

means of checking the chief source of supply of arms and warlike material that the Filipinos have possessed.
 "The North China Daily News" publishes the decision of Consul General Goodnow in full, and comments editorially upon its importance in the matter of preventing further shipments of arms to the insurgents in the Philippines, and says that it will be far-reaching in its effect in stopping the sending of arms to the Filipinos."



Concatenations.

No. 570. Blue Lake, Ca., July 22, 1899.

- Snark, C. J. Church.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, G. D. Maroni.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, J. F. Thompson.
- Bojum, H. W. Jackson.
- Scrivenoter, F. A. Smith.
- Jabberwock, T. H. Minor.
- Custocatian, Ben. Sammons.
- Arcanoper, Charles E. Hansen.
- Gurdon, R. M. Wiley.

- 6625 Charles John Anderson, Korbek, Cal.
- 6626 George Philbrick Brown, Falk, Cal.
- 6627 John William Crockett, Mad River, Cal.
- 6628 Jacob Switchiron Dolling, Korbek, Cal.
- 6629 Theodore Farmer Leethold, Korbek, Cal.
- 6630 Hubert August Long, Fortuna, Cal.
- 6631 George Herbert McCready, Eureka, Cal.
- 6632 William Sawyer McMurry, Blue Lake, Cal.
- 6633 Jesse Elvin Moore, Blue Lake, Cal.
- 6634 Walter Lewis Perrott, Blue Lake, Cal.
- 6635 Richard Shinglebolt Pollock, Blue Lake, Cal.
- 6636 Louis Tubal-Cain Preuss, Korbek, Cal.
- 6637 George Fred. Roberts, Falk, Cal.
- 6638 George Cecil Selva, Blue Lake, Cal.
- 6639 Nicholas Alvin Sinnott, Blue Lake, Cal.
- 6640 William Granville VanDeventer, Blue Lake, Cal.
- 6641 John Connaway Wallace, Blue Lake, Cal.
- 6642 Grant Parkes Warren, Korbek, Cal.

No. 571. Paragould, Ark., July 25, 1899.

- Snark, Edgar H. Jones.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, Joe B. Cabell.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. H. Jones.
- Bojum, J. E. Thomas.
- Scrivenoter, G. B. Meiser.
- Jabberwock, G. G. Roberts.
- Custocatian, W. W. Wilson.
- Arcanoper, Wyley Creel.
- Gurdon, Robert Merriwether.

- 6643 William Howard Bartle, Chicago, Ill.
- 6644 Howard Adolphus Bennett, Malden, Mo.
- 6645 Jefferson Davis Black, Paragould, Ark.
- 6646 George Otis Cooley, Cardwell, Mo.
- 6647 Stephen Augustus Kernes, Cardwell, Mo.
- 6648 William Henry Ritter, Paragould, Ark.

No. 572. Boston, Mass., August 1, 1899.

- Snark, Frank W. Lawrence.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, Carlos B. Moore.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, Fred. J. Caulkins.
- Bojum, William F. Lamb.
- Scrivenoter, Fred. J. Caulkins.
- Jabberwock, C. J. Fatley.
- Custocatian, Gardner I. Jones.
- Arcanoper, Carlos B. Moore.
- Gurdon, T. W. VanCleave.

- 6649 John George Church, Boston, Mass.
- 6650 Walter Franklin Fowle, Woburn, Mass.
- 6651 Gordon Sawyer Parker, Woburn, Mass.
- 6652 William Pearce Sargent, Boston, Mass.
- 6653 Henry Dwight Wiggins, Boston, Mass.

No. 573. Texarkana, Ark., August 10, 1899.

- Snark, J. P. Brower.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. F. Judd.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, Herman Dierks.
- Bojum, R. C. Branch.
- Scrivenoter, C. W. Wilson.
- Jabberwock, W. A. Prater.

- Custocatian, J. B. Hickman.
- Arcanoper, C. W. Wilson.
- Gurdon, T. H. Dunn.
- 6654 William Whallon Archibald, Jonesboro, Ark.
- 6655 Jack Claude Edmonds, St. Louis, Mo.
- 6656 Adolph Arkansas Goldsmith, Ashdown, Ark.
- 6657 Benjamin Flatgrain Hawkins, Stamps, Ark.
- 6658 Edwin Ware Jones, Texarkana, Ark.
- 6659 Lee Frederick Signor, Texarkana, Ark.
- 6660 Clarence Harry Sugden, Texarkana, Ark.
- 6661 William Burch Switzer, Texarkana, Ark.

No. 574. Chattanooga, Tenn., August 15, 1899.

- Snark, W. H. Wilson.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, John T. Burford.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, E. R. Richards.
- Bojum, W. H. Hamblen.
- Scrivenoter, C. Turner.
- Jabberwock, George R. Stafford.
- Custocatian, W. G. Meerfeld.
- Arcanoper, W. B. Hughes.
- Gurdon, P. D. Cotter.
- 6662 Frank Walker Blair, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 6663 Percy Adelbert Caldwell, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 6664 James Madison Card, Scottsboro, Ala.
- 6665 George Barry Graves, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 6666 Samuel McMillan Hardin, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 6667 Mertland McLean Hedges, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 6668 Albert Erwin Keyser, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 6669 Theodore Raymond Lilly, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 6670 James McEldowney Lyle, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 6671 Walker Eaton Mills, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 6672 William Thornton Stevenson, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Indiana—Luke Russell.....	1	34
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Iowa—M. L. Chapman.....
Kansas—Frank Hughes.....
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Massachusetts—F. W. Lawrence.....	2	11
Michigan—E. D. Galloway.....	1	11
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Mississippi—John Mason.....	5	30
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New York—J. B. Wall.....	14
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Ohio—J. A. Porter.....	1	12
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Pennsylvania—W. B. Hill.....	1	8
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Republic of Mexico—F. B. Purdie.....
Tennessee—W. H. Wilson.....	2	19
Tennessee—F. D. Bodman.....	1	15	1
Texas—J. B. Goodhue.....	2 1/2	48 1/2
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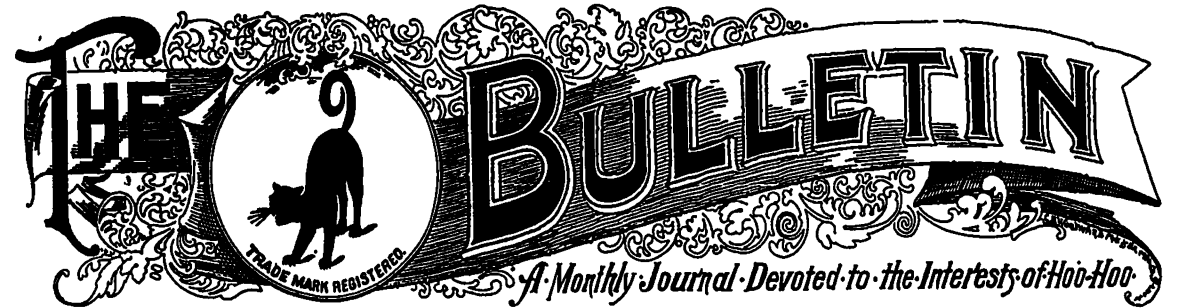
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WANTED.—Position as superintendent of sawmill, manager of commissary, or lumber inspector. Can also keep books. Have had thirteen years' experience in lumber business, and can give best of references. Am out of work by reason of being unable to live at last place, which was malarious. Willing to go anywhere not too unhealthful. Address No. 5660, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter. Aug. '99

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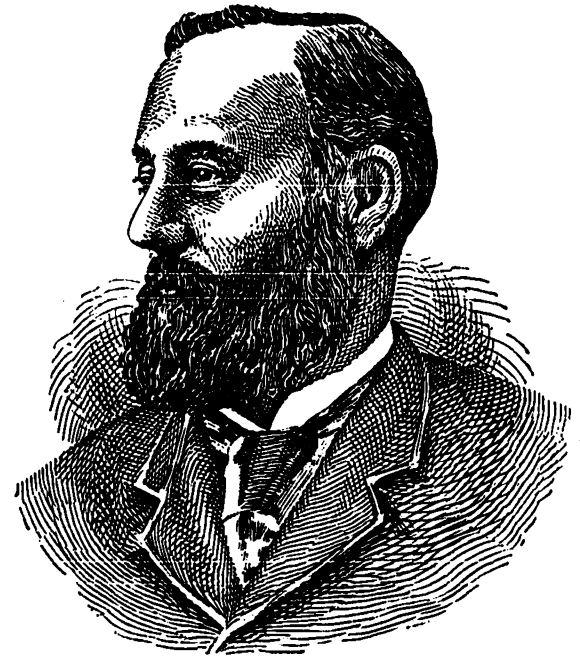
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MINUTES

of the

Eighth Hoo-Hoo Annual

held at

Denver, September 9-12, 1899.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo has occurred, and, like its seven sleeping sisters, belongs now to the past, with a faithful transcript of all its doings preserved in the pages of "The Bulletin." It was a great meeting. No one who was there will say any different from this. Viewed simply as a great gathering of lumber business men of this country, it was a memorable occasion; and when there is added to this that fraternal

joyousness that is peculiarly Hoo-Hoo, the event is one to live long in the memory of its participants. While the attendance was not as large as was hoped—nay, expected—it was made up of as fine a body of high-class American business men as ever assembled on earth, and was splendidly representative of Hoo-Hoo land. In this latter respect the attendance was truly remarkable. Every State where Hoo-Hoo has a footing was represented, and so was every province of Canada. It is quite true that one man represented all of Canada, but he did it well, and had ample warrant and authority for the diffused character of his presence. Also he was backed up by the cross of St. George and the other things that go to make up the British flag.

Of course the meeting would not—could not—begin until 9:00 A.M. of Saturday, but Friday was the day of arrivals. Some reached Denver exactly on the hour and day set for the meeting, and a very few got there a little later; but the great majority of the visitors arrived some time Friday. The special Hoo-Hoo train from St. Louis and Chicago over the "official route" pulled into the Union Station—and weirdly enough, as it had not been planned—exactly at 9:00 A.M. of Friday. It was met by practically the entire Denver Reception Committee, headed by Chairman English and a brass band. The train disgorged its occupants amid unbounded enthusiasm, and the vaulted roof of the depot was made to gather and roll back—if not the sound of anthems, at least the Hoo-Hoo yell; and it did that very thing. Huddled into the waiting cable cars which had been chartered by the committee, the arrivals were quickly whirled to the Brown Palace Hotel—which is a palace in more than name—and so to a good bath and a fine breakfast. All day the arrivals continued in larger or smaller bunches, and all day they fell into the arms of the committee to be ensconced at one or the other of the fine hotels. The Texas delegation arrived just at nightfall, and it is needless to say that the night had not fallen much farther before it was known that they were there. But Friday was not wholly consumed with getting there. There was preliminary work to do, and some of the notables of the Osirian Cloister and members of the Supreme Nine had arrived even earlier than Friday to map it out. At 2 o'clock P.M. the Supreme Nine went into a business and executive session; and when it came out, all the matters of its administration had been reviewed and closed up, and methods for expediting the business of the Annual Meeting had been decided upon. Following this, the business session of the Osirian Cloister was called to order, and the finishing touches put to the arrangements for its public ceremonies of Tuesday night, for its annual banquet of Monday evening, and for the initiation of members Monday afternoon. In the evening the dinner tendered the members of the Supreme Nine by Snark Gladding came off, and was all that such an occasion and such a host would lead one to expect.

And it was early on Friday that the visitors began to perceive upon what scale the arrangements for their entertainment had been made by the people of Colorado. It was not until after their return home, however, that a full realization of these matters came. The Supreme Nine arrived to find that a whole suite of parlors at the Brown Palace had been set apart for its use, and the Snark and Scrivenoter had each been furnished a room on the parlor floor, fitted out with roll-top desks, spacious tables, and all the equipments of business offices—and men to wait on them. But it is not here we will speak at length of the boundless hospitality that made everybody sorry to come home; that will come later, and from a defter pen. This is but the preface to the stenographic minutes of the business sessions, and these are as follows:

Saturday, September 9.

[It had been decided by the Denver people, and approved by the Supreme Nine, to hold the first, or opening, session of the meeting in the Broadway Theater, and to admit the public. This fact had been made known by the daily papers, and the seats not occupied by members of the Order were filled with a large body of very curious and expectant visitors.—Ed.]

At 9 A.M. Siggel's Military Band played a spirited march in the crowded corridors of the Brown Palace Hotel and summoned the members of the Order, who, with their ladies, filed across Broadway into and filled the orchestra and dress circle seats of the Broadway Theater, one of the handsomest buildings of the kind east of the Atlantic. Here, from the center of the stage, Snark N. A. Gladding invited all members and ex-members of the Supreme Nine, all Vicegerents and ex-Vicegerents to the stage, which soon was comfortably filled. Admonished by a chronometer-set watch, at nine minutes past 9, on the ninth day of the ninth month, twice nine, double nine, Snark Gladding advanced to the front of the stage and said to the audience:

Ladies and Gentlemen and Brother Hoo-Hoo: As we have now reached the ninth minute after the ninth hour of the ninth day of the ninth month of the year 1899, by virtue of the supreme authority in me vested as Snark of the Universe, I now declare this Eighth Annual Convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo duly opened. This being the beginning of the ninth year of the history of our Order, we have due cause to congratulate ourselves upon the fact that we are able to meet in the beautiful city of Denver under such auspicious circumstances and to be thankful to Almighty God, who has preserved our lives and prospered us and Order. I will, therefore, request Parson Thomas Uzzell to lead us in prayer. You will please rise.

Parson Uzzell's Prayer.

The reverend gentleman advanced to the front of the stage, and, with open, supplicating hands, faced the standing multitude, who listened with bowed heads to his prayer:

O God, our Father, from whom cometh all our gifts, we thank thee for this gathering of representative business men and their families, or portions of their families, from different parts of this country into our city this morning; and in the beginning of this business convention we would honor thee and we would invoke thy blessing to rest upon us. We stand in thy presence with our heads and our hearts uncovered before thee and ask for wisdom and direction in this our service. We thank thee that thou dost make the timber to grow in the different sections of our land; we thank thee that thou hast endowed men of intellect and power to enable them to carry on an enormous business; we thank thee for the resources of the country and for the business ability that is not only before us here, but is scattered throughout the land. May we remember that God gives the timber and God gives the intellect, and to him be given the praise. We ask again that wisdom and

direction may be given to these men here to-day, that their work may be prosecuted in such a way as to redound to thy honor and glory. We thank thee for the truth that thou hast spread to their minds, their eyes, their hearts; and may they carry to their respective homes when their work and pleasure are over here the very sweetest recollections of their visit to the Queen City of the plains. Lead us by thy cross, help us to be kind and brotherly in all our deportment; and when death shall bring life to a close here, may we enter upon that more excellent and beautiful life on the other side of the river, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Snark Gladding—: It gives me the utmost pleasure to introduce to you Brother R. W. English, of Denver, Supreme Bojum of our Order, who will preside over the opening ceremonies. Brother English has had this Annual Meeting upon his mind and heart and hands for several months, and has not spared time nor pains nor money to make it a grand success. I feel that we shall be under lasting obligations to him and to the committee which has helped him in this work. [Applause, prolonged as Mr. English arose.]

Mr. English—: I find that the hour of 9:09 A.M. is a little early for not only our visitors, but for our friends and members of Hoo-Hoo in Denver. I am somewhat surprised not to see more of our members present as well as of our visitors; but our Constitution says we open our meeting sharp at 9:09, and our Snark is a man who believes in law and seeing it carried out to the letter; and he informed me, he informed our committee, and he informed as many members as he saw that the gavel would drop at nine minutes past 9; and if my watch tells the right time, it did it just to the dot. Ladies and gentlemen, you will now listen to the quartet.

[The "Oriental Quartet"—composed of J. A. Grant, first tenor; W. P. McPhee, second tenor; J. S. Farrar, first bass; and T. H. Cox, second bass—rendered in splendid style a ballad whose refrain was, "O that a Dutchman's Draught Could be as Deep as the Rolling Zuyder Zee!" which was heartily applauded.]

Mr. English—: The next number on our programme is an address by the Governor of this State. All of us who live in Denver know that he is a very busy man; and, on account of having in charge arrangements for the reception of the train that is bringing home the First Regiment of our Colorado soldiers, he may be a little late in arriving, although I have his promise that he will be here just as soon as he possibly can get here. So we will pass that number; and if Governor Thomas drops in, you will hear from him a little later. Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor and the great pleasure of presenting to you the Mayor of the city of Denver. He will say a few words of welcome to you, and I know that you will be interested in what he says.

Mayor Johnson's Address.

Mayor Henry V. Johnson (bowing right and left to the applause that greeted his introduction)—: Mr. President, Ladies, and Gentlemen: I am very glad that the Governor is not a Hoo-Hoo in the matter of keeping appointments. The Governor, you know, happens to live in Denver, and he usually steals my thunder on occasions of this kind. I find usually that when I get up to say something when he has been around he has already said it to the audience. I do not know that I was exactly on time myself this morning; but I made it a point, or tried to make it a point, to be here at nine minutes and nine seconds past 9 o'clock, and what I shall have to say I will try to limit to about nine minutes.

I must confess, gentlemen of the society—I say "gentlemen," because I do not know whether the ladies are Hoo-Hoo or not—that when I looked over this programme and saw these strange, queer figures upon the back of it I wondered what kind of cat-astrophe or cat-acism was down in the cat-ologue of happenings to the city of Denver; in fact, I felt like inquiring: Who, who, Hoo-Hoo, are you?

[Laughter.] But I am very glad to discover this morning that you are citizens like the rest of us; that you are citizens of this great, common country of ours; and it gives me exceeding pleasure indeed, gentlemen, to welcome you to the great city of Denver. We invite your inspection of this city of ours because we are proud of it, notwithstanding the fact that since the flood in 1864, in which my friend, Wolfe Londoner, appears to have had a share, we have lacked for lumber and forests surrounding our city, and have always had a great lack of water since that time.

You see here a testimonial of what people of enterprise and people of push, such as the citizens of Colorado and Denver are, can do in the way of building up a city. To the lumbermen all over this country Denver is indebted in a great measure for this beautiful city that we can show you to-day. As I came into the hall this morning, Mr. Stewart met me at the door and placed this badge upon me; and, notwithstanding one or two of the unfamiliar signs upon it, as a Democrat, I was quite struck with the appearance of that humble, patient beast which you all see beneath a load. [Laughter.] I, too, feel, gentlemen, that I am in the hands of my friends. [Laughter.]

I promised you in the beginning that I would endeavor not to worry you long. My sole purpose here is to welcome you, to wish that you may have both a pleasant and profitable stay among us, that your convention may result to the great interest of your Order and of your homes and people throughout this country. We hope that you will make yourselves at home. The city of Denver to-day, gentlemen of this convention of Hoo-Hoo, is yours. [Applause.] Do with it as you choose. If you have a chance to wander on the trains up through our mountains, your eyes will be delighted, I know, with the cat-aracts in our mountain fastnesses; and if you all will visit our parks, your eyes will be delighted by the sight of cat-birds and some few caterpillars. [Laughter.] We hope that you may come again; and, if you do, that the little seed that you here may sow to-day and during your stay may then have developed into great lumber forests around the city of Denver. I do not know of anything further that I can say to you, except that our homes and our hearts are open to you; and I wish now, in repeating the welcome that I have already extended to you, to consign you to the mercies of our former Mayor, Hon. Wolfe Londoner. [Applause.]

Mr. English—: Ladies and Gentlemen: We have with us this morning one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of our city. This gentleman whom I am about to introduce is a member, I presume, of all secret orders that ever were organized or ever were thought of, except the Order of Hoo-Hoo; and if it were possible, nothing would give me more pleasure, nothing would give the members of our Order living in the city of Denver more pleasure, than to have a good time with him to-night. [Laughter.] But his business is a little different from ours. He has a large wholesale and retail grocery store. That is not all he has. He has a well in the basement of that store; and when the Knights Templar and when the Shriners come here, they know where that well is [laughter], and it is not long after they arrive and register, and maybe put on a clean shirt and collar, that the next question that arises is: "Where is Wolfe Londoner? Where is his well?" That is about the way they talk. Now this gentleman would be very glad indeed to have any of the Hoo-Hoo visit his store and visit his well as well. [Laughter.] It is a great pleasure to me to introduce to you Hon. Wolfe Londoner, ex-Mayor of Denver.

Ex-Mayor Londoner's Address.

[Mr. Londoner's appearance was the signal for a hearty welcome. He was evidently a local favorite.]

Ex-Mayor Londoner—: Mr. Bojum and Honorable Mayor: I know that on this occasion you will excuse me for using a manuscript. I have often been misquoted in the past; and as this is a very solemn occasion, I do not propose to be misrepresented by the press. [Turning to the audience.] Ladies and Hoo-Hoo: I might have said "ladies and gentlemen," as "gentlemen" is as inexpensive as the other word; but I would not offend a member of this ancient and honorable Order by giving him a title so far inferior to the one of which he is so justly proud. It is possible also that

the one includes the other, as it has never been satisfactorily proven that a man may not be a gentleman and a Hoo-Hoo simultaneously.

The Mayor has made you a very pretty talk. It sounds well, and the sound is familiar to us who have heard it so often. It may surprise you to learn that the Mayor's welcome to you is the same that has been offered to the Amalgamated Association of Bootblacks, the Texas-Colorado Chautauqua, and the Eminent Order of Independent Liquor Dealers, as well as to a dozen other great bodies that have convened in Colorado. This is by no means intended as an insinuation against the sincerity or ability of the Chief Executive, but, on the contrary, as a tribute to his ingenuity in making such subtle changes in the text that they are scarcely noticeable to those familiar with it, and yet which seem to make it specially applicable to each of these vastly different organizations. The Mayor is all right, and means well; but he is too busy governing us to allow him time to write more than one speech a year. Though young in the business of welcoming visitors, he having but recently taken himself by the hand in congratulation upon his election to the office he holds, the Mayor is, nevertheless, no slouch. The only trouble with him, and with our absent Governor as well, is that, while their intentions are honorable and their efforts to please you most praiseworthy, they offer you a good deal more than they've got. The Governor has his little seat, and the Mayor has his, and they are trying to be good and hold down their jobs; but it is the people who own the State and the city, and they alone can give you welcome, and we are the people; and as I come here as a representative of the people, I might strain the construction and say that, for the time being, I am the people, and I never felt so proud and responsible in all my life. With this high authority, then, I give you welcome—not with the gubernatorial wit or the mayoral jolly, but straight from the shoulder, and it goes.

Having said this much by way of preface, I come down to the real gist of my subject, and to show you that, though an uninitiated layman, what I don't know about the glorious Order of Hoo-Hoo could be written on the back of a revenue stamp. This may surprise you almost as much as it does me, for up to a week ago I did not know a Hoo-Hoo from a "what is it?" but I am a pretty lively student when I have anything to learn, which, after living to be forty years old, you may imagine is very little. I just took three days off and shut myself up in my library; and, by the aid of patience and a little auxiliary profanity, I dug it all out, and there wasn't much information left in that library after I got through with it. I found, in the first place, that the organization had its origin in the days of the early Pharaohs, before the onslaught of Tricopherous and the abandonment of cat worship. The curse of cats, though singularly enough omitted in the enumeration of the plagues of Egypt, was one of the worst that ever came down the Nile. "For days," says Hamburgus, in his graphic "Pests of the Period," "the cats came down in squads and regiments, with tails all curled to the right." This was 865 K.C., though Kambixtus, an authority hardly inferior to Hamburgus himself, fixes the period a trifle earlier. But what can a few hundred years matter when the great fact that the cats were there is not disputed by a single historian of the times? Quoting again from Hamburgus: "These cats were not only more numerous than the sands of the sea, but were all black as night; and their voices, exercised in gentle unison, sent many early inhabitants wild with ecstasy and brought the remainder to their knees and caused them to bow down before the cats and importune them to cease their wild warbling ere they died of excessive joy." The historian goes on to say that the cats to some extent hearkened to the pleadings of the populace and allowed themselves to be petted and fed and made much of, whereat the people rejoiced greatly and gave praise to the cats, and for a long time thereafter cat worship prevailed. At length, however, the cats grew arrogant, and concatenations were held nightly; and again to quote the historian: "The great multitude of cats did wax yet more multitudinous, so that it began to be noised abroad among the people that erelong standing room only would be available." It was at this time that Tricopherous, son of Baldus, a mighty man with a gun, began the onslaught which was taken up by the rest of the inhabitants and continued for seventeen years, at the end of which time only a few thousand cats remained—"just enough for seed," as Noah said when he drove the pair of giraffes aboard.

It was in honor of the martyred cats whose qualities, now that they were dead, did not seem altogether bad, that the Order of Hoo-Hoo was founded by Joblotsis, and the ritual grew gradually, and was added to from time to time

as the ingenuity of the more intellectual members suggested. The name "Hoo-Hoo" is derived from a bit of history preserved only in the rare works of Caticus, who relates with interesting detail the story of the victorious war of the cats against the owls. The owls, it seems, were almost as numerous as the cats in the early days before the time of Tricopherous, and they filled the trees and jeered at their lowly neighbors, destroying their rest at night, as well as their peace of mind, by their incessant hooting. Incensed beyond endurance, the cats during the daytime, while the owls slept, moved in a body toward the timber, and at a given signal every tree was climbed and nine-tenths of their enemy were caught and devoured, feathers and all. There was great rejoicing over the victory, and the "hoo-hoo" cry of the owls became a byword among the felines. After that, when a cat met a cat, one would yell, "Hoo-Hoo;" and the other would answer, "Hoo-Hoo;" then they would shake hands and say in cat language: "Did we do 'em? We did not do a thing to 'em." Then they would fall on the ground and roll in fits of laughter.

The lumbermen became Hoo-Hoo in commemoration of the fact that it was in the timber that their predecessors, the cat Hoo-Hoo, attained the prestige over the owls. The general wakefulness of cats and of their descendants, the two-legged Hoo-Hoo represented in this great body before me, is attributable to the early nocturnal disturbances caused by the owls.

The Supreme Nine represents the nine lives of the cat, the idol of the Hoo-Hoo tribe.

The Snark was a much-feared monster of ancient days, who was as fond of cat with vegetable trimmings as a Georgia dandy is of possum and sweet potatoes. In the dark of the moon of the ninth month of each year it was the custom of the Snark to have his annual cat feast, at which fifty of the fattest felines were slaughtered and served up. In order to render themselves ineligible for table use, the cats had a habit of starving themselves during the seventh and eighth months, so that they would present themselves all skin and bones to the monster and beg off on the plea that they were not fit to eat. Smitten with pity at such a tremendous exhibition of bones, the Snark abandoned his annual feast and cured himself of the appetite by chewing white oak bark. In token of their appreciation of his leniency, the Hoo-Hoo made him their king forever, and as such he reigns to-day.

The Senior and Junior Hoo-Hoo were the high priests of the order who persuaded the Snark to change his diet and first proclaimed his eternal sovereignty.

"Bojum" is a word scratched up by a crazy cat near the root of the oldest tree in the original forest. It has been preserved in its original form, and no Hoo-Hoo is allowed even to guess at its meaning on pain of instant skagulation. The officer into whose custody the sacred word is entrusted, and who calls attention to coming contentations, is called the "Bojum;" but even he must not tamper with the fateful term.

The "Scrivenoter" is simply Hoo-Hoo for "scribbler," and scribbling is his job to-day.

The Jabberwock is better known to all of us since Lewis Carroll embalmed him in descriptive verse:

"The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffing through the tulgeewood,
And hurbled as he came."

The Jabberwock seems to have been a harmless monster, easily tamed and kept in captivity. He is a curio highly prized by the Hoo-Hoo.

The Custodian was the night herder and watchman for the original Hoo-Hoo, and his line of duty has not been changed materially.

The word "Acanoper" is merely a contraction of the two words "Our Can-opener;" and, as his name indicates, he has always been a general manager of the annual feasts.

The Gurdon, or sergeant-at-arms, was the cat that wore the bell at the early contentations of the Hoo-Hoo. The bell was his gurdon, or badge of office; and in case of a general row, no matter how loud the caterwauling or how thickly the fur flew, the tinkle of the bell, denoting the arrival of the Gurdon, usually had a calming effect.

The twenty-nine degrees of the Hoo-Hoo are peculiar and interesting, but a full description of them would take from four to six hours, which would be, as the famous war Governor said, "too long between drinks." It may be mentioned, however, that the pleasant practice of rolling a candidate three times around the arena in a barrel, with both heads out and driven full of spikes, is still in vogue,

as is also the merry custom of swatting him in the palms of the feet or the North Pole of his cranium in case he should endeavor to escape. The pleasant degree in which the candidate is blindfolded and dragged across the graveled floor on his bare knees and caused to kiss the velvet Bible, which is in reality a side of bacon, is also conferred with appropriate accompaniments.

For the benefit of the prospective candidate and to heighten the joy of his anticipations, I may add that all the degrees are conferred at one sitting, but that he will be excused from sitting during the succeeding ten days.

The arduous nature of the undertaking to become a Hoo-Hoo may be understood when it is stated that the initiatory ceremonies usually occupy not less than eighteen consecutive hours. The candidate congratulates himself, however, that in the course of a few months, when he has recovered sufficiently to be up and about, he is a Hoo-Hoo; and being once a Hoo-Hoo, he is always a Hoo-Hoo; and Hoo-Hoo could ask more?

In conclusion, I will say to you that, while it is known that this attitude is not favorable to cats, antidotes for heart failure can be found on every hand; and as the city and State have just been presented to you, there is nothing for you to do but to exercise your original Hoo-Hoo instincts and help yourselves. I may further add that it is our hope to have you with us again; and if you should come, say in a hundred years or so, on that occasion, we believe, judging from the prompt action of our present city officials, we may promise to turn over to you the great auditorium which now forms the topic of popular conversation. [Prolonged laughter and applause followed as well as interrupted Mr. Londoner's address, which was delivered with a portentous sententiousness that was painfully funny.]

[A dandy lullaby, "Sleep, Kentucky Babe," was rendered by the Oriental Quartet, and was awarded with a vigorous demand for more. For the recall the quartet sang "Fair and Bright."]

Mr. English (announcing what had been omitted from the printed programme of entertainment feature by the local committee, which did not know that Monday afternoon would be occupied with a business session): The ladies of Denver and Colorado purpose to take our visiting ladies on a carriage ride. They will be furnished with tullyhos, drags, traps, carriages, and one thing and another; and they purpose to take our visiting ladies all over Capitol Hill, show them some of our residences that we are very proud of, passing around the various streets, passing out Colfax avenue to York street, and thence to City Park and through the park. We think that for a dry climate like Colorado there is considerable in our little park that will interest our visitors. It is not the size of many of the parks in the Eastern States, but it is quite a park for a State that is known all over the country for requiring irrigation to make anything grow. Now, I am requested to ask our visiting ladies from every part of the United States, Colorado ladies included, to meet promptly at the Brown Palace Hotel on next Monday at 2 o'clock and go with these ladies on this carriage ride. I hope you will enjoy it. It will not take over three hours. They will land you back here at the hotel in ample time for your dinner, and the ride will give you a good appetite. As they have made this arrangement, we hope the visiting ladies will meet promptly and all go and enjoy the ride. This is entirely a ladies' ride; no gentlemen are admitted. I understand—I do not know whether it is a fact, but I understand (I got it on a tip)—that they are even going to put bloomers on the drivers [laughter]; don't want anything that looks like a man, so you need not think that the men will be around. Please jot this down on your programme, so that it will not be overlooked. Now, I am requested by our Snark and by the committee to ask that all will join in singing this next number.

[The audience arose, and, led by the orchestra and the quartet, sang "The Star-spangled Banner," the words of which were printed on the programmes.]

Mr. English—: I have now the honor to introduce to you the presiding officer of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, and I know that not only the members of this Order, but every one in the building, will be pleased to hear from the Snark of the Universe. Those of you who are not members of this Order undoubtedly have read more or less in the papers during the last sixty days in regard to the Snark of the Universe, with a little description of his travels on the Pacific Coast. He has now reached Denver, and is with us. I have the great honor and the extreme pleasure of introducing to you Nelson A. Gladding, of Indianapolis, Ind., Snark of the Universe. [Snark Gladding was greeted with a perfect storm of applause.]

Snark Gladding's Response.

Snark Gladding—: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Brother Hoo-Hoo: In accepting this most generous and hearty welcome to Denver and to Colorado which we have received at the hands of the distinguished gentlemen to whom you have just listened, it gives me the greatest of pleasure to express in return the heartfelt thanks of not only the many members and friends of Hoo-Hoo present with us, but also of each and every one of the 6,000 and more members of our noble Order who are scattered in all parts of this great land; for I know that they all appreciate the cordial invitation that we received a year ago at Cleveland to visit your great State and beautiful city, and I am sure that there is not a man among them but who is wishing to-day that he were here.

Some thought at first that Denver was a long way off, too far away to hold a Hoo-Hoo Annual; but, upon second consideration, especially after hearing the promises made by the Governor and the Mayor and the Board of Trade and the railroad men, as read to us in the convention hall by Brother English as to how we should all have our pockets filled with silver and gold (I mean before we came), our lungs filled with the pure ozone from the mountains, and that we might take a few mountains and springs home with us if we wished to, we decided to come; and then, too, I believe that the suggestion made by our friend from Ohio, when he said that he was in favor of Denver because he wanted to go to Colorado so that he could go up and sit on the top of Pike's Peak and let the breezes mix with his hirsute attachment, had a great influence in securing a favorable vote; for, as you know, it gets very hot in the Mississippi Valley country about this time of year, and anything that promises an opportunity of cooling off nicely, especially after having a real warm time (and that is what we expect to have in Denver), is certainly enticing. We are also glad to come to Denver so as to give our members west of the Mississippi and on the Pacific Coast an opportunity of attending an Annual without having to travel too far.

But what is distance in these days of steam and electricity? Shades of our ancestors, nothing at all! Thanks to the great genius of our wonderful age, what once was a day's journey is now a mere pleasure ride; and the old-fashioned, tiresome, lonely trip of several weeks or more across the continent has been changed to the comfortable, delightful, even luxurious, jaunt of a few days. The anatomy of some of our friends may be a little sore from their long ride, yet I do not suppose there was time for their bones to parch in the desert sun.

Yes, long distances have lost their ancient meaning. The guns of Dewey were heard round the world in a few hours, and the welcome he received at Colombo was, as he himself said, "heard and appreciated by every American the same day." We think nothing now of running down to Porto Rico, Hawaii, or the Philippines; and who knows but that some day we may be holding a Hoo-Hoo Annual at Honolulu or Manila?

And so, Mr. Chairman, we have come to Denver, the great and beautiful city of the plains, the model convention city, lying at the feet of the grandest mountains in the world, the reputation of whose people for hospitality reaches from the rock-bound coast of Maine to the Golden Gate; and to Colorado, the glorious Centennial State, the Switzerland of America, whose fur-famed mountain peaks, grand cañons, and mines of gold and silver are at once the pride and glory of the whole country; for we all rejoice from one end of this great land to the other in whatever there may be that is grand and beautiful and prosperous in every State and in every city of this, our own, magnificent country, like which there is none other under the sun.

Again, then, let me thank you from the bottom of my heart and in behalf of our entire membership for this splendid welcome; and I can assure you, Mr. Chairman, that if any of us get away without taking advantage of all the good things that you have offered us it will be simply because our capacity is not sufficient to contain it all. [Applause.]

Mr. English—: I want simply to say a few words to the citizens of Denver now before we call the next speaker; and when I introduce the next speaker, I want to say to you, fellow-neighbors, fellow-tradesmen, ladies, and gentlemen of Denver, that the next speaker is one of the most loyal Coloradons you ever saw. If you could have stood in the convention hall a year ago at Cleveland, O., as I had the pleasure of doing, and noted how, at my request, he read those letters inviting this Order to hold its Eighth Annual Convention in Denver, and could have heard the loyal speech that this gentleman made in favor of Denver, you would say, as I do, that he is a loyal Coloradon, although not a resident of our State. I will never forget how our next speaker worked on this proposition of having the Eighth Annual Convention of Hoo-Hoo settled for Denver. He was my main wheel. He was the man who helped me sixty days before I left Denver to secure a majority vote of this association; and, to show you how he worked, when the vote was put in the convention hall, it was put by acclamation and carried. Ladies and gentlemen of the convention and of the city of Denver and the State of Colorado, I have the great honor to introduce to you Brother "Billy" Barns (as he is known better than anything else), of St. Louis, Mo. [Applause.]

[The audience gave Mr. Barns a rousing reception, and the applause frequently interrupted his remarks.]

Mr. Barns' Address.

Mr. Barns—: Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen: Your chairman this morning has rather embarrassed me. I am very willing to say that I did everything that was possible to get the meeting to come to Colorado. A great many years ago—not so many years ago, but a long while ago—I came out here, and I do not think I had been in the State more than two hours until the gentleman who sat next to me, and who happened to be a newspaper man, said to me: "Won't you irrigate?" Well, I didn't know what he meant. I said: "I don't know, stranger; but if it is anything good, I will go it." So he produced—well, I found out what irrigation was right then. The next time when I came to Denver I went around to call on our worthy Bojum, English; and he said, "I want to make a call or two;" and we went around and met Mr. Londoner, and they talked a little while, and English said: "Are the wells all right this morning?" Londoner said, "Yes;" and we went downstairs and found the wells all right. [Laughter.] I simply give you these in illustration of the hospitality and accommodating spirit of these people. I was out in the mountains two or three days ago, at Grand Junction, and the trains ran a little irregularly, and we wanted to go from the hotel to the station. It happened that the street car—there is only one—was going the other way. We asked the driver when he started, and he said he would go in our direction right away; and he went over, got the mule, put him on the other end of the car, and took us over. [Laughter.]

These people out here are great people. I do not know whether you all remember what they promised to do to us last year. I want to read just one or two lines of it, because it is good stuff. This is what they told us to do:

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 tan-talking flies; come to Denver, whose gates were long ago removed from their hinges and no sign warn weary feet to "keep off the grass."

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, wa-

ters 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.

Well, we could hardly resist that, and I want to say to you that I have found one thing since I have been out here which I had not observed before: that the farther you go up into these mountains, the higher you go up, the less foliage and herbage you find on them—the mountains in Colorado are bald. [Laughter.] I think it is worth my while to get back at some of these people who seem to be worried all the time about the top of my head.

