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- List of names and addresses, including Henry S. Clark, J. A. Panting, C. K. Tucker, etc.

The Record of Work.

Table with columns: VICEGERENT, CONCATENATIONS, MEN INITIATED, HONORARY INITIATED. Lists various states and their respective figures.

*Consecration No. 42, held at Kansas City, Mo., is divided between Vicegerents Pickering, of Missouri, and Taylor, of Kansas...

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...

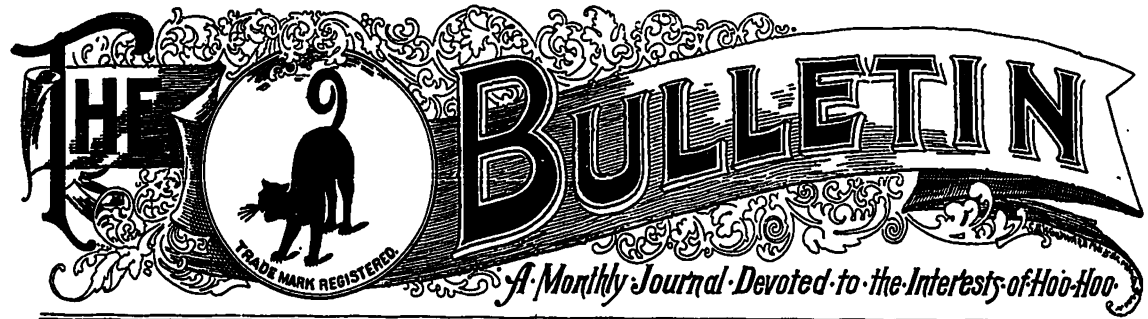
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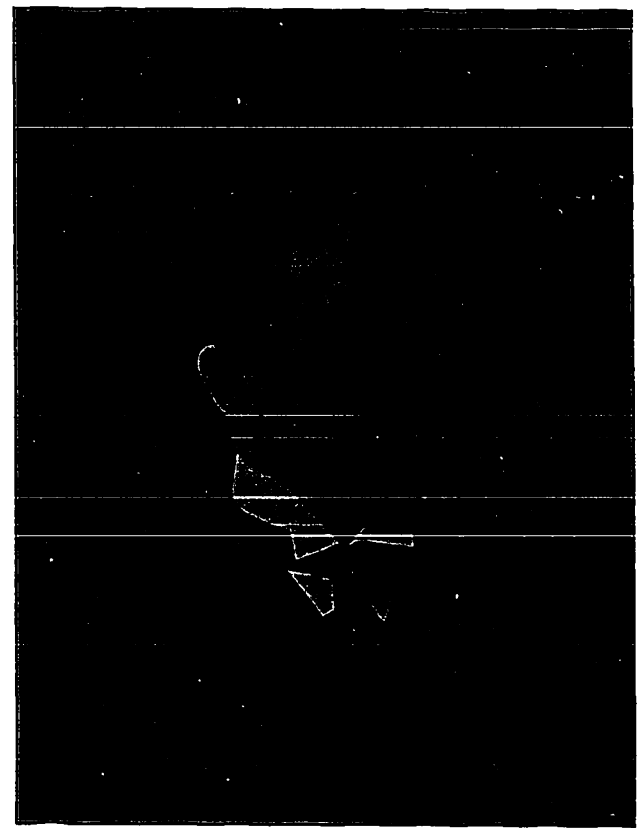
Their Mail Returned.

Letters from the Scrivenoter's office addressed to the following men have been returned unclaimed. Any information as to the present address of any of these men should be promptly sent to the Scrivenoter.

- List of names and addresses, including F. H. McLane, E. E. Getchell, L. B. Wilhelm, etc.



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The House of Ancients.

B. A. JOHNSON, Chicago, Ill.
W. E. BARNES, St. Louis, Mo.
J. E. DEFENBAUGH, Chicago, Ill.
H. H. HEMENWAY, Tomahawk, Wis.
A. A. WHITE, Kansas City, Mo.



The Supreme Nine.

Snark of the Universe—N. A. GLADDING, Indianapolis, Ind.
Senior Hoo-Hoo—JOSEPH MYLES, Detroit, Mich.
Junior Hoo-Hoo—PLATT B. WALKER, Minneapolis, Minn.
Bojnm—R. W. ENGLISH, Denver, Colo.
Scrivener—J. H. BAIRD, Nashville, Tenn.
Jabberwock—R. D. INMAN, Portland, Ore.
Custodian—H. W. ANDERSON, Atlanta, Ga.
Aroanoper—D. TRAMWAY CALL, Call, Texas.
Gurdon—E. M. VIETMEIER, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Vicegerents.

The following appointments of Vicegerents have been made, and the appointments for the remaining states will be made as early as possible consistent with the utmost care in selecting good men:

Arkansas—H. A. Culver, Sedgwick, Ark.
Georgia—William Bonhard, Savannah, Ga. (Southern District).
Mississippi—John Mason, Bogue Chitto, Miss. (Southern District).
Missouri—W. M. Johns, Sedalia, Mo.
New York—J. B. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y. (Western District).
Texas—John B. Goodhue, Beaumont, Tex.
Wisconsin—W. H. Ethik, Wausau, Wis.

MINUTES OF SEVENTH HOO-HOO ANNUAL.

CLEVELAND, SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10, 1898.

Inasmuch as the ninth day of the ninth month this year fell on Friday, and consequently the business sessions of the meeting had to be crowded into two days to avoid a lay-over for Sunday, to the demoralization of the Niagara ex-

ursion, a vigorous effort had been made to have as many of the members arrive one day in advance as possible. These efforts were gratifyingly successful, and the afternoon of Thursday, the 8th, saw over two hundred names on the official register, and the rotunda of the Hollenden filled with us lively and jolly a crowd as ever assembled on the shores of Lake Erie since Moses Cleveland marked out the site of what has grown to be one of the mighty cities of the continent. Much work also was done on the 8th. The Supreme Nine held a meeting, with every member present but one, and closed up its routine work for the year. The Osirian Cloister also held a business session in the afternoon, and another in the evening, both of which will receive proper mention in another place, as will also the concatenation which was held Thursday evening.

Friday, September 9.

Forenoon Session.

The business sessions were held in the very elegant and commodious assembly hall of the Hollenden. The first session was promptly called to order at 9:00 A.M., by Snark White. The official verbatim report of all that transpired follows:

Snark White (No. 102):—Ladies and gentlemen, please come to order. I have invited Kitten J. J. Wemple, the Vicegerent for the Eastern District of Ohio, to introduce to you the speakers on this occasion.

J. J. Wemple (No. 443):—It has been the custom in all ages, in great and glorious enterprises, to invoke the blessing of Deity. If this is true of great enterprises, why not equally true of lesser ones? Whether we call this a great enterprise or not, we hope we are laying the foundation stones for something that will be great. We trust that we are outlining the principles of something that younger lumbermen in years hence will thank us for, and under these circumstances I take pleasure in introducing to you, to offer the morning prayer, the Rev. Dr. W. H. Rider, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church.

All present arose.

Dr. Rider's Prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Rider:—Our Heavenly Father, we come to thee in prayer to thank thee that thy spirit is entering all industrial life. We thank thee for these brotherhoods of business men. We bless thee that thou dost desire through them to bring all men into one brotherhood under the fatherhood of God. We ask thy blessing upon industrial interests in our land. We thank thee for the land in which we live, for all of its resources. We know that thou hast given domination to man over the fish of the sea and the fowl of the air and the cattle, over all the beds of ore in this earth of ours, and the trees of the forests, and that thou dost desire that he shall develop them unto thy praise and the good of all humanity. We ask that thy special blessing may rest upon this brotherhood. We believe that it has been called under providential circumstances and by divine direction, and that thou hast in store for this circle of business men, together with all other circles of business men in this land, the highest results of civilization, of the church

of Jesus Christ militant, and the enlightenment of the whole earth. We ask, O God, that that prayer which has been lingering on the lips of the disciples of Christ—"Thy kingdom come"—may be realized in capital, in labor, in the spirit of the employer and of the employee and all members of the human family in all relations in which they stand to each other. We invoke thy blessing upon this company this morning throughout the associations of the day, and in the years to come bless each one of these business men in that work to which thou hast called him. Give them success in all material, in all social, and in all spiritual interests. Give thy blessing upon us while we say again: "Our Father which art in heaven—" [The pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer, in which all joined reverently.]

Mr. Wemple (No. 4545):—I learned a little story some time ago from a friend—I presume some of these newspaper men may have heard it—about Paul Morton, of the Burlington Railroad. At the time of the great engineers' strike, Paul was given charge of any news that might be given out to the press; and if any of the newspaper men went to see any of the other railroad officials, they were all referred to Paul. One day some of what they might call "kid-gloved" newspaper men came out with a special stating that everything had been settled and the C., B. & Q. had given in. By the time the special was well circulated Paul had gone to dinner, and when he came back—and I presume possibly some of these newspaper gentlemen here were there, too—the boys stood around the hall by the score, waiting to see him. He came in through the hall and looked at them and stopped. He said: "Boys, you make me think of a story told me by a friend of mine. He had a pet parrot, and all he had taught the parrot to say was, 'Sick 'em! Sick 'em!' One day Polly got out of her cage and onto the sidewalk, and a fine specimen of a bird dog came down the walk. Polly saw him and immediately cried, 'Sick 'em!'—and the dog did. After the fracas was over and Polly was smoothing out the few feathers she had left, she said: 'Polly, I know what's the matter with you: you talk too blamed much.'" [Laughter.] It is quite an art in a man to know how to talk enough and when to stop, and I am going to introduce to you just such a man, the silver-tongued orator of Cleveland, Mr. F. W. Bell. [Applause.]

Mr. Bell's Welcome.

F. W. Bell (No. 3941):—Brother Hoo-Hoo, Ladies, and Gentlemen: Never before in my life did I so fully realize my inability to do what I felt was my duty as at the present moment. I stand before you under peculiar circumstances. The man who had been selected to deliver the oration, the address of welcome, was suddenly "called home." He is not here, and never will be with us again. We in Cleveland who knew him well can but deeply mourn his loss, and every man in our community and all over the land who knew the Hon. C. C. Burnett can but say that a good man has been taken from us. Many years will pass before the void that he has left will be filled. After his being taken from us, I was selected to address you, to give to you the address of welcome, and, as I said in starting out, I never so fully realized my inability to do justice to an occasion as at this present moment.

As to what Mr. Wemple has said (and ordinarily he is considered a truthful man), I feel that you will see that he has this time made a great mistake. However, I will say to you, ladies and gentlemen, that when we in Cleveland here say, "Welcome," we hope to so exemplify that word, so carry out the meaning of it, that you will realize fully that the word "welcome" means that we are glad to have you with us. We are not only glad to shake you by the hand—you from all over this land—but glad to do what we can to make your stay in Cleveland a pleasant one, a happy sojourn in our beautiful "Forest City." This meeting was called here rather unexpectedly, it first having been designed that Put-in-Bay should be the place of your meeting. Only a few days have we had to prepare; so, if any mistakes are made, it will be the fault only of those in charge of the management of affairs, who have not had time to prepare fully the programme and to attend to all of you.

We have what we consider one of the most beautiful cities

in all this land. The ladies will have something of an opportunity to-day, I hope, to see whether I am telling what is just the truth or not. They will see some of our beautiful parks, our cemeteries, where lies the city of the dead, that are beautified in the most elaborate manner. Our parks are not yet fully completed, but we already have something like seventy-five miles of driveways. We have what is said to be, by people who have traveled all over this land and all other lands on the earth—over the civilized world—one of the most beautiful streets on this or any other continent.

I say, as was intimated by our minister in his prayer, organizations are the order of the day. This organization, started for fun, will end for great good, I believe, to the lumber interest, not only here, but all over the land. In union there is strength. Strength we need, not only in the lumber business, not only for the making of money, but through our neighbor who will help us conduct our business. No man of to-day can stand alone, no odds what money he has; no man can stand without the help and assistance of his neighbor.

Diverging for a moment from the subject of welcome, I will for a moment speak of our lumber interests in Cleveland. I have been here in this business something over forty years. In the commencement of my enterprise in Cleveland, we handled something like 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 feet of lumber a year; now we handle something over 400,000,000; and gentlemen of the South who are handling their Southern pine and are sending it to us realize something of the increase in their branch of that industry in our country. I think last year we handled something like 60,000,000 feet in this city alone of their Southern lumber, and it is growing in great proportions.

Ladies and gentlemen, I will not detain you with a long speech, because there are many others, and the meeting commencing after it should have commenced shortens up the time I was to have addressed you. Thanking you, ladies and gentlemen, and hoping that you will all have what we hope to be one of the most enjoyable times of all the gatherings of this organization, I will say to you good-by. [Applause.]

Mr. Wemple (No. 4545):—We have been disappointed in the nonappearance of the mayor, which we have been unable to account for; no doubt there is some good reason. We find he has left his home in just about time enough to reach here, but for some reason has not. He will appear later and be introduced at that time.

The Snark:—I will say on behalf of Hoo-Hoo that we, too, have a silver-tongued orator among us, who has been selected to respond to the address of welcome by Mr. Bell. I have pleasure in introducing to you Col. A. D. McLeod. [Applause.]

Col. McLeod's Response.

Col. A. D. McLeod (No. 737):—Mr. Snark, Ladies and Gentlemen, Brother Hoo-Hoo, and any others who may be here: In some of our railroad meetings—and probably you know I am a railroad man, connected with one of the best railroads in the world [laughter], whose name I cannot mention, because there is a sort of understanding here not to talk shop, but the C., H. & D. men will tell you what it is [laughter]—in some of our railroad meetings, when some important subject or great argument is brought up, it is customary to postpone the reply until the next meeting, so as to give the other fellows a chance to think of something; but that would hardly do in this case. Hospitality is one of the things that spring up quickly and must be quickly accepted.

Hoo-Hoo have had a great experience. We have met in the South, we have touched our hands to the warm hands of the South; we have come against the hearts of Missouri; we have been in the Northwest, where we have been greeted like brethren; and now we are here against the great hearts, the great generosity, of Cleveland. I do not live in Cleveland; I live in a city that is the largest in the State, and aims to be the greatest. To-day Cleveland is the queen city of Ohio. [Applause.] You see how magnanimous we are. [Laughter.]

Now, I do not believe that you want to hear anything; I do not believe there is anything that I can say. We have come here to-day as we always come. (Is the Doctor here—Dr. Rider? No? I am glad of it for one reason.) We have come here to-day, leaving business, leaving politics, leaving our religion, at home [laughter]—that is, those of us who

had any. [Laughter.] It is safe there, to keep. And, speaking of that, of course all these gentlemen are men of business. It is a hard thing to leave behind; but they show what Hoo-Hoo teaches, the effect of Hoo-Hoo, when they can leave behind them all their financial interests. Religion, of course, is not so hard to leave, because most of us have families to take care of that for us. [Laughter.] As for politics, the great events of the recent past have kept politics out of sight for the time, but I believe the papers are picking it up again. I think that the first remark I have heard on politics for months was from a chance acquaintance on the train coming here, who was reading a paper from Columbus that spoke of a Democratic meeting somewhere. He took occasion to ask me what my views are. "Why," said I, "I have no views. I think I had some years ago, but have lost them." He said: "I am a Democrat—a lifelong, rock-ribbed disciple of Jefferson, Cleveland, and others; but there is one thing in the Democratic platform that I cannot swallow." Of course I knew what that was, and we all know [laughter], but he reminded me of a story that I think very apposite in a case of that kind. An Irishman was feeling badly, and went to see the doctor. The doctor pressed him and thumped him and "ophthalmoscoped" him and sounded him and went through all the processes necessary to make a diagnosis, and said to him: "There is nothing the matter with you; you are just a little run down. All you want is rest and proper diet. Restrict yourself for a few days to animal food." A few days afterwards he saw the Irishman and asked him how he felt, and Pat said: "Shure, docthor, it was all right with the grain and the oats, but that chopped hay I could not swallow; it shtuck in me t'roat." [Laughter.]

But if we have come here, as I have said, leaving those small matters behind, I think there is with all of us a consciousness of a new and deeper sentiment pervading our feelings and tinging our thoughts. The experiences of the last six months—the drifting into war of a great country that believes in peace and does not want war; the going forth of our young men, the pride of our country; the thoughts of many of them, of some of whom

On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread

forever; the great achievements of the nation on sea and land; the dreams that have come to us of a consciousness of more extended length, of giant strength; the dreams of empire, both commercial and physical—all these experiences, the hopes and fears, the griefs, the exaltation, the pride, have tended to impress us and to draw us closer, as those who come together have watched the sweeping storm, who together have beheld the east glowing with the dawning day. And, my brother Hoo-Hoo and ladies, we are happy, happy, to meet here in this beautiful "Forest City," on the shore of the lake from whose bosom, eighty-five years ago (and to-morrow will be the anniversary day), the message was sent that thrilled a nation, and that has ever since steered the heart of every American gunner who stood behind an American gun: "We have met the enemy, and he is ours." [Applause.] With the dawn of returning peace, we are happy to meet in this grand city, to whose beautiful highways and parks and splendid edifices, to whose most magnificent industrial enterprises, her people point with pride, and which prove that through the strong hearts of her sons

Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war.

The vicegerent of this department made you a very little speech on the beauty of brevity. My brevity is exhausted. [Laughter and applause.]

The Snark:—The chairman of the Credentials Committee says if there is any one of his committee in the room, he will meet with them in parlor A. Ladies and gentlemen, this concludes the public ceremonies of our Annual, and we desire to thank you heartily for your presence. I understand the ladies are going on a ride, and I expect they would like the opportunity to take advantage of it now.

[At this moment Mayor McKisson entered the hall, and was greeted with great applause.]

Mr. Wemple (No. 4545):—Ladies and gentlemen, 19,999 years ago, when the Great Black Prince, Hoo-Hoo, was first on earth, he little dreamed that there was such a place as the great State of Ohio, the birthplace of presidents. He never dreamed that there was such a beautiful city as the

city of Cleveland, situated upon such a beautiful body of water. Still less did he dream that in this year of our Lord 1898, close to the dawn of the twentieth century, this beautiful city would be presided over by one of the youngest, and yet one of the wisest, mayors of the United States of America. [Applause.] I have the pleasure, Mr. Snark and ladies and gentlemen, of introducing to you the Mayor of Cleveland, the Hon. Robert E. McKisson.

The audience arose in acknowledgment of the presentation of the Mayor, who said:

The Mayor's Welcome.

Mayor McKisson:—Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen: I regret that I was not present at the proper time this morning, but, owing to other engagements, I was necessarily detained.

It is indeed a great honor, as well as a privilege, to welcome conventions to our city, especially of your character. The citizens of Cleveland are all aware of the class of people who are engaged in your profession here, and, by reason of their characteristics and their splendid integrity, there is naturally given them a splendid standing when they come to the metropolitan city of Ohio. It is for this reason that we take so much interest in your organization and are so anxious that you shall succeed.

I did not know until a minute ago that your society had been organized so many years ago. I knew, from some of the membership in Cleveland, that the society must necessarily be quite old and quite aged, but I took it upon myself that they were really the pioneers; but I see that in your society there are the young, as well as the old. I take it for granted, also, that the ladies belong to this society, and, this being true, it is rather difficult for me to extend to you our hospitality in a manner fitting to what I understand your Order would indicate by its name. [Laughter.]

I knew that an organization of some character had been coming to this city for the last eight or ten hours. We have a little electric keyboard, and just as soon as a first-class society comes to this city we see the electric sparks darting off from this board in every direction, and sometimes, as the interest grows, these sparks become larger and more dangerous; and I want to assure you that I never saw our electric hospitality board look brighter or throw more sparks than it has in the last fifteen or twenty hours. I wisely concluded that it must be the Hoo-Hoo society that was visiting within our gates.

The city is yours. I want you to enjoy it in every avenue and through every gate. I am satisfied that the citizens here will welcome you with cordial hands, and I am satisfied that the members here will surely be able to take care of every gentleman, and every Hoo-Hoo of Cleveland is always able to take care of a half dozen ladies [laughter]; so that those from out of the city—the ladies as well—need have no fear that the Cleveland Hoo-Hoo, at home at least (I do not know, Mr. Chairman, what their reputation is away from home), will not produce and exhibit splendid results.

Now there are a great many things that I might say to you in behalf of the city of Cleveland, but I presume that it is not necessary, because we, in the first place, claim that there is only one place to live in in the United States, and that is Cleveland. In the second place, we claim that Cleveland excels in the various kinds of manufacture and business, makes more of the staple products than any other city of the size in the world. No other city excels in so many things as does Cleveland. I do not know how it is in Hoo-Hoo, but it may be slow in that. But you here in this city during your sojourn have our sincere wish that you may succeed and that you may prosper; that your organization may meet with the mutual advantages which usually accrue from gatherings of this kind, from the touching of elbows that produces beneficial results for your trades in your own localities. I cannot add anything more than to say that you, ladies and gentlemen, are surely welcome to the city of Cleveland and entitled to all of her hospitality. Yes, you are welcome, thrice welcome, to the city of Cleveland.

The Mayor was rewarded with applause and the Hoo-Hoo yell.

The Snark:—On behalf of Hoo-Hoo, I am sorry that the vicegerent of this district has not initiated the Mayor, so he could learn to pronounce the word. [Laughter.]

[Mayor McKisson had uniformly called it "Hoe-Hoe,"

which led some present to believe he was really a Populist.] The Snark:—This now concludes our public proceedings. We thank these ladies and others for their presence.

The ladies and nonmembers withdrew, and, after a brief recess, Snark White read the following address:

The Snark's Address.

We are gathered here to-day in this beautiful city of Cleveland for the purpose of observing the Seventh Annual of Hoo-Hoo, a time dear to the heart of every loyal member of the Order, a time set apart to be kept sacredly by 6,000 followers of the great Black Cat.

The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo was born of necessity. It has a mission to perform, that of welding the good fellowship of all its members into close friendship.

During my term of office, from experience gained thereby, it occurs to me that some timely suggestions would be appropriate. As is well known, our Order is founded upon friendship and good fellowship; and in order to more faithfully carry out and instill into the hearts of all our members this idea, I urge upon you, as has already been recommended in the past by my predecessors, the importance of each and every jurisdiction adopting a Hoo-Hoo day, and get together and renew old acquaintance and form new ones, and adopt such means as, in their judgment, will best subserve the interests of the Order.

The present members of the Supreme Nine have noted with considerable anxiety the annoyance the Scrivenoter's office has frequently been put to in making settlements with the various Vicegerents. Frequent deficiencies have been encountered. A strict compliance with our Constitution and By-laws on the part of each and every Vicegerent would largely reduce the percentage of such deficiencies.

The average number of complaints during this administration has not been greater than formerly, but they should be lessened each year hereafter. The greatest care, in my judgment, should be exercised in the selection of the Vicegerents; for, of necessity, the future welfare of the Order in the various jurisdictions largely depends upon their action, particularly in the matter of admitting suitable material for initiates.

The number of initiates during the past year is fully up to the normal. While we did not expect to make a great record in the number of initiates, our efforts have been mostly along the line of securing good material, rather than the numbers.

As to our Constitution and By-laws, in my judgment, the present ones need but little revision. I have no suggestion to offer, except that they be strictly complied with by all the members of the Order, no matter what station they may fill.

I desire to express my warmest thanks to each and every member of the Supreme Nine who has aided me in the conduct of my office during the past year by advice and counsel. I desire to thank each and every Vicegerent. They have done noble work, and have aided us greatly in developing and furthering the interests of the Order.

formation desired. The office has been conducted in all its details in the very best possible manner. It is particularly gratifying to the present members of the Supreme Nine to learn the fine shape the Order is in, as to both finances and the smallest number of delinquents in the history of the Order.

The Scrivenoter's report followed. With minor interpolations, by way of explanations, that officer read as follows:

Scrivenoter's Report.

Since all important questions affecting the good of the Order will come in for a full discussion during the business session of this meeting, the Scrivenoter will confine himself for the present to those matters directly entrusted to his care, and the greatest of these the finances. Our receipts and disbursements for the year have been as follows:

Receipts. 1. Balance on hand September 9, 1907. \$ 2,400 21 2. Dues account..... 3,761 40 3. Honorary fees..... 443 31 10. Concatenations..... 5,592 71 12. Merchandise..... 433 02 17. Interest on deposit..... 42 22 Total..... \$12,742 00

Disbursements. 12. Merchandise..... \$ 1,400 18 14. Petty expense..... 206 80 16. Postage and registered mail..... 901 36 18. Stationery..... 379 15 20. Bulletin..... 623 15 21. Supreme Nine..... 1,186 50 25. Snark's office..... 684 18 26. Chamber of Horrors..... 148 25 27. Scrivenoter's salary..... 1,333 32 28. Snark's fund for relief..... 80 00 29. Refund account..... 10 91 30. Printing material and supplies..... 6 51 31. Trunk supplies..... 467 00 32. Telegraph account..... 39 72 33. Cuts and electros..... 24 40 34. Express..... 65 20 35. Scrivenoter's clerical help..... 600 00 36. Insurance..... 22 50 37. Office fixtures..... 2 50 38. Hall Rent-Sixth Annual Meeting..... 100 00 39. Annual Meeting..... 80 00 Balance..... 4,201 72-\$12,742 00

In the above disbursements the item of "Snark's office," embraces \$100.00 paid by this administration as expenses for the Snark's office for year ending Sept. 9, 1907. The disbursements also cover an item of \$100.00 paid out for hall rent at the Detroit Annual. These two items, aggregating \$200.00, should have been paid by last year's administration, but were not. They are not properly chargeable to the expenses of this year. Debiting these two items, the net available balance turned over to the administration now closing its term, was \$2,200.31.

I have examined the books and records of J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, for the year ending September 9, 1908, and am pleased to report the above statement of receipts and disbursements to be correct. I find the books neatly and systematically kept, and I congratulate the order upon having so competent a man to handle its accounts and records. Respectfully submitted, Jo. Edwards, Jr., Accountant.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, COUNTY OF DAVIDSON. Personally appeared before me, J. Hill Eakin, a Notary Public in and for said State and county, J. O. Edwards, Jr., with whom I am personally acquainted, who testified on oath that the above statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Witness my hand and notarial seal at Nashville, Tenn., September 6, 1908. (Seal.) J. HILL EAKIN, Notary Public.

This balance is larger by \$1,732 41 than that of a year ago, and it is the largest cash balance ever brought to an Annual Meeting. Though our organization does not number among its objects the accumulation of money to the hardship of its members, the cohesive force of a fair balance at the bank should not be overlooked.

Every cent of above disbursements is covered by a voucher. These vouchers, as well as all the books of the office, are here. If any member desires a more minute analysis of the expenditures than the foregoing, he is invited to examine these books and vouchers.

Compared with last year our receipts show an increase of \$1,352.43, while our total expenditures show a decrease of \$379.98, compared with last year, and of \$1,623.23 compared with the year before.

The item of "Postage and Registered Mail" is a heavy one. A large portion of this money is expended in the collection of dues. No effort at economy has been attempted along this line, and the "dunning" has been persistent and systematic. The gratifying results of this are shown not only in the very small number of delinquents for the current year to be reported at this meeting, but in the fact that over 200 of those suspended a year ago have been reinstated.

Concatenations. Seventy-four Concatenations have been held as follows:

Table with columns: No., Date, Place, Men, Remitted Scrivenoter. Lists 74 concatenations from Detroit, Mich. to Oklahoma City, O.T., with corresponding dates and men counts.

*By oversight the dues were not collected at this concatenation.

The foregoing shows an increase over last year of five in the number of Concatenations held, and sixty-eight in the number of men initiated. This is a good record in view of the disturbed state of the public mind throughout several months of the year.

Honorary Membership.

Twenty men have been admitted to honorary membership, under the clause added to our Constitution at last meeting, as follows:

- No. 1. William W. Starr, Savannah, Ga. No. 2. David Hugh Swan, Springfield, Ohio. No. 3. William Hiltcher Snyder, Carey, Ohio. No. 4. Henry Claudius P-rkins, Augusta, Ga. No. 5. Alvin "Viking" Peter, Toledo, Ohio. No. 6. Edward "Thresher" Huber, Marion, Ohio. No. 7. John Daniel Snyder, Findlay, Ohio. No. 8. Liberty Dean Holden, Cleveland, Ohio. No. 9. Henry Clay Christy, Cleveland, Ohio. No. 10. Samuel Reed Greiner, Warren, Ohio. No. 11. Isaac "Gentle" Barron, Shreveport, La. No. 12. Thomas Bartlett Chase, Shreveport, La. No. 13. Thomas Griffin Ford, Shreveport, La.

- No. 14. Arthur Theophile Kahn, Shreveport, La. No. 15. Allen Dunlap Morris, Shreveport, La. No. 16. Howard Henry Presell, Shreveport, La. No. 17. Rowland "Bright" Starr, Toledo, Ohio. No. 18. Erwin Loton Fisher, Cleveland, Ohio. No. 19. Ralph Gray, Cleveland, Ohio. No. 20. William Barris Martin, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Record of Work.

The record of work done by the Vicegerents in the several states is as follows:

Table with columns: VICEGERENT, CONCATENATIONS, MEN INITIATED, HONORARY INITIATES. Lists vicegerents from Alabama to Wisconsin with their respective statistics.

*Concatenation No. 452, held at Kansas City, Mo., is divided between Vicegerents Pickering, of Missouri, and Taylor, of Kansas, on a basis of candidates from their respective States, Mr. Pickering receiving credit for thirty-two men, and Mr. Taylor, twenty-seven men. The concatenation held on the excursion train, following the Kansas City meeting, and at which one man was initiated, is credited to Vicegerent Pickering.

†Concatenation No. 446, Columbus, Ohio, January 25, 1908, divided equally between Wemple and Schneider, the two Vicegerents. ‡Of the two concatenations credited to the Vicegerent of Maryland, one was held prior to his appointment, under the guidance of Brother E. R. Cooledge, J. J. Chanvan, A. R. McGaughan, and others.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the State of Ohio leads with 86 regular and 12 honorary initiates. Louisiana is a close second with 82 regular and honorary. California is third with 70 initiates, while Mississippi holds fourth place with 58. It should be remembered, however, that while Ohio leads in number of initiates, she has had the advantage of two vicegerents. Of the single vicegerents, Mr. T. Q. Martin of Louisiana, and Mr. Church of California are easily in the lead of all others, and Mr. Martin leads Mr. Church by 12 men.

The Deceased.

