hoo-Hoo will go there; but I would not take my family there. I believe if you meet there you will have a small meeting, as we would be scattered around from May, I believe, until the time they close. It may be a fair question to consider whether we couldn't arrange to meet in St. Louis some other time. There will unquestionably be trouble about getting accommodations, and that trouble will prevent the ladies going along, and they are now a very important element in our meetings.

MR. A. H. WEIR (2505):—It seems to me the discussion of this question is not of any particular benefit. I have no question but that St. Louis can take care of the members of this Order, especially if they don't turn out any better than they have at Buffalo. I think, however, somebody should be empowered to make arrangements with some hotels. This meeting occurs late in the season; the great bulk of visiting will probably be over by September. It will be a step backwards to change the matter now, especially since the House of Hoo-Hoo has been erected for us. I think every member should make arrangements for entertainment in advance, the same as at the fair in Chicago.

MR. C. H. STANTON (3140):—It seems to me this matter can safely be left with the Supreme Nine. I have no doubt if Brothers Barnes and Schwartz would take it up now, and say that this convention wants to go to St. Louis, they could make the necessary reservations; and if they do that, the sense of this meeting would be that we go to St. Louis.

MR. BARNES (3):—Perhaps I was misunderstood in my remarks. I didn't intend to hedge any. We have 200 or 225 loyal Hoo-Hoo in St. Louis; and you may rest assured they will do everything in their power to make your stay pleasant and comfortable. But I want to be ultra-conservative; I want simply to state the facts. I have no doubt but that you will find ample accommodations at reasonable prices. There will be a great crowd there and we are going to do everything we can to accommodate them. There are fifty hotels probably in course of erection, and I have no doubt arrangements can be made in advance if we know who is to come. You know what a hubbub a town is in at a time of that kind. We already have enough memberships in the House of Hoo-Hoo to assure a good assembly hall that will hold 600 or 700 people. There will be a man there whose sole business it will be to direct people and do all this work. I simply wanted to state that if we fall below entertaining you as you have been at some of these other places we hope you won't be disappointed. We want you. You have an invitation from the President of the Exposition Company and the Mayor of St. Louis, and you have a cordial invitation from the lumber fraternity. I simply wanted to put the matter in such shape that you would understand it.

MR. CHARLES P. IVES:—It seems to me that all this talk about going to St. Louis is at an inopportune time. Some people must think St. Louis is a 2x4 town. It is a big town and we would hardly be seen. I was in St. Louis on my way to this convention and went through the Exposition grounds, and I have the fever to go there. (Applause.) And I am going to take my family. (Laughter.) I took a share in the House of Hoo-Hoo and sent my money the first letter I got.

MR. B. F. COBB (32):—I seconded the motion to leave this to the Supreme Nine simply because our brother Barnes was commencing to hedge a little. I was in St. Louis a short time ago and I went to Billie's office and I said, "What are you going to do with the crowd when they come here to the Fair? You can't get a room at a hotel now." Billie said, "That ain't my funeral." Are you going to say that when we get down with Hoo-Hoo?

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I don't think the members of the Order need have any fear about accommodations. The Annual will be held there in the House of Hoo-Hoo; and that will be the headquarters, on the fair grounds. It will be out of the question to arrange for housing any number of people at a hotel the same as here. But there are thousands and thousands of houses in St. Louis outside of the big hotels where you can get accommodations.

MR. D. T. CALL (1890):—The motion was made and

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The convention was called to order by Snark Norris at 10:35 a. m.

SNARK: Brother Gibson, will you take the numbers of those present and call them out to the Scrivenoter?

H. H. GIBSON (734):—Yes, I will.

Those present at the opening of the session were:

737	7863	925	612	408	3140
4	3	1032	4763	3505	8235
5352	7197	1880	4932	2100	7786
4742	1115-A	7987	1111	861-A	2197
2220	3677	7352	9146	4441	5926
7260	369	7723	2714	3659	6460
99	8430	93	3485	1059-A	5294
5639	1390	447	32	48	1795
2676	6932	2482	6545	2186	4331
9248	7801	8683	6091	376	734
7292	8276	1660	9447	129-A	6089
4161	7563	5790	7347	7663	2197
5158	5002	1375	9008	671	1038
679	9225	5202	8395	9313	5971
421	1346	6146	5709	4666	5585
5732	651	9435	4469	8408	7354
8405	7353	2628	8776	628	7261
5926	369	9573			

seconded that it be left to the Supreme Nine to select a place.

MR. A. H. WEIR (2505):—I want to oppose that. Let us decide to go to St. Louis. If we leave it to the Supreme Nine it will be indefinite. Therefore, I move as a substitute to the motion now pending that this organization hold its next Annual in St. Louis in 1904.

(Motion adopted.)

SNARK:—Any other committees ready to report?

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move that we set as a special order of business the election of officers for 3:09 tomorrow afternoon.

(Motion seconded; put and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I have a report to read.

#### Report of the Ring Committee.

To the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, in Annual Meeting Assembled:—We, your committee appointed at Milwaukee to select and have prepared for presentation at this Annual Meeting to our past Snarks some memorial or token at once symbolical of the Order's traditions and of its high appreciation of the distinguished services rendered Hoo-Hoo by our ex-Snarks, are ready to report:

We have selected and had made a ring for all our living ex-Snarks, including him whose official life ends today. These rings are here and ready for presentation with such ceremony as may be deemed fitting.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE V. DENNY,  
J. H. BAIRD,  
B. A. JOHNSON.

MR. EDWARD M. VEITMEIER (2714):—I move the adoption of the report and that the committee be discharged with thanks. (Carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I would like to ask if there are any suggestions in regard to the presentation of these rings; any formalities about it?

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—I would move that Colonel McLeod be appointed to present the rings tomorrow morning at 9:09 in this hall.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—I don't know that I understand what those rings are for. Are they for each of the Snarks?

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, sir. Some of them will have to be presented by mail, I take it.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move that the rings be sent to the absent Snarks by mail, with a letter from Colonel McLeod. (Seconded.)

MR. VEITMEIER (2714):—I would offer as an amendment that the Scrivenoter mail the rings, with a copy of Colonel McLeod's address, to the absent Snarks. (Seconded; motion carried.)

MR. J. FEIST (7352):—The concatenation this evening is to be held in the Chamber of Commerce, corner of Pearl and Seneca streets. If any of you have applicants for initiation, please have them in on time.

MR. BARNES (3):—I want to ask a little information as to the feasibility of having a trunk in each State. It would certainly be less expensive. I notice during the past year we spent about \$1,000 for expressage. It seems to me we can buy a lot of trunks for that amount. I don't know what they cost.

SCRIVENOTER:—About \$72; the trunk itself cost about \$40.

MR. BARNES (3):—I would move that the Scrivenoter be authorized to secure a sufficient number of trunks, with proper paraphernalia for initiations, and that the keys be placed in the hands of such Vicegerents as have authority.

SCRIVENOTER:—There are central points where the trunks could be stationed, and it will save a great deal of anxiety and worry over the question whether the trunks will reach a certain concatenation on time. It is no small job to send out trunks for 109 concatenations in a year.

(Motion seconded and carried.)

SNARK:—Will the members of the House of Ancients take a seat in the front row, those who are present?

MR. JOHN FEIST (7352):—On behalf of the delegates from Buffalo I beg to make an announcement: that the boat ride will take place this evening, weather permitting, at 8 o'clock. You can take the cars anywhere on Main street; the cars go to the foot of the street, and then there is a short block to the left. Or you can get a green car that goes to the boat landing. We hope that every one of you gentlemen, with your ladies, will avail yourselves of the opportunity. The excursion has been tendered to us by the Chamber of Commerce of this city and we will try to make it as pleasant as possible. The boat leaves at 8 o'clock and will return about 11.

SNARK:—The first business will be the presentation of the rings to the members of the House of Ancients by Colonel McLeod.

#### Presentation of Rings.

COL. A. D. McLEOD (737):—Brother Snark and brother members, my voice is not much in evidence this morning and I may not be heard very well. It is needless to say, as any man must, that I appreciate the honor of being selected as the medium through which Hoo-Hoo presents these tokens to the gentlemen who, during all the years of the Order's existence, have in turn occupied the highest chair of the Order.

I find, on consulting the records of the last annual, at which I was present, the following resolution was passed. And I notice there is mention here of the cost of these rings, which I should not repeat were it not for the fact that the recipients already know the substance of the resolution:

"Resolved, That the Snark appoint a committee of three at this annual meeting to have designed, copyrighted and manufactured a suitable emblem or jewel to be presented to each of the present past Snarks and to each succeeding Snark upon the termination of his tenure of office. The emblem or jewel to cost not more than \$99.99 each and the presentation to the then existing past Snarks to occur at the next annual meeting."

I have been furnished with a description of the ring, which it may be interesting to the body of Hoo-Hoo to hear:

"In preparing the original design for this ring the idea was to embody as much Egyptian symbolism as possible, and at the same time make a ring that would not only be beautiful as a piece of the goldsmith's art, but thoroughly practical for the wearer."



"Every feature of this ring is symbolical, and each detail has been carried out with utmost accuracy. Data and drawings have been gathered from sources whose authority cannot be questioned. The goldsmith has carried out to perfection the original design. The body of ring is made of 18-karat solid gold: The mummy cases of the Pharaohs and wealthy Egyptians were covered with heavy gold leaf, and the inscriptions and figures were painted in colors. It was not deemed practicable to use enamel in representing the decorations, and instead gold figures have been applied in very low relief. The figures of red gold and the bands of green gold are 14 and 16-karat fine, respectively. The symbol representing House surrounds the stone, which is a pigeon-blood ruby, weighing a trifle more than five-eighths of a karat, its circular form suggesting the sun disc, which was a symbol of the 'Eternal One,' so freely used in Egyptian sculpture and hieroglyphics.

"Just a word in regard to the reason for using two mummy cases. It is an established fact that in nearly every instance the better class of the Egyptians had two or more cases made, all exactly alike.

"The mummy case on the left is inscribed, first with the representation of Nout ('The Heavens'), which was frequently painted upon the sarcophagi and mummy cases in the form of a female figure, seated or kneeling, with large wings outspread and curving upwards. She holds in her hand a feather—the symbol of power or domination. She bears the disc of the sun upon her head. (Egyptian Symbols.—Walter Crane.)

"Her titles are the Mother of Gods, the Mistress of Heaven, the Nurse. As the mother of Osiris she is held in honor in the lower world and her figure often appears in the tombs. (Rawlinson's History of Ancient Egypt, Chap. 10.)

"Below the figure is a funeral couch, and below this to the left is the image of Ma. In the final judgment of Osiris Ma's image was set in the scale and weighed against the good actions of the deceased. (Rawlinson.)

"On the right side is Tum. In 'The Ritual of the Dead' the souls in hades call to him, style him 'Father,' while he, in turn, addresses them as his sons. He is the 'Lord of the Two Lands,' 'The Maker of Man,' etc. (Rawlinson.)

"The mummy on the right has on its breast the Vulture with extended wings, much used in mummy cases during XVII Theban Dynasty. (Britannica.)

"Below the funeral couch is on the left side the image of Isis, who assisted Osiris in judging the dead, and in common received with him the worship of the departed. On the right side is Nephthys, sister of Isis, the constant associate of Osiris and Isis, and is said to cut away the failings of the deceased persons. The figures appear on the mummies of the earliest Theban period, Dynasty XI. (Britannica.)

"The hands on heads of mummies are divided by hands into nine parts, and the symbolism has been extended even to the finish on the inside of ring beneath the stone. The square and circle representing 'Life Eternal.'"

Colonel McLeod continuing: Brothers, as far back as the records of humanity to the ring has served as a mark of honor, as a pledge of fidelity, as a memory of true and endearing love. Fitting then, therefore, is it that these symbols should be presented as an evidence of the esteem in which we hold these gentlemen, as proof of the faith which binds us together and as an emblem of that brotherly love which changes not with time nor distance nor death. For you, as you look upon these tokens with the conscious pride of duty well done, may you see in the sheen of the gold the reflection from hearts of gold; in the glittering gem may you read not only the brotherhood's benediction, but long life, health and happiness, and may you see there the evidence of the fidelity of the brotherhood; and when the time comes when you shall pass away at your last call, as one of your number has already done, may you see there the solemn pledge of the brotherhood that your name shall be embalmed in our memory as his has; that you shall still live as he lives in the great heart of Hoo-Hoo. And more than this, may you read our solemn and earnest prayer that

now and then the tender arm of the living one, the strong arm of the Mighty One, may encircle you. (Great applause.)

The Scrivenoter then handed to each of the gentlemen of the House of Ancients one of the rings, which were received and inspected by them with much apparent satisfaction and delight.

SNARK:—We will take a five-minutes' recess, gentlemen, so that if you would like to look at these rings and examine them you may do so.

(The recess was taken and nearly every member present availed himself of the opportunity to make a close inspection of the rings and there were profuse congratulations all around.)

After the recess the Snark again called the meeting to order.

SNARK:—Ex-Snark Weir will make a few remarks in response to Colonel McLeod's presentation of the rings.

#### Mr. Weir's Response.

MR. A. H. WEIR (2505):—Mr. Snark and Brothers: I hadn't the slightest intimation that I would be called on to do this until I took a seat with the other ex-Snarks and Brother Johnson insisted that I make some response. Brother Johnson is the Seer of the House of Ancients and to him belongs this duty, but he turned it over to me. So I ask you to remember that I am simply Johnson, or speaking for Johnson.

I want to say personally that I have often realized the pleasure, not only the pleasure, but the absolute and unquestioned benefit of friends. We do this world if we had no friends. The saddest sight in all the world, in all humanity, is the friendless man, and if there is one thing that has endeared me to Hoo-Hoo and endeared Hoo-Hoo to me it is that here I have found since my connection with this Order some of the best friends, under the best conditions in which I have ever been placed during a lifetime. I have often and again said that I would not sacrifice the acquaintances and the pleasant associations which this organization has brought me for any consideration; nor would I exchange its interest and its influence for those of any other secular body with which I have ever been connected.

This magnificent testimonial which you have tendered us today as those who have served you in the past in an official capacity has touched me personally as nothing of this character in all my lifetime's experience heretofore has done. And I want to say to the brothers who represent this great Order in session here today that you have conferred upon me something that shall be cherished to the end of life. Whenever I look at that ring I will think of Hoo-Hoo. It repays me for all the years of service I have endeavored to render you, and I want to say to you, brothers, that that service was rendered without any expectation of results (compensation) of any kind or character beyond the fact that I loved Hoo-Hoo and wanted to serve the Order. And for all these years of toil and service in every way and manner I have been able to render any service, I feel the account is far overbalanced, and for me today comes again an obligation to the Order that certainly a lifetime's service will not wipe out. I am bankrupt in this regard so far as any further services to this Order are concerned. I feel unable from any standpoint to repay you for the considerations you have extended to me personally, and I believe that every ex-Snark and member of the House of Ancients feels the same way. I am trying to voice what I know are my own honest and candid sentiments, and I believe they all feel the same way and they will endorse what I say. I feel that our services have been recognized in a way and manner I have never known before. You have given us something which adds to the remarks I made at the banquet the other night about the uniqueness of the Order. This is a unique ring. Nobody but a member of the House of Ancients, one whom you have honored with an executive position and recognized in an official capacity, will ever wear it. Wherever we go, among those who know nothing about the Order, that ring will give us distinction and character we could obtain in no other way, because it shows we represent, and have represented in the past an Order with which we have been so powerfully affiliated, to which we have been glad to render these services for which you have

attempted today a recognition that far surpasses any expectation on my own part.

Personally I want to thank you, brothers, not only for this ring, for this testimonial—and it wouldn't matter whether it was a ring or what, but nothing could be better than this in my judgment—I want to thank you not only for this token, but for every consideration you have extended the House of Ancients. Every member of it, as far as I know, is fully and more than satisfied with the attention and consideration you have given us; and I lack words to express my appreciation of your consideration and kindness. I don't believe it wise—I don't believe I could say any more. What I have said has come from my heart, and I shall go on through life hereafter with the knowledge that in the Order of Hoo-Hoo has been gathered some of the most cherished friends of my life time's experience. No man appreciates friends more than I do nor does more to retain them when he has acquired them. And I want to assure Hoo-Hoo personally, and I believe I speak for every member of the House of Ancients when I say it, as far as I am concerned, and Brothers Johnson, Barns and others, there will be no service Hoo-Hoo calls upon us to render but that shall be rendered freely, fully and cheerfully in the effort to repay you for the obligation you have this day imposed upon us. I believe I can add nothing more to what I have already said.

I thank you again, brothers, for myself and in behalf of my fellow-members of the House of Ancients.

(Great applause, followed by an enthusiastic and vociferous rendering of the famous Hoo-Hoo yell.)

#### Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. BARNES (3):—The Committee on Constitution and By-laws would like to make a preliminary report and ask to be continued until the afternoon session. We do this because we would be very glad, indeed, to have from every member of the Order any suggestions as to changes, additions or subtraction from the present Constitution and By-laws. As a general thing we find the Constitution and By-laws of the Order all right. The trouble is we don't observe it. And the same may be said of the Ritual. However, there are one or two slight changes which we would suggest. The first one is in Section 2 of Article 3. As it reads at the present time it says: "Each applicant for membership shall fully fill out the official application blank. His application must not be voted on until a certificate thereon has been endorsed by two members of the Order in good standing. Each petition for membership shall be balloted on separately." The rest stands exactly as it was.

As a matter of fact all of you who have presided as Vicegerents and Snarks know that where you have a class of twenty or thirty, or fifteen, it is almost impossible and quite unnecessary to ballot on each man separately. It has been the rule to ballot on them collectively, and if not more than two blackballs appear, to declare them elected. If, however, there were more than that number of blackballs, why, then they should be balloted on separately.

The Committee on Constitution and By-laws would suggest:

Strike out the portion beginning with the word "each" in the fifth line and substitute the following: "The applicants shall be balloted on collectively. In case the ballot is not clear, a second ballot shall be had, and if two or more blackballs be cast the ballot shall be had by sections, until a final result. In case two blackballs be cast, the applicant shall be rejected."

We also desire to make a suggestion which does not appear in the Constitution and By-laws, and which, perhaps, should not be there, and that is this:

That in the publication in The Bulletin of the name and location of a member who has been initiated, there shall be added his official title and the name of the concern with which he is connected; and we would also suggest that in the application blank it be fully stated that if the applicant should make any false representation or false statement, or if his statement should not be exactly in line with what the

Constitution and By-laws provide, the matter shall be taken up by the Scrivenoter and the Supreme Nine for such action as they shall deem proper.

As you know, it has been the custom to simply publish the name and location. Now, if you publish the occupation, such as "Secretary," "Manager" or "President," whatever it may be, of a company, a supply company, or whatever it may be, then the people in the locality where he is initiated will know whether it is true or not. If it isn't true, then I think that any action the Supreme Nine could take in the premises would not be too severe. We would make this as a recommendation—as a suggestion—and ask to be continued until this afternoon.

SNARK:—Brothers, you have heard that part of the report. What is your pleasure?

#### Mr. Weir on General Betterment.

MR. WEIR (2505):—Brother Snark, there is no objection to accepting that report—there is no motion—but there are other matters which the committee have considered, and I would like to briefly outline them here and ask for further consideration later on, but wish to present them to the body so that they may be considered.

I for one have felt, for some time that some revision of our work and system and methods is necessary. In the position with which you have honored me in the past I have had opportunities to know and observe the conditions, and to know that there are many conditions in the Order which can be improved. We have passed the initial stage of the work. You all can see its great development. It has reached a condition where the swaddling clothes it has worn should be changed and better garments than those, more nearly representing its character, be placed upon it. I have no wish to change the general outline and form of our organization, because I don't think it would be wise to do it. But there are many of our methods and much of our work that should be adapted to present conditions. The question came up last year. We got into difficulty in one way and another. Brother Johnson, the Seer of the House of Ancients, stated that he never contemplated those things and conditions under which we had gotten into trouble and that we would have to find our way out. Many of those things were never contemplated. There was no expectation, in my judgment, of the development the Order has attained. But I think we should take them up and put the Order on a solid foundation so that the development of the Order will be aided and its standing and character in the community may be understood and no man may question its desirability. No man who has familiarized himself with its interests and its work can question its usefulness today. But it can be made so that no one who is looking it up can raise any question. Therefore I want to suggest the appointment of a committee to consider the general condition of the Order, and what changes—I don't ask any particular changes—should be made; place it in the hands of those who are experienced and have knowledge of the necessities and what the Order needs, to consider the matter and report at the next meeting. There is no use appointing a committee to report at the same annual at which they are appointed, because they haven't time. Call the committee what you like, reorganization committee, or by any other name that will give them the right to investigate the existing conditions and report upon what change would be beneficial to the Order, if any. When this committee reports you will not be obligated to adopt their report by any means, but they will present ideas and suggestions, which may or may not be received favorably by the members, and the report can be adopted, if deemed advisable, at the next annual meeting.

In my judgment it is absolutely necessary that the interests of this Order be considered by those who are suffi-



ciently interested in its work and sufficiently familiar with the organization to give it faithful, earnest and candid consideration and bring before you at the next annual such changes in the Hoo-Hoo regulations, and especially in our initiatory work, as they may deem best. There have been strong expressions, during my term as Snark, to the effect that the Order has no real reasons for existence; and other Snarks have had to contend with the same thing. In my own work I try to get reputable people to identify themselves with the Order, and I think we should try to get into the Order only men who do represent the lumber interests of the country and who will be representative members of the Order. No member takes more pride in the development of the Order than I do; and there is nothing I can do that I will leave undone for the benefit of the Order. A committee of that character will do what they deem best for the interests of the Order. Personally, this makes no difference to me, as it is only the welfare of the Order I have at heart, and I want to see it develop into something we can all be proud of, something that will show those who are not members that we represent something and cause those who are members to take more interest in and work for the good of the Order at all times.

I ask for the appointment of such a committee at the afternoon session. (Applause.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Brother Snark, I think the idea is a good one, and if it isn't apparent at the present time it will be in one year hence, that some changes should be made, minor probably, but which are absolutely necessary. I will move that this committee be appointed and that its members be composed of the members of the present House of Ancients.

MR. EDWARD M. VEITMEIER (2714):—I second the motion.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I will go a little further than that, if you will accept it—I didn't finish my motion entirely—and that the Snark for the year 1904 be made a member of that committee, or, rather, if not a member of it, that the committee receive suggestions from the Snark.

MR. VEITMEIER:—I accept the amendment and second it.

SNARK:—You have heard the motion and the amendment, which has been seconded, I understand. What is your pleasure?

MR. STANTON (3140):—I desire to put myself on record as favoring this resolution, and move it be adopted.

(Motion put by the Snark and adopted.)

SCRIVENOTER:—Brother Snark, this committee, consisting of the House of Ancients, will be pretty widely scattered over five or six different States, several hundred miles apart. I do most heartily endorse the action that has been taken here in appointing this committee and all that has been said along the line of the necessity for such a committee. I think the committee ought to take some matters up as soon as possible, and perhaps during the year there are many suggestions the committee can make that will be of value, and to facilitate the work of this committee I want to make a motion that if in the judgment of the committee a meeting becomes advisable at some central point the actual traveling expenses of the members of this committee to such central point be paid from the general funds of the Order.

(Several members seconded the motion at the same time.)

SNARK:—You have heard the motion, gentlemen. What is your pleasure?

(The motion was stated by the Snark and the same was carried unanimously.)

MR. D. T. CALL (1390):—Brother Snark, I move the adoption of the resolution of Brother Barns in regard to voting on applicants collectively.

(Motion seconded and carried unanimously.)

#### From the Osirian Cloister.

MR. VEITMEIER (2714):—Brother Snark, it has always been the duty of the Osirian Cloister to embalm the Snark and install the new Nine for the ensuing year. This year there will be no embalming of the Snark nor will there be any installation ceremonies that I know of. The reason was that our paraphernalia was destroyed by fire. I say "ours;" the Osirian Cloister's paraphernalia was destroyed by fire in a warehouse in Buffalo some time since and has not been replaced yet. The Osirian Cloister has done this work gratuitously with the paraphernalia that has been furnished by the Order of Hoo-Hoo. The Osirian Cloister today are not financially able to replace that paraphernalia, and at a meeting of the Cloister on Tuesday I was appointed a committee to come before the Order and ask that the Supreme Nine be given authority to have this property replaced at the expense of the Order of Hoo-Hoo. I wish some one would make a motion to that effect, as that is what we want.

MR. STANTON (3140):—I will make that motion. I move that that be done.

MR. CALL (1390):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—Brother Stanton, do I understand your motion to be that the Supreme Nine is to replace it, or furnish the funds to the committee?

MR. STANTON (3140):—Either way.

(Motion carried.)

MR. BARNES (3):—I don't want to be insistent, but the matter that I brought up with reference to the publication of the name and occupation of each applicant in The Bulletin and the addition I mentioned to the application blank I should like to have acted upon now, because I think it is of very vital importance. I think it will aid us in keeping out of the Order many people that ought not to come in, and it will establish the fact whether they are really eligible or not.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move you that the Scrivenoter be instructed to publish in The Bulletin monthly the initiates, giving the occupation of the man, the name and location of the firm, and the residence of the member.

MR. SEYMOUR F. DURGA (2482):—I second that motion.

MR. SCHWARTZ (2):—That includes his official title, if he has one, does it?

MR. BARNES (3):—Yes.

(Motion carried.)

#### Mr. Beckman's Illness.

MR. NELSON A. GLADDING (99):—Brother Snark, some of the members have just learned of the serious illness of Mr. Victor H. Beckman, a member of the Supreme Nine, living at Seattle, Wash., one of the best workers for Hoo-Hoo on the coast. He was on his way to attend this annual and was stricken with appendicitis at Minneapolis and now lies at that place very seriously ill. I, therefore, would like to offer this resolution:

Whereas, it has just been reported that Mr. Victor H. Beckman of Seattle, a brother Hoo-Hoo and a member of the Supreme Nine, was taken ill with appendicitis at Minneapolis, Minn., on his way to attend this annual;

Resolved, that Hoo-Hoo, in twelfth annual convention assembled, hereby extends its heartfelt sympathy and regret to our friend and brother, Mr. Victor H. Beckman, in his serious illness and earnestly hope for his speedy recovery; and

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be telegraphed to Brother Beckman.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

MR. ROBERT W. ENGLISH (2220):—I second the motion.

(Unanimously carried.)

#### The Band and Honorary Membership.

MR. A. H. WEIR (2505):—I have no desire to occupy the floor all the time, but I do so now in response to the request of many members, and I assume that they call upon me to do more or less talking because I am from Bryan's county. (Laughter and applause.) So I explain it in that way. You all know there is an organization with us today that has been with us in the past and has rendered much service, and that is the Hoo-Hoo band from Lufkin, Texas. They have rendered excellent service to the organization wherever they have been, yet they are shut out from any identity with the association in any way. I suggest that they be made honorary members of the association, so they may be entitled to recognition. Personally, I don't see any objection to it. It doesn't give them any right to vote or admission to the sessions of the Order. The first point is to identify them with the organization, and next, to do it without expense to themselves. Honorary membership is quite an expensive affair, and I don't believe any brother here would find any serious objection to identifying this band with the Order of Hoo-Hoo. Therefore I move that the members of this band be properly certified by the organization as such honorary members, without charge—that is the important point. They have rendered a good deal of service here, and they did at Milwaukee last year. Therefore I move that they be received and identified with the Order as honorary members.

MR. VOJTA F. MASHEK (639):—On behalf of the State of Louisiana I desire to second that motion.

MR. TOMLINSON (6091):—I would like to ask the Scrivenoter who can become an honorary member; does he have to be a lumberman or one eligible to Hoo-Hoo as a voting member?

SCRIVENOTER:—No, sir; he does not. A life member has to be eligible for actual membership. He has to occupy the same position as to eligibility as though he was going to be initiated into regular membership. That is the life member. An honorary member doesn't have to be a lumberman or otherwise eligible by avocation.

MR. BARNES (3):—I will call attention to Section 8, on page 8, of the Constitution and By-laws. I will ask the Scrivenoter to read that.

(The Scrivenoter read the same.)

MR. WEIR (2505):—I simply contemplated that this be presented in the proper manner to get this band identified with us. There might be some provision that they cannot remain honorary members unless they retain their connection with the band.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I would not oppose any official recognition of the band; I think it is due them, but I would seriously oppose honorary membership for the band.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—I should like to be clear on the point as to whether honorary membership entitles the possessor of that honor to attendance at the meetings or concatenations?

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—Yes, but no vote.

MR. STANTON (3140):—I should most emphatically oppose this motion. I am in favor of recognizing the band in any way or shape we can, but I should oppose the question of making any band honorary members.

MR. DURGA (2842):—I would oppose that resolution, too, as establishing a bad precedent. Somebody might want to attach a baseball team to the Order. (Laughter.) Let the Order give them official recognition, and that will be enough.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—Where is it specified in the Constitution, Scrivenoter, that honorary members cannot vote?

SCRIVENOTER:—As a matter of fact I do not think it is specifically stated that they can't vote.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—That ought to be specifically stated.

MR. BARNES (3):—In the case of an honorary member it does not state whether the honorary member should vote or have any of the privileges of Hoo-Hoo in the general sense of the term. In the case of the life member, the life membership is simply to obviate the difficulty that comes up in the case of the man afraid of initiation, and also he wishes to compliment the Order when he becomes a life member; we accept \$33.33, and we state no further dues or assessments shall be levied on the member, and it says further, "Life members shall be entitled to all privileges and rights of Hoo-Hoo."

COL. McLEOD (737):—I understand that fully, but at the same time there should be something specific in the Constitution and By-laws as to what privileges honorary members enjoy. I did not suppose they enjoyed any except the honor of being connected with the Order. They certainly should not have the privilege of voting. I think that matter ought to be taken up by the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

MR. S. S. MAY (6932):—I want to go on record as favoring that resolution to take the band into the Order of Hoo-Hoo. That is an excellent band from Lufkin, Texas, and they play and don't charge a solitary cent for their service. They marched down to the hall with Hoo-Hoo last night; they have played concerts in the hotel corridor and have rendered very valuable service to the Order, and I think they should be taken in as honorary members. They marched to the hall, but they couldn't go in and participate in the fun and had to go away.