I believe I am down here to respond in behalf of the House of Ancients. The House of Ancients, as all of you know, or most of you, is simply the Past Snarks. After a man has been embalmed and made a mummy of, then he is a member of the House of Ancients. At the present time I think we have only four in the House of Ancients, but we are to have two accessions next Tuesday night. Mr. White and Mr. Gladding are to be made mummies, and we want you all here to see what it is to put them into the House of Ancients. I have witnessed but one. Where is "Papa" Hemenway? He is here, and knows all about it. [Laughter.]

In behalf of the House of Ancients, we want to thank the people of Colorado and of Denver and of this part of the country for their hearty welcome and what they have laid down for us, because I know that if they carry out all this programme they certainly will have fulfilled all their promises.

There is just one little phrase that I would like to read to the Hoo-Hoo. I would like to have it read once a year and here now with the hope that there could be more people here not members of our Order. I think that if there is anything we do want to do—that is, the members of the Order—it is to disabuse the minds of people of the idea that the Order of Concatenated Hoo-Hoo is a joke, and does not amount to anything, and is simply an occasion for hilarity. Some of us who were present at Kansas City and heard Rev. Edward Roberts deliver an address, now historic in the annals of this Order, heard him give a basis for Hoo-Hoo which I would like to see as a motto. There is more philosophy and more sense in it than almost anything else ever said about us. I want to read it, and then I will stop:

Whatever instrumentally among men beguiles from worn faces the look of care and provokes wholesome and healthful mirth, or drowns the discord of strife in billows of laughter and joy, is helping to make men fraternal; and whatever helps to make men fraternal helps to make the world divine. [Continued applause.]

Mr. English—: I want to make another announcement while it is on my mind, and that is that by request of our Snark some weeks ago I made arrangements for this convention, or our visitors, to attend church to-morrow morning in a body, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, close by here, within a few hundred feet. They gladly give up all the seating room that we will need, and will welcome every visitor to divine service to-morrow forenoon. Now, I hope that, if for nothing more than to please our Snark, the ladies and gentlemen will congregate at the Brown Palace Hotel to-morrow morning and go with us in a body and attend church. I now have the pleasure of introducing to you one of our members, and a very active Hoo-Hoo, from the far Northwest—from Minneapolis. He will talk to you a little on the subject of the Osirian Cloister. He has taken a great interest in this branch of the Hoo-Hoo Order, and I think he will give you some pointers that will interest you. I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mr. W. I. Ewart, of Minneapolis. [Applause.]

Mr. Ewart's Address.

Mr. Ewart—: Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen: I desire to announce at the beginning that I have the honor of hailing from the capital city of the State of Minnesota. We have two cities up in that part of the country

situated pretty close together, with something of a spirit of rivalry; and I do not think that it would be safe for me to return to St. Paul if it were known that I permitted myself to rest under the designation of a representative of Minneapolis—unless prepared on my return to take my effects and move across the river. We have with us a representative of Minneapolis, Mr. Walker, who will do the honors of that city; but I must myself be regarded as hailing from the capital city of Minnesota.

Nothing accords so well with a cordial welcome as hearty appreciation; but I am inclined to think this morning that we have had a little too much appreciation, or that we have been exhibiting a little too much; that it has been a case of sweetness too long drawn out, because in the position in which I am placed, reinforcing as I do the old, established rule of "three times, and out," I have observed that both the official and the unofficial representatives of this welcome that has been extended to us have taken occasion to depart before my part of the programme was reached; and the Governor, who is circulating somewhere around the fence corners, has not yet arrived. I am inclined to think that these gentlemen who made their disappearance so unceremoniously imagined that we were going to hold them down with expressions of appreciation that would line up with the good promises that were read to you by the gentleman who last occupied the floor—those very liberal statements of what we should find upon our arrival in Colorado and of what our entertainment here should be. However, I do desire to say that we heartily appreciate the very cordial welcome that has been extended to us in this lofty city of the mountains.

There is a peculiar fitness in the selection of the "Queen of the Rockies" for this assemblage, because, true to the instincts which ever have characterized the subjects of this emblem [indicating the Great Black Cat], there is no ambition known to loyal Hoo-Hoo that is so religiously cherished as that of getting up in the world; and, as our Snark remarked, probably the winning card among all the alluring representations set forth at the last Annual was that fervid appeal of our friend who announced that he wanted to sit astride of the highest pinnacle of Pike's Peak and let the zephyrs toy with his Pefferistic adornments. That illustrates this spirit which underlies the parent Order, and conveys a not unfitting suggestion to the patriarchal ranks of the House of Ancients; but wild ambitions of this sort are wholly out of keeping with the dignity of the inmates of the Osirian Cloister, of which exalted degree I have the honor to be the representative before you this morning.

There are some things that might fitly be announced from the hilltops and the house tops—as, for example, when a modest citizen makes the discovery that he of all others is best fit and qualified to maintain the dignity and protect the interests of his fellow-citizens in the national councils—but the affairs of the Osirian Cloister are not of that order. Our work is best known and best understood when communicated, as it only is, in secret assembly to ardent aspirants. Founded upon the best that can be dug out of the mass of ancient Egyptian lore, our ritual, reinforced and impressed in its own unique way, consists of that which is calculated to make a good man a better man; and that ought to be sufficient apology for our existence.

We sometimes hear expressions of disapproval regarding any and every secret society. People say: "Where is the occasion, the use, the need of fraternal organizations? Why is not a man who follows the Golden Rule and toes the chalk mark on the outside just as well off, if not better?" Well, perhaps he might be; but he is not. There is nothing in all this world more beautiful than simple, sincere friendship. The man who in a lonely hour has stood among strangers and has witnessed a meeting of old friends, who has observed the cordial greeting, the hearty hand shake, the rippling laugh, the beaming eye, and the smiling features which betray the heartfelt joy—that man has looked upon the most beautiful picture in the gallery of the world, a picture that will not fade out and which has presented to him pretty much all there is in life that is worth while; and if through fraternal organizations these pictures can be multiplied, as they are, then we have excuses not only for our existence, but for our perpetuation.

And now I desire, on behalf of the Cloister, formally to reiterate the thanks that have been expressed for this cordial welcome that has been extended to us. The poet Byron has said,

'Tis sweet to hear the watchdog's honest bark
Bay deep-mouthed welcome as we draw near home;

and if that be true, what rapture ought to accompany a welcome that is extended by the Centennial Commonwealth and this magnificent city! We appreciate these kindly expressions of pleasure at our arrival, and trust that we may leave occasion for feelings of regret at our departure that shall be no less sincere. [Applause.]

[The quartet sang "The Goblins'll Get You if You Don't Watch Out," and Mr. English called for the reading of the Snark's annual address. The Snark read his address from the front of the stage, and it was listened to with interest throughout.]

The Snark's Annual Report.

In presenting this annual report of the Snark for the year done during the past twelve months, I wish first to express my personal appreciation of the attendance of so many members and to extend to you all, in the name of the Order, a most hearty welcome.

Our Order, as well as the entire country, is to be congratulated upon having passed through one of the most prosperous years that it has ever been the privilege of a people in general to enjoy. Those engaged in the lumber trade, as a large majority of our members are, no doubt fully realize the extent of this prosperity; and as the lumber industry is one of the foremost and most substantial of this country, its times of depression or prosperity are immediately felt by many other lines of business. We can, therefore, have a double reason for thankfulness on this present occasion, our only regret being that business is so good that it keeps many of our members at home hard at work who otherwise might be with us.

The year has been a somewhat eventful one in the history of Hoo-Hoo. The Scrivenoter will, in his report, give in detail the full number of concatenations held and the number of new members initiated, as well as a statement of the financial condition, with which I trust you will be pleased, as it shows the Order to be in a most healthy and flourishing condition.

In December last it occurred to a number of members who have the welfare of the Order at heart that it would be an advisable thing to have a Charity Fund which would be separate and apart from the money collected from concatenations, which is held in the treasury for the purpose of meeting the fixed expenses of the Order. The object of this Charity Fund is one which I cannot help but think should, and does, meet with the full approval of every member, it being the purpose to help and relieve any brother who, through loss of health or other unfortunate circumstances, is in serious need, or to succeed his widow and children, if necessary, in case of his death. I need not enlarge upon this, as you are well aware that cases of this kind will occur; so that if a man has been a true and faithful member and in every way worthy of our help, there seems to be no good reason why we should not do something for him or his family that will be in keeping with the teachings of our ritual.

Acting upon this suggestion and believing thoroughly in its right purposes, with the full approval of the Supreme Nine, your Snark issued in December a pastoral letter to all members, calling for the small contribution of ninety-nine cents each, with which to establish this Charity Fund. There was nothing obligatory about it, leaving each one to do as he thought best. The result was quite gratifying, about \$1,000 being received up to the present time. We have had the satisfaction of seeing good done in several cases that come under the head of objects for which the fund was created. Information in regard to these can be obtained by any member from the Scrivenoter. I wish to say, further, that before any money is paid out of this fund the applicant must be recommended by a number of members in good standing; so that there is no danger of any part of it being donated or loaned to unworthy persons.

During the year your Snark has had the pleasure of attending ten concatenations in various parts of the country—as far East as Boston and as far West as San Francisco, and from Michigan to Mississippi. There were many others that I would gladly have attended had it been possible to do so. It was my good fortune to be the first Snark to visit the Pacific Coast, where a royal reception was accorded me all along the line; and I am able to bring the good news that Hoo-Hoo is flourishing in that section of the country, being supported by the very best men there, who are very enthusiastic over the good work accomplished through its influence. At San Francisco, in par-

ticular, I was especially honored by one of the best concatenations that it was ever my privilege to attend, also by a magnificent banquet.

I believe that I am also the first Snark to visit the North-eastern and Southeastern Atlantic Coast, where I had the pleasure of attending concatenations in Boston and Norfolk.

I wish here to thank each and every one of the Vicegerents who have assisted me so splendidly in building up the Order during the past year. Many of them have not only given their time, but have expended considerable from their own personal funds in order that first-class and enjoyable entertainments might be given for the benefit of the initiates as well as the members attending the concatenations. In my humble opinion, the concatenation held under the proper lines, with the usual "Session on the Roof," can be—and, I am happy to say, is—in almost every case, if not in every case, made an occasion of unusual profit to all concerned.

I would recommend, however, that the By-laws be changed at this meeting, appropriating a little larger sum from each initiation fee; for, as I have already stated, it is often necessary for those holding the concatenations to go down into their own pockets in order to pay the expenses. I do not mean by this that the "Session on the Roof" should be the occasion of an elaborate menu; but, unless the class is quite a large one, the \$3.33 is hardly sufficient.

Another change that I would recommend is in Section 3 of Article VIII. of the Constitution, which provides that suspended members can be reinstated only upon application, indorsed by five members in good standing, the same to be balloted upon at a regular concatenation. In my opinion, this procedure works a hardship upon some good men who would gladly be reinstated, but who, through the force of circumstances, are not able to attend a concatenation; and I, therefore, suggest that this convention change the law so as to permit a man to be reinstated upon the recommendation of nine members in good standing and the payment of all back dues, subject to the approval of the Snark, Senior Hoo-Hoo, and Scrivenoter, thereby avoiding the necessity of his having to wait until he can attend a concatenation.

I would also respectfully recommend that the Committee on Constitution and By-laws make it a special point to see if it cannot abbreviate the same to a considerable extent, and, in Section 1 of Article III., try to make it clearer as to whether a "manufacturer of lumber" means simply the owner or proprietor of a plant, or if it includes the superintendent and foreman of a mill as well. There has been some confusion on this point in the past.

It is quite important also that Section 2 of Article VI. of the Constitution relative to the matter of proxies be changed. By a recent ruling of the collector of internal revenue of the United States, a tax of ten cents will be charged on each proxy if we continue the former method of voting; and I would, therefore, recommend that hereafter no State shall have a vote unless represented, and that, when represented, the persons present shall only have a right to cast the vote for the full number of members in that State who have paid their dues. This will stop the practice of dividing the vote of a State, when not represented, among other States, and will obviate the trouble that we have had in years past in the Committees on Credentials regarding proxies. I trust that the Committee on Constitution and By-laws will give this their careful attention.

During the past twelve months the Order has been extended as far North as Manitoba, we having secured through the efforts of our Junior Hoo-Hoo some thirty-eight members in that country. We have also received very complimentary editorials in some of the foreign lumber press, including the "Timber Trades Journal," of London, which had quite an extensive article regarding the workings of our society.

Any association that has attained the size of ours is naturally bound to suffer some loss each year from the "grim reaper," and we can but sympathize with the widow and the orphan who are thus bereaved. It is gratifying to note, however, that our loss in this direction has been less in the year just ended than for several years past. This matter will, of course, come before the Committee on Resolutions.

It may not be amiss to give you some idea of the amount of work devolving upon the Snark in the conducting of his office. I will not, however, go into any lengthy remarks on this subject, but simply state that the total number of letters received up to September 8 is 537, about 150 of that

number being from the Scrivenoter's office. The total number of letters written up to September 8 is 380, which does not include the duplicates of circular letters sent to Vicegerents.

I wish to take this occasion to thank the Scrivenoter for his faithful performance of the duties intrusted to him. The work of his office is arduous, and requires a great deal of painstaking labor. I have no doubt that each member recognizes the importance of his position and the able manner in which it has been filled.

I wish also to thank each one of the members of the Supreme Nine for his prompt and courteous responses to all communications and for his loyal support in the objects for which we have labored.

In conclusion, I wish to say that, in my humble opinion, we can all be proud of Hoo-Hoo and of the high standing which the Order holds from Maine to California and from the great lakes to the Gulf. Our membership roll speaks for itself, containing as it does many of the most prominent men in the country in the various lines of business who are eligible. We have the only society of its kind on earth to-day, and in that alone it is most unique. Being limited to 9,999 members, we are fast coming to the point where this limit will be reached; and it will devolve upon us very soon to determine what we are to do after that time. We can congratulate ourselves, however, upon the fact that we no longer need to urge any one to join our ranks, believing as I do that we confer an honor upon any one who is elected to membership.

I realize fully that many more things might have been done for the upbuilding of Hoo-Hoo, but the twelve months have passed away rapidly, and I, therefore, beg the indulgence and charity of all those who have cause to think that any points of vantage have been neglected or overlooked.

With many thanks for your kind consideration and attention and wishing you, one and all, "Health, Happiness, and Long Life," this report is respectfully submitted.

Again, then, let me thank you from the bottom of my heart and in behalf of our entire membership for this splendid welcome; and I can assure you, Mr. Chairman, that if any of us get away without taking advantage of all the good things that you have offered us it will be simply because our capacity is not sufficient to contain it all. [Applause.]

[After the applause had subsided, Mr. English took from a large, beautifully-polished, satin-lined box a massive and the most unique presiding officer's gavel within the knowledge of any one present. This had been accompanied by the following letter on the letter head of the Chicago Lumber and Manufacturing Company, dated Denver, Col., September 9, 1899:]

R. W. English, Esq., Bojurn, Conatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, City—Dear Sir: Herewith please find "gavel" made of the following nine different kinds of wood—viz.:

- 1. Eastern white pine.
2. Southern yellow pine.
3. California sugar pine.
4. Oregon fir.
5. San Domingo mahogany.
6. Bird's-eye maple.
7. Pennsylvania cherry.
8. Black walnut.
9. Arkansas white oak.

Please be kind enough to present same to Snark of the Universe, with our compliments, and oblige, Yours truly, THE CHICAGO LUMBER & MFG. CO., R. F. Vreeland, President and Manager.

Mr. English (removing gavel from box and presenting to Snark Gladding)— Before the report of the Scrivenoter is read, Mr. Snark, and as I leave the chair to you, I have a small box that was sent here a few moments ago; and I am requested by the Chicago Lumber and Manufacturing Company, of this city, to present this beautiful gavel to the Snark of the Universe. With this in his hand as presiding officer of the Order of Hoo-Hoo, they, as well as this particular convention, well may heed its sound. I am also requested to ask, Mr. Snark, that when your successor has been elected and duly installed you will turn over to him this gavel, that he may call us from work to rest and enjoyment; and then the deep valleys and the high moun-

tains will echo back: "Health, Happiness, Long Life, peace, and good will to mankind." [Applause.]

The Snark—: Mr. English and Members of the Order of Hoo-Hoo: It gives me great pleasure to accept this beautiful and most unique gavel. It is certainly emblematic of the Order; and if an officer should preside over a concatenation and any one should step inside the door and see this gavel raised, he certainly would know that he had no business there unless he were a Hoo-Hoo. It is a most graceful gift from its generous donors, to whom the sincere thanks of this Order are due. I certainly am proud of this gift, and I am sure that I voice the sentiment of every member when I say that it will be appreciated by every one in the Order. While it is in my hands I shall endeavor to use it wisely, and I trust this Order may grow and flourish many years to come and this gavel may always be in the hands of a Snark of whom you will all be proud. I thank you and the donors again. [Applause.]

[The Snark assumed the presiding officer's station at this juncture, and the Scrivenoter proceeded to read his report, which was listened to with close attention and greeted with applause.]

Scrivenoter's Report.

As all important questions affecting the general welfare of the order will be fully and freely discussed, and passed on by competent committees as this meeting progresses, the Scrivenoter will confine himself for the present to those matters directly entrusted to his care. Our receipts and disbursements for the year ending at close of business September 8, have been as follows:

Table with columns: RECEIVED, DISBURSED, Total. Includes items like Balance Sept. 9, 1898, Permanent fund for relief, Dues, etc.

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I have audited the books of J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter of the Conatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, for the year ending Sept. 8, 1899, and find the above statement of receipts and disbursements correct. JO. EDWARDS, JR., Accountant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of Sept. 1899. J. HILL EAKIN, Notary Public.

The above disbursements are all covered by vouchers. I have these vouchers here, as well as all the books of the order. If any member desires a more minute analysis of these disbursements than is given in above statement, I will be glad to have him examine these vouchers.

The Permanent Fund for Relief.

The foregoing receipts and disbursements include all money received into and disbursed from the "Permanent Fund for Relief." The establishment of this fund by the Supreme Nine whose term of office is now about to end, has proven a wise and beneficent move, and has met with the heartiest endorsement from the members in every section. The "Permanent Fund for Relief" should be maintained, and calls for voluntary contributions should issue whenever necessary to keep the balance adequate at all times to meet any probable calls. The plan is infinitely preferable, in my opinion, for many reasons, to the old plan of issuing a special call for a

trifling pittance for each individual case of distress—entailing, of necessity, a tedious delay. In cases of imminent distress, and it is only this sort of distress that we propose to relieve, the nimble penny is far handier than great expectations. So far as it has been possible, the disbursements from this fund have been made in the nature of loans, upon properly executed notes, which, when paid, will be turned back into the fund. The following separate statement will more clearly show the present state of the fund:

Table showing contributions and balance. Total: \$918 00 - \$918 00.

Concatenations. Eighty-five Concatenations have been held during the year as follows:

Large table with columns: No., Date, PLACE, Men, Remitted Scrivenoter. Lists various concatenation events across different locations and dates.

This statement shows an increase of 11 in the number of Concatenations held, and of 105 in the number of men initiated.

Honorary Membership.

Seven men have been admitted to honorary membership, as follows:

- No. 21. Sherman Ralsey Miller, Detroit, Mich.
No. 22. Charles Durant Haywood, Cleveland, Ohio.
No. 23. Henry John Eaton Lancaster, Shreveport, La.
No. 24. Arthur Sidney Toombs, Shreveport, La.
No. 25. John Hill Eakin, Nashville, Tenn.
No. 26. Thomas David Ruffin, Memphis, Tenn.
No. 27. D. A. Fisher, Memphis, Tenn.

The Deceased.

The following twenty-nine members have died since our last coming together:

- 283. McLaughlin, W. A. Minneapolis, Minn.
481. Brooks, T. B. Topeka, Kans.
503. Hansen, J. E. DeForest, Wis.
638. Shurlock, F. E. Marietta, Ohio.
1,082. Kondig, A. Texarkana, Texas.
2,388. Walke, Henry Norfolk, Va.
2,645. Barber, R. L. Cairo, Ill.
2,708. Hogaboom, E. E. Hot Springs, Ark.
2,708. Haskins, Wm. Waltham, Mass.
2,727. McDonald, W. A. West Superior, Wis.
2,703. Hudspeth, E. E. Pike City, Ark.
3,025. Gault, W. J. Oklahoma City, O. T.
3,380. Hardin, T. A. East Cairo, Wis.
3,511. Hunt, R. E. Chicago, Ill.
3,573. Wetherill, G. T. Detroit, Mich.
3,682. Hutchins, C. N. Millville, Ark.
4,004. Obeare, Fred. Timpon, Texas.
4,145. Noble, J. B. Waco, Texas.
4,150. Rowe, C. A. Atlanta, Ga.
4,230. Sparks, O. M. Chattanooga, Ga.
4,255. LeHane, R. E. Clatsaw, Miss.
5,223. McLeod, C. R. Fitzgerald, Ga.
5,048. Lyons, G. S. Decatur, Ill.
5,085. Kirby, W. S. Nashville, Tenn.
5,129. Spongler, A. T. Vicksburg, Miss.
5,318. Briggs, W. E. Jackson, Ohio.
5,790. Holmes, John E. Paragould, Ark.
5,748. Connelly, Bailey West Monroe, La.
6,023. O'Ferrall, O. G. Sedgwick, Ark.

The Record of Work.

The record of work done by the Vicegerents in the several states from September 9, 1898, is as follows:

Table with columns: VICEGERENT, CONCATENATIONS, MEN INITIATED, HONORARY INITIATES. Lists work done by vicegerents in various states.

The foregoing shows Mr. W. M. Johns, of Missouri, to have the largest number of initiates to his individual credit—78.

with Mr. C. J. Church, of California, a close second with 59; Mr. John Mason, of Mississippi, is third, with 54, and Mr. J. P. Brower and Mr. John B. Goodhue, of Arkansas and Texas, respectively, are tied for fourth place, with 48½ initiates each. Some of the states have had more than one Vicegerent, and as a consequence the foregoing comparisons do not in every case indicate the total number of initiates in the states named. For instance, Arkansas has had three Vicegerents, and 111½ men have been initiated in that State; Georgia has had two Vicegerents, and 73 men have been initiated there, while Tennessee, with a like number of Vicegerents, has a total of 34.

Resigned and Expelled.

Twenty-one resignations have been tendered and received, as against forty reported last year. This decrease of nearly 50 per cent. is exceedingly gratifying, as showing the general good feeling that pervades the order. No expulsions have occurred, and no formal charges have been preferred, which is also gratifying for the same reason. For those who are interested in comparisons, attention might also be called to the remarkable decrease in the number of deaths reported to the Scrivenoter—the number being twenty-nine, as against forty-three last year. That the number of resignations should decline, under the great enthusiasm and earnestness in Hoo-Hoo that has characterized Snark Gladding's incumbency from its very beginning, and which speaks more of a compliment to that gentleman's work and worth than anything I could possibly say, is perhaps not remarkable; and that the expulsions and complaints should have fallen to zero, is also explainable upon the hypothesis of a gradual weeding out of unworthy men in years past. But this singular fact of the decrease of deaths in the face of steady accessions to our membership would appear as inscrutable as it is pleasing.

I cannot close my report without extending to my confreres of the Supreme Nine my congratulations upon an administration that cannot but be regarded as a most signally successful one, and of my thanks to the forty-four vicegerents—those sturdy men in the field—whose frequently unseen but arduous labors have so greatly contributed to that success.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BAIRD, Scrivenoter.

The Snark—: Since receiving the gavel, Mr. English has handed me a letter from the Chicago Lumber and Manufacturing Company, and I note the interesting fact that this gavel is composed of nine different kinds of wood—Eastern white pine, Southern yellow pine, California sugar pine, Oregon fir, San Domingo mahogany, bird's-eye maple, Pennsylvania cherry, black walnut, and Arkansas white oak. So you see it is a Hoo-Hoo gavel in more senses than one. I would now suggest that we pass a vote of thanks to the Chicago Lumber and Manufacturing Company, of Denver, for this beautiful present. Without waiting for a motion to be made, all in favor will please say, "Aye."

[The motion was passed unanimously.]

The Snark—: Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, I want to call your particular attention to the fact that to-night we have the annual Hoo-Hoo concatenation, for which there are several candidates to be initiated. It is the special request of the Supreme Nine that every member be present. We want to have a first-class concatenation in every respect. I also wish to impress upon you the fact that it is very necessary that every member of the Order be present at every business session during this meeting. The ladies will be very nicely taken care of by the people of Denver, as we have already learned; and, as I have already stated before, it is necessary that we get through with the business of the Order in the best and quickest possible manner.

Mr. English (momentarily resuming the presiding officer's position)—: Gentlemen, you heard read a short time ago the Snark's report. What action do you wish to take in regard to this matter?

Col. A. D. McLeod (737)—: I move its adoption.

R. H. Campbell (1672)—: I second that.

Mr. English—: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion, duly made and seconded. All in favor say, "Aye."

[The motion was carried unanimously.]

Mr. English—: You have heard the report of our Scrivenoter. What is your pleasure?

A. H. Weir (2505)—: I listened attentively to that, and on one point I wish some information. I heard in one place somewhere that he reports 48½ men initiated. I want to know if there is only a half man initiated or if he is only half a man, and, if only half a man, what became of the other half. [Laughter.] But I presume that will come later. Therefore I move the report be adopted. It was a most excellent report, and shows the Order in a most excellent condition.

J. C. Volk (2821)—: Second the motion.

[The report was formally adopted.]

Mr. English—: I will say, for the benefit of the gentleman who made the motion to adopt, that this "half a man" comes about in this way: Occasionally the Vicegerents of two adjacent jurisdictions join hands in a concatenation, and the initiates are divided between them; and if there happens to be an odd number of these initiates, a "half man" is the result in the "Record of Work." For instance, just recently, down at Texarkana, which you all know is a small town in two big States, the Vicegerents joined hands in a concatenation, at which nine men were initiated. Each Vicegerent was credited with "4½ men." Similarly you will note some of the Vicegerents credited with "one-half" in the number of concatenations held. This is about right, is it not, Mr. Scrivenoter [turning to that officer]?

The Scrivenoter—: Entirely so. You cover the case; and in every instance both halves of the man were initiated. [Laughter.]

Mr. English—: And both halves initiated at the same time. Don't forget that. [Laughter.]

[No. 2505 thoroughly understood this, being an old hand at holding concatenations—split and otherwise—and only wanted, while having a little fun, to clear up a point that seems to puzzle recent initiates considerably.]

B. Arthur Johnson (2)—: I just want to make a very little announcement about the group photograph. It will be taken immediately upon adjournment, or as soon as you can get to the Capitol steps, where the group will be formed. This is an historic matter that we must, if possible, preserve. We have had three or four such groups made, and they have all been wonderful pictures. The same firm who will take this picture are probably the greatest scenic artists in the world, which is easy to understand among these blue skies and white clouds and in this altitude; and I want you to send to the hotel for any of your friends who may be absent from the meeting and make this group as complete as possible.

The Snark—: I hope you will comply. I will now announce the following committees:

The Committees.

On Credentials—Harry W. Anderson, Georgia, chairman; J. E. Preston, Colorado; Morris A. Hayward, Ohio; Guy H. Mallam, Missouri; R. H. Vidmer, Alabama.

On Constitution and By-laws—W. E. Barns, Missouri, chairman; Platt B. Walker, Minnesota; W. W. Kelley, New York; W. B. Stillwell, Georgia; J. W. Koester, Ohio; F. L. Wagar, Alabama; R. W. Stewart, Colorado.

On Auditing—D. T. Call, Texas, chairman; Charles Keith, Missouri; Harvey Avery, Louisiana; W. S. Brannam, Illinois; J. W. Ferguson, Arkansas.

On Resolutions—Col. A. D. McLeod, Ohio, chairman; W. A. Zelnicker, Missouri; W. J. Kilduff, Alabama; W. H. Wilson, Tennessee; Capt. George Lock, Louisiana; William Clancy, Illinois; J. L. Keith, Texas.

On Good of the Order—R. D. Inman, Oregon, chairman;

J. D. Hand, Alabama; R. H. Campbell, Ohio; Joseph W. Myles, Michigan; George Lawler, Washington; Ora Darnell, Missouri; E. T. Bennett, Tennessee.

On Press—R. W. English, Colorado, chairman; B. A. Johnson, Illinois; Charles Goodlander, Kansas; R. W. Hemenway, Colorado; Charles Hill, Georgia.

On Complaints—H. H. Hemenway, Wisconsin, chairman; C. F. Degen, Georgia; A. W. Daugherty, Minnesota; R. F. Flotson, Ohio; E. M. Vietmeier, Pennsylvania.

On Ritual—Charles H. Hill, Georgia, chairman; J. J. Mossman, New York; W. A. Pickering, Missouri; F. W. Lawrence, Massachusetts; C. A. Lyon, Texas; J. H. Baird, Tennessee.

The Snark—: As we wish to begin business Monday morning as early as possible and get through with our work by Tuesday noon—and I think we can do so easily enough if every member will pay attention to the business of the Order—I would request that the chairmen of the various committees call their members together as early as convenient to-day or to-morrow; at any rate, at some time before Monday morning. I do not want you to work on Sunday, but I think if you get right to work this afternoon you will not have to extend over until the day of rest. Any chairman wishing a list of these committees can obtain them from the Scrivenoter. Is this all the business to come before the meeting this morning?

The Scrivenoter—: I have on my desk a large number of communications by telegraph and letter from absent members, and others are arriving every hour. Following the custom of recent meetings, I move the reading of these communications be dispensed with at this meeting and the Scrivenoter be instructed to print them in the September "Bulletin."

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I second the motion.

[The motion was passed without dissent.]

R. W. English—: I would like to make one more announcement in regard to the picnic that will occur on Wednesday of this week. I heard accidentally last night that two or three of our visitors—and they are members of the Order—contemplated leaving Denver before Wednesday. Now you are losing the best part of this show if you do. I want to impress that on your minds. If you do not take that trip that we have arranged for you to Ward, through the Boulder Valley, and up the mountains, you are losing the scenic treat of your lives. I have been over the road twice, and I know what I am talking about. I hope none of the members will leave Colorado—or, rather, Denver—until after that picnic, which will occur on Wednesday, the 13th of this month. We have our trains all engaged and all ready. It is a complimentary affair, and will not cost you a cent. You need not take your pocketbooks with you. But don't go away without this trip. We have ample room. The Union Pacific Railroad furnishes two large, broad-gauge trains from Denver to Boulder, and we have five trains from Boulder to Ward. We stop a few minutes at Ward, and en route have a cold lunch served at Mont Alto, and remain there two or three hours for rest and refreshment. You will have the pleasure of passing the mining camp and the ranch of Lyman Gage, whom you probably well know, a sight well worth seeing, well worth going a distance of 2,000 miles to look at. You pass above his ranch at an elevation of 350 feet, looking down into the valley, seeing the different mining machinery buildings, as well as his ranch and residence; and you see the American flag on a 40-foot flagstaff always waving in that beautiful little valley. Now, gentlemen and ladies, do not leave the State and do not leave Denver until you make that trip with us. [Applause.]

[Mr. R. W. Hemenway (2222) enumerated the expenses,

time-tables, etc., involved in a trip to Colorado Springs, the Garden of the Gods, etc.]

D. T. Call (1390)—: I would like to ask that Auditing Committee to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon in Room 337, Brown Palace Hotel.

W. E. Barns (3)—: The Committee on Constitution and By-laws will meet in Room 316, the Brown Palace, at 2:30 this afternoon. It is very desirable that all the members of that committee be present at that time.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: If any one has any complaints to hand to the Committee on Complaints, he may leave them at Room 329, Brown Palace. We will then call the committee together and act on them.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I would like to meet the members of the Committee on Credentials at Room 405 at 3 o'clock.

A. D. McLeod (737)—: I would like the Committee on Resolutions to meet about 3 o'clock, if that will be convenient, in Room 241, the Snark's office.

R. W. English (2220)—: If any of these newspaper men want to interview the Press Committee, they will find them walking up and down Sixteenth street. [Laughter.]

R. D. Inman (2186)—: I would like to announce that on Monday at 3 o'clock I would like to have the Committee on Good of the Order meet in the Snark's office.

The Scrivenoter—: I have been requested by the manufacturer of these white caps to announce that they are on sale in Room 237, I believe, at the Brown Palace Hotel. Any one wanting these caps, which are something in the nature of an additional badge, and particularly appropriate for the mountain trips, can secure them there.

W. B. Stillwell (3953)—: I would like to ask, for information, if they have those caps lined with wool for Pike's Peak.

The Scrivenoter—: Every man is expected to furnish his own wool. [Laughter.]

The Snark—: That would let Brother Barns out. [Laughter.]

W. B. Stillwell (3953)—: That is it; I was asking in the interest of those who didn't have enough. [Laughter.]

[The Snark called for the song, "America," the words of which were printed on the programme, and all arose and sang, closing the day's session at 11:36 A.M.]

The Snark—: We now stand adjourned, and will proceed directly to the Capitol Building.

[Following the adjournment, many of the members, with their ladies, walked to the east steps of the Capitol Building, where, after the customary arranging and rearranging, photographs were taken of the group in two positions. Some of the members spent the remainder of the afternoon in shopping or inspecting the handsome public and semi-public buildings of Denver, while the various committees devoted hours to their several tasks in rooms at the Brown Palace Hotel.]

The Concatenation.

The concatenation was held Saturday evening, as per programme, and in the convention hall, on the eighth floor of the Brown Palace Hotel, where all the business sessions of the Annual Meeting, except the first, were held. It was a magnificent hall for the purpose, and had been specially decorated for the occasion with tall, waving trees and green, waving grass about the stations of the officers and in the gardens right and left. About 200 members were in the hall to witness the initiation of the following nineteen candidates:

William Henry DeHecker, Denver, Col.

William Mortimer Lampton, Denver, Col.

John Maupin Lengue, Denver, Col.

William Denver Moore, Denver, Col.

George Washington Martin, Denver, Col.
 Edwin Ruthven Griffin, Denver, Col.
 Charles Morton Hicklin, Denver, Col.
 William Frederick Allen, Denver, Col.
 William Fall Bailey, Denver, Col.
 Walter Baxter Kinhead, Denver, Col.
 David Erwin Gibson, Canyon City, Col.
 Taylor Joseph Wells, Culbertson, Neb.
 Joseph Wellegar Woollett, Boulder, Col.
 Arthur Lovett Wylie, St. Louis, Mo.
 James Albert Edds, Pekin, Ill.
 George Morrill Sargent, Kansas City, Mo.
 Thomas James Gardner, Las Animas, Col.
 Edward Knothole McClain, Manzanola, Col.
 Franklin Ulysses Nofziger, Redlands, Cal.

At this concatenation Ransom Pinckney Webb, of the printing and publishing firm of Foster & Webb, Nashville, Tenn., was made an honorary member. Mr. Webb's firm is one of the most prominent in its line in the South, and Mr. Webb is personally quite an acquisition to the Order. Those who officiated at the concatenation were:

Snark, N. A. Gladding.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, Joseph Myles.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, Platt B. Walker, Jr.
 Bojum, A. D. McLeod.
 Scrivener, J. H. Baird.
 Jubberwock, R. D. Inman.
 Custocatian, Harry W. Anderson.
 Aranoper, D. Tramy Call.
 Gurdon, E. M. Vietmeier.

It will be seen from the above that the stations were nominally filled by the members of the Supreme Nine. In reality, however, much of the work was administered by local members and others. For instance, Mr. G. C. Hemenway ably assisted in the station of the Senior Hoo-Hoo; while his brother, Mr. B. W. Hemenway, the Vicegerent for Colorado, did the same thing for the Junior.

Sunday, September 10.

On Sunday morning, in accordance with the special request of the Snark, a large number of the delegates and the Hoo-Hoo and their ladies assembled in the corridor of the Brown Palace Hotel and walked one block to Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, where two entire sections of seats had been reserved for the party. The services began with the singing of the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," by the congregation, led by a choir of 125 and accompanied by a magnificently-toned organ. The pastor of the church, Rev. Camden M. Cobern, delivered an impressive prayer, which was followed by the hymn: "Hark, Hark, My Soul, Angelic Sounds Are Swelling!" Dr. Cobern delivered an eloquent sermon, taking his text from the third chapter of Hebrews, fourth verse: "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God." He said, in part:

Dr. Cobern's Sermon.

I speak this morning with special reference to the builders and the dealers in lumber who are in this congregation. The world owes a great deal to its lumbermen, and this association now assembled in this city, I suppose, represents an invested capital so enormous as almost to paralyze one's mathematical faculties were he to seek to grasp it. It is a beneficent work in life to furnish homes to men and to erect temples to God; but I wish especially to point out this morning the fact that he who furnishes the materials, and who, after all, is the Great Builder, is God; that the earliest buildings whose names have come down to us and the most magnificent buildings now in existence are not owned by rich men, but are God's buildings, either edifices of which God is the architect and builder or else dedicated to God's worship and praise.

A great writer has pointed out that architecture began as all writing began. It was at first only a pictorial alphabet, an alphabet of few letters. A stone was planted upright or a circle of stones was made, and this was a letter, and each letter was a symbolic picture, expressing some deep thought. The circle, the shaft, the capital, were symbols of groups of ideas, which, in the poverty of primitive speech, could not be uttered in language, but had to be made visible and permanent in some other way; and thus real architecture arose, the earliest book of humanity.

The first book that man ever read was written in blocks of granite and carved out of columns of cedar. The pillar, the arch, the arcade, the colonnade, formed symbolic alphabets; and from these arose those marvelous books known as the pagoda of India, the pyramids of Egypt, the temple of Solomon. So for many thousands of years the cromlech or the cairn or the obelisk, the tabernacle or the temple, were the only books read by the people. They saw the law of God literally carved on tables of stone.