The following forty-three members have died since our last coming together:

- 11. McKee, W. R. New Orleans, La. 20. Wollman, H. New Orleans, La. 118. Miles, J. F. Elliott, Ark. 183. Nulson, Max A. Malvern, Ark. 238. Pearson, W. R. Thornton, Ark. 294. Hubert, J. P. Minneapolis, Minn. 493. Burnett, C. G. Cleveland, O. 493. White, L. E. Chicago, Ill. 564. Swartz, S. P. Grand Rapids, Mich. 1,420. Rumsey, F. D. Fort Worth, Texas. 1,446. Decuir, A. J. New Iberia, La. 1,491. Shirk, J. E. Glenwood, Wis. 1,518. Ladd, J. W. Merrill, Wis. 1,603. Harwood, F. Muskegon, Texas. 1,613. Lamb, B. Clinton, Iowa. 1,930. Lohberg, Frank. Lyons, Iowa. 1,961. Darville, F. B. Cleveland, Ont. 2,010. Stetson, Thomas H. Cleveland, Ohio. 2,201. Stewart, A. K. Joplin, Mo. 2,301. Harwood, S. A. Madison, Wis. 2,371. Reed, H. H. Memphis, Tenn. 2,406. Burt, J. H. Highland, Va. 2,512. Fairfield, C. E. Salem, Mass. 2,530. Cathoun, W. H. Dunbar, Ala. 2,715. Miller, W. C. Huntington, W. Va. 2,802. Hyder, H. Minneapolis, Minn. 2,807. Hunter, F. D. Duluth, Minn.

2,882.	Lock, S. P.	Memphis, Tenn.
2,920.	Merritt, D. D.	Denver, Col.
3,130.	Cushman, J. B.	Greenville, Mich.
3,261.	Ward, G. H.	Joplin, Mo.
3,105.	Purple, A. C.	Chicago, Ill.
3,330.	Hatch, G. C.	St. Louis, Mo.
3,353.	Miller, Edwin D.	College Corner, O.
3,381.	Lewis, G. W.	Monett, Mo.
3,408.	Kingston, John	Seattle, Wash.
3,588.	Reed, W. T.	Carroll, Iowa.
3,751.	Moeley, F. M.	Cleveland, Ohio.
3,854.	Wolfe, M. F.	Alexandria, Ohio.
4,274.	Stewart, J. C.	Webb City, Mo.
4,455.	Bettis, L. L.	Orange, Texas.
4,491.	Moore, G. H.	Orange, Texas.
4,723.	Bice, J. H.	Ford, Ky.

Resigned and Expelled.

Forty resignations have been received and accepted during the year. No expulsions have occurred, and no charges have been preferred.

I congratulate my confreres of the Supreme Nine upon a very successful administration, and return my sincere thanks to the thirty-nine Vicegerents whose faithful and conscientious efforts have so greatly contributed to this success.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BAIRD, Scrivener.

Col. A. D. McLeod (No. 737):—I move that the Scrivener's report be received and filed, and that a vote of indorsement and thanks be given him for his remarkably fine work during the past year.

The motion was seconded by a score or more of voices and passed unanimously.

The Committees.

The Snark here announced the appointment of the following committees, repeating that on credentials, which had been previously named, for the benefit of its individual membership:

Credentials.

W. W. Reilley, Chairman, New York; N. A. Gladding, Indiana; Charles W. Restrick, Michigan; George S. Gynn, Ohio; W. F. Baker, Georgia.

Constitution and By-Laws.

George W. Schwartz, Chairman, Missouri; J. J. Mossman, New York; H. W. Anderson, Georgia; William Ahlers, Pennsylvania; J. J. Wemple, Ohio; W. H. Ellis, Wisconsin; H. A. Culver, Arkansas.

Auditing.

D. Tramway Call, Chairman, Texas; R. D. Izman, Oregon; C. H. Carleton, Ohio.

Resolutions.

W. H. McClintock, Chairman, Illinois; F. B. Emery, New York; W. L. Burton, Louisiana; Joseph Kaul, Alabama; John J. Marten, Michigan.

Complaints.

W. I. Lindsay, Chairman, Ohio; J. M. Attley, Illinois; R. H. Vidmer, Alabama.

Good of the Order.

John Mason, Chairman, Mississippi; J. B. Wall, New York; J. M. Hammond, Michigan; R. H. Jenks, Ohio; W. A. Montague, Tennessee.

Press.

P. B. Walker, Chairman, Minnesota; B. A. Johnson, Illinois; E. R. Cooledge, Ohio; A. G. Flournoy, Illinois; E. H. Defebaugh, Kentucky.

Nominations.

W. E. Barns, Chairman, Missouri; Joseph Schneider, Ohio; C. H. Carpenter, Ia.; E. M. Vietmeier, Pennsylvania; I. S. Weller, New York; R. W. English, Colorado; C. A. Beale, Alabama; G. W. Locke, Louisiana.

[All the foregoing committees are as finally made up after corrections, and, in at least one case, are different from what was announced at just this stage of the proceedings.—Ed.]

The Snark:—I would like to have these committees get together as soon as they can, in the rooms here, in the different parlors, and be able to report.

G. W. Schwartz (No. 4):—I want to announce that the Committee on Constitution and By-laws will meet in room 237, on the opposite corner, the next floor above the parlor, as soon as we get through with this session.

The Snark:—Are there any other chairmen who wish to make announcements?

John Mason (No. 1430):—The Committee on Good of the Order will meet as soon as this business session is concluded. What is the most convenient place we can meet?

The Snark:—There are plenty of rooms to be utilized. Make your own selection.

John Mason (No. 1430):—We will use parlor A, on this floor, if we can have it, and meet immediately on the conclusion of this session. I would suggest that we can get together anywhere and arrange for a room afterwards. It is best to meet in a room.

The Snark:—If any chairman wishes to get the names of his committee, we will furnish him here from the desk. The Supreme Nine have arranged the order of business as follows: It is intended that we adjourn here to 2 o'clock, and we expect as many of the committees as possible to be ready to report from that time until 5, and at 5 will be the election of the new Supreme Nine, or as near that hour as we can get it. We desire to facilitate the business, and I hope the committees will get together and try to be ready to report without intermissions. Now, we have some interesting matter here from absent Hoo-Hoo—

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—I want to make an inquiry. Will the business sessions end to-day?

The Snark:—Not necessarily; we have a half day to-morrow.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—The report of the Committee on Resolutions will naturally be the last thing, and I want to be guided by that. The time and place of meeting of this committee will be this afternoon in the parlor.

The Nominating Committee Voted Down.

W. E. Barns (No. 3):—I heard my name read there as chairman of the Committee on Nominations, and, if I understand the duties of that committee, it is merely to suggest the names of a number of parties who are suitable, or are proper candidates, for these various offices. As I understand it, there is nothing binding in its report, and that, even after its report is made, any member is perfectly at liberty to nominate as many men as he may choose for the various offices.

The Snark:—That is the idea.

W. E. Barns (No. 3):—I do not see any reason, then, why we should not meet after adjournment in this hall.

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—Bringing up that matter of Committee on Nominations—as a point of information, did we have such a committee at Detroit?

The Snark:—No, sir; nor at Nashville.

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—Why now? It is out of the usual routine.

The Snark:—The Supreme Nine decided it best to have a committee of that kind to receive all applicants and consider them, and propose such names as they thought wise, in their judgment. Of course that does not bar any one.

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—I say such action is tantamount to an election. I am opposed to it, and I believe a thoroughly democratic system is better for this Order. The backing of a committee on nominations is undoubtedly going to carry with it the election, and I believe that it is the wrong principle, and am opposed to it. I suggest that that committee be stricken off and the old rule be followed. [Applause.] Our system of election is vicious enough. Our system of election by proxies is a poor one as it is, and some other better system should be adopted. As it is now, the gentlemen who go into the field early and come here

with proxies in the inside of their pockets can almost control the election. In one case, in one office, we have seen such an occurrence; and as it is now, I believe for all of us to come here unprepared and without any "slate" would be much better, letting the members of the Order here present suggest whom they see fit, without any selection by a nominating committee. I move you that that committee be stricken out.

[Motion seconded by several members.]

W. E. Barns (No. 3):—I beg leave to say that at the previous conventions—at Kansas City and Minneapolis—there was such a committee. This committee's duty was simply to give a number of names—there was no "slate"—half a dozen names, possibly two or more for each office. At Minneapolis, if I remember correctly, there were for all the various offices at least two or three people named. I do not understand why Brother Walker criticizes this matter of proxies at all. A proxy is not given to one man; it is given to the State, and he has just so much of the vote of his State. That is a question that ought not to have been brought up here in that connection, because every man gives a proxy to his delegation. [Applause.]

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—I think Brother Walker gets a wrong impression of that committee. Mr. Barns has explained it very explicitly. There are a great many good men in the various States from which our membership is made up who would make good members of the Nine, and whose States are very often represented here by one or two men, and those may be men who would not, possibly from motives of modesty, get up in a public meeting and make a nomination for their States, but they could advise a committee, and I think that committee is a good committee. Those names could be put before it and it could consider them, and those names would then be submitted to this convention. It is not binding at all. The names are then voted on with some knowledge of the men we are voting for; whereas, if we have no committee, the State with the largest representation, or possibly the most men who will get up and speak, will nominate a man, and he will be put through, regardless of his ability or fitness for the position. I think there is where our Order has suffered at times. This committee would prevent that, putting the best material before us to vote for. As to the proxy business, that is prorated among the members present, and the voting is practically the same as if every individual cast his personal vote, because of that prorate. I do not see that it makes any difference.

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—Both my brother from Georgia and my dearly beloved friend from Missouri bring, to my mind, some strong arguments against that very thing. Mr. Barns brings up the point of the Committee on Nominations at Minneapolis. We there decided that it was a bad thing, and for this reason: that that committee had two or three very strong gentlemen on it who had decided views as to the Snark. Among others, I happened to be their nominee for Junior, and there was also nominated for the same position William McClintock, of Illinois, who, as soon as the nominations were made, declined, so that I could go through unanimously. That shows that the Committee on Nominations did really name all of us, for the only fight was on Senior Hoo-Hoo. The same thing would be done here for Snark and other positions, and the committee could not help it. They may think their selection is for the best of Hoo-Hoo, but they are not to be the judges of all matters of Hoo-Hoo. If I were on that committee, I could not help picking out the man whom I wanted, and then put a weak man against him; it is only human nature. I cannot see where the system would work out. In the matter of proxies, I remember when Wisconsin came in with 440

votes and one man present, and he dictated the entire ticket from start to finish, which is a condition that is vicious. The putting of the Committee on Nominations into power will merely repeat the actions at Minneapolis and Kansas City. It will elect the ticket, and not the members on the floor, who should do the voting. [Applause.]

P. B. Walker (No. 48):—I am very familiar with the action of that committee at Minneapolis; in fact, I was one of the parties benefited thereby. As my namesake has said, that committee got together and selected a Nine. It then put one person in opposition for each position. As I understood the resolution which went through, appointing that committee, it was to nominate two persons for each office. This they did, but, as Mr. Cliff. Walker says, with only one exception, the weak party got up and resigned; in other words, that Nominating Committee selected that Nine. Now I am not in favor of that. I think that this body of men are abundantly able to decide for themselves.

J. J. Wemple (No. 4545):—I wish to offer an amendment to Mr. Walker's motion, or an addition to it: that the first vote for each position be informal, and the two gentlemen receiving the highest two numbers of ballots be declared the nominees for that position, and then the ballot proceed for those two.

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—The Constitution provides for the election of officers.

The Snark:—I wish to make a few remarks along that line. As already stated by Mr. Stillwell, there is great danger of making mistakes in a convention assembled. This committee, I beg leave to assure the gentlemen, has been selected without its members being consulted. Many do not know they are on it. We have tried to select good men and cover the whole United States, and I believe it would be wiser and better for the interests of the Order to have such a committee to receive these different applications and consider them. Of course the committee can recommend two or three or four names. That does not debar any one who desires to be a candidate from being nominated on the floor. The Supreme Nine should be elected along geographical lines—as much as possible, distributing the offices over the various parts of the country. I hope the committee will stand as has been recommended by the Supreme Nine.

E. R. Cooledge (No. 376):—I would suggest, if we are obliged to have that committee (to which I am opposed entirely), that it would be a great deal fairer for each State delegation to meet and select two of its members to represent it on the Nominating Committee, thus getting together and comparing views, and present an intelligent ticket.

The Snark:—I hardly think that would be fair to the Order at large, from the fact that it throws out some of those who are in attendance here. Some States have but few representatives.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—There seems to be a divided sentiment here on the Nominating Committee question, and I think we might be able to compromise and have it fairly satisfactory. The only office for which there has been much strife, with the exception of that at Minneapolis, is the office of Snark. It might be a good idea to make the nominations for Snark from the floor, and let the committee select the rest of the Nine geographically, naming two or three candidates for each position and distributing the Nine over the country; not presenting any names for Snark. This is simply a suggestion.

John Mason (No. 1430):—I think, Mr. Snark, if it is competent for the body of the members to elect the Snark, it is certainly competent for them to elect the balance of the Nine. While I do not care a snap of the finger how it goes,

I think that "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

W. W. Reilley (No. 2600):—I think we should refer this question to the members present; and if they want a committee, let them have it. I move that we do this.

[Seconded by several members.]

C. A. Davidson (No. 5306):—I have no choice particularly for these officers to be elected, but I will say that I have been in an organization where there was a slate made up and a man elected, where, if the election had been on a democratic plan, he would not have received three votes. That is the reason I am opposed to this committee.

The Snark:—The motion is that this committee as suggested be wiped off. That will bring it before the house. Is that right?

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—I believe I said "stricken out."

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—Before the motion is put, as the Snark has just remarked, the Nine should be distributed geographically. I would like to ask the members present, and particularly those opposing this committee, if, by nominating from the floor, there could be much attention given to that geographical distribution of the Nine. I do not think there would be any. That committee would be so constituted that, while its action would not be binding, it would give you good men from the different sections, considering the sections geographically. It would consider carefully the names submitted to it. If you leave the nominations to be made from the floor, I would ask again, What attention would you give to geographical distribution?

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—That would be all right, if brains ran in geographical distribution, but it is not so. If we are going to distribute geographically, my Brother Stillwell there would make very good Snark timber, for instance, or something of that kind; but I understand he is too modest, and would not have it. [Laughter.] At the same time, this distribution has been fairly well done at every convention we have had, and it was done better where the nominations were made on the open floor than by committees, because a committee settles these things more by prejudice than by calm judgment. You will find, when this matter is over and settled, that the Nine will be distributed not only geographically, but by brains also; for nearly every State, as I understand it, has done more or less canvassing on these points.

The Snark:—Are you ready for the question? You have heard the motion that this committee be stricken out. I shall call for a rising vote. If the kittens outside the room will get inside and sit down, we will get a good, clear vote.

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—I suggest that these gentlemen who have just come in be asked if they understand the question at issue.

The Snark:—I will explain it for the benefit of those who just came in. The question before the house is that the Committee on Nominations be stricken out. The Supreme Nine have recommended certain committees, among them a Committee on Nominations, to receive delegations or other persons who desire to have certain candidates brought forth for certain offices, so they can consider them geographically and for their ability for the different offices. In selecting that committee, we have aimed to have it representative from one part of the country to the other, and the gentlemen who oppose it think the nominations should be made before the house. It has been pretty well discussed.

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—May I state that a little stronger to the gentlemen who just came in? I saw about forty-two votes come in then, and that is going to decide the question.

The Snark:—Yes, sir; be brief.

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—There is a committee appointed called the Committee on Nominations. They will name any number of gentlemen they choose or see fit for positions on the Supreme Nine. We had such a committee at Kansas City and at Minneapolis. From the experience gained then, we thought it a vicious and a bad system. I am opposing that committee on the ground that the only way is to follow a thoroughly democratic system of nominating a man on the floor for our vote and our judgment, because a committee, when it brings in a report, almost invariably elects the man it wishes, and, therefore, the others will have absolutely no chance. I hope that you gentlemen will see that this committee is wiped out, and follow the system used at Nashville and Detroit, and which proved fully satisfactory.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—Our argument in opposition is that, when the nomination is made from the floor, there are certain States without representatives or represented by those who might be modest and not come up and nominate a man, who might possibly be the best man to get on the Nine; whereas those representatives here, and knowing of that good timber, would report him to the Committee on Nominations, and his name would be considered and put before the meeting as a nominee. This committee's nominations are not binding. They are supposed to nominate two or more for each office, and others would be nominated from the floor. The committee will simply give you names reported to it, considered, and selected with a view to their fitness and for the good of the Order and the geographical distribution of the Nine. These are matters which the Nine thought could not be well considered on the floor, taking it up pell-mell in nominations from the floor; therefore this committee was recommended for that purpose. Bear in mind that the recommendations of this committee are not at all binding, and are made up from representations made to them, duly considered. Names should be put up only after careful consideration. That is our position, and we hope that the committee will be held.

H. W. Anderson (No. 2351):—Do I understand, from what Mr. Stillwell has just said, that, if there is any State delegation having a man whom they wish on the Nine, they will have to go to this committee and so state?

The Snark:—Yes, sir; make their recommendations.

E. R. Coledge (No. 376):—Mr. Stillwell, I believe, was on the Supreme Nine last year, and was elected in the way that Mr. Walker desires to have this election conducted. I will ask him if he considers the Nine he served on was a failure, being selected by the whole of the Order. [Laughter.] There was no nominating committee last year.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—I will say, in answer to that, that I think there are some far better men than myself in Georgia, if you could get them to serve. I do not know, but I think that, taken as a whole, the work of the Nine for this year has been fairly well done. It has made a fair comparison with other Nines, but we are not bragging about anything at all. We want to see a better Nine next year—to keep improving the Order, not standing still.

J. J. Marten (No. 1293):—Do I understand that this Committee on Nominations is to hear the reports of the delegates present from the various States represented, and also that there are to be brought before it candidates from the States not represented, and then to be suggested to this assembly; then nominations to be also made in open meeting?

The Snark:—As I understand it, the idea is that all applicants for positions on the Supreme Nine are to be submitted to, and considered by, this committee, and they are to recommend two or more names, as they may see fit,

when the time comes for election. Of course that does not bar any others who desire to be put up as candidates on the floor of the convention. I believe this matter is pretty well understood. The motion is that this committee be stricken out. It has been very well seconded. I call for a rising vote. All in favor of striking out that committee will please rise. Mr. Scrivenoter, will you please count them?

The Scrivenoter:—I make it 54, the best I can count them.

The Snark:—All in favor of the committee will please rise.

The Scrivenoter:—I make it 15.

The Snark:—The motion is carried. [Applause.]

I. Shelby Weiler (No. 1267):—I want to explain my position—my vote. It is a well-known fact among the circle of my friends that you named me on that committee because I am the only man who would nominate and vote for himself for Snark. [Laughter.]

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—I wish to say, gentlemen, to the majority that we gracefully yield. We are democrats, through and through, and always abide by the majority. [Laughter.]

George W. Schwartz (No. 4):—[Reading their names] Will the Committee on Constitution and By-laws please report with me to room 237?

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—[Reading their names] Mr. Mason desires to confer with the Committee on Good of the Order.

J. M. Hammond (No. 2503):—I believe Mr. Miller has not been seen here to-day.

The Snark:—I understood he was when I put him on the committee. Is there any other member from the same State here whom I can select? Will some one suggest a name to take his place?

A member:—Mr. Marten.

The Snark:—I have Mr. Marten on another committee.

A member:—Hammond.

The Wrangle on Proxies.

The Snark:—J. M. Hammond I will put on that committee in place of Mr. Miller. I am requested by the Committee on Credentials to ask those men here from the various States to report to that committee how many men there are present from their respective States. I assume that the gentlemen interested in the election will know how many are here from each State. The committee seems unable to get that information from the register, and they are overworked with the way the proxies have come in.

E. N. Vietmeier (No. 2714):—There are quite a number of members here who have not made out any proxies, and, unless they report to the Committee on Credentials, they are not entitled to vote. Some members come here thinking that if they are here and have no proxy made out, they are entitled to vote, but the Committee on Credentials count only the number represented by proxy.

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—I would like to ask if that is not an innovation. Have we not always added to the number of proxies the number actually present?

W. W. Reilley (No. 2600):—We have some 215 proxies from some States, and no committee can pick out the names of those here. We do not know them. That is why we adopted that rule. It makes little difference, except from one or two States, and it is utterly impossible for any committee to pick out the people here. Tell us how many are here, and we will add that to the proportion.

E. H. Defebaugh (No. 46):—If you will read that proxy, it will explain that point. You cannot vote unless you go to the committee and get your proxy from them.

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—I desire to make this suggestion; that during the recess the members present from each State effect a little organization among them, one man to

establish who are here, and then eliminate the proxies of members present.

A. J. Neimeyer (No. 100):—I think that when the gentleman is on the floor, he should be entitled to vote, proxy or no proxy. I do not see why we should count up the members from our States to find out whether we can vote or not. If a man is on the floor, and is an accredited member of this organization, he is entitled to a vote, and I do not see why you should ask him if he has a proxy. How are you to do it? If he wants to vote, he is here and is entitled to a vote; let him have it, proxy or no proxy.

W. W. Reilley (No. 2600):—Regarding that, I would say that if your State had proxies in here for 250, and there were only five of you present, the idea is to give each man fifty votes. Your one individual vote would not count for much against the man who found out about it and voted fifty. The idea is to get the proxies honestly distributed.

A. J. Neimeyer (No. 100):—I think the register would help in getting the matter up and aid the Committee on Credentials.

The Snark:—For the benefit of the chairman of the Credentials Committee, I will explain that it has been the custom heretofore to use the register.

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—The men, as I understand it (and I have been located next to the room where they register), have been registering all the morning. Perhaps we could close the registration now and take the books to the committee.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—It seems to me that, following the method that Brother Neimeyer suggests, it would be a matter of impossibility to prepare a vote this afternoon, because no doubt many present from the different States also sent their proxies. If they get on the floor and vote without reporting to the Credentials Committee, their individual votes and their proxies, too, would be counted. To get through that register to eliminate any proxies, you have to go through the whole number of proxies the committee has. I think it is a far easier plan, in this instance, to have each man send in his proxy, present or not, and then those proxies be divided up among the members present in the room at the time the vote is taken. If you mix up the men voting individually and those here with proxies, the former are getting a double vote. If a man has sent in his proxy, whether here in person or not, let his vote be counted by his proxy. I do not see any other way you are going to handle it with any dispatch whatever.

J. C. Mulford (No. 1087):—I suggest now, to find out how many are here who have not sent in proxies: Take a list of the members present who have not sent in their proxies.

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—I would suggest that we call on Mr. McClintock, who did the credential work at the last convention. He can tell us more in a minute than we can find out for ourselves in thirty minutes.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—My friend, Mr. Walker, is a little mistaken about the last convention, but I was chairman of the Credentials Committee for three years. Most of the members do not seem to understand how the proxies are voted. The Committee on Credentials makes up a list of those present and the proxies present. The two make up the total vote of the State. Then the members present from the States represented divide those proxies among themselves. The committee has nothing to do with that. The chairman of the State delegation is simply given the total number of votes for that State, and he and the other delegates vote them pro rata. Then proxies from States not represented are added pro rata to the States that are, each State being given its pro rata. All the committee wants to find out is the total number of members here and the proxies, and you will get the total vote of your State.

It cannot be absolutely correct, because the committees at previous meetings have worked thirty-six hours steadily, and then not gotten it complete; but if every member present who has not sent in his proxy will hand his name in, that will give the total vote of the State and settle the matter. Then the vote will be divided among the members.

A. A. Teel (No. 6105):—Suppose that a member has sent in his proxy to the Vicegerent, and the Vicegerent is not present. How about that?

The Snark:—That does not bar you; you have your individual vote.

A. D. McLeod (No. 737):—I do not understand that members present send in their proxies at all. Those proxies represent the absentees, I thought.

The Snark:—You are a little mistaken about that. I sent mine in.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—I will say that there are 200 proxies here from members who are present. The rule of the Order is that the proxy be sent in, anyway; then, if the member comes, the proxy is withdrawn. That takes a lot of work. I am satisfied this committee will do the best it can, but the simplest way will be for those who have not sent their proxies to send them in now to the committee.

J. C. Mulford (No. 1087):—That is the point I am trying to get at. What we want to find out is how many members are here who have not sent in their proxies. Is not that the point? That being the case, let every man who has not sent in his proxy stand up and give his number. Then we have it in a nutshell. That is what we are after. I make that as a motion.

The Snark:—It will not be necessary to make that as a motion. Every one who has not sent his proxy will please rise.

[Members arose and the Scrivenoter took the list by number and State, asking if all had answered.]

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—It seems, from this semivote we have just taken, very evident that quite a number present here have misinterpreted the Constitution. I think the Constitution requires that every man send in his proxy to his Vicegerent, and that it then goes to the Scrivenoter. I think that is a proper way. In the past we have evidently been misconstruing the Constitution and entailing an enormous amount of work on the committee. If every man will send in his proxy to the Scrivenoter—every man can find out if his proxy is here—you can see at once that the Credentials Committee has nothing to do but sort the proxies and make up his vote. It wipes out an enormous amount of work on the committee and gives us a clean vote. The committee has not then to go through from 600 to 1,000 names and learn about this. I think we should have a ruling on the Constitution. It seems to me clear that every man should send in his proxy, and the Credentials Committee do nothing but make up the vote of the State on the proxies and turn it over to the members. I think the proxy system in intent is satisfactory and the proper one.

A. J. Neimeyer (No. 100):—I would like to ask if, when these proxies are sent in, they are handed back to the chairman of each State.

The Snark:—The proxies are not handed to the State chairman at all. He is simply furnished with the number of votes his State is entitled to. He hears the list read here in open session.

A. J. Neimeyer (No. 100):—That will fix it all right, then.

A. D. McLeod (No. 737):—Brother Stillwell, I think, takes a wrong impression on it being necessary for every one to send a proxy. The very term implies that it is to be voted by some one else. The proxy states: "To be voted as if I were present."

The Snark:—As Mr. Stillwell says, it facilitates the work.

It cuts no one out of a vote. They are here; they are part of the delegation from their State.

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—In Nashville, in the Kentucky delegation, a gentleman came in a little late, who had sent in his proxy. Kentucky was divided, and after his arrival my opponents got three-fifths and I got two-fifths, whereas, before, I had one-half. [Laughter.]

The Snark:—That was an error of the Credentials Committee. If all sent in proxies, it would do away with that sort of thing.

A. D. McLeod (No. 737):—I confess that I did not understand the Constitution, but I believe it is an admirable system for every one to send in his proxy. I would suggest that, through "The Bulletin" or in some other way, the members of the Order be made to understand that all members must send in proxies, whether expecting to be present or not. It is a little doubtful, the way the Constitution reads, but there is no unfairness about it.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—I would suggest that the Committee on Constitution and By-laws make that clause in the Constitution clear—that every man shall send in his proxy. I think beyond a doubt that is the only correct way we can get the vote.

The Snark:—I would ask you to present in writing that view of the case and submit it to the committee.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—All right.

C. H. Carpenter (No. 254):—I fully concur with Mr. Stillwell's proposition and his recommendation. After the Committee on Credentials gets in these proxies, and people come in at the eleventh hour, it is impossible to make the changes without confusion. If a man comes in at the eleventh hour, I do not think he is entitled to recognition.

C. H. Stanton (No. 3140):—I suggest, in order to get along with this thing to-day, that each one present who has not sent in his proxy be requested to do so.

The Snark:—I would ask the chairman of the Credentials Committee if he has not now all the information he wishes.

W. W. Reilley (No. 2600):—Yes, I think so. We have about 1,300 proxies. The committee will simply add to the number of proxies on hand from each State the number of men present here from such States who say they have sent in no proxies. This will give us the total vote, on a fair basis, for each State. We will report such total vote, and let the State delegations divide it up pro rata and cast it as they may agree when the election comes off.

R. H. Vidmer (No. 2624):—Suppose a man's name is not among the proxies or on the list. Is he entitled to a vote?

A member:—No, unless he appears before the committee before its report is closed.

J. J. Marten (No. 1293):—In order to bring this matter to a focus and proceed with the regular order of business, I move that the register close at this moment, and that the Committee on Credentials use the register to this moment and make up its report, any vote coming in after that time to be lost.

[The motion was seconded.]

E. A. Hildreth (No. 244):—I wish to say that the register, as it now appears, is not correct. I find, to my personal knowledge, some thirty or thirty-five of the early arrivals not registered.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—I suggest that this list we have made be added to the proxies on hand, regardless of the register in there. If the committee will add this list to the proxies, then its basis will be correct. I suggest this as an amendment.

J. J. Marten (No. 1293):—I will accept that and include in the original motion that the list of members present who have not sent in their proxies be added to the proxies.

J. E. Pierce (No. 1081):—There are many members here

at this meeting who have not sent in their proxies. According to the Constitution, you cannot bar them. Article VI., Section 2, has reference to that. [The member read the section.] You cannot close the registration now.

W. W. Reilley (No. 2600):—Can you tell me how we can make a list, then? This committee has a report to make. If we cannot close the registration, we cannot make a report.

J. E. Pierce (No. 1081):—You can only report on the proxies.

J. J. Marten (No. 1293):—I understand Hoo-Hoo day is the ninth day of the ninth month, the ninth hour. If the Ohio people see fit to entertain us here for a week after we have elected our Supreme Nine, and members still come in, what right have they to cut open the doings of the meeting? That register must close, and ought to have closed at 9:00 this morning.

The Snark:—We cannot bar any one who comes in.

J. J. Marten (No. 1293):—That is the reason I made that motion—that the register close at some point.

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—Is not this matter simply an effort to fix the vote of the State? If a man comes in later and registers, he will be entitled to his share in the distribution of the State vote. We are only seeking to fix the total vote of the States. If three men here have 100 votes for their State, then each will have 33 1-3; if one man comes in later, each will then have 25 votes.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—That is right. We are splitting hairs over a small matter. If a State has 100 votes, and a man comes in late, he makes 101 votes for that State. If there were originally two representatives of that State, each would have 50 votes on a division; now, with the third man, each will have 33 2-3 votes on a division, but the total vote of the State will not have changed to any considerable extent. All who arrive between now and the time the election occurs will not increase the total vote of any one State more than three or four votes. The late comers can go to their State's delegation and divide up its vote. No one will be cut out of any determining vote. It is a physical impossibility to get a report ready, unless the committee can go ahead right now and make it. In my opinion, the committee should be allowed to go ahead and do this without any further trouble. If the convention afterwards turns down the report, all right. [Applause.]

The Snark:—What the gentleman says is right. The committee must make a report and determine how many votes each State has in the convention.

E. M. Vietmeier (No. 2714):—Suppose there are members here, but not at this meeting; members from their State know they are here, and put their names and numbers into the committee. Will those votes be counted?

The Snark:—Yes, sir. The motion as amended and now before the house is that the Committee on Credentials shall add to the number of proxies on hand the list of those present who did not send in any proxies, and that the registration now close. Are you ready for the question?

Voices:—Question, question.

[The motion prevailed.]

At 12:25 a recess was taken until 2:30 P.M.

Friday, September 9.

Starvation Session.