MR. ROBERT L. QUEISSER (5079):—I think as the brother over there said, we are establishing too dangerous a precedent. The Committee on By-laws, as I understand it, are now contemplating drawing up proper amendments to the effect that we must draw the line on Hoo-Hoo closer. There is no question that we are taking in some and have taken in some who do not rightly belong to the Order. While I was Vicegerent in Ohio I had quite a good deal of trouble with lots of brothers that wanted to bring this man and that man in and I tried to make clear to them how we had to draw the line to keep out every Tom, Dick and Harry that wanted to come in. This morning I met two brothers of the Mystic Shrine at the hotel. One said, "I want to get into the Hoo-Hoo. How can I get in?" "Well, you can't get in," I said. "Well," he says, "this band is going in. They are going up now. Why can't I get in if the band can get in?" I don't doubt but that that band has done some very nice things and have played for nothing. We cannot, however, open our gates and let into our garden everyone who has done something for Hoo-Hoo for nothing. Honorary membership, I understand, costs \$99.99. It seems to me we are putting a high premium on somebody to blow a horn for us for a couple of concatenations or an annual meeting. Why, you can buy a whole band for \$100; bring them here or any distance for \$300 or \$400. Yet you are going to give away \$1,000. Not only that, but the dangerous precedent you are establishing in the face of the fact that those band men are going out—you know bands, if you know anything about music, and I have had some experience with them—they don't stick together any length of time; some drop out; presently half of the band will be Hoo-Hoo and half will not be Hoo-Hoo. What does that mean? Next year they will go to St. Louis and say, "Half of our members are amateurs; we have a new lot here who want to come in." I seriously object to it.

W. H. HUNTER (651):—Does an honorary member obtain a button from this organization?

SNARK:—Yes, sir; he has a number, with the word "Honorary" prefixed to it.

MR. HUNTER (651):—Then there is nothing to interfere with his voting if he enters the meeting at any time?

SNARK:—No, sir; he cannot vote.

MR. BARNES (3):—I want to make an amendment to Brother Weir's motion; that is, that the very hearty and sincere thanks of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo be tendered to this band for their services at the last two annuals; and I would suggest that they be made or recognized as the official band of Hoo-Hoo. I think that will do away with this other matter.

(Motion seconded by several.)

MR. WEIR (2505):—I will be glad to accept that amendment, and I will say that this was done out of consideration for the brothers from Texas and elsewhere who requested me to present the matter. One brother told me he would withdraw from the Order if this band was taken in, and we can't afford to create any such condition as that. Therefore I would like to withdraw my motion and substitute the amendment of Brother Barnes.

MR. QUEISSER (1079):—I will second Brother Barnes' motion, if he will put it as Brother Weir stated it.

SNARK:—Brothers, you have heard the motion. (Carried.)

#### Death of Brother J. B. Curtis.

SNARK:—Brother Gibson has a telegram announcing the death of one of our members. He will read it.

MR. HENRY H. GIBSON (734):—It is my melancholy duty to state that Mr. Kelly, of the Simonds Manufacturing Company, has received a telegram announcing the death of Brother James B. Curtis by drowning in Charleston Harbor yesterday, and that the body has not been recovered. I would ask that a resolution of condolence be forwarded to his brother, George T. Curtis, at Fitchburg, Mass., to be transmitted to his mother at Freeport, Maine. Mr. Curtis was a worker in the Order of Hoo-Hoo; he was a gentleman; was a good fellow and a good friend, and it was with a great deal of grief that I had to make this unpleasant announcement.

(Motion seconded.)

MR. GIBSON (734):—I put that in the form of a motion, that a resolution of condolence be transmitted to his brother for his mother at Freeport, Maine.

(Secinded.)

MR. SNELL (1795):—I will second the motion of Brother Gibson and will amend it by adding that he shall send the telegram or write it. (Motion carried.)

(The telegram as worded by Mr. Gibson, follows:)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1903.

George T. Curtis, Simonds Mfg. Co., Fitchburg, Mass.:  
Hoo-Hoo, assembled in annual convention, instructs me to transmit to your mother, sisters and yourself the sincere condolence of this Order, having just received the news of the terrible misfortune that has overtaken yourselves and Hoo-Hoo in the death of Brother James B. Curtis.

J. H. BAIRD, *Scrivenoter.*

MR. WILLIAM H. HUNTER (651):—From the discussion here I gathered that it isn't clear to some of the members whether an honorary member is entitled to vote. Your Constitution is not explicit on the question and doesn't state that he is not entitled to vote, but it seems to be the practice and the standing rule that he is admitted to all concatenations of Hoo-Hoo. An honorary member may give his number and come into the hall; when he is in the room how can you hinder him from voting? The Constitution is silent on the question and I think some action should be taken. If it is the sense of this meeting that an honorary member shall not participate in voting, the Constitution should be explicit and so state.

MR. BARNES (3):—The Committee on Constitution and By-laws would be glad to add that, and it will be a simple

matter to put it on to the section. It always has been the distinct understanding at all times that the honorary member is not entitled to vote, and we can simply state, at the end of Section 8 of Article 3—"The honorary member shall be required to take the first obligation of the Ritual, but no further initiatory ceremony shall be necessary." We can add he isn't entitled to vote, either at concatenations or at the Hoo-Hoo Annual.

MR. HUNTER (651):—Very well, we will be glad to have that addition. I will move that the Committee on Constitution and By-laws embody that in the article.

MR. QUEISSER (1079):—I second that motion. It seems to me it may be understood by some, but the rest don't understand it. It reminds me of the fellow that wanted to enter a yard where there was a fierce looking dog. He asked the man on the inside about the dog, and he replied, "The dog won't hurt you." "Yes, but I don't know that," he said. The dog's owner said: "You're all right; he won't hurt you." "Yes, I know I'm all right, but the dog don't know it." (Laughter.)

MR. VEITMEIER (2714):—I wish to make an amendment to that motion, that it read in accordance with the previous motion.

MR. BARNES (3):—I accept the amendment.

SCRIVENOTER:—I would suggest that Mr. Barnes give the official stenographer the exact words of the addition.

MR. BARNES (3):—Simply add to the latter part of Section 7 of Article 3, after the statement that no further initiatory ceremony shall be necessary, the words: "And he shall not be entitled to a vote at a concatenation or a Hoo-Hoo Annual."

MR. BENJAMIN M. BUNKER (5352):—We take a man in as an honorary member and charge him \$99.99 and give him nothing to do, give him no privileges at all; we take another man in as a life member for \$33.33, and he has as many rights as anybody else in the Order. It doesn't seem to me there is much honor in such a membership as that.

MR. BARNES (3):—There is a wide distinction between honorary and life membership. We intend by this honorary membership to confer an honor on the man. He is not necessarily eligible, under the Constitution and By-laws, to membership at all. Because of his distinguished services we confer honorary membership on him. A life membership is necessarily a lumberman or he must be eligible under the Constitution and By-laws. He simply pays his dues all at once, and he should be entitled to vote, whereas an honorary member, as I understand it, should not be entitled to a vote.

MR. CHARLES H. ADAMS (7292):—I would like to ask if it is the custom for an honorary member, in any lodge or body of men, to have a vote?

SNARK:—I think not. The only object of honorary membership is, if a fellow wants to pay that money for attending concatenations and seeing the fun he can do so. I would always rule that an honorary member cannot vote. He can look on and see the fun, but he can't have any voice in the meeting.

SCRIVENOTER:—I believe, with Mr. Barnes' consent, that those words could be changed a little, to read: "Honorary members shall have all the privileges of the floor at concatenations and Annual Meetings of Hoo-Hoo, but shall have no vote at either." Perhaps they would not understand from the bare addition of those words he has suggested that they were welcome to the floor of the concatenation, which I understand they are. An honorary member would be welcome to this meeting, or at the concatenation last night.

MR. VEITMEIER (2714):—But that would give him a voice in the meeting.

SCRIVENOTER:—We have had honorary members present. They have never understood they had a vote.

MR. VEITMEIER (2714):—I think every honorary member understands it.

MR. JOHN C. MAGNESS (8776):—Hasn't that resolution been adopted?

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, sir; we are only discussing the wording of the change.

MR. MAGNESS (8776):—Then this discussion is out of order.

SNARK:—Brother Barnes wishes to make a few remarks in regard to the House of Hoo-Hoo.

#### The House of Hoo-Hoo.

MR. BARNES (3):—I think all of you fully understand the objects of the House of Hoo-Hoo to be erected at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. I think you have all received literature and most of you are members of that body. I only wish to say that we will be very glad indeed to receive additional memberships. We have literature here and blanks and would be glad to have the assistance of everybody in securing as early as possible as many memberships as we can. We want to know definitely and specifically how big a building to erect. You understand this is to be the lumbermen's headquarters at the World's Fair; not only those who are now members of the Order, but all of those who are eligible to membership in the Order of Hoo-Hoo are entitled to membership in the House of Hoo-Hoo. I do not think it necessary to go into the matter at length, but we will be very glad to furnish blanks to anyone that desires them.

MR. JOHN S. BONNER (5294):—I have subscribed to the House of Hoo-Hoo, but have never heard anything from them. I would like to know if they are holding back on it or collecting the money now?

MR. BARNES (3):—I will say that we haven't thought it advisable to collect the money, because we didn't need it.

MR. BONNER (5294):—I didn't know whether I had been overlooked or not.

MR. BARNES (3):—No, there is an engraved certificate being made up, about the size of a railroad pass, so every one can carry it in his pocket, and that will be sent to you in a short time.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—There is another matter Mr. Barnes hasn't explained and which, perhaps, the members do not understand. The building isn't being erected by the Order of Hoo-Hoo; it is being erected by the people who are eligible to the Order of Hoo-Hoo. Any man who is eligible to membership in the Order of Hoo-Hoo is eligible in the House of Hoo-Hoo. Another thing, this is a club house. This is to be conducted on the club plan throughout. There will be a place for meals, and a man can take his family and have a nice, quiet room; can have his meals in private and can rest and always will have some place to go. There is no question about raising the money as far as the House of Hoo-Hoo is concerned. There are enough members of the House of Hoo-Hoo who have guaranteed or will guarantee the amount necessary to build it, equip it and run it; but the idea is to get as many members as possible. Like the bank, we would rather have members than money, and in order to know exactly the size that building should be it is necessary that the directors know as soon as possible the number of members we are going to have. If any of you are going to St. Louis, if only for a short time, don't fail to take out membership in the House of Hoo-Hoo. It will be absolutely essential for your pleasure and comfort while there.

(At this time all the members present joined in the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

(Upon motion, seconded and put by the Snark, the meeting stood adjourned for recess until 1:29 o'clock p. m.)

#### THURSDAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION.

(The afternoon session was called to order by the Snark at 2:35 o'clock, many of the members being absent at the hour to which the recess was taken after the morning session. Although there were many restaurants and cafes offering quick service and an abundance of good, palatable edibles, it was evidently impossible for a number of the members to obtain luncheon and return to the meeting room promptly at the appointed hour.)

SNARK:—We are now ready to call the meeting to order, and will hear, first, any reports that were left over from this morning.

MR. BARNES (3):—The Committee on Constitution and By-laws beg leave to say that they did not find anything more to suggest in connection with the Constitution and By-laws, except that it be more thoroughly and rigidly observed in the future than in the past. At your meeting this morning you voted to have the House of Ancients take up any suggestions that might come to them during the year or hold a meeting looking to the reorganization or change of the Order; and I want to say, while I am on my feet, speaking in behalf of that body, we would not only like to hear from all of the Vicegerents or the members of the Supreme Nine, or the ex-members of the Supreme Nine, but would like to hear from the rank and file of the Order. If there is anything they have to suggest, no matter what particular feature of the Order it may be, I am sure if you will address it to us we will be greatly pleased and delighted. The Committee on Constitution and By-laws beg leave to make their final report and be discharged.

SCRIVENOTER:—For information merely, who will be chairman of that committee? Who could be addressed? I think it would be well to announce some name and address, so that the members would know where or to whom to forward any such suggestions.

MR. BARNES (3):—Naturally I would say that it should go to the senior member of the House of Ancients, the Seer. I would be very glad indeed to receive those letters, but I wouldn't assume to—

SNARK:—That is you will receive the letters until the chairman is announced?

MR. BARNES (3):—I am perfectly willing to do anything.

SCRIVENOTER:—You are the one to receive the letters, because Mr. Johnson is hard to reach. He is frequently out on the road.

SNARK:—You have heard the final report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. What is your pleasure? They ask to be discharged. Will anyone make a motion?

MR. FULLER (612):—I move it be discharged and that the report be accepted. (Motion adopted.)

MR. WILLIAM H. HUNTER (651):—In listening to the proceedings this forenoon I didn't understand that the House of Ancients was charged with this work of revision. I understand the action of this body was that a committee composed of its members, that is a committee was to be appointed from the House of Ancients and was to have this matter of revision in charge, and that the present or incoming Snark was to appoint the committee; not to be left to the Ancients as a whole, but the committee was to be appointed from them. I want to know if that is the understanding of the body at large.

SNARK:—That is not the way the motion was stated.

MR. HUNTER (651):—That the committee was to be composed of members of the House of Ancients, to be appointed by the Snark?

SCRIVENOTER:—The motion was that the members of the House of Ancients compose the committee.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I will ask the official stenographer to read the motion.

(The stenographer read the following remark and motion made by Mr. Schwartz at the forenoon session:

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Brother Snark, I think the idea is a good one, and if it is not apparent at the present time, it will be in one year hence, that some changes in the Order should be made, minor, probably, but which are absolutely necessary, and I will move that this committee be appointed, and that the members be composed of the House of Ancients.")

MR. HUNTER (651):—Brother Snark, it occurs to me that that is a very unwieldy committee, and if we expect results from this committee more definite action should be taken. We have already run up against the first obstacle in not knowing whom to address, whether the Seer of the House of Ancients or some other member. Now, I think that this body ought to be business-like enough to bring its business down to a business basis and to instruct the Snark to name a committee not too large and unwieldy. This House of Ancients is now composed of ten or eleven members and it is an unwieldy committee. It is a committee you will not be apt to get together; it is too large to expect good, rollable work from it. I think this committee ought not to be composed of more than three members if you expect good work from them. Then we will know who is to do the work; we will know whom to address with our suggestions; we will know whom to look to for results, and I think we ought to take some action to know more definitely who this committee is composed of. The House of Ancients as a body are too badly scattered; too unwieldy to expect good results from them, and in regard to such important matters as this it is my opinion that we ought to do business in a little better style, and I move you, sir, that you appoint three members of the House of Ancients to take up this matter.

SNARK:—You will have to make a motion to reconsider the first motion before this will be in order. That committee has already been selected by the body voting that it shall be the House of Ancients.

MR. HUNTER (651):—Then, sir, I take the initiative, and move you that we reconsider the vote by which we authorized the House of Ancients, as a body, to act as such committee.

SNARK:—Any second to the motion?

MR. COBB (32):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—You have heard the motion and it has been seconded.

(A vote was taken on the motion by "ayes" and "nays," and the same was defeated.)

SNARK:—Is there any further business that the members wish to take up for the good of the order? If not, we will proceed to the election of officers, the special order of business set for 3:09. If there is no further business we will take a recess until that time.

SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Robert D. Inman told me he had some matters to bring up and that he had some papers he wanted the Scrivenoter to read. I don't see him here now.

(Intermission until 3:09.)

(At 3:09 o'clock the Snark again called the meeting to order.)

SCRIVENOTER:—Gentlemen, if you will come to order now, I will make an announcement. At the request of the House of Ancients, to whom has been entrusted this work of revision, I will announce that while Mr. Johnson, by virtue of his position as Seer of the House of Ancients, will naturally be chairman of that committee, all communications on the subject of the work before the committee should be addressed to Mr. A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb. He

will act, as I understand it, as corresponding secretary of the committee.

(The members then gave the Hoo-Hoo yell with much evident satisfaction.)

SNARK:—Brother Inman is here from the coast, and I understand he wants to make a few remarks. We will hear from him, if agreeable.

#### The Pacific Coast Heard From.

MR. ROBERT D. INMAN (2186):—I have a resolution to offer, and will ask the Scrivenoter to read it.

SCRIVENOTER:—Reading the resolution:)

Resolved, that it be the sense of this annual convention assembled, that the annual for 1905 be held in Portland, Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. INMAN.

MR. INMAN (2186):—Now, Mr. Snark and brothers, to get this before the house, I move the adoption of this resolution.

MR. FULLER (612):—I second the motion.

MR. INMAN (2186):—Mr. Snark and brother Hoo-Hoo, the purpose in offering this resolution was, of course, to get the matter before the house. Of course we understand out there that this has no binding effect; it is simply the sense of this convention. What we are working for is prestige. We realize in order to get this convention that far West we have got to start in early. I have been delegated to come here and work in its interest. We have been working the best we could, and after receiving the encouragement we have received from various members in different parts of the United States I felt I would be justified in offering this resolution. A good many of you, of course, are conversant with the lumber interests and its allied industries in the West and perhaps some of you are not. I have been a lumberman there for about twenty-five years, and I am pretty familiar with the growth of the business and the situation in general, and we thought, by 1905, we could offer you such inducements as would cause you to decide to go West. We want you all to come out and see us and we want you to come and help us develop our country. There are selfish motives, of course, in every man's business life. We have a few of your men amongst us and they have given us a taste and we want more. We feel that we have one of the grandest countries in the world. We are developing now our mining, lumber and fishing industries. This has been one of the greatest seasons we have ever had in Columbia River fishing. That has been caused, of course, by the hatcheries established throughout the river. The lumber industry has increased rapidly in Oregon, where about one and a half billion feet of lumber will be manufactured this year; in Washington about one-third less than that. In the State of Oregon there are about 318,000,000,000 feet of standing timber, according to the Government reports. In Washington there is about 250,000,000,000 feet, and in California probably a quarter less. I do not remember the exact statistics on that, but that is something like it. That gives you an idea of the timber resources of the West, and we have struggled along year after year with our own capital and energy and with our own push and drive and have brought the thing to the state it is now in, and as a number of the leading men of the West said to us when we were coming here: "We want you to make every effort you can to get those people to come West, because we know when they come some of them will stay with us and help us to develop the country, and that is what we want." I have here some documents from our officials, which I will ask the Scrivenoter to read, and then I will conclude.

(The Scrivenoter then read the following:)

Lewis & Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair, 1905.

PORTLAND, ORE., Sept. 3, 1903.

Dear Sir: On behalf of the Lewis & Clark Centennial Fair and Exposition, I desire to extend invitation to your Order to hold its convales for the year 1905 in Portland.

Attractions of travel, scenery and climate will be novelties which I am sure your membership will appreciate. Respectfully,

H. W. SCOTT,

President Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition.

H. W. GOODE,

Director General Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition.

To the Secretary Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo.

Office of the Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon.

PORTLAND, ORE., Sept. 3, 1903.

To the Officers and Members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of resolution adopted by the Council of this city inviting you to hold your annual concatenation in 1905 in the city of Portland, Ore. I cordially approve this resolution, and as the Mayor of the city and chairman of the executive board, join in this resolution, and should be pleased to extend the hospitalities of our city to you if you accept this invitation.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, Mayor.

Enc.

Resolution.

Resolved, that the Council, the legislative body of the city of Portland, Ore., hereby extend to the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo a cordial invitation to hold its annual concatenation in 1905 in the city of Portland, at which time the Lewis & Clark Centennial American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair will be in session here.

Approved September 2, 1903.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, Mayor.

State of Oregon, County of Multnomah, ss. City of Portland.

I, Thomas C. Devlin, Auditor of the city of Portland, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution adopted by the Council in regular session the 2d day of September, 1903, with the original thereof, and that the same is a full, true and correct transcript of such original resolution and of the whole thereof, as the same appears on file and of record in my office, and in my care and custody.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the city of Portland, affixed this 2d day of September, 1903.

THOMAS C. DEVLIN,  
Auditor of the City of Portland.

(Seal.)

Portland Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce Building.

PORTLAND, ORE., Sept. 1, 1903.

To the Secretary of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo.

Dear Sir: The Portland Board of Trade is extremely anxious that those interested in the lumber industry of the United States should know of the wonderful openings in these lines in Oregon, and for this reason this body takes pleasure in extending to the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo a cordial invitation to hold its 1905 meeting in this city.

The wonderful resources of Oregon as a lumber producing State is attracting the attention of the entire world. Near the Pacific Coast the forests of Oregon are very heavy, especially in the northwestern part of the State, where stands of 100,000 feet per acre for entire townships have been reported. The lumber and logging business in the State is moving with much vim. There has been a constant influx of Eastern prospectors and capitalists. It is poor timber in Oregon that will not cut from 15,000 to 100,000 feet to the acre. During the past three years \$30,000,000 of Eastern capital have been invested in timber lands of Oregon and Washington.

The lumber shipment from Portland and the Columbia River during 1902 was over 100,000,000 feet, saying nothing of the hundreds of carloads that were sent to the great treeless States of the Middle West.

The Portland Board of Trade will spare no means to make the meeting in 1905, should you decide to come here, one of profit and pleasure. As you no doubt know, in 1905 Portland is to hold a Lewis & Clark Centennial and many things of interest outside of the lumbering industry will be seen.

Very respectfully,  
PORTLAND BOARD OF TRADE.  
F. R. BRADY, President.

MAX M. SHILLOCK, Secretary.

MR. WEIR (2505):—Brother Snark, I would like to inquire whether we have any right to select the meeting place for 1905. I do not think we have any right to legislate now for the annual of 1905. I would seriously object to voting so far ahead for Portland. No doubt it would be a very pleasant trip, yet I am loath to place any obligations upon the next annual as to the place of the meeting in 1905. If it is the sense of the meeting to vote for an expression of sentiment, that, of course, would be all right. Things may change by next year. The next annual can vote to go anywhere they see fit. I am willing to say, "If no more desirable place is suggested, or if conditions do not change," we will be willing to vote for Portland.

MR. INMAN (2186):—That is exactly in line with the statement I made. We don't expect this to be at all binding on anybody; it is simply an expression of opinion at this time. If conditions arise at the next annual so that it will not be fitting to do anything of this kind, of course the members will be entirely free to act according to their opinions. I don't want to bind anybody on the question of locating the annual, but I want to see what the probabilities are of getting this annual in 1905. If it is the sense of this annual that this be not done, of course it would be useless for our people to attempt anything further in the matter. That is the reason I have offered this resolution.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Most of you gentlemen remember Frank Cole of Tacoma, Wash. Frank has a determination that would do credit to a newspaper man. I had a letter from Frank a few days ago in which he asked me to take up Portland for the 1905 annual, and if it didn't come to the Pacific Coast there would be war. With the permission of Brother Inman I would like to make a motion: I move that this annual meeting act as a committee of whole to make request on the 1904 annual to locate the annual for 1905 in Portland, Oregon.

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—I make as an amendment to that, that the invitation of Portland be accepted with thanks and appreciation, and that owing to the inability of this meeting to act, the invitation be referred to the next annual meeting with request that they give it favorable consideration.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I accept that amendment.

MR. INMAN (2186):—I want to say one word on the question of rates, which, of course, will be a vital factor at that time. I have an absolute guarantee from the Union Pacific Railroad, and others will follow, as a matter of course, that there will be a rate of \$50 for the round trip from Chicago; \$45 from Omaha, and corresponding rates from other States east and south. That will be during the fair, and it will be a flat rate, so that there will be no question of filing certificates with the Secretary. Every member may feel assured that those will be the rates.

SNARK:—The question is on Brother Schwartz' motion, subject to Brother McLeod's amendment.

(Motion unanimously carried.)

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—It is now past the time of the regular order of business, and I move that the Scrivenoter call the roll of States, so that the members can get together.

SCRIVENOTER:—Will you permit me to make one announcement? I find quite a number of people came here on the certificate plan and are holding certificates for the



tickets purchased. I do not understand fully under just what terms those tickets were purchased and I have told several gentlemen that my impression was that the certificates would be null and void unless there were 100. I am informed that I was mistaken in that; that the certificates are valid for the reduced fare home when signed by me irrespective of the number. Mr. English has tested the question in the only effective way, by going to the agent and securing his ticket home at one-third the price paid for coming here. That ought to be gratifying to you certificate holders, and immediately at the close of this meeting I will be pleased to sign those certificates.

#### Election of Officers.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will call the roll of States for the election of officers, with the announcement of the vote of each State. The representatives of each State will make a note of the vote so they will know how to cast their vote. As I call the roll, if the State is represented, I trust the gentlemen will respond, to the end that I may mark off my list those States and foreign countries not represented.

The Scrivenoter then called the roll and the following States were represented:

STATE.	VOTE.
Arkansas	571
California	164
Colorado	191
Georgia	377
Illinois	351
Maryland	163
Kansas	198
Kentucky	181
Louisiana	505
Massachusetts	107
Michigan	208
Minnesota	159
Missouri	556
Nebraska	151
New York	155
North Carolina	63
Ohio	419
Oregon	113
Pennsylvania	224
South Carolina	82
Tennessee	282
Texas	729
West Virginia	152
Wisconsin	245
Virginia	66
Canada	58
Total	6,470

MR. SAMUEL D. PINE (7863):—I desire to ask, if a member has moved from one State to another, whether he is entitled to vote from the State to which he has recently moved, notwithstanding the fact his name is not in the handbook, or his last address.

SNARK:—He is entitled to vote from the State where he is shown to be located in the Scrivenoter's correction book.

MR. PINE (7863):—Is my change on the book?

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, to Louisiana. I made it myself.

#### Election of Snark.

SCRIVENOTER:—Following the usual custom, we will call the roll of States for nominations for the office of Snark of the Universe.

SNARK:—I will appoint two tellers, Brothers Pine and Long.

(After the Scrivenoter had called Arkansas, and it passed in favor of Minnesota, Mr. W. M. Stephenson of Minnesota, said:)

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—Brother Snark, and brother Hoo-Hoo, I feel quite at home in being delegated

by a Southern State, as I was born in a Southern State myself. I present a brother Hoo-Hoo for the office of Snark of the Universe who is a man that has been in the Order since the early days and has worked hard and faithfully for the Order; a man who has never failed to respond when called on for anything; a man who has got off to make room for his brothers time and time again; a man we ask faithfully to be placed in the office of Snark, as we believe him to be eminently fitted for the office; we nominate Mr. Platt Beauregard Walker, Jr., of Minneapolis. (Applause.)

(When Minnesota was reached on the call of States, no other State having announced a candidate, Mr. Tomlinson said:)

MR. W. B. TOMLINSON (6091):—Minnesota wants to second the nomination of Platt Beauregard Walker, Jr. Just before I left Minneapolis, at our meeting every Hoo-Hoo present spoke favorably of Mr. Walker. We know him; most of you know him; for that reason we ask again that Platt Walker be considered favorably for this position.

(Missouri was called next.)

MR. W. E. BARNS (3):—Missouri desires to place in nomination a candidate, not a man who lives in the State, because we came here with the wish of electing Mr. Schwartz to that position, but he has found it impossible to accept even if elected, and I have been asked to nominate Mr. Orson E. Yeager of Buffalo, N. Y. (Applause.) Mr. Yeager is a member of the present Supreme Nine; he is a representative lumberman; he is a gentleman of standing, and if elected he would be the first Snark in the eastern part of the country. I think it would not only be a compliment to Buffalo; it would be an honor to the Order to elect Mr. Yeager. I haven't said a word to Mr. Yeager about this matter; I don't know whether he has been consulted; and for that one reason I am very much in favor of it. Mr. Yeager's election would carry with it a vast amount of pioneer work in the Eastern States and in our neighboring country, Canada. His election at this point, or his location at this point would materially assist in carrying forward the work which has been so well commenced in Canada. I therefore take great pleasure in nominating Mr. Orson E. Yeager of Buffalo, N. Y., for the office of Snark. (Applause.)

When New York was reached Mr. C. H. Stanton arose and said:

MR. C. H. STANTON (3140):—I desire to second the nomination of Mr. Yeager. I know probably better than any other man in this room what it means to elect Mr. Yeager Snark of the Universe. I have known him for years; have been associated with him in business and have always found him true and loyal to any cause with which he affiliates. I know New York made great strides in Hoo-Hoo while Mr. Yeager had to do with it, and anything he does will always be a success. I believe the Order will spread and multiply in this section of the country if Mr. Yeager is elected Snark. I was associated in business with him four years and I will vouch for his loyalty and hard work; we cannot make a mistake in electing him Snark. (Applause.)

(When Pennsylvania was reached on the call Mr. Benjamin M. Bunker addressed the meeting and said:)

MR. BUNKER (5352):—Pennsylvania has a candidate, and I desire to present to this annual for its consideration, and I hope favorable consideration, a Hoo-Hoo of the Keystone State, who has been an honorable Hoo-Hoo, has never shirked his duty and has been at every annual meeting since he has been a member of the Order; he has served on the Supreme Nine; he is a man who will do credit to the Order, and what Mr. Stanton says about Mr. Yeager and the work in the East, also applies to our candidate from Penn

sylvania. We feel in presenting the name of Mr. Veitmeler for Snark that, if elected, he will do credit to the Order and reflect credit on the Keystone State. I have therefore great pleasure in presenting for your consideration Mr. Edward M. Veitmeler of Pennsylvania. (Applause and cheers.)

(When the Scrivenoter called Texas, Mr. Dennis T. Call responded as follows:)

MR. CALL (1390):—Texas has no candidate, but Texas would like to second the nomination of Mr. Veitmeler, and in that connection I would like to say I have known Mr. Veitmeler many, many years; have been at every annual with him; have been on several committees, and have found him to be a good, hard, faithful worker for the good of the Order, and I would like to see him elected Snark of the Universe. (Applause.)

(Canada was finally reached without any other State having a candidate, and the call was answered by Mr. Harlan P. Hubbard.)

MR. HUBBARD (9573):—We all know of the pleasant gardens right and left in the broad land of Hoo-Hoo, but there is a big land north of us, on our northern border, extending from ocean to ocean, with a great future before it in the lumber industry. There are only a few representatives of Hoo-Hoo in that country; but we wish to give our 58 votes to Orson E. Yeager of Buffalo, N. Y. (Applause.)

SCRIVENOTER:—That completes the roll call for nominations.

SNARK:—If there are no objections we will proceed to vote. The total votes as figured up by the tellers are 6,470; necessary to a choice, 3,235.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will now call the roll of States for a vote for the office of Snark.