The temple at Jerusalem was a magnificent volume in cedar and fir and brass and gold, impressing the Hebrews and all nations with the holiness of God, with his glory and majesty, as no library of written books could possibly have done at that time. It was known and read of all men. Seventy-seven years it was in building. There were fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains and threescore and ten thousand that bore burdens and brought great stones—costly stones and hewed and sawed stones—to lay the foundation of the house. Of cedar was the house within, carved work of wild gourds, and open flower work. All was cedar; there was no stone seen; and Solomon overlaid the whole house within—the joists and thresholds and walls—with pure gold, and he made a partition by chains of gold before the holy of holies. The altar also and cherubim, ten cubits in height, with outstretched wings, he overlaid with gold; and then he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, within and without, and the floor of the house he overlaid with gold. Upon the doors of olive wood and sandalwood he carved cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and he overlaid them with gold. Hiram, the widow's son from Tyre, a man filled with wisdom and understanding and cunning in all work in brass, in gold and silver, and in wood, made brazen nets of checkwork and wreaths of chainwork; and he made two pillars of copper, each eighteen cubits in height; and he made a molten sea of brass which stood upon twelve oxen, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup with flowers of lilies; and he made ten levers of brass and ten movable carriages to support the levers, and on the borders of these were carved lions, oxen, and cherubims, and palm trees, with festoons hanging beneath. He made two great pillars of brass and two globes on top of the pillars, covered with network, and four hundred pomegranates for the network and lily work—all of bright brass. Neither was the weight of the brass found out, for Solomon left all these things and the brazen vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many; and the candlesticks and the lamps and the censers were of gold, and the bowls and the snuffers, the basins and the spoons, the hinges of all the doors and the nails were of pure gold, and the weight of the nails alone was fifty skekels of gold. In the most holy house he made two cherubims of carved work, and overlaid them with gold.

Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the Lord was finished, and the silver and the gold and all the vessels put he among the treasures of the house of the Lord. I think it is very doubtful whether anybody in this house ever figured upon material anywhere approaching these in value.

The influence upon the people and all their visitors at this temple, with its gorgeous ritual, with its immense priestly orchestra, with its processions on holy days of white-robed ministers, with its great altar of thanksgiving (upon which the fire never went out), with its strange, prophetic offerings of slain lambs, we can scarcely overestimate.

Intercommunication between nations (as has been discovered only in recent months) was then almost as constant as now. A distinguished Orientalist has just announced his discovery that Solomon brought his gold from Spain. No one now doubts that over the great international highway past Jerusalem men from Egypt and Phenicia and Cyprus and Greece and many parts of Europe were constantly passing. There are many indications, it seems to me, in the writings of Plato and other ancient philosophers, that the influence of the theology of the temple of Jerusalem had been felt by the great thinkers of al-

most every nation. The symbolic volume in gold and stone prepared these strangers for the examination of the written book of prophecy. The temple was a sermon in stone, and its two great obelisks, Joehim (?) and Bons (?), were monotheistic fingers pointing to heaven.

The early Christian disciples likewise, as soon as they were allowed by the State to hold property, began to erect houses of worship. Our church histories tell us that there was probably more building of this kind in the fourth century than there has been during any period since, excepting perhaps the nineteenth century in the United States. In the fourth century forty great churches were erected in the city of Rome alone. The early emperors, bishops, and wealthy laymen vied with each other in building, beautifying, and enriching churches.

Under the breath of Christianity pagan architecture began to change. Sometimes heathen temples were turned into Christian churches, as the Parthenon in the seventh century. Yet heathen temples were not well fitted to be Christian churches, because the Christians come within the temples to worship, while among heathen people only the priests were allowed to enter. The outline form of the earliest church was the Roman basilica, or court of justice. As the cross became changed from a sign of weakness to a sign of honor and victory, so did the basilica, in which innumerable martyrs were condemned to death, become a place for the worship of the crucified One. The Byzantine style of architecture followed this, wherein a great dome resting on a few columns, connected by arches, covers the congregation, like the vault of heaven. The noblest building of this kind is the church of St. Sophia, at Constantinople, built some fourteen hundred years ago, the dome of which, as has been said, "seems not to rest upon the earth, but to hang from heaven by golden chains." When Justinian looked at the costly marble pillars and then up, far up, into the dome, where a thousand stars could be seen reflecting the brilliance of the lighted silver chandeliers, he cried out, "I have outdone thee, O Solomon!" but the glory of the temple of Solomon was in the symbolic teaching of the beauty of holiness, and that glory later Christian temples have lacked oftentimes.

The mystery of the temple and its value as a book of revelations ceased with the invention of the printing press. The volume of stone gave way to the volume of paper, whose name is legion. Yet who is there who can step into one of the great churches of Europe to-day and not feel filled with a sense of divine awe? It is a haven of worship, where the Lord has made the place of his feet glorious. The cathedral is the Christian Hind in stone. St. Peter's is the Pantheon broken on the Parthenon and sanctified by the oil of gladness and the frankincense and myrrh of Beth and Gethsemane.

Why do we dwell upon this? Because, as all must acknowledge, there has been thus far in the world no other architecture like Christian architecture. . . . But the temple of the Lord is not confined to works of masonry, however magnificent. Even Solomon knew that the Lord dwelleth not in temples made with hands. "The groves were God's first temples." The earth itself has this as its chief glory: that it is the house of God, the gate of heaven. The Builder of this earth is the greatest Architect. . . . Man is the priest, the divinely-appointed minister of this great world temple. Man himself is the true temple of Jehovah, of which the temple of Solomon and the great world temples are but types and shadows. . . . "Holiness is the architectural plan upon which God buildeth up his living temple." The architecture of the house of prayer and the beauty of the ritual and the garments of the worshippers are of little importance; it is the spiritual beauty of inward purity and outward holiness that is precious in the sight of our Lord. There are no royal colors that can equal this. . . . In the actual man and in the ordinary church the purity is stained, the beauty is defaced. We do not ask now why it is so; we all feel that it is so. We shrink from this call to an inward worship of the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

We do not like the word. We do not crave holiness. There is something awful in the thought of being holy. It is the awfulness of absolute purity in the presence of impurity, perfect beauty in the presence of deformity, honor in the presence of dishonor and shame, holiness in the presence of sinfulness. How, then, shall we approach Him before whom the angels bow and archangels veil their faces, Him in whose sight the white radiance of heaven itself is stained with impurity? We need a helper, a support; one who can be peace for us; one who can sympathize as man and pardon as God; one who, himself holy, spotless, and undefiled, can wash and cleanse and purify

us in the waters of salvation, until we, too, shall be white and like unto himself.

This is no dream; it is the joy of heaven come down to earth. Jesus can save his people of all their sins, can cleanse us for all eternity, can create us anew and make us new creatures—holy temples of the Holy Ghost. He who shone out of Zion the perfection of beauty, the one altogether lovely—he hath looked upon us; and, looking at him, we have been changed into his likeness and the beauty of the Lord our God has come upon us. The Lord of hosts has become to us a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty. Do you know this sweet secret, this blessed, heavenly secret, of how to obtain the beauty of holiness, and, like the Master, to be full of grace and beauty? Men, all the bells of all the 100,000 churches of this nation are not enough to ring out the glad news.

O for a thousand tongues to sing
 My great Redeemer's praise,
 The glories of my God and King,
 The triumph of his grace!
 He breaks the power of cankered sin,
 He sets the prisoner free;
 His blood can make the foulest clean,
 His blood availed for me.

The man who repents of his sins and, with devout faith in God, builds up his life to the divine pattern and of the materials that he furnishes shall find that even death cannot destroy it; and when earth itself shall grow old and pass away, he shall yet live on in a "building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The sermon and its appropriate references were listened to with rapt attention, as were the beautiful solos and the concluding benediction, at the conclusion of which the pastor held an informal reception.

Sunday afternoon was spent quietly by most, but many made side trips to the mountains and mining scenes closely available, while others rode about the city and visited its most inviting spots.

Monday, September 11.

Forenoon Session.

The opening session of Monday was the first secret session of the meeting. It was called to order at 9:00 in the hall, on the eighth floor of the Brown Palace Hotel, a magnificently-finished and lighted structure, with spacious windows looking out toward the snow-clad peaks of the Medicine Bow Range. Absolutely no interruption to the splendid weather had occurred. It had even grown more delightful, with a slight rise in the temperature in the city, though the mountains had evidently received an additional mantle of snow since Saturday.

The Snark asked for the calling of the roll, and the Scrivener moved that it be dispensed with, being seconded by C. H. Hill; and a substitute was offered by E. M. Vietmeier, who was acting as Gurdon at the door to the convention room, and who seconded desirable motions generously throughout the session, with the aid of possibly the strongest pair of lungs in Hoo-Hoo. The substitute, seconded by W. L. Clancy, was to the effect that each member rise in turn and give his number. The substitute prevailed, and the following rose in turn and announced their numbers:

J. M. Myles, 2100.	H. W. Hogue, 2703.
N. A. Gladding, 99.	A. A. White, 162.
C. P. Ives, 447.	W. McK. Rankin, 2214.
J. B. Goodhue, 4525.	R. W. English, 2220.
G. F. Rich, 681.	P. B. Walker, Jr., 48.
W. L. Clancy, 2592.	G. W. Schwartz, 4.
N. H. Falk, 6790.	C. A. Lyon, 515.
M. J. Lorden, 4924.	W. E. Rayna, 3.
G. H. Wunderlich, 3485.	J. F. Taylor, 2220.
C. H. Hill, 27.	T. C. Wainman, 6070.
H. W. Anderson, 2351.	E. H. Dowler, 5327.
L. C. Jankway, 2222.	G. M. Asher, 4714.

- W. B. Stillwell, 3953.
- H. B. Bullen, 2111.
- G. S. Lawler, 2029.
- C. W. Goodlander, 31.
- A. K. Dekey, 2909.
- D. H. Kresky, 1150.
- R. W. Stewart, 2224.
- M. M. Marsh, 4025.
- W. H. McClintock, 183.
- G. B. Maegly, 5101.
- H. B. Huston, 3896.
- I. Shelby Weiler, 1267.
- A. H. Weir, 2505.
- H. V. Booth, 4412.
- J. H. Dickinson, 4077.
- H. I. Walton, 3473.
- R. D. Inman, 2186.
- R. W. Hemenway, 2223.
- J. H. Baird, 408.
- J. M. Wilson, Jr., 1111.
- S. J. Adams, 2145.

The Snark—: The first committee to be heard from is that on Credentials; Mr. H. W. Anderson, chairman.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: Mr. Barns has papers which he wishes to submit.

W. E. Barns (3)—: The Committee on Constitution and By-laws have thought proper to make a sort of preliminary report covering this matter of proxies, about which most of you already know. It comes in this form:

Worthy Snark and Gentlemen of the Convention: Owing to the fact that the United States Internal Revenue Department has ruled that any proxies used at this meeting must have a ten-cent stamp affixed, it is necessary to change our usual form of voting—

[We put this in the form of a motion, so the thing may come up immediately.]

I move that States not represented here by delegates have no vote, and that the entire paid membership of each State be divided pro rata among the members present from that State as its vote.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I second the motion.

J. B. Goodhue (4525)—: Has a list been made up to determine the number of votes that each State is entitled to?

The Snark—: I believe it has.

W. E. Barns (3)—: That would come from the Credentials Committee.

H. W. Hogue (2793)—: I want to inquire what you mean by the "delegate" used in this motion.

W. E. Barns (3)—: Perhaps I should have explained, as some here may not understand, that if we have here three or four thousand proxies, and attempt to use them, it means an expense of three or four hundred dollars. This motion is designed to avoid that. The paid membership of a State, as contemplated in the motion, is just that—the membership in good standing in the State at this hour. This can be ascertained from the Scrivenoter.

The Scrivenoter—: I move that in that resolution the word "delegates" be stricken out and "members" be substituted.

A. H. Weir (2505)—: I second the amendment.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: We accept the amendment [183 was a member of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws].

H. W. Hogue (2793)—: Does not that make the motion a little inconsistent?

W. E. Barns (3)—: The States having no representatives here have no vote, as you may remember, under the proxy system, the vote of the States unrepresented was pro rated among the represented States, increasing the votes of the latter. Under this motion the vote is on actual representation.

[The Snark put the amendment as proposed by the Scrivenoter, and it was passed without dissent.]

The Snark—: We are now ready to hear from the Credentials Committee.

The Scrivenoter—: Mr. Snark, I would suggest that, as this report from the Credentials Committee fixes the vote of each State, the members from each State make a note as the report is read, and be saved the necessity of asking what this vote is, later on.

[The Snark, having recognized No. 2351—H. W. Anderson, of Georgia, chairman of the Committee on Credentials—that gentleman read:]

Reports of Committees.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

To the Officers and Members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo: Your Committee on Credentials respectfully submit the following report: We recommend the adoption of the suggestion made in the Snark of the Universe's annual report that no State shall have a vote unless represented by some person at each Annual; and, when represented, the person or persons present shall only have a right to cast the vote for the full number of members in that State who have paid their dues. Below follow the States and the number of votes each is entitled to cast, based on their full paid-up membership, as above provided—viz.:

	Votes.		Votes.
Alabama	85	Michigan	372
Alaska	3	Minnesota	135
Arizona	2	Mississippi	226
Arkansas	280	Missouri	501
California	209	Montana	3
Canada	38	Nebraska	113
China	1	New Jersey	5
Colorado	78	New York	88
Connecticut	4	New Zealand	1
Cuba	2	North Carolina	27
District of Columbia	2	North Dakota	37
England	2	Ohio	346
Florida	27	Oklahoma	55
Georgia	250	Oregon	44
Germany	2	Pennsylvania	120
Idaho	1	Philippines	1
Illinois	284	Rhode Island	1
Indiana	126	South Africa	1
Indian Territory	35	South Carolina	6
Iowa	139	Tennessee	207
Kansas	154	Texas	304
Kentucky	153	Utah	1
Louisiana	227	Virginia	36
Maine	1	Washington	194
Maryland	19	West Virginia	12
Massachusetts	55	Wisconsin	338
Mexico	4	Wyoming	1

Total No. of votes ... 5,349

HARRY W. ANDERSON, Georgia, Chairman;
 J. E. PRESTON, Colorado;
 R. H. VIDMER, Alabama;
 M. A. HAYWARD, Ohio;
 GUY H. MALLAM, Maryland,
 Committee.

[In reading, when he reached Canada in the list, Chairman Anderson interpolated: "I have put all of Canada together, instead of distributing it by provinces."]

W. E. Barns (3)—: There is just one portion, one item, in that report—it refers to the casting of this vote in the election of officers. I think that the Constitution or By-laws provide that a vote by States may be called upon any point, and it occurs to me that this system of voting we are adopting ought to apply not only to election of officers, but to any motion—on any subject—upon which a vote by States may be called.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I accept that amendment. That makes it read—

[The report as printed above embodies the amendment offered by Mr. Barns, which, though quite informally, was unanimously agreed to.]

The Snark—: What will you do with the report?

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: I move that it be adopted.

D. T. Call (1390)—: Second the motion.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: I would like to add the request that the Scrivenoter report what States are represented.

The Snark—: That will come up a little later, Mr. Vietmeier.

[On formal vote, the committee's report was unanimously adopted.]

D. T. Call (1390)—: I would like to ask the Auditing Committee to report to Room 237 at once.

The Snark—: The next committee to be heard from is that on Constitution and By-laws; Mr. W. E. Barns, chairman.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

W. E. Barns (3)—: The Committee on Constitution and By-laws, after a careful going over the present Constitution, did not find any occasion for very many changes, except those which relate to the question of proxies. As you will find by reference to your handbooks, there are about two pages devoted to proxies. We have practically done away with the proxies for this meeting, and we think it advisable to refer to you for your action the suggestion that perhaps it can be done away with entirely.

The first change—if you have your handbooks, by referring to Article III., Section 1, pertaining to eligibility for membership. We would recommend that in the clause relating to railroad men the word "official" be substituted for "agent," and that the word "steam" be put in before the word "railroads." With the change, it would read as follows: "By this term being meant only general officers; general and assistant freight, passenger, and claim agents; purchasing agents; commercial, traveling, soliciting, and contracting freight (not station) agents, and passenger officials of steam railroads." The words "contracting freight and passenger" in there, after consultation with our railroad men, seem to be a misnomer, there being no such thing as a contracting passenger agent. So we want to prevent "body snatchers," as we call them, becoming members; but a passenger official we do want to become a member.

In Article III., Section 4, we would recommend as follows: "Fourth—Sawmill Machinery Men. By this term being meant persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of lumber manufacturers of sawmill or planing mill machinery;" and leaving out the words which I will now read, "or mechanical appliances for sawmill and planing mill machinery." Do you desire that we should comment upon this thing, Mr. Snark, as we go on?

The Snark—: I think it would be well to make an explanation to the members.

W. E. Barns (3)—: We find, after consultation with a number of Vicegerents, that this made a very wide loophole. As most of you know, in the Southern States particularly, the sawmills not only operate the mill, but have commissaries; and this section has been so widely interpreted that men who sold nearly any old thing to the commissaries were allowed to come into our membership. We thought, in view of the fact that our membership is rapidly coming to its full limit, and the further fact that the object of this Order was not to make a great membership, but to make every man inflated eligible in the strictest possible way, that this would give the Vicegerents a little less leeway, or give them an opportunity to rule against some persons who were not intended to be included with us. That was the idea.

The next change suggested is in Section 8, relating to the honorary membership—Section 8 of Article III. As we recommend, it is as follows: "Honorary membership in this Order may be granted upon application filed with the Scrivenoter by the Vicegerent of the State within which the applicant resides, provided such application shall be indorsed by nine members of the Order in good standing; and the initiatory ceremony shall not be necessary to such admission. The honorary membership fee shall be \$33.33, and shall accompany the application; and no further fees, dues, or assessments of any nature shall be levied upon such membership." As it was before, the application must first be submitted for approval of the Supreme Nine, "and shall receive their unanimous indorsement." This was found impracticable. If an honorary member's application had to go to all members of the Supreme Nine, scattered all over the country, it would take at least six or seven weeks to do that; and it was thought wise to make this change, and that if the application for honorary membership be indorsed by nine members of the Order in good standing, that would be sufficient.

The next change we recommend is in Article IV., Section 2. It reads as follows: "The above-named officers shall be elected annually by a majority of the votes cast at the

Hoo-Hoo Annual by roll call of States, as is provided hereinafter for voting—" We purpose to strike out "the proxy representation of the Order."

The next change suggested was in Section 4 in the latter part. It reads as follows, as recommended: "And when, in the judgment of the Supreme Nine, the interests of the Order demand, they may appoint two or more Vicegerents for any State, dividing the territory equitably for such purpose." It has been found, in the course of the last year or two, in at least two or three States, that it was impossible, even with two Vicegerents, for them to cover the State with any sort of efficiency. A case came up in Arkansas, in the territory through which the Pittsburgh and Gulf Railroad runs, and which is entirely separate from the northern part of the State, and that section was beyond reach of the Vicegerent, whereas a man on the ground could cover it very well, and could also cover the eastern portion of the Indian Territory; and the Snark and the Scrivenoter, or the Supreme Nine, found it desirable to appoint a third Vicegerent. In some of the States, as in Texas, they cover as much territory as four or five or six in some of the other States; and it is a long way to go for any Vicegerent, besides putting a burden of expense upon him that we did not think advisable. As it now reads, they may appoint two Vicegerents for any of the States; and we suggest that they appoint two "or more" Vicegerents.

C. A. Lyon (315)—: Is that made mandatory, that there shall be two for each State? I so understand it.

W. E. Barns (3)—: No, sir; they may appoint.

The next change relates to the meetings, Article VI. The committee recommend that Section 2 be entirely eliminated, with relation to proxies, sending out notices and collection of proxies, etc. We recommend that that portion of the Constitution and By-laws be entirely eliminated.

The next change recommended is in Article VIII., on suspension and expulsion. There is one word that we recommend be changed in Section 2. We ask to substitute the word "adopt" for "appoint." For Section 3, as it now reads, we would recommend the following: "Suspended members may be reinstated upon the payment of all back dues and the approval of the Vicegerent of the State in which such member lives, or of the Supreme Scrivenoter." This is in accordance with a suggestion of your Snark in his annual address, and it was found to be impossible to carry out the Constitution as it was before. Some of the members, as you know, live a long way from where a concatenation is held; some are careless about sending in the ninety-nine cents; and if suspended, we think it should be made easier to reinstate them. If a man paid up all back dues and the Vicegerent of the State approved it, or the Supreme Scrivenoter, we thought that was all that was necessary.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I would suggest right there that, instead of Vicegerent of the State, it be the Vicegerent of the district. That would apply to States where there are two or more.

W. E. Barns (3)—: That would be all right.

C. P. Ives (447)—: I would suggest that "or of the Supreme Scrivenoter" be stricken out.

W. E. Barns (3)—: We did not want any one to understand that it was simply the Scrivenoter of the concatenation. It is impossible for the Supreme or general Scrivenoter to be present at all concatenations, and he is more familiar with the members and the work; and we simply wanted to make it plain that it was the Scrivenoter of the Order, and not of the concatenation.

C. P. Ives (447)—: Why not so use it?

W. E. Barns (3)—: That would be all right. That is all the changes in the Constitution. We would move to strike out the "Article IX." as it appears in the handbook. I am inclined to think that that was either a typographical error or simply to make nine articles; and we recommend that that be called Article I. of the By-laws, and that the word "amendments" be stricken out, which is no part or parcel of it, and that Section 1 of the By-laws become Article IX. of the Constitution; so that we will have nine articles in the Constitution, in order to preserve the harmony of the "nine;" that we recommend

for the present Section 1 of the By-laws, "This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the represented membership of the Order, as provided in Article VI. hereof, at any Hoo-Hoo Annual;" and we recommend that the By-laws commence and read as they now are, with "1." In Section 3 we recommend that the word "religuing" be omitted. It has no force. As amended, it would read: "The accounts and disbursements of the Scrivenoter shall be annually audited within nine days of each approaching Annual by a competent accountant appointed by the Snark for that purpose," etc. We would also recommend that Section 7 of the By-laws be entirely eliminated. This relates to the sending of the handbook. It reads at present: "Except in cases of new members, the Scrivenoter shall send out a handbook only upon receipt of the corresponding one of the previous year, which returned book upon receipt shall be destroyed; but in case a member shall have lost his handbook and is unable to return it, he shall make certificate of that fact, that he has made all possible effort to secure repossession of it, and is not nor has been since it left his possession aware of its location or use. Upon receipt of such certificate the Scrivenoter may issue a handbook; but in case a member desires to replace a lost book with one of the same issue, making certificate as above, a charge of one dollar shall be made by the Scrivenoter." We were unable to see any particular force to that. The returning of the handbook is a considerable expense not only to the Order, but to the members. As a rule, they are returned in an envelope with a two-cent stamp; and when they come to Nashville, we are charged ten cents for a book of no possible value to the Order. It can hardly be misused, and we see no reason why it should not be retained; or, if thought desirable, we could put a little note in the beginning of the handbook that upon receipt of the new book the old one be destroyed. This is not being complied with strictly. Some of us retain these books as souvenirs. They could be of no possible use to any one else; so we recommend that that entire section be stricken out.

This is the report that we would like to submit, with the understanding that after a while, after consultation with the Committee on Ritual, we would like to make an addition to the Constitution which would cover the matter of balloting. In the Constitution and By-laws there is no reference to balloting for membership, and the only reference to it is in the ritual on the first page. As it is at present, it reads: "The ballot must be in the form prescribed. . . ." The Committee on Constitution and By-laws recommend that it is mandatory that each candidate be balloted upon separately. We also suggest changing the words "two blackballs" to "three blackballs." These things will be reduced to writing, and will come in later. We simply want to submit the report for your consideration at this early stage, so that if any member has anything to offer along that line we would like to have it before final action on the report.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move that the report on the Constitution and By-laws be accepted, and that the committee be continued to make a supplementary report later. That motion does not mean that the report be adopted, but accepted, so as to bring it before the meeting.

N. H. Falk (5790)—: I second that.

A. H. Weir (2505)—: I want to make one suggestion in regard to Vicegerents. It seems to me it is an error to divide a State in two—"

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I rise to a point of order, that it is not pertinent to the present motion. That will come up in the discussion of the Constitution later.

The Snark—: That is right.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: I would move that the motion read that the report be received and filed, and, after the Committee on By-laws make their final report, it be taken up section by section and acted on.

G. W. Schwartz (4)—: I don't see that that motion changes the original motion any.

[The Snark put the original motion, explaining it.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: That was not the purpose of the motion exactly. My idea is that we can take up this portion of the report by further motion right away if we want to.

The Snark—: Those in favor of the motion of Mr. McClintock please say, "Aye."

[The motion prevailed.]

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I move now that the report be taken up by section and adopted.

Several Voices—: Second the motion.

The Snark—: You could not put it exactly that way—to be taken up by section and adopted.

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: I move as a substitute the word "considered" for "adopted" in the motion just made.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: I second that substitute.

The Scrivenoter—: I move as an amendment that the motion read that the report now be taken up section by section and voted on.

H. W. Anderson (2351) and E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: We accept that.

The Snark—: There has been a substitute for your motion, Mr. Vietmeier, and I want to know if you accept it.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: Yes, sir; I accept that.

[The Snark put the motion offered by the Scrivenoter, which was passed.]

The Snark—: The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, with the exception of the latter part with reference to voting at concatenations, is now before you.

W. E. Barns (3)—: Is it the desire of the meeting to read the entire Constitution, or simply the portions changed?

Several Voices—: The changes.

W. E. Barns (3)—: The first change would be in Article III., first section, relating to railroad men.

[Mr. Barns read again the section as changed; R. W. English moved its adoption, seconded by H. W. Anderson; and the Snark stated the question.]

E. E. Goodlander (31)—: How about steamboat men? I think we have some steamboat agents in Memphis.

W. E. Barns (3)—: I would explain that the steamboat men in the Order were not taken in as steamboat men, but because of their intimate connection with lumbering through the means of transporting the logs to the mills. As you know, in the Northern country a steamboat is about as necessary as a railroad in the South. A steamboat man, as a steamboat man, I do not think has ever been considered as eligible; but when engaged in transporting logs as part of the business, they were admitted.

W. B. Stillwell (3953)—: In that connection, Mr. Snark and brother Hoo-Hoo, it occurs to me that we are excluding one set of steamboat men it would be desirable to have. From the East Coast we ship enormous quantities of lumber by steamboat. We have taken in some steamboat man, as a steamboat man, I do not think has ever been continuing the transporting of the lumber. I would be glad to have them included.

N. H. Falk (5790)—: On the Pacific Coast the same rule holds good, because there we ship a large proportion, perhaps the bigger proportion, of our lumber by steamer to San Francisco and other points.

G. S. Lawler (2029)—: I move that we substitute "steam transportation companies" for "steam railroads." That would cover it.

N. H. Falk (5790)—: I second that.

[The motion was put and formally passed.]

[W. E. Barns repeated the fourth section of Article III., eliminating the phrase "or mechanical appliances for sawmill and planing mill machinery," and R. W. English, seconded by E. E. Goodlander, moved the adoption of the amended section.]

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: Mr. Snark and Gentlemen: The elimination of the last clause in that article or section prevents from coming into the Order men in my business.

It is perfectly true what Brother Barns has said about people being put in who have no business there; and while I have no objection personally to the amended article or section and shall vote for it, I want to put myself on record that it is not a selfish vote. I fought the change in that last year because I did not want it said of me that I tried to shut my competitors out. I simply rise to make that as a personal statement.

[On the formal motion above cited the amended section was adopted as recommended by the committee.]

W. E. Barns (3)—: The next change is in Section 8, relating to honorary membership. [Mr. Barns repeated the section as changed, previously noted.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move that where the word "honorary" appears in that section the phrase "life member" be used.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: I second that motion.

W. B. Stillwell (3953)—: I think it would be unwise to make that change, for the reason that "honorary membership" very often gets you a member when "life member" would not. We feel it as an "honorary" membership. I think the word "honorary" would carry more force than the mere word "life."

The Snark—: First a motion would be in order to adopt that.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: My reason for making the motion is that we charge a fee, which usually is not customary with honorary memberships. I am aware that it is an honor to hold such a membership in this Order, but I have heard some criticisms of the term because of the fee attached to it. That is the reason I made the motion.

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: I would move as a substitute to Mr. McClintock's motion that the words "honorary life membership" be used.

R. D. Inman (2186)—: Second the motion.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: With the consent of the second, I will accept the amendment.

The Snark—: The motion, then, before the house is to have that section read "honorary life membership."

R. W. English (2220)—: I want to inquire for information. We collect from that class of members \$33.33. It seems to me the Vicegerent Snark is entitled to some of that money, the same as he is from a regular candidate. The section should stipulate.

The Snark—: The first question before the house is as to how it shall be worded as to the membership. Are you ready for that question?

[Mr. Walker's motion was passed.]

R. W. English (2220)—: I will make a motion, Mr. Snark, that from honorary life members the Vicegerent Snark be at liberty to retain \$3.33 from each applicant.

J. F. Taylor (2292)—: I second Mr. English's motion.

M. A. Hayward (248)—: What is the object of the retention of this \$3.33 by the Vicegerent Snark?

R. W. English (2220)—: Just the same as on a regular candidate. The Vicegerent Snark retains by our laws \$3.33 to help pay the expenses of a concatenation. Why not retain \$3.33 from this honorary life member as well? I do not see any reason why we should not retain as much from an honorary life member as from a regular member.

M. A. Hayward (248)—: The Vicegerent Snark, in retaining this \$3.33, does so with the idea of applying it to an entertainment; and then he remits the entire remaining proceedings of the concatenation, whether he has expended the full \$3.33 or not. That is what he should do. He should remit all the balance that he does not use. What will he do with the rest? Take the honorary member out and get him full? [Laughter.] I would offer as a substitute that that \$3.33 be credited to the fund of that particular Vicegerent Snark, who has gained this candidate, in the hands of the Scrivenoter of the Order.

The Scrivenoter—: In reply to Mr. Hayward, I would say that this condition of affairs has frequently arisen: Candidates for honorary membership have been secured pending an announced concatenation; those prospective honorary members wanted to attend that concatenation; they wanted to see the regular men initiated, and the Vicegerent was moved largely on account of having these distinguished men at his concatenation to have something very nice and interesting, and they very early last year raised this question of how much they were to have from the honorary membership to apply on their expenses. The matter has never been passed upon at an Annual Meeting or by the Supreme Nine, I believe, and I would be glad to see it settled.

W. B. Stillwell (3953)—: I would move as a substitute for Mr. English's motion in that connection that, instead of \$3.33, \$9.99 be retained by the Vicegerent Snark as a part of the income of that concatenation to be used under the rules of the By-laws for expenses. There has been a suggestion that the amount allowed the Vicegerents be increased, and I think we might to some extent increase the amount on these honorary life members, say to \$9.99.

W. E. Barns (3)—: I would call the attention of the members to the fact that in the last article of the By-laws this matter is considered. I would suggest that this matter be brought up when that article is considered, and any change be made in the By-laws, and not in the Constitution. It seems that if some want to make a change and get it on record an amendment to this section should be offered when that comes up later.

R. W. English (2220)—: I withdraw my motion.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: I move the adoption of that section as read.

The Snark—: Mr. English having withdrawn his motion, the motion now before the house is to adopt this article as read by Mr. Barns.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I notice it says in that section that "the initiatory ceremony shall not be necessary," etc. I would suggest, in that connection, that there be some clause put in there so they may be obligated. I believe that is necessary. It has been the custom in Georgia to give such members the first obligation. I simply throw that out as a suggestion, and would like to hear a discussion of it.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move as an amendment that a paragraph be added to the effect that the honorary life member be required to take the first obligation in the ritual, to be administered by the Vicegerent.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I second the amendment.

[The amendment was formally passed.]

The Snark—: Are you now ready for the original motion?

A Chorus—: Yes.

[The original motion was formally passed.]

W. E. Barns (3)—: We would recommend in Section 2 of Article IV. that the words "the proxy representation of the Order" be stricken out.

N. H. Falk (5790)—: I move the adoption of the recommendation.

R. D. Inman (2186)—: I second that.

G. S. Lawler (2029)—: A three-quarters vote is necessary to change, is it not? I suggest that the records show that a three-quarters vote has been made on all these changes.

[The committee's recommendation was formally adopted.]

W. E. Barns (3)—: As a supplement, we would recommend "States not represented by a delegate shall have no vote. The entire paid membership of each State in good standing shall be considered the basis for voting, and such votes shall be divided pro rata among the members pres-

ent from each State." That would become the latter part of Section 2 to Article VI.

C. P. Ives (447)—: I move the adoption of the article as read.

W. L. Clancy (2592)—: I second that.

[The article was formally adopted as read.]

W. E. Barns (3)—: In Article IV., Section 3, we recommend that the word "adopt" be substituted for the word "appoint" in the instruction for collecting dues.

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: I move its adoption.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I second it.

[The recommendation was adopted on vote.]

W. E. Barns (3)—: In section 4 of the same article we would recommend the insertion of the words "two or more," so the section shall read: "And when, in the judgment of the Supreme Nine, the interests of the Order demand, they may appoint two or more Vicegerent Snarks for any State, dividing the territory equitably for such purpose."

W. L. Clancy (2592)—: I move its adoption.

E. E. Goodlander (31)—: I second it.

A. H. Weir (2505)—: I will make the statement that I was going to make previously. I would like to say that I have no special interest in the matter, only to put it in the best form possible for the good of the Order. My idea is that it would be a weakness to divide the authority in each State into so many different heads—not that the Vicegerents should not have more help where necessary, but I think the appointment of one Vicegerent for each State, giving him authority to appoint such deputies as he may need, would work largely for the benefit of the Order in that State. You divide a State into sections, and there is a division of responsibility and interest to that extent. If there is one responsible representative for each State, give him the right to appoint one or more deputies as he may deem best to assist him in the work. I make this merely as a suggestion; and if it meets the approval of this body, all right.

W. B. Stillwell (3953)—: It occurs to me, Mr. Snark, that we have tested both plans, and we have concluded that the appointment by the Snark of Vicegerents is both direct and beneficial.

J. B. Goodhue (4525)—: I wish to state that in Texas a concatenation was proposed, and I, as Vicegerent, suggested a party to hold the concatenation; but I asked that a list of the persons to be initiated be submitted to me. Now, as you all know, there was but one Vicegerent in Texas during the past year, and I found that the members—or, rather, those suggested for membership, or a majority—were not such as I considered eligible, and the concatenation was not held. Now, I take it that where two Vicegerents are appointed for a State a rivalry will exist. We are nearing the maximum membership allowed, and I think we should confine ourselves strictly to quality, and not quantity. If only one Vicegerent is appointed for a State, this element of rivalry is removed, and I feel confident that each Vicegerent will appoint such person or such member to represent or assist him in another part of the State as will have the best interests of the Order at heart, and the responsibility for the action would rest entirely in the hands of one person.

C. A. Lyon (515)—: I want to say that in Texas we have always fought the division of the State into Vicegerencies, and I believe we have come as near keeping the State interested as any State of the Union, and I attribute it to that condition. I think it would be well to leave the matter of the number of Vicegerents to the individual State.

The Scrivenoter—: Last year, at Cleveland, you will remember, in connection with a much more elaborate matter, it was suggested that we have a Nine in each State,

that Nine to act as deputies for the Vicegerent. He would be the Snark and the others of the Nine his deputies. I favored some such arrangement, but I do not think we require as many as nine men in any one State. I believe, though, I would favor this proposition of having one Vicegerent and allowing him to appoint such number of deputies in his State as he thought proper, always, of course, under the approbation of the Supreme Nine. What Mr. Goodhue has said as to rivalry in a State has come up before. In one State with three Vicegerents there have been complaints made from Vicegerents of adjoining States, saying that rivalries in that State have resulted in improper parties being taken in. I have not thought of this matter very much, and I would be glad to see the subject fully discussed. I rather favor the proposition of one Vicegerent with deputies.

A. H. Weir (2505)—: That was not a motion; but, hearing some favorable expressions, I would like to make a motion to the effect that that section be so amended as to provide for the appointment of one Vicegerent, and he be given authority to appoint such deputies as he may wish to assist him.

[The motion was variously seconded.]

W. B. Stillwell (3953)—: An objection I see to that, Mr. Snark, is this: The Vicegerent of a State has not the means at hand for obtaining information as to who would be the best man for a deputy that the Snark would have in appointing a Vicegerent. A man would be able to communicate matters and facts to the Snark that he would not to a Vicegerent in some other section of the State. I, therefore, think Vicegerents appointed by the Snark would be better than the deputies. We might insert that, upon the petition of twenty-seven members in good standing in a State, the Snark appoint an additional Vicegerent.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I would move, as an amendment to the motion, that the deputies be approved by the Snark.

A. H. Weir (2505)—: I accept that.

The Scrivenoter—: In reply to the possible objection that Mr. Stillwell urges, I do not agree with him that the man who probably would be appointed Vicegerent would not know who would be good men to assist him. I think he, of all men, would, or should, know. There is scarcely a State now where there is any activity in which I could not suggest two or three men who would be valuable assistants to the Vicegerents of the State, but who would not accept the Vicegerency because their business is such that they can visit points only in a limited area; but in this limited section they would be valuable assistants to the Vicegerent.

[A general discussion ensued at this point, regardless of parliamentary usage, during which G. W. Schwartz (4) endeavored to support the views of the Scrivenoter by citing the case last May of Vicegerent Luke Russell, of the Southern District of Indiana, who, though frequently absent from Evansville for long periods, through the appointment of well-chosen deputies, worked up all the preliminaries of a big concatenation, which everybody said was one of the best that ever occurred. He said Russell appointed as his chief deputy one of the prospective initiates, so few members were there at Evansville.]

The Snark (from the floor, Senior Hoo-Hoo Joseph Myles having assumed the chair)—: After an experience of one year as Snark, I am very strongly of the opinion that you had better adopt this recommendation made by the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. I am satisfied that if you leave it to one Vicegerent in the State—there are some sections in some States that never hold a concatenation and where it would be a good thing to hold them, simply because the Vicegerent lives at the other end of the State and knows no one in the other portions of the State; has no influence there, probably—it would be a pretty hard

thing for him to accomplish anything for the good of the Order in other sections where he does not live. I see no especial necessity of his appointing deputies to be considered as deputies the year round, because if there is to be a concatenation in a portion of the State where he cannot attend he can deputize some one to hold it, as is done now. There are some States so large that they want to have two Vicegerents, as in New York—one at Buffalo and one in New York City. It is absolutely impossible for a man living at Buffalo always to have time to go to the other end of the State. Down in Georgia they have had a very successful year with two Vicegerents, and in some other States that I could name it has been found better to have two. According to this article, it is left to the wisdom of the Snark, with the advice of the Scrivenoter and the advice he gets from the members of a State, as to how best to appoint—one Vicegerent, or two, or more. It seems to me we had just better leave it that way, not bringing up complications.