It was quite 3 o'clock before the members could be gathered together. The knowledge that the committees had had but about two hours in which to eat lunch and do their work, and that few of them would be ready to report at 2:30, made the Snark lenient in calling the session to order.

Pending the report from the committees, the Snark instructed the Scrivenoter to read the telegraphic and other

communications from absent members. A dozen or more had been read, when attention was called to the great number of them and time which would be required to read them. A motion was made and carried that the reading be dispensed with, and that the communications be published in full in the official report.

[See another column, near close of report.—Ed.]

Greetings From Omaha.

Among the communications which were read was the following from the Hoo-Hoo attending Lumbermen's Day at the Omaha Exposition:

Exposition Grounds, Omaha, September 9.—To great Hoo-Hoo and to the faithful and the sages assembled by the mandate of the Great Prince, from the Hoo-Hoo gathered at the Transmississippi Exposition, greetings: Health, Happiness, and Long Life; we regret this separation, but we join hearts with you and wish that wisdom may guide your counsels and good fellowship crown the feast, that Hoo-Hoo may prosper and be strong.

THREE HUNDRED OF THE WEST.

The Snark:—It has been suggested that we send a telegram of congratulations to our kittens at the Omaha Exposition, and I would suggest that some of the newspaper men here get that up.

[Following the session the following telegram was sent by instructions of the Scrivenoter:

Cleveland, O., Sept. 9.—To John W. Barry, Omaha, Neb.: Fraternal greetings from Cleveland's moiety to all Hoo-Hoo in Omaha.

THREE HUNDRED AND TEN AT CLEVELAND.]

Reports of Committees.

The Snark:—The first on the list is the Committee on Credentials. Is the chairman ready to report?

Report of Committee on Credentials.

W. W. Reilley (No. 2600):—I will read the name of the State, with the total number of votes that each will have. Each State, I wish, will try to remember its own vote, to save confusion:

Alabama.....	37
Arkansas.....	46
Colorado.....	24
Georgia.....	156
Iowa.....	45
Illinois.....	56
Indiana.....	21
Kansas.....	45
Kentucky.....	40
Louisiana.....	73
Massachusetts.....	7
Michigan.....	207
Minnesota.....	204
Mississippi.....	65
Missouri.....	148
New York.....	34
North Carolina.....	3
Ohio.....	83
Oregon.....	13
Pennsylvania.....	41
Tennessee.....	69
Texas.....	128
Wisconsin.....	105
Total.....	1659

That is the total, not only of the members present, but their apportionment of any miscellaneous votes and proxies from States not represented.

The Snark:—What is the grand total, Mr. Chairman?

W. W. Reilley (No. 2600):—One thousand five hundred and fifty-nine.

C. H. Carpenter (No. 254):—I failed to hear the Iowa vote.

W. W. Reilley (No. 2600):—Forty-five.

J. J. Mossman (No. 5102):—What is New York's vote?

W. W. Reilly (No. 2600):—Thirty-four.

The Snark:—What shall we do with the report of the Committee on Credentials?

A member:—I move the report of the committee be received and adopted.

[The motion was seconded and passed.]

The Snark:—Is the Constitution and By-laws Committee ready to report? The Auditing Committee ready to report?

D. T. Call (No. 1399):—I did not know of this committee until a short time ago. I have not had a chance to see the committee. We will report at the next session.

The Snark:—I will say for your enlightenment that Kittens Inman, of Oregon, and Carleton, of Ohio, are your committeemen, and would suggest that you get to work, so you can be able to report without delay. I made the announcement before dinner. I suppose you were not in the room.

The Snark:—The Committee on Complaints.

Report of Committee on Complaints.

The committee have the pleasure of announcing that they have had no complaints from any of the members during the past year, and congratulate the members accordingly.

W. I. LINDSAY, Chairman;
J. M. ATTLEY,
R. H. VIDMER.

[Report adopted.]

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—As chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, I would announce a meeting of that committee, at 8 o'clock this evening, in parlor B.

The Snark:—Do the gentlemen know who are on your committee?

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—Mr. Emery, Mr. Kaul, W. L. Burton, John J. Marten.

The Snark:—You have heard the report of the Committee on Complaints. What shall be done with it?

A member:—I move it be adopted.

[The motion was seconded and passed.]

The Snark:—Committee on Good of the Order—is it ready to report?

Report of Committee on Good of the Order.

John Mason (No. 1430) read the following report: We, the committee to whom was intrusted matters pertaining to "good of the Order," beg leave to report:

That it be an urgent instruction to all Vicegerent Snarks that particular care be taken in the selection of candidates, and none but those known to be moral, upright citizens be recommended.

That the Scrivenoter have printed, in convenient form, a concise list of the duties and responsibilities of Vicegerent Snarks, that no misconception of these duties may arise, so that they may familiarize themselves with the duties of their office without needless delay.

That the Committee on Transportation be abolished, and that the whole matter of transportation be placed in the hands of the Scrivenoter.

We call attention to that part of the Constitution that deals with the qualifications for membership, and urge a stricter compliance therewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MASON, Chairman;
W. L. MONTAGUE,
JAMES B. WALL,
J. M. HAMMOND.

The Snark:—You have heard the report of the Committee on Good of the Order. What shall be done with it?

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—I move now that the report of the Committee on Good of the Order be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws immediately.

W. W. Reilly (No. 2600):—I second the motion.

[The motion was passed as made.]

The Snark:—Committee on the Press—are they ready to report? Mr. Platt B. Walker is chairman.

P. B. Walker (No. 49):—The duties of the Committee on the Press seem to be largely ornamental. Heretofore it

has fallen to the lot of the folks on the press committee to see that the local press properly recorded our doings. This object a number of representatives on that committee looked after yesterday. I do not think there are any other duties assigned to us.

The Snark:—I wish you would report it in writing, so that we can make a record of it.

P. B. Walker (No. 49):—All right, sir.

The Snark:—Is there anything else that can be brought before the convention—any resolution or motion—while the Committee on Constitution and By-laws are at work? Are any of the Entertainment Committee here? The Reception Committee? Mr. Bell, of the local committee, has a report to make.

F. W. Bell (No. 3941):—Gentlemen, it has been arranged that the trip to Euclid Beach Park by the magnificent boats owned by the park company be taken to-night. The boats will leave the foot of Superior street at 7 o'clock. Music will be there, free; a large and beautiful dancing hall, places for refreshments; and you can stay all night, if you wish. No tickets will be required, and you will be taken down free, the emblems admitting all to the boats. Mr. James Carleton will be at the boat. It has been arranged so that a good time can be had. The boats will leave at 10 o'clock and 11 o'clock this evening, coming back. You can come back that way or stay till near morning and return by the street cars.

W. W. Reilly (No. 2600):—Can we go out there by street cars?

F. W. Bell (No. 3941):—Yes.

W. W. Reilly (No. 2600):—What line of cars?

F. W. Bell (No. 3941):—Each car is placarded, "Euclid Beach," that will take you to the beach, out Euclid avenue.

E. A. Hildreth (No. 2044):—I have the tickets here for the boat ride to-morrow afternoon. It will be free, and if there is any one who has not a ticket, and will let me know, I will give it to him now.

[At this juncture the tables and chairs in the hall were rearranged to secure better hearing.]

Place of Next Meeting.

The Snark:—As the rest of the committees are not ready to report, and in order to fill up the time, it has been suggested that those who are here in the interest of places applicant for the next Hoo-Hoo Annual be now given an opportunity to present their claims. I understand that there are several here. There is a communication here on the desk from the manager of the Put-in-Bay hotel—Hotel Victory—and I have requested the Scrivenoter to read it. Can the kittens hear any better than they did before?

[Voices:—Yes, sir; much better, etc.]

The Scrivenoter:—The letter is as follows:

Toledo, O., Sept. 8, 1898.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.—Dear Sir: The Hotel Victory Company, of Put-in-Bay, O., wish to extend to the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, now assembled, their heartfelt sympathies and regrets. The unfortunate affair which brought about the necessary change of meeting place for this Annual is liable to have occurred at almost any other point, and we are quite sure your convention will not censure the hotel company for anything that has transpired.

The hotel company were making every preparation possible to make your stay on the island one long to be remembered. They, together with our guests, were looking forward to the greatest of the season's events, the Hoo-Hoo convention; and we assure you that when it was decided to close the hotel, it came like a thunderbolt from a cloudless sky to think that we were going to be unable to entertain the pride of all our conventions this season, the Hoo-Hoo.

We feel that we must make amends—we want to—and we insist that you come to us in 1899. From letters received from prominent Hoo-Hoo, it seems that it was the intention of nearly all members to be at Put-in-Bay. They

had looked forward to an enjoyable time; they had been deprived of a vacation, and must now necessarily go over another year without a respite from business, not caring to attend the meeting unless held at Put-in-Bay. Your Executive Committee and officers have been placed to an unlimited amount of trouble, inconvenience, and worry; your members' plans have been changed, and the pleasure of your meeting has been destroyed, to a certain degree.

We cannot help but think it is due both your disappointed members and yourselves that you select your meeting place again in 1899 at the Hotel Victory. To further show our appreciation of the fact that you have been deprived of pleasures and put to inconveniences, we will say that, if you will but give us the opportunity to entertain you in 1899, we will name one hotel rate only, and that the very low one of \$2.50 per day, this to apply to any room in the house (not occupied at time of convention)—first come, first served; and we will carry out our original plans and contracts of 1898 with your committees of 1899.

While there is great doubt as to the genuineness of the epidemic at Put-in-Bay, the hotel company propose to draw the color line; and, too, when the conditions are right and the wind favorable, to eradicate all possibilities of a repetition of the epidemic by applying the torch to the building in which the servants have been confined, and burn it and its contents to the ground. As no cases were in the hotel or near it, no possible danger need be anticipated.

We ask that your convention kindly consider well our invitation, and make no decision on any other point until your committee on location are thoroughly convinced that we are deeply in earnest in every word we have said.

Thanking you for your past favors, and hoping for a favorable decision in our behalf, we remain, yours most respectfully,
HOTEL VICTORY COMPANY.

[The communication was received with applause.]

The Snark:—Kittens, I believe that Denver is an applicant for entertaining our Order next year, and they have a representative here in the person of Vicegerent R. W. English, of Colorado.

R. W. English (No. 2220):—I have been solicited, or was solicited, several months ago, to attend this Annual Meeting and to invite the Hoo-Hoo of the United States to come West in '99. I have come from Denver to extend that invitation to every Hoo-Hoo in the United States. You probably know the place; many of you have been in Denver. Even those who have not know that it is quite a convention city. Those of you who were in Denver six years ago, in August, at the time the conclave was held there, will probably be willing to substantiate any statement that I may make while on the floor in behalf of Denver. There are a good many gentlemen, members of this Order, who are members of the Temple, and whom I have met here, who know just what stuff we are made out of out there in the Rocky Mountains as entertainers.

We need this Order's Annual Meeting in the West for several reasons. It is true, as many may say, that at the present time we have not a very large membership of this Order; it is a fact that we are a long way away from the Central States, and the excitement has not struck our people yet; but we have plenty of good material out there. We have a large number of good, solid, substantial business men interested in the lumber business throughout the State. We have good, representative business men of some of the largest railroads running West whom we would be only too glad to initiate into this Order, and all we need is something of this kind to stir us up out there. If I can go home and say to my people that the convention of the Hoo-Hoo Order—the Annual Meeting of the Hoo-Hoo for 1899—will be held in Denver, we can double or treble our number easily within the next six months. This is one of the principal reasons why we would like to have this convention held in Denver.

There are many other reasons that I could call your attention to, but it is not necessary; but we have a climate that we will back against that of any State in the Union.

You can come to our State in almost any month in the year and find a pleasant climate.

The Coloradans have plenty of time to entertain. They do not seem to be crowded for time when friends come there to see them; they are a class of people who do not care to work twelve hours every day; they would rather work four hours and play the balance of the time, or entertain their friends.

We have had several large, important conventions there this last year. We entertained several hundred people there at different times this last season, and they all seemed to be satisfied. They have all expressed themselves as having had a good time. We not only entertained clubs and societies made up of men, but we entertained the women's clubs, when we had 2,800 delegates. [Applause.] They were there over a week. While I have heard it was said on the sly by the saloon keepers that that kind of delegation does not pay very well, they were glad to see them down there; but they were soon followed by the bankers, and they spend their money freely. When I left home, we had the editors there, and of course there is no use saying anything about what the editors do; but they came there to spend their money and have a good time, and they have had it. I had a message this morning saying that they had just left, and went away well pleased with the way they were treated.

Now, brother Hoo-Hoo, in considering this proposition, and as evidence that I am sincere in this work, I have taken a little pains to secure a few letters. I have a letter from the Governor of the State of Colorado, Alva Adams; a letter from the Mayor of the city of Denver; and a letter from the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce, a body of our best men, representing something over 600 in membership; and also a letter signed by every general passenger agent of every railroad entering Denver, from both the East and the West; and if we can get you to vote favorably on Denver as your next meeting place, we can draw from California and from Oregon and from Washington delegates who seem to think that this is a little too far to come. We ought to have them represented in this Order more largely than they are; we ought to have treble the members in this Order doing business in Colorado that we have; and all we ask is for you to say that you will give Denver and Colorado a chance, an opportunity, in '99 to entertain you, and I will vouch for it that not a man who comes there will go away dissatisfied. I would ask my friend, Mr. Burns, to read those letters, as he probably can do it better than I can, as I have but poor eyesight. I have the letters here, and if Mr. Burns will read them, you can see what they say. [Applause.]

Letter From Gov. Adams.

W. E. Burns (No. 3) [reading]:—State of Colorado, Executive Mansion, Denver, Aug. 13.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Put-in-Bay, O.—Gentlemen: Colorado has entertained almost every kind of order, from the illustrious band of hoodoos to the convention of confederated angels, who met with us last month, but nowhere in the record can I find the Order of Hoo-Hoo. We will not be happy until you test our hospitality, and we invite you to hold your 1899 concatenation in Colorado. The glad hand will be extended, and we will try to treat you so that there will be no resulting headache or regret. Very truly,
ALVA ADAMS, Governor.

[Mr. English had handed Mr. Burns the following letters also, which he read:]

Mayor's Office, Denver, Col., Aug. 12, 1898.—To the Members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo.—Gentlemen: I understand from local members of your Order that an effort is being made to secure your convention for 1899 for Denver. I desire, on behalf of the citizens of Denver, to extend you a hearty invitation to meet in this city next year. Assuring you that we will do everything in our

power to make your visit enjoyable, should you accept the invitation, I am, yours very truly,

T. S. M'MURRAY, Mayor.

Denver, Col., Aug. 18, 1898.—To the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Cleveland, O.—Gentlemen: In behalf of the Denver Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, an organization with a membership of about 600 of Colorado's most influential citizens, we hereby extend to your association a very cordial invitation to hold your next Annual convention in this city.

You are aware Denver has become justly celebrated for the gathering of large conventions, and for the very hospitable manner in which she entertains them. We can give you reasonable assurance of reduced rates of transportation to and from this city over the eleven trunk lines entering from the East. We can assure you of excellent hotel accommodations at reasonable prices. We have an enterprising and able press through which to disseminate the information of the convention.

Should you come, you will greatly enjoy visiting your friends in Denver, one mile above the sea level, and viewing our grand mountain scenery from the most modern city in the Union; you will enjoy her blue skies, constant sunshine, and invigorating atmosphere; you will enjoy excursions through her valleys, which are, perhaps, the most productive in the Union; you will learn how our agriculturists and horticulturists obtain annually the rewards of their industry by the aid of irrigation; you will see the gold and silver taken from the mountains and smelted in the furnaces to meet the demands of the civilized world; in fact, you will see practically a new country. Every hour, from the time you arrive until you depart, you will find new features to study and enjoy; but, above all and beyond all, you will enjoy the thorough Western hospitality with which our people will greet and care for you, and you will find that they will leave nothing undone, within reason, to make your stay with us thoroughly enjoyable. Very respectfully yours,

JOHN F. CAMPION, President.

ARTHUR WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Denver, Col., Aug. 18, 1898.—To the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Cleveland, O.—Gentlemen: The queen city of the plains, from her throne at the feet of our country's sky-piercing peaks, brings her greetings to you. The concatenations of your present carnival are being wafted to her ears, and move her to extend to you an earnest and cordial invitation to accept her hospitalities when you meet in 1899.

It is meet that, after having your feet in the waters of an inland sea, you should journey to the land of sunshine and ozone, there to bathe your brains in the invigorating surroundings that inspire and refresh the tired, turgid intellects of men.

Come to the city for which the god of day means a perpetual smile, and night is radiant with Luna's sheen and the sparkling eyes of her children, the stars; come where the mosquitoes never present a bill, and hairless craniums find rest from the tantalizing flies [laughter at the expense of the reader]; come to Denver, whose gates were long ago removed from their hinges, and no signs warn weary feet to "keep off the grass." In honor of your coming, the mayor and his lynx-eyed guardians of sleep will relax their vigils, and you may indulge in a united and prolonged howl, "with none to molest or make you afraid."

When you have concluded the solemn ceremonies that call you together, then will be unfolded to your eyes the wonders of the universe. You shall drink waters medicated in nature's laboratory, waters that search through all the highways and alleys of the body for the elusive microbe, and, finding him, annihilate him; you shall see where the sword of the Almighty cleft a continent, from crest to umbilicus; and when your days with us are ended, you will begin the journey to your homes, wives, and sweethearts, with Denver's welcome a song and sweet memory in your minds forever.

C. M. HAMPSON, "the Wabash Man";
H. WIEBELER, G. A., C. & N. Ry.;
W. F. BAILEY, G. P. A.;
G. W. VALLERY, G. A., C., B. & Q. R. R.;
GEO. ADY, G. A., U. P. R. R.;
C. A. TRIPPE, G. F. A., M. P. Ry.;
S. K. HOOOPER, G. P. A., D. & R. G. R. R.;
W. H. FRITH, C., R. I. & P. Ry.;
J. E. PRESTON, C. M. & St. P. Ry.;
J. P. HALL, G. A., A. T. & S. F. R. R.;
H. N. SHEPPARD, T. P. A., C. & A. R. R.

[The applause and laughter that greeted this letter were general and prolonged.]

W. E. BARNES (No. 3):—If I could have the privilege of one word—a few years ago the United Association of Lumbermen met in Denver, and we had the largest attendance at that meeting that was ever had by any similar association in the United States. People who would go nowhere else went out there. The people of Denver took us up and never let us touch the ground. They took us everywhere we could go; they gave us balls, hops, pink teas, and everything that we could want; we had pretty nearly everything that we did want. I am not a resident of Colorado, but I want to say that there is no place in the United States where we could have a warmer welcome or a better time or see more for our money than right in Colorado. I think those people could arrange an excursion through the Grand Cañon and other places that would make an occasion we never would forget. [Applause.]

The Snark:—Are there any other applicants for the entertainment of Hoo-Hoo?

A. D. McLEOD (No. 737):—Am I privileged to speak as regards that letter? Gentlemen, brother Hoo-Hoo—I believe it is proper to call you gentlemen [laughter]—I would like to apologize for talking so much, but it is partly your own fault; if you would let me alone, I would talk only what I wanted to. There is no one who appreciates that Denver invitation more than I do. I look forward to that ozone and that umbil— (whatever it is); but, gentlemen, I do not know that our constitutions are quite strong enough. It is a question if we should not prepare ourselves with another dose of the water first, and go out there in 1900, commencing the twentieth century in the West. The point I want to make is that while this entertainment that has been spoken of is a most splendid one, it reminds me of what the girl said. The girl was rather ignorant, but picked up all the big expressions that she heard, so as to use them for her own ornamentation. One day, at the table, she heard a lady guest, who had been invited to have something more, say in reply: "Thank you, but I have eaten to my entire satisfaction; anything more would be superfluous." The girl treasured up the remark, and, on receiving a similar invitation later at dinner, she answered: "Thank you, but I have eaten to my entire sanitation; anything more would be flip flop." [Laughter.] Too much entertainment would be anything but satisfactory. We are satisfied, so far as we who came here are concerned; but there are in the South and the West hundreds of ladies and families who counted on the Put-in-Bay trip this year. They were disappointed, and, like people who are disappointed, they fell down and did not come at all, and we of Ohio would much like to finish out our entertainment next year by giving them a Put-in-Bay trip. You understand, brother English, as I said, no one appreciates the offers that are made and laid down in those letters more than I do personally. I am only speaking for our disappointed guests. And there is something due to the hotel. That hotel has spent a great deal of money—there is no question about that—and it has been a dead loss to them, and we would like to help them on that; and all I ask, my brother Hoo-Hoo, is to consider whether it would not be very proper to postpone that splendid offer from Colorado to another year. Let us bring the people here, and let us see what this hotel will do for them. They promised everything, and we will hold them to their promise. I think if you will do that, it will build our systems up, and we can get the ladies here next year, and we could take them out West with us next year, where we would exhaust the kindness of Colorado, take everything they offered and ask for more, probably, including their Rocky Ford melons, which are

unequaled in the world. I apologize for taking your time; it is a mere business statement. [Applause.]

The Snark:—Are there any other applicants? Now it occurs to me that, before voting on this question, it might be well to defer it until immediately following the election of the Supreme Nine; and, if there is no objection, we will vote on this holding of the next Annual on the same plan that we do in electing the Supreme Nine—that is, by proxies, rather than by viva voce vote—which will give a better representation, I think, of how we all feel; and, if there is no objection, we will defer voting on this until immediately following the election of the Supreme Nine.

Report of Committee on Auditing.

D. T. CALL (No. 1390):—The Auditing Committee is ready to report:

We, the committee appointed to audit the accounts of Scrivenoter J. H. Baird, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of Scrivenoter Baird for the Hoo-Hoo year ending September 9, 1898, and find same correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief, a certified check being attached to said statement showing \$4,201.72 now in bank. We, the committee, congratulate Mr. Baird on the excellent financial condition of the Order.

D. T. CALL, Chairman;
C. H. CARLETON,
R. D. INMAN.

[The report was applauded.]

The Snark:—You have heard the report of the Committee on Auditing. What shall be done with it?

W. H. ELLIS (No. 270):—I move its adoption, and an expression of our appreciation of the fidelity of the Scrivenoter.

The Snark:—To the latter part of Kitten Ellis' motion, I will say that that action was more fully taken this forenoon.

W. H. ELLIS (No. 270):—All right. I move that the report of the Committee on Auditing be received and adopted.

[Seconded and passed.]

The Snark:—Now, is the Committee on the Press ready to report?

Report of Committee on the Press.

P. B. WALKER (No. 48):—We beg to submit as follows: The duties of this committee have heretofore consisted of instructing the local daily press regarding the objects and aims of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, and attempting to see that a proper report of the proceedings of the meetings be given. This the gentlemen of the committee have performed to the best of their ability.

Respectfully submitted.

P. B. WALKER, Jr., Chairman;
B. A. JOHNSON,
A. G. FLOURNOY,
E. R. COOLEIDGE,
E. H. DEFEBAUOIL.

[On motion, this report was adopted.]

The Snark:—I believe the Constitution and By-laws Committee are ready to report. If so, we will hear from them.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

G. W. SCHWARTZ (No. 4):—Your Committee on Constitution and By-laws beg leave to submit the following report:

Under Section 1, Article III., pertaining to membership, strike out that portion of first qualification which reads as follows: "Or if they shall be so connected with the lumber, log, or timber business that while it is not their principal occupation, yet their connection with it is material and substantial, they may be admitted to membership upon approval of the Snark and Scrivenoter, if, in their judgment, after a full and fair consideration of all the facts in the case, the fundamental objects of the Order will thereby be subserved. Second qualification.—Insert "lumber" before "newspaper" in every case.

Strike out Section 2, Article III. This is covered by Section 9.

Section 9, Article III.—Change membership fee to \$33.33. Where "Chamber of Horrors" exists, change to "Osirian Cloister."

[PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CHANGE REFERS TO THE FEES OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP, HERETOFORE FIXED AT \$25. THE SCRIVENOTER IS BEING SNOWED UNDER WITH COMMUNICATIONS WRITTEN UNDER THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT THE INITIATION FEE FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$9.99 TO \$33.33.—ED.]

Section 7, Article VI.—Strike out all that portion after "Supreme Nine."

Section 2, Article VI.—After the word "Scrivenoter," at the end of the first paragraph, add: "Such proxies must be in the possession of the Scrivenoter not later than 9.09 A.M. on Hoo-Hoo day."

Section 1, Article VIII.—Change to read as follows: "Dues shall be payable on Hoo-Hoo day of the year ensuing. Members shall be delinquent for unpaid dues on the Hoo-Hoo day succeeding that on which dues become payable. Within thirty-three days after Hoo-Hoo day, the Scrivenoter shall send notice, by registered mail, to each delinquent member, notifying him that in thirty-three days thereafter he will be suspended, if such dues are not paid; and if dues be not paid within the thirty-three days, he shall be placed on the suspended list, and such list shall be published to all Vicegerents."

Section 2, Article VIII.—Strike out the word "final" and the letter "s" in "notices."

Section 3, Article VIII.—Strike out the entire section, and substitute the following: "Suspended members can only be reinstated upon application, indorsed by five members in good standing, presented at a regular concatenation of Hoo-Hoo, which must be balloted upon as are applications for original membership."

By-laws, Article V.—After the word "initiated" insert: "Which amount shall cover the dues for a period of one year from the nearest Hoo-Hoo day."

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. SCHWARTZ, Chairman;
J. J. MOSSMAN,
H. W. ANDERSON,
WM. AHLERS,
J. J. WEMPLE,
W. H. ELLIS,
H. A. CULVER.

G. W. Schwartz (No. 4):—I want to say in this connection that we have a supplementary report, which we will submit after this report is disposed of.

The Snark:—You have heard the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. How shall we dispose of it? Shall we adopt it as a whole or by sections?

H. H. GIBSON (No. 734):—I desire to say just a word concerning this title of "honorary membership," which we introduced last year at Detroit. It strikes me that it is decidedly a misnomer. I would suggest that the title of "life membership" would more fully cover what we intend than "honorary membership." Certainly a man is not putting up \$33.33 to become an "honorary" member; he is buying his membership; and would it not be well to amend that by calling it "life membership" in place of "honorary membership?"

The Snark:—I will say in that connection that these honorary members have no rights in the deliberations of the body, and no vote, and they could not hold office, as I understand it. They are, in the strict sense of the term, honorary members. "Life members" would imply all the privileges. While they are life members, they are life honorary members.

E. B. DAVIDSON (No. 5307):—I would move that we vote on this report as a whole.

[The motion was seconded.]

The Snark:—It has been moved that we vote on the adoption of the report of the committee as a whole.

J. H. BAIRD (No. 408):—I think there are a great many of the members present who, like myself, paid rather casual attention to the reading of the report, under the expecta-

tion that it would, as usual, be taken up paragraph at a time. I think, in view of that, that it should be taken up and discussed paragraph by paragraph. It will not take long to discuss it.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—I agree with the Scrivenoter that the matter should be taken up by sections. It was not possible to keep the run of the whole thing. That is especially true with reference to the proxies.

No. 5593:—I move that the matter be laid on the table until to-morrow forenoon to give us a chance to think it over.

J. C. Mulford (No. 1087):—The motion before the house will have to be voted on.

The Snark:—Yes, I propose to give you a chance.

[The Snark put the original motion for adoption as a whole. A division of the vote showed 43 for adoption of the motion, and 33 against it, and the report was declared by the Snark adopted as a whole.]

G. W. Schwartz (No. 4):—As chairman of that committee, I am very much gratified, and thank the members very much; I never dreamed it. [Laughter.] Here is a recommendation that probably needs a little explanation. There has been a good deal said about proxies. The idea of proxies, in the first place, was to equalize the power of voting. If all the members would send in their proxies, it would be all right; but we have some 6,000 members, and how many proxies have we here? Fifteen hundred—one-fourth of the members—have sent in proxies. It does not help to utilize the voting power a little bit, and it has been suggested that we strike out that part of the Constitution relating to the proxies, and that a vote be had on the basis of the actual membership in good standing. This does not meet the views of the committee in all respects, while they favor it to a certain extent. In order that there might be no "snap judgment" taken on any one on the matter, we formulated a little recommendation, which is as follows:

State Organization Suggested.

We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to draft a plan for State organizations of Hoo-Hoo and the government of the Order by a delegate body; that, when such plan is perfected, it shall be submitted to the members of the Supreme Nine and all Vicegerent Snarks, who shall submit suggestions to the committee, which shall make such use of such suggestions as it may deem desirable. When completed, the matter shall, in the form of an amendment to the Constitution, be submitted to every member of the Order in good standing, with a blank for vote thereon; and if a majority of the members in good standing shall vote to adopt such plan, it shall become the duty of the Supreme Nine to formulate it as the law of the Order and proceed to put it into force; and when so promulgated, it shall repeal all the present Constitution in conflict with it or irrelevant to the new form of government. The necessary expenses of the committee shall be paid by the Scrivenoter, on approval of bills by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo.

Mr. Ellis suggested this idea, and I will ask him to explain it a little more fully.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—It is now 5 o'clock, the hour, I think, at which the election was set. But here is a plan which contemplates simply the submission to the entire membership of the Order of a new scheme of government of the Order. I am going, in a moment, to move to lay this supplemental report on the table until to-morrow morning, because it is a matter of vital importance, and in considering it and discussing it, as you will between now and the time we take it up, I simply want to ask you to take this view of it: that all that the resolution calls for is to give a committee, which may be appointed by the Snark, an op-

portunity to attempt to devise a plan, which will be submitted to every member of the Order to vote upon; not that that committee shall devise something to induce you to adopt for the rest of the Order, but to be submitted to every member of the Order for a vote. I believe that if you will consider it in that light, it will appeal to you, gentlemen, with much more force. Certainly we need to do something in some way to give a more actual representation to 95 per cent of the members of the Order who really have no actual voice in the conduct of its affairs, and I think it can be done under this plan. I move that the supplementary report be laid on the table and made the order of business for the first session in the morning.

The Snark:—I do not suppose there is any necessity for a motion. If there is no objection, we will so order it.