(As he calls the vote is announced and taken down by the tellers. When Tennessee is reached, there being no delegates present except the Scrivenoter, he said, "Tennessee passes." When the call of States was finished, he said:)

SCRIVENOTER:—Now, it remains for Tennessee. There is apparently no one present representing that State except myself. All three of the gentlemen nominated have been friends of Tennessee and supporters for years of Tennessee's candidate for the office of Scrivenoter. (Laughter and applause.) I don't know how Tennessee could please them all, gentlemen, but she would rather run the risk of making them all mad than do an injustice to any one of them; so Tennessee will cast her vote one-third for each candidate in nomination. (Applause.)

(Others than the tellers were taking down the vote, and it was known throughout the room that Mr. Veitmeler was elected. Several men arose with evidently the same intention but the tall man from Minnesota caught the Snark's eye.)

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—Minnesota wishes to make the motion, in withdrawing the name of Platt Beauregard Walker, that the election of Mr. Veitmeler be made unanimous.

(Great applause and some cheering, mingled with shouts, "What's the matter with Veitmeler?" Many voices: "He's all right.")

At this point there was considerable commotion and slight confusion, there being many calls of "Speech," "Speech"—"Veitmeler," "Veitmeler."

SNARK:—Any second to Brother Stephenson's motion?

MR. ORSON E. YEAGER (7354):—Yes, I second it. (Great applause.)

SNARK:—You have heard Brother Stephenson's motion, seconded by Brother Yeager. What is your pleasure. All those in favor of the motion will so signify by rising.

(All the members arose and stood some time, many calling for "Speech," "Veitmeler.")

SNARK:—I now declare Brother Edward M. Veitmeler duly elected Snark of the Universe for the ensuing year,

and I will appoint Brothers Walker and Yeager a committee of two to escort Brother Veitmeler to the station. (Laughter and great applause.)

(Messrs. Yeager and Walker escorted Snark Veitmeler to the platform while all the members again heartily rendered the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

MR. EDWARD M. VIETMEIER (2714):—I thank you, one and all, for the honor you have bestowed upon me, and I assure you all that I will put forth my best efforts for the good of the Order during the coming year. (Applause.)

#### Election of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

SNARK:—Nominations are now in order for Senior Hoo-Hoo.

(The Scrivenoter called the roll of States down to Nebraska without any nominations being made.)

MR. WEIR (2505):—I desire to present a name for that position, and it affords me pleasure to do so, from my knowledge of the candidate and his connection and identification with Hoo-Hoo, and it is one that I believe will be gratifying to a great many of our members. I have known the brother a long time and have ever known him to be faithful and diligent in the work of the Order, and I know that he is entirely reliable and faithful so far as the interests of this Order are concerned. I take great pleasure in presenting the name of Frank N. Snell of Milwaukee, for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo. (Great applause.)

(New York, through Mr. Yeager (7354), announced that it had no candidate, but seconded the nomination of Mr. Snell.)

(The Scrivenoter called "Ohio" in its turn.)

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—Ohio thirds the nomination of Snell.

(Laughter and applause.)

(The Scrivenoter reached Pennsylvania, which brought Mr. Bunker to his feet in an instant.)

MR. BUNKER (5352):—Pennsylvania fourths the nomination of Snell. (Much laughter and applause.)

(Texas was next heard from, through Brother Call.)

MR. CALL (1390):—Texas fifths the nomination of Snell.

(The call of States for nominations being completed, Mr. W. M. Stephenson was recognized by the Snark.)

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—Brother Snark, there being only one candidate in the field, I would move you, sir, that balloting be dispensed with and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote of the States here represented for Frank N. Snell for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.)

(Motion carried and the Scrivenoter accordingly cast the entire vote for Frank N. Snell for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo.)

(All the members again joined in the Hoo-Hoo yell with much enthusiasm.)

(After many calls, "Snell," "Snell," "Speech," Brother Snell said:)

MR. FRANK N. SNELL (1795):—Snark and brother Hoo-Hoo, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this evidence of your friendship and good will. I am not a talker, but I can do business, sometimes. Oratory is not in my line, as a good many of you know. All I desire to say is that I will devote my best efforts for the interests of Hoo-Hoo in the future as I have done in the past. (Applause.)

A MEMBER:—You're all right, Snell.

#### Election of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

SNARK:—Nominations are now in order for Junior Hoo-Hoo.

(The Scrivenoter again called the roll of States for nominations. There were none made until Louisiana was reached on the call.)



MR. FREDERICK G. SNYDER (5639):—Louisiana desires to place in nomination for Junior Hoo-Hoo upon the Supreme Nine a man whose heart is as large as the great State from which he hails; a man whom everybody in this hall knows; a man who always works for Hoo-Hoo—I believe he dreams Hoo-Hoo at night; I don't believe he does anything else.

A MEMBER:—Does he see the black cat?

MR. SNYDER:—Yes, he sees the black cat—"Hoo-Hoo John Bonner from Texas."

(There being no other nominations, when Canada was reached, Mr. Hubbard said:)

MR. HUBBARD (9573):—Canada wishes to make it unanimous for Mr. Bonner. (Applause.)

MR. SNYDER (5639):—There being only one candidate I move that Mr. Bonner be declared elected unanimously and that the Scrivenoter cast the entire vote of the association for Mr. Bonner for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo. (Adopted.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion I hereby cast the entire vote of the association for Mr. John S. Bonner for the office of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

(The yell was again given very freely by all the members, while Mr. Bonner advanced to the platform.)

MR. JOHN S. BONNER (6294):—Brother Snark, I can make a good speech. I am not like Brother Snell—I am a fine talker, and I want to stay with this speaking business awhile. (Laughter.) I do not know hardly what would be the best thing to say. You know when a fellow feels so good, tickled—(Laughter)—he feels almost too good to laugh. (Laughter.) To say I feel good is not expressing it. All I will say is, I will let my actions speak louder than words. I will do all I can to promote the interests of Hoo-Hoo. If I am found wanting anywhere all I ask is for my friends to call my attention to it. If I can remedy it, of course it will be up to me. I thank you very much for this position. It is one I have often thought I would like to have. A long time ago I used to read about these fellows on the Supreme Nine, and I have often wondered if I would ever get up there, and I'll tell you, gentlemen and brother Hoo-Hoo, this is a very happy moment in my life.

(Much applause, followed by the yell.)

#### Election of Bojum.

SNARK:—Nominations for Bojum are next in order. (The Scrivenoter called the States down to Illinois before any nomination was made.)

MR. B. F. COBB (32):—Illinois has a candidate to advance as Bojum, one who has proved himself faithful to the Order; who has proved one of the best Vicegerents we ever had and one who is larger than any of the candidates so far presented to us, and—one that can talk. I refer to our esteemed friend and brother, No. 421, Mr. C. D. Rourke. (Applause.)

(The other States were called until Louisiana was reached, when Mr. Snyder arose.)

MR. SNYDER (5639):—Louisiana desires to second the nomination of Mr. Rourke with the distinct understanding that he go to the next banquet with a speech on "The Joys and Sorrows of the Bojum." (Laughter.)

(When Texas was reached Mr. Call said:)

MR. CALL (1890):—Texas is just waiting for a chance to vote 729 votes for Rourke. (Applause.)

(When Canada was reached Mr. Hubbard arose and said:)

MR. HUBBARD (9573):—Again Canada would like to make it unanimous. (Applause.)

MR. COBB (32):—I would move you, sir, that we close nominations and that the Scrivenoter be directed to cast

the entire vote for Mr. C. D. Rourke for the office of Bojum. (Seconded and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I hereby cast the entire vote of the convention for Mr. C. D. Rourke for the office of Supreme Bojum of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo.

(Mr. Rourke went to the platform amid much applause and while the members again rendered the yell.)

MR. C. D. ROURKE (421):—Snark and brother members, this is one time that I can't even think. I haven't even a story to tell. I can only say that I thank you and trust my actions will prove acceptable to Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.)

#### Election of Scrivenoter.

SNARK:—Nominations are now in order for Scrivenoter.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—Snark and brother members, I move that the call of the States be dispensed with and that the Snark cast the entire vote of the Order for Mr. James H. Baird for the office of Scrivenoter.

(Seconded by many members.)

(Before Brother Stephenson could resume his seat the members started the yell and proceeded to render the same with as much enthusiasm as before.)

SNARK:—You have heard the motion that the Snark cast the entire vote of the association for Brother Baird for the office of Scrivenoter. (Carried.)

SNARK:—I hereby cast the entire vote of the Order for James H. Baird as Scrivenoter of the Order of Hoo-Hoo.

MR. JAMES H. BAIRD (408):—Gentlemen, I certainly appreciate this continued honor you placed upon me. I have had occasion to say that for several years, but my appreciation grows year by year. I am deeply grateful to you.

#### Election of Jabberwock.

SNARK:—Nominations are now in order for Jabberwock.

(The Scrivenoter called the States represented until Missouri was reached before any nomination was made.)

MR. BARNES (3):—I want to nominate Mr. Thomas H. Rogers of Oklahoma City, a man who has done, according to the reports, the best work of all the Vicegerents during the past year. He is a representative lumberman, a thoroughly good man, and I have letters from his territory asking that his name be placed in nomination. I think it would be a very graceful recognition of Mr. Rogers' services, and Missouri takes great pleasure in nominating Thomas H. Rogers of Oklahoma City for Jabberwock.

(Indiana having passed in the regular call of the list of States, Mr. Wolflin was next recognized by the Snark.)

MR. CHARLES S. WOLFLIN (6460):—Indiana desires to place in nomination for Jabberwock Mr. Karl Isburgh of Massachusetts. (Applause.)

MR. C. H. STANTON (3140):—I would like to second the nomination of Mr. Isburgh. He is a young man, in business for himself in Boston. About two years ago he was in Norfolk on business and there became a Hoo-Hoo. He became very much interested and during the past year he has put in about fifty candidates in and about Boston, more than any others have put in up there. He is a man who can give attention to his office and will build up Hoo-Hoo in the East. I desire to strongly second the nomination.

MR. BARNES (3):—I desire to say that in placing Mr. Rogers in nomination for this office, it wasn't in opposition to Mr. Isburgh, because I think Mr. Isburgh, of all our Vicegerents in the East, deserves recognition. I therefore withdraw Mr. Rogers' name in favor of Mr. Isburgh for this office.

(There were no further nominations, and, upon motion by Mr. Stephenson, duly seconded and carried, nominations were closed.)

MR. STEPHENSON:—I desire to move that the Scrivenoter be directed to cast the entire vote of the Order for Mr. Isburgh as Jabberwock. (Seconded and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I hereby cast the entire vote of the convention for Mr. Karl B. Isburgh for the office of Jabberwock.

(Applause and "the yell," in which all joined.)

MR. KARL B. ISBURGH (8430):—Gentlemen, I am like Mr. Snell; I can't make a speech, but during the year I will try to do more than my share towards the upbuilding and in the interests of the Order. I thank you very much for this honor.

#### Election of Custocatian.

SNARK:—Nominations for Custocatian are next in order.

(Indiana, through Mr. Wolflin, placed in nomination Mr. H. P. Hubbard of Canada.)

(Louisiana, through Mr. Snyder, seconded the nomination of Mr. Hubbard.)

MR. E. CHRISTIANSEN (8405):—New York State has the pleasure to place in nomination Col. John Feist, Vicegerent of Western New York, a man who has been amongst us for the past few days and has afforded us much pleasure; a man whom we all honor, and I trust his nomination shall have the favorable consideration of all the members.

MR. BENJAMIN M. BUNKER (5352):—I desire to nominate Mr. E. S. Boggess of West Virginia.

(Texas seconded the nomination of Mr. Boggess.)

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—Minnesota desires to second the nomination of Mr. Feist.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will call the roll of States for a vote on Custocatian. There are three men in nomination.

MR. HARLAN P. HUBBARD (9573):—I would like to have my name withdrawn as a candidate, and I would like to throw what strength I can to Colonel Feist. I think he deserves it. (Applause.)

MR. WOLFLIN (6460):—I withdraw my nomination.

MR. ROBERT W. ENGLISH (2220):—Why should we not elect John Feist? What has he done for this organization? What has he done for this convention? Why, gentlemen, we came here from all over the United States; we have had everything we wanted; our ladies have been entertained day after day, and we have more yet to come. Buffalo should be recognized on the Supreme Nine. (Applause.) And we are not doing our duty to Hoo-Hoo of this town unless we do recognize him on the Nine. I only wish that Colorado had as many votes as our State across the way; everyone of them would go for John Feist.

MR. BUNKER (5352):—At the request of West Virginia I nominated Mr. Boggess; and now at the request of West Virginia, I withdraw the nomination of Mr. Boggess, thus leaving the way open for Colonel Feist. (Applause and the yell.) There is no man in this house that appreciates more than I do the abundant entertainment provided by New York. Had I known New York had a candidate she could have had anything we have got, outside of a vote for Snark of the Universe. (Applause.)

MR. CHARLES P. IVES (447):—I move that nominations be closed and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote for Mr. John Feist for the office of Custocatian. (Seconded and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I accordingly cast the entire vote of the convention for John Feist for the office of Custocatian.

(The yell was again given by all the members, and Mr. Feist advanced to the platform and said:)

MR. JOHN F. FEIST (7352):—Gentlemen, I suppose you noticed the long and short of it, grabbed me and brought me up here. (Laughter.) Now, gentlemen, I want to thank you for the honor conferred. It was not of

my seeking, and, like my friend, Mr. Snell, I am new but I am a worker from away back. When I get my coat off I will be doing some work. I am told I shall have to do a good deal of checking of baggage, furniture, etc. How is that, Mr. Baird?

MR. JAMES H. BAIRD (408):—Yes, sir; lot's of it— and other things.

A MEMBER:—You can do it.

ANOTHER MEMBER:—You are large enough.

MR. FEIST (7352):—I thank you, and I will do everything I can to fill the office to which you have elected me. (Applause.)

(Many members: "He's all right." "Who's all right?" "Feist." "Who says so?" "Hoo-Hoo.")

#### Election of Arcanoper.

SNARK:—Nominations are now in order for Arcanoper. (The Scrivenoter called the roll of States down to Ohio, when Colonel McLeod arose and said:)

COLONEL McLEOD (737):—I think we have all been so busy we couldn't attend to politics, as Ohio hasn't had a candidate for the first time in our history. I now take great pleasure in nominating Mr. E. Stringer Boggess. I have known Boggess for a long time and everybody else has. Away off in West Virginia, yet he finds time to send invitations to concatenations as far as Cincinnati. I am convinced that he has the interests of the Order at heart and that we couldn't select a better man.

(When South Carolina was called Mr. William B. Dozier placed in nomination Mr. J. E. Fitzwilson, saying:)

MR. DOZIER (4509):—South Carolina wishes to place in nomination a man thoroughly qualified to hold the position, who will do as hard work on it as any member in the Order, Mr. J. E. Fitzwilson. And I will say for Colonel McLeod's benefit, you got an invitation to come to South Carolina once, for I sent it myself. (Laughter and applause.)

(There were no other nominations for Arcanoper.)

The Scrivenoter called the roll of States for the purpose of taking the vote, which resulted as follows:

SCRIVENOTER:—I will announce the vote on Arcanoper: Boggess, 2,033 1-2; Fitzwilson, 3,836 1-2.

SNARK:—Mr. Fitzwilson, having received a majority of the votes cast, is elected to the office of Arcanoper.

MR. J. E. FITZWILSON (8683):—Gentlemen, I thank you all very much for this honor, and I assure you that I shall do everything I possibly can for the good of the Order and to further its interests in my part of the country. I appreciate the honor very much. Again I thank you.

(The Hoo-Hoo yell was rendered once more by all the members.)

#### Election of Gurdon.

SNARK:—Nominations for Gurdon are next in order. (The Scrivenoter called the roll of States in their order.)

MR. COBB (32):—As the slate-makers have left nothing but the hind teat for the Pacific Coast, I hope the Pacific Coast will take hold of it.

MR. ROBERT D. INMAN (2186):—Mr. Snark and gentlemen, we have sucked the hind teat a good while, but there has been pretty good milk in it. (Laughter.)

MR. ROBERT W. ENGLISH (2220):—Colorado has no candidate, but we wish to nominate a man that is representative of our Western States and an enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo, one of the best in the Western States, and he will carry his influence as far east as the Missouri River, at least, Mr. James A. Clock of Portland, Oregon. (Applause.)

MR. SNYDER (5639):—Louisiana desires to second the nomination of Mr. Clock and I would like to remark that there is more in the hind teat than in the front one; and

I think I ought to know, because I have tried them both. (Laughter.)

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move that nominations be closed and that the Scrivenoter cast the vote for Mr. Clock, and that he be declared elected to the office of Gurdon. (Seconded and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I hereby cast the entire vote of the convention for Mr. James A. Clock as Gurdon of the Order of Hoo-Hoo.

(Applause and "yell.")

MR. INMAN (2186):—Brother Snark and Hoo-Hoo, in behalf of Mr. Clock I desire to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the kindly treatment you have extended the limited number of members of Hoo-Hoo present from the Pacific Coast. I believe I was the first member from the Pacific Coast to be on the Supreme Nine and since that time you have never failed to give us representation. We appreciate your kindness, and when you call on us we will show you a Clock that never runs down. (Applause and laughter.)

MR. HUBBARD (9573):—I would move that Brother Clock be informed of his election by wire. (Seconded and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—Will you attend to it, Brother Inman?

MR. INMAN (2186):—Yes, sir.

#### Mr. Johnson in Characteristic Vein.

MR. BOLLING ARTHUR JOHNSON (2):—Brother Snark and brother Hoo-Hoo, some ten or eleven years ago some unknown man, just a common workman—the name isn't known to the Order, invented for us this emblem, this button which we wear—this cat. No. 3 and myself had probably twenty artists make pictures of cats and catamounts and caterwauls and other things, but nothing that ever amounted to anything. We finally adopted this design, with a "nine" in the tail. When we meet and take the obligations we agree to wear that emblem. I simply want to make this as an appeal to you: Even the man who invented this cat is unknown to us, but it is our emblem, it is our flag, and I should like you to rise here and make us a pledge as gentlemen that we will not appear, either in dress suit, or in these seamless pajamas (laughter, while Mr. Johnson looked at his pajamas-trousers), that I have on today or any other clothes for the next nine months, nine days and nine minutes without some insignia or some emblem of Hoo-Hoo upon us to declare to the world who we are, what we are and why we are. I want you to rise and make a pledge to me that you will do that, and I make a motion to that effect.

(Motion seconded and carried, and all the members, with a few exceptions, arose and stood for a short time, rendering the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

MR. BARNES (3):—Brother Feist will make an announcement now.

MR. JOHN F. FEIST (7352):—We are assured by the weather man that the moon will be out tonight, and I trust you will all avail yourselves of the opportunity to go out on the lake with us. We will do all we can to make it pleasant for you. (Applause.)

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move that we stand adjourned. (Seconded and carried.)

SNARK:—The convention will stand adjourned, and the next meeting will be held at the House of Hoo-Hoo, on the Fair Grounds at St. Louis, in 1904.

Adjourned.

## ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES



The stranger within the gates of Buffalo was speedily made to feel that all reports of the city's hospitality had been inadequate to describe its gracious warmth and boundless generosity. From the moment of his arrival till the last farewell was said the visitor was shown every attention that could possibly conduce to his comfort or add to his joy, and the days and nights were but too short for all the entertainment that had been provided.

The Entertainment Committee left nothing undone in the matter of taking care of the guests. Mrs. C. H. Stanton was chairman of the ladies local committee, and had for her assistants the following ladies, well known in Buffalo social circles:

Mrs. F. W. Vetter, Mrs. M. M. Wall, Mrs. J. B. Wall, Mrs. O. E. Yeager, Mrs. I. N. Stewart, Mrs. C. E. Yates, Mrs. Chas. Yeager, Mrs. Anthony Miller, Mrs. D. H. Harper, Mrs. Chas. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Hugh Stewart, Mrs. Henry Feist, Mrs. John Feist, Mrs. Fred. Liddle, Mrs. J. B. Rose, Mrs. Curt Treat, Mrs. John Reiman, Mrs. H. S. Jones, Mrs. J. J. Mossman, Mrs. Julius Dietz, Mrs. Pooley, Miss Louise Henrich, Miss Minnie Vetter, Miss Ethel Hines, Miss Edith Davidson.

The ladies of the local committee were unremitting in their attentions, and the visiting ladies spent the time in an unceasing round of pleasure. Not one dull moment was experienced. For every hour of the time some pleasure had been planned and every plan was carried out with utmost harmony. There was a larger attendance of ladies than ever before, and each one present resolved to go again next year.

#### The Osirian Cloister Banquet.

The banquet of the Osirian Cloister was unusually elegant and elaborate. It took place Tuesday evening in the banquet hall of the frogs, which had been appropriately decorated for the occasion with gorgeous asters and other autumn flowers. The Hoo-Hoo band, stationed in an ante-room, added its quota to the general merriment and rendered lively airs at intervals.

Of course only those men members of the Cloister could attend, but each man was expected to bring at least one lady with him. This practically provided for the attendance of all the ladies who had arrived at Buffalo up to the hour of the banquet, and more than one hundred guests sat down to the table.

Everybody was in the gayest mood; old-time friends greeted each other and the new people were made acquainted. Some of the men present had brought along new jokes. Others had repaired their old ones and made them as good as new, if not better. It was an occasion of joy and mirth, and a fitting celebration of the close of a year in Hoo-Hoo unprecedented in the history of the order.

A tempting menu was served and at its close toastmaster W. I. Ewart gracefully introduced the speakers. Col. A. D. McLeod made some witty remarks in response to the toast, "Our Friends, the Ladies Present With Us." Mr. Curt M. Treat told of the "Joys and Sorrows of Buffalo,"

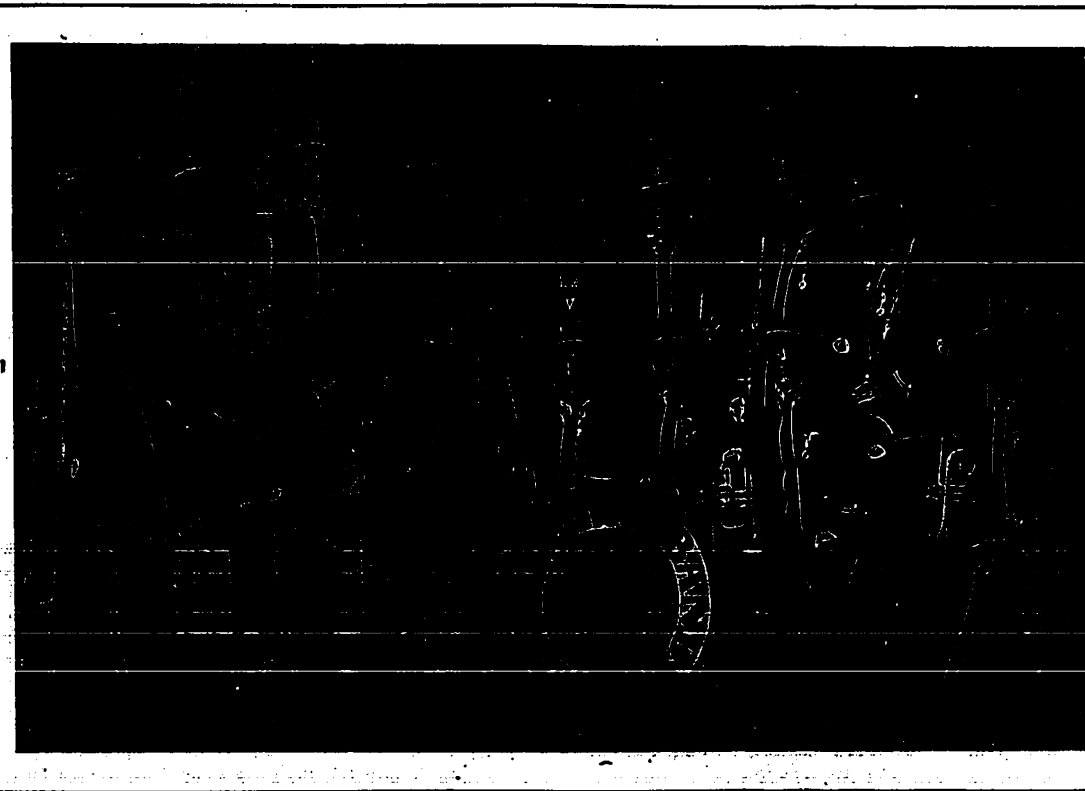
and Mr. A. H. Weir responded to the toast, "The House of Ancients." Mr. C. D. Rourke made the hit of the evening by his inimitable recital of the woes of a Vicegerent which, according to him, are numerous and hard to bear. They arise mostly by reason of the contradictory advice so generously offered by everybody on the outside. Mr. Rourke said, in part:

"When you have your candidates up for initiation, one fellow says, 'Now, be brave, whatever you do,' and the poor fellow is terribly frightened; another fellow over there says, 'Act a gentleman, whatever you do,' and still another, 'Hit him with something. What are you monkeying for? Hit him with something.' By that time the candidate is about ready to throw up the sponge. But he notices a kind friend, and remembers that he was in the Union army, and he must have been shot at a thousand times; he will be brave. Another remarks, 'Yes, he was

the sympathy of that entire concourse rested. That young man sat at a table off on one side with a bowed head and contrite spirit, and before the festivities had closed he announced that if spared another twelve months he would never appear in that condition again. I am pleased to announce that the gentleman is with us again this evening and is not forlorn, although he has been asking us not to call on him to say anything. I want to ask Snark Norris to arise and confirm what I have stated. If he can't make a speech he can at least stand up."

Thus exhorted, Mr. Norris arose and said:

"I am going to make this talk to the ladies; the gentlemen I always leave out. (Laughter.) I think the best thing connected with the Order is the Osirian Cloister, and the banquet, and we all want to come in good condition and better than the first time. I think the ladies wield a good influence for the Order, and I want to thank the ladies of Buffalo for the attention they have shown the



where the shots were the thickest—in the ammunition wagon.' And so it is, with slight variation, all the time. The lot of the Vicegerent is neither full of joy nor one of sorrows only. But you can tell from my build that I am a worker, and I would rather work than make speeches."

Mr. W. E. Barnes set forth the claims of St. Louis as the place of the annual meeting in 1904. He was followed by Mr. R. D. Inman, of Portland, Ore., who told of the Lewis and Clark Centennial to be held in his city in 1905, and invited Hoo-Hoo to convene in Portland on that occasion.

At the close of Mr. Inman's speech Toastmaster Ewart said, referring to a promise made a year before by Mr. W. H. Norris, who vowed he would get married before the close of the Hoo-Hoo year:

"We have with us this evening a very notable evidence of the influence of these gatherings. One year ago tonight there met with us in the city of Milwaukee, in our banquet hall, a very forlorn looking gentleman upon whom

visiting ladies of the Order. The ladies belong to the Order as well as the men, because the men control the Order and the ladies control the men. (A voice: "Aw, listen now, he's hen-pecked already!") It is true I may have learned my lesson quick, but I will never forget it. My advice to all single men is, "Don't do it twice." (Laughter and applause, followed by a hearty rendering of the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

This concluded the speech making and the evening's entertainment was closed with evident good feeling on part of all present.

#### In Honor of the Bride.

One of the most enjoyable of the entertainment features was the informal but extremely elegant luncheon tendered Mrs. W. H. Norris by the ladies' local committee Tuesday noon at Anderson's Tea Rooms. The "Japanese Room" at this establishment is a beautiful apartment and furnished an ideal setting for the luncheon party. The table

was profusely decorated with pink and white gladiolus and trailing sprays of ferns. The place cards were very unique, that of Mrs. Norris being a tiny water-color picture of a bride, attired in costume of white and wearing a veil of tulle. An orchestra discoursed sweet music while a menu of nine courses was served. Besides the honoree and the twenty-five ladies of Buffalo there were present Miss Elizabeth Bunker, of Altoona, Pa., and Miss Anne Sherrill Baird, of Nashville, Tenn.

#### The Carriage Drive.

A carriage drive had been arranged for Wednesday, and about eleven o'clock the ladies took seats in handsome Victorias provided by the committee and were driven through the most prominent residence portion of the city. The day was an ideal one for such an outing. The heat of the sun was tempered by delightful lake breezes and the air was deliciously pure and bracing. The magnificence of Buffalo's homes was a revelation to some of those who visited that city for the first time, and the profusion of bright-hued flowers blossoming on the lawns was a great surprise to some of the guests from the South. Down long avenues of imposing residences, past stately public buildings and out along the boulevard by the lake front the carriages took their way, stopping finally at the beautiful suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. Curt M. Treat, where a dainty luncheon was served. A pleasing feature of this entertainment was the bestowal of a rose upon each guest by a winsome little flower girl, who stood just inside the vestibule, forming, with her airy garments and flowing hair, an exquisite picture against the background of palms and foliage.

After enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Treat, the ladies were driven back to the hotel, arriving in good time to dress for dinner and the theater party at Shea's.

#### Theater Party.

It was early in the theatrical season, of course, and there was no heavy drama, which was just as well, as an entertainment of a lighter sort was more in keeping with the occasion. Who wants to figure out the sinuous windings of the villain's mind, or weep wildly with the disheveled heroine when the thermometer is capering around in the nineties? An entertainment of varied nature and which will not strain the intellect is more appreciated. Along this line Shea puts up a good show, and those who attended his celebrated play-house enjoyed the evening thoroughly.

#### On the Waters of Lake Erie.

One of the most enjoyable events in the way of entertainment of the visitors was accorded them by the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, September 10, when the good ship Iroquois was placed at their disposal for a moonlight ride on the lake. About 200 of the ladies and gentlemen visitors took advantage of this event, the steamer starting from its dock at 9 minutes past 8 o'clock in the evening.

Some of the party expressed disappointment because the sky was overcast and there was no moonlight. Others seemed glad that Luna had veiled her face. The water was comparatively smooth, but there were a few in the party who felt an occasional squeamishness. To others the long, slow roll of the boat was a genuine delight. The dampish breeze that swept the upper deck sent the blood bounding through the veins and stirred within the heart a chord that thrilled back its answer to the elements. Have you never felt this kinship with wave and wind and sky? If you have not, you are a clod, and it doesn't matter whether you get on the boat or stay off.