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: I would support the views of our worthy Snark. The Vicegerents get no compensation whatever for their work. A little official title and the honor it carries are small enough reward indeed. I believe that if we would allow this question to be settled by the States themselves it would be more to the good of the Order. If a State wishes to have only one Vicegerent, the Snark would certainly recognize its wishes.

W. B. Stillwell (3953)—: I think undoubtedly the Snark's idea about it is right. A Vicegerency carries a personal weight with it that a deputyship would not, and the deputy never feels the responsibility that the Vicegerent does.

[In the pending general discussion Mr. Stillwell cited, in support of his position, an instance that occurred when he was a member of the Supreme Nine, in which finances had figured adversely under the charge of a deputy. He concluded: "I favor the appointment of Vicegerent Snarks by the Snark, under the advice of the State members and the Scrivenoter."]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move, as a substitute for the motion, that the first part of it read as provided, but add that upon the application of twenty-seven members in any State the Supreme Nine may appoint two or more Vicegerents. That lets the State itself decide the matter.

W. E. Barns (3)—: It occurs to me that the remarks made by our Snark are very kind. There is a certain responsibility attached to the office of Vicegerent that ought not to be removed. The Vicegerent goes to a town or a portion of the State with the authority of the Order. He is presumably familiar with the ritual, with the work, and can conduct a concatenation with success and a degree of propriety that could not otherwise be obtained. As a matter of fact, a man very often is made a good Hoo-Hoo or a poor Hoo-Hoo by the impression made upon him at a concatenation. If he is thoroughly initiated—if the ceremony is carried out well and properly and in a dignified way—he is apt to be a good Hoo-Hoo, and the impression then made will last. I personally do not believe in the holding of a great number of concatenations during the year. It seems to me that two or three concatenations a year in a State are quite sufficient in the present status of the Order. If you appoint a deputy—who is a deputy of your Vicegerent, as a matter of fact—your responsibility is getting lengthened out to a degree that is very attenuated; and I believe the provisions suggested here, as in times past, when we have gone along and found it necessary to have "two or more" Vicegerents, are very excellent. You know perfectly well that there are certain features of an initiation that are attended with more or less, at times, serious results. It seems to me there should be some one present at concatenations at all times who is thoroughly familiar with the work and knows how far to go and then

stop. As some of you know, there have been instances in the last year that were a great detriment to the Order, brought about by overenthusiastic members interfering with the work of the Junior; and results might have been serious to us. I do not know that it is necessary to go into details of the occurrences at Memphis which might have been very serious. You can recall the case of the Elks. The whole order has been damaged for years, and seriously, by an unfortunate occurrence at Des Moines; and we came near having such an occurrence at Memphis. I would, therefore, oppose anything to lessen the responsibility of the Vicegerent. He has the instructions of the Snark, and is familiar with the details. There are things connected with the preparation of the banquet that might lead into complications, and I would a great deal rather have the Vicegerent himself responsible. If he cannot attend, as it stands now, there is always an ex-member of the Supreme Nine or some Vicegerent who has served before, or some one of that kind, who may be deputized in an extreme case to carry on a concatenation; but, as a rule, I believe the Vicegerent himself should be there; and he is under pretty serious penalties, as a matter of fact, in the conduct of his office.

D. T. Call (1390)—: There are three Past Vicegerents here now, two from Texas, and the plan outlined worked very nicely in Texas, and I do not see how it can be improved upon. The plan has worked very nicely there.

A. H. Weir (2505)—: I think Brother Barns and the honorable Snark himself do not comprehend what was intended by the motion. The motion places the appointment of these deputies under the approval of the Snark, which is practically the appointment of the Snark; and it is not my idea that that deputy should act independently. My idea was simply that in distant portions of a State the deputy can do the preliminary work of a concatenation, and the Vicegerent himself should be present. I do not intend to divide the responsibility of the Vicegerent, but, rather, to increase it, and make him responsible for all these things—more so than if the State were cut up into several sections. In adopting this arrangement, you place the responsibility for the work in each State upon one executive head, and the deputies that he may suggest in conference with the Snark are practically the same as the Snark's appointing separate Vicegerents. In some experiences of mine in similar matters I have found that one executive head in any organization has been far more satisfactory than a divided responsibility. I had no idea of establishing a separate authority independent of the Vicegerent.

The Snark (from the floor)—: I simply want to say that Hoo-Hoo is a little different from anything else, and it seems to me that it is just as well to have two Vicegerents, if a State wants them, as to have deputies, and perhaps better. Personally, I am with you, whatever the majority wishes; but in Texas I know they have always had one Vicegerent there because they wanted it so, and so they can continue if they wish, as can any other State. There may be States that want to be divided into districts; and if so, it is better, in my opinion, to have Vicegerents at the head of such districts than to have deputies, because a Vicegerent feels the responsibility and importance of his position a great deal more than would a deputy appointed by the Vicegerent of the State. He is responsible to the head. There has been no friction that I know of among the Vicegerents where there have been more than one in a State. Whatever you do, it is all right; but I wanted to explain my views a little more fully.

R. D. Inman (2186)—: I have been sitting here quite a while listening to all this discussion, with good points on each side; but I think one little point made by Brother

Walker seems to be the strongest point in favor of adopting the report of the committee; that is in regard to the honor attached to the thing. When you appoint a deputy, the Vicegerent Snark gets the credit from the Order; his work goes into "The Bulletin;" he gets all the credit, and the deputy gets none. If there is an acting Snark appointed there, it makes him eligible to the Osirian Cloister, quite an item in itself; and it seems to me that between the two systems discussed here we should stand by the committee. Mr. Barns is one of the oldest men in the Order, and, I presume, the best-posted man in the Order, and has given this long consideration, without prejudice.

F. U. Nofziger (2772): It occurs to me that one argument that has been most strongly urged against many Vicegerents is the fact of rivalry. It occurs to me that the rivalry will be just about as apt to occur between deputies as between the Vicegerents themselves. I would favor the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution as presented by the committee.

H. W. Hogue (2793): I have awaited an opportunity for a long time to second Brother McClintock's amendment.

W. H. McClintock (183): I will say that it was a substitute to Mr. Weir's motion that upon the petition of nine members of any State the Supreme Nine may appoint Vicegerents for different portions of the State.

W. E. Barns (3): I call the attention of Brother McClintock to the fact that this is in line with the present Constitution. It says here that—no; it does not. It simply refers to the Vicegerents in the State having five members. It does not provide that they shall be appointed. It says each State having nine or more members shall be entitled to an executive head, etc. I was mistaken about that, but I believe at the meeting in Detroit or Cleveland it was changed that "when, in the judgment of the Supreme Nine, the interests of the Order demand."

H. W. Hogue (2793): I think the substitute of Brother McClintock a good one. It should be left to the States themselves—these twenty-seven members should petition for an additional Vicegerent.

W. H. McClintock (183): I would suggest that in my latest motion it is nine members.

H. W. Hogue (2793): All they require in the district is the Vicegerent to be appointed, whatever the number making the petition.

[At the suggestion of the Snark, Mr. Barns reread the changes recommended by the committee for the benefit of late arrivals.]

C. A. Lyon (515): As a substitute for the whole, I offer the following section, and move its adoption: "Upon request of twenty-seven Hoo-Hoo in good standing, or a majority of the Hoo-Hoo within a State, an additional Vicegerent may be appointed at the discretion of the Snark."

H. W. Hogue (2793): I second the substitute.

W. H. McClintock (183): I withdraw in favor of the new substitute.

The Scrivenoter: I would just like to suggest, without opposing the gentleman's substitute at all, that it seems to me that this would necessitate a long delay in getting the States upon a working basis. As it is under the present method, a delay of from four to eight weeks or longer ensues before the States are put upon a working basis; and it seems to me that if we would have to get an expression from the entire membership of the State it would greatly increase this delay.

C. P. Ives (447): It seems to me that this last motion curtails the power of the Snark to a great extent. We will take, for instance, the State of New York. If he appoints a Vicegerent in Buffalo, where the lumber interests are great, and there are only two members in the eastern part of the State; and if we want to extend our Order, we

cannot have a Vicegerent there without getting twenty-seven members to petition for his appointment. I think this motion will work a detriment all the time—to have it twenty-seven members. The same condition obtains on the Pacific Coast. The Snark and the Supreme Nine want to push the interests of the Order, and I think we should not curtail their power.

J. S. Weller (1267): Answering my friend on the right here about twenty-seven members in the eastern part of the State of New York, it would take twenty-seven years to get twenty-seven members together there at any one time. [Laughter.]

G. W. Schwartz (4): I cannot see a thing in the world the matter with the section as it stands in the book: "Each State having nine or more members shall be entitled to an executive officer, whose title shall be Vicegerent Snark of — State; and when, in the judgment of the Supreme Nine, the interests of the Order demand [that covers a lot of ground], they may appoint two or more." If the interests of the Order demand it, the Supreme Nine probably will find it out in some way. I cannot see anything the matter with that section, and would like to see it stand as it reads.

W. B. Stillwell (3953): If I understand the object of the committee correctly, it is to make concise our Constitution and By-laws. I agree with the last gentleman that that clause could not be more concise or broader. When the interests of the Order demand, and, in the judgment of the Snark and the Supreme Nine, an additional Vicegerent may be needed, he can be provided. I, therefore, urge that the report of the committee just as made be adopted.

C. A. Lyon (515): That is out of order. The substitute received a second.

The Snark (from the platform): That is going to be put first, sir.

C. A. Lyon (515): The question does not curtail the privileges of any State. The substitute, as I put it, was that if twenty-seven members requested a division in the Vicegerency of the State, it might be done. Where less than twenty-seven members, a majority of those in the State can petition for an additional Vicegerency if they want it. It will leave this matter to the States, which is what my substitute is intended to cover.

W. B. Stillwell (3953): I rise to a point of personal privilege. I did not mean to attack the gentleman's amendment at all. There is nothing curtailing the action of the States. It is left still with the States, the Snark getting information from the State; and if a State indicates that it wants only one Vicegerent, of course he will give it only one.

G. W. Schwartz (4): Our Constitution is long enough and broad enough now, and I do not think we ought to burden it with the stipulation as to how any State may gain an additional Vicegerent Snark. The conditions are not the same in all the States, and I do not believe we should place in there a stipulation as to the number of members that may acquire an additional Snark. I think the members of a State know best about those things; and if the Supreme Nine consider such a petition for the better, they would ask it.

H. W. Hogue (2793): I have no objection to a plurality of Snarks in any State, but there should be some other source of information than the simple recommendation of one or two members of a State for a Vicegerent. I think that should be left practically to the voice of the majority of the members of the State.

[The speaker recited an instance of bad management on the part of a seemingly indifferent Vicegerent, and concluded: "I think the loyal Hoo-Hoo—the men practically identified with Hoo-Hoo, who attend meetings and

take an interest in the affairs of Hoo-Hoo—should be at its head, and not fellows who happen to be 'in the push' and considered 'good fellows,' but who know nothing about the workings of the Order."]

C. A. Lyon (515): My amendment is: "Upon the request of twenty-seven members in good standing, or a majority of the members in any State, an additional Vicegerent Snark may be appointed at the discretion of the Snark."

[W. E. Barns read the original recommendation of the committee.]

The Snark: The motion is on the amendment as offered by Mr. Lyon, of Texas. Are you ready for the question?

[The result of the viva voce vote was in doubt. A division was called for. The result of the rising vote was announced by the Snark as 23 in favor of the amendment and 50 against. The Snark then offered the original recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, which was then formally adopted.]

W. E. Barns (3): Referring to Article VI., the committee would recommend that Section 2, relating to the mail proxy system, be eliminated, and that the numbers of the sections from that forward be changed to correspond. The Section 2 is very long, and relates to the sending out of notices regarding proxies, the form of the proxy, etc. We simply recommend that that section be entirely stricken out.

H. W. Anderson (2351): I move the adoption of the recommendation.

H. W. Booth (4412): I second that.

[The motion was passed without dissent.]

W. E. Barns (3): That is all the recommendations in connection with the Constitution. We would, however, recommend that Section 1 of the By-laws be made Article IX. of the Constitution. This would read as follows: "This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the represented membership of the Order, as provided by Article VI. hereof, at any Hoo-Hoo Annual."

W. H. McClintock (183): I move the adoption of the recommendation of the committee.

E. E. Goodlander (2896): I second the motion.

[The recommendation was formally adopted.]

W. E. Barns (3): In Section 3 we would recommend that the word "reigning" be stricken out.

R. W. English (2220): I move its adoption.

H. W. Anderson (2351): I second the motion.

[The motion prevailed.]

W. E. Barns (3): There is one recommendation of the committee, in regard to suspended members, that comes back into the Constitution a little out of its order. We recommend the following as a substitute for Section 3, making it read as follows: "Suspended members may be reinstated upon the payment of all back dues and the approval of the Vicegerent of the State in which such member lives, or of the Scrivenoter of the Order."

G. W. Schwartz (4): I move its adoption.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714): I second it.

The Scrivenoter: I would suggest that there be added to the back dues the expenses. I think a delinquent on whom from 15 to 35 cents has been expended in collection of his overdue account should recompense the Order for that money.

D. T. Call (1390): I move that 99 cents be added.

C. A. Lyon (515): I second that.

W. E. Barns (3): I would ask if you would have it in this shape: ". . . upon the payment of all back dues and 99 cents and the approval," etc.

D. T. Call (1390): Yes, sir.

[The recommendation was adopted as amended by Mr. Call.]

W. E. Barns (3): The committee recommend that Sec-

tion 7 of the By-laws, relating to the return of the handbook, should be entirely eliminated.

W. L. Clancy (2502): I move its adoption.

L. C. Jankway (2222): I second that.

[The recommendation was adopted.]

W. H. McClintock (183): I move that the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, as far as submitted, be approved and adopted as a whole.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714): I second it.

R. W. English (2220): I thought you were going to give me a chance, Brother Barns, to make an exception to one of the by-laws.

W. E. Barns (3): There is only one point on which we desire to make a further recommendation, and that relates to the ballot; and we must defer that for the action of the Committee on Ritual, which we can look for this afternoon. It relates simply to the form of the ballot.

R. W. English (2220): I made a motion a while ago, and you asked me to withdraw it and bring it up when you got to the By-laws. I want to know what section that was relative to what the Vicegerent Snarks should be allowed at concatenations.

W. H. McClintock (183): I withdraw my motion, with the consent of my second.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714): I consent.

R. W. English (2220): Then I wish to move that the Vicegerent Snark is instructed to remit to the Scrivenoter \$6.00 and retain \$23.33 for each honorary life member initiated.

The Snark: If you will allow the suggestion of the Chair, it would be a good idea to have that written out in connection with Section 5.

[Mr. English asked for a reading of Section 5, and Mr. Barns complied.]

R. W. English (2220): "And \$23.33 for each honorary life member." Put it in right after that—no; that would complicate matters, as it reads here, "\$6.00 in connection with one year's dues."

[General discussion.]

H. W. Hogue (2793): I would like to inquire how the gentleman gets at \$23.33.

W. H. McClintock (183): He evidently means \$23.33—allowing \$10.

R. W. English (2220): That is what I said first; didn't I say it last?

A. C. Ramsey (233): Is an honorary member necessarily a life member?

The Snark: I will say for the information of the gentleman that we have adopted an addition to one of the articles of the Constitution, making an honorary member a life member.

C. C. Scovell (5637): For information. We understand that anybody by paying this much money can become an honorary life member, paying no more dues.

The Snark: For the information of the gentleman, I will say that under the new rule adopted the member has to be proposed for honorary life membership, subject to the approval of nine members of the State in which he is proposed. By election at a concatenation and payment of \$33.33, he becomes an honorary life member.

C. C. Scovell (5637): It is not the regularly eligible members. I belong to two orders that have life members—

The Snark: This is only a matter of conferring an honor upon some particular gentleman whom the Order wishes to honor in that way.

H. W. Hogue (2793): I would like to inquire if those honorary life members are eligible for further honors or have a vote.

The Snark: They do not.

The Scrivenoter—: I will read Mr. English's substitute amendment to By-law 5 as I have written it: "It shall be the duty of the Vicegerent Snark at the close of each concatenation to remit to the Scrivenoter \$6.06, together with one year's dues, for each regular member initiated, which amount shall cover the dues for a period of one year from the nearest Hoo-Hoo Day. He shall also remit to the Scrivenoter \$23.33 for each honorary member obligated under Section —, of Article —, of the Constitution."

[General discussion.]

The Scrivenoter (in response to an inquiry from M. A. Hayward)—: I took the figures of Mr. English without making a subtraction myself. "He shall also remit the balance of funds received at any concatenation which has not been expended in the necessary expenses of the concatenation, rendering a detail account for same, attested by the acting Scrivenoter and Custodian." There is a question that rises just here upon which there seems to be some confusion. It is not intended, in my opinion, to allow the Vicegerent any moneys as a personal recompense. He is simply allowed these moneys for the purpose of covering the necessary expenses of his meeting. Am I not right in that?

The Snark—: You certainly are.

The Scrivenoter—: Then the by-law needs no further change. We need not change that portion down there which reads: "He shall also remit," etc.

[The substitute amendment of Mr. English, as interpreted by the Scrivenoter, was formally adopted.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I renew my motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, as far as submitted, as a whole.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: I second that. [Laughter.]

[Mr. McClintock's motion passed without dissent.]

The Snark—: The next committee to hear from is the Auditing Committee.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Denver, Col., September 9, 1899.—We, the committee appointed to audit the accounts of Scrivenoter J. H. Baird, beg leave to report as follows: We have carefully examined the statement of Scrivenoter Baird and find the balance of \$5,347.49, as per certified check No. 452, of the Union Bank and Trust Company, of Nashville, Tenn., dated September 5, 1899, to be correct.

D. TRAMWAY CALL, Chairman;
J. WALLACE FERGUSON,
HARVEY AVELLY,
CHARLES S. KEITH.

[When the applause had subsided, W. H. McClintock, seconded by G. W. Schwartz, moved the adoption of the report, which action was taken unanimously.]

A. D. McLeod (737)—: As Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, I am sorry to say that one member got so under the influence of certain of the gentlemen last night that he has not yet had time to write out the resolution assigned to him. I would be glad if you would request the members of that committee to get together and report this afternoon.

The Snark—: We shall be pleased to give the gentlemen further time. The members of that committee are: Col. A. D. McLeod, chairman; W. A. Zelnicker, W. J. Kilduff, W. H. Wilson, Capt. George Lock, Mr. William Clancy, and J. L. Keith. Is the Committee on Good of the Order ready to report? R. D. Inman is chairman.

R. D. Inman (2186)—: As yet we have no report to make. I would like to have it announced that the committee will meet about 3 o'clock in the Snark's room. I would like to have the committee's names read.

[The Snark complied with Mr. Inman's request.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I would move that, as a special order of business, the reports of the Committee on

Resolutions and Committee on Good of the Order be fixed for 2 P.M. [Laughter.]

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: I second that motion. [Laughter.]

R. D. Inman (2186)—: As chairman of the Committee on Good of the Order, I guess we can make a report at 2 o'clock, as far as that is concerned.

A. D. McLeod (737)—: If the gentlemen of this committee will get together right after we are through here, we will be ready to report this afternoon.

[Mr. McClintock's motion was passed.]

R. D. Inman (2186)—: We would request, then, that our committee meet at 1 o'clock at the Snark's office.

The Snark—: We have a Committee on Complaints; H. H. Hemenway, chairman. [Mr. Hemenway was reported absent.]

[R. W. English (2220) interposed a suggestion as to possible complaint that might arise, the sally being greeted with laughter, especially for its rejoinder from Colonel McLeod.]

The Snark—: The Committee on the Press.

R. W. English (2220)—: The Committee on the Press has done its duty faithfully.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move, Mr. Snark, that the Committee on the Press be tendered a vote of thanks from the Order and discharged.

[The motion was seconded by H. W. Anderson, and passed.]

The Snark—: I suppose the Ritual Committee will not be ready to report until this afternoon, and we will now, before adjourning, have a few communications read by the Scrivenoter.

The Scrivenoter (reading)—: Tacoma, Wash., September 1, 1899.—N. A. Gladding, Snark of the Universe, Brown's Hotel, Denver, Col.—Most Exalted Snark: For months I have been studying old Egyptian calendars, and am forced to conclude that the Hoo-Hoo have been holding their Annual Concatenations in the wrong month. A most exhaustive calculation made from the signs of the zodiac and ancient Egyptian calendars fixes the ninth month and the ninth day on the seventeenth day of July of each year, save on years in which the figure "9" is not found. In such years separate computations must be made. I am borne out in the above statement by the writings of Dionorus and Supilian, celebrated astronomers of the age of Ptolemy. I beg of you that you will haste to correct this error, and to that end appoint an Astronomical Committee with the power to fix the date in conformity with the calendars of the Egyptians. With great humbleness, I am, your servant and brother, FRANK B. COLE (No. 1096).

H. W. Hogue (2793)—: I move that that be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

G. W. Lawler (2029)—: I move that Mr. Frank B. Cole be made a committee of one to figure this out and report at the next Annual Meeting, being distinguished as the Astronomical Committee.

[The motion was seconded by W. H. McClintock (183), and passed.]

[The Scrivenoter read a letter of complaint, which was referred to the Committee on Complaints.]

The Scrivenoter—: I have a large number of communications here in the form of letters and telegrams from absent members.

[Mr. McClintock moved that all communications of the nature referred to be placed on file, and was reminded that they were taken care of by motion of the preceding session.]

The Scrivenoter (picking up a handbook)—: This book bears on the title-page this certificate: "This book is the property of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, and is loaned to No. — until such time as it may be recalled by the Supreme Nine. Should it fall into the hands of any one not a member, a reward of 50 cents will be given by returning it to J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn." The Order has grown steadily larger; and, as stated here this morning, the requirements for return of the hand-

book have not been rigidly complied with. As a consequence, there have been scattered throughout the country a large number of old handbooks. They are being turned in almost daily by people demanding a reward. If we are to do away with the return of the books entirely, I think something should be done with this certificate. A lady in Mississippi gathered up a basketful of them, and wanted \$11. [Laughter.]

A Voice—: What did you do, Jim?

The Scrivenoter—: I ruled that the reward only applied to books of the current year. She had two of these, and I paid her \$1.

P. J. Foley (4115)—: I move that a time limit be placed in that certificate, and that only the books of the current year can be returned; and then there should be some way of making the man who lost the book responsible for the amount paid.

The Scrivenoter—: When a current year's book has been found, which was lost through inadvertence, I have sent it to the loser, with an explanation, and suggesting that he pay the reward paid for its return, and invariably that has been done.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I do not think that requires any action of the meeting. The certificate in the handbook was placed there by the Supreme Nine, and I think it is within the province of the Supreme Nine to fix it as seems best. I think they understand the sentiment of the Order that the reward should be paid for return of the current year's book only, and the man losing the book pay the 50 cents.

C. A. Lyon (515)—: The Texas and Louisiana delegations are requested to meet in this room immediately after adjournment.

The Scrivenoter—: I would like to make an announcement that all of the members here who desire to pay dues or transact other business with the Scrivenoter will find him in Room 237, and I would be glad if such would call there in numbers, saving interruption later in the day.

The Snark—: I wish to thank you very much indeed for the close attention that you have given to the business of the session this morning, which has expedited matters very much indeed; and it looks to me now as though we should be able to get through with all the business of the Order, with the exception of the election of officers and the selection of the next place of meeting, by to-night. There may be some things left over until to-morrow morning.

G. W. Schwartz (4)—: When is the Cloister meeting, initiation, etc.?

The Snark—: I was going to announce that in a moment. According to the programme, after the business of this session we adjourn to 2 o'clock. If all will convene promptly at that time, we can probably finish up the remaining business of to-day's meetings in time for the Cloister meeting this afternoon. Has any one any further suggestions to make?

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: I wish to announce that an adjourned Cloister meeting has been called for 3 o'clock. In case the general meeting is prolonged after that, we may postpone it to some time after. The members who have any candidates to propose and have not already turned in the names, I wish they would as soon as this meeting is adjourned hand their names to me. I also wish to announce that the annual meeting of the Cloister will be held this evening at 10 o'clock.

The Snark—: The chairman of the Committee on Complaints, Mr. H. H. Hemenway, is not present, but has left a request that any one having any complaints to make will please present them to him as early in the day as possible; and Mr. Lyon, of Texas, asks that all Louisiana and

Texas members will kindly meet in the side room upon adjournment.

W. E. Barns (3)—: As there seems to be no particular business before the house, there is one point that I would like to call attention to. Since I have been here, I have been informed by some of the members from the East that one of our expelled members, C. A. Gilbert, has been making a raid on Pittsburgh and that section; and it occurs to me that it ought to be possible for us, through "The Bulletin" or in some other way, to prevent a man who has disgraced himself and brought dishonor upon our Order from accomplishing a repetition of that same thing over and over again. Of course many of us remember that Gilbert was expelled, but the fact that he can go into New York and Pittsburgh and obtain money from some of our members at as late a day as this would indicate that there should be some way of diffusing information on the matter. It appears to me as an eternal shame that a man of this sort may, even at this late day, go up and down the land with his button and obtain money on the strength of it. If it is a wise thing to publish his name in "The Bulletin" constantly, so that members may be reminded of it every month, I believe it would be a good thing.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: For the benefit of the members present, I will say that, so far as my information goes, Gilbert did not get any money in Pittsburgh. He called upon me with reference to some machinery that the firm I am connected with had bought. I think he had his button on. After he had got through his talk, he asked me if I could cash a small draft for him. I told him that the banks were closed. [Laughter.] He didn't say what amount it was; but after he went out, I told our bookkeeper that if he came in and wanted a draft cashed not to cash it under any circumstances; and had I known he was under indictment at Nashville and Louisville, I would undoubtedly have called upon the chief of our detective force to lock him up; but if I run across him again in that section, that is what will be done, and Louisville and Nashville will be notified.

G. W. Schwartz (4)—: I would like to be notified when he is arrested. I have a little matter to settle with him. [Laughter.] Notify Barns, too. [Laughter.]

A Member—: It strikes me it would be a good plan to publish in the handbook the names of expelled members. We have a place here for deceased members.

H. W. Hogue (2793)—: I would like to inquire, speaking of the button, if there is not some way to get the button away from such fellows. There should be some way to get the button away from those who are imposing constantly upon charitably-inclined members. If it is necessary, several Hoo-Hoo should get together and take the button away.

D. T. Call (1390)—: I would ask Scrivenoter Baird how to do that.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: If there are any "knockers" in the organization, we would like to have them come down to Pittsburgh. We have a man down there in the wholesale liquor business who is wearing a button which he has had a number of years. He claims the button was given to him by some person from Pennsylvania who formerly belonged to the organization. Efforts have been made to get that button away from him, but without success. We have brought particular influence to bear upon people who deal with him, but as yet without success; and if there are any "knockers" who are coming down our way, we would like to have them come around and get that button.

T. E. Goodlander (31)—: I would recommend Fred. Bodman, of Memphis, Tenn. We had a "nigger" come into Memphis wearing a button. Fred, is about so high [indicating], and the "nigger" was about so high [indicating]; but Fred got the button. [Laughter.]

R. D. Inman (2186): I would suggest sending out to the Pacific Coast. You could get the right kind of assistance there.

H. W. Hogue (2793): I believe I would be one of two or three men who would take that button away. As a Pennsylvanian, I am surprised to hear Brother Vietmeier asking for "knockers" from the outside. [Laughter.]

C. A. Lyon (515): Is it not a fact that the button is the property of the Order? As I understand it, it is. It seems to me that if it comes under that head any man who is wearing the button without authority could be proceeded against criminally, in the name of the Order, through the Vicegerent of the State.

The Snark: That question having been up several times, Mr. Baird is thoroughly acquainted with it, and will explain.

The Scrivenoter: It has not, perhaps, been exhaustively gone into. Some of the delinquent members declined to return their buttons; and in cases of that kind I sought legal advice, and found that our Order, not being chartered, could not sue or be sued. My State has no law against an individual wearing the button of an order to which he does not belong, but some States have, and in such States I imagine such men could be proceeded against as a misdemeanor; but I do not see any practicable way for me to get at it.

R. W. English (2220): You are about to adjourn, are you not?

The Snark: We are ready for adjournment.

R. W. English (2220): I would like to make an announcement. A carriage ride will be given to our visiting ladies this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Carriages have been provided for, as have tallyhos; and it is a fine afternoon for the ladies to go over the city, while we men are in convention. Every visiting lady, whether with or without a husband or sweetheart in this Order, as long as she is one of our guests, is invited to join in this carriage ride. She will not require any badge, or money, or any printed invitation. This invitation that I am giving now "goes." I am authorized to invite all the ladies—visiting ladies—and we are prepared to take them all. I hope you gentlemen with wives, sisters, or sweethearts with you will immediately go and tell those ladies to meet at the hotel entrance on the Broadway side at 2 o'clock, where carriages and tallyhos and traps will be in readiness. There will be gentlemen at hand to assist them onto the vehicles, and that is as far as they want to use the gentlemen. We do not want to take any of the gentlemen out of this convention. [Applause.]

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48): I move we adjourn to 2 o'clock. [The motion was seconded by H. W. Anderson and put into effect at 11:52 A.M.]

Afternoon Session.

[At 2:40 P.M. the Snark called a comparatively light attendance to order.]

The Snark: We will now hear from the Committee on Good of the Order if they are ready to report; Mr. R. D. Inman, chairman.

R. D. Inman (2186): I have the report here, and, with your permission, I will hand it to the Scrivenoter to read.

[The Scrivenoter read the report as below:]

Report of Committee on Good of the Order.

Your Committee on Good of the Order begs leave to submit the following suggestions and recommendations:

1. That the greatest care be exercised in the selection of Vicegerents. Men of undoubted ability, integrity, and energy only should be selected. The Vicegerent, more than any other officer, shapes the future of the Order.

2. Greater care should be used in the selection of candidates. The time has come when persons desiring the hon-

ors and benefits of Hoo-Hoo should seek us instead of the Order looking for candidates for its favor.

3. Each candidate initiated into Hoo-Hoo should have the work thoroughly given in a deliberate and dignified manner, so that he may be thoroughly impressed with the solemnity of the true fraternal feeling that should always exist between brother Hoo-Hoo.

4. Observation has taught us that the number of candidates at each concatenation should be limited to a maximum of ten. Where a greater number than this are initiated at one time, loose and careless work is done, resulting in loss of impression of the solemnity and seriousness of the initiation.

5. The wearing of the button is a matter that should be insisted upon, for without it a member cannot, and should not, receive the benefits of Hoo-Hoo. The practice of allowing others than the rightful owners to wear the button should be condemned and punished.

6. The handbook, being the key to Hoo-Hoo land and the real credential, should at all times be found in the pocket of each Hoo-Hoo.

7. Instead of the irregular times of holding concatenations, it seems to your committee that we should endeavor to grow into holding them at regular dates.

8. Regarding the percentage of receipts allowed Vicegerents for expenses, your committee begs leave to say that, in its opinion, a somewhat larger percentage should be allowed. No doubt in the past there have been hardships worked upon Vicegerents on this account in holding concatenations in places where only a limited number of candidates could be obtained.

9. Health, Happiness, and Long Life being the great object of Hoo-Hoo, your committee would earnestly request that fraternal feelings should at all times be practiced by all true and upright Hoo-Hoo toward their brother Hoo-Hoo. As an illustration of fraternity, information has come to the knowledge of your committee of a brother Hoo-Hoo in the State of Washington who had the misfortune to dislocate his ankle, confining him to his bed for several weeks. A brother Hoo-Hoo from the State of Oregon, learning of his serious condition, immediately wired and provided him a nurse at his own expense, who watched over his bedside and gave him the best of attention to the time of his convalescence.

Hoping these suggestions will merit the approval of the convention, this report is respectfully submitted.

J. D. INMAN,
R. D. INMAN,
GEORGE LAWLER,
R. H. CAMPBELL,
E. T. BENNETT,
JOSEPH MYLES,
ORA DARNELL,
Committee.

The Snark: You have the report of the Committee on Good of the Order. What is your pleasure?

G. W. Schwartz (4): I move the adoption of the report.

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48): I second the motion.

The Snark: Before putting the motion, I would like to ask the gentleman if he means that the suggestions are to be adopted as a part of the laws of the Order, or that we simply receive the report for filing. Part of the suggestions refer to the By-laws—for instance, the limiting of the number of candidates to be taken in at a concatenation.

G. W. Schwartz (4): The report is a suggestion only, Mr. Snark.

[The Snark stated the motion.]

H. W. Hogue (2793): I am a great stickler for the Hoo-Hoo number, and I see this limits the number of candidates to ten. Why not make it nine? Let us adhere to that number wherever possible—nine or more. That was the only objection I had to the report.

The Snark: The report will have to be received; and if there is a limit to be put on the number of candidates, that will have to be acted on later.

A. H. Weir (2505): It seems to me the adoption of this report is not proper, because, as the Snark has said, it involves questions of law, an increase of the percentage allowed Vicegerents is recommended, and it would have to

go to some committee to decide or this body itself to decide. Therefore I offer an amendment that the report be received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws for report.

[The motion was duly accepted and formally adopted.]

The Snark: Is the Committee on Resolutions ready?

A. D. McLeod (737): I think it would be a good idea to offer a motion that these resolutions be adopted without being read.

Several Voices: Second the motion. [Laughter.]

A. D. McLeod (737): I would like to explain that it has been very difficult to get the committee together; and when we did, we assigned certain resolutions to different members; that of the nine or ten members out of the number selected, one has disappeared; others have got sick; and the consequence is that these are in very crude shape, and will have to be revised. If any seem to be too long, I will call your attention to the fact that a newspaper man has been working on them. [Laughter.]

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

On our books the record of twenty-nine of our brothers has been closed forever. Somewhere from the shadows our eyes cannot penetrate a cruel hand has reached out and broken our ranks. Because it closes the eyes that brightened at our approach and whitens the lips that smiled upon us and turns to dust the familiar forms that were part of our daily life, we call the hand of death a cruel one; but let us not forget that it is a kindly hand that wipes out the stains and blots of mortal error and weakness, leaving in our memories only the better and purer qualities which made our brothers dear to us—the kindly hand that has brushed aside care and led these brethren into the land of sunshine. Therefore, while for ourselves we mourn those who have gone from us, and while that sympathy with sorrow which is the divine part of our human nature brings our hearts in touch with the mourning hearts of those to whom the missing ones were bound in the closer ties of family and home, let us remember those whom we call "dead" as when they stood at their very best in the ranks of our living brotherhood. In the calendar of faith and love there is no death. Say we, as of the ships that sail the sea:

These happier ones—their course is run.
From lands of snow to lands of sun.

To our brother Hoo-Hoo who are not with us in person, but are in spirit, as evidenced by the numerous telegrams and letters received, we send Hoo-Hoo greeting of Health, Happiness, and Long Life.

The most delightful work of this committee comes in what Lowell calls that push toward the sundown "given pleasant task; but when the writer is human and the subject divine, justice cannot be done. Far away in our homes, down by the waters of the Mexican Gulf or away up in the forests of Maine, we began to feel some time ago when we write of this wonderful city of Denver. It is a to the people in the gray dawn of history." The longing for the setting sun has grown stronger with every mile traversed. It has been said that this instinctive push of all animated nature Westward is in the vague hope of lengthening out the span of life. Garfield once said: "When you pitch your tent, let it be among the living, not among the dead." What he meant was: Go to Denver and hang up your hat there—Denver, where the Creator tipped the mountains with gold and you don't have to do any tipping yourself, where the magnificent streets are as wide as the ordinary interpretation of the moral law, and the hearts of its citizens are as big as the people's needs.

When we came here, we were as full of care as that porcupine out at the City Park is of quills. Most of us are either sawmill men or newspaper men, and this goes without saying. Now we are as happy as a year-old widower. Where are those cares? As Bret Harte has said: "They dropped from us like needles shaken from the gusty pine." Everything in this great country is on such a big scale. In the restaurants you order a steak, and they serve you a whole steer; and a chicken wing is as big as a poultry farm on the Gulf Coast. Indeed, so great, so wonderful is this mighty West that many of us, especially from the far

South, have wired back to the folks at home: "Out the fire and call the dog, and follow Horace Greeley's advice, 'Come West, young man,' and, when you get here, stay."

Return-trip tickets are on sale cheap, and the ministers and others among Hoo-Hoo who travel on passes are trying to give them away, but they find no takers; and when this meeting is ended and our sleepers pull out from Denver filled with those who are returning to their homes, we wiser ones will not weep, for we will know that

The very next day
The cat came back;
The cat came back
'Cause he couldn't stay away.

But the greatest pleasure of this committee comes in when we are afforded an opportunity to thank the ladies of Denver for their many courtesies extended to our wives and daughters. Nothing has been left undone; and the whole trip has been a succession of pleasant surprises. Some writer has said that real happiness is the anticipation of pleasure; and if this be true—and we know it is—our cup is full and running over; and for all this we are largely indebted to the queens of the Queen City of the Plains.

The thanks of Hoo-Hoo are specially due the press of Denver and the trade journals of America for the many kind words about Hoo-Hoo and for the well-written articles regarding our Order, from which the people of Denver have been given some light into the mysteries of Hoo-Hoo. The members of the press have also individually done everything in their power to make our stay pleasant, and, as entertainers, have proved themselves as big as the profession they represent.

The railroads that have made it possible for us to come to this charming city, especially the Chicago and Alton and the Union Pacific, will be long remembered; and we will sing their praises from the great lakes to the Gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

To the Chicago Lumber and Manufacturing Company this committee, on behalf of the Snark and the Order, wish to give special thanks for the beautiful gavel presented to His Felice Majesty. This gavel, made up of nine separate and distinct woods, is illustrative of the nine lives of the cat, and it will long be cherished as a token of the hospitality of this beautiful city.