G. W. Schwartz (No. 4):—I did not know, until the committee returned here to render its report, that the report of the Committee on Good of the Order had been referred to our committee by this body; but I notice that the committee recommends that the Committee on Transportation be abolished, and that matter be placed in the hands of the Scrivenoter. I just want to say a word in regard to that. I have had some experience as chairman of the Transportation Committee, and it has not been a pleasant one; in other words, it has not been satisfactory. Of course the Committee on Constitution and By-laws could take no action on this recommendation, for the reason that the Transportation Committee is appointed by the Snark, and the Snark can appoint the Scrivenoter as that committee as well as he can appoint any one else. Now, heretofore we have had three and five members on that Transportation Committee. I find that one member does all the work—that is the chairman of that committee—for the simple reason that the members of that committee have always been so scattered that they could never get together; and the work that I have done on the Transportation Committee has taken some of my own time and some of my hard work, and without any satisfactory results. The argument that I have had to combat, from beginning to end, was that the Order was composed of railroad men largely, who attend these meetings on free transportation, and that the membership is so scattered that we could not present a sufficient number of people at any one point to warrant a reduced rate from the railroad companies. I favor this plan of abolishing the Transportation Committee and allowing the Snark to put the whole matter into the hands of the Scrivenoter, and allow the Scrivenoter to call in the assistance of any one whom he may see fit; and, further, in that connection, allow the Scrivenoter to correspond with some member or members at different points, like St. Louis and Kansas City and Chicago and the large centers generally, and get them to work individually. A great deal more can be accomplished in this way, by people on the ground and acquainted with the officials from whom they want to get favors, than any transportation committee ever has or can accomplish. I do not think it is necessary for my committee to take any action on this suggestion, because the Snark appoints the Transportation Committee, anyway.

The Snark:—The time has arrived, kittens, for the election of your Supreme Nine. If the States will please divide themselves off and get their members together, so they can confer with each other, it will facilitate business.

B. B. Davidson (No. 5307):—Do I understand that the motion that the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws be adopted as a whole was passed?

The Snark:—Yes, we adopted their report.

E. B. Davidson (No. 5307):—It is perfectly satisfactory to me, if it is understood to the rest.

[A recess was taken here, from 5 to 5:12 P.M.]

The Election of the New Nine.

The Snark:—I will appoint the following gentlemen to act as tellers: Giesey, of Ohio; Baker, of Georgia; Emery, of New York. The first order will be nominations for Snark. The Scrivenoter will call the roll by States.

[To simplify the report, without ignoring any action of possible importance, and to expunge unnecessary detail and tedious repetition, actual votes and actions of States follow. Where no candidate was nominated or indorsed by the State, such action (or lack of action) is not specifically reported.—Ed.]

The Election of Snark.

The Scrivenoter called the roll for nominations for Snark. Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, and Illinois each announced that it had no candidate. On Indiana's turn, A. A. Teel (No. 5195) briefly announced: "Indiana nominates N. A. Gladding." Intervening States to Minnesota announced, "No candidate," Louisiana briefly seconding Mr. Gladding's nomination.

At Minnesota's turn, W. I. Ewart (No. 137) said: "Minnesota begs leave to second the nomination of N. A. Gladding. I desire to say, regarding him, that I have known him for a great many years, and have known him most favorably as a gentleman of high standing, a man who would do credit to the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo in the position of Snark. As a Hoo-Hoo, his number is indicative of his standing. I believe there is no other member in this Order, who, when opportunity has presented, has done so much and made so many pecuniary sacrifices for the entertainment and welfare of the Order as Nelson A. Gladding. He has been from the beginning an enthusiastic worker in our ranks, and I am very happy to second his nomination for this office, as I believe he will do credit to the position and honor to himself therein." [Applause.]

The remaining States to and including Ohio (Mississippi and Missouri indorsing Mr. Gladding) had no candidate.

Pennsylvania, through B. M. Bunker (No. 5352), replied: "Pennsylvania has no candidate, but upon me has devolved the pleasant duty of presenting to this Annual the name of a gentleman who has grown up in the lumber business and has followed it as his vocation all those years. He comes from a State where the lumber interests are very material, and a State where lumbermen are very numerous. Pennsylvania gladly presents the name to this Annual of this gentleman—I shall name him in the future. He is a gentleman engaged not only in the lumber business (and this is principally a lumber association), but is an enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo. He has been Vicegerent of the State of Ohio during the last year, and the reports from Ohio are strongly indicative of the fact that he has been an indefatigable and earnest worker in behalf of the Order. Pennsylvania presents to the Annual the name of J. J. Wemple, of Ohio." [Prolonged applause.]

The remaining States offered no candidate.

A. D. McLeod (No. 737):—Brother Hoo-Hoo, this time I make no apology for talking. I am not talking; it is the State of Ohio; and if any State has the right to talk on this floor to-day, it is Ohio. Personally, you know my sentiments: that I do not believe in politics in this Order, I do not believe in "slates." I believe that every member of this convention should come here unpledged, and that when you get here you can pick out and nominate the men you think fit for these positions, and vote for them. I am a railroad man, as perhaps a few of you know; cannot name the road. [Laughter.] We have some representatives of the road here who can speak for me; but that is not the point. My own personal convictions—rather, the convictions of the State of Ohio expressed through me—are that

at the head of this Order there should be a lumberman. [Applause.] Now, the State of Ohio—you all know the State of Ohio, the daughter of the East, the mother of the West, and now the mother of Presidents; all that is necessary is to point to Washington. Politically, I may not be in line with the gentleman who is there; but, apart from politics, there is not any man in Ohio, born here or who came here from some other place, as I have, but is proud of the man who has led this country through the last six months. [Prolonged applause.] I am not a pessimist; rather, an optimist. I believe the good men in this Order are going not only to hold it where it is, but build it up until it shall become an Order that men may be proud to belong to, as some are now; and, gentlemen, to lead you to that happy end, there is no better man than an Ohio man. We have 300 Hoo-Hoo, more or less, in this State; 299 of them are fit to be Snark, provided they are lumbermen. We will leave out the railroad men, probably 150 of them. [Laughter.] I don't know that I can add a word to what the gentleman from Pennsylvania said regarding the candidate. You all know him. I do not think that any other man in this Order who has had 'he position of Vicegerent Snark has done as much work for it, during the time he has been in it, as Mr. Wemple has. He is energetic; he has led in the work for the Order. At the same time, do not understand me as saying a word against any one else; there are no personalities here. I am not very large, but I have a good, big heart, and it takes in all Hoo-Hoo—not only the man whom I advocate for a position, but all of them, the defeated as well as the successful. This is not a time to talk further. I said I would not apologize, and I don't. I only want to say again, for the good of the Order: Put in an active lumberman. [Applause.]

The Snark:—Any other nominations or seconds? If not, I declare the nominations closed. We will now proceed to vote for Snark.

[In this case, as in all others, with one exception, the Scrivenoter called the roll of States alphabetically, and the vote of each was recorded by the tellers.—Ed.]

On the roll call for Snark, Alabama, Arkansas, and Colorado voted for N. A. Gladding.

No. 2351 (Georgia):—Some of you gentlemen who have been to previous concatenations know that Georgia always stands on a platform of ability. The delegation from Georgia, for the first time in its history, is split; but we always bow to the will of the majority. It is not necessary for me to say who the minority is in this case, but, under the circumstances, we are obliged to cast 156 votes for Mr. Wemple, of Ohio.

No. 183 (Illinois):—Thirty-two votes for Wemple, 24 for Gladding.

Indiana voted for Mr. Gladding; Iowa, for Mr. Wemple; Kansas did not respond; Kentucky voted 33 1-3 for Mr. Wemple, 6 2-3 for Mr. Gladding; Louisiana and Massachusetts voted for Mr. Gladding; Michigan, for Mr. Wemple; Minnesota, Mississippi, and Missouri, for Mr. Gladding; New York, North Carolina, and Ohio, for Mr. Wemple; Oregon, for Mr. Gladding; Pennsylvania and Tennessee, for Mr. Wemple; Texas, Wisconsin, and Kansas (on a later call), for Mr. Gladding.

The Scrivenoter (after consulting the tellers):—Mr. Gladding has received 837½ votes; Mr. Wemple, 729 1-3 votes. [Applause.]

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—I move the vote be made unanimous.

Seconded by a score of voices, and passed with a shout.

The Snark:—I will appoint J. J. Wemple and W. I. Ewart to escort the new Snark to the platform.

Mr. Gladding was escorted from an anteroom and greeted with cheers and the Hoo-Hoo yell.

The Snark:—I have the pleasure of introducing to you your new Snark, N. A. Gladding, of Indiana. [Applause.]

N. A. Gladding (No. 99):—Mr. Snark and brother Hoo-Hoo: To be elected to the highest position in the gift of the society composed of such men as compose the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is certainly an honor of such distinction and importance as to deserve not only the greatest appreciation and thankfulness of a man's heart, but his earnest and serious consideration as well.

Hoo-Hoo is an organization peculiar to itself in its origin, its history, and its plans for the future. No other order was ever formed with the same idea and purpose in view—that of fraternizing the great number of men engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber and kindred goods, together with those engaged in the principal lines of business with which lumber has to do—namely, the trade journals, machinery supplies and railroad traffic men—the object being purely social and of a helpful, elevating, ennobling character. Hoo-Hoo came to earth at a time when there was a void which had waited long and had been long felt; and the fact that he has been, and is, filling it to the credit and satisfaction of the kittens of this mundane sphere is evidenced by the constantly increasing number of his votaries and by their loyalty to his commands.

The comparatively small number who have been dropped from the rolls in the past few years for the nonpayment of dues is an earnest of the fact that the great majority of the members appreciate what it means from every standpoint to be a good Hoo-Hoo. I believe we all realize (especially the older members) the great debt we owe to the originators of this society, men whom it has been a pleasure to know. The plan was at once original and unique. The teachings of the ritual and secret work showed the great amount of care that was given to its study and preparation, with the result that we have not only food for the mind, but sometimes a little exercise for the body.

On our roll we find names of men prominent in their respective lines of business, and, consequently, men of high minds and sterling character. Very few, if any, of these have left our ranks, proving to the outer world that there is something grander and deeper and truer than mere expression of fun and good fellowship in the passing concatenation.

In accepting this important office, Mr. Chairman and fellow-Hoo-Hoo, I do so with a full realization of the weight and responsibility involved and of my own shortcomings, but with a firm determination to perform the duties with the good of Hoo-Hoo at heart. The next twelve months we hope to be the most prosperous we ever enjoyed; but, during the rush and worry of business, take a night off, initiate a few candidates, and it will help you to have Health, Happiness, and Long Life.

The Nine which you elect to-day are your servants, but, to do good and effective work, they will need your sincere cooperation and good will; and, therefore, in their name as well as on my own behalf, I beseech every member, from the newest-born kitten first seeing the great light of Hoo-Hoo to the oldest member of the House of Ancients, to lend loyal support, and I trust that when September 9, 1899, dawns upon us, we can celebrate the closing of another successful year of which we may all be proud. I thank you for the great honor and compliment conferred. [Applause.]

The Election of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

The Snark:—We will now proceed with nominations for Senior Hoo-Hoo.

On the call of States, no candidate was offered for Senior Hoo-Hoo until Michigan was reached.

J. M. Hammond (No. 2503):—I feel honored in having a

place among those addressing you upon the subject of supreme importance that is now receiving your consideration. I have added honor in representing a State not without honor in the realms of Hoo-Hoo; but above all am I honored with the pleasure of presenting a name so worthy of the high honor which you are soon to bestow. I know that it is the custom on an occasion like this to use the language of laudation and strew thickly with the flowers of rhetoric. I shrink from this, because I believe it unnecessary on this occasion and unnecessary of this man. He is a man whom you all know, as broad as charity, as charitable as charity itself. He has been a Hoo-Hoo among Hoo-Hoo, tempered by the dainty colorings and the fragrant incense of her gardens right and left and the ripples of her waters. [Sensation.] He has been no indolent dreamer, but a worker; inspired by the virility of the nineteenth century, he arouses to the problems of the twentieth. [More sensation.] He has earned and deserves whatever he possesses, and this man whom I place in nomination for Senior Hoo-Hoo is Joseph Myles, of Detroit, Mich., for whom I ask the support he so well deserves. [Applause.]

I. Shelby Weiler (No. 1267):—I would like to ask, before another State is called, if our Brother Hoo-Hoo Hammond is only an ordinary lumberman. [Laughter.]

Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, and North Carolina seconded the nomination of Mr. Myles, and Oregon facetiously "thirded" it, Pennsylvania offering a "fourth," and Texas, a "fifth."

No. 270 (Wisconsin):—I desire to make a motion, and it is technically termed a "lead pipe cinch." I move the Scrivenoter be instructed to record the ballot in favor of Mr. Myles.

H. W. Anderson (No. 2351):—I second the motion.

J. J. Marten (No. 1293):—I desire to support the nomination of Mr. Myles, to dispose of any idea in your minds that factions may exist in Michigan. [Cries of "Good, good!"] Whatever differences we may have had in the past in Michigan, we are well able to bury within ourselves, and we come here united. [Cries of "Good, good!" and great applause.]

Place of Next Meeting Reurns.

The Snark:—Are there any further nominations? If not, I declare the nominations for Senior Hoo-Hoo closed. I wish to state that, after conferring with a couple of the Ohio gentlemen who wish to settle the question of the location of the next Hoo-Hoo Annual, I have withdrawn the decision I made a little while ago with reference to voting on that matter after the election of the Supreme Nine. The matter will be brought up right now, and the Ohio member will be heard from.

H. H. Giesey (No. 650):—I want to say, in regard to this Denver meeting next year, that I, for one (and I think I voice the sentiments of a great many), would like to go to Denver; I would like to sit on the extreme point of Pike's Peak and let the wind blow through my whiskers. [Laughter.] Gentlemen, one of those letters read here to-day was signed by a man worth \$20,000,000 in gold. He offers to spend a quarter of it in silver to entertain us. [Laughter.] I tell you, we will have a hot time if we go out there. I would like to try a trip around their beautiful mountains, see the odor of the beautiful flowers, and sniff the sparkle of the stars—and I expect I will be in that condition when I get out there. [Laughter.] I tell you, gentlemen, seriously, I think it would be a nice thing to have Brother English go home and say to them there, "We carried this meeting, and we did it by acclamation; there was not a dissenting vote;" and I move that the rules be suspended and that we select Denver as our next meeting place by acclamation.

Before that is acted on, I would like to introduce Mr. George W. Sieber, of Ohio. I think you gentlemen will enjoy him.

Geo. W. Sieber (No. 3943):—I sympathize with the wish of our friend that he may sit on the top of Pike's Peak and let the wind blow through his whiskers—

A member:—The whiskers are not long enough. [Laughter.]

Geo. W. Sieber (No. 3943):—The whiskers will grow, and I believe that from now on it should be decreed by the Supreme Nine that he may not trim them until the next Annual. [Laughter.] I think that this motion should prevail; but my friend has made a very bad mistake in supplementing his remarks by calling upon me. I learned one thing very early in life, and that was that when you have a good thing thrown to you, take it. My friend, the Colonel here [McLeod], who does not own the Hotel Victory, but is in favor of it, knows, as we do, that the hotel is wide open all the time, but Denver is open only next year, and that is the year that all Hoo-Hoo want to go there. Gentlemen, let us all boom Denver and go there and take it in. [Applause.]

The Snark:—Do I understand you to second the motion?

Geo. W. Sieber (No. 3943):—I second it as a matter of form. [Laughter.]

The Snark put the motion and called for a rising vote, which was unanimously affirmative. The result was cheered and applauded.

R. W. English (No. 2920):—Brother Hoo-Hoo, I am overwhelmed. There were seven or eight railroad men, one governor (Alva Adams), one man representing the Board of Trade, and one politician followed me to the depot, and said, when I got on the train: "If you don't get that convention, you had better never come back to Denver. If you get it by even one majority, wire us just as soon as the vote is decided, for we will want to begin work immediately." [Applause and laughter.] If I should wire them that Denver was selected by acclamation, I am afraid they would think I had a little too much "zimzam." I dare not put it quite that strong. Brother Hoo-Hoo, I cannot express my feelings, to think that you gentlemen, living so far from Colorado as you do, have selected our grand and beautiful city as your next place of meeting. We are as proud of our State and our city of Denver as you Ohioans are of this great and beautiful city in which we are now holding our meetings. We have in the West men from Ohio—in fact, our entire population is made up of Eastern men—and we are glad to feel that you have selected our State and our city, the capital of the State—Denver—for your next meeting place. I can feel for, and do have a sympathy for, our Ohio brethren. I know how much of a disappointment it was to them not to be able to go to Put-in-Bay. They had planned for this convention a magnificent and elegant layout down there, but unavoidably we were prevented from going, and so I can sympathize with our Brother McLeod in asking us to go there another year; but for 1899 you may bet that Colorado will recompense you for not going to Put-in-Bay. [Applause and the Hoo-Hoo yell for No. 2220.]

The Snark:—You will now proceed to ballot for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

The Election Resumed.

On roll of States by the Scrivenoter, Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, and Georgia voted for Mr. Myles.

A. D. McLeod (No. 737):—Cannot the rules be suspended, if there is no opposition, and make this unanimous? I make that as a motion.

The motion was seconded.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270) moved that the Scrivenoter record the vote for Mr. Myles.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—I would move that the rules be suspended and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to record the total vote of Hoo-Hoo here present, in person or by proxy, for Joseph Myles, of Michigan, and I want to say a word in that connection. Heretofore at all Hoo-Hoo gatherings Illinois has been divided, but, captured by the qualifications of the candidate and the eloquence of the silver-tongued orator from Michigan, Illinois is solid for Joseph Myles. [Applause.]

Mr. Myles was escorted to the stand and was greeted with the Hoo-Hoo yell.

The Snark:—I take pleasure in introducing your new Senior Hoo-Hoo.

Joseph Myles (No. 2100):—Mr. President and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I regret that I have not the gift of eloquence of my friend Hammond, or the strength of lung of my second friend, Mr. Marten. I have a throat trouble, and consequently am not in condition to make a speech. I am not a speaker, and the only thing I have done in Hoo-Hoo is to work. I thank you for the honor conferred on me, and I trust that the coming year will show that you have not misplaced your confidence. You will always find me ready for work and active for Hoo-Hoo. I thank you. [Applause.]

Election of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

The Snark:—The next in order is nominations for Junior Hoo-Hoo.

No candidate was offered, on the call of States, until Minnesota was reached.

W. I. Ewart (No. 137):—Minnesota desires to place in nomination Platt B. Walker, Jr., of Minneapolis. There is only one objection that I know of that can be raised to his candidacy, and that is the fact that he is developing a receding forehead, and it would appear from this that he has designs on the House of Ancients [laughter]; but I think it is safe for him to be advanced to the position of Junior, and that he will acquit himself favorably in that position. [Applause.]

No other candidate was offered, and Wisconsin moved the election of Mr. Walker through the recording of the vote by the Scrivenoter, which was done. The result was greeted with applause and the Hoo-Hoo yell.

P. B. Walker (No. 48):—Mr. Snark, Ladies, and Gentlemen: I simply want to thank you for the honor, especially as coming in this way—unanimously. It certainly is an honor for one who has been a member of the Nine and dropped therefrom to be taken up again. I shall do my best to deserve your favor. Gentlemen, I thank you. [Applause.]

The Election of Bojum.

The Snark:—The next office is that of Bojum.

No candidate for Bojum was offered, until Illinois was reached.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—Illinois has no candidate within her own border, but a statement was made here a short time ago which I think was a mistake, and which I wish to correct. The officers already elected are from the interior of the country. We have the Snark from Indiana, the Senior Hoo-Hoo from Michigan, the Junior Hoo-Hoo from Minnesota, and I think we ought to spread out a little. We have in the room to-day a man who has come hundreds—I may say thousands—of miles to attend this convention. He is a man in every way capable, one of known loyalty in Hoo-Hoo in every sense, a man who has been a Vicegerent (I think) for two terms, and one who would be an honor to this Order. He is from the West—not to the Pacific Ocean, but the Middle West, as we call it here. The gentleman from Colorado stated a few minutes ago that Colorado had no candidate, but she has; and, representing the Common-

wealth of Illinois, I take great pleasure in presenting the name of R. W. English, of Denver, Col., for the office of Bojum. [Applause.]

Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, and Wisconsin seconded the nomination of Mr. English.

J. J. Wemple (No. 4545):—Unfortunately for the gentleman whom I am about to nominate, I did not come here prepared with any speech. I have the pleasure of nominating from my sister State, Pennsylvania, a gentleman well known and loyal to Hoo-Hoo—E. M. Vietmeier, of Pittsburg—a gentleman of high qualifications, in whom the elements are so mixed that nature might stand forth and say: "Here is a man." I nominate Mr. Vietmeier. [Applause.]

Oregon seconded Mr. English; Pennsylvania seconded Mr. Vietmeier; Tennessee and Texas announced no candidate.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—Wisconsin has a candidate for the office of Bojum—the candidate who, I am confident, will be elected. I have been in several political "deals" of different sorts, and I do not think I ever felt so thoroughly confident as now. Wisconsin desires to present to this convention the name of a man who will probably dispense more hospitality toward Hoo-Hoo than any other man ever has or will, a man with a quarter of a million back of him in one lump, and, I believe, three-quarters in another lump—R. W. English, of Colorado. [Applause.]

Mr. Wemple (No. 4545) here withdrew the nomination of Mr. Vietmeier.

Geo. W. Steber (No. 3943):—I move that the gentleman from Wisconsin now make his regular motion. [Laughter.]

I. S. Weiler (No. 1267):—I move that the rules be suspended and that the Scrivenoter be authorized to record the unanimous vote of the convention for R. W. English, of Denver, for Bojum.

The motion was seconded and passed, and Mr. English was greeted with the Hoo-Hoo yell.

R. W. English (No. 2220):—I thank you. I think I have had my talk, and have done a good deal of it this afternoon. While I was on my feet a short time ago, I said that it was a great surprise to me that Denver should get the next location—in 1899—by acclamation; but this action of the meeting has been more of a surprise, because I did not suppose you had me on the slate. You did not consult me, and it is a great surprise; but I thank you again for recognizing the far West, and I will try to fill the position that you have elected me to to the best of my ability. As far as entertaining is concerned, I leave that for you to judge of when you come to see it. [Applause.]

The Election of Scrivenoter.

The Snark:—Call the roll for nominations for Scrivenoter.

Scrivenoter (beginning the roll):—Alabama.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—I move—

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—Mr. Snark—

The Snark:—The gentleman from Wisconsin.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—I move, sir, that the rules be entirely suspended, and that the roll call for nominations as well as for ballot for Scrivenoter be suspended, and that the illustrious Snark of the Universe be requested to cast the ballot of this convention—not only those here represented, but of the whole Order—for the present incumbent, James Hades Baird.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—Mr. Ellis has done it better than I could have done it myself.

[The motion was seconded by practically the entire convention.]

The Snark:—The motion is that the nominations be sus-

pending, also the roll call, and that the old Snark be instructed to cast the ballot for J. H. Baird, of Nashville, Tenn., for Scrivenoter, which I now take pleasure in doing. J. H. Baird is elected unanimously. [Hoo-Hoo yell, cheers, shouts, pandemonium.]

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—Gentlemen: I have only to say—I will be brief, as there are others to be elected—that I appreciate the great honor and compliment of being elected for the third time, unanimously, to the only salaried position in the Order. I thank you very heartily. [Applause.]

The Election of Jabberwock.

The Snark:—For Jabberwock.

The first nomination for Jabberwock came from C. H. Carpenter (No. 254), of Iowa, who asked recognition of his State through the nomination of H. A. Gabriel, of Clinton, Ia., to whom he paid a deserved compliment.

Mississippi nominated John "Mississippi" Mason, one of the most effective workers at the convention.

W. E. Barns (No. 3), of St. Louis, Mo., presented the name of R. D. Inman, of Portland, Ore., "one of the best-known lumbermen of the West." "I think," said Mr. Barns, "that it is only proper and right that his presence at this convention be recognized in a substantial way. We have Mr. Inman here with us. We have no representative on the Supreme Nine thus far from the Pacific Coast. I desire to say that in Washington, Oregon, California, and all that Western coast country, we have a large body of very enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo. They all make good people and are good workers, and I think a good many of them will be present at our Annual in Denver next year, and it is only right and proper to recognize that section of the country. We have no representative from the coast, and I am, therefore, very glad to nominate Mr. Inman, of Portland, Ore."

Ohio presented the name of E. M. Vietmeier, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Texas seconded the nomination of Mr. Inman, and the nominations closed.

No. 244:—I am notified by the local committee that, on account of the weather—there is quite a sea on—instead of having the boat ride this evening at 7:30, we will assemble at the square at 7:45, for a trolley ride. I wish to say also, in regard to the excursion to Niagara Falls, that it has been changed from 8:30 to 8 o'clock. We have reserved all the outside promenade deck for those who care to take the excursion. As possibly you noticed by the announcement, the fare to Niagara Falls is \$2.50; to Buffalo, \$2; and I would ask the members here to please procure their tickets at once, on account of having this reserved space kept until to-morrow noon. I will be glad to accommodate you.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—I want to ask the high Osirian Cloister to come out here for a moment. A little conference is absolutely necessary.

W. I. Ewart (No. 137):—I wish simply to say that it was arranged by the Osirian Cloister to give a public installation of the newly elected Supreme Nine; but the local committee has arranged for other entertainment which would conflict with this, and consequently we shall dispense with it for the present year. Next year we hope to have a public installation that will be an entertainment to the Order. I desire to say also that this will necessitate the postponement of the embalming of the Snark—

I. Shelby Weiler (No. 1267):—Look at the smile on his face! [Laughter.]

—until next year at Denver; and, at a higher altitude and feeling correspondingly elated, we will endeavor to put Mr. White and Mr. Gladding through the role of the "Two Dromios." [Laughter.]

A general discussion followed.

On the roll call of States for Jabberwock, Alabama and Arkansas voted for Mr. Mason; Colorado and Georgia, for

Mr. Inman; Illinois voted 46 for Mr. Inman, 8 for Mr. Gabriel, and 8 for Mr. Mason; Iowa, for Mr. Gabriel; Kansas, for Mr. Inman; Kentucky and Louisiana, for Mr. Mason; Massachusetts made no response; Michigan divided her 267 votes—89 each for the three candidates; Minnesota voted for Mr. Inman; Mississippi, for Mr. Mason; Missouri divided her votes equally between Mr. Inman and Mr. Mason; New York voted for Mr. Mason; North Carolina gave one vote to each candidate; Ohio voted for Mr. Mason; Oregon, for Mr. Gabriel; Pennsylvania, for Mr. Inman; Tennessee gave 49 votes to Mr. Mason, and 29 to Mr. Inman; Texas, for Mr. Inman; Wisconsin divided her votes equally between Mr. Inman and Mr. Mason.

The Scrivenoter announced the result as 761½ votes for Mr. Inman, 156 for Mr. Gabriel, and 642½ for Mr. Mason; no election, the highest candidate not having half the total vote.

J. M. Hammond (No. 2503):—I rise for information. Michigan cast one-third of her votes for each candidate. Is it "according to Hoyle" to withdraw that vote and cast her vote for one candidate?

The Snark:—Yes, sir.

J. M. Hammond (No. 2503):—I, therefore, withdraw the vote and cast the 267 votes of Michigan for Mr. Inman. [Applause.]

The Scrivenoter:—That elects Mr. Inman.

A member:—I move we make the nomination and election unanimous, and, under suspension of the rules, the Scrivenoter be instructed to record the entire ballot for R. D. Inman.

The motion was seconded and passed, and Mr. Inman was escorted to the stage amid loud applause.

R. D. Inman (No. 2186):—Mr. Snark, Ladies, and Brother Hoo-Hoo: This is a great surprise to me. I came here to have a good time, and I have been having it, but I never thought of an honor like this. A friend once told me: "Whenever you want distinction, you want to go to that good old State that is high in the middle and round at both ends." This is my native State, and I feel a great deal of satisfaction in attaining this honor here. I will do all that I can, as a member of the Supreme Nine, to advance the interests of Hoo-Hoo. Of course we live a long way from you, and it is hard to get up much of a delegation to come back here, and hard to get all the proxies; but I want to say to you that I will guarantee that at our next Annual at Denver, Oregon's thirteen votes will not be represented by the diameter of the guns of the Oregon. I thank you, gentlemen. [Applause.]

The Election of Custocatian.

The Snark:—The next is Custocatian.

Georgia was the only State to nominate a candidate for Custocatian.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—A few years back, when Hoo-Hoo was running along slowly in Georgia, your Snark, by that intuition known only to well-initiated Hoo-Hoo and an installed Snark, selected a man as his representative in Georgia who went to work for Hoo-Hoo. The Vicegerents prior to that had done but little work. He went to work, and he wafted the fragrant breeze from the gardens, from the mountain tops and the seaboard, and had the Hoo-Hoo yell echoing through the valleys and reverberating to the mountain tops. Since his term his work has been well kept up, and the Hoo-Hoo spirit in that State is high. We hope Hoo-Hoo will elect a man from Georgia to this position, and one who will keep up the splendid record of the past. We have such a man here. I have the pleasure to nominate Mr. Harry W. Anderson, of Atlanta, for Custocatian. [Applause.]

Mr. Anderson was elected under the now familiar suspen-

sion of the rules and recording of the ballot by the Scrivenoter, and was greeted by the Hoo-Hoo yell.

H. W. Anderson (No. 2351):—Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I am afraid that I do not deserve all that my friend Stillwell has said about me. While I have not the gift of speech of Brother Hammond, of Michigan, or a sore throat, like Brother Myles, of the same State, at the same time, I never could make a speech. Ever since I have been in Hoo-Hoo, I have worked—Brother Stillwell says that I have, and I guess that he is right—and this year I worked harder than I ever did before. I am very much obliged to you for electing me to this office. [Applause.]

The Election of Arcanoper.

The Snark announced the nominations for Arcanoper.

Alabama had the only candidate. Other States responded, "No candidate," excepting Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas, which seconded Alabama's nomination—D. Tramway Call, of Orange, Texas; and his election was given under the same process as that for Custocatian.

The popularity of this election was evident in the strength of the Hoo-Hoo yell and applause that greeted its announcement.

D. T. Call (No. —):—Mr. Snark and Gentlemen: I certainly appreciate the honor conferred upon me, and I will endeavor to do my duty to the best of my ability. [Applause.]

The Election of Gurdon.

The Snark:—The last office is Gurdon.

No candidates were offered up to the call for Indiana, which nominated Ed. M. Vietmeier, of Pittsburg. The other States offered no one, until New York was reached.

W. W. Reilley (No. 2600):—New York State has a candidate. We carried this office for a year, and we would like to carry it another year. I do not know of anything that I regret more than to put a man in opposition to my old side partner, Vietmeier. We who were in Detroit remember his voice as he called out every five minutes in effective debate; but we have a candidate, and we think New York should be represented in this organization. We tried hard last year to make a record for New York. We made it, but it has not been on file. We want a little encouragement in our section of the State. We have a great deal of good timber there, and we want to have a chance to work it up. If we can have a member of this Supreme Nine, it will help us; it would show that the Order is in good standing in that section of the State, and that the section is wanted in the Order. As I said before, New York has a candidate, and I present the name of Mr. James B. Wall, the president of the Buffalo Lumber Exchange—a man in good standing, well thought of and respected by every lumberman in the South, in the East, and in the North. I respectfully submit his name for the office of Gurdon. [Applause.]