It soon developed that among the party were several who seemed to have missed their vocation in not becoming professional fun-makers.

An impromptu negro minstrel show was organized in the bow of the boat by Curt M. Treat, as interlocutor, B. Arthur Johnson, N. A. Gladding, H. P. Hubbard and others, and old time songs were sung and old time stories related throughout the trip.

In the cabin the merriment waxed fast and furious, the entertainment provided being of a diversified character. The Hoo-Hoo band furnished appropriate music, and dancing was indulged in during part of the time. The party returned about eleven o'clock, after a most invigorating evening on the waters of Lake Erie.

#### Down the Gorge Route.

Friday, the day set for the trolley ride to Niagara, dawned bright and beautiful, and 250 people were up early and ready for the trip. Five open cars of the International Railway Company were loaded with the Buffalo hosts and their Hoo-Hoo guests, and the party started from Court and Pearl Streets at 10.09 a. m. The cars dashed forward at tremendous speed, and the ride was most exhilarating. The crisp lake breezes tempered the heat and the brilliant sunshine was calculated to brighten the spirits of the veriest pessimist, if there had been one along, but there wasn't. Everybody had come for a good time, and all realized that it was the trip of their lives. The Gorge Route is one of the scenic wonders of the world. Nowhere on the globe is there the same combination of serene beauty and appalling grandeur. In no other part of the earth can be viewed the same calm splendor of nature's mighty forces and the irresistible power made manifest in Niagara's cataract.

For nine miles the road runs along the swirling, dashing, leaping waters and only a few feet above them, and the awe-inspiring magnificence of the scene sometimes is almost overpowering.

Arrived at Niagara Falls, the visitors in their trolley cars crossed over the new steel arch bridge of the International Railway Company to the Canadian shore, thence down toward the falls in King Edward's domain. After giving everybody a view of the Canadian falls the cars proceeded down the high bank on that shore to the Brock monument, passing on the way the whirlpool rapids and the whirlpool, a view of the latter from the Canadian side being especially attractive. At Brock's monument the entire party disembarked, proceeding to the plateau, where long tables were laden with all sorts of delicacies for the discussion of the Hoo-Hoo guests. While waiting for the lunch to be served some of the more adventurous of the party climbed to the top of the Brock monument, a magnificent column 185 feet high, where they gave the Hoo-Hoo yell.

On the return trip the party stopped at Niagara Falls, where a visit was made to the factory of the Shredded Wheat Biscuit Company, an institution recently erected at Niagara Falls and supplied with power from its inexhaustible resources. After an inspection of the factory the members of the party distributed themselves around the village and occupied themselves in looking at the Falls or visiting the many curio shops. The return trip was delightful, though saddened somewhat by the thought of parting, for the jolly party was to break up that night and the twelfth Hoo-Hoo annual to take its place among the things that have been.

#### Greetings From Absent Members.

The Ritual requires that every member of Hoo-Hoo shall be present at the Annual Meeting or send a message stating why he cannot come and advising how Hoo-Hoo has served him during the year. A number of the absent brethren complied with this requirement, and their messages are printed herewith:

#### Telegrams.

Missoula, Mont., September 9, 1903.—W. H. Norris, Snark of the Universe, Buffalo, N. Y.: Montana Hoo-Hoo sends greeting and regret they have no representation.  
H. W. MURPHY, Vicegerent, Montana.

New York, September 9, 1903.—Supreme Snark, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Buffalo, N. Y.: Success to the cause. Sorry that I can't be with you.  
WM. COOPER (No. 104-A).

St. Marys, Pa., September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Awfully sorry, Jim, but I can't get away as expected.  
W. F. BARKER.

New York, September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hurrah for Bill Norris and his bride and yourself. Texas hopes to be with you.  
W. C. CONNOR, JR.

Elgin, Texas, September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Hoo-Hoo Convention, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hoo-Hoo hath served me well.  
J. H. DAVIS (No. 644-A).

Hattiesburg, Miss., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hoo-Hoo has been my best friend during past year.  
J. W. CHAMPLIN (No. 223-A).

Adona, Ark., September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo: Regretting our inability to attend the annual, we send greetings.  
E. E. PENDERGRASS,  
E. H. CRANE (No. 7402).

Lufkin, Texas, September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo: With kindest regards to all Hoo-Hoo. May the black cat howl and the lumber business grow.  
NO. 9487,  
NO. 490,  
NO. 1045-A,  
NO. 1053-A,  
NO. 1048-A,  
NO. 90.

Linton, Ind., September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Health, happiness and best wishes for the Hoo-Hoo Annual.  
JOHN COOPER.

Chattanooga, Tenn., September 8, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Chattanooga extends most cordial invitation to Hoo-Hoo to hold next Convention here. Most hospitable people and best convention city bid you welcome.  
A. W. CHAMBLISS, Mayor,  
C. H. HOLBROOK, Sec'y Chamber of Commerce.

Lufkin, Texas, September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Business engagements prevent our attendance. We are O K and wish good time to you cats.  
H. N. ATKINSON,  
C. T. THOMPSON.

Louisville, Ky., September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: In brotherly spirit we greet you, long live Hoo-Hoo.  
WM. C. BALLARD,  
J. CROW TAYLOR,  
GEO. W. SCHMIDT,  
FRED J. WILLIAMS.

Sioux Falls, S. D., September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: South Dakota sends best wishes. Sorry can't be there.  
R. O. MIRACLE.

Indianapolis, Ind., September 8, 1903.—James H. Baird, Scribe, care Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Regret exceedingly cannot join you to-day on account of meeting Indiana World's Fair Commission. Expect to see you to-morrow. Please extend my felicitations to all Osirians.  
N. A. GLADDING.

Indianapolis, Ind., September 2, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Have a pleasant position. Am well and for Hoo-Hoo all the time. Sorry I cannot be with you. Forty-one sixty-one can speak for me.  
J. D. BRIGHT.

St. Marys, Pa., September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo: Unable to attend and am much disappointed. Wish you all joy. Take one.  
E. H. HEATH.

Winona, Minn., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird and the Great Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Greeting. Long may he purr. Take one for  
NO. 2541.

Atlanta, Ga., September 9, 1903.—James Baird, Scrivenoter, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: We are still in the land of plenty. Sorry we can't be with you.  
NO. 6266,  
NO. 4429.

Mobile, Ala., September 9, 1903.—Snark of the Universe, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Health, happiness and long life to Hoo-Hoo.  
NO. 21.

Brace Bridge, Ontario, September 9, 1903.—Scrivenoter, Concatenated Order Hoo-Hoo, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Sorry cannot come. My heart is with you. Do good to Fussies.  
A. J. McFADYEN.

Rogers, Ark., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: No. 281-A is all right.  
F. F. FREEMAN.

Lufkin, Texas, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo: Regret we cannot be with you. Remember us to all the cats and keep the Hoo-Hoo band sober.

T. F. DUNN (No. 9518),  
J. W. CHANDLER (No. 9517),  
Z. H. HUBER (No. 9123),  
NORMAN LUFKIN BELK (No. 9511),  
G. S. PRESTRIDGE (No. 5168),  
G. A. KELLEY (No. 6208),  
G. C. PEYTON (No. 9525),  
C. G. GRIBBLE (No. 9521).

Tallahassee, Fla., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care House of Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: The black cat is well but can't join his gang to-day.  
C. K. C. AUSLEY (No. 680-A).

Jackson, Miss., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Best wishes to the Annual. Yours for health, happiness and long life.  
E. F. JONES,  
D. W. EVANS,  
H. Z. HILZHEIM.

Hattiesburg, Miss., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter Hoo-Hoo, care Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Papa second time Hoo-Hoo day. I can't help it now. Dry town, too.  
B. T. TOOMER (No. 348-A).

Tulsa, I. T., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hoo-Hoo is all right. Could not do without it. Success to the Annual. Business prevented attending.  
R. P. VINCENT.

Chicago, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Sawing wood. Purr for me. Vote me lucky final four.  
NO. 4114.

Gallatin, Tenn., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Sorry of my inability to get to Buffalo. Too busy.  
NO. 811-A.

Oil City, Pa., September 9, 1903.—Jim Baird, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Can't be with you. Grim business. Much sadness.  
JOHN G. WHITTIER.

Dallas, Texas, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Hoo-Hoo Convention, Buffalo, N. Y.: Health, happiness and long life to all Hoo-Hoo.  
A. DOSIER.

Fort Worth, Texas, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Secretary, Buffalo, N. Y.: Sorry we cannot come. Busy scratching.

NO. 1025,  
NO. 9624,  
NO. 3150.

Jacksonville, Fla., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Greetings. We are well and hearty.

F. A. LOVE (No. 9864),  
R. D. DRYSDALE (No. 8942),  
I. O. PREVATT (No. 1089-A),  
A. L. F. DRYSDALE (No. 9478).

Atlanta, Ga., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Regret unable to attend Convention on account of pressure of business. Greatly aided by Hoo-Hoo. Regards to all brothers.

E. D. WALSH.

Toronto, Ont., September 9, 1903.—Scrivener Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Impossible to be present. Success to the Order.

A. ECKARDTT.

Boston, Mass., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hope you are all enjoying the day. Sorry it is impossible for me to be with you.

JOHN G. CHURCH.

Lake Charles, La., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: All well on the Calcasieu.

NO. 94,  
NO. 1245,  
NO. 3316,  
NO. 8816,  
NO. 5882,  
NO. 6020.

Sour Lake, Texas, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Buffalo, N. Y.: May health, happiness and long life be measured to Hoo-Hoo as freely as oil flows from a Sour Lake gusher.

F. A. PECK (No. 339 A).

Boston, Mass.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Buffalo, N. Y.: Still doing business at same old stand. With success to Hoo-Hoo.

WM. G. DUNBAR (No. 427 A).

Austell, Ga., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Greatly regret not being with you. Regards to all the boys.

GEO. V. DENNY.

Greenville, Mo., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, Hoo-Hoo.

NO. 8381.

Kane, Pa., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Regret could not be present at Annual. With regards,

CLAYTON MARTIN POMEROY.

Centerville, Tenn., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Am all right. Wish you all success and happiness.

J. H. McFALL, V. L. A.

Asheville, N. C., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Am with you in spirit. With best wishes for the success of the meeting.

J. M. BURNS, V. S.

Fort Worth, Texas, September 9, 1903.—Jas. Baird, Scrivener, Hoo-Hoo Convention, Buffalo, N. Y.: Four nine two six sends greetings. Be good.

JAMES HAYS QUARLES.

Hattiesburg, Miss., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hoo-Hoo, care Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Am an old cat, but my tail still makes nine.

E. R. KIMBALL (No. 410).

New Orleans, La., September 9, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Sorry we couldn't come. Best regards to all. Eighty-three fifty-eight and Eighty-three ninety.

J. C. STONE,  
G. M. STONE.

Kansas City, Mo., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: We cannot lie. Distance simply too great to undertake on foot, but we are thinking about you all. Be good as you know how. Come down to Missouri next year and we will show you.

GEO. B. MAEGLY,  
FRANK N. DANIELS.

Bainbridge, Ga., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Regret cannot be with you. Health, happiness and long life to all Hoo-Hoo.

C. A. COWLES,  
N. E. WRIGHT.

Linton, Ind., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Health, happiness and best wishes for the Hoo-Hoo Annual.

P. L. FUSON.

Portland, Oregon, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hoo-Hoo has been good to me. Portland, Nineteen five.

GEO. E. YOULE.

Parson, W. Va., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Am well. Address unchanged. Sorry can't be with you to-day.

W. T. LATHAM.

Kansas City, Mo., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Buffalo, N. Y.: From Hoo-Hoo Club No. 1. Long live Hoo-Hoo.

RAY OLIVER, Sec'y.

Brace Bridge, Ont., September 9, 1903.—Scrivener, Concatenated Order Hoo-Hoo, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Regret unable to be with you. Trust boys will have good time.

C. C. WALLACE.

Brockton, Mass., September 9, 1903.—Karl Isburgh, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: All is well with six sixteen A.

S. H. EATON.

Boston, Mass., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Canadian Pacific outfit, A one ninety, A four thirty, A four thirty-five, A six thirteen, A seven fifty-seven, and A seven fifty-nine. Too busy watching your lumber business to be with you. One and all bespeak heartily for our Vicegerent Isburgh's proferment. We think he should be boosted to Supreme nine. Know Nashville stands for this.

H. G. LESLIE.

Johnson City, Tenn., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Buffalo, N. Y.: Sorry can't be with you. All is well. Long live Hoo-Hoo.

DAVID M. BUCK.

New York, September 9, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Twelve twenty-four A regrets cannot be there.

CHAS. C. LAPHAM.

Athens, Ga., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, care Hoo-Hoo Convention, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hoo-Hoo continues active and kind in this neck of woods.

NO. 4502,  
NO. 4818.

Clarksburg, W. Va., September 9, 1903.—Mr. Jas. H. Baird, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: 5469 and 400 A.

Orange, Texas, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Convention, Buffalo, N. Y.: Have remitted two years' dues to-day.

C. W. HOLE.

Shreveport, La., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Genesee Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Am here, but wish I was in Buffalo.

NO. 9944.

Bainbridge, Ga., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Three square meals daily, a clear stay, full moon and a back yard fever at night. Love to all Hoo-Hoo.

E. J. PERRY,  
G. T. TONGE,  
H. C. ALLEN,  
J. W. CALLAHAN.

Castle Rock, Col., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Am well; too busy to leave home.

PRESTON DAY (No. 987-A).

Shreveport, La., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Genesee Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Here yet B T T O T G S B C.

NO. 9888.

San Antonio, Texas, September 9, 1903.—Hoo-Hoo Convention, Buffalo, N. Y.: I send greetings to all. May we all meet at House of Hoo-Hoo next.

NO. 5024.

Lincoln, Neb., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Buffalo, N. Y.: Nebraska Hoo-Hoo are prosperous. Greeting and best wishes for a successful Annual.

D. E. GREEN, V. S.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener Hoo-Hoo, care Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: One hundred and fifty Hoo-Hoo, forty kittens, assembled, all howling for 1905 Annual. Must have it.

JAS. A. CLOCK,  
E. CLARK EVANS (No. 126-A).

New York, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener Hoo-Hoo, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Here ninth day ninth hour. Heart breaking because am not there. Unlimited success to Convention.

J. B. MENDENHALL (No. 84991).

Denver, Col., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, care Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: The Lumbermen's Association of Denver wish health, happiness and long life to all Hoo-Hoo. Regret are unable to attend. Signed.

NO. 2780,  
NO. 5345,  
NO. 3918,  
NO. 2775,  
NO. 51,  
NO. 8088,  
NO. 8078,  
NO. 9229,  
NO. 6761,  
NO. 9315,  
NO. 6608,  
NO. 8083,  
NO. 6161,  
NO. 2225,  
NO. 6117,  
NO. 2227,  
NO. 6516.

Sheboygan, Wis., September 9, 1903.—Hoo-Hoo Convention, Buffalo, N. Y.: Sorry to miss meeting. Am all O K.

NO. 8885.

Philadelphia, Pa., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener Hoo-Hoo, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Good luck, best wishes, and regrets that I cannot be with you.

J. L. PHILIPS.

New York, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Well. Happy regards to all good Hoo-Hoo.

H. T. BARKER.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1903.—W. H. Norris, Snark, care Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Greetings from the Hoo-Hoo of Pacific Slope. We unitedly ask for 1905 Annual.

JAS. A. CLOCK,  
E. CLARK EVANS,  
JOHN L. MERCER,  
EDWARD KELLEY.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1903.—R. D. Inman, care Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: One million people looking forward to Hoo-Hoo Annual 1905; two hundred Hoo-Hoo assembled earnestly and fervently ask for it.

JAS. A. CLOCK.

Sheffield, Pa., September 10, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Sec'y of Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: My present address Sheffield, Pa.; number 8221.

A. H. BAILEY.

Baltimore, Md., September 9, 1903.—Mr. Wm. H. Norris, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Health, happiness and long life. More success to Hoo-Hoo next year in this section.

NO. 5698.

Galveston, Texas, September 9, 1903.—Norris, Snark of the Universe, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hoo-Hoo of Galveston send greetings, long life and prosperity. We are getting old, but all here and happy.

MOORE,  
BAILY,  
HAWLEY,  
DENISON,  
HIGHTOWER.

Cincinnati, O., September 9, 1903.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Remembering odors of the onion patch and the sessions on the roof, I extend best wishes.

ARCH PEARL WATERFIELD.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1903.—R. D. Inman, care Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Beckman, Minneapolis, threatened with appendicitis; falls on you to represent Washington, Oregon, California.

JAS. A. CLOCK,  
JOHN L. MERCER,  
J. CLARK EVANS,  
EDWARD KELLEY.

Fargo, N. D., September 10, 1903.—Jas. H. Baird, Scrivener, care Hoo-Hoo Convention, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hoo-Hoo of North Dakota greet you. You had the time and price we know. Our great regret we cannot meet you at Buffalo, dear Buffalo. As kittens we've been taught to love you as cats our hearts are still aglow; our milk is spilled but that won't stop you from painting red old Buffalo.

NO. 277,  
NO. 785,  
NO. 4233,  
NO. 4242,  
NO. 4142,  
NO. 5050,  
NO. 1090,  
NO. 3590,  
NO. 3707,  
NO. 92-A,  
NO. 4244.

Moundsville, W. Va., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: All's well. Sorry we can't attend. Wish all fine time.

NO. 3661.

Lufkin, Texas, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener Hoo-Hoo, care Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: We will meet you House Hoo-Hoo World's Fair next year.

A. B. LOPER (No. 1058-A),  
C. H. HORRELL (No. 1054-A).

Portales, New Mexico, September 7, 1903.—W. H. Norris, Snark of the Universe, care Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Can't be with you. Everything lovely. Hoo-Hoo is all O K. Look out for Amarillo October 9th. Regards to yourself and Coal Oil Johnnie.

M. NEWMAN (No. 6388).

Baton Rouge, La., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Order of Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Though absent in person, my heart is with you. May Hoo-Hoo live long and prosper.

NO. 8024.

Nicholas, Ga., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, care Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: All hail to Hoo-Hoo! May the Order prosper as the great Hoo-Hoo has made his children to prosper.

F. MIDDLETHOR (7754).



Port Arthur, Texas, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Sorry business prevents my attending annual. Wishing you howling good time,  
NO. 4904.

Cairo, Ill., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: We three send greeting to Hoo-Hoo. Fifteen sixty-six, twenty-three ninety-eight, twenty-seven sixty-nine.

THREE STATES LUMBER CO.

Orange, Texas, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Buffalo, N. Y.: Undersigned Orange Hoo-Hoo send greetings. May the wail of the benign black cat surround all Hoo-Hoo with nine walls of prosperity, now and forever more.

HON. NO. 48,  
HON. NO. 40,  
NO. 1395,  
NO. 2258,  
NO. 4447,  
NO. 4450,  
NO. 4451,  
NO. 4453,  
NO. 4454,  
NO. 4446,  
NO. 4469,  
NO. 4460,  
NO. 4462,  
NO. 5303,  
NO. 5295,  
NO. 6330,  
NO. 5400,  
NO. 7483,  
NO. 7486,  
NO. 7485,  
NO. 7490,  
NO. 7772,  
NO. 4524,  
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NO. 9492,  
NO. 9493,  
NO. 9494,  
NO. 9497,  
NO. 9504,  
NO. 9508,  
NO. 9506,  
NO. 900-A,  
NO. 904-A.

Nashville, Tenn., September 9, 1903.—Scrivenoter, Order Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: We wish joy and prosperity to all children of the Great Hoo-Hoo.

NO. 34-A,  
NO. 797-A.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hoo-Hoo has been exceptionally good to us. Annual Portland, 1905.

WALTER CORNELIOUS,  
BARNHART,  
WILLIAMS,  
WALKER GORDON,  
CHARLES EDWARD GRIGG.

Columbia, S. C., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, care Hoo-Hoo Delegation, Buffalo, N. Y.: Goose still hangs high. Love to all.  
CHAS. H. EVANS.

Fort Smith, Ark., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Supreme Scrivenoter, Headquarters Hoo-Hoo Convention, Buffalo, N. Y.: Cordial greetings and best wishes to our grand and immortal brotherhood. Regret exceedingly my inability to be with you in person, but I am with you in spirit, and feel certain that the wisdom of your united councils will shed further glory and prosperity on our beloved Order and add to its renown. The cradle State of the Order does you full and merited honor and praise and wishes you God-speed in your noble works.  
JAMES BRIZZOLARA, V. S.

Savannah, Ga., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Order Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: I am still living for the good of Hoo-Hoo.  
N. GODLEY.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.: Greeting, Great Hoo-Hoo, Health perfect. Annual Portland, 1905.

D. ELLERY,  
J. L. MERCER.

Frederick, O. T., September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Health good. Hoo-Hoo fine in Oklahoma. Success to meeting.  
S. D. HOWELL (No. 9906).

Muscatine, Iowa, September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Success to Hoo-Hoo. Regret inability to attend.

W. H. JOBE,  
E. H. DALBEY.

Boston, Mass., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Three eighty-eight A. With you in spirit. Pere Marquette restraining the body.  
T. L. PIERCE.

Buckhannon, W. Va., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Am well and very busy. Expected to be in Buffalo but could not get away.  
G. R. PROUDFOOT (No. 9247).

Indianapolis, Ind., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Sorry I cannot attend. Under the weather at present.  
WM. A. NOBLE (No. 749-A).

Cincinnati, O., September 9, 1903.—Jimmie Baird, Scrivenoter, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: Regret inability to be with the Black Cats to-day. Give them my love.  
C. W. CANTRELL (No. 8120).

Minneapolis, Minn., September 7, 1903.—Jas. H. Baird, care Hoo-Hoo Convention, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Taken seriously ill here. Will endeavor to be with you before week over. Notify Inman.  
VICTOR H. BECKMAN.

Chicago, Ill., September 9, 1903.—The Snark of the Universe, Buffalo, N. Y.: Congratulations to yourself and Brother Hoo-Hoo. Sorry cannot be with you.

NO. 2879,  
NO. 4703,  
NO. 740-A.

Traverse City, Mich., September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Buffalo, N. Y.: I confirm any action taken by the Supreme Nine in all matters at Buffalo.  
HARVEY AVERY GURDON.

New York, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.: Unavoidably detained by recent developments here. Though absent in person, am with you in spirit. Extend greeting to our Buffalo friends and assembled Hoo-Hoo, and express my earnest wishes for the good of Hoo-Hoo and the largest measure of success for this Annual. B T O T G S B C.  
WM. B. STILLWELL.

Letters.

Bleak House, Aston, Cheshire, Eng.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.—My Dear Sir: Having only recently become a member of the fraternity, and then leaving at once for a business trip abroad, I am not perhaps so well drilled in with the work of a Hoo-Hoo. However, I do understand one rule—I now beg to say that on the ninth of September I shall be home. Hoo-Hoo, of course, has treated me well for the short time I have belonged to the Order. In Germany the emblem was much criticised for the simple fact that it is the emblem of an order that is worn by any member after he has been on a spree and thinks he is suffering from a headache. My friends in Hamburg, after seeing me wearing the button two days in succession, at once asked the meaning of it. I soon enlightened them as to its true character. With my best wishes for the success of the Order, also with my best respects to you, I am,  
Yours faithfully,  
JOHN L. ALCOCK.

Buckhannon, W. Va., September 7, 1903.—Dear Brother Baird: Pursuant to that part of our Constitution which requires each member to advise you where he is at on Hoo-Hoo day, I beg to advise that I am now located at Buckhannon, W. Va. I have had the pleasure of attending two Concatenations during the year just closing, and must say that I am very well pleased with the Order. Wish I could be with you at the Annual, as I know you will have a jolly good time. I am fraternally yours,  
J. R. GOAD (No. 7503).

Toronto, Canada, September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Supreme Scrivenoter, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir and Brother: It has been my intention to be with you to-morrow at the Annual Concatenation, but I regret business will keep me at home. I wish you and the Hoo-Hoo brethren assembled a very enjoyable time, and trust you will send the members from this city back home much wiser, if not better men. They are all good fellows. There is nothing of interest that I can say to you further than we will push along the Order in this country. My business and my post-office address is the same as you have it.  
A. R. RICHES.

Toronto, September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenoter Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir and Brother: Hope you have pleasant weather and a real good old time. Regret inability to attend. Yours sincerely,  
RICHARD LOCKE (No. 970-A).

Birta, Ark., September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir: It will be impossible for me to attend the Annual, nevertheless I hope that this Annual will be one of the greatest gatherings of lumbermen that has ever been held. I am going to the World's Fair and there I hope to form the acquaintance of all the loyal Thomases. Hoping that you and all the good brothers will have a royal good time, I beg to remain,  
Fraternally yours,  
CHAS. BYRN (No. 8967).

Newark, Ohio, September 8, 1903.—James H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Baird: In conformity with Hoo-Hoo custom you are hereby advised that I cannot be with you at this Annual. This information is accompanied with personal regret. I am too busy and have other duties to perform this week. Please say to the assembled Hoo-Hoo that Ohio desires J. Wilson, Jr., present Supreme Bojum, advanced upon the rolls of the Supreme Nine. Anticipating this, however, I might add that they will not only honor Brother Wilson, but will also honor and reflect credit upon the Order. As for yourself, please accept my best wishes, coupled with the hope that the boys will appreciate your past services to such an extent that they will again unanimously choose you to your present position. Trusting that good judgment and wisdom will attend your deliberations, I am  
Yours fraternally,  
F. M. SMITH, V. S.

Lima, Ohio, September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: Greetings to all Hoo-Hoo. Sorry that I cannot be with you; hope that you will all have a pleasant time. All Hoo-Hoo do to Hoo-Hoo as they would have Hoo-Hoo do to them.  
T. W. DOBBINS (No. 646).

Findlay, Ohio, September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother: I cannot attend the Annual on account of too much business. I am quite well and enjoying a fine trade. Hoping you all will have a fine time, I remain yours fraternally.  
A. G. HILL (No. 1017-A).

Denver, Col., September 1, 1903.—Jas. H. Baird, Esq., Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Jim: Again I find it impossible to attend the Hoo-Hoo Annual and to meet all the boys and renew the more than pleasant acquaintances of past years. This is a great disappointment to me, as I have looked forward with anticipations of great pleasure to this trip. With love to all my acquaintances and friends, as well as to Hoo-Hoo generally, and hoping you may have a royal good meeting and that you may be a "hold over" again, I remain yours truly,  
R. W. STEWART (No. 2224).

Minneapolis, Minn., September 8, 1903.—Dear Brother Baird: There are no doubt "Black Cats" galore in Buffalo. Hope the Twelfth Annual will be a howling success and regret very much that I cannot be with you. This finds me well and all O. K. Great Hoo-Hoo has been very kind to me since he gave me a place on the "roof," and I hope to continue in his favor.

Wishing you and all brother members in Hoo-Hoo success, I am yours fraternally,  
L. G. RAYMOND (No. 95-A).

Jacksonville, Fla., September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Baird: For the past nine days I have been dreaming every night of a pleasant journey to the East and of one of Mr. Pullman's "finest" porters yelling "Didn't you tell me to put you off at Buffalo?" but, as you know, "dreams go by contraries," and here I am still in the Sunny South, tied here by important business which prevents my hopes and aspirations being fulfilled. It goes without saying I am very much disappointed. I hope you will all have a glorious old time of it and that much wisdom will be displayed in the legislation for the "Good of the Order." Select Jacksonville for your next Annual and I will give a bond for my attendance.  
Fraternally yours,  
H. H. RICHARDSON (No. 6796).

Los Angeles, Cal., September 5, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir: I will not be able to be with you in person at the Annual, but will be in mind. I shall hit the desk nine times at nine minutes after nine on the 9th. There is no change in my vocation or address. Wishing that you all may have your usual happy time, I am yours,  
C. H. GRIFFEN (No. 6170).

Springfield, Mo., September 6, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Buffalo, N. Y.—Brother Baird: Hoo-Hoo No. 8802 sends you greeting, as it is impossible to attend the Twelfth Annual. Wishing you all well, I am yours very truly,  
E. E. ENNIS (No. 8802).

Pollock, La., September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir: I regret very much not being present at the Annual this year, owing to rush of business. Hoo-Hoo has granted me many favors since becoming a member, and I shall ever be true and loyal to the Order. Not being present in person, I am with you in spirit. May all the members present enjoy themselves to the fullest measure of the law.  
Fraternally,  
OTTO M. ERNST (No. 690-A).

Regards to Hoo-Hoo. H. H. 4408. 9-9-03. Jacksonville, Fla. Buffalo is not on my trail.

Holdrege, Neb., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir: I send the annual greeting to the great Order of Hoo-Hoo.  
C. A. GALLOWAY (No. 5901).

Elwood, Ind., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Baird: To-day I am with you in spirit if not in person. Hoo-Hoo has been beneficial to me, and I regret that I cannot now worship, with you, at his shrine. May health, happiness and long life ever attend the Great Black Cat and all his followers.  
Yours, B T O T G S B C,  
CLARENCE MURRAY MUNGER (No. 26-A).

South Boston, Mass., September 9, 1903.—Ways and Means Committee, Twelfth Annual, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, 325 Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sirs: I regret exceedingly not being able to be present at your annual meeting at Buffalo. I am yours truly,  
G. BRENTNALL (No. 979-A).

Cashion, Okla., September 8, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother: All has been well in this corner of the onion-patch with me during past year. I trust you will all have a splendid time.  
Yours fraternally,  
LEWIS SENNETT DOWNING (No. 465-A).

Mobile, September 7, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir and Brother: The coming Annual will find me absent. I have long aspired to the Osirian Cloister. How much I regret that I cannot be present at this annual gathering, our worthy Vicegerent, Cary W. Butt, No. 2637, can explain in his own happy way. I beg you to convey my cordial greeting to all Hoo-Hoo in convention assembled. I return thanks for the blessings that come to all who owe allegiance to Hoo-Hoo. My health is fair. My business is good. Hoo-Hoo is the Prophet of Prosperity. Accept my best wishes to you all, and may the new year be a prosperous season. With love and affection,  
THOS. DENNIS (No. 2640).