This committee takes pleasure in testifying to the fidelity of the Supreme Nine in looking after the affairs of this Order, and to the untiring zeal of the Snark, under the influence of which the sunshine of his benign smile was shed over Hoo-Hoo land from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

For their efforts in our behalf and the boundless hospitality extended to us the Denver local committee deserves our warmest thanks.

To the incoming Snark and the Supreme Nine Hoo-Hoo pledges its thorough loyalty and earnest support.

The Snark: You have heard the report of the Committee on Resolutions. What is your pleasure?

E. M. Vietmeier (2714): I move they be received, adopted, and published in the next "Bulletin."

G. W. Lawler (2020): I second the motion.

[R. W. English requested that copies be furnished for the Denver press; Mr. Vietmeier included the request in his motion, and it was passed.]

The Snark: Is the Committee on Constitution and By-laws ready to report further?

W. E. Barnes (3): Not yet, Mr. Snark; in a few minutes.

The Snark: The Committee on Ritual ready to report?

C. H. Hill (27): The chairman of the Committee on Ritual requests that Mr. Mossman, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Baird meet with the chairman immediately after the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws is submitted to the organization. The meeting will take place in the back of this room.

The Snark: You have heard the request of the chairman. The Committee on Complaints?

H. H. Hemenway (184): Just one moment.

The Snark: While we are waiting on those two committees, we might take a recess; but we don't want any of you to go away, as some one may have something of importance to present here. The Committee on Complaints will be ready in a few moments.

R. W. English (2220)—: Mr. Snark, do you propose to allow smoking in the convention hall?

The Snark—: Yes, sir.

Mr. English (2220)—: Well, I will go and order up a box of cigars.

A Chorus—: Good! good! [Applause.]

The Snark (during the succeeding recess of fifteen minutes)—: I want to say that the programme calls for election of officers and selection of next place of meeting tomorrow morning; but if you gentlemen want to exercise your pleasure and have those matters come up this afternoon, it remains entirely with you.

[The proceedings being regularly resumed, the Snark called for the report of the Committee on Complaints.]

H. H. Hemenway (184)—: It is very short.

Report of Committee on Complaints.

To the Snark and the Supreme Nine and Members of Hoo-Hoo—Greeting: We are very much gratified in being able to report that no complaints of any kind have been presented to us, which shows our Order to be in perfect peace, at which we should all be very much gratified; and we can only say, using the glorious motto of our Order: We wish all "Health, Happiness, and Long Life."

[G. B. Maegly, seconded by J. E. Preston, moved the adoption of the report, and the motion was carried.]

The Snark—: We have with us, accidentally or otherwise, the great founder of the Order, B. Arthur Johnson. While waiting for the committee in the back of the room to report, we might hear a few words from Mr. Johnson.

B. A. Johnson (2)—: I have a doctor employed at \$15 a day to inflate my lungs so that I can be with you on Tuesday night and make good my engagement to appear for the first and last time on my stage, and one of the things that he told me not to do was talking, and I am going to obey. It is too expensive to hire a man at that figure and disobey. I will cut my remarks right here without any climax whatever. I am glad, however, to be with you. [Applause.]

Supplemental Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

W. E. Barns (3)—: We have an additional report to make. The Committee on Constitution would recommend that the following addition be made to Section 2 of Article III, in regard to membership. As amended, the section would read: "Each application for membership shall fully fill out the final application blank. This application must not be voted upon until the certificate thereon has been indorsed by two members of the Order in good standing. Each petition for membership shall be balloted on separately. In case three blackballs are cast, the applicant shall be rejected. Any applicant rejected shall not be balloted on again within six months of the date of his rejection."

P. B. Walker, Jr (46)—: I move its adoption.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I second the motion.

J. E. Preston (51)—: I would like to ask if that is intended to abrogate any part of the previous section with reference to one or two blackballs.

W. E. Barns (3)—: I would say the Constitution has no provision for one or two blackballs. The only reference we have to that is in the ritual, and the Ritual Committee, I understand, will make a report in accordance with this suggestion.

The Snark—: This amendment applies to Section 2 of Article III, of the Constitution. Any further additions?

B. A. Johnson (2)—: What is that Article III. about? What has been done about newspaper people, making them eligible?

A Member—: Nothing; same as it was.

B. A. Johnson (2)—: Then I have a large kick coming.

A Member—: Too late now.

B. A. Johnson (2)—: Too late for what? [Momentary confusion.]

[The Snark put Mr. Walker's motion, which was passed.]

W. E. Barns (3)—: The Committee on Good of the Order—their recommendations 4 and 8 were referred to us. The first one, relating to the number of candidates being limited to ten, we do not report upon favorably. We think that the minimum number is all right—six—but we do not believe the number initiated should be limited to ten. As you know, there are times, particularly at these large meetings, the retail lumbermen's meetings and the wholesalers' meetings, when you have a great many men together, with twenty or thirty applications at a time, and it is not feasible to limit them to ten. It is the opportunity of the year, and you have a great number of regular members in attendance who expect to participate in your Session on the Roof. You have to consider that all those things cost money, and so we did not think it advisable to make the limitation in the matter of initiation. We report unfavorably on that, and also on the eighth recommendation. The Committee on Good of the Order have recommended to you: "Regarding the percentage of receipts allowed Vicegerents for expenses, your committee begs leave to say that, in its opinion, a somewhat larger percentage should be allowed. No doubt in the past there have been hardships worked upon Vicegerents on this account: in holding concatenations in places where only a limited number of candidates could be obtained." This matter was considered before the Committee on Good of the Order reported to us, and our reasons for acting upon it unfavorably are these: We do not believe it is a necessary part of Hoo-Hoo to furnish a banquet every time we hold a concatenation. It is only right and proper, perhaps, that we should have a little spread; but that does not mean that you should prepare an elaborate banquet for those present. You can readily see also that as the Order increases in membership the number of initiates will decrease and the attendants increase. If you purpose to furnish a banquet at each concatenation, it is going to be a source of expense that is not provided for and not contemplated. In a case in New York—Brother Reilly—and in some other instances I know of—two in St. Louis last February—we had only about twenty-five or thirty candidates, and all of three hundred men present at the concatenation. We raised the necessary amount among the local members. If we had prepared a banquet or even a Bohemian lunch for three hundred people, it necessarily would have cost us a great deal more than the amount allowed by the Constitution and By-laws; and we think, therefore, that this matter should be kept within bounds, and we do not recommend any change in that regard.

The Snark—: You have heard the further report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. What is your pleasure with it?

[Its adoption was moved by P. B. Walker, Jr., seconded by H. W. Anderson, and their motion prevailed.]

The Scrivenoter—: The Committee on Ritual is ready to report. I will read for the chairman, Mr. Hill.

Report of Committee on Ritual.

We, your Committee on Ritual, beg leave to recommend that the ritual be changed in that portion (page 3), relative to form and method of ballot, to conform to changes made in the Constitution concurrently herewith. Your committee also recommend that the words "upon the printed form which will be sent me for that purpose," in the obligation on page 13, be stricken out. Your committee would also further recommend that an addition be made to the opening ceremonies in the ritual, whereby the presiding officer will call the attention of the members present to the matter of dues, and to the fact that the acting Scrivenoter will receive and receipt for dues at the concatenation. We further recommend that the Scrivenoter have these changes made in the printed ritual as early as possible. Respectfully submitted,

C. H. HILL, Chairman;
J. J. MOSSMAN,
W. A. PICKERING,
F. W. LAWRENCE,
C. A. LYON,
J. H. BAIRD.

[The above is the report as finally adopted. As read at this time, the report did not contain the two last sentences.]

The Snark—: Is that the whole report of the committee?

The Scrivenoter—: Yes, sir.

[On motion of H. W. Anderson, seconded by E. M. Vietmeier, the report was adopted as rendered.]

B. Arthur Johnson (2)—: Mr. Snark, I want to say in just a few words as possible something about this matter, and yet I do not want to be unparliamentary. It is my desire not to amend the Constitution, possibly because it probably cannot be done at this meeting. Can that be done?

The Snark—: We are doing it.

B. A. Johnson (2)—: I understand. I want to speak to the question of making newspaper men eligible in the broadest sense, and also want to give you a little bit of history. To begin with, at that meeting at Gurdon, Ark., railroad men and lumbermen were made eligible arbitrarily. There is no element of eligibility that went outside of the lines of business or profession that was represented at the Gurdon meeting. It was as arbitrary as the word "Scrivenoter" or the word "Hoo-Hoo;" but at Minneapolis there crept into this Constitution this one bit of sedition, this one thing that has caused more trouble about the matter of eligibility than any other one thing, this very much too lawyerlike chuse which reads: "It being the purpose of this Order to gather together in fraternal relations people engaged in lumber trade and those allied interests," etc. Now, under the name of "allied industries" there is not one Vicegerent present who has not had to "turn down" people as remote from the lumber business as brokers in diamonds and jewels. "Allied industries" has caused more trouble than any other form of misfit designation. There is another reason why I would like to see newspaper men kept in. The daily newspapers of the land have done more for the Order of Hoo-Hoo than any other one influence. There have been printed in the newspapers during the last five years more columns about Hoo-Hoo than about any other fraternity for the past fifty years. Moreover and beyond, it was one of the things that was established at Gurdon that, in my opinion, above all other things, should be preserved. There were at Gurdon a lumberman, railroad men, trade newspaper men in the lumber business, and a daily newspaper man. To repudiate the newspaper man, gentlemen, in the broad sense, is to repudiate those lines of eligibility that were formed at Gurdon—not by deliberate intention, but accidentally; and to repudiate anything about Hoo-Hoo because it was accidental would be repudiating many of our dearest and best and sweetest traditions. I do want to see this Constitution so fixed that the daily newspaper man, on the editorial end of the paper at least, might be eligible to membership in the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. Come to think about it, besides the show which is going to open, sore throat or no sore throat, over at the Broadway Theater, there is nothing else in particular that I came to Denver for but about this very matter before you. It was in there, but it was taken out in order to cater to "allied industries." It is not an allied industry, in a direct or remote sense, to the lumber business; but that was put in to back up that little piece of stuff in Section 1 of Article III., which, I think, has caused us a great deal of trouble. I suppose there should be a formal, written-out amendment offered; but I cannot take the time just now to formulate it, and I wish some one would deliver an opinion on this subject. I would like to hear what you think about it. If mine is not the sense of the meeting, I will say nothing further. [Applause.]

The Snark—: To have it brought properly before the house, I would like to have a motion on the subject.

C. H. Hill (27)—: The question was submitted once before to Hoo-Hoo, and I remember Brother Johnson's motion very well—that any daily newspaper man who could write an intelligent article on lumber should be admitted.

I think that was the qualification away back about 1892 or 1893, and I move you—I wish to offer a resolution to be given to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws—that any daily newspaper man who can satisfactorily prove that he can write an intelligent article on the lumber industry will be eligible to membership in this organization.

[W. B. Stillwell indorsed the motion.]

W. E. Barns (3)—: As long as Brother Johnson has made a reference to historical matter, I would go back in connection with that and state that at Gurdon it was the idea that any daily newspaper man who had reported a lumber convention should be eligible. This matter was brought up at Minneapolis, and the Order appeared to think that the limitation should rest at lumber newspaper men. I am free to say that I was much opposed to that, because I thought that some of the best members we have, some of the most intelligent, those who had given the greatest amount of publicity to the Order, were daily newspaper men. I know of one or two in Chicago who have advertised us in a way that we could not have bought for a dollar a line. But I did not want to press the matter at that time, and it has been held in abeyance. You will remember, also, that we originally admitted actors; but that was cut out at Kansas City. My personal opinion is that daily newspaper men who report these meetings and give publicity to the Order—there are not many, and they are certainly very valuable members to us—should be considered very desirable. I did not bring this matter up in the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, because it had been standing for two or three years; but I am willing to say personally that I believe it would be a benefit to the Order to admit this class of persons, and I do not think we would lose anything, but that we would gain a great deal.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: For information I would ask: Was not that change in the Constitution made at Detroit or Nashville?

W. E. Barns (3)—: At Minneapolis.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: I know that at Nashville newspaper men appeared and were initiated.

B. A. Johnson (2)—: I can answer the gentleman's question. This thing occurred at Cleveland. The daily newspaper men were knocked out at Cleveland. The disturbance began with the "allied-industry" business at Minneapolis.

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: I would offer the following motion: I move that daily newspaper men—owners and those connected with the editorial department—be eligible, and that the Constitution be changed to conform with this provision.

M. M. Marsh (4025)—: I second that motion.

M. L. Scovell (5638)—: I think there should be some fixed rule as to who are eligible Hoo-Hoo. I live in Shreveport, La., and I know a great many people down that way have been made Hoo-Hoo who have no more right to be made Hoo-Hoo than I have to be made Pope of Rome. It seems to be the desire of the Vicegerent Snarks, in our jurisdiction at least, to see how many members they can get in; and we have got in some very bad material that has not done Hoo-Hoo any good. I think it should be outlined fully who are eligible to become members. It is not, as No. 2 has said there, lumbermen, railroad men, and allied industries—you can take in any one, stretching far enough to take in white or black men, or women if you want. A man who buys enough lumber to make a coffin can be made a Hoo-Hoo, or a man who sells a roll of belting. I think it should be specially stated who are eligible and who are not. In my town I have seen such people as clerks at railroad stations made Hoo-Hoo; I have seen clerks in lumber yards made Hoo-Hoo, and clerks in stores

that sold sawmill machinery and belting; and if that goes on, I do not think our Order will be what it was intended to be.

G. W. Schwartz (4)—: Because some people have got into the Order who do not properly belong there is no fault of the Order; it is the fault of the Vicegerent Snark or the people connected with the concatenation. I favor the resolution admitting newspaper men for one reason, if for no other. The best Constitution and By-laws we ever had was the first one ever printed. The eligibility clause covered lumbermen, railroad men, newspaper men, and sawmill machinery men. The original idea was, as I understand, and understood at that time, that the first clause covered certain and specific kinds of lumbermen. That has been broadened so as to accept into the Order a great many people in the lumber business—connected with the lumber business—who were not contemplated at that time. The same thing may be said of railroad men and of sawmill machinery men, and I see no reason why the same thing may not be said of newspaper men. If these other three have been broadened to take in those remotely connected with their callings, I see no reason why a newspaper man who reports a convention of this kind—who reports a lumber convention—should not be eligible to Hoo-Hoo, according to the original ideas. [Applause.]

H. H. Hemenway (184)—: I see the word "daily" is used there. Now, any Vicegerent in any fair-sized city, outside of the big cities, holds his concatenations and gets good members from towns, even from cities up to 10,000, that haven't a daily newspaper, but have weeklies; and the articles in those weekly papers are perfectly correct and good. Take towns in Wisconsin like Merrill, Marinette, Eau Claire—Eau Claire, I believe, has a daily newspaper; but many towns about that size have no daily journals, but they have weekly newspapers that have written useful articles for the fraternity. Then, why should the owner and manager of a daily have eligibility in our Order when those on these weeklies do not have? If it is in order to bring it out, I will make an amendment to the original motion that the proprietors and publishers of weekly newspapers in towns where there are no dailies are made eligible. [Applause.]

B. A. Johnson (2)—: Cut out the word "daily?"

H. H. Hemenway (184)—: Cut out the word "daily."

B. A. Johnson (2)—: I will accept that. You are right.

W. E. Barns (3)—: I do not know that this bears exactly on the subject, but I want to say a little in reply to Brother Scovell. From the beginning we have been trying every year to make this Constitution and By-laws just as plain and explicit as possible. If there has been any one thing on which tireless work has been done day and night, it has been on this very thing; and the trouble is not so much in what we have here, but that our members do not read the Constitution and By-laws intelligently and carry them out. As a matter of fact, Brother Scovell, if present at a concatenation where men were not eligible, is just as responsible as the Vicegerent himself. He indorsed the actions of the concatenation, and did not cast a blackball. We should be plain and explicit, showing that it is not the quantity, but quality, we want. I deem that it was Brother Scovell's duty, and that of others in that town, when men were proposed who were not good material, to blackball them—not only their duty, but there are penalties attached to a Vicegerent who, knowingly and willfully, puts a man in who is not strictly eligible; and if we have bad material in there, it is not the Vicegerent altogether who is responsible for it, because the Vicegerent in many cases goes into a town without knowing the people, and is dependent on the local people for the required information. We should have men with backbone enough

to stand up and reject such ineligible. It was the duty of every member where such a concatenation was held to object.

N. A. Falk (5790)—: I come from the West, on the coast of California, where the water never freezes. Humboldt County is a lumber county. Seventy-five per cent of its business is lumber. We have two papers, and have had several concatenations there, and our editors have given us half a column in their papers. One editor has been refused the past year, while the editor of the other paper is a Hoo-Hoo, initiated several years ago. I think newspaper men should be made eligible.

M. L. Scovell (5638)—: I want to reply to Brother Barns. What I object to is that the Constitution says "newspaper men, sawmill machinery men, and their allied interests." That spreads out everywhere. If a hotel caller is not a railroad man, what is he? Where will you draw the line? I want something in the Constitution that will explicitly say who are eligible and who are not. I certainly will be there with my little blackball to keep people out who do not belong in.

W. E. Barns (3)—: Mr. Scovell, have you ever seriously read the Constitution?

M. L. Scovell (5638)—: I have.

W. E. Barns (3)—: We expressly state just who shall be eligible in railroad men, naming their official positions. In the case of sawmill men it is just as plain as can be. I do not see how any one can misunderstand it. It is hedged about with as many rules and regulations as we can suggest. If you can suggest anything to add, I wish you would do so. "By this term being meant only general officers; general and assistant freight, passenger, and claim agents; purchasing agents; commercial, traveling, soliciting, and contracting freight (not station agents) and passenger agents of railroads." That thing has been gone over time and time again, and we made a slight change in it this morning at the suggestion of our railroad men; but if there are any words in the English language to make that more specific, I wish you would propose them. The same way about the sawmill machinery men. The tendency all the time has been to make the limits closer and closer. Then it goes on to state later on that only such persons as come strictly within the limitations of the above are made eligible for membership. We go on and say what we shall do to a Vicegerent if he transgresses any of these specific provisions. As it stands here to-day, it seems to me that, after years of hard work over this, it is just as explicit as we possibly can make it.

[There were calls for the question, and Mr. Johnson's motion, as amended by Mr. Hemenway, was adopted.]

The Snark—: Is there any further business to come before this meeting? Mr. Baird has a communication.

W. E. Barns (3)—: It is understood, I suppose, that this change in the Constitution and By-laws shall be put in by the Scrivenoter, and it is not necessary for the Committee on Constitution to make any more copies?

The Snark—: I understand it is part of your report and accepted that way.

W. E. Barns (3)—: Yes, sir; all right.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I move that the Constitution and By-laws as now read be adopted as a whole.

[The motion was seconded by E. M. Vietmeier, and passed unanimously.]

R. W. English (2220)—: May I pass the cigars?

The Snark and the rest of the attendance—: Yes, sir!

The Scrivenoter—: I want to take some action that will permit the Committee on Ritual to make a little addition to its report already submitted and adopted. I want to embrace in that report, in order to get it into the ritual as an addition to the opening ceremonies, a provision

whereby the presiding officer will call the attention of all the members present to the matter of collecting dues, calling attention to the fact that the acting Scrivenoter at that concatenation will receive and receipt for and transmit to the Supreme Scrivenoter all the dues received at that meeting. We discussed that last night informally, and it was agreed that this would be a great assistance in the collection of dues. It occurs to me that a little statement to be made by the Snark in the opening ceremonies of a concatenation could be made very valuable in this connection.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move that the Scrivenoter be authorized to insert in the opening ceremony of the ritual a paragraph covering that point.

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: I second that motion.

[The motion passed without dissent.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move we adjourn.

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: I make a motion, or amend, to adjourn to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I accept that.

The Snark—: Before closing, I wish to call attention to a Cloister meeting to be held immediately after adjournment in this room. All members of the Cloister please remain, and all candidates.

[The motion to adjourn was passed at 3:55 P.M.]

Tuesday, September 12.

[Tuesday morning's session was called to order in the ballroom of the Brown Palace Hotel at 11:21, with the largest of any opening attendance. At the suggestion of the Snark, members seated themselves in groups according to the different States represented.]

The Snark—: Please come to order. We are ready for business, I believe. I first wish to announce, at the request of the Osirian Cloister, that every member of the Cloister must be at the stage door at 7 o'clock to-night; not a minute later.

[The Scrivenoter made an announcement relative to return transportation and to special rates made for Hoo-Hoo visitors to the Cave of the Winds and the Grand Cañon.]

The Scrivenoter—: I have a communication from Shreveport, which I will read:

Shreveport, La., September 6, 1899.—Mr. J. H. Baird, care Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Col.—My Dear Mr. Baird: I know that you are busy, so I will be brief. I wish that you would ask the present Supreme Nine for a special dispensation granting the honorary degree to Mrs. Alice Wallace, who so graciously acted as our queen during the Carnival Concatenation. If this cannot be done, have them make some recognition of her title, "Alice, the First Hoo-Hoo Queen," so that it will be recorded in the archives of the Order. I should, though, prefer the special dispensation. A proviso could be made that none of the privileges of the Order will go with the granting of the degree. Scovell and myself want to make the next Carnival Concatenation the record breaker for entertaining events. We want this special dispensation so that we can make a feature of it by conferring the degree in the presence of Shreveport's "four hundred." The most elegant club in the city, which is well fitted for the purpose, has been offered us; and we are going to ask Mr. Arthur Johnson to prepare a dummy ritual for this special occasion. Another feature will be Mr. Johnson's lecture, in the same club building, before the same brilliant "four hundred;" another feature will be the finest Hoo-Hoo parade that ever marched. The merchants of this town are going to donate us something like \$750 or \$1,000 for this procession. That amount will do a whole lot of things. Now, above all things, please invite the old and the new Supreme Nine to attend this carnival affair, which will occur early in next May. We will not follow the regular Mardi Gras date, as the weather in this country at that period is so uncertain. With kind regards, I am, yours truly, T. Q. MARTIN.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move that the communication be referred to the new Supreme Nine for action.

[Seconded by E. E. Goodlander (2896), and passed.]

The Scrivenoter—: I have a number of invitations here for the next Annual and subsequent Annual Meetings. Is it desired that that matter be taken up now?

C. A. Lyon (515)—: I move that action be deferred to later.

A Member—: I second that.

The Scrivenoter—: I thought it might be well—

C. A. Lyon (515)—: I understand that the Scrivenoter only stated that he desired to know if we wanted to hear these invitations. If so, I withdraw my motion. I move they be read.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I second the motion.

The Snark—: By common consent, we will have them read.

[The Scrivenoter read the following from the Mayor of Detroit:]

Detroit, Mich., September 2, 1899.—To the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo—Greeting: With natural advantages equalled by few and excelled by none, Detroit claims your attention as a convention city. The climate here in summer is most salubrious, and contributes greatly to our city's attractions. A broad river of pure water, connecting Lake St. Clair, six miles above the city, with Lake Erie, eighteen miles below, separating the United States from Canada, affords safe navigation for all kinds of craft and abounds with picturesque islands. Abreast of the city and connected with the American shore by a drawbridge five-eighths of a mile long, over a deep and navigable channel, lies Belle Isle, a public park of nearly 800 acres, the pride of the city and an object of admiration to strangers. From it can be seen the fleets of the entire lake system passing in stately review. The city has a population now approximating 305,000; magnificent public buildings, hotels, auditoriums, and halls. The central location of Detroit must commend it favorably to all who attend conventions on account of the easy access by railway and steamboat lines. Our hospitality is freely extended to the members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, and we will welcome all who visit us, and promise them most cordial attention. Sincerely yours, MERIAM C. MAYBURY, Mayor.

Joseph M. Myles (2100)—: Coming from the State of Michigan, I would say that the Hoo-Hoo of Michigan were never consulted in regard to this. While I have not the slightest doubt that we would be glad to entertain the convention, they have had that honor lately, and at some future date they would be pleased to do so again.

[The Scrivenoter read the following from Cleveland, O.:]

Cleveland, O., September 4, 1899.—To the Officers and Members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, in Convention Assembled, at Denver, Col.: On behalf of the citizens of Cleveland, the Business Men's Convention League desires to extend to your body an earnest and cordial invitation to select Cleveland as the meeting place of your next convention. If you will do us the honor of assembling in our city one year hence, the Business Men's League will endeavor to make your visit one that will be long and pleasantly remembered. Cleveland, as a convention city, has many attractions. Delightfully situated on the south shore of historic Lake Erie and in immediate proximity to a number of the coolest and most refreshing water resorts to be found upon the great lakes and with a climate that is all that can be desired, we believe that Cleveland can justly lay claim to its reputation as being "the ideal convention city of the Central States." One of Cleveland's greatest vantage points is her centralized location and her absolutely admirable transportation facilities. These two features, we believe, are deserving of no little consideration in your selection of a city in which to hold your next annual convention. The citizens of Cleveland have the reputation of being hospitable entertainers; and, in the event of our city being honored with your next convention, the Cleveland Business Men's Convention League members will gladly cooperate with local committees to the end that your visit will be one of pleasure as well as of profit. We not only have many beautiful convention assembly rooms in the city which can be placed at your disposal, but we have unexcelled facilities for providing you with a general programme of entertainment such as will cater to your wants in the most agreeable manner. You will be pleased with the hospitality of our people, and the

people of our city will feel honored at the acceptance of their invitation. Hoping that our invitations, as extended, will receive from your body the most considerate attention, we remain, very truly yours,
CLEVELAND BUSINESS MEN'S CONVENTION LEAGUE,
Wm. H. Sigler, President.
Louis J. Lee, Secretary.

[The Scrivenoter also read the following letters from Buffalo:]

Buffalo, N. Y., August 15, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Nashville, Tenn.—My Dear Sir: It is the earnest desire of the organization which I have the honor to represent—viz., the Bureau of Conventions and Industries of the Buffalo Merchants' Exchange—that as many representative bodies of this country as possible be induced to select Buffalo as a convening place in the near future. With such an object in view, I take the liberty of addressing you at this time, hopeful that the organization which you represent may be added to the list of desirable gatherings which we are to entertain during the coming two years. We feel that the "Bison City's" permanent attractions, her delightfully cool summer temperature, her beautiful streets and homes, her unsurpassed transportation facilities, her large and conveniently-arranged convention halls, her close proximity to the great cataract of Niagara, her great number of near-by resorts, etc., entitle her at all times to recognition as the ideal convention city of America. But, in addition to these many important features, conditions which will prevail in 1901 will make Buffalo a particularly desirable gathering place for that year. Two years from now the great Pan-American Exposition will be in complete operation. Here will be the centering place of all Americans, all American institutions, and all American interests. Scores of important business, fraternal, social, and other organizations have already resolved to meet here in 1901, regardless of the fact that an intervening annual meeting yet remains to be held. It would afford us extreme pleasure to have similar action taken by the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. Will you kindly convey to your officers and members our most cordial invitation to convene here during the Pan-American year, 1901. I can assure you that no effort will be spared by our business institutions and our citizens to care for and entertain you should you honor us by becoming our guests. Hoping this may receive your favorable consideration and result in your grasping Buffalo's hand of welcome in 1901, I am, very respectfully yours,
CURT M. TREAT,
Secretary Bureau of Conventions.

Buffalo, N. Y., August 30, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, 612 Willcox Building, Nashville, Tenn.—My Dear Sir: Referring to your favor of the 19th inst., acknowledging receipt of this bureau's invitation for the admirable Order which you represent to convene here, I beg to call your attention to an apparent misunderstanding as to the year we particularly desire your presence in Buffalo. If you will refer to my invitation of the 15th inst., you will observe that we request your meeting for 1901, at the time our Pan-American Exposition will be in progress. In your letter of the 19th you refer to the Annual Meeting of 1900 as the one we request. Do not conclude, for a single moment, that you will not be welcome in 1900. Any time that the Hoo-Hoo noblemen desire to honor us with their presence they will find us with outstretched hands of welcome. But it occurred to me that it would be more agreeable to the most of your members to convene here in 1901, the Exposition then being in full bloom, and the representative people of the American continent then making this their general rendezvous. I am pleased to have learned that a most admirable gentleman of this city is to be present at your Denver meeting. I refer to Mr. J. J. Mossman, representative of the Wabash Railroad in this territory. I desire very much that Mr. Mossman speak for us at your Denver meeting. I have requested that he confer with you upon this subject prior to the time of selecting a place for 1900, and, if possible, so arrange that our invitation for 1901 may then be presented, go upon record, and appear in your proceedings if they are published, so that the minds of the delegates who will attend the 1900 meeting will be properly prepared to give us the recognition we desire at that time. Hoping this will be satisfactory and that I may have the pleasure of grasping your hand in Buffalo in 1901, I am, very truly yours,
CURT M. TREAT,
Secretary Bureau of Conventions.

[The Scrivenoter also read a long communication of similar tenor from the Hotel Victory, of Put-in-Bay. He suggested that all these invitations from hotels, resorts, and civic bodies be acknowledged with thanks.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move all these communications be referred to a committee to report back such places—not to make selections of places of meeting, but to report back such places as they think desirable for meeting, and to answer all communications.

[The motion was seconded by W. L. Clancy, and passed unanimously.]

M. L. Scovell (5038)—: I suggest that the names of the cities inviting us be read out. That will not take long. Then we will know what they are; otherwise only the committee would know.

The Snark—: Any further remarks? Very well.

The Scrivenoter—: Detroit, Mich.; Cleveland, O.; New York, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y. (quite a lengthy correspondence from Buffalo, N. Y., where they want us at the Pan-American Congress); Put-in-Bay, O. (several communications from Put-in-Bay); Lansing, Mich. I think that is all, Mr. Snark.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I did not mean by my motion that this would exclude the mention of other places on the floor later, but simply to get rid of those communications.

The Snark—: For several years past Mr. Weiler, of New York, has been chairman of that committee, and I will appoint him again as chairman, with Mr. Scovell, of Louisiana, and Mr. Lyon, of Texas.

C. A. Lyon (515)—: I will ask to decline, on the ground that at the proper time I shall present the name of a city.

The Snark—: Well, Mr. Wilson, of Tennessee.

Election of Officers.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move that we proceed to the nomination and election of officers, taking them up in the regular sequence.

W. L. Sharp (364)—: I second that.

[The motion was passed.]

The Scrivenoter—: Preliminary to that, I will call the roll of the States, in order to ascertain which States have no representation here.

[The Scrivenoter read alphabetically the names of the States, Territories, and countries represented in Hoo-Hoo, requesting that those represented in the meeting would so answer. The result was answers as follows: Alabama, represented; Alaska, no; Arizona, no; Arkansas, represented; California, represented; Canada, represented; China, no; Colorado, represented; Connecticut, represented; Cuba, no; District of Columbia, no; England, no; Florida, represented; Georgia, represented; Germany, no; Idaho, no; Illinois, represented; Indiana, represented; Indian Territory, no; Iowa, represented; Kansas, represented; Kentucky, represented; Louisiana, represented; Maine, no; Maryland, represented; Massachusetts, represented; Mexico, no; Michigan, represented; Mississippi, represented; Missouri, represented; Montana, no; Nebraska, represented; New Jersey, no; New York, represented; New Zealand, no; North Carolina, no; North Dakota, no; Ohio, represented; Oklahoma, represented; Oregon, represented; Pennsylvania, represented; Philippine Islands, no; Rhode Island, represented; Matabeleland, South Africa, no; South Carolina, no; Tennessee, represented; Texas, represented; Utah, represented; Virginia, no; Washington, represented; West Virginia, no; Wisconsin, represented; Wyoming, no.]

The Scrivenoter—: I have noted the States that are represented.

The Snark—: Before Mr. Baird announces that, I wish to appoint three tellers to keep tally of the votes. I will appoint Mr. Mallam, of Missouri; Mr. Vidmer, of Alabama; Mr. McClintock, of Illinois.

The Scrivenoter—: I will now call the total vote of each State.

G. B. Maegly (5101)—: I would ask if Indian Territory is represented in the hall or simply represented in the meeting in town.

The Snark—: A few moments ago a gentleman stated he was in the city. We are calling off the names of those represented in the meeting. If not here, their votes will not be counted.

B. A. Johnson (2)—: I would ask if during the vote they should come in, would they be allowed to vote on the question pending during their absence?

The Snark—: Not with the vote under progress.

B. A. Johnson (2)—: I understand.

The Scrivenoter—: I think we had better have a ruling on the matter as to whether a Vicegerent present represents his own State or Territory or his jurisdiction as a Vicegerent.

The Snark—: His State.

The Scrivenoter—: Then the representative of Massachusetts will represent only Massachusetts, and not the whole of New England, and the same for Oklahoma.

[An interruption occurred at this juncture by announcements from B. A. Johnson, W. E. Barnes, and R. W. English relative to rehearsals, seating facilities, invitations, and the performance to be given at the Broadway Theater in the evening.]

The Snark—: Are the tellers ready?

W. H. McClintock (183)—: The total vote announced by the Scrivenoter is 5,174.

[M. A. Hayward made another interruption with a motion that surplus tickets for the evening's performance be given to the Colorado and Denver delegation for distribution, and the motion was seconded and passed. W. H. McClintock made an announcement relative to the occupancy of box seats, after which the election was resumed.]

C. H. Hill (27)—: I move that we proceed with the election of officers.

The Snark—: That has already been passed. Mr. Baird, please call the roll of States, and each State will nominate a candidate for Snark, if it desire, or can pass it, or can second the nomination of another candidate already named.

The Election of Snark.

[On the Scrivenoter's call, Alabama had no nomination. On the call of Arkansas, J. W. Ferguson (No. 2272) announced "George Lock, of Louisiana." California had no candidate; and Canada, through G. F. Rich, ironically voiced "Lawrence." Colorado and Florida had no candidate. At Georgia's turn Mr. C. H. Hill arose.]

C. H. Hill (27)—: By request of the Alabama delegation here represented, I wish to place in nomination a gentleman about whom I do not think it necessary to say much. He is one of the largest lumbermen down in our section, and he is nominated purely and simply on the basis of geographical distribution. The States of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana—the great central States of the Union—have been represented in the Snarkship; but for the southern part of the country that honor has been deferred, and we wish to nominate a Southern man for Snark. I wish to say in connection with this that there has been a little talk about politics, about slates; but in this there is none. I wish to place in nomination my friend, F. L. Wagar, of Alabama. [Applause.]

[Illinois, Indiana, and Indian Territory offered no candidate, and Iowa seconded the nomination of Mr. Wagar. Kansas, Kentucky, and Louisiana had no candidate; but Louisiana seconded the nomination of Captain Lock, saying: "There is no bigger man or better man in the South or West." F. W. Lawrence announced Massachusetts as in favor of Captain Lock, and Michigan had no nominee.]

The Scrivenoter (calling)—: Minnesota!

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: Minnesota has no candidate. Individually, I have a candidate. As the head of the Mississippi Valley lumbermen, for the last year there has come especially to our knowledge a man from the Pacific Coast who commands the respect, honor, and affection of all with whom he comes in contact. They have all of them, whenever I have had occasion to hear from them by letter or in person, urged that one of their number should be made a candidate for Snark. He is eminently qualified by nature and disposition to be the head of our beloved Order. I take great pleasure in placing his name in nomination, and only hope that two years from now he may have a more eloquent and worthy man to put him in nomination for the Governor's office of his great Commonwealth, though I doubt very much he will need the few words I speak to place him properly before this Order. I take great pleasure in the nomination of Robert D. Inman, of Portland, Ore. [Applause.]

R. D. Inman (2186)—: While I thank the brother from Minnesota very heartily for the honor he has conferred upon me, and I would consider it a great honor, nevertheless there are a great many in this organization whom I consider much more worthy of and entitled to the honor than I am; and the location is a vital consideration, too; and having represented the State of Oregon on the Supreme Nine for the past year, I would not consider it right, anyway, to allow my name to stay before this convention for any position on the Nine, because I think those are honors that should be distributed equitably; and as later on there will be a candidate from the coast offered for a position on the Nine, I certainly feel it my duty to withdraw in his favor, and Oregon wishes to second the nomination of Fred. Wagar. [Applause.]

[Mississippi had no candidate, and Missouri seconded the nomination of Capt. George Lock. Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee announced "no candidate."]

The Scrivenoter—: Texas!

C. A. Lyon (515)—: Texas has no candidate for Snark, and has never had one, and I doubt if it ever will have. We are used to being humble down that way. We do not claim to belong to the Southeast nor the South nor the West; we are just Texas—that's all. [Applause.] We do not claim to have come from anywhere in particular. Not many can tell where we did come from or why we came; but on this occasion, on behalf of a majority of the delegation from Texas, I desire to second one of the nominations that has already been made for Snark. We have believed down there for some time that a lumber manufacturer who is engaged in the manufacture of yellow pine should be Snark. We have believed that it should come down in our direction. Hoo-Hoo was born in Arkansas; it was, as it were, christened in Louisiana; and had its first spasm in Texas, at San Antonio; and on this account we believe we should attract a little notice some time by seconding, at least the nomination of Snark, because we are too far off to get anything else—except a Democratic majority. [Laughter.] Texas will take great pleasure in seconding—there may be some dissent from this in the Texas representation, but a majority of the Texas delegation desire to second the nomination of a man who has never been on the Supreme Nine. We have nothing at all to say against any candidate. It is not that we love them the less, but our nominee more. Texas takes great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. George W. Lock. [Applause.]

[Washington and Wisconsin offered no candidate.]

C. H. Hill (27)—: If in order, on behalf of the State of Alabama and on behalf of the State of Georgia and with your permission, I wish to withdraw the name of Mr.

Wagar in favor of Mr. Lock. I move that as there are but two candidates in the field, the Scrivenoter cast the unanimous vote of the Order for Captain Lock.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I rise to a point of order. There are four candidates in the field.

C. H. Hill (27)—: I accept.

F. W. Lawrence (5969)—: I would like to withdraw my name.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I rise to another point of order. Withdrawal must come from the man who made the nomination.

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: I would respectfully withdraw the name of Robert D. Inman at his personal, urgent request.

George F. Rich (281)—: I withdraw Mr. Lawrence's name.

The Snark—: Now, Mr. Hill.