No. 734 (Ohio) warmly supported Mr. Wall; Pennsylvania impressed on the convention the desirability of recognizing that State on the Supreme Nine, and supported Mr. Vietmeier; Tennessee and Illinois (out of turn) seconded Mr. Wall. Other States following did not respond.

In the election, Alabama voted for Mr. Vietmeier; Arkansas and Colorado, for Mr. Wall; Georgia, for Mr. Vietmeier; Illinois, for Mr. Wall; Indiana and Iowa, for Mr. Vietmeier; Kansas did not respond; Kentucky voted for Mr. Wall; Louisiana, for Mr. Vietmeier; Massachusetts did not respond; Michigan, for Mr. Wall; Minnesota, for Mr. Vietmeier; Mississippi, for Mr. Wall; Missouri, for Mr. Vietmeier; New York, for Mr. Wall; North Carolina did not respond; Ohio voted for Mr. Wall; Oregon did not respond;

Pennsylvania voted for Mr. Vietmeier; Tennessee, for Mr. Wall; Texas and Wisconsin, for Mr. Vietmeier.

The result was announced as 818 for Mr. Vietmeier and 684 for Mr. Wall, and the successful candidate was given the Hoo-Hoo yell, the vote then being made unanimous.

E. M. Vietmeier (No. 2714):—All of you who were at Nashville and Detroit heard my number quite often. I will not detain you with any speech, as I am no speechmaker. All I will say is that I thank you. [Applause.]

The Snark:—This completes the Nine, but there is more work for this convention to do, and we now stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to meet in this hall.

I. Shelby Weiler (No. 1267):—You know that I nominated myself for Snark, and I said I would run, if I only got one vote. I now cast my entire single vote for myself for Snark. [Laughter.]

The session closed at 7 P.M.

Saturday, September 10.

Forenoon Session.

At 10:30 A.M. the new Snark, N. A. Gladding, assumed the chair.

The Snark:—Please come to order; the Scrivenoter has an announcement to make.

The Scrivenoter:—I want to ask all those who came here on tickets purchased under the one and one-third fare certificate plan to turn over their certificates to me. Pass the word along to all your friends who may not be in the room just now. Unless I can get a hundred of these certificates, we will get no reduced rate home. The representative of the Central Passenger Association will meet me here this afternoon to visit these certificates, without which visiting they will be of no value. This is important. Now see that I get the certificates.

Mr. Ellis' Strong Plea.

The Snark:—Mr. Ellis will be given an opportunity to address the convention on the subject we discussed last afternoon.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—The plan which the Committee on Constitution and By-laws submitted here yesterday, I think, has been discussed so thoroughly by all of us that there is really little necessity of going much further into it. The proposition as it now stands, if the report of the committee is adopted, is simply that a committee of three shall be appointed to work out a plan for making State organizations and resolving the Annual into a delegate body. Of course the plan, so far as it has developed now, is by no means complete. It is subject to such modifications as may be suggested by views of members of the Order as they may be expressed to the committees appointed; but, so far as it has developed, the plan is substantially this: That, in order to preserve intact the (what you may term) federal feature of the Order—the control of the thing by a central body which is composed of all the Order, rather than any part of it—it is proposed that the Vicegerent Snarks of each State shall be appointed as they are now, shall be appointed by the Snark and confirmed by the Supreme Nine. They will stand in each State as the representative of Hoo-Hoo as a whole. Then it will be the duty of each Vicegerent Snark, by mail notice to each member in his State, to call a meeting of the members in his State at the most convenient time and place. The fact is this: that Hoo-Hoo Day, while it has its value sentimentally, is a most inopportune time to hold a Hoo-Hoo meeting, because most of the members of the Order are engaged in a business which, on the 9th day of September, is just beginning its busy season. Now, we have here to-day at this

meeting a large attendance, and it is of about 300 members. We have 6,000 members in the Order. That, it seems to me, shows conclusively that Hoo-Hoo Day does not meet the needs of all the members, and the locating of the Annual Meeting in any one place in the United States does not make it possible for most of the members to attend. If the Vicegerent Snark, knowing his local conditions, and knowing the conditions of his membership, selects a place, or submits to the members a ballot for choice of time and place for holding the meeting, you are going to arrive at a time and place when and where most of the members of the State can attend, and who can, on the day and place they may select by their ballot, proceed to elect a State Nine. They will distribute those State offices in the different parts of the State, so that, while now there is one, or, in some cases, two, recognized officers in each State, some of them located a long way apart and a long way from concentrated Hoo-Hoo action, there will be nine men distributed by the members themselves over the State to the best possible advantage. The result will be that Hoo-Hoo will have official connection in close touch with all parts of all States in which there are Hoo-Hoo.

Then the plan contemplates that every Vicegerent Snark shall be a member of the Annual convention. In addition to its Vicegerent Snark, each State shall be entitled to elect one delegate, we will say, for every ninety-nine men in good standing, or major fractional part thereof. On the present membership of the Order, that would give a governing body of 120 or 125. That would give us a body in which the membership is actually represented. We have never been able to devise a plan, without such an organization, in which the members were represented. For instance, to cite an illustration from yesterday's experience, when the roll was called on the election of Snark and it came to the State of Wisconsin, I stood up and voted, and was in a position in which I absolutely named the Snark for the next year; for, whatever way I cast those 105 votes this year, the Snark would have been determined, and I was entirely irresponsible to every member of the Order in the State of Wisconsin. I represented nothing and nobody but myself and my private opinion. I had 105 votes in my pocket, with which I might do anything I liked, and there was no one I was responsible to for their use. That makes a concentration of power which is un-American, which is unbusinesslike, and with which no order can come to the success that this Order can have. You must have the membership represented; and that gives rise to the thought that if it had happened that I had not come to this meeting and put in my vote, then Wisconsin would have been disfranchised.

Under the plan we propose, there will be a man elected for every ninety-nine members, whose duty it shall be to be here. If he is not here, some one will find fault with him for it. It is probable that each State will provide for the expenses of its delegates, and we will have the Order actually represented in the Annual Meetings. That is the plan, in substance, which those of us who have agitated the matter contemplate.

This resolution provides that a committee shall be appointed to put that plan into proper phraseology, and that, when it is so put into words, it shall be sent to every member of the Supreme Nine and to every Vicegerent Snark. As a matter of fact, I assumed that it would be sent to any other members of the Order who, by reason of the interest they have taken, would have some ideas on it, the idea being to submit it to everybody interested. When the suggestions of those to whom it has been submitted have been sent back to the committee, they will go over them and incorporate into an amendment to the Constitution such ideas and suggestions as they receive and can be adopted.

It would then become the duty of the committee to send this amendment to every member of the Order in good standing at that time, with a ballot on which to vote for or against. The members of this Order are reasonably intelligent. The plan is to give every member of the Order an opportunity to vote, for once in his life, on a vital proposition. He has never had that opportunity. If the majority of the members indorse the plan, it is apt to be a pretty safe plan to go on; if they don't, we will drop it. What the resolution provides for is not the adoption of this plan at all; it is to give us the opportunity to refer the plan, by vote, to the entire membership, for adoption or rejection; and it seems to me, in view of the experience of past years—the dissatisfaction over the mass meeting idea and over the voting by one man of the membership of an entire State and over the proxy business—and in view of the further fact that every other secret society on the face of the earth holds its meeting by representation of actual membership—it seems to me that it ought to be within the range of good judgment to give the members of this Order a chance to vote for delegate representation. [Applause.]

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—Has that been offered as a resolution yet?

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—It has not been filed as a resolution yet.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—I understand, then, that this comes up as the special order of business and is so before the house.

The Snark:—That is what I understand.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—From Mr. Ellis' explanation, then, it seems that there is nothing further to do than to take action regarding the appointment of that committee. I, therefore, think we are simply wasting time in discussing the plan, whether we believe in it or do not believe in it. I must say that there are some features about it that I do not exactly believe in myself, but I do believe it is a good plan to submit it to the entire Order, and I am heartily in favor of appointing that committee.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—I think the plan, as outlined by Mr. Ellis, is a good one, but I think suggestions as to details are in order, and the only thing that I see to comment on in connection with that is that while every State shall have a vote for each of its ninety-nine members or major fraction thereof, it ought to be left to the State as to how that vote shall be cast, whether by one, two, three, or five members. That should be left with the States; otherwise, if you designate a certain number to represent the absent, then the absent representative should have the power of appointing a substitute or giving his proxy to the man going, if the delegate does not go. Each State should have every member represented, whether by one, three, or five members. I think that point should be covered clearly in the proposition as submitted to the members.

W. E. Barns (No. 3):—I do not want to take up very much time; but I do want to say two or three things in response to some things that have been said by my friend Ellis. He is proposing here a whole lot of changes that are very radical in Hoo-Hoo. In the first place, he suggests the idea of changing our Hoo-Hoo Annual from the ninth day of the ninth month—

W. H. Ellis (No. 270) [interrupting]:—No; the State meetings shall not be held on September 9; the Annual Meeting to be held the same as now.

W. E. Barns (No. 3):—I did not so understand. Then I will not devote any time to that. Taking the State idea, I think it possible that in the earlier days of the Order, when we did not have as many exmembers of the Supreme Nine, when we did not have as many Vicegerents and ex-Vicegerents and as many competent members as we have

now, a State Nine might have been called for. I doubt whether the necessity exists now, or whether, in such a State as Illinois, for instance, if you appointed them geographically, you could get them together, say, in Cairo, or in Chicago, or in Decatur, or in any other part of the State. This association is in opposition to conventionality. I do not like the idea of doing something simply because some other order does it, and simply because some other order has a federated system of government is no good reason why we, an unconventional body, should fall in with that idea at all. It seems to me that the beauty of Hoo-Hoo is that it is different from everything else. In our Annual Meetings we come together—as many as can and will—not in a formal way for perfunctory business, but simply to have a good time and to look after the business of the Order; not as delegates, not because we are appointed, but because we choose to come and enjoy coming. Now, if in some States we should have only one or two delegates, there might be thirty or forty who would want to come. For instance, from Ohio, with 300 members, perhaps only three members would be entitled to a vote. I do not believe in that. I believe everybody who comes to the Hoo-Hoo Annual should have a voice in its proceedings [applause], and vote and take part in it, and have a good time. There is too much change, it seems to me, in the plan suggested by Mr. Ellis. I believe we are doing very nicely and getting along in good shape as we are; the Order is growing, and in 1899, I believe, we can add more members to the Order than ever before. We have in every State thoroughly competent, good men, who can conduct conversations, and who have the interests of the Order at heart. While there is no objection to submitting a plan of this kind to all the members of the Order, it is a matter that would have to be put before them in a certain way before they could vote on it intelligently; and I doubt if you could get a vote out of one out of four, any more than you are able to get proxies one out of four. Therefore, I am rather opposed to this. [Applause.]

C. S. Walker (No. 738):—What I understand is that Mr. Ellis, in his plan, is trying to arrive at some proportionate representation. He sees that the proxy system, as we have it at present, is not a good one. It is what I might call a vicious system. We have all had our experience at past Annuals, and have found out that the Vicegerent Snark, or any interested party who would go out and endeavor to get a lot of proxies, carried the balance of power with him, regardless of whether he represented his membership or not. I believe that we are entitled to proportionate representation. It is almost impossible to get the average man to attend to this matter of proxy. We send these notices out to him to sign a proxy and send to his Vicegerent, but this is not done, and the gentleman who has a string to pull, or wants a position for a friend, "hustles" in his State for a big vote. A Vicegerent from a State with 300 members may bring 200 proxies, while a State with 600 members may not have fifty proxies here. Any man who pays his annual dues is interested in the good of the Order. He may be indifferent to the little work of signing his name to a proxy, but he is entitled to proportionate representation on this floor. We can arrive at the end that Mr. Ellis suggests by allowing every man in good standing representation on this floor through those present. I believe that would solve the problem that we are looking for. In this convention we have seen where States have really carried weight when they were entitled to it on account of work that they have done or their membership, and I do not believe that we need any real State organizations to arrive at that end. I believe that an amendment simply that the States be represented on this floor by men in good standing would settle the question. [Applause.]

The Snark:—The motion before the house is the recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws to appoint a committee of three to take this up as Mr. Ellis has suggested. That is before you, and when you are ready for the question on the appointment of that committee, say so.

A. D. McLeod (No. 737):—There is one thing about submitting a question of this kind to, say, five members. There are a great many who never come to the Annuals, and they practically do not know anything about the question at all. I speak of this thing from experience in a different line. We frequently, at railroad meetings, have questions come up that are submitted to the railroads through the associations. The result is that matters are handled and carried on and decided by those who really have no interest in a thing and know nothing about it. I am of the opinion that a man who will not sign his proxy and will not come here should not have a vote at all. If he does not take that much interest, let those who do, and do come, handle the matter of the business of the Order. I do not object at all to the present system.

The Snark:—Any further remarks?

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—I would like to take just a moment to reply to some of the objections which have been urged. Not remembering the numbers, I will be unparliamentary enough, with your permission, to refer by name to the gentlemen who raised the objections. Mr. Barns made a point that the State Supreme Nines are not necessary, because there are enough ex-Vicegerents, exmembers of the Supreme Nine, and Vicegerent Snarks to hold all the concatenations necessary. The trouble is this: that Hoo-Hoo in the last four or five years has grown, and in the next few years will grow, along lines which make a lot of other things to attend to than concatenations. The time was when a concatenation was all there was to it, and that is the trouble with Hoo-Hoo. There are 5,000 men of this Order who are not at this meeting; there are nearly 5,000 members of this Order who do not care enough about the meeting to come; there are 4,000 members who do not care enough to sign proxies. Is Hoo-Hoo all right? I tell you that those who come to the Annual Meeting and have a good time, and then go away and say that Hoo-Hoo is all right, forget these things and these thousands of members who have never seen anything of Hoo-Hoo since they went in, and they should be brought into line. It is the absentees—men who are initiated, and then go away, and that is the last they hear of it—that I am appealing for. The ex-Vicegerent Snarks and the exmembers of the Supreme Nine have no responsibility to take care of the interests of Hoo-Hoo, and the only man on whom there is any responsibility is the Vicegerent Snark.

Another point was raised (which comes right in here) by Mr. Walker: that he is in favor of proportional representation. It is not that representation that we need altogether. We have that under the proxy system. That is not enough. What we need and must have—what is necessary—is responsible representation. It makes no difference, gentlemen, if the representation is proportional. I am to-day the sole representative of Wisconsin, and our proportional representation is the same as that of Ohio; but I am responsible to no one, and you have to have the membership of the Order responsibly represented if you hope to maintain their interest.

The further point was made that it would not be possible to get the State Nine together. It is no part of the plan to get them together for a concatenation. Any members can be put in to fill the ritual stations. Hoo-Hoo has members enough spread through the different States to maintain that sort of interest. The men who come in and

then practically sever their connection should be considered. These men have some rights to be respected. It is not contemplated that the State Nine shall hold the concatenations; it is contemplated that the nine men should be scattered through the State and be responsible within the State for the condition of Hoo-Hoo, for the interests of Hoo-Hoo, and that they shall come together representing the State, and send some one here to represent it on Hoo-Hoo Day who will represent the State and be responsible to some one for something. Let us abandon this caucus-mass-meeting idea and do things for the interest of Hoo-Hoo. Hoo-Hoo is a protest against conventionality, and to that I, too, am opposed; but we want to take care of the 4,000 and get them into line, and this system does not take care of them.

Some question has been raised here as to the advisability of submitting this thing to the members at large. Those members are intelligent members. They will average up as intelligent as we are. They are just as much members of the Order as we are. The point has been raised that they do not sign their proxies. If not, they will not sign their ballot on this; and unless more than one-half of the membership votes to adopt it, it will not be adopted.

I think, as to the passage of this resolution, that if a majority of the members do not vote to adopt it, it will not be adopted, and we will have done no harm; but I lay the proposition down to you that in a mass convention representing none but yourselves you have no moral right to refuse the members of this Order an opportunity to vote on that proposition. You have no right to sit here and say you are entitled to the privilege of deciding whether we want self-government or not. It is not a proposition for you to decide; it is a question of whether we are in favor of this or any other plan; it is a question of whether you will say that the members of Hoo-Hoo have not a right to vote on the question of self-government. The only proposition now is to submit it to them for a vote.

A further question has been that in reducing to a delegate body only the delegates would attend, and it would come down to a small meeting. How was it when the Knights of Pythias held their meeting in Indianapolis the other day? A body that could meet in a hall and transact their business, in federated form, with hardly room for their number? How is it when the Masonic Grand Lodge meets? Does not every Mason who can come to those meetings? Every Hoo-Hoo who can will be there on the 9th of September, but the delegates will be in their stations. We have 300 men here to-day whose duty it is to be in this hall to vote on this proposition. Where are they? Has at any time the full attendance been in the meeting? We have our proportionate representation, but we have not our responsible representation. Our men have come here on their own individual volition. They are responsible to no one. If they do not want to come, they do not come. I say that if the men here had been elected to come and represent your State, with the accompanying responsibility, and had to report to some one, they would be here, every man of them so elected. I cannot see why that principle which lies at the foundation of our national government and extends through every other organization on the face of the earth should be regarded as not applicable to Hoo-Hoo. What we want is the representation of the members of Hoo-Hoo by some one who is responsible to them, and not by an irresponsible mass meeting that is responsible to no one and to nothing.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—In the opening of this discussion I was heartily in favor of the plan suggested by Mr. Ellis. I see now some serious objections to it, and one of them is to a mail vote. That is always a perfunctory matter, and it would not represent a true vote of the members of this Order. I have a suggestion to make in that con-

nection which will change the matter but little, and yet I think it entirely for the good of Hoo-Hoo; and I believe it will be the means of giving us in 1899 the largest Annual that we ever have had. I suggest that the plan as now outlined be carried out in its full details, with this one exception: that it does not become a part of the Constitution by changing the vote by proxy as we have it now; but let it be tentatively understood that each State, if it so wishes, can have its Nine in the State. There is nothing in the Constitution to prohibit it. Let them, if they choose, appoint delegates, or let them find out who of the Order in the State is going to the next Annual, and instruct them on this plan, and then let the vote be taken—on putting this into the Constitution—in open meeting, at Denver, where it can be discussed and every man can hear the "whys" and "wherefores" of it.

When a man votes by letter or proxy, he rarely knows what he is voting on, or he is likely to vote by proxy against what would have been his own personal vote had he been present. I believe that every man of this Order should be given the opportunity to consider this subject fully and hear the debate, or send his representative to hear it. That would carry out the full idea and give us a year to think it over, until the next Annual, when it could be acted on finally and fully.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—That simply adds a good deal of force to the proposition as it stands. I am entirely in favor of that. I move that the report be amended to provide that when this plan is completed—say about sixty days before the Annual Meeting—and printed and submitted to every member of the Order, and that the committee may devise any plan which it sees fit to secure at the next Annual Meeting an expression of the opinion of the members, but that at the Annual Meeting it may, by vote under the present proxy system, determine the question. Is that satisfactory?

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—I merely want to say that we have always made the argument that Hoo-Hoo had no local lodges, therefore that the membership is always ready and open to take into consideration anything for the good of Hoo-Hoo. I think, therefore, that this matter should be put before the membership as soon as convenient; that the committee suggested should be appointed to put the thing in proper shape, so that all may understand just what is contemplated. In this the committee should fully consult the views and ask the suggestions of the ex-Vicegerents, the exmembers of the Supreme Nine, and all interested in and familiar with the needs of Hoo-Hoo. Without touching upon the matter of representation at these Annual Meetings, to which I have not given a great deal of thought, I want to say that I am heartily in favor of the institution of these State Nines to look after and keep alive the interest in the Order. It will give us more men to feel a responsibility for, and take a pride in maintaining and elevating, the general tone of Hoo-Hoo. The need for more men in an official capacity of some sort is very visible from the Scrivenoter's office. Every week, almost, things turn up in different parts of the country that call for a few moments of some one's personal attention; and the absence of a knowledge of whom to call upon, with the assurance that the call would be responded to, has in the past two years, I am sure, stood in the way of results that might have been accomplished. The single Vicegerent in the State is frequently found to be almost as far removed from the matter to be looked after as the Scrivenoter himself, and with as little personal knowledge of the facts. Now a Nine in each State, selected by the members of that State, would, in my opinion, remedy this and work good in many ways. It would bring the whole membership into closer touch, and, by enlisting the influence of good men all over the

field, would gradually eliminate these foci of indifference that have resulted from unfortunate appointments of Vicegerents and from the initiating in some sections of many men of not just the character we want. One man, however active, cannot look after the interests of Hoo-Hoo in a whole State, especially one of these six-hundred-miles-across States. I heartily agree with Mr. Ellis in his protest that the initiation of new members is not all of Hoo-Hoo, but even in this work the inability of a single official in a State to achieve the best results is obvious. He frequently cannot attend all the concatenations in his jurisdiction, much less give proper attention to the preliminary work and the character of the men to be initiated. As it is, the Vicegerent is frequently given very short notice of a concatenation, coupled with the assurance that everything is all ready and the candidates waiting. He arrives on the scene but a few hours before the meeting hour to find everything not all right by any means, and a very unsatisfactory and usually expensive outcome is the result. I think Vicegerents Carpenter, of Iowa, and Mason, of Mississippi, can bear me out in this. Both have held several concatenations at a distance from where they live, and both, I believe, have felt the need of some assistance from responsible men in the work. It has been objected that the State Nine could never be gotten together. Whether it ever got together or not, the nine men would be there, and located over the State to look after the interests of Hoo-Hoo, to lend the weight of their personal influence exerted from an official position, and to expedite and systematize its business. These nine men would be nine times as able as one man to do the work required. I imagine, too, in time there would grow up a wholesome State pride in these Nines and a friendly contest between them to bring their respective States up to the highest possible standing. I know that merely the publication of that little "Record of Work" in "The Bulletin" has acted as a stimulus to good work. It has been criticized, I know, as tending to create a zeal for numbers at the expense of strict eligibility; but I believe this is unwarranted. I think the character of men initiated the past twelve months is the best we have ever had, certainly the best since I have had official connection with the Order. I want to see this suggestion of State Nines made operative.

A. D. McLeod (No. 737):—I merely arise to a personal question. I would like to know whether the gentleman who has just spoken, saying that the membership taken in last year was better than ever has been taken in, means it as a reflection on our old members. [Laughter.]

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—I understand that is a joke, of course; but I will answer that I made the remark in no such sense as that.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—If this motion in its new form is to prevail, we might make it that the shorthand report of the discussion which has been held in this meeting this morning be included in the publication of the plan which is to be sent to the members, so that what has been said here this morning on both sides of the question may be submitted to the members at the same time the plan is.

C. H. Carpenter (No. 254):—I was very much pleased to hear the Scrivenoter suggest in his remarks that nine times as much work could be done by nine men within a State as could be done by one. In my brief experience in Iowa I found that I could have taken in a good many members in that State if I had been in position to attend to that solely and all connected with it. There were many meetings which were far away from me, which I could not attend, and I could not delegate other Hoo-Hoo to take the responsibility. For me to go down there and spend several days working up a meeting, and then go home and return for the meeting, would consume all the finances. It was impossible to do all the work that could be done by nine men

appointed to work things up. I heartily concur with Mr. Baird in this matter.

John Mason (No. 1430):—I concur with this appointment of the Nine in each State, but would it not be better to omit that portion before the house now and put this as a separate matter?

The Snark:—The matter before the house is the amendment to the motion to appoint the committee. The amendment is that the plan be submitted as already outlined, but left for adoption at the Annual of 1899, and that all this discussion that has been had here this morning be submitted with the plan. Are you ready for the question on the amendment?

Several voices:—Question!

The amendment was put formally to vote, and passed.

C. H. Carpenter (No. 254):—I would make a motion—

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—I rise to a point of order. The motion before the house—

The Snark:—No. 254 is out of order. For the benefit of the members here, we will now have the original motion read.

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—The question is really a recommendation originating in a suggestion made to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. [The Scrivenoter read the formal recommendation of the committee.]

The Snark:—All in favor of this motion as amended, please say "Aye."

The vote was affirmative, without dissent.

The Snark:—The motion is adopted, and the committee will be appointed.

C. H. Carpenter (No. 254):—I would make a motion that the Snark, in appointing the Vicegerents, give the Vicegerents power to select nine assistants, locating them wherever he sees fit in the State. They can assist very much, I think, in increasing the membership of the Order and do the work more properly.

[The gentleman intended to suggest eight, not nine, assistants. This being so understood, that number is used in the debate.—Ed.]

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—I would suggest, in connection with that motion, that the Vicegerents and these eight members that he appoints be instructed to advise the members fully with reference to this proxy system and the necessity for each member signing the proxy before Hoo-Hoo Day.

A. D. McLeod (No. 757):—I was going to ask the question whether it is really necessary. Has not the Vicegerent the right now to make such appointments? It seems to me that the great trouble is this: that the Vicegerents (and I do not want to reflect on them, for they are a very able and distinguished body of men) call a meeting without arranging for it officially or ahead of time. If you appoint nine men, they are simply men that you may get together once in a year or twice a year. Whenever a Vicegerent calls a concatenation, the first thing he should do is to pick out nine men, including himself, if he is there to handle that concatenation. He cannot count on any one man whom he can rely on. Suppose in Ohio, Mr. Schneider, when he was Vicegerent, put me on his list; I could not be there once a year, possibly.

C. H. Carpenter (No. 254):—You might do some preliminary work.

A. D. McLeod (No. 757):—What kind?

C. H. Carpenter (No. 254):—Arrange for a hall or something of that kind.

A. D. McLeod (No. 757):—Has not the Vicegerent now all the power necessary? Is it compulsory under this rule that he shall appoint nine men? It seems to me that we do not need any legislation on that point. The Vicegerent, if he

understands what he is there for, should be able to handle that business without any such special authority.

E. R. Coledge (No. 376):—The contention has been, as I understand it, right along that it is quality, not quantity, that Hoo-Hoo wants. If we have these nine men as officers in the different States, we shall be dragging in everybody. Each one of those officers will want to make a showing. The quality is not going to improve; I acknowledge the quantity might.

H. H. Giesey (No. 650):—I simply want to say that this question of the nine coming up here seems to be all right, as Mr. McLeod says about the appointment; but what we want is, when the Vicegerent is appointed for each State, to have him appoint those eight assistants and have them study the ritual. We have to give the new members their money's worth, and we are not doing it; we need a little more elevation to this thing. The officers do not understand the rituals, and put no expression into what they read. It is not right. If you put in nine men—the right kind of men—we will give these people their money's worth. We will have impressive concatenations and enthusiasm, and have a delegation to go to Denver to represent us that will do us credit.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3923):—The idea of appointing these eight assistants, as I understand it, is not that they are to be gotten together at each concatenation, but to increase the interest in the Order, and particularly to study the ritual. When a concatenation is to be held at any particular place in a State, a member of the Nine can be put to work at once, assisting the Snark in working it up. While I am on this, I make this suggestion: These men might not be gotten together at each concatenation, but we will have nine men in the State interested in Hoo-Hoo, reading up on it, and posting themselves and able to instruct the others.

E. M. Vietmeier (No. 2714):—These eight men that are to be appointed, from the remarks that have been made—are they to be furnished with rituals to study?

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—That is a detail to be settled later.

E. M. Vietmeier (No. 2714):—As I understand the laws of the Order, the ritual is never to depart from the trunk except when in use in a concatenation. Is that to be changed? The rituals are part of the trunk. Are you going to furnish each of these men, in addition to the Vicegerent, a ritual outside of those that go with the trunk? It is information I am after.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—This discussion, just as the one that preceded it, rests, it seems to me, upon a wrong assumption. There is prevalent through this Order an idea that initiation is its sole and only object. I stand as a representative pleading for those 6,000 who have been already initiated. As to the motion before the house, it makes no difference whether it is passed or not; every Vicegerent Snark may appoint eight assistants; but they will have no responsibility. It is better to pass this resolution so as to give it the stamp of the approval of an Annual Meeting. It makes no difference whether those eight men ever go into a concatenation or not. The thing that they will do, and which will be of value to all, is to get the interest awakened again in those fellows who have been initiated and have never been into a Hoo-Hoo meeting, or seen anything of Hoo-Hoo, since they paid their money and got their glass of beer and a sandwich. This motion tends to build up greater interest among the members who have once been interested.

E. M. Vietmeier (No. 2714):—Mr. Snark, I rise to a point of order. I think I am entitled to an answer to the question that I have asked.

W. E. Barnes (No. 3):—As it stands now, Mr. Vietmeier's question is perfectly pertinent. As a matter of fact, there are only rituals for the trunks, and the Custodian is re-

sponsible to the Scrivenoter for the return of the rituals when the trunk comes back. I want to say this about the interest in Hoo-Hoo: In the South there have been held in the last six months some of the best concatenations that I ever attended. One was in Kansas City, where about sixty people were put through with the greatest possible form and decorum, and, I think, an attendance of at least 400. I have attended concatenations in Shreveport, in Texas, and in Cairo, and other places down there, and I tell you that if the members of the Order will take the proper interest in the Order and see that only good material goes in you can have just as good membership as ever, just as good fun, just as much decorum and propriety as you please, and just as much enthusiasm. [Applause.]

The Snark:—The question before the house is that the Vicegerent of each State shall be instructed—given power—to appoint eight members in his State as his assistants. Are you ready for the question?

C. H. Stanton (No. 3140):—I have heard talk here about certain States doing away with one Vicegerent Snark. What I want is to get information for myself, and not to allow an impression to go out, if this is adopted, that each Vicegerent can appoint an eight. I want to ask the question if the Vicegerent has the power to delegate to any one else any of his power. For instance, in New York there are three or four lumber sections. It is 440 miles from Buffalo to New York City. You would hardly get a Vicegerent Snark to go from Buffalo to New York to hold a concatenation; and if you do away with one Vicegerent Snark, if it is not possible for the remaining Vicegerent, if located at Buffalo, to delegate his power to New York, how could the eight assistants carry it on?

The Snark:—The Constitution provides that wherever the members wish it in any State they can have the two Vicegerents.

E. R. Coledge (No. 376):—There is a living picture of the trouble with Hoo-Hoo to-day. We have too much in our Constitution. The gentleman from New York has never studied his Constitution, or he would have seen that the Vicegerent has power to delegate his authority. He is only one of about 5,300 who have never read the Constitution. We come to every meeting and discuss that Constitution and make changes in that Constitution which no one knows or reads. We have too much Constitution now.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—I suggest now that in States where there are two Vicegerents each one appoint his assistants. I think that New York and some other large States will absolutely require two sets of assistants.