Wakita, Okla., September 5, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: I regret to say that owing to a press of business I will be unable to meet you in Buffalo. With best wishes for Hoo-Hoo, I remain yours sincerely,  
J. H. RAMSAY (No. 474-A).

Portland, Ore., September 2, 1903.—Dear Brother Baird: Your circular received. I regret very much that I cannot be with you at Buffalo and get all that is coming to me from the Osirian Cloister, and which I imagine would be plenty. As you know, we hold a joint concatenation here September 9th, and will have our hands full. Expect to hold one of the largest meetings in history of Hoo-Hoo. I have secured reduced rates over all lines for the occasion, which should bring in a great many outsiders. Brother Evans is working nights to make the meeting a success. The indications now are that we will have two or three hundred Hoo-Hoo, and a large number of candidates. Can't you take Anthony as a substitute for me and kill him? Yours fraternally,  
JAS. A. CLOCK, V. S.

Bluefield, W. Va., September 5, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir and Brother: A letter received last evening from Atlanta, Ga., informing me of the now critical illness of my sister, who has been sick at her home in that city for the past two weeks, and expecting to be called there by wire at any moment, makes it necessary for me to give up my trip to Buffalo. This is certainly a great disappointment, and under the circumstances all the harder to bear. All of my arrangements had been made to leave to-night for Buffalo, and instead of doing so may have to go in another direction on a trip of sadness and not one of pleasure, as I had planned. With kindest regards to yourself and all Hoo-Hoo, and wishing each a most pleasant time, I am fraternally yours,  
RICHARD W. CUBBEDGE (No. 7869).

September 2, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Baird: Much to my sorrow, circumstances over which I have no control will prevent my attending the annual meeting on September 9th. I feel very bad over this, as I had set my mind on this trip and had been anticipating the pleasure of meeting you and the other members of the Supreme Nine, but regrets are useless, and it will be impossible for me to be there. With this exception Hoo-Hoo has treated me very kindly during the past twelve months, and I trust will continue his favors. With best wishes for the success of the Annual, I am yours truly,  
M. V. GEAGAN (No. 2780).

Heaters, W. Va., August 31, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother: Owing to the illness of Mr. R. M. Smith, I will be unable to attend the Annual. Although young in the cause, I am glad I am enrolled in the Order. I am enjoying the best of health, have a fair show of happiness and good prospects for a long life. Hoping the boys will get all that is coming to them and wishing you all health, happiness, and long life, I am yours fraternally,  
CHAS. A. MILLER (No. 9672).

Diana, W. Va., September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.: I regret very much that I cannot be with you all at the Annual, but hope to see you all at St. Louis. Yours fraternally,  
J. H. CHAPMAN (No. 9240).

St. Paul, Ark., September 1, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir and Brother: 'Tis with regret I inform you I will not be able to spare the time to attend the annual Hoo-Hoo meeting at Buffalo this year. However, I appreciate the low rate you have secured, which places the trip in reach of almost any Hoo-Hoo who can find the time to spare to be with you. Hoping the incoming year will be as prosperous with Hoo-Hoo as the outgoing one has been, I am fraternally yours,  
S. L. GILL (No. 9178).

Kremlin, O. T., September 5, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Buffalo, N. Y.: Here is hoping that all old cats and kittens are having the very best time possible and that the best Territory or State in the Union is well represented. Am yours respectfully,  
HARRY CRAGIN (No. 1132-A).

Am very glad to add am well and that Hoo-Hoo has served me as fine as possible so far. NO. 1132-A.

Wichita, Kansas, September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother: Sorry I cannot be in Buffalo the 9th. Would have been present but for sickness in my family. A rousing good time to yourself and Hoo-Hoo is the wish of your brother,  
H. W. CONSTANT (No. 8589).

Ridgway, Ill., September 7, 1903.—Scrivenoter Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.: Business engagements prevent my presence with you this year, but if living next year, 1904, I hope to meet you all on the roof at St. Louis. I have been a Hoo-Hoo since January 28, 1903, No. 153-A, and am well pleased with the Order and the name. Yours for a long time membership. Respectfully,  
ROBT. TATE (No. 153-A).

P. S.—My son of 14 summers says he wants to be a Hoo-Hoo when old enough. This is his picture on an envelope.  
R. T.

Greenville, S. C., September 4, 1903.—Brother J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.: Sorry I can't be with you. Had the time of my life with you all at Norfolk, Va. Remember me to all of the boys and take one for yours truly,  
E. F. ADAMS (No. 6001).

Same old address; well and sound.

Jacksonville, Fla., September 6, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Baird: It will fall to my lot this year to celebrate the Hoo-Hoo anniversary by hard work in an Alachua County, Fla., cypress swamp; nevertheless, I shall manage to find time during the day to pay my tribute to Great Hoo-Hoo for all the prosperity and good luck he sent me last year by greeting him with our glorious Hoo-Hoo yell. Wishing you and every brother with you a good time, and sympathizing with those that cannot be with you, like myself, I am yours for H. H. and L. L.,  
KARL FRIES (No. 6486).

Roanoke, W. Va., September 6, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird—Dear Sir and Brother: As it will be impossible for me to attend the annual meeting at Buffalo on the 9th, I will write you a few lines. It would afford me great pleasure to attend this meeting, but business will not admit. Would just say that I am much pleased with the Order and would like to have the pleasure of attending another meeting in the near future. I shall not worry your patience in writing, for I know your time will be scarce, but will just say that I wish all a pleasant time at Buffalo. Yours truly,  
R. W. DUNCAN (No. 1028-A).

Boston, Mass., September 5, 1903.—James Hades Baird, Esq., Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.: The weather here in Boston today is much like your middle name, but we trust zephyrs sufficiently cool will come down from the frozen North to temper the hot time that the writer regrets he must miss this year at Buffalo. You are going to have a great time, and next year shall hope to be with you. We shall all await "Isy's" return with interest, and hope when Mr. Isburgh (8430) reaches Buffalo you will give him a run for his money. He's all right. Business is good here in N. E. That's about all from yours truly,  
FRED. S. KINGSLEY (8527).

Saint John, N. B., Canada, September 5, 1903.—H. P. Hubbard, V. S., Vicegerent Snark, Eastern District, Dominion of Canada, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.—Sir and Brother Hoo-Hoo No. 9573: Acknowledging your circular communication of the 1st instant just to hand, would say that owing to business engagements will be unable to join you in celebrating at Buffalo on the 9th instant. I hope that you and all the other Black Cats assembled at that time will have a royal good time, and that you will carry out in the spirit as well as the letter our good old motto, "Health, Happiness and a Good Time." Yours fraternally,  
T. CUSHING.

New Orleans, La., September 6, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Baird: I have just received a letter from Brother Norris, Snark, requesting me to be in Buffalo on the 7th and not later than the morning of the 8th, to attend a special meeting of the Supreme Nine. I regret very much to say that it will be impossible for me to attend the annual meeting at Buffalo this year, but will say to you I will most willingly confirm any action taken by the Supreme Nine at this annual meeting. Hope that you will have a grand, successful meeting and that you may open the eyes of a goodly number of poor blind kittens. I had fully intended to meet you all in Buffalo this Annual, but business has prevented. I will wire you to-morrow at Buffalo, care Hoo-Hoo Headquarters. With best wishes, I am fraternally yours,  
HARVEY AVERY GURDON.

Murphy, N. C., September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.: I am very sorry not to be able to be with you at the annual meeting. I planned to make the trip, but business intervened. Since I have become a Hoo-Hoo it has given me a great many pleasant times. Fraternally yours,  
W. H. WOODBURY (No. 117-A).

Boston, September 8, 1903.—Dear Brother Baird: It is with many regrets that I have to write this letter, as I had great hopes of being with the kittens at Buffalo to-morrow, but some things have turned up that require my attention here. Wishing your convention to be a "howling success," I remain yours fraternally,  
JOHN F. TYLER.

Mt. Clemens, Mich., September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y., at Twelfth Hoo-Hoo Annual: Greeting to Hoo-Hoo. Business fairly good at home. Am here recuperating health. Improving daily. Yours very truly,  
NO. 497.

Redlands, Cal., September 4, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Scrivenoter: Greetings to you and the brethren from the "Land of Sunshine," flowers and oranges. After a severe siege of sickness, I am happy to say I am recovering wonderfully in this beautiful portion of our land. If you can, please give my special regards to "Pap" Hemenway, of Colorado Springs, and Brother English, of Denver, whom I have no doubt will be with you, and remember that though I may not be with you in person, I will be in spirit. Fraternally yours,  
HARRY J. ROGERS (No. 9323).

Formerly of The Minnequa Lumber Co., Pueblo, Col.

Pittsburg, Pa., September 8, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir and Brother: Kindly extend to the brethren my sincere regret at being unable to attend the opening of your Annual in Buffalo to-morrow. Please believe, however, that with thousands of other loyal Hoo-Hoo I am with you in spirit. Fraternally yours,  
JOHN H. HENDERSON (No. 7177).

Jacksonville, Fla., September 7, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Order Hoo-Hoo, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir and Brother: My inability to be with you is a source of much regret, but hope to hear of what a good time the balance have. Am well and fairly prosperous. With regards, yours very truly,  
JOHN H. MCKINNON (No. 1094-A).

Winthrop, Mass., September 8, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Sir: Being unable to attend the annual meeting, I am obliged to take this means of fulfilling my obligations to Hoo-Hoo. With best wishes for Hoo-Hoo, I am fraternally yours,  
JOHN A. HAMMOND (No. 618-A).

Des Moines, Iowa, September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y., Iroquois Hotel: Received my button and book a short time ago, and beg leave to acknowledge same. Quite a number joined the Order at the same time, and they certainly showed us a large time. Trusting all the members will enjoy themselves, and regretting I cannot be present on account of business, I remain,  
J. W. MALLAM (No. 1235-A).

J. H. Baird, Buffalo, N. Y.: I am a real young kitten, and like the Hoo-Hoo splendid. Owing to the rush of business it will be impossible to attend the annual meeting. Lufkin will be well represented by the Hoo-Hoo band. Very respectfully,  
F. O. HOLLENBECK (No. 1055).

Jacksonville, Fla., September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother: Am sorry I cannot be with you. Business prevents. Am well, doing well, and wish you all a good time.  
H. E. PLOOF (No. 7005).

Boston, Mass., September 9, 1903.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: I find it impossible to attend our annual meeting to-day, and so forward you a Hoo-Hoo's best wishes for a pleasant and successful meeting. Yours fraternally,  
JOHN C. DeLANEY (No. 615-A).

Palmer, W. Va., September 6, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.: Hope you and all the brothers assembled will have an enjoyable time, and am very sorry that I cannot be with you this, the first Annual since my eyes were opened. Wishing you and all much success, I remain yours very truly,  
ROBT. E. LYNN (No. 9671).

Washington, N. C., September 6, 1903.—Long live Hoo-Hoo. Yours, etc.,  
NO. 622-A.

Boston, September 8, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird: I regret to pen the fact that I am unable to attend the Hoo-Hoo Annual at Buffalo. However, I wish you all a good time, and I hope to be at your next. Fraternally yours,  
C. B. ROGERS (No. 624-A).

Memphis, Tenn., September 6, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I had hoped to have the pleasure of meeting my brother "Toms" in Buffalo, but find I cannot get away at this time, even for a few days. I desire to extend my congratulations and best wishes to all the boys, and trust they will have the best of good times. Very sincerely,  
GEO. P. PHILLIPS (No. 6046).

"The only living branded Hoo-Hoo."

Clarks, La., September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Baird: I am well and doing well, and hope all members of our great Order can say the same. I regret that I cannot be in Buffalo with you. I am sincerely yours,  
F. H. CAMPBELL.

Atlanta, Ga., September 7, 1903.—Dear Brother Baird: As per my obligation to the Great Black Cat, I write to let you know where I am. Unfortunately I am in Atlanta instead of ed route to Buffalo. Things are about as usual with me at present and prospects bright for next season. We had a Concatenation here last week, which, while small, afforded us lots of fun. Brother L. H. McDaniels (No. 1255-A), whom we put through, is now a red hot cat. We guaranteed to return his fee if he did not get his money's worth, but he says now he feels like he owed us and will repay by working for the Order. He wishes me to report him "right side up," and hopes, with me, to be on hand at the next Annual. With best wishes from both of us for the success of the Order, I am very truly yours,  
CLIFFORD C. ANDERSON (No. 2588).

Lufkin, Texas, September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.: Owing to circumstances I am compelled to resort to this way of answering to the Hoo-Hoo call. You can see by my number that I am new in the Order. I have had little chance to be benefited by it, but am sure I have not been in anyway harmed, and am proud that I am a full fledged cat. Wishing you all a grand time, I am yours fraternally,  
W. E. DUNLAP (No. 1051-A).

Bradgate, Iowa, September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Buffalo, N. Y.: As per our Ritual pledge, I write you to-day confessing my sorrow that I cannot be with the cats and kittens at this Annual. It has never been my good fortune to attend one of these affairs, but then I am not a very old cat yet, and hope to be at the "big meet" some of these times and do my share of the howling and make up for lost time. I am delighted to see the wonderful growth of the Order, but why shouldn't we grow when we represent the "best thing on earth"? With kindest regards, I am yours fraternally.

C. W. LAUGHLIN (No. 9557).

Savanna, Ill., September 8, 1903.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.: I regret very much that I cannot be with you and the brethren at the annual meeting. I will think of you all and trust you will have a pleasant and profitable meeting. I wish all the brethren long lives and happy ones, and the entertainment committee have my thanks for the courtesies extended to those present.

Yours BTTOTGSBC,

W. P. RHODES (No. 1910).

New York, September 8, 1903.—My Dear Baird: Had planned on being at the Hoo-Hoo Annual but find that it will be impossible to get to Buffalo on the 9th. I am very sorry, as I believe every good Hoo-Hoo should try and be on hand. With best wishes to all the members and yourself, I am very truly yours.

M. C. MOORE (No. 6557).

Sparta, Ill., September 8, 1903.—Great Hoo-Hoo: The Great Black Cat has served me well for 1903. Hoping you will have a grand meeting, and I regret very much that I can't be there. Yours truly,

E. L. BLEDSOE (No. 8708).

New Dorchester, Mass., September 9, 1903.—Karl Isburgh, Esq.—Dear Brother: Although I am the oldest Hoo-Hoo in Boston as to time of joining, you no doubt wonder why you don't see or hear from me. About nine years ago, while on a trip South—at that time I was President of Boston Lumber Co.—I was taken down with malaria and rheumatism, and since that time have been disabled. My neck and both hips have become ossified, so it makes it hard to get around, and I do not get into the city very often, as I have been out of business and had no occasion to go away from home very much. I ride from six to fifteen miles around the suburbs each day and attend to what real estate matters that I can see to, and at present am in good health, only being bent over very much when I walk. I should like to be able to go to Buffalo and meet my friends, but I suppose I should find a good many changes, from what I hear of the lumber business, should hardly know how to conduct it at present time, although I had good success when I was in it, and often wish I could get into it again, as I liked the traveling and had about fifteen years from woods to finish. I should have come in to some of the Concatenations you have held the past winter (and from what I can learn you have done your best for Hoo-Hoo in this region, and with better success than any previous Vicegerent Snark), but for the reason I don't go out much at night. Should be pleased to meet you after your return from Buffalo and hear about your trip. Give my regards to all who may remember Folsom, or 2812. To-night as I was walking on my veranda and taking my after-dinner smoke, a black cat and a stranger came and rubbed my legs and tried to say something, which I interpreted as a sign that I ought to report to the Order, and wished I were able to in person. With greetings to all brothers, yours,

H. L. FOLSOM (No. 2312).

Logtown, Miss., September 9, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Baird: 'Tis now nine minutes after nine, a. m., and a cool breeze blowing. I hope you are having a good breeze up there at Buffalo, for I guess you fellows will need one when away from the fans. Well, I have just struck a balance on my books, and will have smooth sailing for the balance of the month, though am suffering from a slight attack of the "La Grippe," contracted through the night. I regret not being with you Hoo-Hoo, but will try to be with you at the next Annual if the Hoo-Hoo year we are now entering gives as good returns as the year just ended. I have been in my present position several months before becoming and ever since being a member of the "Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo," and have enjoyed good health and fared well in general.

I notice through the sheets of "The Bulletin" that new members are being added rapidly, which I am glad to see, for it adds strength to our Order, besides being a great help to the individuals lucky enough to get into the Order. I congratulate Brother Norris, the retiring Snark, for valuable services rendered the Order during his term, and hope the incoming Snark will be as wisely selected as was Brother Norris. Not wishing to consume too much of your valued time, I will close by wishing you all a jubilant time. Long live Hoo-Hoo and Brother Baird. Fraternally yours,  
S. B. SWETMAN (No. 9953).

Kansas City, Mo., September 7, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Buffalo, N. Y.—Dear Brother Baird: As Hoo-Hoo day approaches and the faithful kittens from various parts of the country start on their pilgrimage to beautiful Buffalo, there to participate in the deliberations for the well-being of our Order and to partake of the hospitality of the princely lumbermen of Buffalo, my mind reverts to past Annuals it has been my privilege to attend, and is filled with pleasant memories of meetings with well-esteemed friends, but at the same time these pleasant memories are mingled with a keen regret that it is not to be that I may be one of the Hoo-Hoo registered at the Buffalo meeting. I had planned to be with the brethren at the Twelfth Annual, but business prevents my attendance.

During my year as Vicegerent for Western Missouri, but one Concatenation was held in this jurisdiction, at which time fifty-three candidates were initiated. I regret that it was not possible to hold more Concatenations in my jurisdiction during my term. However, I had the pleasure of assisting in the Concatenations held by Vicegerent T. H. Rogers at Oklahoma City, and at Hobart, O. T., and at the Concatenation held by Vicegerent J. E. Marrs at Wichita, Kas., at which three Concatenations about one hundred good Hoo-Hoo were born. I love Hoo-Hoo and all that it stands for, and in the future, as in the past, you will find me ever ready to labor in its behalf.

On September 9th I will be in Kansas City, Mo., pursuing the prosaic routine of business, but my thoughts and good wishes will be with you all, and in the spirit I will be in imperial Buffalo communing with the other Hoo-Hoo, who, more fortunate than I, are able to be present at the Twelfth Hoo-Hoo Annual.

Trusting that the business of the Twelfth Annual will be productive of much good to the Order, and wishing each member of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo health, happiness and long life, permit me to sign myself yours sincerely and fraternally,

HARRY A. GORSUCH.

The Hoo-Hoo while in Buffalo,  
Will show the town that they're not slow.  
The Black Cat will be in evidence,  
Both on the roof and on the fence.  
Niagara Falls will be taken in,  
The festive hackman will get much tin.  
They'll take a sail upon the lake,  
With water (?) they their thirst will slake.  
They'll give the good old Hoo-Hoo yell,  
And you can bet they'll do it well.  
They're sure to take in every sight,  
By day and by electric light.  
This week Hoo-Hoo will own the town  
Of Buffalo, of great renown.  
But though on land or on the water,  
They'll do no deed they hadn't "orter."  
Here's hoping you'll have lots of fun,  
Signed, Seven Hundred Sixty-one.

The meter in this little "pome,"  
Like the gas meter in my home,  
Is sometimes fast and sometimes slow,  
But what's the dif? we'll let her go.

Spokane, Wash., September 7, 1903.—James H. Baird, Supreme Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tennessee—Friend Baird: I write to inform you that the undersigned is still doing time at the old stand. Overlooked writing you in time to extend best wishes for time at Buffalo, but have no doubt that there will be anything lacking to make a good time. It is too far away for us people out in the "wild and woolly," but we are with you in spirit just the same. Yours for the good of the Order.

C. H. WOOD (No. 737-1).



Nearly all the old-timers were present, and some new faces were seen. When a man goes to an annual meeting once he is apt to go again, and those to whom the Buffalo meeting was a new experience will doubtless be on hand at St. Louis next year.

Brother R. D. Inman, of Portland, Oregon, presented in a most able manner the claims of that city to be selected as the meeting place in 1905. Mr. Inman is an ex-member of the Supreme Nine and is a devoted and loyal Hoo-Hoo.

Brother F. H. Doyle (No. 1940), of New York, attracted very favorable attention from the ladies present, but his extreme modesty impelled him to refrain from reciprocating anything in the goo-goo-eye line. Mr. Doyle was for a long time with the firm of I. T. Williams, of New York, but has lately embarked in business for himself in the metropolises.

No. 376 dazzled all beholders with a display of handsome jewelry. He is said to be engaged to a wealthy widow.

Brother O. H. Rectanus (No. 9248), of Pittsburgh, Pa., was a general favorite with all. He is a young man of uncommon ability and force of character, and possesses in a high degree the confidence of his business associates.

Brother E. Stringer Boggess, of Clarksburg, W. Va., appeared to enjoy the meeting immensely. Mr. Boggess has twice been Vicegerent for West Virginia and has done most excellent work for the Order in his State.

Brother Karl Isburgh received a well-deserved compliment when he was elected to a position on the Supreme Nine. As Vicegerent for Massachusetts he made a remarkable record, not only in respect to the number of his initiates, but in the dignity and cleanness which characterized all his concatenations.

Mr. Geo. W. Burgoyne, of Chicago, Ill., who took down the official stenographic report of the business proceedings, proved himself to be remarkably efficient in his line, and by his courtesies and pleasant manners made many friends at the meeting.

Only two very old jokes bobbed up at the Osirian Cloister banquet. The perpetrators of these will kindly send check each for \$99.99.

Several of the telegrams received at Buffalo from absent members became in some way all balled up in transmission, and were so entirely unintelligible that they could not be used for publication. Also the editor of The Bulletin somehow became possessed of various documents—love letters and other things—which evidently were intended for other parties and which fell into the wrong hands in the general rush. These things will be returned to the rightful owners if their names can ever be ascertained. Don't all speak at once.

A movement is on foot to agitate the question of having a dance on the programme of entertainment at the next annual meeting.

Brother Wm. C. Day, Jr., of New York, was among the good looking young men present.

Brother B. M. Bunker, of Altoona, Pa., had a good time himself and contributed his share to the enjoyment of others. He was accompanied by his charming daughter, Miss Elizabeth Bunker.

You could have hung your hat on the beams of happiness which stood out from the shining countenance of bridegroom W. H. Norris.

The newspapers of Buffalo handled the meeting after the usual manner of daily papers. A reporter goes up against a hard proposition when he grapples with a Hoo-Hoo annual meeting. Even to report a lumber convention requires something of a technical training, but the Hoo-Hoo phraseology and nomenclature simply paralyze the pencil pushers. However, the Buffalo scribes did the best they could and managed to get up some extremely good stuff. Here is the way the "News" announced the arrival of the advance guard:

"Hist! They come,

"Who? Who?"

"The Hoo-Hoo."

It was the bell-hops at the Iroquois who spake as above with bated breaths and fast on the tail of the last word the Hoo-Hoo came.

There were nearly six-score of them, and they glided into the Iroquois late last night and early this morning in a gliddery manner. All of the bell-hops trembled, for they heard that the Grand Snark and the Bojum, and the Jabberwock, to say nothing of the Custocation and the Scrivenoter and the Senior and Junior Hoo-Hoo were with them.

"Huh!" exclaimed the bell-boy with the red top in a tone of disgust, "They're only men!"

Sure enough! The Snark of the Universe was disguised as a quiet and good-looking citizen in the person of W. H. Norris, of Houston, Texas. To make him seem still more human, he was in the guise of a bridegroom and his bride was with him, for the fearsome Snark was married about a week ago. The Bojum was disguised also in the person of James Wilson, Jr., of Wapakoneta, Ohio. When they looked for the Scrivenoter they found it in the form of J. H. Baird, a suave, soft-voiced gentleman from Nashville, Tenn. The Jabberwock had the form of O. E. Yeager, of Buffalo, and the Senior Hoo-Hoo and the Junior Hoo-Hoo were in the guise of Geo. W. Schwartz, of St. Louis, and Frank Snell, of Milwaukee. The Custocation was searched for in every dark corner, but it was found he was grimaciously sick and had stopped on his way from Seattle at Minneapolis. The Arcanoper and the Gurdon were also missing, but they will be along, never fear.

In spite of their disguise, the Hoo-Hoo were spotted by the bell-hops by their fishy looks and the Jumping Black Cat of the Egyptians in their buttonholes. That hoarse Black Cat gave them away. It is the secret symbol of the Hoo-Hoo. Its nine lives regulate the number of grand officers, regulates the yearly dues, 99c., and the initiation fee of \$9.99, also determines the opening of the yearly Concatenation at 9 minutes past 9 o'clock on the ninth day of the ninth month, which falls tomorrow.

Scientifically, the Hoo-Hoo is a vertebrate and wanders in the forests. He cuts logs. Wherever there is a log-roll, a pile of boards, or a bundle of shingles, there you may search for a Hoo-Hoo. Wherever lumber goes, there the Hoo-Hoo has his lair, and even is to be found in offices where lumber journals are published. He is especially thick in railroad offices and ranges from Maine to California and from Minnesota to Texas.

To-day the Hoo-Hoo will have some odd doings. W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Chief Priest of the Osirian Cloister, will convene that stealthy band. The Osirian Cloister consists of all the Past Snarks, Bojums, Jabberwocks, Gurdons, Senior Hoo-Hoo, Junior Hoo-Hoo, Custotatians, Arcanovers, Scrivenoters and Viceregents of the body, together with honorary members, of which Curt M. Treat is one. There are about 125 members of the Osirian Cloister, which is in Hoo-Hoolism what the Shripers are in Masonry. The Cloister went into session at 11.11 o'clock, will do some initiatory exercises at 2.22 o'clock and have a banquet to-night at 7.09 o'clock.

Viceregent E. S. Christiansen, of Brooklyn, is enrolling the members in a register.

The Hoo-Hoo Band of Lufkin, Texas, accompanied the Texas delegation, which arrived this morning. The bandmaster is T. A. Humason, of Lufkin, Texas. The band wears a black uniform with white shields containing black cats on the sleeves. The blackness of the cloth represents night and is relieved by shimmering white rays to represent moonshine. The band will give a concert at the Iroquois Hotel this evening.

It will be noticed that the reporters got a little muddled on the names of the officers. They always insist upon writing "Viceregent," although there is no such word. It seems to them that there is, however, and so they write it. Doubtless they are thinking of the word "Vice-royal" in stead, and have an idea that there is something wrong with the word "Vicegerent." At any rate, the occasion so inspired the poet of the "News," one Mr. Geo. S. Applegarth (there's a name for you), that he burst forth in the following bewildering verse:

#### Who is Hoo?

Oh, gentle reader, do beware!  
The wild Hoo-Hoo is on a tear.  
Make tracks for home before it's dark,  
For if you don't the mighty Saark  
Will get you sure as sure can be,  
And snitch you with his snickersnee,  
And oh, the Bojum, fierce and wild!  
Look out for him when he gets riled.  
And if the Gurdon you should meet,  
Take to your heels across the street.  
The frightful Scrivenoter, too,  
Is out for gore, and may get you.  
The Arcanoper, grim and dour,  
Is seeking whom he may devour.  
But oh, far worse than all the flock,  
The gentle, gibbering Jabberwock!  
If him you meet, don't try to fight,  
For surely fatal is his bite;  
Your only safety lies in flight,  
So cut and run with all your might.  
Who, who, you ask, is the Hoo-Hoo?  
Well, anxious reader, I'll tell you.  
He's a concatenated chap,  
Which tells you the entire snap;  
And if you can define that word,  
All I can say is, "You're a bird."  
He speaks in German very fine;  
The only word he knows is "nein,"  
So when he's asked to have a drink,  
He uses that word, I don't think.

Another Buffalo newspaper man, Mr. J. O. Shea, indited this joyous ditty:

#### The Hoo-Hoo Song.

The Black Cats at the banquet  
Purred soft and low and free;  
And there they made a picture  
As grand as e'er could be.

Sing Hoo-Hoo for the Grand Snark,  
And Hoo for the Great Bojum,  
And Hoo-Hoo for the Jabberwock,  
The Black Cat night has come.

There in the moonlight gloaming,  
Under the moon's pale ray

The Black Cat sang their chorus,  
And this they seemed to say:

Hark to the Scrivenoter,  
And Arcanoper mild,  
And the Gurdon, making all serene  
When the Hoo-Hoo song grows wild.

Brother W. M. Stephenson, of the Wisconsin Central, St. Paul, Minn., is one who believes in taking his women folks to the annual meeting. He was accompanied by his wife, his mother and his beautiful girl baby, and the entire party seemed to enjoy the occasion to the fullest extent. There is no better man in the Order than Billy Stephenson, and his many friends were pleased to have the opportunity of getting acquainted with his family, regretting only that the "tough boy" had to be left at home. The latter, however, will be made a Hoo-Hoo in due time.

Mrs. C. H. Stanton, chairman of the ladies local committee, handled her work with admirable smoothness and tact, and displayed a degree of executive ability that was marvelous. She seemed to have the faculty of being everywhere at the same time, and yet proceeded so quietly and unobtrusively that the guests were scarcely aware that she was really filling a most difficult position—one requiring the finesse of a diplomat, the cast-iron nerve of a book agent and the physical strength of an athlete. These are the qualities requisite to the successful discharge of the duties of a hostess on such an occasion, and with them were combined an unaffected cordiality and a never failing flow of good-natured wit that rendered Mrs. Stanton deservedly popular with the visiting ladies.

One of the most pleasing selections rendered by the Hoo-Hoo band was the popular cake-walk "Dancing Darkies," published especially for the band by E. C. Atkins & Co., the well known saw manufacturers of Indianapolis, of which concern the newly-elected Chief Priest of the Osirian Cloister, Mr. N. A. Gladding, is secretary. The air of "Dancing Darkies" is exceedingly catchy and tuneful.

Brother Chas. Wolfen, of Evansville, Ind., presented the visitors a paper cutter as a souvenir from his firm, Enochs Bros., of Fernwood, Miss.

Among other attractive souvenirs was a memorandum pad from the Simonds Mfg. Co., presented by Brother C. F. Braffett, also a very unique match box, presented by Brother J. G. H. Marvin, of the L. & I. J. White Co., the celebrated planer knife manufacturers, of Buffalo; playing cards from E. C. Atkins & Co., and a memorandum book from the Standard Lumber Co., of Buffalo.