C. H. Hill (27)—: I can only reiterate what I attempted to say a few moments ago when I ran up against that point of order—that is, I do not believe there is any living man down around Georgia way, or Alabama way, or Louisiana way, or any other old way, who for one moment would think of casting a vote against Mr. Lock, of Louisiana. I wish to say, in withdrawing Mr. Wagar's name, that there is no gentleman in the whole South country who desires more to honor Captain Lock, of Louisiana; and we respectfully withdraw Mr. Wagar's name, as Mr. Wagar's friends object to placing him in competition with Mr. Lock for any office. [Applause.]

The Snark—: I have not had any second to Mr. Hill's motion.

J. M. Myles (2100)—: I second the motion.

The Snark—: It has been moved and seconded that the Scrivenoter cast the unanimous vote of this meeting for Capt. George W. Lock, of Louisiana, for Snark of the Contentated Order of Hoo-Hoo. Are you ready for the question?

[Cries of "Question!" and the motion was passed with a shout.]

The Snark—: The "ayes" have it, and by your vote you have elected Capt. George W. Lock Snark.

A Member—: We didn't do a thing to him! [Laughter.]

The Snark—: I beg your pardon, gentlemen; the Scrivenoter has not cast the vote yet.

The Scrivenoter—: The Scrivenoter hereby, in compliance with the vote you have just passed, casts the unanimous vote of this assembly, aggregating 5,174 votes, for George W. Lock, of Louisiana, to be Snark of the Universe. [Applause.]

The Snark—: I do not think I need repeat what I was going to say. [Laughter.] I do not see Mr. Lock in the hall, and would be pleased to appoint a committee to escort the gentleman into the hall; and I think it would be very proper to appoint Mr. Frederick L. Wagar and Mr. Robert D. Inman, if they will consent to undertake that honor.

M. A. Hayward (248)—: I move that you include in that committee Mr. Frank Lawrence, of Massachusetts.

The Snark—: And Mr. Lawrence.

[The committee withdrew in search of Mr. Lock.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I do not care for this to go on the record officially, because it hasn't anything to do with the meeting; but I would ask as a personal favor that the members of Hoo-Hoo here assembled will not elect any more of our cast of characters for to-night, and thus force us to make a change at this late hour. Mr. Lock was assigned a position which he cannot well fill now.

C. A. Lyon (515)—: Mr. Stage Manager, he was to "rush the growler," wasn't he? [Laughter.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I would like a volunteer to

take Captain Lock's position—a good, heavy man, some heavy-weight member of the Osirian Cloister.

Several Voices—: Pickering! Pickering!

W. H. McClintock (183)—: Mr. Pickering, you will be instructed in your duties later.

The Election of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

The Scrivenoter—: Mr. Ex-Snark, if such you be, does the newly-elected Snark really take possession of his office until he is installed, at the ceremony which occurs to-night?

Several Voices—: No.

The Scrivenoter—: Then, Mr. Still Ruling Snark, I move that we proceed with the nominations for Senior Hoo-Hoo.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I second that.

The Snark—: It has been moved and seconded that the present Snark continue to conduct this meeting. I simply wish to state myself on that proposition that I remember a year ago Mr. White, then Snark, gave way to me as soon as I was elected; and I, of course, want to do the same by my successor. Whatever your pleasure is I shall, of course, be pleased to obey.

M. A. Hayward (248)—: I move the usual custom be observed on this occasion; and the newly-elected Snark can be inducted into office through the ceremonies this evening, as usual, without reference to his taking the office at once, as has always been the custom heretofore.

W. E. Burns (3)—: I would call the attention of the Snark to the fact that our past Snark, Mr. White, did not give way to you at this juncture, Mr. Gladding. I have that on Mr. White's own word.

Past Snark A. A. White—: The proper procedure is that the new Snark is not Snark until he is installed.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I will say, further, that this is the first time we ever had a formal installation ceremony. In the past the new Snark took his seat without formality.

[The motion that Snark Gladding continue the conduct of the session was passed.]

The Scrivenoter—: Then I will call the roll of the States for nomination for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

[Alabama offered no candidate; and Arkansas, through No. 2272, offered the name of Charles Keith, of Missouri. California seconded that nomination, Canada had no candidate, and Colorado endorsed Mr. Keith's name. Florida offered no candidate, and Georgia seconded the nomination of Mr. Keith amid applause. Illinois, Indiana, Indian Territory, and Iowa had no name to offer, and Kansas seconded Mr. Keith's nomination. Kentucky made no response, and Louisiana seconded the name already offered. Massachusetts failed to respond, and Michigan supported Mr. Keith, as did Minnesota and Mississippi.]

The Scrivenoter—: Missouri!

A. A. White (162)—: Missouri has a candidate. His name has already been mentioned, and I do not deem it necessary to speak of him further than to make some personal allusions to the fitness of the gentleman for the office. Missouri comes to this convention with her 501 votes and a candidate whom we shall present, a young man in years, but an old man in experience. He is a man of ability, integrity, and honesty. He has been general salesman of the Central Coal and Coke Company, one of the largest yellow pine lumber concerns in the South. Recently he has been appointed assistant general manager of the same company. We wish to present the name, in behalf of Missouri, of Charles S. Keith, of Kansas City, Mo. [Applause.]

R. D. Inman (2186)—: Your committee beg leave to report that they are unable to find our newly-elected Snark, Mr. Lock.

A Member—: He must be Lock-ed up. [Laughter.]

[Nominations were resumed with the call of Nebraska, which seconded Mr. Keith's nomination. New York, Ohio,

Oklahoma, Oregon, had no one to offer, and Pennsylvania seconded Mr. Keith's nomination. Tennessee had no name to announce.]

The Scrivenoter—: Texas!

C. A. Lyon (515)—: Texas wants to be out of order and to request the remainder of the States to yield their place, and will, therefore, move that the Scrivenoter cast the ballot of the Annual for Mr. Keith, of Missouri.

The Snark—: We would be glad to accommodate the gentleman, but we must give the other States also an opportunity.

C. A. Lyon (515)—: I would ask of them—

G. W. Lawler (2029)—: Washington takes pleasure in yielding.

H. H. Hemenway (184)—: Wisconsin has no candidate, and will vote for Brother Keith, of Missouri. [Applause.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I second the motion of the gentleman from Texas.

[The Snark put the question, and it was passed unanimously.]

The Scrivenoter—: In compliance with the motion just passed, the Scrivenoter hereby casts the aggregate vote of this assembly, amounting to 5,714 votes, unanimously for Mr. Charles S. Keith, of Kansas City, Mo., to be Senior Hoo-Hoo. [Applause.]

The Election of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

[On the call for nominations for Junior Hoo-Hoo, Alabama, Arkansas, California, Canada, and Colorado failed to offer a candidate. Florida, through J. F. Taylor, said: "Florida desires to place in nomination Mr. Harry W. Anderson, of Georgia."]

C. H. Hill—: Snark of the Universe: The State of Georgia has a Vicegerent who has initiated men. He is a Vicegerent who has always attended to his business. He is a Vicegerent who has been a credit to the Order. That is what his neighbors say. He has been on the Supreme Nine as Gurdon. He is not a repeater at all, though we have them down in our country; but we come up from the Southeast and place Harry W. Anderson in nomination for Junior Hoo-Hoo, or seconding the nomination of Florida.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: Illinois has no candidate, but personally I want to second the nomination of Harry W. Anderson, of Georgia.

[No candidate was offered by either Indiana, Indian Territory, or Iowa; and Kansas offered F. W. Lawrence, of Massachusetts. Kentucky had no candidate, and Louisiana seconded the nomination of Mr. Lawrence, whose turn, as the representative of Massachusetts, came next, when his graceful indorsement of the candidacy of Mr. Anderson was well applauded. Michigan supported Mr. Anderson, Minnesota had no candidate, and Mississippi indorsed the gentleman from Georgia. Missouri seconded the nomination of Frank W. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, as did Nebraska.]

The Scrivenoter—: New York!

W. W. Reilly (2600)—: New York has a candidate. We wish to second the nomination of Mr. F. W. Lawrence, of Boston, Mass. We have had a man from the South and one from the West, and we of the East think we deserve a little recognition. Mr. Lawrence, down in the city of Boston, has taken hold of this work under a great many disadvantages. As Vicegerent, he has done a good work. He deserves encouragement. The New England men have never had a representative on the Nine, and Hoo-Hoo has a great many valuable members in that section. We have always been led to consider in the East that this has been a great Western or Southern organization, with little reference to its Eastern contingent; but in order to show that we do take an interest in the East, an interest deserving encouragement, we would like to have a man on the Nine. We have never had a man east of the western

part of New York State. I, therefore, take great pleasure in asking the votes of this assembly for Mr. Lawrence, of Massachusetts. [Applause.]

[No name was offered by Ohio, Oklahoma supported Mr. Lawrence, Oregon had no candidate, and Pennsylvania declared her allegiance to the son of the South. Tennessee and Texas had no one to offer, Washington seconded the nomination of Mr. Anderson, and Wisconsin responded, "No candidate."]

The Snark—: Gentlemen, we will now proceed to election by roll call of States for Mr. Harry W. Anderson and Mr. Frank W. Lawrence, candidates for Junior Hoo-Hoo.

[The vote down to Georgia, in response to the roll call, was as below:]

Table with 2 columns: State Name and Votes. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, California, Canada, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, etc.

The Scrivenoter—: Illinois; 284 votes.

W. L. Sharp (1869), of Illinois—: The Illinois delegation is divided. Personally, I want to cast my share of the vote for Mr. Lawrence. Our vote is 240 for Lawrence and 44 for Anderson, out of 284 votes.

[The vote down to Kentucky—Indian Territory, 35 votes, not voting—was:]

Table with 2 columns: State Name and Votes. Includes Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky.

The Scrivenoter—: Louisiana; 227 votes.

M. L. Scovell (5638), of Louisiana—: 113 1/2 for Lawrence and 113 1/2 for Anderson.

The Scrivenoter—: Massachusetts; 55 votes.

F. W. Lawrence (5969), of Massachusetts—: Massachusetts casts her 55 votes for Mr. Anderson. [Applause.]

The Scrivenoter—: Michigan; 372 votes.

Joseph Myles (2100)—: 372 votes for Anderson.

The Scrivenoter—: Minnesota; 135 votes.

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: 67 votes for Lawrence, 68 for Anderson.

[The vote down to Nebraska was:]

Table with 2 columns: State Name and Votes. Includes Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska.

The Scrivenoter—: New York; 88 votes.

W. W. Reilly (2600)—: Notwithstanding our geographical position, New York votes 44 for Mr. Lawrence and 44 for Mr. Anderson.

[The vote down to Pennsylvania was:]

Table with 2 columns: State Name and Votes. Includes Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania.

The Scrivenoter—: Tennessee; 297 votes.

E. E. Goodlander (2890)—: 69 for Anderson, 188 for Lawrence.

The Scrivenoter—: Texas; 304 votes.

C. A. Lyon (515)—: 152 for Lawrence, 152 for Anderson.

The Scrivenoter—: Washington; 194 votes.

George Lawler (2029)—: 194 votes for Anderson.

The Scrivenoter—: Wisconsin; 334 votes.

H. H. Hemenway (184)—: Wisconsin casts 200 votes for Anderson, 134 for Lawrence.

J. W. Ferguson (2272)—: I did not understand that splitting the vote when I voted for Arkansas, and the majority were against me. Personally, I would like to throw my vote for Mr. Anderson—that is, one-third of 208.

The Snark—: Do you wish to change that vote?

J. W. Ferguson (2272):— Yes, sir. I did not understand. I thought the majority ruled.

C. H. Hill (27):— The State of Georgia, with the consent of the second to the nomination of Mr. Anderson, desires to withdraw his name before this convention, and moves to make the election of Mr. Lawrence unanimous. The State of Georgia also wishes to state, in connection with this motion, that there never was a better Hoo-Hoo than Lawrence, and we were only sorry that we had a candidate for office against him, or a candidate from down below. I move that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the ballot of this convention unanimously for Mr. Lawrence. I believe that motion is in order.

W. L. Sharp (364):— I believe the vote is recorded and ready to be announced. That will decide it; and then, if they wish to make it unanimous, they can do so.

J. W. Ferguson (2272):— I second the last motion.

M. A. Hayward (248):— I second the motion of Mr. Hill, of Georgia.

[The Snark put the motion as at the request of the gentlemen who nominated Mr. Anderson, and it was declared passed.]

C. P. Ives (447):— I rise to a point of order. The decision on this cannot be made by the house in this way. The records are already in. The vote is not unanimous, and we are entitled to hear what it is.

C. A. Lyon (315):— Speaking for the point of order, I think his point is not well taken. The call for decision must be made before the announcement of the viva voce vote by the Chair, and I insist that the house has ordered the vote cast by the Scrivenoter, and call for a decision.

The Snark:— The Snark decides that the vote was cast in favor of the motion to have the vote cast in favor of Mr. Lawrence.

[The Scrivenoter repeated his now familiar formula, announcing the unanimous election of F. W. Lawrence as Junior Hoo-Hoo of the Supreme Nine, and the announcement was warmly applauded amid calls for Mr. Lawrence.]

F. W. Lawrence (5969):— I would much prefer to have had the vote stated, as there seemed to be some dissent here among the members. Of course it is more satisfactory to have a unanimous vote. In taking this position, I intend to do all that I can in the East to strengthen the Order. It is true, as Mr. Keiley has said, that it has not been very strong there, and we have regarded it as entirely of the West and South; but we think that with a little good work we can help out at that end considerably. I thank you, gentlemen, very much. [Applause.]

The Election of Bojum.

[On the call of States for nominations for Bojum, Alabama and Arkansas offered no candidate; and California, through E. F. Niehaus, offered the name of N. A. Falk, through a misapprehension of the office under consideration, withdrawing the nomination on discovering the mistake. Canada and Colorado passed the opportunity; and Florida, through J. F. Taylor, tendered the name of George W. Lawler, of Tucuma, Wash., but, at Mr. Lawler's request, withdrew the nomination. At the call of Georgia, C. H. Hill announced: "No candidate; but what's the matter with Colonel McLeod?" Cries of "He's all right!" The four "I's"—Illinois, Indiana, Indian Territory, and Iowa—were mute on a nomination. Kansas announced: "Kansas presents the name of a Hoo-Hoo from the Buckeye State, Major McLeod."]

M. A. Hayward (248):— I want to correct my venerable friend in front. The title of the gentleman from the Buckeye State, which was bestowed upon him by the Order of Hoo-Hoo, is that of "Colonel," not "Major."

A. N. Struck (1702):— Kentucky will have to support the Colonel. [Laughter and applause.]

M. L. Scovell (5638):— Louisiana will support the Colonel.

F. W. Lawrence (5969):— Massachusetts supports McLeod.

[Michigan had no candidate.]

W. H. McClintock (183):— I move that the roll call be dispensed with, and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this body for Col. A. D. McLeod for Bojum.

The Entire Assembly:— Second the motion.

[The motion was passed with a shout, followed by calls for Colonel McLeod and the formal casting of the vote by the Scrivenoter.]

Col. A. D. McLeod (737):— Gentlemen and Brother Hoo-Hoo: You seem to think I have nothing to do but talk. Mr. Snark and brother Hoo-Hoo, I will call your attention to one point made a while ago by the distinguished gentleman from Illinois. I have a part in the heavy brigade, and I do not see how I can work in both; and, therefore, you will have to find a substitute for me in one or the other. I want to say to you that I have seen a great many assemblages in different parts of the country; have looked in on the illustrious ones who make our laws in Washington and on different State Legislatures, and I have seen innumerable conventions of railroad men, from presidents to conductors and engineers. Having done that, I am prepared to say, candidly and honestly, that there is no finer body of men to be brought together in this country than the representative men who come together at these Annual Meetings of Hoo-Hoo. [Applause.] That being the case, put the two propositions together, and certainly any man must feel proud at the proffer of any position on the Supreme Nine. It has always been my rule that, having been elected a colonel and holding that title alone in Hoo-Hoo, having been regularly initiated as colonel through a process it would take too long to explain—and which is, in part, a secret, anyway, even to Hoo-Hoo—I did not want any position, any place on the Supreme Nine. I am almost sorry you elected me. I would not have accepted the nomination but for the fact that a few of my old friends insisted, and made threats of awful calamity if I didn't; and all I can do now is to thank you from the bottom of my heart. [Applause.]

The Election of Scrivenoter.

Scrivenoter Baird:— I will call the roll for nomination for Scrivenoter. Alabama!

H. W. Anderson:— Mr. Snark, I move that the roll call be dispensed with, and that the unanimous vote of this convention be cast by yourself for J. H. Baird.

[Seconded by all who could make their voices intelligible in the resulting clamor.]

The Snark:— It has been moved and seconded that the Snark cast the unanimous vote of this convention for Mr. J. H. Baird, of Nashville, Tenn., for Scrivenoter of this Order.

[The motion was greeted with an affirmative yell and calls for a speech.]

J. H. Baird (408):— O, I cannot make a speech, boys!

A Member:— Use the same one you made last year; that will do.

J. H. Baird (408):— That lets me out, then, because I didn't make any speech last year. I do most sincerely return my thanks to the organization through the people here—to the entire organization—for having been for the fourth time unanimously elected to the office of Scrivenoter. [Applause.]

The Election of Jabberwock.

[No candidate for Jabberwock was named by either Alabama, Arkansas, or California; and George F. Rich, of Ontario, broke the ice by presenting the name of A. H. Weir, of Nebraska. No nominee was mentioned by Colorado,

The Election of Arcanopor.

[No State offered a candidate for Arcanopor down to Georgia, when C. H. Hill, "on the basis of geographical distribution," asked to see some one nominated from "the great, huge, high-topped West." Indiana and Illinois were out of candidates. Kentucky offered the name of Eugene Shaw, of Wisconsin, the spokesman being C. W. Goodlander. Kentucky had no favorite son to advance, and Louisiana seconded the nomination of Mr. Shaw. Massachusetts did not respond, and Michigan, Minnesota, and Mississippi held their peace. Missouri and Nebraska seconded Mr. Shaw's nomination, New York did not respond, and Ohio backed the judgment of Mr. Goodlander. No one was named by Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Texas, or Washington, and Wisconsin was called.]

H. H. Hemenway (184):— Mr. Snark and Members of the Convention: My friend from Fort Scott, Kan., rather took the wind out of my sails in his nomination. I most sincerely second the nomination of Eugene Shaw, of Wisconsin, for this office. Though away down toward the end, he will be just as proud of it as the office of Snark. Many of the members are not acquainted with Eugene Shaw. He is probably one of the largest lumbermen of the Northwest, and a man who took a great deal of interest in Hoo-Hoo from the start. I made him a Hoo-Hoo myself at Eau Claire, and his brother, the Congressman—who, unfortunately, died—was also an ardent member of Hoo-Hoo. I never saw a member take more interest than Mr. Shaw. While his interests are large and his time is much engrossed in other occupations, if he does take hold of Hoo-Hoo, he will raise it right up in Wisconsin. He is an earnest worker, and his name is one that I heartily second. [Applause.]

[W. H. McClintock (183) asked for suspension of the roll call and the now customary instructions to the Scrivenoter, which was seconded all over the room; and the Scrivenoter, in compliance with the resulting motion, rendered his little monologue declaring the unanimous election of Eugene Shaw as Arcanopor.]

The Election of Gurdon.

[The first nomination for Gurdon came from Arkansas. J. W. Ferguson offering the name of N. A. Falk, of California, which was roundly applauded.]

W. H. McClintock (183):— The applause seems to indicate the sentiment of the convention pretty thoroughly; and I, therefore, move that the Scrivenoter cast the unanimous ballot of the convention for N. A. Falk, of California, for Gurdon.

[There was a big chorus of seconds, the motion was passed, and the Scrivenoter formally declared the election as Gurdon of N. A. Falk, of California.]

N. A. Falk (5790):— I did not come with the expectation of getting an office. I came from California without any special railroad rate, and paid the full fare to attend this meeting. All I have to say is that I thank you on behalf of myself and the State of California for this honor. [Applause.]

[This closed the election of officers, and I. Shelby Babbitt Weller had not made his traditional nomination.]

The Place of Next Meeting.

The Snark:— Is the committee ready to report in regard to location? We will allow the committee appointed to consider the matter of location a few moments.

W. H. McClintock (183):— I move that, while the committee is considering the applications already in, there be a roll call of States to name places for holding the next Hoo-Hoo Annual. The committee can go on in the meantime. [The motion was seconded and passed. On the roll call no preference was announced by either Alabama, Arkansas, California, Canada, or Colorado.]

H. W. Anderson (2351):— Are not there communications here from different places?

Florida, Georgia, or Illinois; and Indiana seconded the nomination of Mr. Weir, as did Kansas and Louisiana, Iowa and Kentucky having no candidate. Massachusetts seconded Mr. Weir's nomination, and Michigan had no one to offer; and at this juncture W. L. Sharp, of Illinois, offered a motion for the casting of the ballot by the Scrivenoter for Mr. Weir. The motion was seconded generally and passed, and the Scrivenoter recited his little patter in behalf of the unanimous choice, Austin Harris Weir, of Lincoln, Neb., who was called on for a response.]

Mr. Weir (2505):— Mr. Snark and Gentlemen of the Convention: Some one has said that some are born great and others have greatness thrust upon them. The latter is my case in this instance. I want to say, briefly, that I came here because of my interest in this Order. It is the first Annual Meeting that I have attended, and I had conceived already a high ideal of its standing and of its worth and of its value; and, echoing the sentiments of Mr. McLeod, I want to say that I was surprised when I saw the caliber and quality of the men composing its rank and file. I shall go home enthusiastic in the last degree for its advancement and work for its interests, to help secure for it the success which I believe awaits it, after following the earnest efforts of its sponsors. I thank you for the honor. I have made it a rule of my life to accept no official position anywhere without being willing to perform its duties; and the best that I can say to you is that, whatever the duties devolving upon this office, I shall perform them to the best of my ability. I wondered when I heard my name why I was selected for this office, and I have come to the conclusion that some one of my friends on the excursion up in Wisconsin must have thought the selection appropriate because the name brings it up and imagined a continuance of the experience of that excursion. I had some talking to do up there, and I think Brother Walker has heard my jabber, and so they nominated me for Jabberwock. [Laughter and applause.]

[The Snark sent out a relief expedition for those who had started to find the newly-elected Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo, and Scrivenoter Baird began the call of States for nominations for Custocatian.]

The Election of Custocatian.

[Alabama, Arkansas, California, Canada, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Indian Territory, and Iowa refused to take the initiative in a nomination; and Kansas broke the monotony by nominating John Mississippi Mason, of Mississippi, which tender was seconded by Kentucky and Louisiana. Massachusetts' representative was out with the relief committee, and Michigan and Minnesota "passed." Mississippi announced, "No candidate."]

W. H. McClintock (183):— I rise to a question that may be somewhat a personal privilege; but Mississippi has a candidate, one of the most loyal Hoo-Hoo who ever did work for it, in John Mason. He has been Vicegerent Snark in that State for two years, and I think in both years stood well up to the top of the record. He worked loyally for Hoo-Hoo at all times, even neglecting his own business to do it; and I shall favor—in fact, I will make a motion that the roll call be dispensed with, and, in spite of the Mississippi delegation, the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the convention for John Mason for Custocatian. [Applause.]

[Mr. H. Booth, of the Mississippi delegation, with some embarrassment, explained that they had no thought of going back on Mr. Mason, and that when he responded "no candidate" for Mississippi he only meant that Mr. Mason, having been already put in nomination, the State had no other thought than to indorse it and see him elected. He seconded Mr. McClintock's motion. Mr. McClintock said: "I knew it was a mistake, but wanted to rub it in a little." The motion had other seconds, estimated at from twenty to the entire assembly, and was passed as rapidly as the formality could be accomplished, followed by the Scrivenoter's familiar formula declaring the vote.]

The Snark—: It was voted to have this committee consider those communications and report on one or two places and let the convention consider them.

H. W. Anderson (2351)—: I suggest that it be announced what cities have offered. We may not have any cities.

The Scrivenoter—: Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Put-in-Bay, O., and Lansing, Mich.

[No site was offered by Florida, Georgia, Indiana, or Illinois; and Kansas announced: "Dallas, Texas." No response came from any of the other States down to Ohio.]

M. A. Hayward (248)—: It seems that the city of Cleveland has been announced as a candidate for holding the Annual. I do not know by whose authority; none in the Ohio delegation issued such authority. I do not think there is a man in the northern part of the country, Ohio or Pennsylvania or Michigan, but is in favor of Put-in-Bay. We intended last year to have it at that point, a most delightful place; and it is in the territory of neither Ohio, Pennsylvania, nor Michigan, but outside, in the lake, surrounded by water. It would be a most delightful and accessible place, and we and everybody else in that territory would be glad to have Hoo-Hoo meet there.

[Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee had no site to offer, and it came the turn of Texas.]

Mr. Lyon's Plea for Dallas, Texas.

C. A. Lyon (515)—: I told you a little while ago that we did not want a position on the Nine, and did not want anything much; but we deceived you a little in what I said—we want the whole thing. [Laughter.] On behalf of Texas, I desire to invite the Order to hold its next Annual, making headquarters in Dallas. We have hotels there that are amply sufficient to accommodate the entire Order of Hoo-Hoo. We have hotels that are first-class; maybe not as good as New York, but almost. We have a great many things in the way of attractions that we can give to you there, the greatest of which is our State. There are not many of you who have been down there, and I think it is well worth your while to come down and see what we have. Our idea, if you will come to Texas, is to make Dallas headquarters; provide you with a special train free of cost to carry you from there to Austin, there to show you our capital, the seventh largest building in the world; the Austin dam, which faces a lake some twenty-five miles long, the largest structure of the kind in the world; to give you an excursion up there on a steamboat—not quite as large as Mr. Dewey runs, but something like it, and give you a barbecue on the lake. How far we go depends on how much water you drink. [Laughter.] From Austin it was our intention, if you come, to take you over to San Antonio to show you where really the first settlement of Europeans was made in the United States. It may not be so historically, but it is the fact. We would show you there the Alamo, where 112 Texans killed something over 2,000 Mexicans in a concatenation lasting something over a day or two. [Laughter.] While you are there, we expect to give you gentlemen something you have never seen before, a sena Mexicana, one of which occurred somewhere there last year, and I remember it yet with pain. [Laughter.] From San Antonio we hope to take you to Galveston and show you our harbor there, something the people of the West and Northwest are much interested in, the work on which cost something over \$3,000,000. We now have as deep water as any large seacoast city. The work was interrupted by some trouble down there last year that you may recall, but has not been interfered with since that recent disturbance; but we are now prepared to take the largest vessel in the world into Galveston harbor. At Galveston we will give you an oyster roast, and a large medal will be presented to the man who eats the most oys-

ters. That is customary. If you want to see anything about lumber, we will take you over one of the finest yellow pine districts in the United States—the best I would say, but that our Louisiana friends are here. Then we hope to take you back to Dallas, where the excursion would disband. We expect that our traveling will be done mostly by night. It is cooler and more pleasant, but we will give you enough daylight traveling to let you see some of the State. We want you gentlemen in the East to see how long it takes to go somewhere. Then we have every extreme. We have our mountains in the northwest, where the smelters grind out gold in 16 to 1; down to the Gulf Coast country, where men raise rice and bananas; out to San Antonio, where they raise cattle. From the east, where our pine woods grow, we have a stretch of territory about 900 miles, about as far as from here to Cleveland. In the west you can see our cattle; but we do not purpose to take you all over the State. According to the time schedules as arranged to-day by the Texas roads, it would take you twelve days to go around the State. This excursion we propose will occupy about four days. If you will permit another suggestion—I know this is entirely contrary to precedent, but it is offered in order to show our State at its best. I would suggest that if you will favor us, we will be glad to have you on the orthodox Hoo-Hoo date; but we hoped you might be induced to make it October 9, instead of September 9, perhaps calling this 1901, because we are eleven months ahead of the balance of the United States. [Laughter.] I ask you for this reason to postpone your visit until then. Our State Fair, the largest thing of the kind in the United States, will then be in session. You will see our product, and a very large attendance of about 30,000 a day, and the wild-eyed, long-haired Texans with six-shooters, and as fine horse races as are run anywhere in the United States, and great coursing matches, with the finest jack rabbits that ever ran. . . . If you will come, we will try to show you a good time. We will not let you have a minute to yourselves unless you want it; but if you do want it, you may have all the time you want to take. If any of you take a fancy to eighty or ninety miles of the State, why, bring it up with you. We have about 276,000 square miles, and will not miss it. I thank you. [Applause.]

R. D. Inman (2786)—: Your committee beg leave to present to you our newly-elected Snark, Mr. Lock.

[Mr. Lock was greeted with cheers and the Hoo-Hoo yell, and mounted the platform.]

Snark Gladding (99)—: Captain Lock, at the pleasure of the gentlemen present you have been elected to the office of Snark of the Universe, and I take the greatest pleasure in presenting you to this gathering.

Snark Lock—: Gentlemen, I thank you for the honor, which I assure you was totally unexpected, and I think you have much better material here than myself for this position. Still, I will say to you that I will do the best in my power to discharge its duties. [Cries of "Good!"] I will say, further, to you, gentlemen, that you must not look for a speech, because I am not gifted that way. It is out of my line entirely. If there is any business before this meeting, we will proceed.

[Ex-Snark N. A. Gladding relinquished the gavel to the new Snark, and the latter presided from this juncture.]

R. D. Inman (2186)—: Your committee begs leave to present to you our newly-elected Senior Hoo-Hoo, Charles S. Keith.

[Cheers and the Hoo-Hoo yell were given Mr. Keith, who responded:]

C. S. Keith (3401)—: Mr. Snark and Gentlemen: I wish to assure you that I consider this quite a great honor, and I

shall endeavor to the best of my ability to discharge the duties which you have placed upon me with the best credit to the association and to myself. [Applause.]

I. S. Weiler (1267)—: The Committee on Location of the Next Convention is ready to report. We have examined these papers that have been presented asking for the next convention, and do not find anything in any of them at present that we feel would suit the convention. We have been to Detroit within two years, we have been to Cleveland within a year, and we intended to go to Lake Erie, but, unfortunately, our coming together there was cut off by sickness in the hotel. The committee recommends to the Snark and the convention that Old Point Comfort, Va., be named. The accommodations there are ample; it is an entire change from late sites of conventions; the rates are very reasonable; it is a nice time of year to go there, and it has plenty of railroad and water facilities. The committee recommends to the Snark to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the next convention.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move that the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

G. W. Schwartz (4)—: I second the motion.

[The motion was passed.]

The Snark—: I take it the question is open to take a vote on the question of the next place of meeting.

A Member—: I move the invitation extended to us by the State of Texas be accepted.

[The motion was seconded by several.]

E. M. Vietmeier (2714)—: Does that motion carry with it the fact that we change the date of our Annual Meeting?

C. A. Lyon (515)—: I would ask that those two be separate. This was merely a suggestion to you gentlemen, knowing that we could give you a better entertainment at the time I suggested. I request that you take out the rider of changing the date.

The Snark—: We will vote, then, on the question of Texas being the next place for holding the Annual Meeting.

[The Scrivenoter began the roll call of States, but was interrupted by W. H. McClintock, who said: "The motion was to accept the invitation from Dallas, Texas. I rise to a point of order."]

The Snark—: You are correct.

I. S. Weiler (1267)—: The committee did not nominate Old Point Comfort; it simply recommended it.

The Snark—: Then, gentlemen, the vote is on holding the next Annual at Dallas, Texas.

[That motion passed without dissent.]

W. L. Clancy (2592)—: To bring the matter before the house, I suggest that we change the date of our meeting to October 9.

C. A. Lyon (515)—: I second the motion.

W. E. Barns (3)—: With the understanding that it is for this one year only?

C. A. Lyon (515)—: Yes, sir.

The Snark—: The motion is that the date of the Annual Meeting at Dallas will be changed from September 9 to October 9 for the next year only.

R. W. Hemenway (2823)—: It seems to me that we have to change the By-laws in order to do that. We might fix it—

C. A. Lyon (515)—: By a two-thirds vote I believe that the Constitution provides it may be changed.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: As a substitution for the original motion, I would move that the provision of the Constitution fixing the date of September 9 be suspended for one year and the meeting next year be held at Dallas, Texas, on October 9.

[W. L. Clancy (2592) withdrew his motion, and M. M. Marsh seconded that of Mr. McClintock.]

M. A. Hayward (248)—: As a substitute to the substitute, if such a thing be admissible, I would suggest that the Supreme Nine, or a quorum of it, meet on September 9 and adjourn to the date of October 9 at Dallas, Texas.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I will accept the "substitute to the substitute."

W. I. Ewart (137)—: I will move an amendment to that motion to prevent expense to the Order. I do not think there is any necessity for the Supreme Nine coming together on September 9 for that purpose. I would amend that on September 9 a proclamation shall issue from the Supreme Nine, postponing the date of the Annual Meeting for 1900 from September 9 to October 9 at Dallas.

P. B. Walker, Jr. (48)—: I will second that motion.

M. A. Hayward (248)—: Mr. Snark, I would like to hear some remarks on this question. I want to preserve this date, as the majority do, if it can be done. If the amendment carries out that idea and keeps it before the people all the time, I will accept the amendment; but I want to know before if that is the case or not.

The Snark—: I so understand it: that Mr. Ewart's amendment was that the Supreme Nine meet on the 9th of September and postpone the Annual to October 9.

W. I. Ewart (137)—: The object of my motion was to avoid the necessity of the Supreme Nine meeting on that date. A number of the members would have to make a lengthy trip to come together on September 9. For instance, the member from California, if we would go to St. Louis, would have to be present, and then make a later trip to Dallas; and I think that by a vote sent in by mail the Snark would be authorized by the Supreme Nine to make a proclamation answering the same purpose.

W. E. Barns (3)—: I would call the attention of Brother Ewart to the fact that the Constitution provides that five members of the Supreme Nine constitute a quorum, and may take action at any time.

C. A. Lyon (515)—: Why could not the Supreme Nine assemble to-night after they are installed and make this postponement? Would not that avoid the trouble?

H. H. Hemenway (184)—: Let us understand this. If there is anything that we really pride ourselves on, it is the constitutional provision as regards the ninth minute, ninth month, etc. If Mr. Ewart's motion would cover the point that the Supreme Nine through the proclamation through the mail would answer all purposes and still conform to our Constitution, all right; but if the Supreme Nine had to come together, it would be a great expense; but if this convention authorizes the Supreme Nine to make that change now by way of a proclamation, well and good.

W. I. Ewart (137)—: In view of the explanation made by Brother Barns, I can see that a quorum of the Supreme Nine can meet very conveniently on September 9 without any great expense; and as this would be a more explicit recognition of the date than the plan that my motion contemplated, I would, with the consent of my second, withdraw the motion which I offered.

G. W. Schwartz (4)—: After the installation of the officers this evening, the Supreme Nine will control the business of this Order until the next meeting; and, in order to obviate the necessity of issuing a proclamation, all that will be necessary will be for the Supreme Nine to get together and form an agreement to proclaim later that the meeting will be held October 9.

The Scrivenoter—: I suggest that the Supreme Nine meet at some convenient place on September 9, closing up the business of the Order for the year, and then adjourning to October 9. I think for various reasons the Hoo-Hoo year should be of equal length with those that have gone before it.

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I believe the understanding

was that the official year of Hoo-Hoo should be closed as usual; but, as a substitute for the entire question, I want to make a motion. Hoo-Hoo is nothing if it is not unique, and I do not think anything has ever come up in Hoo-Hoo that this organization has not been able to handle. I would, therefore, move you that next year October be officially declared the ninth month of the year.

M. M. Marsh (4025)—: I second that.

[The Snark put the motion, which was passed without evident dissent.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I move we adjourn.

C. A. Lyon (515)—: Hold on just a minute. Gentlemen, I thank you all, and second the motion to adjourn.

[R. W. English (2220) reminded the convention of the car ride about Denver scheduled for 2:30 P.M. for both ladies and gentlemen, and urged the participation of all.]

W. H. McClintock (183)—: I would say for the benefit of Mr. English, and also to make an announcement at the same time, that it will be impossible for any member of the Osirian Cloister to take the ride. We appreciate the many entertainments which the Denver committee has given us, but we must have a rehearsal of the Cloister here at 3:30, and every member attend. Of course I cannot speak for the other members of the Order.

R. W. English (2220)—: Can any of the ladies go?

The Snark—: I have heard quite a number of the ladies say they expected to go.

And here, at 1:50 P.M., closed with the Hoo-Hoo yell the official proceedings of the Eighth Annual Convention of the Concenatented Order of Hoo-Hoo.

The Communications.

The following letters and telegrams were received at the meeting from absent members:

Letters.

Pine Bluff, Ark., September 6, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Not having a number as yet (September 2, 1899, Pine Bluff concatenation), I cannot send proxy unless this is so considered. Section 3 states to come in person or write how Hoo-Hoo has used us. I wish to say she is the "proper stuff," and I expect Hoo-Hoo to contribute many favors in years to come, and consider myself fortunate in becoming a member. I trust the Scrivenor and all members of Hoo-Hoo will have a merry time, and that seventy-five per cent will escape being carried home in the carryall. Yours very truly,
HARRY T. ALCOTT.

Galveston, Texas, September 7, 1899.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Please express to all fellow-Hoo-Hoo my greetings and best wishes for a glorious time in Denver, which, very much to my regret, I am unable to share with you; but as I am informed quite a large delegation will attend from this State and our sister State of Louisiana, my presence will not be missed. The increase in membership has been very gratifying, and from present indications it will not be very long before the limit is filled. Again, with best wishes, I am, yours very truly,
R. D. BOWEN (No. 2947).

Pine Bluff, Ark., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenor: With deep regret, I have to advise you of my inability to attend the great national encampment of Hoo-Hoo—"fun lovers." May the "cats" wax fat on the "milk of human kindness" so abundant in Colorado. Sincerely yours,
6205.

Mexico, D. F., September 7, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: No. 33 meets with you in spirit to-day, even though the temporal part is so far away, and hopes this will be the last time he is absent (as it is the first), and wishes all of you our motto: "Health, Happiness, and Long Life." As Vicegerent Snark of this sister republic, I hope by this time next year to have down here in the semitropics a membership of at least one hundred. I am now awaiting permission to take in enough to confer the degrees, and when it is given, I will try to make a nice showing of Spanish

and Mexican Dons (who are in the business) on our roster. Mr. F. B. Purdy is the only Hoo-Hoo outside of the writer in this city of 500,000 people, but this record will be obsolete a year from to-day. Now so many of you are congregated at Denver, why not come down and see us in our lair? We will see you are properly entertained, and we will show you the most primitive lumbering you ever witnessed, scenes that will never leave your memories; and we will make it hot for you by feeding you on tortillas, enchiladas, chile con carne, frioles, etc. Do come and see us and have a hot time. Courteously yours,
J. E. MEGINN (No. 33).