J. J. Marten (No. 1293):—In speaking for the State of Michigan and as one who has tried to do some work for that State, I can safely say that there is no one man who can handle alone the Vicegerency of the State of Michigan and do it properly. We have a portion of our State in the far northwest nearer to Duluth than to Ohio, a sister State. We have tried it unsuccessfully for two or three years. When I was Vicegerent, in 1896, I resigned to Mr. Debaugh a portion of the western portion of the State, which was never accepted; and consequently the work in the northwestern portion of the lower peninsula has been neglected. The upper portion of the peninsula, with an average population second to none for the purposes of Hoo-Hoo, has never had representation; and it is an utter impossibility for any one man appointed in the lower peninsula to do business in the upper peninsula. This idea of a Nine that we are coming at—do I understand that any member of that Nine appointed in the State will have a right to hold a concatenation in his particular section?

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—Certainly; just as the Vicegerent now delegates an outside man to do.

J. J. Marten (No. 1293):—If we elect a Nine in each State, those people will know that the Constitution pro-

vides that they should be elected and are given authority by this national convention. They will take some interest in it if they are any good whatever; and if they are no good, they might act as some Vicegerent Snarks do—never hold a concatenation. But the chances are, you are going to elect a Nine in a State who will take some interest. They state the Vicegerent is now empowered with authority to appoint his assistants. That is true; but the Vicegerent comes to a city, perhaps two or three hundred miles away from his home, knowing nobody except by mail, and appoints eight men to hold a concatenation; and there it rests. They have absolutely no interest at stake. The Vicegerent is responsible for everything. I do not think it is necessary, in order to carry out this idea of having a State Nine, to have the Nine furnished with a ritual. If you do that, you will have the rituals all over the country, never to come back. Those people who may be so appointed, through the national convention, will feel that a certain responsibility rests upon their shoulders; and, if they are well disposed, they will take an interest in the Order, and certainly work for the good of Hoo-Hoo; and in that way I am heartily in favor of the State Nines being appointed.

W. B. Stillwell (No. 3953):—Mr. Snark, it seems possible that a wrong impression will go out about this appointment of the eight assistants. It is not intended to change the Constitution at all; but we wish this Annual, as has been suggested, to stamp with authority the appointment of those eight men, and they will feel as if some consideration has been shown them, and will act accordingly.

The Snark:—All in favor of the motion will please say "Aye."

The motion passed.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

The Snark:—Are you ready with the report of the Committee on Resolutions?

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—I will say in explanation that the Committee on Resolutions has held no meeting. I have been unable to get the committee together, and no other member of the committee has seen these resolutions. I do not know that there is more than one in the house. If the members of the committee have any objections or any additions to these resolutions that I have prepared, I hope they will make them. I do not want to assume any authority for submitting these without consulting them.

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following:

1. Since our last Annual the earthly career of forty-three Hoo-Hoo has ended. To the families and friends of these departed brethren we extend the heartfelt sympathy of the entire Order. Time may temper their grief, but it cannot restore those loved ones who are gone. Yet to us they are not lost; they have only departed on that journey we all must take, sooner or later, and are waiting on the other side to welcome those who follow. In Hoo-Hoo land there is no such thing as death; our departed kindred live forever in memory.

2. To those other absent members who are still followers of Hoo-Hoo here on earth we send a Hoo-Hoo greeting, trusting that another year will see them all assembled in the 1899 convention in Denver.

3. To the Hoo-Hoo of Ohio are due our hearty thanks for the manner in which they have redeemed promises made one year ago. They have been royal hosts; and Great Hoo-Hoo, through his representatives here assembled, commends them, one and all, as good and faithful servants.

4. To the Hoo-Hoo and citizens of Cleveland is due a still greater measure of praise. When, at almost the last moment, circumstances arose which required a change in the location for holding the Annual, Cleveland was not found wanting. There was no time for extensive preparations, yet no detail has been lacking in the arrangements for our reception and entertainment. We found the keys of the city awaiting our arrival; and, presumably to avoid any confusion, each member was furnished with a duplicate. The very air has breathed hospitality, and the hearts of

Hoo-Hoo respond in unison with the greeting we have received. To the Hollenden Hotel also we extend thanks for courtesies received while guests of the house.

5. While our welcome at Cleveland has done much to mitigate the regret we feel on account of our failure to meet at Put-in-Bay, our sympathy goes out to the management of Hotel Victory, who labored so earnestly toward making the proposed meeting there a success, but who were obliged, by unavoidable circumstances, to close the hotel before the appointed date. Hoo-Hoo hopes that the plans for a meeting there may be carried out at some future time.

6. No report of a Committee on Resolutions would be complete without embodying thanks to the press. The trade papers have done much to make Hoo-Hoo a success, and have not been lacking in their efforts to secure a good attendance at the Annual.

7. For the first time in the history of Hoo-Hoo, reduced railroad rates have been granted to which no "string" was attached. It is true that these rates applied only from the Southwestern territory, but we feel none the less grateful to the roads making such reduction. Especially are thanks due to Mr. Joseph Richardson, of the Southeastern Passenger Association; to Col. Atmore, General Passenger Agent of the Louisville and Nashville; to Mr. D. G. B. Edwards, General Passenger Agent of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton; to Mr. E. A. McCormack, Passenger Traffic Manager of the Big Four; and to Mr. W. C. Rinearson, General Passenger Agent of the Queen and Crescent.

8. The outgoing members of the Supreme Nine have served Hoo-Hoo faithfully and well during their term of office. Under their guidance the Order has grown in number and influence, and they leave for their successors a record worthy of emulation.

9. To the new members of the Supreme Nine, Hoo-Hoo pledges unswerving loyalty and the earnest effort of the entire Order.

W. H. MCCLINTOCK, Chairman;
F. B. EMERY,
W. L. BURTON,
J. J. KAUL,
JOHN J. MARTEN.

W. E. Barns (No. 3):—I heartily approve of everything in those resolutions. There is one little matter, however, in regard to railroads that has been unintentionally neglected in a certain sense. I want to say that before any of the associations took any action whatever in regard to reduced rates the "Clover Leaf"—the Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City Railroad—said to members of the Order: "We will give you a rate of \$9.99 to Put-in-Bay." This is a good deal less than half rate. They carried that out, and I think it is only right that this road should be mentioned in connection with the others.

Geo. W. Schwartz (No. 4):—I have an addition to make to that. As soon as the rate by the "Clover Leaf" was mentioned, Mr. E. E. Posey, of the Mobile and Ohio, informed me that his line would do anything that any other road would; and when notified of the rate, he immediately gave notice that his line would make a half rate from any point on its system.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—I will say in explanation that the names of roads showing us favors were secured late last night from the Scrivenoter, and the intention was to include everything of that nature. With the consent of the other members of the committee, these suggestions regarding the "Clover Leaf" and Mobile and Ohio will be inserted in that paragraph.

The resolutions, with the additions suggested, were formally adopted.

W. E. Barns (No. 3):—There is one matter provided for in the Constitution to which no reference has been made. That is the annual appropriation of \$99.99 for purposes of charity, to be at the disposal of the Snark. I would move that this sum be set aside to be used during the year for charitable purposes by the Snark.

H. W. Anderson (No. 2351):—I second that motion.

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—I want to remark that the question has been raised once or twice whether or not the

amount unexpended of the sum for one year goes to the next year.

A. E. Baird (No. 3636):—Let it lie in the fund.

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—I think so, too.

The Snark:—The motion is that the Snark be empowered to expend for charitable purposes \$99.99, with the sum left over from last year.

The motion was passed without dissent.

The Snark:—It has been the rule heretofore to read a list of the delinquents at each Annual Meeting.

J. H. Baird (No. 408):—I desire to say in that connection that when I started from Nashville with the list it contained about 350 or 400 names; since that time a number of payments have been made at the office. These have not been entered on the cash book. I have received telegrams from members saying that they have mailed checks to Nashville, and no doubt they have. To read this out would be reading the names of probably 100 men who have paid up.

H. W. Anderson (No. 2351):—I move that a list of the delinquents be sent to the Vicegerents of each State, with instructions to collect the money. I think that is the best way to dispose of it.

W. H. McClintock (No. 183):—I don't want to discuss it, but want to add something to the motion: that the reading of those names be dispensed with and the delinquent list printed in the next "Bulletin."

The motion, by common consent, as amended, was passed.

W. H. Ellis (No. 270):—I want to announce to those who are here that at two o'clock this afternoon there is to be a meeting of the Osirian Cloister.

The Snark:—Before we adjourn, the Snark would simply like to state that he wishes to express hearty thanks to you for the honor conferred in electing him to this position. It is a high compliment, and he asks again your support and work in every section of the country in which you live or wherever you go, so that we may go to Denver in 1899 with a fine record and with such a large crowd that Mr. English will have an opportunity to spend all of his money. [Laughter and Applause.]

R. W. English (No. 2220):—May I have permission to read a telegram received this morning from Denver?

[Reads a telegram from Governor Adams congratulating him on securing the next meeting, and pledging a good time for all who go. The telegram was heartily applauded.]

W. E. Barns (No. 3):—I don't want to be hypercritical, but I want to ask, as a special favor, just to take the grating off the nerves of a lot of the other members, that Brother English, when we go to Denver next year, will not say anything about "Hoo-Hoo." [Laughter.] Just leave the "H" off; just make it "Hoo-Hoo."

R. W. English (No. 2220):—I will stand corrected.

E. A. Hildreth (No. 244):—The Cleveland committee ask me to say to you that the boat will leave promptly at 2 o'clock from the foot of Superior street, and that the excursion to-night for Niagara Falls will leave at 8 o'clock, instead of 8:30, leaving from the same place. Let me say that those who calculated to take the Niagara Falls trip can at 2 o'clock take their luggage down to the boat, get their staterooms, and leave it there. We leave to-night on the same boat used for the excursion this afternoon.

The Snark:—Is there any further business from any member before we adjourn this Annual?

W. E. Ellis (No. 270):—I move we adjourn.

E. M. Vietmeier (No. 2714):—I second that motion.

The Snark:—Before putting the motion, I want to announce a meeting of the Supreme Nine immediately after adjournment.

I. Shelby Weller (No. 1264):—I helped real hard to elect

several gentlemen now in this room to positions on the Supreme Nine. Before I entered into this contract to use my lungs and work in their behalf, they made me some promises. There is a gentleman from Pennsylvania and one from Texas who have made a "sneak" on me when I had a dreadful thirst, and that is the complaint I have to make. [Laughter.]

At 11:50 A.M. the Snark declared the Seventh Annual Convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo formally and finally adjourned.

The Osirian Cloister.

The very first thing of the meeting was the annual business session of the Osirian Cloister. This was held in the assembly room of the hotel, Thursday afternoon, September 8. This session was devoted to reviewing the work of organization done during the year and closing up the details of the business, the election of officers for the ensuing year, etc. There were present of the original charter members of the Cloister:

W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn.
A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, O.
George W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.
J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
Ed. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.
W. W. Kelley, Buffalo, N. Y.
A. A. White, Kansas City, Mo.
C. S. Walker, Covington, Ky.
W. H. Ellis, Wausau, Wis.
Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.
R. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
E. R. Coledge, Chicago, Ill.
R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala.
Fred. S. Onkes, Huron, O.
W. H. McClintock, Chicago, Ill.

Arrangements were completed for the annual initiation, at 8 P.M., of those officially eligible and of those eligible by nomination.

Promptly at 8 P.M. the initiation commenced. The officially eligible who were initiated are:

N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.
E. H. Desebaugh, Louisville, Ky.
C. H. Beale, Montgomery, Ala.
L. H. Kimerer, Mattson, Miss.
J. J. Mossman, Buffalo, N. Y.
J. Sam. Wright, Hub, N. C.
R. W. English, Denver, Col.
John J. Marten, Detroit, Mich.
M. A. Hayward, Columbus, O.
J. M. Hammond, Bay City, Mich.
J. M. Mason, Bogue Chitto, Miss.
J. J. Wemple, Cleveland, O.
D. T. Call, Orange, Tex.

Those initiated upon nomination and election are:

W. L. Montague, Memphis, Tenn.
I. S. Weller, New York, N. Y.
Al. G. Flournoy, Chicago, Ill.
R. W. Moore, Pittsburg, Pa.
J. B. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y.
Capt. W. L. Burton, New Orleans, La.
R. H. Jenks, Cleveland, O.
J. E. Weller, Pittsburg, Pa.
A. E. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
Joseph Myles, Detroit, Mich.
C. W. Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kan.

Those taking part in the Osirian ceremonies—the officers and members, as well as the initiates—were in evening dress, and the initiation was conducted with impressive solemnity and dignity. Following the conclusion of the initiatory ceremonies, the Cloister gave a banquet in the private dining room of the Hollenden, to which all the inmates of the Cloister and the following ladies sat down at 10 P.M.:

Miss E. B. Bunker, Altoona, Pa.
Mrs. J. B. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y.
Mrs. John J. Mossman, Buffalo, N. Y.
Mrs. Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
Mrs. G. Fillmore, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. R. W. English, Denver, Col.
Mrs. C. W. Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kan.
Miss Anne S. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. John Mason, Bogue Chitto, Miss.
Mrs. R. W. Moore, Bellevue, Pa.
Mrs. Ed. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.
Mrs. John J. Marten, Detroit, Mich.
Mrs. T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. A. A. White, Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. C. W. Pursell, Washington Courthouse, O.
Mrs. M. A. Hayward, Columbus, O.

The tables were tastefully arranged and decorated, and the assembly—fair women and brave men, all in evening dress, save Snark White and the Scrivenoter, who never owned such a thing—presented a pleasing sight. When an elaborate menu had been disposed of, and cigars tabooed in order that the ladies might remain, Toastmaster Ewart proposed a number of toasts, to which responses were made in happy vein by Cok McLeod, Mr. C. S. Walker, Mr. W. E. Barns, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Gladding. This banquet was one of the most delightful features of the whole meeting, and will go down in the records as one of the bright spots in the long roll of Hoo-Hoo social joys.

Another meeting of the Cloister was held Saturday afternoon, September 10, at which nine additional eligibles by official connection with the Order and by nominations for the current year were initiated. These nine additional initiates are as follows (the first three being ex-Vicegerents, and the other six, nominees):

Joseph Schneider, Toledo, O.
N. E. Graham, East Brady, Pa.
C. H. Carpenter, Fredericksburg, Ia.
C. W. Restrict, Detroit, Mich.
H. A. Culver, Sedgwick, Ark.
Oran Darnall, Kansas City, Mo.
W. J. T. Saint, Sharpsburg, Pa.
F. L. Bliss, Saginaw, Mich.
C. S. Keith, Kansas City, Mo.

The Annual Concatenation.

The Annual concatenation was also held on the evening of Thursday, the 8th. Vicegerents Schneider and Wemple, of the two divisions of Ohio, had the meeting in joint charge, and it is needless to say it passed off most pleasantly and most successfully. The official report will be found in the usual column of this issue. The meeting was held in the assembly hall of the hotel immediately after the conclusion of the Osirian Cloister ceremonies. The large hall was completely filled.

After the initiatory ceremonies were concluded, a committee, consisting of H. H. Gibson, R. H. Jenks, and F. W. Bell, was appointed to draft suitable resolutions regarding the death of Hon. C. C. Burnett, of Cleveland, O., which occurred during the previous week. Before adjournment the committee submitted the following, which was adopted and ordered sent to "The Bulletin" and lumber press for publication:

Whereas the grim reaper has cut down in his prime our dearly beloved brother, Hon. C. C. Burnett, of Cleveland, O.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of our brother, Hoo-Hoo loses an invaluable member, and each of us a friend tried, true, and sincere; and be it further

Resolved, That Hoo-Hoo here assembled give this, our public expression of the deep grief in which his untimely end has buried us.

The Entertainment Features.

The people of Cleveland did what the occasion called for, and did it well. The most fulsome laudation could say no more. They endeared themselves to every man and woman fortunate enough to be there. The Ohio men were everywhere—big, strapping, jolly fellows, competent to do anything for the pleasure of their guests, and anxious to set about it. They made us feel at home; more than this, they made us sorry to leave them and go home. They are good people and deserve well here and hereafter.

Carriage Ride for the Ladies.

All the ladies present, after the opening ceremonies of the convention, which they were kind enough to grace with their presence, were taken on a tour of the residence portions of Cleveland by the local committee. Tallyhos, carriages and dogcarts to the number of sixteen were utilized for conveying the party, which included over 100 visiting ladies, under the protection of Guy Gray and F. R. Gilchrist, ably assisted by a large delegation of Cleveland ladies. Outside of the two above mentioned, members of the sterner sex were excluded, much to the distress of Chet Carpenter. The party returned to the hotel about 6 P.M., just in time for dinner.

The Scribe must perforce write of these things from hearsay, as he was never out of the hotel during the meeting. Mrs. Gertrude Fillmore, of Chicago, Ill., who is the daughter of Mr. R. W. English, gives to the "Northwestern Lumberman" this delightful account of the drive:

"O, we had just the loveliest time! First, we drove out Euclid avenue to Garfield's monument, then through the parks, and were shown all the beautiful residences of prominent citizens. But you should have been with us at the Roadside Club, where luncheon was served. It was gotten up in the loveliest manner just for us girls—mean ladies. We had all kinds of good things to eat, from soup to champagne punch. Then Mrs. Jenks sang, and played rag-time music, making a great hit with her rendering of 'Mammy's Little Pumpkin-colored Coons.' She is very clever and a great entertainer. And then Miss Norris, recently returned from Europe, sang 'O, Promise Me!' in a perfectly lovely manner. After just bushels of fun, of which songs, cake walks, and story-telling were the features, we started for the city. O yes, I forgot to tell you that the decorations at the club were just too lovely for anything! And just before we started back, Mrs.—O dear, I've positively forgotten her name, but she was perfectly lovely!—took our pictures in a crowd; and when she told us to look pleasant, we just giggled. We had just the most awfully jolly, loveliest time, and think the Cleveland ladies are perfectly delightful as entertainers. You should have been with us, if you really liked fun."

Trip to Euclid Beach Park.

Another little excursion that was hugely enjoyed was the trip Friday evening to Euclid Beach Park, by trolley cars. It had been intended to make this trip on the boat, but along in the afternoon a good, strong, topsail breeze was piling up the whitecaps on Lake Erie in a way to discourage nautical enterprise, and by an almost unanimous vote the "trolleyhos" were decided to be good enough for us. The men were allowed to go on this trip. In the handsome Casino at the park a band had been provided, and for several hours the golden hours were chased with flying feet. The return trip to the city was not made till nearly midnight. The air was rather chilly for those who failed to provide themselves with proper wrappings, but the men put an occasional "base-burner" inside, and the ladies did the best they could.

A Trip on the Lake.

At 2 P.M. on Saturday afternoon the steamer City of Erie, of the Cleveland and Buffalo Line, took a large party for a trip on the lake. Dancing and music, both vocal and instrumental, helped to make the trip an enjoyable one, in spite of the fact that the water was somewhat rough. The boat returned to the city at about 5 o'clock.

The Excursion to Niagara Falls.

All things earthly must have an end, and the Seventh Hoo-Hoo Annual may be said to have ended Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, when all those but the unfortunate few who had to pack up things and leave for home took the magnificent steamer City of Erie for Buffalo, en route to Niagara Falls. It was a jolly party thus embarked, and those who could not go lingered on the wharf to give the Hoo-Hoo yell. Following is a list of those who took the trip:

George T. Barner, wife, and son, Cleveland, O.
A. J. Chestnut, Buffalo, N. Y.
W. W. Reilly, Buffalo, N. Y.
E. A. Hildreth and wife, Columbus, O.
William Ahlers, Allegheny, Pa.
J. M. DuBois, Bellaire, O.
N. E. Graham, East Brady, Pa.
W. F. Judd, wife, and daughter, Dowagiac, Mich.
J. A. Lindley and wife.
J. M. Attley and wife, Chicago, Ill.
F. M. Smith, wife, mother, and nephew, Newark, O.
C. J. Simon, wife, and sister, Cleveland, O.
F. Riley Pearson, Beaver Falls, Pa.
J. Sam. Wright, Ilub, N. C.
Al. G. Flournoy, Chicago, Ill.
A. W. Hawkins and wife, Akron, O.
R. W. Moore and wife, Pittsburg, Pa.
Ed. M. Vietmeier and wife, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. H. Carpenter, Fredericksburg, Ia.
J. W. Klemme, Elma, Ia.
C. S. Keith, Kansas City, Mo.
W. E. Burns, St. Louis, Mo.
Ora Darnall, Kansas City, Mo.
B. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
W. A. Drake, Dayton, O.
R. E. Jacobs, Findlay, O.
B. J. Ehnts and wife, St. Louis, Mo.
Otto Meyer and wife, St. Louis, Mo.
P. A. Henderson, Seville, Ga.
R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala.
W. B. Stillwell, Savannah, Ga.
W. F. Baker, Savannah, Ga.
Charles C. Cutts, Cordele, Ga.
A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, O.
B. McF. Bunker and Miss Elizabeth Bunker, Altoona, Pa.
E. H. Defebaugh and wife, Louisville, Ky.
J. B. Wall and wife, Buffalo, N. Y.
F. L. Wagar and wife, Mobile, Ala.
M. A. Hayward and wife, Columbus, O.
Mrs. C. W. Pursell, Columbus, O.
James Wilson, Jr., Wapakoneta, O.
W. J. T. Saint, Sharpsburg, Pa.
George T. Rich, Preston, Ont.
E. R. Dowler, Braddock, Pa.
F. C. Martin, Columbus, O.
John J. Marten and wife, Detroit, Mich.
A. N. Struck, Louisville, Ky.
W. L. Montague, Memphis, Tenn.
Harry W. Anderson, Atlanta, Ga.
A. J. Stevens, Dayton, O.
J. W. Taylor, Columbus, O.
H. C. Shreve and wife, Chicago, Ill.
Charles J. Behrens, St. Louis, Mo.
Henry Quellmalz, St. Louis, Mo.
H. Gaus, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.
Julius Seidel, St. Louis, Mo.
N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.
D. T. Call, Orange, Tex.
W. L. Hurton, New Orleans, La.
D. Moeck, Jr., Cleveland, O.

Register of Those Present.

The following is a list of those who had arrived up to the hour when the register was closed and turned over to the Committee on Credentials:

A. Althaus, Bluffton, O.
J. H. Rogers, Columbus, O.
W. H. Cogswell, St. Louis, Mo.
S. E. Barr, Pittsburg, Pa.
S. E. Putnam, Cleveland, O.
J. G. Simon, Cleveland, O.
F. H. Ellenberger, Cleveland, O.
F. Spangler, Toledo, O.
S. F. J. Schemmelpennig, Cleveland, O.
L. E. Gleason, Van Wert, O.
B. M. Bunker, Altoona, Pa.
W. H. Prescott, Cleveland, O.
W. K. Palmer, Cleveland, O.
S. K. Wilson, Akron, O.
W. H. Leuer, Cleveland, O.
Ralph Weaver, Canton, O.
J. R. M. Lawrence, Ellsworth, Pa.
Wm. Ahlers, Allegheny, Pa.
W. E. Burns, St. Louis, Mo.
H. A. Kilmer, Oak Harbor, O.
Chas. S. Keith, Kansas City, Mo.
W. D. Johnson, Pittsburg, Pa.
Arthur E. Kiefer, Detroit, Mich.
Henry C. Newman, Detroit, Mich.
W. Moyer, Detroit, Mich.
C. W. Restrick, Detroit, Mich.
M. Kneeland, Lewiston, Mich.
A. J. Niemeyer, St. Louis, Mo.
W. B. Dickerson, Montgomery, Ala.
W. H. Wilson, Chattanooga, Tenn.
E. R. Dowler, Braddock, Pa.
A. F. Morley, Detroit, Mich.
R. G. Hartung, Detroit, Mich.
M. Hanson, Toledo, O.
M. M. Marsh, Chicago, Ill.
H. M. Smith, Toledo, O.
F. H. Reilly, Buffalo, N. Y.
T. W. Hanson, Grayling, Mich.
John Moore, Gregory, Mich.
T. W. Dobbins, Lima, O.
D. Shoppengons, Grayling, Mich.
J. C. Mulford, Detroit, Mich.
Julius Seidel, St. Louis, Mo.
C. J. Behrens, St. Louis, Mo.
C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.
George F. Rich, Chicago, Ill.
F. N. Smith, Newark, O.
L. E. Fuller, Chicago, Ill.
H. H. Asher, Washtoto, Ky.
F. Bigelow, Cleveland, O.
O. T. Lapham, Cleveland, O.
George W. Lock, West Lake, La.
A. W. Lovejoy, Lowell, Mass.
J. W. Klemme, Elma, Ia.
J. E. Kimball, Elyria, O.
R. J. Ehnts, St. Louis, Mo.
J. W. Slobar, Akron, O.
G. W. Nichols, Stockbridge, Mich.
Otto Meyer, St. Louis, Mo.
George Morley, Detroit, Mich.
F. B. Young, Findlay, O.
H. Gaus, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.
T. C. Cutts, Cordele, Ga.
J. C. Parach, Elyria, O.
Walter Cook, Shelby, O.
W. J. T. Saint, Pittsburg, Pa.
N. E. Graham, East Brady, Pa.
W. E. Ford, Mansfield, O.
B. F. Packard, Warren, O.
F. W. Woensner, Cleveland, O.
J. Wilson, Jr., Wapakoneta, O.
J. M. Amick, Cleveland, O.
J. J. McMann, Wakeman, O.
J. A. Everetti, Cleveland, O.
E. J. Schuster, St. Louis, Mo.
C. J. Mansfield, St. Louis, Mo.
O. Darnall, Allegheny, Pa.
F. L. Wagar, Wagar, Ala.
A. C. Opperman, Pittsburg, Pa.
W. D. Johnston, Pittsburg, Pa.
S. Martin, Detroit, Mich.
H. H. Gibson, Toledo, O.
W. D. Packard, Warren, O.
S. L. Mead, Detroit, Mich.
W. W. Rathbun, St. Louis, Mo.
Jos. M. Myles, Detroit, Mich.
M. A. Hayward, Columbus, O.
W. L. Montague, Memphis, Tenn.
N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.
John J. Marten, Detroit, Mich.
E. R. Cooledge, Chicago, Ill.
C. H. Schlosser, Erie, Pa.
C. W. Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kan.
S. C. Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kan.
R. H. Jenks, Cleveland, O.
J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
A. E. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
G. W. Hillebrands, Detroit, Mich.
Frank N. Lewis, Pittsburg, Pa.
Al. G. Flournoy, Chicago, Ill.
Platt B. Walker, Minneapolis, Minn.
J. W. Dubois, Bellaire, O.
Frank R. Pearson, Beaver Falls, O.
H. C. Creith, Columbus, O.
R. L. Qulessner, Cleveland, O.
E. I. Moore, Cleveland, O.
A. A. White, Kansas City, Mo.
A. J. Gregory, Cleveland, O.
W. H. Ellis, Wausau, Wis.
D. Tramway Call, Call, Texas.
Harvey Saws Avery, New Orleans, La.
L. N. Kimmereer, Mattson, Miss.
W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn.
G. W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.
E. A. Hildreth, Columbus, O.
W. L. Burton, New Orleans, La.
J. H. Jenks, Cleveland, O.
D. W. Miller, Cleveland, O.
A. J. Stevens, Dayton, O.
J. W. Taylor, Columbus, O.
H. C. Christy, Cleveland, O.
J. M. Hammond, Bay City, Mich.
J. A. Lindley, Dowagiac, Mich.
W. P. Judd, Dowagiac, Mich.
J. E. Weller, Pittsburg, Pa.
F. S. Young, Pittsburg, Pa.
E. M. Diebold, Pittsburg, Pa.
I. Shelby Weller, New York, N. Y.
Ed. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.
R. W. Moore, Pittsburg, Pa.
E. H. Defebaugh, Louisville, Ky.
F. B. Emery, Buffalo, N. Y.
Will. Murphy, Pittsburg, Pa.
F. X. Diebold, Pittsburg, Pa.
W. I. Lindsay, Cleveland, O.
T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.
J. B. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y.
S. R. Miller, Detroit, Mich.
A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, O.
Jos. Schneider, Toledo, O.
Otto Bloss, St. Louis, Mo.
L. C. Pfeffer, St. Louis, Mo.
John J. Mossman, Buffalo, N. Y.
H. H. Schwerdt, Pittsburg, Pa.
A. G. Carpenter, Cleveland, O.
Fred. S. Oakes, Huron, O.
George S. Gynn, Cleveland, O.
J. J. Wemple, Cleveland, O.
C. H. Burgoyne, Allegheny, Pa.
G. C. Baker, Allegheny, Pa.
A. A. Teel, Indianapolis, Ind.
George S. Moanar, Cleveland, O.
W. A. Drake, Dayton, O.
W. A. Hall, Lansing, Mich.
J. J. Campion, Louisville, Ky.
J. Elliott Pierce, Dayton, O.
George H. Snell, Kane, Pa.
F. W. Havner, Sr., Pittsburg, Pa.
H. C. Shreve, Cincinnati, O.
R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala.
Ira B. Bennett, Detroit, Mich.
G. B. Daniels, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. S. Walker, Covington, Ky.
W. A. Driver, Montgomery, Ala.
C. H. Carpenter, Fredericksburg, Pa.
G. A. Dewey, Royal Oak, Mich.
A. L. Holmes, Detroit, Mich.
F. H. Yeomans, Detroit, Mich.