Brother L. E. Fuller, of the American Lumberman, Chicago, was one of the popular Vicegerents of last year who proved himself to be always ready and willing to use his best efforts for the Order.

Brother J. J. Mossman, of the Wabash Railroad, made himself mighty solid with the entire delegation. He established headquarters in Room 82 at the Iroquois and dispensed lavish hospitality, which, together with his genial manner and hearty welcome to all made an impression on the visitors that will be long remembered.

Brother Charley Adams, of the D. Clint Prescott Co., was as jolly and good-natured as ever. He is always ready to work for the best interests of the Order, and has done many acts of kindness and accommodation for the Scrivenoter's office.

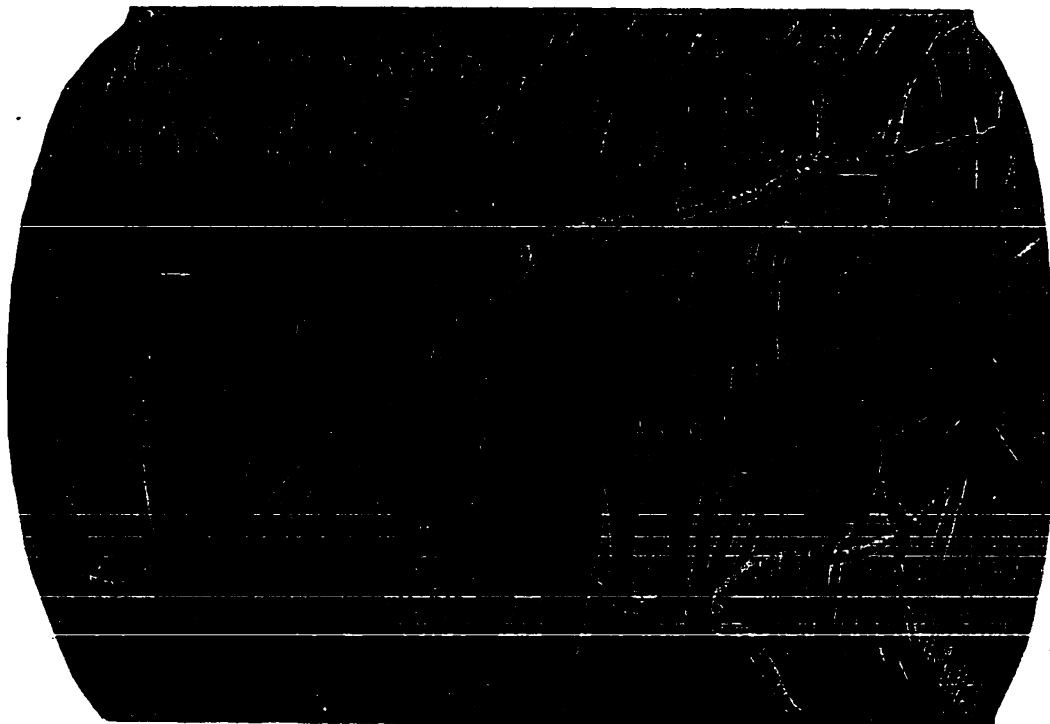
Mrs. W. H. Norris won the hearts of all by her sweet and gracious manners and the refined loveliness of her face. She has had a great deal of sorrow recently, having lost several members of her family by death. All those who had the pleasure of meeting her at Buffalo sincerely trust that the future holds in store for her the greatest measure of happiness and health.

Brother Curt M. Treat is to be congratulated upon the good taste displayed in getting up the souvenir programme. The book was really a work of art, and the cover was unique and attractive, the colors being most harmoniously blended. The cut presented here gives an idea of the design of the cover, but does not really do it justice.

The badges at Buffalo were unusually handsome. They were presented by Joshua Oldham & Sons, of New York,

be held at Portland. To reinforce their arguments they brought with them a large assortment of lapel buttons which they distributed among the members present. At the proper time during the proceedings, Mr. Inman made a strong presentation of the claims of Portland for the Hoo-Hoo Annual in 1905. Mr. Banfield is the head of the Banfield-Veysey Fuel Company, of Portland, a concern which takes all the refuse of the several mills there and distributes it to consumers. Mr. Banfield ably seconded the efforts of Senator Inman in generating sentiment in favor of the 1905 meeting at Portland. Mr. Inman is a member of the Inman-Poulsen Co., of Portland, one of the largest lumber concerns on the Coast.

The "mummy ring" presented by the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo to each of the ex-Snarks, received high praise from all who saw it. It really is an exquisitely tasteful



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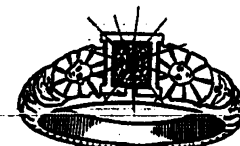
through Mr. E. Christiansen, of that well known firm, who personally took charge of the register and the giving out of the badges. There were badges for the Vicegerents, for each member of the Supreme Nine and for the guests. All were got up in excellent taste and were very much admired.

Curt Treat made lots of promises at Milwaukee last year, but he made good on all of them.

The illustrated closing ceremony given on Wednesday evening at the Annual Concatenation by B. Arthur Johnson, assisted by Maj. T. J. Mapes, was one of the most attractive features of the meeting.

Hon. Robert D. Inman and M. C. Banfield, of Portland, Ore., who were the sole representatives of that State at the Annual, came to Buffalo loaded to the guards with arguments why the Hoo-Hoo Annual of 1905 should

piece of jewelry, and represents a great deal of thought and study. The ring was made by the B. H. Stief Jewelry Co., of Nashville, Tenn., which concern has in its employ one of the most talented designers in America. The ring



MUMMY RING

combines beauty and harmony of design, together with the symbolism of the Orient, representing in miniature all that is best in Egyptian worship and the occult lore of the East.



Frank W. Vetter, of Buffalo, ably seconded by Frank A. Arend, of Boston, inaugurated a new Hoo-Hoo yell in German. Quite a number of the brethren of Teutonic birth or descent introduced this yell at the Brock monument during the excursion and it was received with great enthusiasm. It is given herewith: "Ein-zwei-drei-vier-funf-sechs-sieben-acht-neun; Bel-der-Schwanz-von-der-grosze-schwarze-Katze-Hoo-Hoo!" It is said that Frank Vetter has been appointed chairman of a committee to translate this yell into Spanish, French and Italian, so it can be properly vociferated in Hoo-Hoo land abroad.

The Hoo-Hoo band added greatly to the general merriment at Buffalo, and the members attracted much attention during their stay. Their new uniforms are very handsome, and the young men present a picturesque and pleasing appearance. They deserve a great deal of credit for the excellence of the music rendered. The following are the names of the members, all of whom are from Lufkin, Texas:

T. A. Humason, Leader; C. N. Humason, Manager; S. H. Kerr, Secretary; A. C. Glenn, Chas. W. Cunningham, W. P. Humason, T. E. Baker, W. E. Stegall, O. J. Lang, J. C. Hackney, A. M. Kruger, Albert Cohn, Chas. Cheneral, Louis Muller, Will Coyles, C. D. Stegall, Jr., Carl Hack, Joe Vomeze.

Brother C. H. Stanton's wide experience in Hoo-Hoo matters as Vicegerent, and later as member of the Supreme Nine, made him an invaluable all-around man at the Annual.

### THE OSIRIAN CLOISTER.

The Annual Assembly of the Osirian Cloister occurred in the assembly room of the Genesee Hotel, Tuesday morning, September 8. Something like seventy-five members of the Osirian Cloister attended this meeting, and a number of others arrived later. The business transacted was largely of a routine nature, and of interest mainly to members of the Cloister. The High Priest reported the total loss of the paraphernalia of the Order by fire some months ago, and announced that in consequence there would be no public ceremonial of the embalming of the Snark at this meeting of Hoo-Hoo, but that a double celebration would be adequately arranged for next year.

A committee consisting of A. N. Spencer and two other members, to be selected by himself, were appointed to make arrangements for next year's public ceremony, and in the interval to have full power to plan and re-establish the necessary paraphernalia.

A committee consisting of E. M. Vietsmeier, A. D. McLeod and Platt B. Walker was appointed to go before the Hoo-Hoo meeting and make application for an appropriation sufficient to defray the expenses of re-establishing so much of the Osirian Cloister paraphernalia and accessories as are used in embalming the Snark and the installation of new officers.

The Scribe read his annual report, showing a healthy financial status of the Cloister, and was voted a salary of \$99.99 per annum, to date from September 9, 1902, and a salary of \$3.33 per year was voted to the treasurer of the Cloister.

It was announced that the annual Osirian Cloister banquet would take place on the evening of September 8 at the Iroquois Hotel, and Osirians Call, Ensign and Stanton were appointed to arrange details. The Chief Priest of the Cloister was authorized to appoint a committee in advance hereafter to arrange for this annual banquet.

A large number of eligibles, ex-officio and upon nomination, were elected to the Cloister, and arrangements were made for the initiatory ceremony to be held in the after-

noon. The election of officers was then taken up, as follows:

#### The New Officers.

High Priest of Ptah—A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
High Priest of Anubis—C. D. Rourke, Petersburg, Ill.  
High Priest of Thor—J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.  
High Priest of Hathor—C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.  
High Priest of Osiris—N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.  
High Priest of Ra—B. M. Bunker, Altoona, Pa.  
High Priest of Sed—W. M. Stephenson, St. Paul, Minn.  
High Priest of Isis—B. F. Williams, Victoria, Texas.  
High Priest of Shu—E. Stringer Boggess, Clarksburg, W. Va.

A vote of thanks was tendered W. I. Ewart, the retiring Chief Priest, for his faithful and distinguished services, and this action closing the business session, the Cloister adjourned till 3.30 p. m., when the initiation of new candidates would take place.

#### The Initiatory Ceremony.

The initiation was held in the Colonial parlor of the Genesee Hotel, and the beautiful and impressive ritualistic work was never more fittingly administered. The initiates were as follows:

H. D. Henry, Athens, Ohio; R. A. Brandon, Eldorado, Ark.; Hugh F. Stewart, Doniphan, Mo.; Henry Feist, Buffalo; Arthur W. Kreinheder, Buffalo; Anthony Miller, Buffalo; Gardner I. Jones, Boston; M. C. Banfield, Portland, Ore.; Walter C. Laidlaw, Buffalo; F. A. Arend, Boston, Mass.; W. C. D. Robbins, Boston, Mass.; Sam D. Pine, New Orleans, La.; Rolfe Gerhardt, Clay, W. Va.; Charles E. Lockhard, Ridgeway, Pa.; L. E. Fuller, Chicago; J. N. Nind, Chicago; J. B. Cabell, Memphis, Tenn.; R. W. Douglas, Montreal, P. Q., Canada; F. N. Snell, Milwaukee, Wis.; W. B. Tomlinson, Minneapolis, Minn.; H. P. Hubbard, Toronto, Ont.; Karl Isburgh, Boston, Mass.; Charles Wolfin, Evansville, Ind.; John J. Canavan, New York City; J. H. Scruggs, Birmingham, Ala.; J. H. Doppes, Cincinnati, Ohio; Hugh J. Mattson, Falls Creek, Pa.; F. G. Snyder, Freeport, La.; J. W. Long, New York City; John F. Feist, Buffalo.

#### THOSE PRESENT.

J. H. Scruggs, Birmingham, Ala.  
R. A. Brandon, Little Rock, Ark.  
J. E. McClendon, Pettigrew, Ark.  
N. H. Falk, Arcata, Cal.  
Edw. F. Nelhaus, West Berkeley, Cal.  
W. A. Laidlaw, Toronto, Ont.  
R. W. Douglas, Montreal, Canada.  
H. P. Hubbard, Toronto, Canada.  
James Innes, Chatham, Ont.  
P. J. Edwards, Toronto, Ont.  
W. J. MacBeth, Toronto, Ont.  
Fred. C. Boak, Toronto, Ont.  
R. W. English, Denver, Col.  
J. Lee Ensign, Tifton, Ga.  
T. C. Thurman, Bainbridge, Ga.  
Lon. Dickey, Fitzgerald, Ga.  
B. F. Cobb, Chicago, Ill.  
C. D. Rourke, Petersburg, Ill.  
J. Newton Nind, Chicago, Ill.  
Lucius E. Fuller, Chicago, Ill.  
E. R. Cooledge, Chicago, Ill.  
J. Oppenheimer, Chicago, Ill.  
T. J. Mapes, Chicago, Ill.  
W. C. Hunter, La Salle, Ill.  
D. C. Hutchinson, Chicago, Ill.  
P. F. Ahrens, Chicago, Ill.  
Thos. Hanford, Chicago, Ill.  
W. S. Peyton, Chicago, Ill.  
Chas. S. Musson, Chicago, Ill.  
C. F. Bruffett, Chicago, Ill.  
B. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.  
E. W. Houghton, Chicago, Ill.  
Louis Wulchet, Chicago, Ill.  
H. P. Hopkins, Bradford, Ill.  
T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.  
Chas. Wolfin, Evansville, Ind.

W. W. Kenower, Huntington, Ind.  
F. S. Menasco, Indianapolis, Ind.  
John Oxenford, Indianapolis, Ind.  
N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.  
H. L. Hart, LaPorte, Ind.  
H. A. Hageman, Indianapolis, Ind.  
John N. Steeley, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Geo. Weistead, Richmond, Ind.  
(Thas. P. Ives, Baldwin, Kan.  
Louis C. Smith, Louisville, Ky.  
F. S. McCabe, Louisville, Ky.  
Sam D. Pine, New Orleans, La.  
F. G. Snyder, Shreveport, La.  
C. L. Whitmarsh, Minden, La.  
S. H. Bollinger, Shreveport, La.  
H. E. Shaw, New Orleans, La.  
W. E. Stewart, New Orleans, La.  
A. G. Rives, Monroe, La.  
D. W. Ingersoll, Monroe, La.  
W. S. Launstein, New Orleans, La.  
Jas. Wilson, Kenner, La.  
H. T. Clark, Alexandria, La.  
J. M. Nugent, Nugent, La.  
Geo. B. Stebbins, Pollock, La.  
M. C. B. Robbins, Boston, Mass.  
Karl Isburgh, Boston, Mass.  
F. A. Ahrens, Boston, Mass.  
G. I. Jones, Boston, Mass.  
J. E. Kelley, Fitchburg, Pa.  
Chas. H. Adams, Grand Haven, Mich.  
Jos. Myles, Detroit, Mich.  
G. W. Nichols, Detroit, Mich.  
G. S. Dennis, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
Platt B. Walker, Minneapolis, Minn.  
W. B. Tomlinson, Minneapolis, Minn.  
W. M. Stephenson, St. Paul, Minn.  
W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn.  
S. S. May, St. Louis, Mo.  
W. H. Bartle, St. Joseph, Mo.  
A. C. Ramsey, St. Louis, Mo.  
Thos. C. Whitmarsh, St. Louis, Mo.  
W. L. Goodnow, St. Louis, Mo.  
C. W. Bright, St. Louis, Mo.  
W. E. Barn, St. Louis, Mo.  
Geo. W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.  
H. P. Farrington, St. Louis, Mo.  
James Milne, St. Louis, Mo.  
A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb.  
H. B. Kern, Greenwood, Neb.  
Edw. S. Christiansen, New York.  
J. W. Long, New York.  
J. G. Staats, New York.  
C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Arthur W. Kreinheder, Buffalo, N. Y.  
A. A. Mason, Buffalo, N. Y.  
John J. Mossman, Buffalo, N. Y.  
John Feist, Buffalo, N. Y.  
R. F. Kreinheder, Buffalo, N. Y.  
W. H. Farnham, Buffalo, N. Y.  
R. D. McLean, Buffalo, N. Y.  
J. M. Briggs, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Curt M. Treat, Buffalo, N. Y.  
F. J. Blumenstein, Buffalo, N. Y.  
W. W. Rellley, Buffalo, N. Y.  
F. H. Rellley, Buffalo, N. Y.  
John J. Canavan, New York.  
D. A. Sullivan, Jamestown, N. Y.  
Jullus Dietz, Buffalo, N. Y.  
W. A. Stewart, Buffalo, N. Y.  
John G. H. Marvin, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Wm. E. Kelsey, North Tonawanda, N. Y.  
Geo. E. Jackson, Buffalo, N. Y.  
W. C. Day, Jr., New York.  
F. W. Vetter, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Orson E. Yeager, Buffalo, N. Y.  
I. N. Stewart, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Henry M. Feist, Buffalo, N. Y.  
H. S. Tremaine, Buffalo, N. Y.  
J. B. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y.  
M. M. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y.  
T. H. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y.  
A. Miller, Buffalo, N. Y.  
D. H. Harper, Buffalo, N. Y.  
John Chamberlain, Buffalo, N. Y.  
L. Stone, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Geo. J. B. Rose, Buffalo, N. Y.  
C. E. Yates, Buffalo, N. Y.  
J. H. Mather, Syracuse, N. Y.

E. F. Perry, New York.  
F. H. Doyle, New York.  
Henry W. Kait, New York.  
Horace F. Taylor, Buffalo, N. Y.  
John W. Henrich, Buffalo, N. Y.  
John Reinmann, Buffalo, N. Y.  
B. C. Sornborger, Buffalo, N. Y.  
A. J. Chestnut, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Warren Ross, Jamestown, N. Y.  
Seymour Hood, Vandalla, N. Y.  
H. T. James, Buffalo, N. Y.  
W. E. Webb, Rochester, N. Y.  
H. A. Schulte, Buffalo, N. Y.  
L. S. Stone, New York.  
Frank B. Barnard, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Geo. B. Miller, Buffalo, N. Y.  
C. A. Yeager, Buffalo, N. Y.  
J. W. McLeod, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Geo. Repp, Buffalo, N. Y.  
C. P. Brooks, Oswego, N. Y.  
T. H. Meyer, Little Valley, N. Y.  
A. J. Elias, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Geo. W. Sheperd, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Vernon S. Woolley, Buffalo, N. Y.  
F. M. Sullivan, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Henry E. Boller, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Alfred G. Haunstein, Buffalo, N. Y.  
W. G. Palmer, North Tonawanda, N. Y.  
C. M. Betts, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Edward G. Betts, New York.  
H. A. Plumley, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Knowlton Mixer, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Shirley Grey Taylor, Buffalo, N. Y.  
F. B. Emery, Buffalo, N. Y.  
J. R. Lawrence, Salamanca, N. Y.  
Thos. R. Kerr, Jacksonville, N. C.  
A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
J. Wilson, Jr., Wapakoneta, Ohio.  
A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
H. D. Henry, Athens, Ohio.  
F. P. Hansbeck, Cleveland, Ohio.  
J. C. Magness, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
J. H. Doppes, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
John H. Arns, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
S. A. Conn, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Frank Spangler, Toledo, Ohio.  
J. S. Hayward, Cleveland, Ohio.  
E. C. Robinson, Littleville, Ohio.  
D. W. Miller, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Edw. J. Wilson, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Cal Balmer, Bluffton, Ohio.  
Amos Althaus, Bluffton, Ohio.  
John C. King, Cleveland, Ohio.  
R. L. Queisser, Zanesville, Ohio.  
R. G. Ferguson, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Ed. M. Vietsmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.  
Geo. H. Anthony, Pittsburg, Pa.  
B. M. Bunker, Altoona, Pa.  
U. J. Matson, Falls Creek, Pa.  
Geo. H. Hyde, Ridgeway, Pa.  
H. H. Gibson, Philadelphia, Pa.  
D. R. Branson, DuBois, Pa.  
C. E. Lockhart, Ridgeway, Pa.  
Harry R. Hyde, Ridgeway, Pa.  
Paul Terhune, Mercer, Pa.  
J. C. Patterson, McKeesport, Pa.  
E. H. Watkins, Kane, Pa.  
F. X. Diebold, Pittsburg, Pa.  
J. H. Moorehouse, Pittsburg, Pa.  
Geo. H. Mell, Kane Pa.  
Henry M. Wise, Harmony, Pa.  
H. S. Thayer, Ridgeway, Pa.  
E. E. Forgers, Pittsburg, Pa.  
Ed. W. Fitzgerald, Kane, Pa.  
Jas. S. Miller, Ridgeway, Pa.  
John Curry, Ridgeway, Pa.  
J. K. Gardner, Ridgeway, Pa.  
John Nagle, Ridgeway, Pa.  
J. E. Fitzwilson, Columbia, S. C.  
W. B. Dozier, Columbia, S. C.  
W. A. Binkley, Nashville, Tenn.  
J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.  
Jos. B. Cabell, Memphis, Tenn.  
R. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.  
W. H. Norris, Houston, Texas.  
D. Tramway Call, Beaumont, Texas.  
Geo. D. Hunter, Houston, Texas.  
B. F. Williams, Victoria, Texas.

Chas. S. Fredreck, Diboll, Texas.  
 C. M. McConnico, Lufkin, Texas.  
 A. A. Moore, Dallas, Texas.  
 J. S. Bonner, Houston, Texas.  
 I. L. Skelth, Norfolk, Va.  
 Rolfe Gerhardt, Clay, W. Va.  
 E. S. Boggess, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
 C. W. Young, Charleston, W. Va.  
 L. L. Bennett, Buckhannon, W. Va.  
 O. H. Rectanus, Buckhannon, W. Va.  
 G. E. Mathers, Buckhannon, W. Va.  
 H. B. Gaines, Bristol, Wis.  
 W. C. Trout, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 F. J. Cameron, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Frank N. Snell, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Donald Fraser, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 S. F. Durga, Waukesha, Wis.  
 Geo. H. Wunderlich, Elmhurst, Wis.  
 R. D. Inman, Portland, Ore.  
 M. C. Banfield, Portland, Ore.  
 S. R. Higgins, Toronto.  
 Wm. Hogg, Toronto.  
 Gilbert S. Lay, Toronto.  
 Jas. C. Cane, Toronto.

Ladies Present.

Mrs. C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Miss Ethel Hines, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. R. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Mrs. W. E. Love, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. Robt. D. McLean, New York.  
 Mrs. Pearson Spencer, Ind.  
 Mrs. M. A. Ives, Baldwin, Kan.  
 Miss Anne Sherrill Blair, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Miss Elizabeth Bunker, Altoona, Pa.  
 Mrs. John Feist, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. A. C. Ramsey, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Mrs. D. S. Menasco, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Mrs. J. B. Wallace, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Frank Cameron, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Mrs. F. N. Snell, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Mrs. W. M. Stephenson, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Miss Josephine Stephenson, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Mrs. S. J. Stephenson, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Mrs. R. W. English, Denver, Col.  
 Mrs. F. A. Arond, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. W. C. D. Robbins, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. N. H. Falk, Arcata, Cal.  
 Mrs. Fred Liddle, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Joseph Myles, Detroit, Mich.  
 Mrs. A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Mrs. F. W. Vetter, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Miss M. Vetter, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. J. C. Magness, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Mrs. I. N. Stewart, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. V. H. Norris, Houston, Texas.  
 Mrs. Miller, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. J. Rose, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. D. H. Harper, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. J. H. Doppes, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Miss L. Henrion, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. D. A. Sullivan, Jamestown, N. Y.  
 Mrs. J. J. Mossman, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. O. E. Yeager, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. J. B. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. M. M. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Donald Fraser, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Mrs. John H. Arns, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Mrs. J. A. Brandon, Camden, Ark.  
 Mrs. Curt Treat, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Miss Treat, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Fred. Blumenstein, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. John Oxenford, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Mrs. Geo. H. Mell, Kane, Pa.  
 Mrs. E. H. Watkins, Kane, Pa.  
 Mrs. W. H. Hunter, La Salle, Ind.  
 Mrs. H. M. Wise, Harmony, Pa.  
 Mrs. S. Spangler, Toledo, Ohio.  
 Mrs. T. C. Wainman, Bainbridge, Ga.  
 Mrs. G. W. Nichols, Stockville, Mich.  
 Mrs. Geo. Wunderlich, Elmhurst, Wis.  
 Miss Bertha Moss, Antigo, Wis.  
 Mrs. Geo. Wolstead, Richmond, Ind.  
 Mrs. S. F. Durga, Waukesha, Wis.  
 Mrs. O. T. Hougan, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 Mrs. Thos. Hanford, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. H. D. Henry, Athens, Ohio.  
 Mrs. R. W. Douglas, Montreal, Canada.

Mrs. H. S. Thayer, Ridgway, Pa.  
 Mrs. B. E. Cartwright, New York.  
 Mrs. E. C. Robinson, Lowellville, Ohio.  
 Mrs. W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Miss Anna McCleary, Thorold, Ont.  
 Mrs. C. D. Rourke, Petersburg, Ill.  
 Mrs. R. J. Thompson, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. H. L. Hart, LaPorte, Ind.  
 Miss Genevieve Kern, Greenwood, Neb.  
 Mrs. J. Reimann, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. H. P. Farrington, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Mrs. J. Dietz, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Jessie Beales, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Miss Gilbert, Tifton, Ga.  
 Mrs. T. S. Woolley, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. C. Rudell, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Mrs. T. Edmister, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. G. W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Mrs. C. A. Yeager, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. H. M. Feist, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. C. E. Yates, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. S. P. Bowers, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Mrs. Gertrude Hoff, Hull, W. Va.  
 Miss Leona Hoff, Hull, W. Va.  
 Miss A. J. Chestnut, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Miss L. Chestnut, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Miss — Davidson, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. William Bald, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Edw. F. Niehaus, West Berkeley, Cal.  
 Mrs. J. Feist, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Chas. Feist, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. W. Schweiger, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Miss Margaret Crudan, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Phillip Bald, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. H. A. Schulte, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. C. F. Braffett, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. — Kelby, —  
 Miss Toofe, New York.  
 Mrs. G. S. Lay, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Jennie Lay, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Platt B. Walker, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Miss Harriet Stewart, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Miss E. Molloy, — Ill.  
 Mrs. S. Greir, —  
 Miss E. Johnson, —  
 Mrs. W. B. Tomlinson, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Mrs. A. N. Friedlander, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Lon Dickey, Fitzgerald, Ga.  
 Mrs. W. S. Launshelm, New Orleans, La.  
 Mrs. J. Wilson, New Orleans, La.  
 Mrs. Henry W. Kait, New York.  
 Mrs. D. R. Branson, DuBois, Pa.  
 Mrs. Geo. Mathers, Buckhannon, W. Va.  
 Miss Ruby Mathers, Buckhannon, W. Va.  
 Mrs. James L. Miller, Ridgway, Pa.  
 Miss Harriet M. Patterson, Ridgway, Pa.  
 Mrs. A. J. Carson, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 Miss Winifred Carson, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 Mrs. John Nagle, Ridgway, Pa.  
 Miss Blake, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. J. K. Gardner, Ridgway, Pa.  
 Mrs. I. L. Skelth, Norfolk, Va.  
 Mrs. T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. A. W. Kreinheder, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dues for 1904.



WHEN the clock struck twelve on the night of September 9 last, dues became payable for 1904. The Hoo-Hoo year begins and ends on September 9. Look up your receipts, and if you find that you have not paid 1904 dues, send 99 cents to the Scrivenoter at once. Any form of remittance will do except

stamps that are stuck together. Your individual check will be all right.

In writing the Scrivenoter be sure to sign both your name and number. Do not send in a currency remittance accompanied by a scrap of paper on which your initials are written. There is no mind-reader in the employ of this office, and we cannot make proper credit unless your communication is explicit.

COMMENTS ON CONCATENATIONS.



Quite a number of Concatenations occurred during the latter part of August and the first few days of September. The reports of these, of course, arrived too late to appear in September issue of The Bulletin, which came out about August 25.

Canton, Ohio.

In the absence of Vicegerent D. W. Miller, who was unable to be present, Vicegerent F. M. Smith, of Newark, Ohio, took charge of the Concatenation at Canton, August 13. The meeting was a very pleasant one, and the initiates were all prominent men, among them being Mr. Met. L. Saley, well known to the trade as a writer on the staff of the American Lumberman.

Jefferson, Texas.

Vicegerent T. W. Griffiths closed his most successful term of office with a Concatenation at Jefferson, Texas, August 15. The Bulletin is indebted to that loyal Hoo-Hoo, Brother M. J. Ragley, of Timpon, for the following sprightly write-up of the affair:

There will be singeing of fur,  
 While the old cats purr;  
 Night will be turned into day,  
 In old Jefferson town  
 Things will be done up brown;  
 Good Hoo-Hoo can't afford to stay away.

After recovering somewhat from the effects of the Concatenation, pulled off as above, by Vicegerent T. W. Griffiths of Dallas, I will try to give you a description of the affair.

Promptly at 9.09 p.m. the procession of fifteen innocent purblind kittens lined up on either side by enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo, who were armed with the necessary munitions of war and red fire, started from the Excelsior Hotel, preceded by a handsomely decorated float, drawn by richly caparisoned steeds, and containing the flower and beauty of old Jefferson, gowned in most appropriate and charming costumes. These young ladies were enthusiastic in praise of Hoo-Hoo, and gave the yell with such vim and good will that the hearts of visiting Hoo-Hoo thrilled with pleasure, and the sound scattered consternation among the kittens, who approached their doom with fear and trembling. We were loath to part company with our fair leaders, but owing to the inexorable laws encircling the mystic shrine, we were forced to undertake the most serious duty of opening the eyes of the kittens unsupported by their presence. Hoo-Hoo feels indeed deeply indebted to Messrs. S. Eberstalt, C. Wise and E. A. Wise for their untiring efforts in making this line of march the brilliant success that it was. But while we heartily thank the above-mentioned gentlemen for their good offices in our behalf, we fully realize that had it not been for the following young ladies, matrons and young men, our triumphant progress through the glittering streets of old Jefferson would not have been the grand success that it was:

The float contained the following fair damsels, chaperoned by Mrs. J. B. Stittler and Mrs. D. C. Wise: Misses Jessie Mabry, Sadie Wise, Mabel Wise, Lucile Burk, Sara Reeves, Florence Murdock, Nellie Sommerfeld, Cordella

Largent; Messrs. J. B. Stittler, Jr., and J. E. Mitchell were the lucky and gallant cavaliers attendant on these ladies.

After successfully leading us to the lodge-room our honored escort bade us "God-speed," and with one parting yell to the honor and glory of Great Hoo-Hoo, left us regretfully, but still ready to face the stern duty of opening the eyes of the kittens. Now will I draw a veil between the greswome ceremonies that took place within the walls of the lodge-room and the expectant reader. . . .