P. S.—If my old partner is with you (Colonel Dick), why, some of you give him a Mexican hug for me.
Honolulu, August 25, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Long have I looked forward to the Hoo-Hoo Annual of 1899, but now it is with true sorrow and tears of regret that I watch the time approach and feel more and more fully that I cannot be with you. The fact is, I have been just long enough in this delightful climate to have it get a hold on me which I cannot throw off; and, besides, the walking is very, very bad. However, I will be with you in spirit, and trust that Hoo-Hoo will be kept on so firm a basis that future generations may see a mature organization with 9,999 members. Hoping I may be with you at the next Annual and wishing all Hoo-Hoo a prosperous year, I am, fraternally,
FRED. L. BLISS (No. 2864).

Beaumont, Texas, September 7, 1899.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I am very sorry I cannot be in Denver on Hoo-Hoo, "Best wishes" to the eighth anniversary of Hoo-Hooism. Yours truly,
E. S. STONE (No. 6343).

Harmony Grove, Ga., September 6, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Please report No. 6001 well and enjoying life. My address is: Care Standard Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga. Yours truly,
6001.

Pine Bluff, Ark., September 6, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: No kick coming here. There is enough good material in sight to have another concatenation in 1899. Yours truly,
4019.

Chip, Ark., September 7, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I do not know when I have had such a disappointment as not being able to attend the Annual this year, but at the last moment we had a wreck on our log road that I could not leave. I would have sent this yesterday but for the fact that I thought all the while I would go. I am with you in anything that you undertake. Yours truly,
E. W. WRIGHT.

Portland, Ore., September 5, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I cannot express to you my deep regret at not being able to meet with you in communion sweet on the back fences in Denver. I planned to go, as I most emphatically desire to possess just such a button as the one we had the pleasure to look upon and that is worn by our Snark of the Universe (Mr. N. A. Gladding) when he was here in Portland a short time ago. I am not dead yet, and the nine lives each worthy Hoo-Hoo is entitled to should carry me over at least another year, when I shall be with you wherever we meet to celebrate our next Annual. It is a burning shame that our Pacific Coast should have so poor a showing in numbers, and that our State (Oregon) should have done so little to add stars (cat tails) to our Order; but what we lack in numbers we most certainly make up in quality. "Bob" (Robert D.) Inman, I believe, can howl, and the right kind of a howl, for more than our now limit of four 9's; I think he would howl for nine 9's (999,999-999). He is a jolly good fellow well met, who is, I believe, the only one to raise the flag of Hoo-Hoo over a stemmer of his own, known by the name of "Hoo-Hoo;" and, by the way, he crowds her to the front as well as the mill to cut the greatest swath here. He has won the record of being safe; in fact, his men at the mill have so much confidence in him that a sign there erected by them reads: "In Bob We Trust." I hoped to be at Denver to rush him for Snark of the Universe. He would make a "corker." Mr. Inman is entitled to all he can get, and more, as well as to pay any charges for being—or, rather, not being with you personally, as I am in heart. May you have a good time, is the wish of one who mourns. Yours fraternally,
E. H. PARIGNORST.

Penetanguishene, Ont., September 2, 1899.—J. H. Baird,

Scrivenor: I write you these few lines, trusting that you all will enjoy yourselves on this, our Annual Convention. I was with you at Cleveland; and, if possible, will make an effort to be with you on the 9th; but, for fear that I shall be unable to connect, I will get this letter to you, that you may know that 681 is still "in the swim" with our Canadian cousins, and doing as well as could be expected in a strange country. There are some of you, I presume, who are acquainted with this country and its surroundings (the Georgian Bay), which is the great tourist resort. Of late I have been thinking what a nice place it would be for our Order to own one of the large islands and build thereon a building to be owned by the Order of Hoo-Hoo, to be used for a vacation resort exclusively for the members of the Order, the expenses of building and maintaining to be paid out of our Charity (or Reserve) Fund. There are at the present time a number of clubs in the United States that have put up buildings on this plan, and why not Hoo-Hoo own their clubhouse for the benefit of the members? You could not find a better place than on the Georgian Bay, where no better fishing can be had on the globe. Trusting you will all give this scheme your consideration, and hoping I shall be able to be with you, I remain, yours fraternally,
GEORGE FRANKLIN RICH (No. 681).

Orange, Texas, September 2, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: On account of the troublesome times we are having in Orange, I have concluded that it would not be advisable for me to attend the Annual Meeting. I regret this very much, as I had made up my mind to go and enjoy the good time you are no doubt going to have. I append my regrets. A short explanation from you as to the meaning of the last verse will no doubt assist the brethren to grasp the situation:

When the grand banquet hall has been lighted,
And Hoo-Hoo dispelled every gloom,
And the cats, with their consorts, are gathered
'Neath the soft, amber glow of the moon;
When the glasses are tinkling together,
And the joy of this earth at its height,
Is the time when disciples of Hoo-Hoo
For time and for aye gain their sight.

Man walks in the darkness and wonders
Why pleasure is gained by the few,
Then rushes on madly to gather
The ducats and dollars anew;
He reaches the goal his ambition
Has marked as his standard of gain,
Then tries with the wealth he created
To lure fitful pleasure in vain.

'Tis the mission of Hoo-Hoo to foster
The thought that a life without joy
Will be weighed in eternity's balance
And stamped as a baser alloy,
To instill in the minds of the weaklings
And impress in the minds of the old
That the man who can cheer fellow-mortals
Is worth all his weight in pure gold.

And the thought that to-night you are gathered,
Disciples of Jerrold and Hood,
To laugh 'neath the light of great Hoo-Hoo,
Reserved for the jolly and good,
While I am here grinding out copy,
With a short-barreled gun at my right—
There's a sort of banking feeling:
I wish I were with you to-night.

CHARLES M. REIN (No. 4450).

Memphis, Tenn., September 7, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor:

A Hoo-Hoo sitting on the bluff,
Wishing that he had the stuff
So to Denver he could go
And attend the Hoo-Hoo blow.

There is a city far out West,
Where the Hoo-Hoo gets the best;
If greases and oils will pay his way,
This Hoo-Hoo will be there some day.

But now to Arkansas he will go,
Though the weather be hot and walking slow;
He will wander to the mills among the pine
To fight mosquitoes, and orders to find.

6420.

Memphis, Tenn., September 7, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Please read out to the assembled members my advertisement inclosed herewith:



(No. 4408, LICENSED PORT.)

Poetry bought, sold, stolen and exchanged; have all necessary facilities for handling same, either in car-load lots or single barrels, on consignment; freight prepaid; have special permit for Aguinaldo and Filipino brands; have at present on hand some old second-hand consignments, somewhat moth-eaten and rusty, but could be used during cold weather. If any Hoo-Hoo has any special brand he wants remodeled, please forward same, with plans and specifications attached; also sufficient cash for lunches, beer, etc., while working on same. Terms cash. Address all communications to No. 4008, Memphis, Tenn.

I also inclose a sample you can read. This wants to be sung to the tune of "Old Folks at Home:"

'Way down upon the Mississippi River,
Far, far away—
That's where this Hoo-Hoo is stuck forever
Until business comes his way.
Other Hoo-Hoo their ways are wending
To Denver, in the West;
O how sadly is this Hoo-Hoo feeling,
Knowing they will eat the best!

CHORUS.

O, Hoo-Hoo, I am sad and dreary,
Just home from Arkan-saw,
Where the mosquitoes run the sawmills
And the bullfrogs file the saws!

Say, Hoo-Hoo, do you own a sawmill?
If so, where, O where?
I do hope it is handy to Memphis,
Where walking is very near;
And if it is on our big river,
I want to see you, sure.
Your success depends on your lubrication;
Save money to buy your bier.

CHORUS.

O, Hoo-Hoo, this town is sad and dreary!
Every Hoo-Hoo packed up and gone
To Denver, in the mountains,
And this Hoo-Hoo left alone.

O, Hoo-Hoo, don't think I am having
A very royal time!
With the mercury at one hundred,
The sun ne'er fails to shine.
O, Hoo-Hoo, while you are howling
Number one to nine,
Remember the lonesome brother
Who is not with you this time!

Well, old boys, while out in Denver
You will have a royal time,
For it will be next September
Before you are again in line;
And don't forget this Hoo-Hoo
Who was sadly left behind
'Way down on the muddy river
In eighteen and ninety-nine.

4408.

Lima, Ohio, September 6, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I had fully intended to be with you in Denver, but my business engagements were such that I could not get away, which I very much regret, as I had looked forward to attending this meeting with a great deal of pleasure. I trust you will all have one continual round of pleasure, as no doubt you will. Hoo-Hoo always do, especially when you

are entertained by those jolly Hoo-Hoo of Denver and Colorado. Again wishing you all Health, Happiness, and Long Life, I am, fraternally yours,
JOSEPH SCHNEIDER, V. S. (No. 2099).

Fort Smith, Ark., September 4, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: According to the laws of Hoo-Hoodom, I write to tell you I have now been a member for not quite a year, and have found Hoo-Hoo all I had anticipated, and more. Hoping the brothers who attend at Denver will enjoy the fullest of happiness, I am, fraternally,
EDGAR E. BRYANT (No. 6314).

Dubuque, Ia., September 4, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I am very sorry I will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting this year, but matters are such I cannot get away. Next year, though, you can surely count on me. Express my heartiest regards to the boys. I wish you a very successful meeting. I am working up a class which I hope to develop into a meeting during the present month. So many of the boys were off the road last month I was unable to take it up with them. Again wishing you all success, long life, and happiness, I am, M. L. CHAPMAN.

Alderman, Ga., September 4, 1899.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: In obedience to the laws of our Order, I hereby make known my whereabouts at this time. It was my wish to be present at the Annual Meeting in Denver, but I found it impossible. You have my most cordial good wishes, and I sincerely trust that many things for the good of the Order may be accomplished at the meeting now about to be held. Tell them that Georgia will surely hold up her end. Yours truly,
ALLAN M. L. RAMSEY (No. 6590).

St. Paul, Minn., September 4, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I fully anticipated being with you, but I am under the weather and sick in earnest. You have my best wishes; and if I go over the "divide" before the next Annual Con-ten-tation, I will go a true Hoo-Hoo.

I want my vote to be cast for English;
English—quite English, you know;
Although I will not be there to see, but
It's English—quite English, you know.
Now on old Bob don't play it so low;
Let his votes come in fast, and not at all slow,
So at the end the whole meeting will know
It's English—quite English, you know.

Friend Jimmy, let this be my proxy. Yours to count on,
R. T. FLOURNOY (No. 179).

Evansville, Ind., September 4, 1899.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Much to my regret, it is impossible for me to attend the first Annual Convention of Hoo-Hoo since my initiation in that great lumbermen's Order on May 9 last, for from what was seen and heard and felt that night, the big meeting surely must be a "whopper." However, I hope sincerely that the next Annual will be held a little nearer here, and also do I hope to be able to arrange my work so as to enable me to be with the crowd in 1900; but for this year I must confine myself to sending my best wishes for Health, Happiness, and Long Life to all Hoo-Hoo by mail. Wishing all those present at Denver a most pleasant time, I remain, yours truly,
KARL FRIES (No. 6436).

St. Albans, W. Va., September 5, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: It is sad to realize at this time that 195 must remain at home with the thermometer sizzling away up in the 90's, while the Hoo-Hoo are on their way toward the Rockies and a cooler climate (I hope). Hoo-Hoo has been very kind to me during this year 1899, and I hope that all the brother Hoo-Hoo can say as much. Yours fraternally,
E. C. COLCORD (No. 195).

Brunswick, Ga., 9-9-99.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: On the auspicious and mystic occasion indicated by the above figures, whose solemn and far-reaching symbols are known only to the romantic race of Hoo-Hoo, your brother member, No. 6585, although in a far distant State, nevertheless at the appointed hour and moment curls his sable caudal appendage to the exact angle required and squalls his

greeting to the most august body of feline aristocracy that ever purred a friend or scratched an enemy. While it is known to my soft-footed peers that our canine enemies are permitted to see ghosts, it is reserved for our superior mentality to see entire and in many cases beneficent visions, one of which was by the gods of Hoo-Hoo vouchsafed to me on a recent occasion when the tests were made according to the principles and methods imparted to us alone. The events which are to happen on the day of my death and ascension to celestial Hoo-Hoo land were thrown upon the canvas of the mind so clearly that there can be no mistake. Rising with my guide from the earth at the hour appointed (9-9-9 P.M.), we passed with indescribable swiftness toward the Milky Way, famous for its mighty suns and systems, and a fit abode it seemed to me even for our proud race; but farther on and on we went even after passing the glories of the last and 500th one, and on into outer darkness, where my gentle guide paused for a moment only to reassure me and point onward where I could discern a faint glimmer of light, so far, so far away that our earthly computations can convey no idea whatever of the vast distance in which lay the resplendent orbs set apart from the common herds of the universe for the exclusive delectation of cats. There, as we swiftly approached, I could see slowly forming into colossal figures, made with 9,999 suns, the number "6585;" and it is written that as each good and true member of our favored race approaches, these 9,999 beautiful and immense suns range themselves instinctively into the figures of the earthly number of the approaching one, thus notifying him that his coming has been heralded and his home prepared. As we came nearer and my guide acknowledged the sign, the great orbs, which are themselves numbered from 1 to 9,999, slowly and with pomp arranged themselves into one immense figure 9; and, amid the squalls of feline gods and goddesses, we approached the portals of 6585, which was guarded in the manner and form of symbol number 99. Upon approaching the gate, my guide gave the counter-sign to the outer guard, and immediately asked for the new one which the gods were to appoint to be used at the earthly Annual of the year 1900. The outer guard, with flashing eyes and back erect, pointed with his caudal appendage to a sable goddess on a black roof and squalled, "Know it and eat her. See!" and the inner guard said to me, "Knock;" and as I knocked, the outer guard, with clasped hands, squalled: "Ooh! ooh!" The gate was then opened, and I was directed to an inscription on the arch inside, which was as follows, "No it an eta e noc ooh ooh," which the inner guard interpreted by reading it backward, which made the words, "Hoo-Hoo Con-ten-tation." So surprised was I by this wonderful manipulation and mystic meaning of these simple letters that I involuntarily exclaimed, "Scat!" but was instantly thrust out of the gate in anger by the inner guard and ordered back to earth on probation, for the reason, my guide explained afterwards, that "scat" is a mystic word of the seventh power, which, interpreted on the backward principle, means "cats," and cannot be used by such a late number as 6585, which is your "brother in black." J. R. B. DANFORTH.

Hastings, Neb., September 5, 1899.—James H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenor: As the Snark of the Universe sounds the gavel at 9:00 to-morrow morning, condole with me, for I cannot be there. Fraternally yours,
BEN. COLLINS, Jr.

New York City, September 7, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenor:

'Way off to Denver town
The kittens wend their way
To see Pike's Peak, of great renown,
To purr and mew their say;
But those left home feel awful bad,
Their hearts are very sore;
But 148 will fight his dad,
And fill the roof with gore.
Kind Hoo-Hoo, do remember us
Who watch the mice at home;
We'll try to be good, not make a fuss,
And next con-ent. will come.

Respectfully,
JAMES R. SILLIMAN (No. 148).

St. Louis, Mo., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenor: I am sorry that I cannot be with you to-morrow. This breaks the charm, as I have been at the opening of every Annual so far. I trust you will have a

glorious and good meeting in every particular. Please remember me kindly to the members of the Annual Meeting. Kiss little Tommy Edwards for me.

[Very much to the gratification of all his friends, No. 4 reached Denver on the morning of the 10th, and took his usual prominent part in the deliberations of the meeting. Unless he kissed Tommy Edwards, it was not done. I considered that No. 4's arrival let me out.—Baird.]

Atlanta, Ga., September 6, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: In accordance with the By-laws of the Order, I beg to advise on the 9th day of this month I will be at this point. I regret not being able to be with you on that date, but hope to have this pleasure at your next Annual Meeting. Yours very respectfully,
W. F. GREAVES.

Jacksonville, Ala., September 7, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Hoo-Hoo has been good to me the past year. My intention was to be with you; but, unfortunately, I was caught in New Orleans, when Alabama put on her quarantine—caught me, side tracked me here; and here I am held until September 12. Love to all. Fraternally yours,
C. H. BEALE (No. 400).

Cleveland, O., September 2, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: It is with great regret that I have to report that I cannot possibly be with you at Denver. As you are aware, we lost everything we had this year by fire in the shape of warehouse, stock, etc.; and the extra care occasioned by same in moving, building, etc., would make it suicidal to our business for me to leave even for a day. I trust this will be a satisfactory explanation for my absence. Present my best regards to all of the boys, and believe me, yours very truly,
J. J. WEMPLE.

Sidney, O., September 6, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I should like very much to be with you old cats out there, but it was impossible this year. Please extend my best wishes to all Hoo-Hoo present. I have quit selling splinters for the present, and, instead, am licking stamps for Uncle Sam. Fraternally yours,
ROBERT VAUGHAN JONES (No. 1096).

Seattle, Wash., September 4.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I send my best wishes for the brethren, and regret that I am unable to attend. I had saved up money all the year to go on, but the Snark of the Universe was here on a visit, and we had to buy beer for him; consequently we are all financially embarrassed. S. N. HATHAWAY (No. 3122).

San Antonio, Texas, September 7, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Please say to the Most Puissant, Grand, Gloomy, and Peculiar Snark of the Universe and all small fry Hoo-Hoo that it has been well with me during these twelve months just gone. I wish for all at the great Hoo-Hoo Annual that your joy may be as pure as the air you now breathe; that your social and intellectual pleasures may be as clear of any marring cloud as the skies that bend and stretch above you; and that your aspirations for the unswelled and increasing good of Hoo-Hoo may be higher than the earthly altitude to which you have climbed for this meeting. Yours for the greatest good to all,
2871.

Houston, Texas, September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: May the Great Black Cat live forever. I regret that I cannot attend.
J. A. ZIEGLER.

Boston, Mass., September 6, 1899.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Convey my continued regards to great Hoo-Hoo and my regrets that I am unable to mouse with the rest of the kittens. May the Annual be the most successful and enjoyable known to the Order and the crop of young kittens the coming year surpass all previous records in number and worth. Yours truly,
M. A. HAYS (No. 2875).

Altoona, Pa., September 8, 1899.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: The fates have decreed that I shall not be with you in the Annual this year, much as I would like to be, and sit on the top of Pike's Peak with Brother Gersey and see the wind blow through his whiskers. How about Paris in 1900? Wishing every Hoo-Hoo, whether present at your meeting or absent, Health, Happiness, and Long Life, I am, respectfully yours,
B. M. BUNKER (No. 5352).

Memphis, Tenn., September 7, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: This, I trust, will reach you before the Annual is called to order; and I wish you to extend to all present my very best wishes for continued Health, Happiness, and Long Life, and to congratulate you and our worthy Snark upon the marked success of Hoo-Hoo under your administration. Hoo-Hoo has "certainly been good to me," and I sincerely regret that I am compelled to forego the pleasure of attending the Annual. Yours very truly,
JOSEPH B. CABELL (No. 1421).

Port Arthur, Ont., August 28, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I regret that it will be impossible for me to be with you in person, but will be there in sympathy. I would like to suggest that, out of respect for your Northern members, you float at least one small Union Jack. May the devil mis you and Heaven bless you and all the cats and kittens be ready for that greater gathering when we are called by that Supreme Universal Snark whose call we all must obey. With my best wishes for all Hoo-Hoo at the gathering on the 9th, I am, yours in Hoo-Hoo,
RICHARD D. VIGARS.

Telegram.

Buffalo, N. Y., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Frank Kelley and I break a bottle at the former's expense and drink to you, Hoo-Hoo, and Denver.
H. H. GIBSON.

Cripple Creek, Col., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: We are with you in spirit if not in person. Touch them up for us.
6519,
3924.

Mount Vernon, Wash., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Washington Hoo-Hoo assembled at Mount Vernon send greetings to the big boys at Denver.
P. H. CLAFFEY.

Lake Charles, La., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: My best wishes for a good time. I am sorry I cannot be with you.
W. E. RAMSEY.

Caruthersville, Mo., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: By the tail of the Great Black Cat, we send you greetings. Health good.
2411,
102,
57,
67.

St. Louis, Mo., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: All well. Success to the Order. B. T. T. O. T. G. B. C.,
5776,
6563.

Bogue Chitto, Miss., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I send greetings and good wishes for a successful meeting.
JOHN MASON.

Indianapolis, Ind., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Success to the Black Cat and all Hoo-Hoo.
6195,
6545.

Parmelo, N. C., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I am sorry I cannot be with Hoo-Hoo.
J. G. CHERRY.

Lima, Ohio, September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: Express to the faithful our regrets that we cannot be with them to-day in person, as we are in spirit. We drink health and prosperity to the followers of the Great Black Cat.
646,
2099,
5285,
5286,
5287,
5288,
5289,
5290,
5283,
5123,
6227,
6230.

Shreveport, La., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Here is Health, Happiness, and Long Life to all Hoo-Hoo!
CURTIS SCOVELL,
T. Q. MARTIN.

Gulfport, Miss., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Greetings. We are sorry we are not with you.
5508,
371.

East View, Ky., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Dear Hoo-Hoo has treated me all O. K.
D. A. HILTON.

Saginaw, West Side, Mich., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: We are too busy to be with you. How about Joseph Schneider, of Ohio, for Bojum?
4056,
3076,
2864,
1290,
5461.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Hot time sawing wood, saying nothing. Jolly time to Hoo-Hoo!
[Not signed.]

Neame, La., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: With regrets for our inability to be with you and well-wishes for all Hoo-Hoo,
4826,
6359.

Port Arthur, Ont., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Accept greetings, wishing Hoo-Hoo a successful and pleasant gathering.
6987.

Nashville, Tenn., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: With our hands on our Hoo-Hoo, we drink to the health of the Great Black Cat.
4633,
2365,
4636,
3832.

Pike City, Ark., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I am with you in spirit, but making V. G. in the flesh.
3427.

Sedalia, Mo., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Hoo-Hoo greetings.
4665,
6349,
3875,
3349,
3345,
6140,
3343,
3348,
3346,
3890,
6351,
2347,
464,
757.

Mena, Ark., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Twelve kittens, big concatenation, bully time. Greetings to Hoo-Hoo.
BOWERS.

Monroe, La., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: 9 0 0 0. Subtract first two from last two, and you have our traveling fund; hence cannot be with you. Regrets. Best wishes.
8246,
5744,
6417,
6413.

Merrill, Wis., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Congratulations on your highly successful year. Snark Gladding's successor will have to hump himself to do as well.
5907.

Chicago, Ill., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: On top pile boxes; cannot get down. With best wishes for all Hoo-Hoo,
40,
6,
26,
1156,
20.

Fort Smith, Ark., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Two frisky young kits send greetings to our grand Order with wishes of overwhelming success and Godspeed in its good work and noble cheer, with regrets at inability of being with you.
W. R. ABBOTT,
JAMES BRIZZOLARA.

Chehalis, Wash., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Nine minutes past nine. God bless the boys!
HARRY J. MILLER,
JERRY G. STARTUP.

Knoxville, Tenn., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: 2352, 4186, and 5998 send greeting.
SAXTON,
SCHRADER,
WETMORE.

Westlake, La., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Greeting from
1658,
45,
3360,
1688,
20.

Ecorse, Mich., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Both are well. Best wishes for a pleasant and profitable meeting.
2094,
3073.

San Antonio, Texas, September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: 5609 and 524 are with you in spirit if not in body. Hoop 'em up!
TREBLA SEVETS.

Minneapolis, Minn., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Greetings to Hoo-Hoo. May it live long and prosper.
M. J. SCANLON,
H. E. GIPSON.

Chicago, Ill., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Sorry we cannot participate. We are busy making money.
MAX HENRY RUDOLF SONDEHEIMER,
J. D. BOLTON.

Irvine Depot, Ky., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Health, Happiness, and Long Life to all Hoo-Hoo!
5255.

Tidluote, Pa., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: My best wishes for a prosperous meeting and renewed interest in the Order. Sickness prevents my attendance.
2743.

Cincinnati, O., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: All aboard Paris!
H. C. SHREVE.

Pierre, S. D., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: One old cat too busy to meet you sends fraternal greetings.
1982.

Washington, D. C., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I am blessed with happiness and health. Hoping for long life for self and Hoo-Hoo,
515.

Patterson, La., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I could not get there. Walking too bad.
SAM. R. GUYTHER.

St. Louis, Mo., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Congratulations to all cats and kittens, and best wishes for a successful convention.
918,
532.

Central City, Ky., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: No Pike's Peak weather here now; otherwise no complaints.
F. J. FULTON.

Warren, Texas, September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I am with you in spirit. Drop a kind thought for
489.

Charlotte, N. C., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Cruel fate prevents my attendance. Regards to Bolling and Bill.
EDDY (No. 386).

St. Louis, Mo., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Right side up; hope all may have a good time.
4261.

Orange, Texas, September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: May all Hoo-Hoo and Denver kittens have sport enough to insure Health, Happiness, and Long Life for themselves, and also for
2621,
4454,
4448,
1401,
4451,
5298,
3162,
4447,
6330,
4462,
5292,
4459,
5295,
1395,
5300,
4529,
6301,
5302,
5303,
5307,
4453,
4450,
4528,
5291.

Thomasville, I. T., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: We rejoice with you on earth to-day.
1415,
2206,
2004,
2202,
5922,
5919,
6295,
6296.

Dayton, O., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: We are with you in spirit, but are too busy to attend. Long live the Great Black Cat!
932,
3707.

Cleveland, O., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: To Hoo-Hoo greeting; 5079 is faring well.
ROBERT L. H. QUIESSER.

Omaha, Neb., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: I had hoped to be with you, but find it impossible. I am well and happy. My best wishes are with Hoo-Hoo to-day, as ever.
S. D. BARLOW.

Paragould, Ark., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Sorry cannot be mid yourse boys Zu viel gerschaent.
J. F. CARDWELL,
S. BERTIG,
W. H. RITTER,
J. D. BLOCK,
J. G. ROBERTS,
WYLLIE CREEL.

Atlanta, Ga., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: 6541, 2599, 2346 all on top.
H. M. BONNEY.

Evansville, Ind., September 9, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Hoo-Hoo hath used me well; would wish for no better year. Long live Hoo-Hoo!
C. L. STORRS.

Memphis, Tenn., September 9, 1899.—Long live Hoo-Hoo!
1410,
4062,
5475,
6622.

Norfolk, Va., September 8, 1899.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: Norfolk, Va., the South's great North Carolina pine metropolis, bids for the 1900 Hoo-Hoo Annual, and we think our brethren in various parts of the country should listen carefully to the claims of this great South Atlantic lumber center and shipping point. Norfolk possesses peculiar attractions for such a gathering of the lumber fraternity, and a right royal welcome would be extended the knights of the Black Cat such as has never been excelled in the history of the organization. The great city by the sea has ample hotel accommodations, superb railway and steamboat connections direct to all parts of the country, and, besides, many points of interest in and around the city

for the entertainment and edification of visitors. Moreover, the Order is practically in its infancy in the South, and the selection of Norfolk as the next place of the Annual Meeting would bring together the boys from Dixie in great shape, and thus better acquaint those from beyond Mason and Dixon's line with their Southern brethren. By all means let Norfolk be selected as the next place of the Annual Meeting.

S. F. MINTER,
C. H. BANKS,
F. E. ROGERS,
W. W. ROBERTSON,
J. E. DUKE,
A. H. POTTER,
Z. W. WHITEHEAD,
J. C. DENNIS,
J. WATTS-MARTIN,
M. L. TAYLOR,
C. M. JENKINS,
H. R. LEONARD,
J. F. DRUMMOND,
D. H. HOLLAMAN,
F. E. WILLIAMS,
E. A. ROBERTSON,
B. P. NORFLEET,
D. P. MOODY,
H. W. BLAKE,
C. E. BRANNING,
O. J. CHERRY,
JOHN ARRINGTON DALE,
FRANK HYMAN,
ALEX. WINSTON,
HARRY BUTAS,
J. W. LYNCH.

Those Present.

Gentlemen,

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R. W. English, Denver, Col.
Hy Walton, Indianapolis, Ind.
Charles S. Keith, Kansas City, Mo.
Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
E. E. Goodlander, Memphis, Tenn.
H. W. Hemenway, Colorado Springs, Col.
R. W. Stewart, Denver, Col.
Harvey Avery, New Orleans, La.
I. Shelby Weller, New York, N. Y.
J. E. Preston, Denver, Col.
D. Tramway Call, Beaumont, Texas.
M. A. Hayward, Columbus, Ohio.
W. A. Pickering, Kansas City, Mo.
W. J. Kilduff, Mobile, Ala.
J. W. Koester, Dayton, Ohio.
F. N. Embree, Indianapolis, Ind.
E. A. McVeigh, Kansas City, Mo.
J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
W. A. Zelnicker, St. Louis, Mo.
Lucius L. Moore, Denver, Col.
Alson A. White, Kansas City, Mo.
J. C. Jakway, Durango, Col.
William Clancy, Chicago, Ill.
L. E. Fuller, Chicago, Ill.
T. P. Ayres, Nashville, Tenn.
Joseph Myles, Detroit, Mich.
George B. Maegly, Kansas City, Mo.
F. S. Trekel, Timpson, Texas.
F. D. Trekel, Enid, O. T.
H. W. Hanna, Denver, Col.
Gus. Eitzen, Pensacola, Fla.
Ed. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.
Guy S. Garner, Pollock, La.
J. D. Hand, Dolive, Ala.
J. F. Taylor, Pensacola, Fla.
A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, Ohio.
H. M. Barnes, Joplin, Mo.
H. H. Jaynes, Denver, Col.
M. I. Mosher, Kansas City, Mo.
W. H. Wilson, Chattanooga, Tenn.
T. C. Creel, Kansas City, Mo.
B. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
H. B. Bullen, Oklahoma, O. T.
A. W. Daugherty, Minneapolis, Minn.
R. D. Inman, Portland, Ore.
L. F. Miller, Joplin, Mo.
F. F. Johnritz, St. Joseph, Mo.
John R. Flotron, Dayton, Ohio.

- L. J. Thompson, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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 A. C. Banks, Brunswick, Ga.
 Paul Bartlett, Lincoln, Neb.
 E. J. Tucker, Howe, Neb.
 Gerald Volk, Wichita, Kan.
 E. T. Bennett, Memphis, Tenn.
 J. H. Lapsley, Kansas City, Mo.
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 John L. Keith, Beaumont, Texas.
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 F. L. Wagar, Mobile, Ala.
 H. W. Hogen, Marshalltown, Ia.
 C. H. Muehling, Tripoli, Ia.
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 F. F. Sayre, Denver, Col.
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 Guy H. Mallam, Kansas City, Mo.
 N. J. Spencer, Chicago, Ill.
 Harry W. Anderson, Atlanta, Ga.
 George F. Rich, Penetanguishene, Ont.
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 J. S. Bailey, Waycross, Ga.
 Charles P. Ives, Baldwin, Kan.
 F. D. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo.
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 George Lock, Westlake, La.
 G. M. Huntington, Denver, Col.
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 W. S. Brannan, Chicago, Ill.
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 B. F. Vreeland, Denver, Col.
 George M. Sargent, Kansas City, Mo.
 B. Coldren, Denver, Col.
 Thomas S. Kennedy, New Kensington, Pa.
 C. W. Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kan.
 T. C. Wainman, Brinson, Ga.
 M. J. Lorden, Brookhaven, Miss.
 G. H. Wunderlich, Elmhurst, Wis.
 J. H. Bryant, Big Springs, Texas.
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 John B. Goodhue, Beaumont, Texas.
 C. H. Moore, Galveston, Texas.
 Charles H. Stevens, Little Rock, Ark.
 L. K. Smith, Galveston, Texas.
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 T. P. Isbell, Clifton, Texas.
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 I. T. McAllister, Boulder, Col.
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 M. M. Marsh, St. Louis, Mo.
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 W. C. Bullard, Omaha, Neb.
 Gould Deitz, Omaha, Neb.
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 Mrs. J. W. Hudson, Denver, Col.
 Miss G. R. Hudson, Denver, Col.
 Mrs. J. H. Bryant, Denver, Col.
 Miss Mary McCain, —, Cal.
 Mrs. Breese, Denver, Col.
 Mrs. R. M. Burton, Denver, Col.
 Mrs. J. W. Mercer, Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Johnson's Lecture and the Embalming of the Snark.

On Tuesday night there occurred at the Broadway Theater one of the most unique and interesting entertainments ever given under the auspices of Hoo-Hoo. It consisted of an illustrated stereopticon lecture, followed by the Osirian Cloister ceremonies incident to the embalming of the Snark. This lecture was delivered by Mr. B. Arthur Johnson, the Seer of the House of Ancients, and, as everybody knows, the founder of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. His subject was "The First Things of Hoo-Hoo," and consisted of an outline of the origin and growth of the Order. Mr. Johnson opened his talk with an apostrophe to Colorado, in which were shown a "Panorama of Denver," "Sunrise on Pike's Peak," "The Denver Entertainment Committee," "Elitch's Gardens," and portraits of S. K. Hooper, R. W. English, and R. W. Stewart. Among other pleasant things he said of Colorado and the personnel of its people was this:

"A half decade ago I came for the first time into this altitude, and of this wonderful country had the privilege of making this prophecy and setting it between the column rules: 'There will come a time again when all these glories will pass once more before the eyes of those who live by, for, and in lumber. Again will all the delicate hospitality and chivalrous courtesy of the men and women of the West be duplicated for those who have the patience and forbearance to wait. Those who have journeyed in the Gardens Right and Left and of the Elitch and of Manhattan will one day again sit at another feast of clear blue water, deep blue skies, atmospheric effects, mountains which pile to the heavens, and gorges which go down to the center of the earth almost; and that time will come only when again those who see with the eyes of cats go for annual deliberation to the home of Hooper and of Stewart and of English and of Sayre.'

He said that the story of Hoo-Hoo "does not need the support, but deserves the brilliant setting of such surroundings in this, its first recital; and so here, above the worries of the world, we will abide a while, and seek those things which I hope will turn the minds of many Hoo-Hoo and purpose of Hoo-Hoo to their memories forever." He told of the golden thread of theme which binds the central idea told of the origin of the word "Hoo-Hoo," "whose singular is plural and whose plural is singular," and said: "It was not born to the accompaniment of the sawing of coffin boards, nor was there about it the dank smell of winding sheets nor the death fog of grave dust."

The more important pictures in their order, following the introduction, were: The old negro cabin near Camden, Ark., where the party who organized Hoo-Hoo had breakfast on the morning upon which Hoo-Hoo was organized; picture of the sawmill near which was made the first mention of forming an organization; views of the interior of the room in which the Order was organized; portraits of all the six gentlemen who were present at the founding of Hoo-Hoo; interior of the room in which the first "On the Roof" was held; interior of the banquet hall at West Superior, Wis., where the first public announcement of Hoo-Hoo was made; picture of "Jub-Jub," the only black cat ever maintained at the expense of the Order; and St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, where the first concatenation for the initiation of the members was held. The pictures were all historical, and were used chronologically, telling

such a story of the origin and rise of Hoo-Hoo that any of the first members of the Order who have been interested in it continuously since saw themselves in the pictures, a history of the Order. A great many of the pictures were so beautifully colored as to make it rather a difficult matter for the audience to realize that the actual scenes were not before them. Among these were the group pictures taken at Minneapolis, Nashville, and Detroit, and an old barn at North Henderson, Ill.

The pictures included several recent events in Hoo-Hoo, notably the Shreveport carnival of last April, one of the pictures being that of Mrs. Will. Wallace, the beautiful "Hoo-Hoo Carnival Queen." There was also a picture of the Hoo-Hoo group on the Capitol steps at Denver. Perhaps one of the most interesting of the series was a picture of the page of the lumber paper in which the word "Hoo-Hoo" was first printed.

Mr. Johnson had devoted a great deal of time and an immense amount of work to getting up this collection of pictures; but the end fully justified the means, for the lecture was a magnificent success, and was calculated to give everybody who heard it a broader and more comprehensive idea of the real scope and intent of Hoo-Hoo. The theater was filled by an audience not entirely composed of Hoo-Hoo, for invitations had been issued to many citizens of Denver outside the Order, but who felt an interest in the history and purposes of our organization; and every one present listened to the lecture with the most absorbed attention.

Mr. Johnson deserves the thanks of every member of Hoo-Hoo for this splendid effort. In closing his lecture, Mr. Johnson said:

"Hoo-Hoo will always be doing something new. It makes war on conventionality. There has always been, and always shall be, just one central, first, and golden theme to the principles of Hoo-Hoo; and now, just at the dawn of the eighth administration of Hoo-Hoo, let us get close to the creed which we support. When the opera is over and the coachmen cry the carriage numbers and the audience spills into the street and the lad and lass and the man about town each go away into the swirl of it all, there is something they hum or whistle softly to themselves as they go. There is something which is remembered above the spangles and glitter of the ballet, the high-voiced flights of the tenor, the glint of the diamonds about the white throat of the princess, and the high-booted villain in doublet of red, and that something is the thread of real harmony which runs through it all and which we call 'theme.' . . . To light a lamp of hope in the home when the oil is low and the wick itself burns, to put a loaf where there was but a crust, to put a flush on a pale cheek, to take away Despair and place Confidence in its place, cannot, we believe, be done by the simple giving of alms. When we believe that the noblest, best thing we can do for a fellow-man is to turn him about and point him in the direction of using the talents he may have, then do we approach the golden theme of Hoo-Hoo. If on every Hoo-Hoo Day each member of the Order can conscientiously testify to the fact that he has been able, through his personal efforts, to assist at least three deserving human beings, Hoo-Hoo or not, to an opportunity to earn a living, then will we touch our hands to the golden theme thread of harmony which means perpetuation away into the future, where the mists are, and will develop that theme into a rope of gold, anchoring Hoo-Hooism to that time when the hills and the clouds, the seas and the mountains echo back 'Health, Happiness, and Long Life, peace and good will to all mankind.'"