J. W. Chamberlin, Toledo, O.
 W. J. Chestnut, Buffalo, N. Y.
 James Marshall, Grayling, Mich.
 J. M. Clifford, Detroit, Mich.
 S. D. Dare, Toledo, O.
 O. S. Hawes, Detroit, Mich.
 W. J. Kilduff, New Orleans, La.
 Frank Siedel, St. Louis, Mo.
 C. M. Hill, Duluth, Minn.
 T. B. McCabe, Louisville, Ky.
 D. J. Peterson, Toledo, O.
 Emmett Smith, Newark, O.
 George Fischer, Vermilion, O.
 H. A. Culver, Sedgwick, Ark.
 C. L. Weeks, Detroit, Mich.
 A. N. Struck, Louisville, Ky.
 E. D. Galloway, Howell, Mich.
 W. H. McClintock, Chicago, Ill.
 John B. Goodhue, Beaumont, Texas.
 James G. White, Cleveland, O.
 W. H. Rider, Cleveland, O.
 J. F. Stuver, Akron, O.
 J. N. Verdin, St. Louis, Mo.
 B. B. Robinson, Muir, Mich.
 D. C. Thickett, Casopolis, Mich.
 O. O. Spencer, Toledo, O.
 A. J. Lang, St. Louis, Mo.
 H. A. Hollowell, Harrison, O.
 E. F. Jenks, Detroit.
 C. H. Heale, Montgomery, Ala.
 R. M. Hubbard, Cleveland, O.
 R. W. English, Denver, Col.
 John Mason, Bogue Chitto, Miss.
 W. W. Kelley, Buffalo, N. Y.
 L. D. Halsted, Winton Place, O.
 B. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
 E. B. Davidson, Cleveland, O.
 W. H. Mead, Nashville, Tenn.
 Gilbert Martin, Carnegie, Pa.
 George J. Barner, Cleveland, O.
 Fred. L. Bliss, Saginaw, Mich.
 C. H. Caseton, Cleveland, O.
 A. W. Ellenberger, Cleveland, O.
 F. C. Martin, Cleveland, O.
 J. F. Smith, Painesville, O.
 J. L. Raul, Hollins, Ala.
 E. P. Kansom, Cincinnati, O.
 Harry W. Anderson, Atlanta, Ga.
 C. W. Leach, Detroit, Mich.
 L. Dean Holden, Cleveland, O.
 George Shriver, Cleveland, O.
 W. F. Baker, Savannah, Ga.
 F. W. Jell, Cleveland, O.
 J. T. Parsons, Kent, O.
 P. A. Henderson, Seville, Ga.
 H. H. Chesy, Lancaster, O.
 C. C. Jenkins, Willoughby, O.
 William B. Stillwell, Savannah, Ga.
 E. R. Pinney, Cleveland, O.
 T. B. Wiggins, Cleveland, O.
 W. A. Davidson, Cleveland, O.
 A. B. Lambert, Cleveland, O.
 J. W. Wagner, Cleveland, O.
 J. B. Adams, Columbus, O.
 E. M. Carleton, Cleveland, O.
 F. G. R. Gilchrist, Cleveland, O.
 H. E. Dowry, Cleveland, O.
 E. G. Fisher, Cleveland, O.
 Benj. L. Jenks, Cleveland, O.
 O. T. Jenks, Cleveland, O.
 A. W. Hawkins, Akron, O.
 A. J. Dellenberger, Akron, O.
 A. M. Allyn, Cleveland, O.
 C. J. Simon, Cleveland, O.
 C. A. Krauss, Jr., Cleveland, O.
 R. D. Inman, Portland, Ore.
 J. M. Attley, Chicago, Ill.
 W. A. Wood, Cleveland, O.
 R. E. Jacobs, Findlay, O.
 F. M. Gleason, Cleveland, O.
 C. H. Norris, Cleveland, O.
 E. R. Ewing, Bluffton, O.

The Ladies Present.

Mrs. John Mason, Bogue Chitto, Miss.
 Miss Anne S. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
 Mrs. E. A. Hildreth, Columbus, O.

Miss Diebold, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Mrs. I. Shelby Weiler, New York, N. Y.
 Mrs. Ed. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Mrs. R. W. Moore, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Miss L. Buder, Allegheny, Pa.
 Mrs. E. H. Defebaugh, Louisville, Ky.
 Miss Emery, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Mrs. John J. Mossman, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Miss Waters, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Miss Clara Schwerdt, Allegheny, Pa.
 Mrs. F. W. Havnar, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Mrs. R. W. English, Denver, Col.
 Mrs. W. H. Mott, Nashville, Tenn.
 Miss Elizabeth Bunker, Altoona, Pa.
 Mrs. L. E. Gleason, Van Wert, O.
 Mrs. Clayton Gibson, Detroit, Mich.
 Mrs. M. Kneeland, Lewiston, Mich.
 Mrs. W. A. Driver, Montgomery, Ala.
 Miss Morley, Detroit, Mich.
 Mrs. F. H. Yeomans, Detroit, Mich.
 Mrs. J. H. Weir, St. Louis, Mo.
 Miss Richards, Detroit, Mich.
 Mrs. C. H. Stanton, Lansing, Mich.
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 Mrs. F. M. Smith, Newark, O.
 Mrs. George Fischer, Vermilion, O.
 Mrs. C. L. Weeks, Detroit, Mich.
 Mrs. A. W. Hawkins, Akron, O.
 Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Howell, Mich.
 Mrs. E. B. Davidson, Painesville, O.
 Miss Davidson, Painesville, O.
 Mrs. Frank Spangler, Toledo, O.
 Mrs. Gertrude Fillmore, Chicago, Ill.
 Mrs. J. J. Marten, Detroit, Mich.
 Mrs. P. B. Walker, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Mrs. E. M. Diebold, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Miss H. Boyle, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Miss Mabel Weiler, New York, N. Y.
 Miss Anna Becker, Allegheny, Pa.
 Mrs. F. B. Emery, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Mrs. T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.
 Miss Rieger, Allegheny, Pa.
 Miss Emma Beckert, Allegheny, Pa.
 Mrs. H. C. Shreve, Cincinnati, O.
 Miss Walters, Nashville, Tenn.
 Mrs. W. H. Prescott, Cleveland, O.
 Mrs. F. L. Wagar, Wagar, Ala.
 Mrs. S. L. Mead, Detroit, Mich.
 Mrs. William Dunford, St. Louis, Mo.
 Mrs. P. Smith, Newark, O.
 Miss Goodhue, Beaumont, Texas.
 Mrs. J. B. Goodhue, Beaumont, Texas.

The Communications.

Telegrams.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Just back from the war, well and happy. 5583.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Walking is bad, but the cats are on the roof. Greetings to big black cats. W. H. LYNCH (5000), J. C. WHITFORD (3240).

Lawton, Mich., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Am alive, well, happy, ragged, and "sassy." My only sorrow is inability to be with you. 4666.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Wagon smashed; mule dead; leg broken; can't come. "Howdy," everybody. 372.

West Lake, Ia., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Greeting from the Lockport kittens: Regret we can't show you our mittens. Roll once for us in the catnip beds, And take Hunyadi water next morning for your heads. 1688, 1658, 4533, 60, 20.

Wagar, Ala., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Ninth day of ninth month, thermometer 99, finds me well, thank you. 393.

Mena, Ark., Sept. 9.—A. A. White, Snark: The undersigned fourteen Hoo-Hoo holding concatenation here send greetings. Sixteen new kittens. 1415, 5629, 4083, 5401, 215, 3417, 5034, 2202, 445, 1059, 487, 2258, 5727, 3462.

Beaumont, Texas, Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Had the cool weather come sooner, we would have walked. Greeting to Hoo-Hoo. 3694, 125, 536, 130.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9.—A. A. White, Snark: With our hands on our Hoo-Hoo, we are with you in spirit. 793, 264, 788, 1980, 3168, 786, 288, 782, 1980, 3862, 269, 2791, 285, 290, 1984, 4235.

Dubuque, Ia., Sept. 8.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Greeting to the Great Black Cat. Regret inability to be present today. Success to Hoo-Hoo. 5268, 5274, 5278, 5280.

Meridian, Miss., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Sept. 9th, 9th hour, and 9th minute, Hoo-Hoos in Cleveland, greeting. Business engagement with Hoo-Hoo who cannot attend prevents my being present. Railroad fare and expenses easy. Success and a fortune for all Hoo-Hoo. 390.

Johnson City, Tenn., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Here. 207.

Hubbard City, Texas, Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: The Cat hath used me kindly. Sorry I cannot be with you. Wish all a regular Hoo-Hoo time. 2302.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Long live Hoo-Hoo! Swear by the tail of the Great Black Cat. 4956.

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Best wishes to all Hoo-Hoo. We are still scratching. 4148, 5580.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: This my proxy. All O. K. 5683.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Health, Happiness, and Long Life to Hoo-Hoo. Two-thirds of these blessings we have; the other, asked for. 68, 513, 520, 4160, 4440, 4458, 4917, 4922.

St. John, N. R., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Wish Hoo-Hoo a pleasant and successful Annual. Absence unavoidable. 2016.

Louisville, O., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: All O. K. at Louisville. Give the boys my congratulations. M. V. SHERER, Mayor.

Exposition Grounds, Omaha, Neb., Sept. 9.—A. A. White, Snark: To all Hoo-Hoo assembled, greetings from 6.

Exposition Grounds, Omaha, Neb., Sept. 9.—A. A. White, Snark: Greeting to the great and only Black Cat and kittens. 145.

Stillmore, Ga., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Greetings to you all. We are well, happy, and prosperous. 4588, 8004.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Well, it has served as before. From yours, 524.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: My only disappointment this year consists of not being able to meet with you to-day. HARRY S. MARLIN.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: A broken rib or two Prevents my coming to the Annual Hoo-Hoo. Otherwise, very well, And would like to join the Hoo-Hoo yell. A royal time to all Hoo-Hoo, Is the hearty wish of 302.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9.—A. A. White, Snark: Three, six, nine, I am thine, Great Feline. Hoo-Hoo 29.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 9.—A. A. White, Snark: Regret cannot be with you. No complaints. With best wishes, W. M. STEPHENSON.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Kindest regards to all. Very sorry not with you. Put Ellis in a cage. H. A. TUTTLE.

Denver, Col., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Even though it is downhill, walking is bad. 515.

Denver, Col., Sept. 9.—A. A. White, Snark: Will be with you next year in Denver. J. E. PRESTON.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: 3217 wishes you nil well and regrets absence. J. L. GLASER.

Sherman, Texas, September 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Sorry cannot be with you. Hope you will have successful meeting. 1649.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: All O. K. Success to Hoo-Hoo, and Gladding for Snark. JOS. B. CABELL.

Carmi, Ill., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Sorry can't be with you. Three cheers for Hoo-Hoo! 5605.

Colorado Springs, Col., Sept. 8.—A. A. White, Snark: Greeting from two Colorado cats. Have Annual in '99, and we will come. 2233, 2781.

Orange, Texas, Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Two kittens—irony of fate— Want to go to Cleveland, but got no bait. 4528, 4448.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 8.—A. A. White, Snark: Long live Hoo-Hoo! California's greeting. God bless you all. What's the matter with California? Cast her vote for Denver. C. J. CHURCH, Vicegerent, And all California Hoo-Hoo.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 8.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Here is happy days to all Hoo-Hoo. T. Q. MARTIN.

Tidioute, Pa., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Sorry could not be with you. Be kind to kittens. L. L. HUNTER.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: We hear the cats calling, but money is scarce, distance long, and we can't come; but we can write. Greetings to Great Hoo-Hoo and all his loyal subjects. Augusta Hoo-Hoo on top. 3335, 5522, 5523, 5520, 5521, 5530, Honorary 4, 4326, 5234, 5531, 5526, 4600, 5534, 5240.

Newbern, N. C., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: We are still right side up. Would like to be with you, but cannot do so and hold our jobs. CLIFFORD C. ANDERSON, Jr., A. H. POTTER.

Summit, Miss., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Congratulations to the Great Black Cat. 5493.

Pierre, S. D., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Mousing around in good health. Condition such could not leave home. Best wishes. 1982.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: 2352 and 4146 send greetings. Best wishes to all the cats. SAXTON, SCHRADER.

Port Arthur, Texas, Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Continually holding Hoo-Hoo meetings in the North vexas. Why in h I not hold '99 Annual in Texas? 4994.

Saginaw, Mich., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Hoo-Hoo has been good to us three kittens during year just past, and we only regret that we are not allowed to play in your yard to-day. 5137, 5141, 5459.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Still busy entertaining the Grand Army. S. J. A. DOPPES, CHAS. F. BARR, JAS. H. BARR, J. C. DOPPES, J. H. DOPPES.

Ecorse, Mich., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Regret cannot be with you; pegging away at Norway and Hemlock. A. J. HOIT.

Letters.

Butternut, Wis., Sept. 8, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I regret very much that I cannot be with you to-morrow, but trust that all your deliberations will be to the glory and credit of Hoo-Hoo. Fraternally yours, 1749.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 9, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I regret that I am here, with the thermometer 100, instead of with you, where it will likely run from 40 to 240. F. M. WILLIAMS (5035).

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 1, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter:

Let each and every Hoo-Hoo
Hear me shout, "Now here is to you!"
As you gather on our Annual Hoo-Hoo day
To celebrate and legislate
And liquidate and gravitate
Round the Victory at historic Put-in-Bay.

It grieves me much to write it,
But I find I must indite it,
That I can't attend this grand concatenation,
Both to shake fraternal hands
And to learn how each one "stands,"
And enjoy a week of pleasant recreation.

But in spirit I will be there,
Offering fervently the prayer
That you all will have a glorious, happy time;
And that, as soon as this you see,
You will each "take one" for me,
To show that you appreciate my rhyme.

Hoo-Hoo has not brought me wealth,
But has given me good health,
And on that every Hoo-Hoo ought to thrive.
Hoping, through the year that follows,
That you'll all pile up the dollars.
I am, sincerely yours, "Five Twenty-five."

The above is to be sung to slow and solemn music, in which Boling Arthur Johnson is not, under any circumstances, to join. 525.

Emporia, Kan., Sept. 1, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Cannot be with you, only in mind, this year. F. E. GLAZIER (3419).

New Whatcom, Wash., Sept. 2, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I feel we have not accomplished as much as we ought to have done in this State; but the truth of the matter is, my time has been so taken up here that I could not give it the time I would have liked to. We have made twenty-five Hoo-Hoos, and will likely have about fifteen at our British Columbia concatenation on the 9th. I hope, however, that the coming year may be a more prosperous year than any of the past. With best wishes for the prosperity of the Order, and hoping you will have a good time at Put-in-Bay, I am, yours fraternally, GEO. W. LOGGIE, Vicegerent Snark.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I regret that I cannot be with you on this occasion in person, but I am in spirit. For the lack of results in Eastern New York, I have no apologies to make. Ask the constituents; they can tell you, perhaps. Wishing you all a glorious reunion, which I am sure you will have, I remain, faithfully and fraternally, LORING R. MILLEN.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 8, 1898.—W. H. McClintock, Senior Hoo-Hoo: Owing to business matters which demand my personal attention, I am compelled to forego the pleasure of being present at the Annual Meeting, although I had made all my arrangements to be there. With kindest regards to all those present, and wishing them all health, happiness, and Long Life, I remain, yours fraternally, MAX B. SONDEHEIMER.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 28, 1898.—To the Snark of the Universe and Other Old Cats:

How I wish that I was on my way
To the Hotel Victory,
So I could loaf at Put-in-Bay—
In the Hotel Victory!
To see White, McClintock, and Stillwell
Just raising the real old merry hell,
And other things that I dare not tell—
In the Hotel Victory

There are Oakes, Vidmer, and Baird—
At the Hotel Victory.
I wonder if Jimmy's wet nurse cared,
At the Hotel Victory,
How his good wife o'er him queened,
How a good, thick cloth his trousers screened,
How he prays the baby was already weaned—
At the Hotel Victory.

I suppose the boy is strong and fat—
At the Hotel Victory.
Now, Jimmy, raise him a Democrat—
At the Hotel Victory.
Let every Hoo-Hoo be a good boy,
And fill up, with Eddie Defebaugh,
So take the best wishes of Dick Flournoy—
At the Hotel Victory.

I almost forgot, while rhyming trying
At the Hotel Victory,
About sending best wishes to Cecil Lyon—
At the Hotel Victory,
With a Fenian there rather wily;
In fact, I can't speak of him too highly.
So give my regards to Paddy Reilly—
At the Hotel Victory.

And now I'm sure you can't refuse,
At the Hotel Victory,
To remember all the other Hoo-Hoos
At the Hotel Victory.
And when at last you all will vanish,
And from Put-in-Bay the noise you'll banish,
Remember, Joe Wheeler teaches "walking Spanish"—
From the Hotel Victory.

But, seriously, remember the fate of the unheard of. I hope none of you will draw Blanc(oes), but always give the enemies of our country Fitz(hugh Lee). Yours truly, R. T. FLOURNOY (170). P.S.—Make it Denver and I'm with you in '99.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I am sorry that it will be impossible for me to attend the Annual Meeting at Cleveland on the 9th, but a representative of our firm will be present. I have enjoyed myself thoroughly, and have had the pleasure of meeting a number of good people, in this Order. Yours truly, MAURICE M. WALL.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: In accordance with Great Hoo-Hoo's behest, I write to inform you that Mr. Ulman being at present in Europe, makes it impossible, much to my regret, to leave Baltimore at this time, or else I would be present in persona propria at the Annual Caterwaul.

However, as regards myself, I have most excellent news, Your Worthy Excellency, to report; for Hoo-Hoo hath seen fit, in response to my supplications to him, to direct the affections of a most charming miss in a manner to make them coalesce with my own; he hath, even more, gathered her unto himself by persuading me to think that it was the proper thing to have her join the Ladies' Auxiliary; and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be with you

all and render my portion of the programme: "There's Only One Girl in This World for Me." Good Health certainly has been mine; Happiness of the kind the gods reserve for themselves has permeated even the very atmosphere that percolated through my olfactory organs; and as for Long Life, why, at home here they tell me I'm long for this world, if I die to-morrow, being in the neighborhood of 6 feet 6 inches.

Trusting Great Hoo-Hoo will shower down his blessings upon all the assembled brothers, and that the bond which unites us all may be strengthened as the days go by, I beg to subscribe that musical name of EMIL C. MANTZ.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 8, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Please extend my greeting to all the kittens assembled. This kitten cannot be with you this year, except in spirit, for the onion bed has been empty for the past year. I trust you will have a pleasant and profitable meeting. Long live Hoo-Hoo! 1371.

Cairo, Ill., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: O what a disappointment it is to me to be unable to attend the Annual! But it is simply impossible, and the circumstances are such that no one is to blame for it.

I have held off sending in the proxies, so I might get as many as possible. I have been out of town, and left word here for them to be sent to you not later than the 6th inst., in case I did not return by that time. I find them here on my return, and hasten them to you.

I wish I had more business in the way of new members to my credit for the year's showing; but you are aware of the fact that my time is not my own—it belongs to other people—and I could not use it as I wished to.

In making a new Vicegerent, I would recommend to the new Snark of the Universe, Wm. H. Greble, of the Three States Lumber Company. Will is a "brick," and will do the Order much good—more, I hope, than I have done; but I'll bet a big "cookie" he can never get up a better concatenation than I did in Cairo. Say, boy, you made the mistake of your life when you failed to attend it.

I wish I knew what to say in an interesting way to the Hoo-Hoo in session at Cleveland, but I don't. I wish I was a Bob Ingersoll or "our Chauncey," then I could say something; but I ain't either, and it's better that I should keep my mouth shut; but I must say to you, dear Jim: Keep a motherly eye on Barns, Johnson, the two Defebaughs, and "Schwartsey." Them fellows will wander from the path of virtue, just as sure as you live, if some honest young fellow like you don't take care of them. I would do it myself, were I there, but I will not be. You watch out for them, and let me say to you: Cleveland's a bad town; look out for your own self while you are keeping the motherly eye on the other boys.

I do hope you will all enjoy yourselves, and I know you will; and the officers you select—God bless them!—may they be good Hoo-Hoo in every sense and meaning of the word. Respectfully, GEO. J. KREBS.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 8, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Please find my proxy herein. I expected to attend in person, but attended the T. P. A. picnic, won the prize for the biggest prevaricator, and have had the hay fever ever since, and am stuck on my job. See? Success and much happiness to my brother Hoo-Hoo. Yours fraternally, W. M. CASSETTY (4465).

Junction City, Ark., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Am sorry I could not meet with the Order. Hoping you will all have a good time and another prosperous year in Order work, I am, yours, W. G. COLLAR (720).

Huntington, Ind., Sept. 9, 1898.—To My Brother Hoo-Hoo: Wish you a good time. Sorry I cannot be with you. Yours in spirit of Hoo-Hoo, 1032.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 8, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Three loyal brothers in St. Louis wish you a full measure of Health and Happiness, harmony and hilarity. May our Annual be a success. Yours, J. T. T. O. T. G. B. C., 606, 618, 3733.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Tell Bob English that I will instruct, and do now, through you, whoever votes my Minnesota vote to vote for Denver for 1899—anything to beat Grant. Albert, my son, is now a resident of Minnesota, and will cast part of the vote, anyhow. Yours truly, R. T. FLOURNOY (179).

Texarkana, Ark., Sept. 5, 1898.—Brother 408 and all Hoo-Hoo duly assembled according to our ancient, established usages, greeting: Stern duty, together with ever-present poverty, prevents my being with you to assist in arranging new tortures for the unenlightened; but in thought I will be there, while in person I expect to be at the mercy of J. H. H. H. H., in Texarkana, Ark. While I am comparatively a young kitten, Hoo-Hoo has brightened my pathway in many ways. Long live Hoo-Hoo!
5477.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: While I am still a very young kitten, whose eyes are yet scarcely open, I write to tell you that Hoo-Hoo has not had a chance to do much to me, except what they did at the last concatenation, and I assure you it was a plenty. I am in good health and busily engaged making log wagons for the dear sawmill men. Regretting very much that I cannot be with you in person, I am, yours fraternally,
5836.

Grass Lake, Mich., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: As the time for our Annual gathering is at hand, I will send a word of fraternal greeting to the grand Order. Hoo-Hoo has dealt very kindly with me during the year past, and I trust the shadows of the Black Cat will never grow less. May your session be as pleasant and harmonious as have been the sessions of the past. I am at a loss to know why the Michigan Central Railroad has refused to give reduced rates to the convention, but such is the case. It will cause a good many of us to remain at home who would have taken advantage of the reduced rates to the convention, could we have had the reduced rates the same as others. Fraternally yours,
C. C. CORWIN.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: In lieu of the annual telegram or letter to Hoo-Hoo on September 9, I feel "moved" (as my friends, the Quakers, would say) to make a few general observations on the "good of the Order" in this part of the country. I am addressing it to you personally, because I can say what I have to say with a better grace in that way than I could officially as merely one member out of 6,000.

It sometimes takes a philosopher to look at things as they are without coloring them with the roseate hues of his own desires, or even his eyeglasses, as the case may be. I don't pretend to be much of a philosopher. I would rather live in a palace on the fat of the land than in a tub with dry bread and water in it, and I have never yet got near enough to the refinement of philosophy to be obliged to look for a man with a lantern in the daytime; for we have them, and a many, right in our own noble Order of tomentated kittens. But as for Hoo-Hoo, it doesn't flourish here. It is not in satisfactory shape, never was, and perhaps never will be. This is not prophesying with "second sight," either, but simply an acceptance of the conditions as they are, not as I would like them. Hoo-Hoo is simply overwhelmed in the hurly-burly of the metropolis. It is much the same in Boston, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and through the East generally, and totally unlike the West in that respect. When a man like Viegeger Millen does nothing, you may be sure it can't be done. It sometimes requires more courage to assume such a post in such a case than where activity would accomplish results and at least a little glory. I believe a second term for him has been irksome, but he is not the man to lie down and shirk.

Hoo-Hoo is not dead among the few of the faith here; but there is extreme apathy toward it from outsiders. There are countless counter attractions and amusements. Many people go out of town every day, and want to dine at home and stay there. When business is brisk, they have no time for Hoo-Hoo, but only for money-making; when business is dull, they can't afford the time or the money, for, like everything else in New York, Hoo-Hoo comes high.

This matter of cost is no jest. Little has been said by the boys here on the subject. They are not kickers, but I know some whom it has cost more than they could well afford. They spend during the year, and that is one thing

that prevents good attendance at the Annals, which are, as a rule, pretty far away from here. Even Cleveland is about as close to Chicago as to New York. Naturally you know this, but I am trying to give you our point of view.

We on the ground here have done what we could, and are not feeling apologetic. We may have been criticised, but, while we don't pose as martyrs, the knowledge that we have done all (and even more) that could be expected is enough to sustain us. If any of the boys at the Annual can help us out with their advice, please to advise.

You may use this as Scrivenor, if you think advisable; if not, it can be treated as for your own private perusal, and afterwards consigned to oblivion.

With kind regards, yours very truly,
J. W. LONG.

Cardwell, Mo., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Hoo-Hoo hath dealt his blessings in a manner that has been highly appreciated since No. 5707 was enrolled upon his "great big book." The rush of business and sickness together prevent my meeting with you this year. I trust you will deal gently with the "wild man from St. Louis," if he should be present; I mean Brother Cogswell (No. 4443). Trusting that you will have an enjoyable occasion, I am, yours for the good of the Order,
E. J. THOMAS (5707).

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Inclosed please find proxy, which kindly deliver to Viegeger Pickering. I find I shall be unable to attend the Annual this year, much to my regret. Hoo-Hoo has bestowed Health and Happiness upon me during the past year. The growth of the Order has been satisfactory, and our supreme officers deserve hearty congratulations on the present condition and future prospects of the Order. Feeling sure that the election of officers for 1899, which will be an ideal Hoo-Hoo year, will result in a strong and harmonious team, and hoping to meet with you next year at Denver, I am, yours sincerely,
GEO. K. SMITH (5).

Bertrand, Neb., Aug. 23, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: In compliance with our Constitution, Article VI, Section 3, being unable to be present at the Annual Meeting to be held at Put-in-Bay, September 9, I desire to state that Hoo-Hoo has been kind to me during the past year, and that I am now, and have been, in good health and am prospering. Yours very truly,
FRED. P. MCCORMICK (4881).

Perry, Ia., Aug. 29, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: The past year has dealt with me very well, and as our Annual Hoo-Hoo day comes again, I extend to all a hearty greeting, and wish for beloved Hoo-Hoo a prosperous year. May Hoo-Hoo live long and prosper. Yours fraternally,
309.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I am very sorry not to be with the other kittens in Cleveland on Friday to help sing a few songs and eat a few onions, but it is impossible for me to leave this burg. Just get that man Reilly, of Buffalo, to sing that favorite song of his, which starts out, "She lives on the same street with me; I see her 'most every morning," and my feeble meow will not be missed. In this song Reilly's technique and execution are marvelous, especially the execution. Fraternally,
GEO. E. WATSON (642).

Denver, Col., Sept. 5, 1898.—A. A. White, Snark of the Universe:
Hoo-Hoo, Hoo-Hoo, you are sure of a good time,
By coming to Denver in 1899. 2229.

Green River, Wyo., Sept. 5, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Say to the boys that, owing to the hard work I had to do as Jubberwock at Paragould, Ark., at the two concatenations recently held (nineteen kittens at the last), I was compelled to take a change of climate. I wish you all much success and a pleasant time on the roof, and wish I could be with you. I am 45 on the 9, 9, '98. Yours, B. T. O. T. G. B. C.,
F. H. JONES (4695).

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Have all the fun you can (too much good fun is a mighty scarce article), but be also mindful the while, and the more so

when it comes to legislating things, that for every soul-felt smile that Hoo-Hoo sets in the face of gaunt despair, for every harassing care, especially every unmerited distress, that Hoo-Hoo dispels, a new jewel is that moment added to the Order's sash. Let it be said, then, that the time may presently come—shall we say will come?—when the glitter of a great cluster of these radiant gems shall have dispelled forever every shadow of doubt hitherto cast upon Hoo-Hoo's "excuse for existence." This, through you, and supported, I believe, by that sturdy friend of Hoo-Hoo, "The Timberman," is my message for 1898. Sincerely and fraternally yours,
JNO. E. WILLIAMS.

Tomahawk, Wis., Sept. 6, 1898.—A. A. White, Snark: To you and all Hoo-Hoo, greeting. Circumstances which I cannot well overcome will prevent my meeting with the kittens at the Seventh Annual of our Order. I very much regret that I cannot be with you. It is the first time but one since Hoo-Hoo came from the clouds to the earth that I have missed the Annual, and I assure you no trivial excuse keeps me away. No one in our Order enjoys the Annual more. I congratulate you and the Order that your administration has been a pronounced success, and that Hoo-Hoo still lives. Let us hope it has passed the danger point, and from now on will grow in strength, influence, and permanency, not so much in quantity of membership as in quality. We all know that a few of our kittens have strayed away and fallen by the wayside, but I am pleased to be able to say the old guard still remain, and our Order will live and be the means of doing much good, socially and otherwise, in the years to come. I sincerely wish you a harmonious and profitable session, and I well know you will have an enjoyable one. The Ohio kittens are a bright part of the litter—wide-awake, playful, and a grand lot of good fellows. Please remember me kindly to each and every kitten at the Annual. I love them all, and wish them Health, Happiness, and Long Life. Fraternally yours,
H. H. HEMENWAY.

Waelder, Texas, Aug. 31, 1898.—Most Puissant Snark of the Universe, Benign and Osirian Chief Curver to the Caudal Appendage of the Mysterious Feline of Acheen Hue and Egyptian Origin; also, Fellow-thomases of Hoo-Hoo, greetings: This hath been a year of much peace of conscience and abundant labors with me. Hoo-Hoo still holds a becomingly high place in my affections. I see for it a warm place in the regard of men of rank and degree, because it has for its aim the lightening of the cares and sorrows of others. This is the divine spark in man, that he "learns to look not upon the things of his own, but also on the things of others." May the time come speedily when Hoo-Hoo shall attain, through all its members, this much-to-be-desired state. I long to be with you at Cleveland with a desire that words cannot utter. It is a cool place; it is a delightful place; it is near the spot where Perry gained his signal victory, and, besides the interest that has for us all, he was "mine own uncle after the flesh," and I desire to once more toss on the billows where he tossed the British. May your enjoyment and remission be as pure as the atmosphere you breathe up there, and the remembrance of the Seventh Annual be as sweet in the coming years as are the waters of Lake Erie, is the wish of one who can only be with you in spirit. 2671.

Hollins, Ala., Sept. 5, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Kitten 326 has enjoyed health and prosperity during the past Hoo-Hoo year, and regrets that circumstances have arisen making it impossible for him to attend the Annual. Trusting that all of the Black Cats may have a very enjoyable time, and that they will not imbibe too much catnip tea, I remain, fraternally yours,
H. W. HUNTINGTON.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 9, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I beg to advise I am well and happy, and that, although unable to attend the Annual Meeting at Cleveland, I trust that it will have been a successful meeting and one that will have advanced the interests of the Order. Yours truly,
F. W. SEGUR (580).

Woodworth, La., Sept. 9, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I am one of the young Hoo-Hoo of Louisiana, and will say that I have had a very pleasant and profitable year. Long live the Hoo-Hoo! I will be with the Southern Pine Lumber Company, Diboll, Texas, after October 1.
WM. ASHFORD.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Just now I am mourning because I shall not be with the big and little Hoo-Hoo as they gather by the lakeside. According to the last "Handbook," I am the only cat in the District of Columbia, and it is the unanimous opinion of the Hoo-Hoo of the District that it would not be right for me to desert my post, even for an Annual. My wish is that Hoo-Hoo may live long and prosper, that many more purblind kittens may have their eyes opened to the refulgent light shed upon all within the Order.

I send my proxy to you. I do not know where I belong—to Maryland or Minnesota. Though I have my hat off in the District of Columbia, and my coat hung up, and haven't felt the quickening breezes of Lake Superior for two years, I still claim Duluth, Minn., as my home. Don't imagine from this that I am a member of the large force of government employees and officeholders, for I am not.