After five hours of unceasing fun and laughter, which can only be appreciated by those who have already had their eyes opened to the sights of Great Hoo-Hoo, we adjourned to an ante-room where were tables tastefully decorated and covered with things good to cheer the soul of hungry mankind.

Many toasts were offered and drunk with enthusiasm, and among the numerous clever responses, those made by two new but already faithful worshippers of Hoo-Hoo, D. C. Wise and W. T. Armstead, were notable.

I trust that this feeble description, while it fails to convey an accurate idea of what we enjoyed on the long-to-be remembered night of August 15th, will enable you to realize some what you and other absent Hoo-Hoo missed.

B T T O T G S B C, M. J. RAGLEY (No. 9578).

Portland, Oregon.

Vicegerent James A. Clock initiated a class of thirty-seven at his Concatenation at Portland, Oregon, August 8th. This meeting was a big thing in itself, though it was regarded by Mr. Clock as a sort of prelude, as it were, to the big doings on September 9th. Accompanying the report of the Concatenation of August 8th was an interesting letter from Mr. Clock in regard to his city as a desirable place for the Hoo-Hoo Annual in 1905. This letter did not reach us in time for the September Bulletin. It is therefore presented herewith:

The Lewis and Clark Centennial celebrating the exploration of the Oregon country by the intrepid explorers, Lewis and Clark, after whom the exposition has been named, promises to be one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in the United States, and opens the opportunity to thousands to visit this section and to whom at present it is a terra incognita. Particularly will the Centennial appeal to the members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, who will have an incentive to visit the coast aside from the average tourist's desire to see the country; I refer to the lumber interests of this section, too well known, I believe, to require extended mention.

But speaking of seeing the country reminds me that some mention should be made of the location of Portland as a central point of departure of travel to the innumerable points of interest, all of which can be reached within a few miles. Five transcontinental lines, the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Canadian Pacific on the North, the Union Pacific (locally known as the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Co.) and Southern Pacific on the South, and locally the Astoria and Columbia River R. R., to the West, afford quick and comfortable means of rail transit to all points of interest; additional delightful trips can be made by river steamers to all water points of interest as well as to points also reached by the rail lines, thus affording a choice of travel.

The three great valleys of Western Oregon, the Willamette, Umpqua, and Rogue River, all lying West of the Cascade range of mountains, afford a most delightful trip through a beautiful agricultural country noted for its fruit, hops, wheat, wool and dairying interests. Not alone will agriculture interest, but the mining features will prove interesting, and the novel experience of riding in a Pullman alongside of a placer mine, bordered on one side by

an orchard, and on the other by waving fields of grain, will certainly appeal to the Hoo-Hoo who journey to this great mineral State. A trip through the Willamette Valley by boat will afford unending vistas of charming scenery.

To those desiring a river trip affording the grandest scenery of its kind in the United States, a trip by boat up the Columbia will fill the bill, and for variation the return trip can be made by rail; to those who have seen and are familiar with the beauties of the Hudson the appearance of the banks of the river on this trip will recall the famous river of the East, only the scenery will be on a grander scale and far more beautiful. A variation of this trip on the same river is the trip to the lower Columbia, the scenery en route varying somewhat from the upper river, but on a grander scale, the river widening as the mouth is reached, until at Astoria the ocean can be seen in the distance, some eighteen miles away; those who do not care to stop their journey Westward at Astoria, can leave this historic spot and in a few minutes be taken by train to the Oregon beaches, where they can indulge in a dip in old ocean; if it is desired to visit the Washington beaches, the trip is made from Astoria by boat to the famous Long Beach of Washington.

On this entire river trip can be seen the evidences of the great river industry of Oregon, the salmon fisheries; from Cascade Locks on the upper Columbia to Astoria on the Oregon shore, and Ilwaco on the Washington side of the great river can be seen the various methods of catching the royal Chinook, and the following processes of reducing his flesh to an eatable commodity. At Astoria can be seen at its best the various processes of canning, salting and freezing, and a stop of a day at that point will repay the wandering Hoo-Hoo.

But a few hours to the North lies the famous Puget Sound, the American Mediterranean, one of the most interesting bodies of water in Uncle Sam's domain, and bordered by progressive, bustling cities breathing the air of progress, prosperity and bustle. Chief among the cities should be mentioned Seattle, Tacoma and Everett on the South, all of them too well known through type to be mentioned extensively here, and on the North the twin cities of Whatcom and Fairhaven on the borders of beautiful Bellingham Bay. In the Southern towns can be seen the evidences of traffic with the Orient and the lumber industry, and at Whatcom and Fairhaven will be found the largest fish cannery in the world, to say nothing of the great lumber interests of the twin cities. Numerous trips by rail can be made from all of the Sound cities to points along Puget Sound and to the interior, not least of which is a trip to the famous Monte Cristo district, said by travelers to surpass the best that Switzerland can produce. Steamers ply on the Sound and tributary rivers to all points of interest, not least of which is the famous Navy Yard at Bremerton, and a trip by steamer on the Sound is something to be remembered. Those who desire to make the trip to the British Columbia cities of Vancouver and Victoria can do so quickly and comfortably from Seattle, either by rail or boat, and the trip is well worth taking.

But to return to headquarters of the Hoo-Hoo during the Lewis and Clark Exposition, I refer to Portland; this city and vicinity afford the most enjoyable of rides by trolley and cable systems through streets beautiful with homes embowered in flowers and shrubbery, many of the flowers being natives of the Sunny South, out blooming to perfection in these Northern latitudes, giving evidence of the mildness of the climate, a condition of affairs quite unexpected, and a study in climatic conditions. The magnolia, for instance, so well known in the Gulf States, being found in perfection here. But of all the innumerable flowers that scent the air of this verdure clad city none

can compare with the rose, which in the soil of this valley reaches perfection with the minimum of cultivation. So magnificent and abundant are the roses that Portland has earned the title of the "Rose City," and by this name will the visitors to the Lewis and Clark Centennial of 1905 learn to refer to the city by the Willamette, after they have sojourned in our midst for a season and have returned to their Eastern homes.

There should be a very large attendance here in 1905, and there is no doubt whatever that the Hoo-Hoo journeying hither with his family, or who comes here as a bachelor, will enjoy himself every moment of his stay, leaving Portland with regret, but with the determination to return at the earliest opportunity, perhaps to remain when he returns, who knows?

It will not be for lack of attention on the part of the Black Cats in this neck of the woods if the visitors do not have a good time. Let me hope, Brother Baird, that 1905 will find you still in the harness and able to make the journey hither and join in the moonlight chorus on the back fence with the other cats, and that the Snark of the Universe will be a Portlander in the person of R. D. Inman, the choice of Oregon Hoo-Hoo. Fraternal yours,

JAS. A. CLOCK,  
Vicegerent Snark.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Vicegerent Edward S. Christiansen performed quite a notable feat in holding a Concatenation in Brooklyn, N. Y., August 25th. The spirit of Hoo-Hoo in that section had long been wrapped in slumber, but it is hoped that Mr. Christiansen's meeting will prove but the beginning of a permanent revival of interest.

The following menu was served:

Clams  
Consomme en tasse  
Olives, Radishes, Celery  
Arena Deviled Crabs  
Potatoes Julienne  
Lamb Chops a la Robinson  
French Peas  
Marguar '92  
Broiled Philadelphia Squab on Toast  
Salade de Saison  
Fancy Ice Cream  
Assorted Cakes  
Cheese  
Cafe noir  
Cigars

During the banquet a number of speeches were made, and among other things proposed to further propagate Hoo-Hoo in this section, a motion was made and carried to form a committee of five to further the interests of Hoo-Hoo, and for this committee at some future date, three or four months hence, to call a meeting and hold a dinner, and if possible a Concatenation. The committee was as follows:

J. D. Cray, Chairman, No. 1937.  
Walter Adams, No. 4840.  
J. R. Silliman, No. 148.  
L. S. Stone, No. 3795.  
W. C. Thompson, No. 6346.

Des Moines, Iowa.

The Concatenation held by Vicegerent J. Moetsel, at Des Moines, Iowa, August 27th, was a truly notable event, not only in the size of the class, which numbered seventeen, but also in the matter of the high standing of every man initiated, a far more important point. No man in Hoo-Hoo has done better work for the Order than Vicegerent Moetsel. He has rendered valuable service in holding up the standard of excellence, and at all of his numerous Concatenations (he has served three terms as Vicegerent) his

initiates have been strictly up to grade. A large number of old members were present at the Concatenation at Des Moines, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed.

Toronto, Ontario.

The Toronto Hoo-Hoo lay dormant since August 7th. It was planned to arouse him for a few manouvers in the "onion bed," and the date of August 28th was named. Difficulties arose about getting Toronto Hoo-Hoo and candidates together, so the proposed Concatenation was deferred and the Great Black Cat slumbered on.

Saturday evening an awful caterwaul went up from the Toronto Hoo-Hoo. At 9.09 o'clock the "onion bed" bloomed in sudden and fascinating fragrance. Six candidates were coralled, and the "gardens" were shown to them. They breathed heavily into the "lungtester," and labored well in convincing the doubting Snark of their fitness to walk in the "light," pressed lips burning with promises to the Great Book there unsealed to their adoring gaze, and later discussed it all over a collation which satisfied the inner man.

Vicegerent H. P. Hubbard is to be congratulated upon what he has accomplished for Hoo-Hoo in the Eastern District of Canada.

Atlanta, Ga.

In the absence of any Vicegerent for that section, Mr. Geo. E. Youle having resigned on account of his removal to the Pacific Coast, Mr. W. S. Wilson, who did good work as Vicegerent for Georgia two years ago, took charge of the Concatenation at Atlanta September 1st. He was assisted by a number of the old-timers, Mr. Harry W. Anderson acted as Junior.

Buffalo, N. Y.

#### THE ANNUAL CONCATENATION.

The annual Concatenation was held on the evening of September 9th in the exchange room of the magnificent Board of Trade Building. Nearly two hundred members of the Order were present, and twenty candidates were initiated. The work was admirably exemplified, so far as possible the members of the Supreme Nine occupying their respective stations at the Concatenation. A very sumptuous but informal lunch was provided after the ceremony, and this was heartily enjoyed, a number of the new initiates and a large number of the older members remaining in the lunch room until a late hour, holding a sort of experience meeting. Mr. John Sedgwick Noyes, one of the new initiates, was a prominent figure in this delightful after-meeting. Mr. Noyes is one of the veteran lumbermen of Buffalo, and has been a conspicuous figure in the white pine trade for more than half a century. He is nearly eighty years old, but has lost little of his enthusiasm and jocularly of youth. The duet of "Just Forty Years Ago, John," sung by Mr. Noyes and Mr. J. B. Wall, will be long remembered by those who heard it.

A very entertaining feature of the Concatenation was the illustrated closing ceremony given by Bolling Arthur Johnson, assisted by Maj. T. J. Mapes.

The officers of the Concatenation and the initiates were: Officers—Snark, W. H. Norris, assisted by A. H. Weir; Senior Hoo-Hoo, Ed. M. Vietmeier; Junior Hoo-Hoo, Frank N. Snell, assisted by F. G. Snyder; Bojum, James Wilson, Jr.; Scrivenoter, James H. Baird, assisted by H. M. Feist; Jabberwock, Orson E. Yeager, assisted by A. J. Chestnut; Custocatian, Charles H. Adams; Arcanoper, H. P. Hubbard; Gurdon, John J. Mossman.

The Initiates—John Sedgwick Noyes, Buffalo, N. Y.; William Truxton Pratt, General Eastern Agent, Wisconsin Central Railroad, New York; John Graham, Hodge Marvin, L. & I. J. White Company, Buffalo, N. Y.; George E. Bailey, Taylor & Crate, Buffalo; Rudolph Faust, Buffalo,

N. Y.; Daniel Wesley Beebe, Sutherland-Innes Company, Kenner, La.; John W. Welsh, Buffalo Hardwood Lumber Company, Buffalo; John Baptiste Doe, A. Miller, Buffalo; Alfred G. Hauenstein, Hurd & Hauenstein, Buffalo; Arthur Burchel Nicholls, Boston Belting Company, Buffalo; Michael V. Whissel, Whissel Lumber Company, Buffalo; David J. Crowell, Buffalo; Dugald Stewart Hutchinson, T. Wilce Company, Chicago; Isaac Lexington Skelth, Allis-Chalmers Company, Milwaukee, Wis.; Frank Alfred Beyer, F. A. Beyer & Company, Salamanca, N. Y.; Harrison Emerson Haines, Haines & Company, Buffalo; Donald V. Ferguson, London, Ont.; Charles Everett Kelsey, L. A. Kelsey, North Tonawanda, N. Y.; James Henry Mather, L. & I. J. White Company, Buffalo; Albert Sturges Fenton, Fenton & Sons Box and Lumber Company, North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Minneapolis, Minn.

A class of twelve went in at Vicegerent W. B. Tomlinson's excellent meeting at Minneapolis September 2, and after the initiation a banquet was spread in the dining hall of the Phoenix Club. After the spread had been disposed of Mr. Tomlinson led off in the speech-making, giving his thanks for support given him during his term and telling what Minnesota hoped to do with regard to representation on the Supreme Nine. T. W. Proctor, J. P. Lansing, J. F. Hayden and W. B. Grove also spoke, and George Webster and W. R. Scanlon, of the new initiates, were heard from. Mr. Tomlinson has made a fine record for Hoo-Hoo this year, having initiated fifty last winter at the time of the retailers' convention.

The Pacific Coast Annual.

The joint Oregon-Washington Concatenation at Portland, September 9th, was really the "Pacific Coast Annual." The meeting was held by Vicegerents E. Clarke Evans and John L. Mercer, of Washington, and James A. Clock, of Oregon. Besides these Vicegerents there was also present Vicegerent Edward Kelley, of California. Mr. J. E. Defebaugh, of The American Lumberman, Chicago, acted as Snark, and Mr. Frank B. Cole, of Tacoma, presided as toastmaster. Brother Cole is editor of the West Coast and Puget Sound Lumberman, and is possessed of a vast fund of genuine humor. The speeches at the banquet were particularly brilliant, and the entire affair was arranged on that elaborate scale characteristic of the West.

On this occasion there were thirty-seven kittens of varying stages of blindness and timidity that were shown the light, gradually. They were passed through the successive tests in a satisfactory manner in the main part, but it is to be regretted that several were unable to give satisfactory exhibitions of their skill in scaling roofs, dancing on live wires, and were scoldingly incapable of landing on their feet when dropped from the eighth story. The failures are to be given a private course by Frank B. Cole, and it is confidentially thought that after accommodating their feeble steps to his mighty strides and partaking of the wisdom of Handsome Cat Kelley, he of the glossy fur, they will be able to pass a successful examination.

Officers for the New Year.

The Concatenation was called to order by E. Clarke Evans, retiring Snark for Western Washington, who stated that before proceeding with the Concatenation nominations of candidates to be recommended to the Snark of the Universe for Vicegerents for Oregon and Washington would be in order. This business was carried on quietly and expeditiously and resulted in the following being recommended for the positions of Vicegerents:

For Washington—Joseph H. Parker.  
For Oregon—James M. Berry.

There were also recommended for consideration, although some doubt seemed to be entertained by some as to the jurisdiction of the Concatenation, for Vicegerent of the Eastern Washington District John L. Mercer, and for Vicegerent of California Edward Selfe-rip Kelly, to succeed himself. Mr. Cole explained that Kelly had got in so late last year that all the salmon were gone and that Kelly had only got a few smelt, and he thought it proper to give him a chance to show how little he could do in a full term.

Those recommended were not allowed to make speeches, though during the affair on the roof they could not well be suppressed.

Among the initiates was Mr. John Robin, of Castle Rock, the pioneer shingle manufacturer of the State of Washington.

The following menu was served at the session on the roof:

	Oyster Cocktail		
	Relishes		
Olives	Dill Pickles	Celery	
	Salads		
	Shrimp	Potato	
Turkey	Cold Meats		
	Tongue	Lamb	
	Ham		
	Cheese	Crackers	
	Black Coffee		
	Cigars and Cigarettes		
	Shreveport, La.		

Vicegerent F. G. Snyder went to Buffalo to the Annual, but the work in his district did not stop on that account, he having appointed good men to look after Hoo-Hoo matters during his absence. The Concatenation set for September 15th, at Shreveport, occurred on schedule time, and the following report of the meeting has been sent in for publication:

Fifteen joyful kittens had their claws sharpened under the espionage of Geo. H. Byrnes (of the Shreveport Blow-Pipe and Sheet Iron Works) and M. J. Ragley (of the Ragley Lumber Co., Timpson, Texas).

Carl F. Drake, of Austin, shed his effulgent rays as Snark on this memorable occasion. Worrel was here, as were Kimball and Lowry, all of whom seemed to do their utmost in dishing out all the benefits that were due the purblind kittens, all of whom seemed desirous of getting their money's worth.

The grand march was formed in the spacious rotunda of the Inn Hotel. The purblind kittens bade a fond adieu to home and mother, and took up the weary march to the unknown world. The march in itself was a weird affair, and ere the kittens had been journeying long they mistook the pleasant jaunt for an infernal "snake dance." Before arriving at their destination Byrnes steered them into a milk joint, where the kittens were given a bountiful supply of pure cat milk, to nerve them for their pilgrimage to the unknown world. This over, the attendant kittens were marched tremblingly to the K. of P. hall, and "Oh, my country, what a fall!"

Drake was in his usual felicitous vein, and things took on considerable motion.

Battle "Edger" Bell (of Columbia, Miss.) confessed that he was glad to come so far to be even playful, and Elus-tery Durrant, of Coffeeville, was well satisfied to have seltzer for a side issue. After the (15) kittens had had their eyes opened in due and proper form, they were entertained in the usual Louisiana hospitable style on the roof.

The following is the "menu" which was served as a balm to their various wounds, both physical and mental:

Bill of Fare, Shreveport, Louisiana, September 15, 1903.  
Street Fair Railroad Fare And World's Fair, St. Louis, 1904

	Soups	
Cat Tail	Kitten's Tears	Pine Burr
	Fish	
Lobster, a la Barrett	Sucker, Strickland Stew	
	With Budweiser Sauce	
	Meats, Cold and Otherwise	
Hoofs, Stewed	Shank, Turpentine Dressing	
	Grooved Tongue, Eddie Kimball Style	
	Salads	
Sour Pine Straw, a la Carl F. Drake	Cabbage Head	
	Thick Durrant	
	Dessert	
Bud	More Bud	And Another One
Served in the bottle, no charge for pulling corks		
Cigars	Coffee	Liquors
Best Onion Leaf	Curly Bark	Pond Water, Rosin Wash
Byrnes' Extra 3 for 5	Seltzer, a la Worrell	
	Napkins 30 cents extra	

3888 Chef.

#### Paragould, Ark.

Vicegerent C. M. Dickinson held a good Concatenation at Paragould, Ark., August 27th. A class of fourteen was initiated, the ceremonies being enlivened by Mr. F. G. Snyder, of Sareveport, Vicegerent for the Northern District of Louisiana, who did the Junior work.

#### Mobile, Ala.

Vicegerent Cary M. Butts' Concatenation at the Hotel Bienville, Mobile, September 8th, was a very enjoyable meeting. A good class was initiated and everybody was pleased.

#### Approaching Concatenations.

Ex-Snark of the Universe H. H. Hemenway, of Colorado Springs, Col., with the assistance of Bros. J. E. Preston (No. 51) and R. W. Stewart (No. 2224), of Denver, has arranged to hold a Concatenation in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 25th. There is some good material in Salt Lake and no doubt this Concatenation will prove an entering wedge for the introduction of Hoo-Hoo into Utah. It is said that the Mormons are greatly opposed to secret orders, and if the Concatenation proves to be a success, as it will no doubt, the achievement will be very gratifying to the Supreme Nine, and the thanks of the entire Order will be due the enterprising members who have undertaken this work.

Vicegerent M. V. Geagan is working up a Concatenation to be held at Loveland, Col., November 11th. The preliminary arrangements are in charge of Mr. Reed Hayward, of Loveland.

Since the foregoing was put in type the report of the Salt Lake meeting has come in but too late to appear in this issue. The concatenation was a great success.

#### Prices of Hoo-Hoo Jewelry.

Hoo-Hoo lapel button	.....\$2.10
Osirian Cloister lapel button	.....5.10
Ladies' stick pin	.....1.60
Hoo-Hoo watch charm	.....7.50
Hoo-Hoo cuff links	.....7.50

For prices and description of Hoo-Hoo brooches, souvenir spoon, and grip tag, send for "Special Jewelry Circular."

#### Business Opportunities.

Mariana, Ark., September 25, 1903—Mr. J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir: Do you know of a good Hoo-Hoo that would make us a good inspector in oak, gum, cypress, etc., that wants a good, steady job? We are needing a good inspector of this kind. Yours truly,

INDIANA & ARKANSAS LBR. & MFG. CO.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.



The Buffalo Annual was a great meeting. It marked the close of a most extraordinary year's work, and, I believe, the beginning of another year that will prove equally as prosperous. It seems but natural that an order that is founded upon a community of business interests should grow and expand, not only in the extent of its membership, but in added features that will increase its value and deepen its significance. Certainly there are many reasons why men engaged in similar lines of business should be benefited by coming together in a social and fraternal order, and whatever helps a man in his business is no small factor in contributing to the general good.

Now and then some moon-eyed transcendentalist utters a long-drawn howl anent the growing "materialism" of the age, and bewails the tendency of modern methods to transform a man into a money-making machine. It is claimed that in chasing the nimble dollar men lose some of the higher qualities of mind and heart and become too sordid and narrow. It does not seem that way to me. I believe the best place to develop the higher qualities is in the arena of business life. In fact, I am not at all sure that they are ever developed anywhere else. A man must have patience and perseverance and faith and courage in order to succeed in business, and the more he uses those qualities the more they grow. It follows, therefore, that his business success is just about as "spiritual" as anything else that we are able to cognize with our physical senses. It seems to me that the trouble with some people is that they are too "material" themselves. When they look at a dollar they see nothing but a disc of silver. Why not focus on it from another standpoint and see the energy, the steadfastness and the intelligence necessary to earn the dollar, and of which the coin itself is but a symbol?

The longer I think about this thing we call business, or economics, the more extended its ramifications appear to be, and the more vividly I realize that it is in truth a matter of more portentous import than anything else in the world.

To begin with, all the modifications of form and color and shape in plants and animals have come about through the exigencies of business necessity. That is how the camel got his hump and the polar bear his fur—they needed them in their business. If to-day you should discard your shoes, in a short time the sole of your foot would grow a tough skin that would enable you to hustle around if you had to, and if necessity demanded that you should go naked, a growth of hair would soon help to keep you warm. Birds do not fly because they have wings; the

wings grew because the birds had to fly. It was a business proposition. The birds that couldn't fly were devoured by their enemies. The reason a man has no wings is because he never needed them—other faculties took their place. The organism that could produce brains enough to invent a trolley car had no call to go flapping through the air on wings.

The need of it in their business was what made the bull's neck strong, and the eye of the hawk far-seeing. It was not an outside power that differentiated the various forms of life, but a force within the organism itself that rose to meet the requirements of outside conditions. Sometimes this force took on queer forms, as in the case of the shape of the rhinoceros. But the rhinoceros has just the shape that was best calculated to enable him to carry on his business.

Likewise all the so-called moral attributes were evolved in response to the business necessities of the individual. Truthfulness is not a "natural" virtue, but men have found by experience that it pays to be honest. A child tells lies as easily and naturally as he breathes. Dogs lie, too. So do other animals, and some plants. Man alone has dimly sensed (it took him centuries to do it) that the truth helps him in his business. A man who won't pay his debts soon finds it impossible to do business, and the man who is crooked in other ways cannot succeed permanently. Business men are not saints, but they must possess some moral qualities or go broke. Of course lots of people are born honest, because their ancestors learned the lesson of moral rectitude. What requires earnest effort in one generation becomes automatic in the next. For ages women have found it profitable to deceive. Straightforwardness does not help them to win out. Many a woman would never get married if she persisted in telling her true love her real opinion of him, and many a man would commit suicide if he knew his wife had sized him up for the measly old rip he really is, and that she is managing him beautifully and having her own way on the sly all the time. Lovely woman has found that skillfulness in telling harmless, rose-colored fibs is more profitable than a rock-ribbed integrity. In her case it pays to purr. The other day I overheard one woman telling another why she could not go driving except with her husband. "Of course," she said, "I am not in the least afraid of the horse, and I could drive him with one hand, but my husband likes to think that I am afraid; you know it tickles a man to think that his horse is too spirited to be driven by a woman. He is good to me, and I like to humor him." The other woman seemed to understand the situation perfectly. She had evidently been there herself.

If a man cheats at cards he is fired out of the club. If his wife tucks the ace up her sleeve and totes home the prize from the card party, it is considered rather clever than otherwise. Not all men have learned their lesson. Those who have not, however, are from time to time rounded up and corralled in jails and penitentiaries. Society is banded against them. To suppress them is for the best business interests of mankind at large.

Down in South America there is a plant which emits a foul odor. In this way it attracts its food supply. Flies constantly hover about it, for this curious organism is an insect eater. It is really a plant, but it achieves its purpose in a business way by appearing to be a piece of rotten meat. The chameleon preserves its life by its capacity to assume the color of the leaf or twig on which it rests, thus deceiving its enemies. It would not pay the chameleon to be truthful. At its stage of development deception serves its purpose best.

Business necessity is the foundation of all development and the cause of all progress. It is the most important of all moral agents. For ages preachers and reformers



tried to scare men into keeping sober, but the fear of the devil proved to be of no avail. When it was realized, however, that temperate habits were necessary to hold a job, the percentage of drunkenness greatly decreased. The railroads have done more for the cause of temperance than prayers and tears. Those soulless corporations, with no thought of doing anything except to further their own business interests, sent forth the word that they would employ no drinking man, and this manifesto caused many an instantaneous reformation. Within the past few weeks the coal miners have followed the example of the railroads, and doubtless this will still further help the cause of temperance.

There seems to be within every living thing a force that vibrates to a business exigency and to nothing else. Apparently there is supplied just enough of whatever is needed in the emergency, and no more. For this reason it would seem to be a mistake for any man to "retire from business." It is not in line with nature's methods. To cease from the struggle often means to give up living. When we quit life, life quits us. The ceaseless reaching out after something we need, or think we need, is what relates us to the life principle. When a man no longer reaches out and wants, something inside of him goes on a strike.

In view of the fact that in response to a business demand has come into existence all that is, it seems remarkable that, except Hoo-Hoo, no social and fraternal organization has been founded on this principle. If you meet a man wearing the badge of the Masons or the Knights of Pythias, you do not know whether he is a banker, a carpenter or a poet, but when you see a man with a Hoo-Hoo button it is, or should be, evidence that he is engaged in some line of business closely allied to your own, and that his acquaintance would be profitable to you. The matter of eligibility is, therefore, a most vital one. If men are initiated who are not strictly eligible, it does away with all reason for the Order's being.

In many cases the initiation of a man not eligible is not altogether the Vicegerent's fault. Sometimes he himself is not acquainted with all the candidates, and if a man is endorsed by two members in good standing, the Vicegerent does not feel like challenging him. I call on every member of the Order to co-operate with the Vicegerents and the Supreme Nine in keeping ineligible men out of Hoo-Hoo. This administration is not going to make any strenuous efforts for a large number of initiates. It is going to consider quality first, last and all the time. Our ranks are nearly full. We need to hold up the standard rather than to increase rapidly the number of members. Carelessness in endorsing the applications has caused a great deal of trouble from time to time.

It is hoped that no member will endorse a candidate unless he absolutely knows that the man is entirely eligible.

Here is a poem clipped from a newspaper and sent in by Brother B. M. Bunker, of Altoona, Pa. It was written by a man named William Tipton Talbott, who is unknown to me:

Hear the warbling of the cats—

Merry cats!  
Oh, I love to hear the music of their midnight nightly spats!  
And they waltz around and frisk all,  
In the joy-air of night,  
In a way so weird and brisk all,  
While their shapely tails they whisk all,  
With a Cataline delight!  
Keeping time with their tails,  
Like a lot of Runic snails,  
To the concat-catenation, sung in sundry sharps and flats,  
Of a canticle on rats,  
Rats, rats, rats,  
Rats,  
To a wild carnivorous canticle on rats!

Hear the turbulent Tom cats—  
Daddy cats!  
How the catapultic bootjacks interrupt their fiendish chats!  
In the darkness of the night  
How their ghoulish outcries smite  
Ears polite!  
From their catacoustic throats  
An intense  
Cataphonic ditty floats  
To the proud prize cat who listens, while she gloats,  
On the fence—  
Ah, the tabby cat who listens, while she gloats,  
To the surging cataclysm of their wild catarrhal notes!

Hear the hoarse grandfather cats—  
Aged cats!  
How they make us long to grasp a score of good brickbats!  
They have caught a bad catarrh  
Caterwauling at the moon  
(See it? Caught a bad cat R);  
You may hear them from afar  
Roll it like a British R  
Out of tune,  
In a clamorous appealing to the aged tabby cat,  
In a futile mad appealing to the deaf old tabby cat!  
Shrieking higher, higher, higher,  
Like a demon in a fire—  
While the little kitten cats,  
Infant cats,  
Sing an emulous sweet ditty of their love for juicy rats!  
That's  
But a rudimental spasm of the capers of the cats.

—WILLIAM TIPTON TALBOTT.

The Scrivenoter's report apparently shows a discrepancy in the matter of jewelry purchased and jewelry sold. Of course the explanation of this is that a large amount of the "jewelry purchased" consisted of buttons that were given to new initiates.

Apache, O. T., August 25, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of handbook and button, and I am proud of them. Ever since I joined I have felt like going out and butting my head against a pile of 2 x 4 for not joining sooner. Wishing for the great success of the grand Order, I beg to remain yours very truly,

R. E. LARSSON (No. 1140-A).

Brother H. P. Hubbard, Vicegerent for the Eastern District of Canada, made things pretty lively up around Toronto this summer, and it seems that a newspaper, the "Boycegeon Independent," saw fit to take Hoo-Hoo very seriously indeed, as will be seen from the following:

Throughout this district of Ontario one of the most important sources of wealth and industry is lumbering, therefore anything connected with the lumber business is interesting. For this reason just a passing notice is due to the establishment in Toronto of a lumberman's fraternity of a social idea, but though nominally for social purposes it will exercise more or less influence on lumbering engagements and business. The organization is practically a secret society and calls itself the Hoo-Hoo. The order has existed for some time in the States, and is there a strong organization, and it was a Buffalo contingent of the Order which last week came over to Toronto to do the installation of the members of the new branch. Twelve members were initiated, all leading members of large lumber firms, and the indications are that the Order will rapidly increase in strength and members throughout Ontario. The effect is being made to pass the Order off as merely a joke, and absurd names are given to the officers, but joke or no joke, the fact remains that the lumbermen of the States are united in a fraternal organization, and the lumbermen of Canada are about to unite and co-operate with them. Among the members who are said to have been initiated in the new organization in Toronto were gentlemen well known in the lumber business, and such a combination, though it represents itself to be merely for fun, may exercise a very important influence in the lumber business.

Valdosta, Ga., August 22, 1903.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Jim: This nice red hot August day finds me at Valdosta, Ga., fifteen miles north of Florida State line, a beautiful little town of some 8,000 inhabitants, and Hoo-Hoo, and a good round number of niggers and dogs. Everybody here seems to be in a good old-fashioned hurry. In and about the town the good-natured sawmill operators here, as usual among sawmill men, awaken the dusty sawmill nigger at 4 a. m. to feed him, but puts him to work wrestling with logs and sawdust before he has a chance to go to sleep again.

I find some good bustling sawmills here, and on an average very good ones.

You need not look for me at Buffalo this year; too much doing in the South, "Jim," and "I need the money." They have all got a little of the real coin down here, and I am hanging around the edges getting my hook in occasionally for my small share; commissary checks I cannot handle, money is too plentiful.

By the way, most any kind of a sawmill man down in this section can wear white shirts. I have not seen but one celluloid collar down here. I found that in an outbuilding. Some say it belongs to Cad Beale, others say it belongs to Dry Kiln "Moore;" anyhow, the difference of opinion shall stand until I see them both and compare quality with their cuffs they both wear. Did you ever shake hands with that ugly man at Shreveport, La., they call "Snyder"? Well, it is just like shaking dice over the bar for the drinks. You approach "Snyder," give him the customary glad hand. The buttons rattle in "Snyder's" cuffs. "Snyder" will then say, "Well, you lose," then he walks for three squares where his Dutch friend serves beer with dog and sauerkraut on the side. This is your finish. You ride to your hotel in a hack, if you are financially able. "Snyder" returns to the factory, resumes operations of turning out a good log wagon one a minute. This would be a good territory for "Snyder's" log wagons, but if he was to show his face in South Georgia the sale of his wagons would be all over.

Now, Florida is a good place to run log wagons, if they had oars on them for motive power.

There is some talk of using alligators down here in place of pull boats. Sawmill men say it is cheaper; they can get along on one nigger a day.

Jim, be good and don't forget to have next Hoo-Hoo meeting South, so I can walk to it anyhow. Fraternally yours,

J. F. DAVIS (No. 4408).

My Dear Baird: Enclosed please find clipping cut from the Buffalo Courier of this date. It seems that the reporter of this paper has an idea that the cat belonged to our Order. As I happened to be in Buffalo this morning I went around to the police headquarters making inquiries as to whether they had arrested the cat, and also wanted to know his number. The Chief told me that he had issued instructions to his men never to arrest a black cat, even if it did start from the Y. M. C. A. buildings, climb telegraph poles, and do all other kinds of fool things. The whole thing looks very suspicious to me, happening as it did on the 18th day of September, just nine days after our annual meeting, and at 9 o'clock at night. I have no doubt but that this cat belongs to us, and I would advise you to have some of our Buffalo members look him up and take care of him.

It does seem to me that it takes those Buffalo Hoo-Hoo a long time to finish celebrating. The balance of us fellows who attended the Buffalo meeting finished our run over a week ago and are back in harness again; that cat surely knew a good thing when it started the trouble in front of the Genesee Hotel; it must have felt at home there and knew it would not be arrested. With kindest regards, I remain yours very truly,

CHAS. WOLFLIN.

Here is the newspaper article referred to by Brother Wolflin. As published in the Buffalo paper it was embellished with scare heads in box-car letters, and altogether the black cat seems to have caused a great commotion:

"A big black Thomas cat created a commotion in busy Main Street in front of the Genesee Hotel shortly after 9 o'clock last night. The cat ran hither and thither, causing motormen to clang their bells, frightened a colored woman almost into hysterics as she clambered aboard with her heavy-laden market basket, and finally ran up a telegraph pole until he was dislodged by a well-directed apple which a youth had purchased from a nearby fruit stand and had hurled with the unerring aim of a Mathewson, a McGinly or a Milligan when a baserunner is trying to steal the second bag.

"The first seen of Thomas he was sauntering leisurely up the north gutter of Genesee Street from the direction of the new building of the Y. M. C. A. He was minding his own business until several wicked boys, who had an air-gun, began to level their rifle at him. One of the missiles struck Thomas in a tender spot and in a minute he began to tear things loose.

"With great leaps and yells he bounded into Main Street. An Elmwood Avenue car was approaching. Tommy stood right in the center of the track and refused to budge, despite the violent clanging of the motorman's bell. The motorman brought the car up with such a jerk that the passengers who were standing were jarred into the laps of those who were fortunate enough to have seats. Thomas having succeeded in stopping the Elmwood Avenue car, emitted an awful yowl, and wheeling around planted himself on his two hind feet in front of a southbound Hoyt Street car. In order not to sacrifice the cat's life, the driver was required to bring his car up with a sharp turn. Thomas then tried to board the car via the front door, but was 'shooed' off by the driver.

"On the east side of Main Street was a colored woman with a plithoric market basket. Thomas espied her and evidently determined to have fun with her. Emitting another ear-splitting yowl which could be heard at the Terrace, the cat with one bound alighted on top of the market woman's basket.

"'Lor' Massy, what am dat?' shrieked the colored woman, as she dropped the basket and its contents littered the sidewalk.

"While the colored woman fell on her knees in supplication, the cat, leaping and shrieking, wheeled around Genesee Street. The cry of 'mad cat' was raised and everybody got out of the way. In the meantime a great crowd collected. Several people tried to catch the cat. They drove Tommy hither and thither and finally Thomas sought refuge on the top arm of a telegraph pole.

"A woman who claimed to be a member of the S. P. C. A. said that something must be done to get Thomas down or he would be electrocuted by the live wires. One man was in favor of turning in a fire alarm and playing the hose on Tommy. A dapper youth who said that he used to be a capper for a hit-the-nigger-in-the-head-and-get-a-good-cigar-game, got a lot of green apples from a fruit stand and began hurling them at Thomas, while the S. P. C. A. woman protested against such brutality. The first apple almost knocked the whiskers from Thomas' moustache. The second shot was what a small boy described as a 'peach,' although it was an apple. It hit Thomas squarely between his two blazing eyes. Again did Thomas howl with might and main. He came down the pole at such a rate that there was a great scattering of those who had gathered under the pole. The cat jumped over the heads of several and when last seen was making for dear life down West Genesee Street in the direction from whence he came.

"Nobody knows who owned the cat. Somebody suggested that perhaps it was the Hoo-Hoo Black Cat."

It will be observed that a motion was adopted at Buffalo to have the name of each initiate's firm appear in the formal reports of concatenations in The Bulletin; also his official title if he have one. This is a good idea. However, the formal reports for this issue were already in type when the editor of the Bulletin returned from the annual, having been set early to facilitate getting out the paper. Hereafter the formal reports will appear in accordance with the motion adopted at Buffalo.

## REPORTS OF CONCATENATIONS.



No. 915. Canton, Ohio, August 13, 1903.

Snark, F. M. Smith.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, Ben F. Weybrecht.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, Ed. M. Vieltmeyer.  
Bojum, E. W. Riegel.  
Scrivenoter, Chas. C. Thornton.  
Jabberwock, J. S. Hayward.  
Custocatian, J. C. Bernower.  
Arcanoper, Chas. A. Dawson.  
Gurdon, S. N. Wilson.

1158-A Louis Miller Bachtel, Canton, Ohio.  
1159-A Phillip James Bernower, Canton, Ohio.  
1160-A William Ernest King, Canton, Ohio.  
1161-A Met Lawson Saley, Hampton, Iowa.

No. 916. Jefferson, Texas, August 15, 1903.

Snark, T. W. Griffiths, Jr.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, T. J. Siddon.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. C. Clark.  
Bojum, F. B. Brown.  
Scrivenoter, Will E. Singleton, Jr.  
Jabberwock, N. J. Ragley.  
Custocatian, E. S. Hooper.  
Arcanoper, J. T. Wurtsbaugh.  
Gurdon, M. M. Morgan.

1162-A William Thomas Armistead, Jefferson, Texas.  
1163-A Charles Edwin Baucker, Jefferson, Texas.  
1164-A Keyser Ranger Blythe, Lodi, Texas.  
1165-A George Washington Brown, Jefferson, Texas.  
1166-A Robert Garland Brown, Jr., Longview, Texas.  
1167-A Jesse Drayton Crane, Kildare, Texas.  
1168-A Paul "Hoo-Hoo" Dobbins, Jefferson, Texas.  
1169-A Rebulein Ambrose Hendrix, Gladwater, Texas.  
1170-A Walter S. Jackson, Jefferson, Texas.  
1171-A Douglas Thomas Jones, Kellyville, Texas.  
1172-A Hollie Middleton Lawrence, Longview, Texas.  
1173-A Francis Levi Mundy, Jefferson, Texas.  
1174-A James B. Rowe, Gladwater, Texas.  
1175-A Walter Scott Wesson, Kildare, Texas.  
1176-A Douglas Carnes Wise, Jefferson, Texas.

No. 917. Portland, Oregon, August 8, 1903.

Snark, Jas. A. Clock.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, R. D. Inman.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, E. H. Habighorst.  
Bojum, D. Ellery.  
Scrivenoter, G. M. Cornwall.  
Jabberwock, L. C. Jameson.  
Custocatian, C. W. Willett.  
Arcanoper, B. D. Sigler.  
Gurdon, H. W. Goddard.

1177-A James Albert Allen, Astoria, Ore.  
1178-A Charles Lucien Batchelle, Los Angeles, Cal.  
1179-A James Morrison Berry, Portland, Ore.  
1180-A Charles Isaac Bogell, Portland, Ore.  
1181-A Charles Green Briggs, Portland, Ore.  
1182-A W. A. Campbell, Portland, Ore.  
1183-A Albert Judson Capron, Portland, Ore.  
1184-A August September Demangon, Seattle, Wash.  
1185-A Frank Elias Doernbecher, Portland, Ore.  
1186-A Ole John Evenson, Portland, Ore.  
1187-A William Conroy Francis, Portland, Ore.  
1188-A Louis Delmore Fraedland, Portland, Ore.  
1189-A Frank B. Gibson, Portland, Ore.  
1190-A James Alexander Gowandock, Portland, Ore.  
1191-A Jay S. Hamilton, Portland, Ore.  
1192-A John Stuart Hitchen, Portland, Ore.  
1193-A Phelps Holman, Portland, Ore.  
1194-A Frank George Horton, Portland, Ore.  
1195-A William R. Humo, Astoria, Ore.  
1196-A John Lewis LeRoy, Cottage Grove, Ore.  
1197-A Ermer Augustus Lynds, Portland, Ore.  
1198-A Daniel McCarthy, Portland, Ore.

1199-A Eugene Goodrich McLaughlin, Portland, Ore.  
1200-A Frederick Burton Mallory, Portland, Ore.  
1201-A George Bryant Maxwell, Portland, Ore.  
1202-A Fred Charles Nessby, Portland, Ore.  
1203-A William Patrick O'Brien, Astoria, Ore.  
1204-A George Gordon Rae, Portland, Ore.  
1205-A Robert F. Raphael, Los Angeles, Cal.  
1206-A Harley Arthur Reynolds, Portland, Ore.  
1207-A Thomas Windsor Robin, Castle Rock, Wash.  
1208-A August Theodore Sieverts, Astoria, Ore.  
1209-A Florance A. Sullivan, Portland, Ore.  
1210-A Henry Brooks Van Duzen, Portland, Ore.  
1211-A George Kelsey Wentworth, Jr., Portland, Ore.  
1212-A Lloyd Justin Wentworth, Portland, Ore.  
1213-A Samuel Edward Wrenn, Portland, Ore.

No. 918. New York, N. Y., August 25, 1903.

Snark, Edw. S. Christiansen.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, James S. Silliman.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, Lyman S. Stone.  
Bojum, Chas. D. Dickensheets.  
Scrivenoter, G. V. Oldham.  
Jabberwock, Wm. C. Day, Jr.  
Custocatian, Wm. C. Thompson.  
Arcanoper, Thomas Riley.  
Gurdon, Walter Adams.

1214-A Arthur Royce Carr, New York, N. Y.  
1215-A Ralph Huntington McKelvey, New York, N. Y.  
1216-A Frank Charles Kissel, Brooklyn, N. Y.

No. 919. Paragould, Ark., August 27, 1903.

Snark, J. E. Thomas.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, Geo. E. Watson.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. G. Snyder.  
Bojum, I. D. Mumby.  
Scrivenoter, H. F. Stewart.  
Jabberwock, C. C. Reid.  
Custocatian, C. M. Dickinson.  
Arcanoper, J. V. Porter.  
Gurdon, Bob Merriwether.

1217-A John Calvin Brown, Hough, Mo.  
1218-A Howard Wortham Coles, Blytheville, Ark.  
1219-A A. Jay Dillman, Kennett, Mo.  
1220-A Aquilla P. Dorris, Pascola, Mo.  
1221-A John Frank Hopkins, Helena, Ark.  
1222-A Thomas Jefferson Howell, Paragould, Ark.  
1223-A Arthur Wilbur Jackson, Paragould, Ark.  
1224-A Charles Cromwell Lapham, New York, N. Y.  
1225-A Charles Burton Lowry, Paragould, Ark.  
1226-A John Walter Magennis, Campbell, Mo.  
1227-A Fred Bruce Palmer, Marianna, Ark.  
1228-A Augustus Daniel Palus, Cardwell, Mo.  
1229-A James Harvey Richards, Paragould, Ark.  
1230-A George Henry Schotta, Cincinnati, Ohio.

No. 920. Des Moines, Iowa, August 27, 1903.

Snark, Julius Moezel.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, B. F. Getchel.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, J. A. Getchel.  
Bojum, F. L. Garrison.  
Scrivenoter, Thos. Tobin.  
Jabberwock, E. R. Englebeck.  
Custocatian, Fred S. Whiting.  
Arcanoper, F. B. Stewart.  
Gurdon, S. G. Magden.

1231-A Louis Franklin Berry, Des Moines, Iowa.  
1232-A Frank Culbertson, Des Moines, Iowa.  
1233-A Lauren K. Deal, Des Moines, Iowa.  
1234-A Frederick Charles Foote, Iowa Falls, Iowa.  
1235-A John William Hallam, Des Moines, Iowa.  
1236-A William Frederick Hartmann, Des Moines, Iowa.  
1237-A Joseph William Henderson, Gladbrook, Iowa.  
1238-A Luther Blair Hopping, Woolstock, Iowa.  
1239-A William A. Lawrenson, Des Moines, Iowa.  
1240-A John Horace Lyman, Des Moines, Iowa.  
1241-A John Franklin McAuley, Osceola, Iowa.  
1242-A William P. Moore, Van Meter, Iowa.  
1243-A Charles Albert Neel, Des Moines, Iowa.  
1244-A William A. Neel, Kamfar, Iowa.  
1245-A Edward Carleton Nettels, Des Moines, Iowa.  
1246-A William Emmett Pinckney, Des Moines, Iowa.  
1247-A H. R. Sheidahl, Cambridge, Iowa.

No. 921. Toronto, Ont., August 29, 1903.

Snark, H. P. Hubbard.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, A. R. Riche.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, S. R. Higgins.  
Bojum, Wm. J. Hetherington.  
Scrivenoter, W. C. Laidlaw.  
Jabberwock, Hugh Munro.  
Custocatian, W. J. MacBeth.  
Arcanoper, Geo. W. Nickels.  
Gurdon, Richard Locke.

1248-A Frederick Charles Boake, Toronto, Ont.  
1249-A James Gilbert Cane, Toronto, Ont.  
1250-A Arthur "Biographical" Eckhardt, Toronto, Ont.  
1251-A Percival James Reginald Edwards, Toronto, Ont.  
1252-A Norton Vernon Kuhlman, Toronto, Ont.  
1253-A Arthur James McFadyen, Bracebridge, Ont.

No. 922. Atlanta, Ga., September 1, 1903.

Snark, W. S. Wilson.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, H. W. Dexter.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, Harry W. Anderson.  
Bojum, A. M. Whaley.  
Scrivenoter, E. M. Willingham.  
Jabberwock, E. L. Richards.  
Custocatian, W. H. Hahr.  
Arcanoper, Jack E. Brantley.  
Gurdon, D. D. Akers.

1254-A Fletcher Sidney Cater, Atlanta, Ga.  
1255-A Lillian Henry McDaniels, Atlanta, Ga.  
1256-A John Wesley Stauffacher, Atlanta, Ga.

No. 923. Mobile, Ala., September 3, 1903.

Snark, Cary W. Butt.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, Robert W. Child.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, Edwin R. Kimball.  
Bojum, W. J. Kilduff.  
Scrivenoter, Mark Lyons.  
Jabberwock, O. P. Durant.  
Custocatian, W. P. McMeans.  
Arcanoper, Mitchell Renz.  
Gurdon, C. C. Yonge.

1257-A John Wiley Dixon, Merrill, Miss.  
1258-A John Kickapoo Elwell, Santiago De Cuba.  
1259-A George John Fernandez, Mobile, Ala.  
1260-A Christian Henry Frisius, Deichamps, Ala.  
1261-A William Fletcher Green, Leaf, Miss.  
1262-A Robert Lee Houston, Mobile, Ala.  
1263-A Daniel Edward Jett, Mobile, Ala.  
1264-A James Thomas Jett, Mobile, Ala.  
1265-A D'Riche Lessing, Dyas, Ala.  
1266-A Malcolm Jefferson Franklin McLendon, Leaf, Miss.  
1267-A John Dorca Marty, Mobile, Ala.  
1268-A John Joseph Monahan, Mobile, Ala.  
1269-A Elijah Rose, Merrill, Miss.  
1270-A Hector Smith, Stockton, Ala.  
1271-A William Ajax Strong, Eubanks, Miss.  
1272-A Richard Henry Wilson, Mobile, Ala.

No. 924. Buffalo, N. Y., September 9, 1903.

Snark, W. H. Norris.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, Ed. M. Vieltmeyer.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, Frank N. Sneli.  
Bojum, Jas. Wilson, Jr.  
Scrivenoter, J. H. Baird.  
Jabberwock, Orson E. Yeager.  
Custocatian, Chas. H. Adams.  
Arcanoper, H. P. Hubbard.  
Gurdon, John J. Mossman.

1273-A George Edward Bailey, Buffalo, N. Y.  
1274-A Daniel Wesley Beene, Kenner, La.  
1275-A Frank Alfred Beyer, Salamanca, N. Y.  
1276-A David Jackson Crowell, Buffalo, N. Y.  
1277-A John Baptista Doe, Buffalo, N. Y.  
1278-A Rudolph Faust, Buffalo, N. Y.  
1279-A Albert Sturgess Fenton, North Tonawanda, N. Y.  
1280-A Donald Hemlock Ferguson, London, Ont.  
1281-A Harrison E. Haines, Buffalo, N. Y.  
1282-A Alfred Gustavus Haunstein, Buffalo, N. Y.  
1283-A Dugald Stewart Hutchinson, Chicago, Ill.  
1284-A Charles Everett Kelsey, North Tonawanda, N. Y.  
1285-A John Graham Hodges Marvin, Buffalo, N. Y.  
1286-A James Henry Mather, Syracuse, N. Y.  
1287-A Arthur Burchell Nichols, Buffalo, N. Y.  
1288-A John Sedgwick Noyes, Buffalo, N. Y.

1289-A William Truxton Pratt, New York, N. Y.  
1290-A Isaac Livingston Skeith, Norfolk, Va.  
1291-A John Irish Welsh, Buffalo, N. Y.  
1292-A Michael Whissel, Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 925. Minneapolis, Minn., September 2, 1903.

Snark, W. B. Tomlinson.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. O. Barndt.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, J. P. Lansing.  
Bojum, R. J. Menz.  
Scrivenoter, F. B. Faries.  
Jabberwock, A. E. Whitmore.  
Custocatian, J. C. Walks.  
Arcanoper, T. W. Procton.  
Gurdon, F. L. Bosworth.

1293-A Alexander Jay Allison, Anoka, Minn.  
1294-A Charles Jesse Burchard, Minneapolis, Minn.  
1295-A Roy Wallace Grenfell, Minneapolis, Minn.  
1296-A Ole Karl Hohe, Minneapolis, Minn.  
1297-A Jacob Frederick Jacobson, Minneapolis, Minn.  
1298-A John McDonnell, Minneapolis, Minn.  
1299-A Henry Armstrong Muffley, Minneapolis, Minn.  
1300-A George Philip New Meyer, Winona, Minn.  
1301-A William Edward Scanlon, Anoka, Minn.  
1302-A John B. Schley, Minneapolis, Minn.  
1303-A Simon Andrew Toffhagen, Dawson, Minn.  
1304-A George Burbank Webster, Minneapolis, Minn.

No. 926. Portland, Oregon, September 9, 1903.

Snarks, E. Clarke Evans and Jas. A. Clock.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, A. B. Calder.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, Frank B. Cole.  
Bojum, Henry A. Sargent.  
Scrivenoter, J. M. Berry.  
Jabberwock, Cal. Welson.  
Custocatian, Geo. E. Youle.  
Arcanoper, J. E. Glover.  
Gurdon, E. H. Habighorst.

1305-A Edward Wilber Barnes, Portland, Ore.  
1306-A John William Bevis, Portland, Ore.  
1307-A Wallace Charles Birdsall, Seattle, Wash.  
1308-A John Joseph Bowen, Portland, Ore.  
1309-A Edward Wood Brown, Portland, Ore.  
1310-A Oliver John Watters Brown, Portland, Ore.  
1311-A Thomas Allen Chinnock, Portland, Ore.  
1312-A Samuel Bellington Cobb, Portland, Ore.  
1313-A Mark Ralph Colby, Portland, Ore.  
1314-A Adam Sampson Collins, Portland, Ore.  
1315-A William Byron Edwards, Portland, Ore.  
1316-A William Hutchinson Accles, Hood River, Ore.  
1317-A Robert Dalzell Fulton, Portland, Ore.  
1318-A William Munroe Hamilton, Portland, Ore.  
1319-A Harry Aurand Hayes, Aberdeen, Wash.  
1320-A Herbert Allen Holmes, Portland, Ore.  
1321-A Charles Franklin Lester, Warrenton, Ore.  
1322-A Watkins Leslie Lookwood, Tacoma, Wash.  
1323-A Alexander "Whiskers" MacKenzie, Portland, Ore.  
1324-A Roy Michael McCarthy, Seattle, Wash.  
1325-A William Edward McCarty, Seattle, Wash.  
1326-A William Samuel McLaughlin, Cosmopolis, Wash.  
1327-A Albert John Moser, Portland, Ore.  
1328-A Alfred Osmund, Portland, Ore.  
1329-A Orville Allen Palmer, Baring, Ore.  
1330-A Julian Wells Perkins, Portland, Ore.  
1331-A Edmund Herman Poetter, Seattle, Wash.  
1332-A John Robin, Castle Rock, Wash.  
1333-A Otto Hugo Schwerdtmann, Portland, Ore.  
1334-A Ralph Hamilton Scott, Portland, Ore.  
1335-A William Morgan Simpson, Portland, Ore.  
1336-A Herman Carl Smith, Portland, Ore.  
1337-A Norris "Snatchblock" Staples, Astoria, Ore.  
1338-A George Washington Taylor, Granite Falls, Wash.  
1339-A Lyndon "Slabwood" Veysey, Portland, Ore.  
1340-A George Prescott Wells, Portland, Ore.  
1341-A Charles Crisby Woodcock, Portland, Ore.

No. 927. Shreveport, La., September 15, 1903.

Snark, Carl E. Drake.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, Henry John Frerichs.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, Edwin R. Kimball.  
Bojum, J. Strickland.  
Scrivenoter, Geo. H. Byrnes.  
Jabberwock, M. J. Ragley.  
Custocatian, C. L. Campbell.  
Arcanoper, F. I. Clark.  
Gurdon, W. M. Lowry.

- 1342-A Battles "Edger" Bell, Columbus, Miss.  
 1343-A Marvin Davis Clark, Alberta, La.  
 1344-A Berry Haley Collins, Shreveport, La.  
 1345-A Horace William Durant, Coffeeville, Miss.  
 1346-A George "Sash" Freeman, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 1347-A Victor Merlin Garber, Shreveport, La.  
 1348-A Edward L. Jefferson, Shreveport, La.  
 1349-A Torrence Samuel Lee, Shreveport, La.  
 1350-A Thomas Hamilton Moore, Shreveport, La.  
 1351-A Reuben Moores Morris, Shreveport, La.  
 1352-A Peter "Boiler" Parsons, Shreveport, La.  
 1353-A Hanford Newell Rogers, Laurel, Miss.  
 1354-A Clarence Landis Rutt, Christie, La.  
 1355-A Lonon Divilon Spencer, Hammond, La.  
 1356-A Cyrus Carleton Warren, Hattiesburg, Miss.

#### The Practical Side.

The men whose Hoo-Hoo names appear in the notices below are out of work and want employment. This is intended as a permanent department of THE BULLETIN, through which to make these facts known. It is, or should be, read by several thousand business men who employ labor in many varied forms, and it can be made of great value in giving practical application to Hoo-Hoo's central theme of helping one another. It is hoped the department will receive very careful attention each issue.

**WANTED**—Position as saw mill machinery salesman. Am a thoroughly competent draftsman. Will work for moderate wages until I can satisfy my employer that I can hold the job. Address, Hoo-Hoo No. 403, Miller City, Mich.

**WANTED**—Position as planting mill foreman. Can give best of references; have had thirty-five years' experience in that line of business. Address, Hoo-Hoo No. 6285, 2818 Gage St., St. Louis, Mo.

**WANTED**—The Scrivenoter has an application from Arthur L. McAlpine, of Brookhaven, Miss., for a position as bookkeeper or general office help with a lumber enterprise. He is not a Hoo-Hoo but wants to become one when eligible. He writes a straightforward, manly letter in a beautiful "hand." He adds also that he can give excellent references as to character and ability. Write him at Brookhaven, and do not waste time writing about it to the Scrivenoter.

**WANTED**—Position as shipping clerk, yard foreman and inspector with some good firm. Have had 18 years' experience and can furnish satisfactory references. Address "Orionna," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—Position as Manager of Yard. Have had eight years' experience and can give best of references. Address Lock Box 264, Geny, O. T.

**WANTED**—Position with good lumber concern. Will go anywhere. Have filled managerial positions for ten years; managing land or circular mills; railroad department; building and operating mills and railroads; estimating lumber, or can manage wholesale office or retail yard. Am practical both in hardwood and yellow pine. All references. Address, "W. A. B.," care of J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—By a single man, position as manager or yard man. Five years' experience in retail yard. Address, "Frank," care of J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

I can recommend a young man of good character, good common school education and of a good family; age about 22 years; considerable experience in lumber office. Has had experience in selling lumber on road. Has not had much experience in lumber inspection and actual grading of lumber, but likes the business and is willing and anxious to learn. He wants a position with some good lumber concern, and is willing to go anywhere. He is a member of the Order, and stands well both in business and socially. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—I would like to secure a position as buyer through Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. I am well known among some of the best companies in the State, and can furnish all references, having served 17 years as inspector, and having charge of yards.

**WANTED**—A position as superintendent, shipping clerk, or any position with first-class lumber firm, by man with fifteen years experience, office and outside. Would take management of branch office or yard. Address "Bis" care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

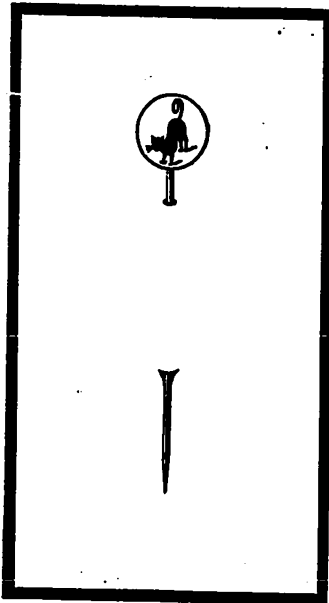
**WANTED**—Position by first-class lumber stenographer. Have had several years experience in wholesale lumber business, and can furnish best of references. Desire place in south or west. Good reason for making change. Address "5743" care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—Position by a practical railroad man of 17 years experience on trunk lines, log roads and small lines; am experienced in the following departments: Engine train service, traffic and accounting departments; can do anything you have to offer in this line of work; do not use liquor, and can give the best of reference for services rendered in the above departments. Not proud, and will accept anything to start with. Address Railroad, care of J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—Position as manager or foreman of good yellow pine saw mill plant in the South. Can give best of references from stamp to car. Address 726, care of J. H. Baird.

#### The Ladies' Pin.

The cut herewith shows the Hoo-Hoo Ladies Pin. We have yet to see a lady, old or young, who did not want one of these pins the minute she saw it. To have these pins in the hands of pretty women—and a good Hoo-Hoo knows no other sort—is the best possible advertisement for the Order. Every Hoo-Hoo ought to buy one of these pins, have his number engraved on it, and give it to some good woman. Remit \$1.00 to the Scrivenoter, and one of these pins duly engraved will be sent by registered mail to any address. It is one of the nicest presents imaginable for a man's sweetheart. Only members in good standing can purchase.



This is the Hoo-Hoo Grip Tag. It is guaranteed to bring good luck to any traveling man and to keep him from journeying on the downhill road towards failure or disaster. It can be ordered from the Scrivenoter, and will be sold only to members in good standing. The price is 99 cents cash.