M. A. HAYS (2875).

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 9, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Today being the Annual Meeting day of the great Order of Hoo-Hoo, I write with regret that I am unable to be present at your Annual Meeting this year, but trust to be with you in 1899, if I should live and nothing serious happens. I am, as you well know, a new member, and unable to tell you anything of special interest, but will promise you that I will do all I can to promote the good of the Order, of which I wish to see several of my friends become members. I trust you will have a delightful trip and return very much refreshed, and that you will be able to give us something nice in the next issue of "The Bulletin." With this I close.
J. E. DUKE.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 8, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: At the last moment I find I am unable to attend the Annual. This I regret exceedingly, but cannot help it. It is the wish of all Hoo-Hoo in my district that you be reelected Scrivenor, and I am requested to ask whoever votes our proxies to vote for you. With best wishes, and regretting I cannot be with you, I am, yours, B. T. O. T. G. B. C.,
W. M. STEPHENSON (2620).

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: This will no doubt convince you that Hoo-Hoo has been bearing down pretty heavily on me this last year, but, as I am out of reach of your missiles, I shoot it at you:

It's awfully sad!
It makes me feel bad
To think I can't be with you there.
When I think of my woes,
Tears run down my nose,
And I feel that I want to swear.

I inclose ninety-nine cents,
The rest I have spent;
But this will pay up my dues.
Don't tap me for more,
For it would make me feel sore,
And possibly give me the blues.

I send my best greeting,
And hope at the meeting
The brothers will have fun galore.
Whatever you do,
May success attend you,
Is the best wish of Thirty-one Twenty-two.

S. H. HATHAWAY (3122).

(Manufacturer of machine and handmade poetry. Liberal discount to the trade.)

Sedgwick, Ark., Sept. 9, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Am very sorry that I cannot be with you on this occasion, but you have my best wishes that you may have an enjoyable time. The Hoo-Hoo Annual finds me in the best of spirits, and the only regret that I have is in not becoming a Hoo-Hoo sooner. I have fully recovered from our concatenation at Paragould, on the 9th of August last, and will be able to help some other member "run the gauntlet." I am getting along nicely, and the lumber business is O. K. I say, Long live the Hoo-Hoo, and hope that you may all have a pleasant time.
C. V. ANDERSON (5768).

Clinton, Ia., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Please say to the kittens in the convention that Hoo-Hoo has treated me right nobly during the past season, and I feel more and more each year the benefit derived from being a faithful follower of the Great Black Cat. Having met with the kittens in convention each year since I have been a member, except one, I doubly feel the disappointment of not being able to attend the convention on account of important matters that require immediate attention in the West. I had hoped that the business would have developed in time to have allowed me to attend this convention, and it is with sincere regret that I am obliged to inform you of my inability to do so. I trust that much good will result from this meeting to the Order in general.

HARRY A. GABRIEL.

Kaukauna, Wis., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I regret to state that I cannot attend the Annual Meeting on account of going to be married September 21, which will require all of my spare time from now on. I have been used very well by brother Hoo-Hoo in the past, and hope that our Order will continue to prosper as it has in the past. Wishing you all Health, Happiness, and Long Life, I remain, yours truly,

JNO. M. JANSSEN (1775).

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Please express my regrets to all Hoo-Hoo as to my inability to be with you, and extend my best wishes and hopes that you all will have an exceptionally nice time. As the "general prosperity" promised us all two years ago has not yet reached about nine-tenths of "these great United States," and the new policy now seems to be to grab and hold what you can, I hope you all will grab all good things in Cleveland (and I'm informed same are plentiful), as I'm of the opinion the hospitable people of that city will permit all Hoo-Hoo to help themselves, and they will assist you in so doing. Yours,

R. D. BOWEN (2947).

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: No. 4408 has got a kick coming, and, as it is hot and sultry, the kick will be of short duration. Owing to the long distance and shortness of the necessary "sawbucks," it will be impossible for me to attend the Annual this year. I have been down in Louisiana, working day and night with the good sawmill men of that State, and, for a side line, I have succeeded in pushing our esteemed friend, T. Q. Martin, away ahead of the list of Vicegerents of the world. My personal efforts have succeeded in raising his list of Hoo-Hoo the sum of forty-four, which puts 1046 ahead of the list, and now I am satisfied. Fraternally,

J. F. DAVIS (4408).

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 5, 1898.—To Assembled Hoo-Hoo at Cleveland: May the Great Black Cat direct your ways at this your Annual convocation; may Great Hoo-Hoo keep you all in Health and Happiness; and, at last, may we all be permitted to wander in the gardens, left and right, where everlasting spring abides. Hoo-Hoo has favored me with health during the last year, for which I am duly thankful.

954.

Knox Point, La., Sept. 3, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I can't be with you in person, but am in spirit. Long live Hoo-Hoo! Don't forget the good work done by T. Q. Martin, of Louisiana.

5024.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: You may consider this authority for you to act as my proxy, and a hearty greeting to all kittens in Hoo-Hoo. This kitten has fared quite well—"thanks"—and trust none have fared worse. Open wide the eyes of any kittens purblind, but seeking such light as Hoo-Hoo only can give. We have all been there—I mean in outer darkness, but seeking light. We got it. I should say we were "it." I will be here in Minneapolis on the 9th, but my heart is with all of you. May Hoo-Hoo live forever. With regards to all,

J. B. BURKHOLDER (2751).

New York, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Finding it impossible to be with the kittens and cats tomorrow, I would say I am in the land of the living, and can find no fault with anything the past year. I send greetings to all the fraternity assembled under the reign of the Black Cat. If any free fights occur among them, cold water is the best thrown over them; abjure old rye. Fraternally yours,

J. R. SILLIMAN (148).

Orange, Texas, Sept. 2, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Hoo-Hoo day will be spent by me here at Orange. Hoo-Hoo serves me well, in a social way, nearly every day. Yours truly,

C. L. HANNAH (3162).

New Cambria, Mo., Sept. 5, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I am enjoying good health. Wishing you all a pleasant time, and regretting that I cannot be with you, I remain, fraternally,

H. R. SOUTHWICK (5441).

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I am sorry that it will be impossible for me to attend the Annual Meeting at Cleveland on the 9th, but a representative of our firm will be present. I have enjoyed myself thoroughly, and have had the pleasure of meeting a number of good people, in the Order. Yours truly,

THOMAS H. WALL.

Tombahawk, Wis., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Until this morning I had intended being with you on the 9th inst., but this morning had to give it up, for several reasons. One, I was needed here in business which is pushing us; another, my wife is at Colorado Springs, Col., with our boys, and wanted me there; then, again, financial interests claimed me at Omaha; but I had made up my plans to pass all these claims and be at Cleveland, anyway; but—lo and behold!—when I arose this morning, I found I could hardly walk. Have rheumatism in my hip, and the doctor says I must not leave home; so I reluctantly surrender, and will not go to any of the three places. I wish you all much pleasure and success. Fraternally yours,

H. H. HEMENWAY.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 6, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I hereby send all Hoo-Hoo greeting, and regret that I am unable to be there in person. Hoo-Hoo has treated me kindly since my eyes have been opened. I am still with the Snyder Wagon Company, and expect to stay there. With best wishes, I am, yours very truly,

5639.

Lester, Ark., Sept. 7, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I am still in the land of the living, and regret my inability to attend the Annual. I trust the meeting will be a pleasant one, and redound to the good of the Order. Yours, "strong in the faith,"

A. P. GREENE (3431).

Granville, O., Sept. 8, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I am too busy getting acquainted with my family, after an absence of four months, to attend the Annual this year. I have been well treated during the past year, and hope no loyal Hoo-Hoo will have more to complain of during the coming year than has fallen to my lot; then few and far between will the complaints be on 9, 9, '99. Yours, B. T. T. O. T. G. B. C.

2047.

In Camp in Mountains near Coamo, Porto Rico, Sept. 9, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Agreeable to provision of the Constitution, we, the undersigned kittens, temporarily exiled from our own favored gardens and roof, beg leave to report ourselves as well and spoiling for a fight. With best wishes to the Hoo-Hoo brothers, and hoping soon to be able to scratch in the soil of the States, we remain, B. T. T. O. T. G. B. C., fraternally yours,

MARSHALL COUSINS (1577),
PERCY C. ATKINSON (1545).
(Of Eau Claire, Wis.)

Past Snark Hemenway is Pleased.

Tombahawk, Wis., September 19, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the harness once more—the third time. I say, served you right. If you do not wish the toil and hardship and fault-finding incident to the office of Scrivenoter, don't do your duty so well. I most sincerely congratulate you. It is an honor of which you might well be proud.

I am very well pleased with the make-up of the Supreme Nine. It is a good one. What surprised me most was our financial condition—it is simply grand—during these "waning" years (or year) of Hoo-Hoo, which many predicted. We are alive, healthy, and will live many years to come, and will be all the stronger if 500 more would drop out. Let the flood wood go. As ever, your friend,

H. H. HEMENWAY.

From the Far Northwest.

Mississippi City, Miss., September 26.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.—Dear Sir: I spent last winter in that "land of ice and desolation," Alaska, and did a little lumbering, in connection with mining.

There was a small sawmill at Anvik, 600 miles from the nearest mining camp. This little mill only cuts enough lumber to supply the Indians in its immediate vicinity and the steamboats which ply on the river during three months in the summer. They get \$125 per thousand feet for their lumber, which is all spruce, and cut from logs of twelve to eighteen inches in diameter.

Above Anvik there are no mills until you reach Dawson City, in the Northwest Territory. Here there was one mill last winter, which sold every board it could cut at 25 and 30 cents per foot. All the other lumber used in the country is made with a whipsaw, and sells at \$250 per thousand feet.

There is a great deal of spruce timber along all the streams, but the back country is all "tundra," or moss-covered, a few miles from the river. It is very hard to log, as you can only use dogs for draft animals. The undergrowth is very dense and makes swamping very difficult. Last May, with four others, I went to the mouth of Mike Hoss River to get out house and saw logs for Rampart City. We cut and rafted 960 logs in five weeks. We snaked—or, rather, sledded—them to a bayou with dogs, and rafted them just before the snow went off. When the Yakon broke up, we floated out into the river and down to the town. The current was so swift, however, and our appliances so primitive, that we failed to land the raft at Rampart, and had to go on down to Tanana, eighty-five miles below. There we managed to land a part of the raft—350 logs—which we sold to the government at \$12.50 per log. The government is building an army post at Tanana, and will use about 5,000 logs this summer. We had our entire raft sold at Rampart at \$12.50 per log, and would have made a nice "grab stake," had we landed.

The company which I represented sent up a good mill this summer to Rampart City, and it is now in operation there. The Sinker-Davis Company, of Indianapolis, Ind., built it for them. I was on my way back there last month to take charge of this plant, when I was wrecked on Lake Bennett. I was quite badly injured and was compelled to give the trip up for this year.

It is the coast region of Southeastern Alaska that will be the future lumber district of this continent. Here, on the thousands of islands that lie along this coast, grow the finest hemlock, spruce, pine, fir, and red and yellow cedar to be found on earth. There is good water on nearly all the islands, the climate is just like that of Richmond, Va., and there are enough deep-water harbors to furnish anchorage for all the vessels afloat. These harbors can all be reached by the "inside passage" from Puget Sound, on water just as quiet as the Mississippi River.

This timber land is all now open to homestead or purchase, and in a few years will cut a big figure in the lumber business. Trees fourteen and eighteen feet in diameter are common. I will gladly furnish all the information I can in regard to this coast to any one who is interested and will write me.

Trusting you will find something of interest in this, I am, yours respectfully,

WM. A. WELCH.

He Shall Have Them.

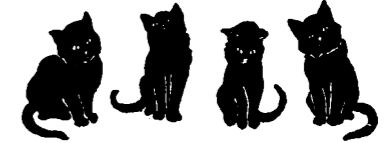
Tacoma, Wash., September 24, 1898.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.—Dear Sir: Permit me to wire you, at your expense, my congratulations on having been once more selected by the Great Black Cat to hold his tail for another year.

Have you, my dear man, weighed the responsibilities of life that have come to you in the past year—the care of a cat and a kid? Remember what Solomon said, young man: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Speculate not in wheat, nor try new plans for raising children." Confide in your wife everything—that is, everything she ought to know. While being ruler of your household, rule with firmness, but occasionally finching. I wish you well along all lines of life. May the coming years overlay your ribs with fat and fill your pocket-book with greenbacks.

I want to publish in my next issue the cuts of the Supreme Nine, and I don't propose to pay for the cuts. I think the lumber press does enough for the Hoo-Hoo to warrant them in being supplied with cuts free. What do

you say? If you agree with me, send them to me at once; if you don't agree with me, then why are you disagreeable? I would loved to have seen you in Cleveland and mingled again with the boys in fraternal freedom.

Fraternally yours,
FRANK B. COLE.



Concatenations.

No. 493. Shreveport, La., August 20, 1898.

- Snark, J. F. Davis.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. W. Atkins.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. C. Snyder.
- Bojum, E. W. Anderson.
- Scrivenoter, R. T. Curry.
- Jabberwock, W. H. Meece, Jr.
- Custoentian, Frank W. Kane.
- Arcanoper, M. Van Lenn, Jr.
- Gurdon, John B. White.
- 5832 Frederick William Bowers, Shreveport, La.
- 5833 William Royal Bradford, Greenwood, La.
- 5834 Gustavus Adolphus Guyener, Shreveport, La.
- 5835 Louis Napoleon Munnahan, Shreveport, La.
- 5836 Richard Joseph Thompson, Shreveport, La.
- 5837 Albert Field Young, Marshall, Texas.
- Hon. No. 11 Isaac Gentile Barron, Shreveport, La.
- Hon. No. 12 Thomas Bartlett Chase, Shreveport, La.
- Hon. No. 13 Thomas Griffin Ford, Shreveport, La.
- Hon. No. 14 Arthur Theophilus Kohn, Shreveport, La.
- Hon. No. 15 Allen Dunlap Morris, Shreveport, La.
- Hon. No. 16 Howard Henry Prescott, Shreveport, La.

No. 494. Toledo, O., August 26, 1898.

- Snark, Joseph Schneider.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, Geo. W. Holbrook.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, H. H. Gibson.
- Bojum, O. M. Scott.
- Scrivenoter, Joseph M. Myles.
- Jabberwock, W. P. Jacobs.
- Custoentian, Charles I. Barnes.
- Arcanoper, F. H. Reilley.
- Gurdon, J. Trotter.
- 5838 John Wynnan Chamberlin, Toledo, O.
- 5839 William Thomas Hubbard, Toledo, O.
- 5840 Charles Rathbun Lawton, Toledo, O.
- 5841 John Bernard Mersman, Ottoville, O.
- 5842 Howard Mandeville Smith, Toledo, O.
- 5843 Edward Henry Witker, Toledo, O.

No. 495. Cleveland, O., August 30, 1898.

- Snark, J. J. Wemple.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, C. A. Davidson.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, Oliver Jenks.
- Bojum, F. R. Gilchrist.
- Scrivenoter, J. C. Parsch.
- Jabberwock, W. W. Rathbun.
- Custoentian, Frank Spangler.
- Arcanoper, A. J. Gregory.
- Gurdon, W. H. Leuer.
- 5844 Anthony Baker Lambert, Cleveland, O.
- 5845 Daniel Webster Miller, Cleveland, O.
- 5846 Charles Howard Norris, Cleveland, O.
- 5847 Cleveland Wallace Stocking, Madison, O.
- 5848 John Wesley Wagner, Cleveland, O.
- 5849 Fred. Boardman Wiggins, Cleveland, O.

No. 496. San Francisco, Cal., August 26, 1898.

- Snark, C. J. Church.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, G. L. Belcher.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, S. L. Everett.
- Bojum, J. F. Thompson.
- Scrivenoter, H. W. Furman.
- Jabberwock, J. J. Loggie.
- Custoentian, W. S. Gage.
- Arcanoper, T. H. Minor.
- Gurdon, D. K. B. Sellers.

- 5850 David Almon Bender, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5851 Andrew Central Christenson, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5852 Arthur John Kennedy, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5853 Frank Sumner Loop, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5854 John Sandy McCallum, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5855 Aloysius John Joseph McKinnon, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5856 Robert Bruce Moore, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5857 Walter Merle Morris, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5858 Henry Edward Penneil, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5859 Charles Edwin Perry, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5860 John Wesley Schouten, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5861 Walter Manager Sutton, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5862 Frank Henry Ransom, Red Bluff, Cal.
- 5863 Alexander Rubber Russell, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5864 John Walter Ryan, Scotts, Cal.
- 5865 Henry Redwood Templeman, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5866 James Handsome Tyson, San Francisco, Cal.
- 5867 Thomas Dwight Whitman, Oakland, Cal.

No. 497. Oklahoma City, O. T., September 2, 1898.

- Snark, Lee Van Winole.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, N. S. Darling.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, T. H. Rogers.
- Bojum, T. M. Richardson, Jr.
- Scrivenoter, R. W. Darling.
- Jabberwock, J. G. Tompkins.
- Custocattian, R. B. Ragon.
- Arenanoper, W. L. McCune.
- Gurdon, J. E. McIrwin.
- 5868 Elbert Cadern Abernathy, Wynnewood, I. T.
- 5869 Frank Lee Adams, El Reno, O. T.
- 5870 William Worden Barker, Oklahoma City, O. T.
- 5871 Roseoe Raymond Brannin, El Reno, O. T.
- 5872 Leonard Alvin Cross, Shawnee, O. T.
- 5873 Russell Townley Darling, Oklahoma City, O. T.
- 5874 Orville Calvert Gilbert, Oklahoma City, O. T.
- 5875 Samuel Moses Gloyd, Oklahoma City, O. T.
- 5876 Samuel Wilson Hogan, Yukon, O. T.
- 5877 John Canaday Holloway, Oklahoma City, O. T.
- 5878 Alexander Campbell Houston, Eureka, Kan.
- 5879 William Thomas James, Lexington, O. T.
- 5880 Vance Lee McCarty, Oklahoma City, O. T.
- 5881 Robert Alvin Myer, McLoud, O. T.
- 5882 Geo. Edward Richardson, Purcell, I. T.
- 5883 Guy Dobbins Rohr, Kildare, O. T.
- 5884 John Thomas Scott, Norman, O. T.
- 5885 Shannon Sanford Smith, Paul's Valley, I. T.
- 5886 Walter Elmer Stocker, Oklahoma City, O. T.
- 5887 Joseph Oklahoma Trent, Newkirk, O. T.

No. 498. Norfolk, Va., September 2, 1898.

- Snark, S. F. Minter.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, G. J. Cherry.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. M. Jenkins.
- Bojum, D. P. Moody.
- Scrivenoter, Henry C. Kennert.
- Jabberwock, J. Walter Martin.
- Custocattian, C. M. Dickinson.
- Arenanoper, Chas. H. Banks.
- Gurdon, B. P. Norfleet.
- 5888 Harrison Williams Blake, Tillery, N. C.
- 5889 John Clayton Dennis, Norfolk, Va.
- 5890 Herbert Ripley Leonard, Norfolk, Va.
- 5891 Alex. McNeill Page, Hoffman, N. C.
- 5892 Aaron Harris Patter, Norfolk, Va.

No. 499. Detroit, Mich., September 6, 1898.

- Snark, J. M. Hammond.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, Joseph Schneider.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, J. J. Murten.
- Bojum, E. F. Jenks.
- Scrivenoter, J. F. Phillips.
- Jabberwock, W. A. Furgason.
- Custocattian, J. C. Mulford.
- Arenanoper, Walter P. Hall.
- Gurdon, W. W. Armstrong.
- 5893 LaMont Lonesome Briggs, Detroit, Mich.
- Hon. No. 21 Sherman Ralsey Miller, Detroit, Mich.

No. 500. Cleveland, O., September 8, 1898.

- Snark, J. J. Wemple.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, Benj. L. Jenks.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, O. V. Jenks.
- Bojum, F. W. Bell.
- Scrivenoter, Joseph Schneider.
- Jabberwock, N. E. Graham.

- Custocattian, C. H. Carleton.
- Arenanoper, A. W. Ellenberger.
- Gurdon, C. A. Davidson.
- 5894 Alfred J. Bigelow, New London, O.
- 5895 William George Field, Cleveland, O.
- 5896 Geo. Howard Mell, Kane, Pa.
- Hon. No. 22 Charles Durant Haywood, Cleveland, O.

No. 501. Chicago, Ill., September 6, 1898.

- Snark, L. E. Fuller.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, Robt. S. Woodbridge.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, Max. B. Sondheimer.
- Bojum, H. N. Nixon.
- Scrivenoter, M. M. Marsh.
- Jabberwock, J. L. Strong.
- Custocattian, J. D. Botton.
- Arenanoper, F. P. Southgate.
- Gurdon, C. N. Kimball.
- 5897 William Cumston Richardson, Chicago, Ill.
- 5898 Henry Arsenal Sondheimer, Chicago, Ill.

No. 502. Omaha, Neb., September 9, 1898.

- Snark, Frank Colpetzer.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, R. S. Oliver.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, R. T. Flournoy.
- Bojum, M. L. Eisenore.
- Scrivenoter, L. E. Deemer.
- Jabberwock, Ben. Collins, Jr.
- Custocattian, J. J. Mullen.
- Arenanoper, Wm. Kroetten.
- Gurdon, B. T. Cobb.
- 5899 Frank Hamilton Crombie, Atlantic, Ia.
- 5900 Jacob Frank Dietz, Aurora, Neb.
- 5901 Charles Andrew Galloway, Holdrege, Neb.
- 5902 Charles Henry Guion, Omaha, Neb.
- 5903 Douglas Hamilton Howe, Chicago, Ill.
- 5904 William Mae Lingo, Durant, I. T.
- 5905 Thomas Francis Mahoney, Greeley, Neb.
- 5906 Henry Exposition St. Martin, Havelock, Neb.
- 5907 Mellen Eugene Rounders, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 5908 Daniel Green Saunders, Jr., Kansas City, Mo.
- 5909 Charles Atwater Talcott, Brock, Neb.
- 5910 Frederick William Thompson, Nashville, Tenn.
- 5911 Samuel James Whitten, Blue Hill, Neb.

No. 503. Mena, Ark., September 9, 1898.

- Snark, J. P. Hickman.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. P. Brower.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, E. Kane.
- Bojum, D. T. Morton.
- Scrivenoter, R. S. Allen.
- Jabberwock, W. A. Prater.
- Custocattian, A. Kizer.
- Arenanoper, W. C. Moore.
- Gurdon, W. A. Carroll.
- 5912 Jacob Moist Brown, Petros, I. T.
- 5913 Isaiah Allen Dye, Janssen, Ark.
- 5914 John Henry Elliott, Mena, Ark.
- 5915 William Daniel Egolf, Mena, Ark.
- 5916 Asahel Meech Finney, Mena, Ark.
- 5917 Charles Merritt Kenney, Gillam, Ark.
- 5918 James Madison McDowell, Granness, Ark.
- 5919 Samuel Mark Morris, Thomasville, I. T.
- 5920 Yancey Jeffries Morton, Mena, Ark.
- 5921 Billie Carroll Petros, Petros, I. T.
- 5922 Clement Laird Sallor, Thomasville, I. T.
- 5923 William Gaston Strange, Cove, Ark.
- 5924 James Floyd Thompson, Petros, I. T.
- 5925 William Madrin Waterman, Janssen, Ark.
- 5926 James Suffering Wilson, Mena, Ark.
- 5927 Leslie Livingston Woods, Petros, I. T.

No. 504. Vancouver, B. C., September 9, 1898.

- Snark, Geo. W. Loggie.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, H. A. Sargent.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, Frank R. Cole.
- Bojum, E. Clark Evans.
- Scrivenoter, A. B. Martin.
- Jabberwock, W. D. Meerns.
- Custocattian, R. W. Battersby.
- Arenanoper, S. H. Hathaway.
- Gurdon, A. B. Larsen.
- 5928 Oliver Delbert Coloin, Seattle, Wash.
- 5929 Louis Victor Druce, Seattle, Wash.
- 5930 Edward Virgin Lane, New Whatcom, Wash.

Their Mail Returned.

Letters from the Scrivenoter's office addressed to the following men have been returned unclaimed. Any information as to the present address of any of these men should be promptly sent to the Scrivenoter.

- 4260—F. H. McLane, 300 Live Oak street, Dallas, Texas.
- 4168—E. E. Getchell, Oshkosh, Wis.
- 3930—L. B. Wilhelm, General Delivery, Denver, Col.
- 4941—J. V. Pieroni, Riverside, Ala.
- 1971—J. A. McKenney, Meridian, Miss.
- 2285—Geo. M. Schank, General Delivery, Cincinnati, O.
- 116—C. C. Prentiss, 57 Broadway, New York.
- 2159—W. Inglis, 42 Market street, San Francisco, Cal.
- 2417—J. S. Day, Skaguay, Alaska.
- 844—J. H. Kennedy, 175 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.
- 3008—M. J. Byrne, Brock, Neb.
- 4840—Walter Adams, care Nicola Bros. Co., Pittsburg, Pa.
- 5119—William F. Simmons, Kentwood, La.
- 3147—C. C. Hill, Dallas, Texas.
- 1201—W. A. Rose, Ashland, Wis.
- 1427—F. G. Bishop, Bertig, Ark.
- 3329—D. F. McPherson, Box 083, Leadville, Col.
- 1083—O. H. Buck, Lexington, Ky.
- 4245—Adolphus Marshall, Fargo, N. D.
- 177—E. A. Felton, 547 West Adams St., Chicago, Ill.
- 3607—Ed. L. Hawn, Olivette, Wis.
- 3676—W. W. Armstrong, 512 Chamber of Commerce, Detroit, Mich.
- 2883—Henry S. Clark, South Fork, Tenn. (P. O. discontinued).
- 937—J. A. Pating, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 3010—C. K. Tucker, Bowie, La.
- 535—W. E. Harmon, Lake Charles, La.
- 4840—Walter Adams, 19 Wells Bldg., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- 5018—Wm. A. Partin, McHenry, Miss.
- 4603—C. A. Edwards, care The Mirror, St. Louis, Mo.
- 425—G. Bent, 2508 Archer Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
- 3990—H. B. Blanks, Jonesboro, Ark. (forwarded to Milan, Tenn.)
- 3519—R. A. Lang, 2217 23rd Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2765—C. M. Lewis, Mass. Inst. of Technology, Boston, Mass.
- 5205—Geo. W. Tomb, 8 Pine Street, San Francisco, Cal.
- 2272—J. W. Ferguson, Kress City, Ark.
- 3641—T. R. Kerr, Troy, N. Y.
- 5350—C. K. Watson, Cripple Creek, Col.
- 4021—Geo. F. Woafey, Clinton, Iowa.
- 1695—John Hall, Saults, Miss.
- 1789—R. W. Hall, Saults, Miss.
- 4580—E. S. Pierce, Wood and Blue Island Ave., Chicago Ill.
- 411—E. G. Heath, 310 Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
- 585—S. E. Christie, 700 Pabst Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.
- 3204—H. N. Butler, care Soo Planing Mill, Rhinelander, Wis.
- 135—G. W. Gates, care The Franklin, St. Louis, Mo.
- 3288—O. D. Wilcox, Maxon's Mills, Ky.
- 1478—J. C. White, Saginaw, E. S., Mich.
- 5237—H. A. Tabb, care G. S. Baxter & Co., Brunswick, Ga.
- 5282—A. D. Smith, Clay City, Ky.
- 4257—A. B. Axtell, 210 Ross Ave., Dallas, Tex.
- 1004—W. I. Woodruff, 228 Martin St., San Antonio, Tex.
- 1048—T. A. Coleman, Hobsonville, Ore.
- 135—G. W. Gates, care The Franklin, St. Louis, Mo.
- 957—H. L. Kurrick, care H. C. Akely Lumber Co., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 4697—J. H. Brown, New York Life Bldg., New York, N. Y.
- 489—J. N. H. Johnson, Houston, Tex.

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 in yard or office in yellow pine mill or on the road. Good references. W. A. Welch, No. 5222, Miss. City, Miss.

WANTED.—Position as local or traveling salesman, or office correspondent, by a practical man, having had years of experience in the lumber trade. Best references. Address No. 947, Flat C, 580 Mississippi Street, St. Paul, Minn.

WANTED.—Position as yard foreman, or shipping clerk with cypress concern. Can furnish good references. Have long experience in the manufacture and handling of both rough and dressed lumber. Understand office work, or can handle labor advantageously in mill or yard. Am married, and seeking permanent position. Address No. 3782, Fields, La.

WANTED.—With some good Southern mill, either to go on road or handle correspondence at mill. Am well posted on grades and values in both yellow pine and hardwoods, and know the trade in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Have also traveled in the East. Can furnish the very best of references. Address P. A. U. C. I., care of J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position with some wholesale concern, or manager of a good yard. I am a good accountant and correspondent, capable of filling any position. I have been five years with last employer, and I am only out of a job on account of size of yard. I can give the best of reference, and desire a permanent position. Address 4888, care of J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position as planing mill foreman, by a man of eighteen years experience in white and yellow pine and cypress. Am thoroughly practical in all the details connected with running a large or small mill, and can adapt myself to circumstances. Have been with present employers three years, and have their best wishes and privilege of reference. Address No. 4030, care "The Bulletin."

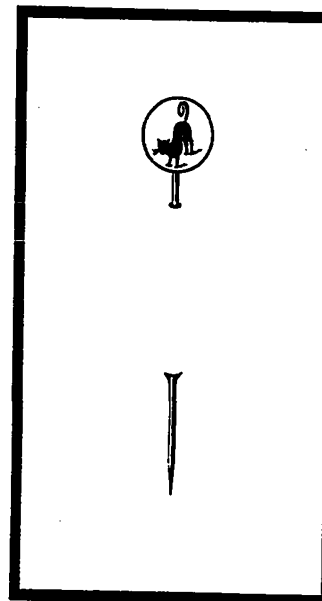
WANTED, POSITION—With some good yard or saw-mill firm. Have been connected with the lumber business for a number of years. For the last four years have had full charge of a saw-mill and yard in Michigan. Can furnish best of references as to my capacity to take full charge, if necessary, of any ordinary lumber business. Address E. D. Wood, 535 Orchard Street, Chicago, Ill.

WANTED.—Position as office man, yard manager, auditor, buyer, or traveling salesman. Have twelve years' experience in every department of the lumber business throughout the Northwest, West and South. Having become familiar with local trade conditions, I would be glad to take an interest in the business at some good point. Address No. 3154, P. O. Box 414, Chillicothe, Ill.

WANTED.—Position as circular saw filer and hammerer. For four years past, have been general superintendent for Johnson Lumber Co., Van Duzer, Ark. Can repair and keep in order engines and pumps, and do general repair work. Resigned former position on account of ill health. Have fully recovered, and want correspondence with parties needing such service. No. 2766, Denting, Whatcom Co., Wash.

WANTED.—Position as bookkeeper for lumber firm. Thoroughly understand the office work in all branches of the business. Willing to go anywhere. Have always commanded good salary, but am willing to start in with any good firm and demonstrate my worth by my work. Have had fifteen years experience in office work in lumber business, and can furnish as reference the names of former employers. Address me at Shreveport, La. No. 539.

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.