The second part of the entertainment consisted of the installation of members of the new Supreme Nine. This ceremony was conducted by the House of Ancients. At the rising of the curtain the members of the old Supreme Nine were discovered seated at their various stations, the stage being arranged as a lodge room. The new Supreme Nine then marched in, followed by the members of the House of Ancients, the Seer taking his position at the

Snark's station and assuming charge of the ceremony. The members of the new Supreme Nine were formed in a half circle fronting the Snark's station, and the Seer called upon the Sphinx to break the silence of centuries and convey to the new officers the message of Hoo-Hoo. At the command the Sphinx appeared in the center of the stage, and delivered to each of the new officers a charge instructing him in his duties. The members of the new Supreme Nine then assumed their proper stations, and the old officers assembled before the Sphinx to listen to another message from Hoo-Hoo. This being imparted, the Sphinx disappeared, and Past Snark Gladding was consigned by the new Snark to the mysterious depths of the Osirian Cloister, there to be prepared for his last resting place in the House of Ancients.

The third and closing portion of the entertainment was the embalming of Past Snark Gladding. This was conducted by the High Priests of the Osirian Cloister, the different priesthoods being assumed by the following:

A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, O., High Priest of Ptah.
W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn., High Priest of Osiris.
H. W. Anderson, Atlanta, Ga., High Priest of Ra.
Orn Darnall, Kansas City, Mo., High Priest of Thoth.
E. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburgh, Pa., High Priest of Seb.
Cecil A. Lyon, Sherman, Texas, High Priest of Anubis.
F. W. Lawrence, Boston, Mass., High Priest of Hathor.
R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala., High Priest of Isis.
D. Tramway Call, Beaumont, Texas, High Priest of Shu.
Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn., Major Domo.

At the rising of the curtain the high priests and members of the Osirian Cloister marched in upon the stage, escorting a bier bearing the body of Past Snark Gladding. This was placed upon pedestals in the center of the stage, and the ceremony proceeded under the direction of the High Priest of Ptah. The High Priest of Osiris was called upon to judge the past acts of the fallen monarch, and the different high priests bore testimony as to what he had done while ruling in Hoo-Hoo land to entitle him to a place of honor in the pyramid of the House of Ancients. The evidence being of a satisfactory character, the body was carried out to be properly embalmed before being placed in a resting place in the catacombs.

Then it was discovered that the body of another Past Snark—A. A. White, of Kansas City—has been turned over to the Osirian Cloister, but not yet disposed of. Past Snark White was then brought upon the stage, and, after examination, it was decided that it would be impossible to preserve his form in its human semblance, owing to the length of time which had elapsed since the Snark passed away from official life. The only thing left was cremation; and the body was, therefore, consigned to the flames, the ashes afterwards being withdrawn from the furnace and placed in an urn for preservation. The mummy of Past Snark Gladding was then brought on the stage, and, together with the ashes of Past Snark White, was turned over to the High Priest of Seb, god of primeval earth, to be laid away in the pyramid of the House of Ancients.

During the ceremony and between the different portions of the programme the orchestra of the Broadway Theater furnished excellent music; and, altogether, the affair was a most unqualified success.

The Osirian Cloister.

The Osirian Cloister was very much in evidence during the whole meeting. Besides holding two or three business sessions and numerous informal meetings, at which many things for the good of Hoo-Hoo were planned and discussed, and which later on will be developed, the Cloister held a meeting for the initiation of members on the late

afternoon and early evening of Monday. The ceremonies of initiation, under the revised and perfected ritual, were administered with impressive beauty and dignity. The acting officers for the initiation were:

High Priest of Ptah, W. E. Barns.
High Priest of Thoth, G. W. Schwartz.
High Priest of Hathor, H. W. Anderson.
High Priest of Anubis, Cecil A. Lyon.
High Priest of Ra, W. B. Stillwell.
High Priest of Osiris, A. D. McLeod.
High Priest of Seb, W. J. T. Saint.
High Priest of Isis, Orn Darnall.
High Priest of Shu, R. D. Vidmer.

Forty-three men were initiated. Of this number, eleven were men present at Denver and eligible to the Cloister under its tablets of law. These initiates were as follows:

Frank W. Lawrence, Boston, Mass.
W. A. Pickering, Kansas City, Mo.
Gould Dietz, Omaha, Neb.
W. J. Kilduff, Mobile, Ala.
H. B. Bullen, Stillwater, O. T.
J. F. Taylor, Pensacola, Fla.
R. W. Stewart, Denver, Col.
R. D. Inman, Portland, Ore.
W. A. Zeinicker, St. Louis, Mo.
H. W. Hemenway, Colorado Springs, Col.
W. C. Bullard, Omaha, Neb.

The following men initiated were those nominated for the honor by members of the Cloister:

Charles F. Degen, Augusta, Ga.; proposed by W. B. Stillwell.
William L. Sharp, Chicago, Ill.; proposed by Cecil Lyon.
Frederick F. Sayre, Denver, Col.; proposed by C. S. Keith.
J. W. Ferguson, Fayetteville, Ark.; proposed by T. K. Edwards.
Frank DeC. Wilson, Independence, Mo.; proposed by A. A. White.
Gus. Eltzen, Pensacola, Fla.; proposed by I. S. Weller.
J. C. McLachlin, St. Louis, Mo.; proposed by R. H. Vidmer.
A. C. Ramsey, St. Louis, Mo.; proposed by J. J. Mossman.
C. H. Morse, Galveston, Texas; proposed by D. T. Call.
J. B. Bailey; proposed by Harry Anderson.
E. E. Goodlander, Memphis, Tenn.; proposed by C. H. Goodlander.
W. W. Napier, Nashville, Tenn.; proposed by J. B. Wall.
H. Booth, Lorenzen, Mississippi; proposed by G. W. Schwartz.
R. H. Campbell, Dayton, O.; proposed by A. D. McLeod.
L. C. Jakway, Durango, Col.; proposed by W. L. Montague.
C. H. Hill, Atlanta, Ga.; proposed by George Lock.
George Lawler, Tacoma, Wash.; proposed by W. J. T. Saint.
M. L. Scovell, Shreveport, La.; proposed by Orn Darnall.
Harvey Avery, New Orleans, La.; proposed by E. V. Preston.
Hugh W. Hogue, Marshalltown, Ia.; proposed by H. H. Hemenway.
J. E. Preston, Denver, Col.; proposed by R. W. English.
E. R. Dowler, Braddock, Pa.; proposed by E. M. Vietmeier.
W. W. Wilson, Paragould, Ark.; proposed by W. E. Barns.
R. W. Merriwether, Paragould, Ark.; proposed by W. W. Relley.
W. L. Clayton, Greeley, Col.; proposed by N. A. Gladding.
Guy H. Mallam, Kansas City, Mo.; proposed by M. A. Hayward.
George B. Maegley, Kansas City, Mo.; proposed by B. A. Johnson.
James Wilson, Jr., Wapakoneta, O.
E. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.; proposed by J. H. Baird.
J. S. Willis, Arcata, Cal.; proposed by Joseph Myles.
F. L. Wagar, Mobile, Ala.; proposed by W. I. Ewart.

After the initiatory ceremony was concluded, the business session was renewed, and the tablets were amended to provide an initiation fee of \$9.00 and \$1 annual dues. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

W. I. Ewart, High Priest of Ptah.
W. H. McClintock, High Priest of Osiris.
Platt B. Walker, Jr., High Priest of Thoth.
D. Tramway Call, High Priest of Seb.
George W. Lock, High Priest of Isis.
Cecil Lyon, High Priest of Anubis.
H. W. Anderson, High Priest of Hathor.
J. J. Mossman, High Priest of Ra.
E. M. Vietmeier, High Priest of Shu.

The Osirian Cloister Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Osirian Cloister was spread in the main dining room of the Brown Palace Hotel at 10 o'clock on Monday evening, following the initiation. This banquet was a very conspicuous feature of the social record of the meeting, and was just what a banquet should be. After several hours spent in the hall of the Cloister, both the old and the new members were in a condition to accord a very conscientious consideration to the elaborate menu spread before them, and the ladies, who had awaited the event with expectation, were no less so. The two R. W.'s (English and Stewart) and H. W. Anderson composed the Banquet Committee, and proved themselves a veritable trinity of connoisseurs. Long tables stretched the length of the beautifully-decorated room, and, by a strange coincidence, the guests numbered ninety-nine, about half of those present being ladies. W. I. Ewart, High Priest of Ptah, presided, and called upon several of those present for short talks. W. W. Reilly, of Buffalo, was asked to respond to "The Ladies," which he did in a very graceful manner. R. H. Vidmer, of Mobile, Ala., gave his views of the Colorado climate; and W. H. McClintock, of Chicago, was asked to speak for "The Kickers." Col. A. D. McLeod, of Cincinnati, delivered one of his characteristic talks, ending with an eloquent tribute to the ladies present. Chief Priest Ewart offered the thanks of the Cloister to R. W. English and R. W. Stewart, as well as other members of the Denver committee, for the many courtesies that had been shown the Cloister, and the banquet came to a close with the Hoo-Hoo yell at about 1 A.M.

The Cross of St. George.

A very Anglo-American, not to say international, aspect was given to the meeting by the presence there of Mr. George F. Rich, of Ontario, with his Union Jack. Mr. Rich was very proud of his flag, and said that if he had known that upon him would devolve the whole honor of representing our Canadian cousins at the meeting he would have got a larger flag. He said he felt very proud of the position he was placed in, but would gladly forego some of his honor as the sole representative of Her Majesty's empire to have a dozen or so of our good Canadian brothers present; "but, though born an American, and a New Englander, at that, for this occasion I am a good and loyal Canadian and the apostle at this meeting of at least inter-continental comity—of union, liberty, and equality according to color—and the bringer of good tidings of great joy. Hoo-Hoo has been good to us in Canada, and the cup of our prosperity runneth over; we lie down beside the still waters of plenty, and are led into the green pastures of content. Across the all but imaginary line that divides us we extend the glad hand of our greeting, and wish you Health, Happiness, and Long Life."

There is quite a little coincidence connected with Mr. Rich's flag. In the communications will be seen a letter from Brother Richard D. Vigers, of Fort Arthur, Ont., in which he says that he "would like to suggest that out of respect for your Northern members you float at least one small Union Jack." Mr. Rich had no knowledge of this when he procured his flag at Toronto.

The Social Features.



(THE OFFICIAL BADGE.)

The hospitality of the Colorado people is on the same broad and lofty scale as everything else in the State, and the dazzling sunshine of the perfect September days was not more radiant than the smiles of welcome with which the visitors were greeted. From the time the special Hoo-Hoo train rolled in Friday morning and was met by the Reception Committee and the inspiring strains of a brass band until the sun had set on the last day of the meeting, every visitor was made to feel himself the honored guest of royal entertainers. While the men were engaged at the business meetings, the ladies were occupied with a round of social gnyeties. There were more ladies in attendance at Denver than at any previous Annual Meeting, and undoubtedly every one present will remember the trip as one of the greatest events of her life.

Mrs. English's Reception.

The first of the entertainments was given Friday night in the form of an elegant, though informal, reception in the private parlors of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. English in the Brown Palace Hotel. Mrs. English was assisted in receiving the guests by her beautiful daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Fillmore, of Chicago, and by Mesdames J. E. Preston, R. W. Stewart, F. F. Sayre, and J. H. Bardwell, of Denver. Mrs. Preston presided at the punch bowl. Many gentlemen were present at this reception, and the evening was pleasantly spent in conversation and in listening to a programme of music and recitations on the gramophone, that weird invention which reproduces the "sound of a voice that is still" with such accuracy that the effect is almost uncanny, though interesting in the extreme. The rooms were decorated with American Beauty roses, and presented a scene of exquisite and simple harmony.

Reception by the Ladies of Denver.

Saturday night, while the annual concatenation was in progress in the hall on the eighth floor, a reception was given to the visiting ladies by the ladies of Denver in the spacious parlors of the Brown Palace Hotel. Elegant refreshments were served, amid strains of delightful music, which floated in from the corridor where the orchestra was stationed. Conversation and cards constituted the diversions of the evening, and the parlors rang with joyous laughter till a late hour.

The Carriage Drive.

Monday afternoon a carriage drive was given the visiting ladies through the beautiful residence portion of Denver. A long line of carriages, traps, and tallyhos drew up to the entrance of the hotel at 2 o'clock, and were soon filled with the ladies, who had looked forward to this drive with a great deal of pleasure. When all were ready, the bugles sounded from the tallyhos; and the gentlemen, who had come down to see that the ladies got off all right,

waved their hats and gave the Hoo-Hoo yell with lusty vigor as the vehicles drove away. The day was an ideal one, and the city was seen at its best. Through all the principal residence streets the carriages bowled along, the sound of the horses' feet keeping merry time to the happy chatter of the ladies. Many expressions of admiration were heard as one magnificent residence after another was passed, and more than one visitor decided that Denver has the most up-to-date architects in the world. Even the smaller houses are artistic and graceful, and none of the buildings, large or small, are commonplace in design. The lawns are greener in Denver than anywhere else on earth, and the flowers more gorgeous in color; and over all this scene of beauty and bright tints was bent the wonderful deep blue of the Colorado sky, a shining canopy of sapphire. It was with a feeling of deep content that the ladies returned to the hotel, satisfied that they had seen one of the most magnificent and beautiful cities in America.

The Trolley Ride.

On Tuesday afternoon a jolly party of ladies boarded the special trolley cars which had been provided for their accommodation, and, after a little spin around the city, were whirled out to Elich's Gardens, a beautiful little park, where the afternoon was delightfully spent.

On the Switzerland Trail.

Bright and early Wednesday morning all the Hoo-Hoo and the ladies were on hand at the station to take the train that was to carry them to Boulder, where the steep ascent of the mountains would begin. The entire day was to be taken up by this trip to the mining town of Ward, and lunch above timber line at Mount Alto Park. At Boulder four special trains were in waiting, consisting of coaches and observation cars. The members of Hoo-Hoo habitually tread the straight and narrow path, but to-day they were destined to depart from their custom and to journey by the crookedest road in the world—a road so circuitous in its sinuous windings that it is known as the "Whiplash Route." It twists around the precipitous sides of the mountains like a serpent, and sometimes almost seems to hang in the air like a cobweb. It is a stupendous piece of engineering skill, and the mountains themselves seem scarcely more wonderful than this railroad. To look up at them, those towering heights seemed insurmountable; but the train spun along with amazing swiftness, considering the tremendous grade. The scenery grew wilder and grander with every mile passed, until the senses almost reeled with the overpowering awe inspired by those sky-piercing peaks. It made one shiver to look at the dizzy depth below, and think how quickly he could land in Heaven or in Hades, according as he has passed his time in this mortal life, if only a wheel should slip or a brake not work at the right time. It is said that only one accident has ever occurred on this road, and that was caused by the carelessness of the passenger, who fell between the coaches as he was passing from one to another. The timber grew scarcer and scarcer as we climbed the mountain, until only a few gnarled and stunted pines managed to eke out an existence on the thin soil of the rocky heights. One wonders why they want to live, and marvels at the mysterious tenacity of life that impels these trees to struggle for existence against such fearful odds. We saw some fat, sleek cows lying under the shade afforded by the dwarfed pines, and momentarily wondered how they got so high up in the world, till we happened to think that they, too, probably traveled by way of the Whiplash Route. The distance from Boulder to Ward is twenty-six miles, the railroad running along Boulder Creek to Four-mile Creek and up the latter to Sunset, from which point it

winds about the mountain to the south side of Left-hand Cañon, and from there around the mountain side into Creek. The stage road follows the railroad up Boulder Creek; and as we skimmed along, the Eldora stage came tearing around a curve and commenced to run a race with our train. The man who held the reins was a typical Western stage driver. On his face was a look of set determination, and in his eyes glittered the light of that audacious nerve that characterizes the people of the boundless West. The train won in the end, of course, though the steep grade at that point made our progress necessarily a little slow. One of our party, Mr. J. R. Flotron, took a snap shot at the stage with his kodak, and secured a most excellent picture.

All along the route are active mines and deserted shafts, and occasionally we could see a placer miner washing out his "pay dirt." The cabins of the miners nestled up in the rocky crags, and at one point a matronly woman stood at the door of a cabin that was decorated with the Hoo-Hoo emblem, and held aloft a living black cat. This recognition of the party was greeted by the Hoo-Hoo yell, given with a vigor and enthusiasm that made the echoes ring. In the angle of the track above Gold Hill is a large mining camp, and the plant is equipped with an infernal arrangement for making a noise called a "mocking-bird" whistle. To do us homage, this whistle was turned loose for all it was worth, and the racket it raised has never been equaled on this mundane sphere. High and low, but mostly high, capering up and down the scale, shrieking, howling, squawking—it tore the air to shreds and nearly "busted" the drums of our ears. It was truly a royal salute, and one that will not soon be forgotten.

There is a fascination about mines and miners, and more than one of our party caught the "gold fever." It is said that almost any one who is willing to work can go into these mountains and make two or three dollars a day for a steady thing, with unlimited possibilities of "striking it rich." When a man starts out on his own hook in this way, he takes along about sixty dollars to begin with, which he calls his "grub stake," and of this sum twenty dollars is expended for beans and bacon and the balance for dynamite. With this equipment, a stout heart, and a strong arm, he is ready for a "hazard of new fortune," and he blasts out a tunnel in the hope of finding unlimited wealth. If it turns out well, he has no difficulty in securing capital to prosecute further operations. If not, he loses his time, his work, and his "grub stake." Colorado has come rapidly to the front as a gold-producing State, and the people out there claim that it is now ahead of California in this respect. After the collapse of the free-silver agitation and when the price of silver had fallen so low that it no longer paid to mine it, the people turned their attention to gold mining, and, to the surprise of everybody, found more gold than they had ever found silver.

The entertainment committee had made ample preparations for the comfort of the picnickers. Somebody said there were seven thousand sandwiches in the commissary department, to say nothing of liquid refreshments. On the trip up a brief stop was made at Mount Alto Park, where the lunch tables were already arranged and formed a tempting display; but very few people deserted the train, and it proceeded to Ward, reaching there about 1 o'clock. Everybody had eaten an early breakfast; and when the train pulled into Ward, it had a hungry crowd on board. A few adventurous spirits organized a raid on the commissary of the mining camp, and a party, headed by "Bob" Hemenway, penetrated to the secret recesses of the principal bakery in the town. They secured what they thought was a rare delicacy, but which afterwards turned out to be onion pies.

The return trip began about 2 o'clock, and Mount Alto was reached in about forty minutes. The bounteous lunch spread on numerous long tables in the open air was thoroughly enjoyed, and after it was disposed of, an hour or two was spent in strolling around the park. Many of the mountains near were capped with snow, and before our train left there was witnessed the novel sight of a snow-storm on a near-by peak, though the temperature at Mount Alto rendered wraps unnecessary.

Boulder was reached on the return trip about half past 5 o'clock, and an hour's stop was made to enable the visitors to see this pretty little town. Trolley cars had been provided by the local Hoo-Hoo, and a ride over the city was enjoyed.

At 7:30 the party landed at the Union Station at Denver, enthusiastic over the pleasures of the trip and the grandeur of the scenery over the road that some one has appropriately called the "Switzerland Trail of America."

The Pike's Peak Trip.

Through the efforts of Mr. R. W. Hemenway, the very efficient and energetic Vicegerent for Colorado, and a very active man on the reception committee, a special rate was secured over the cogwheel road up the Peak on Thursday. A special "Hoo-Hoo train" was run Thursday afternoon, which was filled with a merry party wearing the emblem of the Black Cat. This is the first time in the history of the cogwheel road that any reduction in the fare had been made. In addition to the crowd that went up on the Hoo-Hoo train, straggling parties dropped in from time to time and took the Peak trip; so that for two days every train carried up more Hoo-Hoo than outsiders.

The trip to Ward on Wednesday ended the diversions provided for the visitors by the Colorado people, and after that day all were at liberty to follow their own bent. It is safe to say that everybody who attended the meeting took the trip to the Peak, and many of the visitors made extended trips to Salt Lake City and even as far as San Francisco.

Snap Shots.

Mr. J. J. Mossman, of the Wabash Railroad, Buffalo, N. Y., shed the light of his smiling countenance upon the meeting. Mr. Mossman was accompanied by Mrs. Mossman.

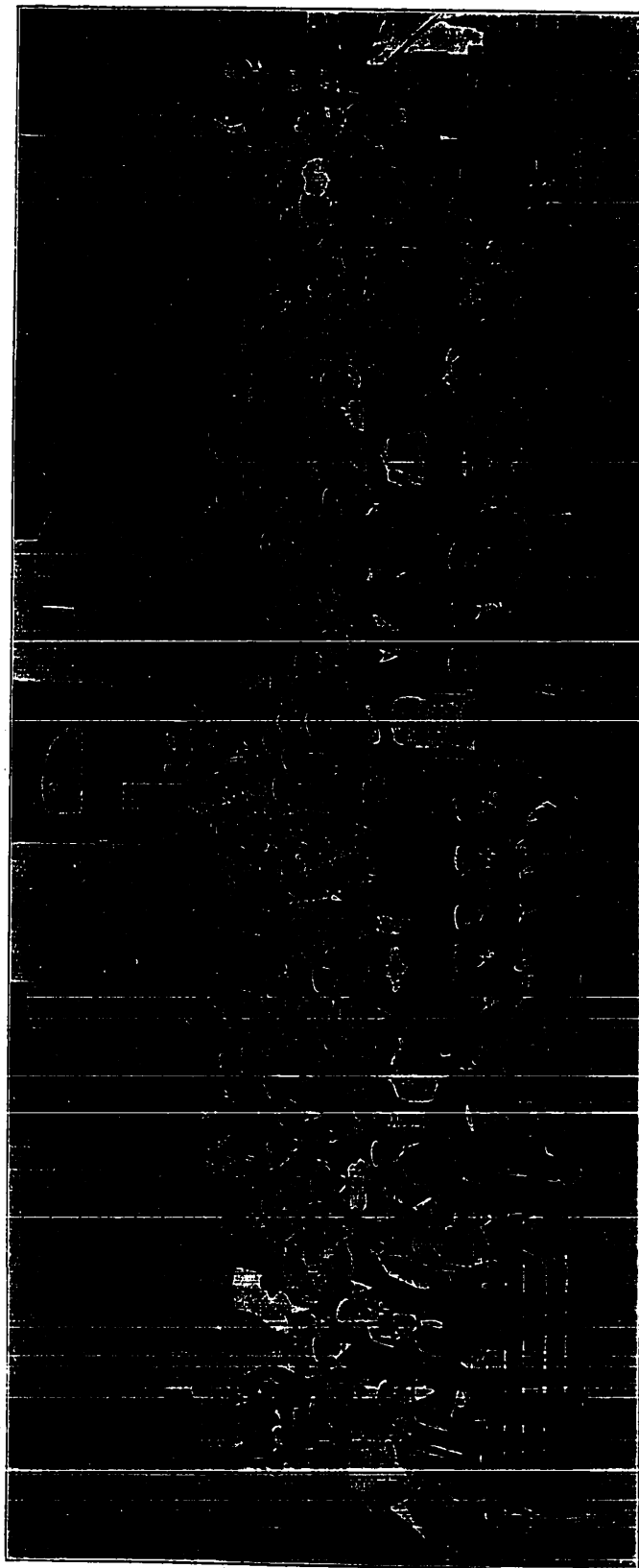
Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Edwards, of Chicago, were the jolliest couple at the meeting. Mrs. Edwards has attended every Annual Meeting of the Order, and, though still a young woman, regards herself as something of a veteran.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. M. Vietmeier, of Pittsburg, Pa., were among those who joined the special Hoo-Hoo train at Kansas City. Brother Vietmeier was last year's Supreme Gurdon, and he can work as hard and "holler" as loud as any other man in Hoo-Hoo.

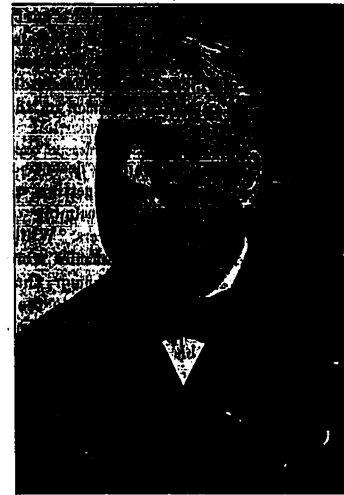
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hand, of Dolive, Ala., had come prepared to take in most of the sights of the great West. After the convention, they visited Salt Lake City, and extended their trip to San Francisco, visiting many points of interest in Utah and California.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Anderson, of Atlanta, Ga., were among the early arrivals, having gone over on the official train. Brother Anderson was the very efficient Custodian on the last Supreme Nine, and is one of the most enthusiastic and energetic members of the Order.

B. Arthur Johnson's lecture was a "corker." As a literary effort, it was beyond criticism; and as an accurate historical outline of the origin, growth, and general pur-



THESE ARE THOSE WHO WALKED UP TO THE CAPITOL.

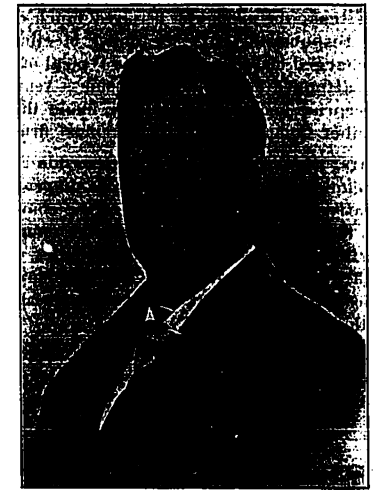


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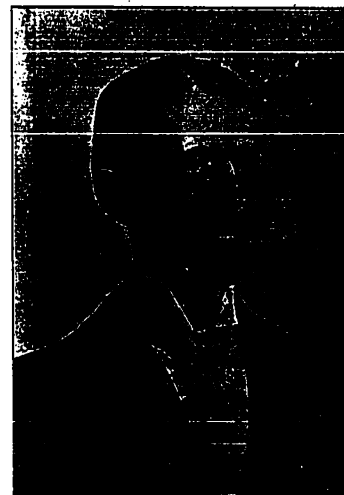


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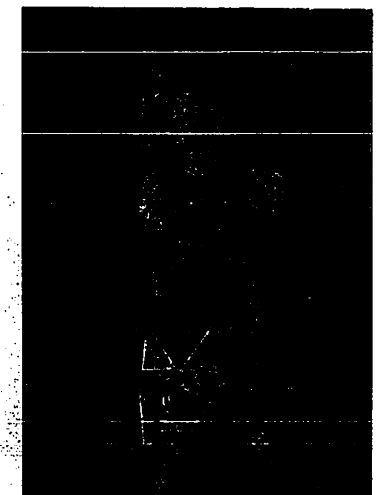
These are the photographs of four of the Denver Entertainment Committee, whose unremitting attention and efforts in behalf of the visitors will never be forgotten. These four men never slept, and appeared never to weary. They were on hand when the first man showed his face in the morning, and when the last one went to bed somewhat earlier in the morning. It is but another similar Hoo-Hoo coincidence that three out of the four have the same initials.



R. W. STEWART.



R. W. HEMENWAY.



JAS. E. PRESTON.

poses and scope of Hoo-Hoo, it was a masterpiece, and Mr. Johnson thoroughly deserved the congratulations showered upon him.

Mr. T. P. Ayres, of Nashville, put in a good deal of his time poking around the gold mines and interrogating the miners, with the result that he suffered a malignant attack of gold fever. He contemplates another visit to the West in the spring, when he will still further pursue his gold-mining investigations.

Mr. J. Shelby Weller distinguished himself by the good work done in helping to get up the entertainment at the Broadway Theater, when the two Snarks were disposed of and the new officers installed. Mr. Weller further made himself useful by his kind and pleasant attentions to the ladies, with whom he is a great favorite.

Mr. W. H. Cundey, traveling passenger agent of the Denver and Rio Grande, the "Scenic Line of the World," made

many friends among the visiting Hoo-Hoo by his courteous and pleasant manners and accommodating spirit. A large delegation of Hoo-Hoo went from Denver over Mr. Cundey's road to the many points of interest in the State.

Mr. Charles F. Degen, of the Augusta Lumber Company, Augusta, Ga., though a Pennsylvanian by birth, was in appearance one of the most typically Southern men at the meeting. Mr. Degen spent a year or so in Colorado about ten years ago, and still owns a ranch there. He attributes his robust health to his open-air life in those high altitudes.

Mr. H. J. English, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. English, and the junior member of the English Lumber Company, was on the reception committee, and worked faithfully to make things pleasant for the visitors. This young man is not a Hoo-Hoo; but if he ever joins, the Order will have secured a most valuable member, and one that would be an acquisition to any organization.

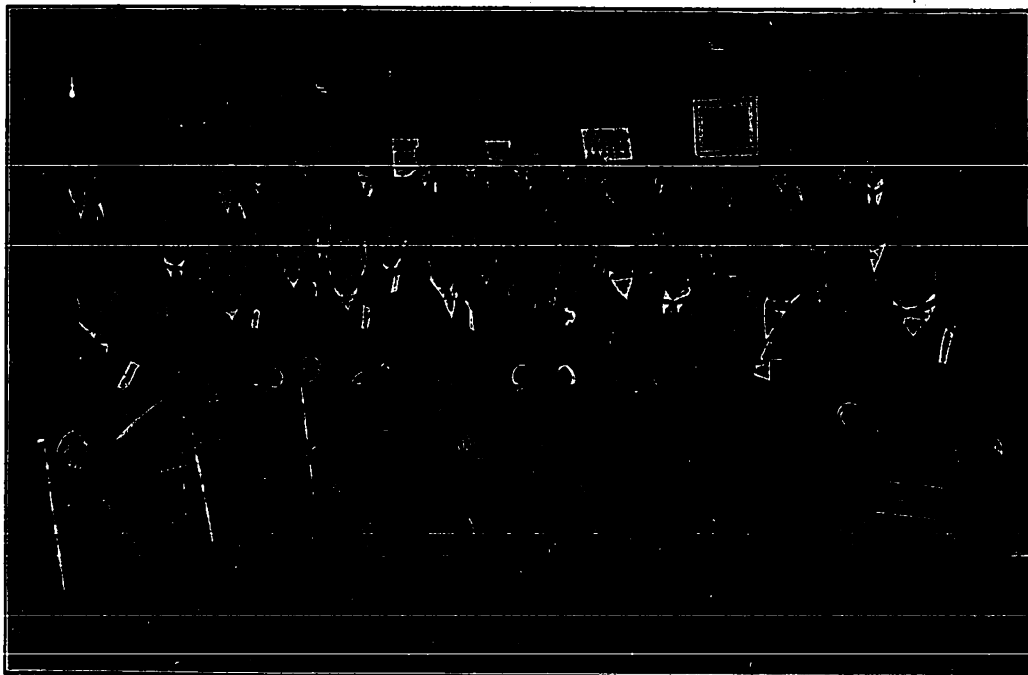
Mr. R. W. English proved himself equal to a very difficult task, for upon him devolved much of the work and the responsibility of the Annual Meeting. The way he discharged his onerous duties is typical of the success that has attended him in all his business ventures and of the enterprise and hustle that have made the R. W. English Lumber Company one of the foremost firms in the West.

Mrs. R. W. English and Mrs. Gertrude Fillmore, by their gracious hospitality so lavishly dispensed, contributed greatly to the social pleasures of the convention. Though one is the mother and the other the daughter, many people imagined that these beautiful ladies were sisters, and both were greatly admired. Mrs. Fillmore is a resident of Chicago, but went out to Denver especially to be present at the Hoo-Hoo Annual Meeting.

Mr. J. F. Taylor, of the Pensacola Lumber Company, of Pensacola, Fla., accompanied by his charming wife, was of the party that made the trip across the plains in the

special Hoo-Hoo train. Mr. Taylor was one of the most energetic of last year's Vicegerents. In Mr. Taylor's party also was Mr. Gus. Eitzen, of the Pensacola Lumber Company, who was one of the initiates at Mr. Taylor's very successful concatenation of September 1. Mr. Eitzen is by birth a Norwegian, and is a splendid specimen of the sturdy race which produced the Vikings of old.

Messrs. W. H. McClintock and B. A. Johnson deserve a world of praise for the excellent work done in getting up the ritual for the weird ceremonies of the embalming of the Snark and the installation of the new officers. While solemn and awe-inspiring to a degree, the ceremonies were interspersed with a grim and side-splitting humor that captured the house and carried the audience off its feet. Nothing like it was ever witnessed before, and there is no doubt that the impression made by this grotesque performance will redound to the benefit of Hoo-Hoo for many years to come.



HOO-HOO CLUB ROOM AT KANSAS CITY DURING THE "KEITH SMOKER."

Charley Keith's Welcome Home.

The loyal members of the Order in Kansas City gave a smoker at the Hoo-Hoo Club Rooms, September 21st, in honor of their townsman, O. S. Keith, who was elected Senior Hoo-Hoo at the Denver Annual. The affair was purely informal. The entertainment provided by the festive kittens was decidedly unique, and the occasion was most hilariously enjoyable.

Among those present were some of the most distinguished members of the Order, including our present honored Grand Snark of the Universe, Capt. George Washington Lock of Westlake, La., and three Past Snarks who have been duly embalmed and installed in the House of Ancients, Brothers B. A. Johnson, W. E. Barnes and A. A. White.

When all had assembled a large flashlight photograph of the club room and the guests was taken, which will at some future date become a part of B. A. Johnson's lecture on the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. After this incident was over Ray

Oliver's stupendous aggregation of genuine colored minstrels was introduced and made things lively for an hour or two with their songs and dances. Ray won't tell where he picked up his troupe, but they were a good thing and were pushed along for all they were worth. The coon that performed on the piano, and he could play rag time to a finish, had a face on him that was worth the price of admission, and when he sang that touching and classical ballad entitled "I'm living easy on pork chops greasy," or something to that effect, nobly assisted by the other soloists, he brought down the house, and had to sing it two or three times before the boys were satisfied. Senior Hoo-Hoo Keith's favorite selection was "If I only had a job," and that had to be sung over several times. Dan Saunders was put upon the stage and did a stunt that showed that he knows how to swing his feet if he is getting gray. During a lull in the performance Brother Keith was picked up and put upon the stage for the purpose of making a speech. He mistook the intent of that action however and ordered music and performed a neat

jig to the edification of those present. After order was restored he was told that he was up for a speech, and made a neat talk of a few minutes duration, thanking the boys for the entertainment in his honor. Capt. Lock was called on and made a short address, followed by Wm. Eldy Barnes and B. Arthur Johnson.

Refreshments and cigars served to heighten the enjoyment of the occasion, and all those who were present had such a good time that it was then and there resolved that the Kansas City Hoo-Hoo Club give a reception once a month, of the same kind, to some one or other, and this will be done in all probability.

Hoo-Hoo Day at Brookhaven, Miss.

It has now become an unwritten law that the last Saturday in August shall be Hoo-Hoo Day at Brookhaven, Miss. Candidates or no candidates, a meeting will be held, and a general round-up and love feast will be held. On Saturday, August 26, there was a concatenation in that city which was an event that will be remembered for many years to come, both by the citizens of Brookhaven and the faithful followers of Hoo-Hoo. Fifteen candidates were initiated at the concatenation, which was preceded by a big parade. At about 6 o'clock in the evening the bugle sounded the assembly at the Armory, and a grand parade was formed, headed by a brass band. Immediately following was a band of "nigger" boys with tin horns; then came the Vicegerent Snark, Brother Mason, seated (all but his feet) in a diminutive pony carriage drawn by the smallest calico Shetland pony that was ever seen; then came the other eight officers of the day mounted on beautifully-caparisoned horses, followed by a float covered with white, on which were seated nine pretty young ladies all dressed in white. The float was drawn by nine black mules, the best and finest that Lincoln County could produce. Then came another contingent of mounted Hoo-Hoo. Immediately in their wake came the candidates for the honors of our Order. They were seated on nine logs on a log wagon drawn by nine yoke of splendid oxen. The rear was brought up by other mounted Hoo-Hoo, and some in carriages and others afoot. There were more than fifty mounted Hoo-Hoo in the parade. After an intermission of an hour, the faithful reassembled at the Armory, and the business of the evening began in earnest. The concatenation passed off in the impressive manner which characterizes all Brother Mason's meetings.

To each of the nine beautiful young ladies who graced the parade was presented a Hoo-Hoo stick pin.

Prospective Concatenations.

Brother A. D. Schofield, of Macon, Ga., assisted by a number of the Georgia members, is getting up a monster concatenation for the night of October 11, during their fall carnival. The Georgia concatenations have always been notable events, and from the preparations Brother Schofield and his assistants are making, this meeting on the 11th bids fair to break even the "Cracker State's" record.

Brother R. P. Harris is getting up a great concatenation for the night of October 20 at Fort Smith, Ark., where there is going to be a big street fair from the 16th to the 21st, inclusive. This affair of Brother Harris' is going to eclipse any concatenation ever held in Arkansas. Most elaborate preparations are being made, and nothing will be left undone to insure the success of the meeting. A very large class will be initiated, and many visitors are expected to be present.

Brother Ed. M. Vietmeier, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is getting up a concatenation at Brookville, Pa. The date is not yet definitely fixed, but the meeting will occur some time between the 20th and 27th of October. Brother Vietmeier writes that a good class is assured.

Business Opportunities.

The Seminole Lumber Company, Lake City, Fla., want a first-class planing mill foreman for flooring, ceiling, etc. No sash factory.

West Brothers, West Lake Fla., want a superintendent for a sawmill of 50,000 daily capacity.

No. 6091, who is now on the road for a large firm in the Northwest, on account of the health of his family wants to come South. He is a first-class lumberman, and any Southern firm wanting a man on the road would do well to correspond with him. A letter addressed to him in care of the Scrivenoter will be forwarded.

Hymeneal.

Mr. F. C. Burden (No. 2039), of Detroit, Mich., was married to Miss Lillian Salling, at Manistee, Mich., on October 4. Mr. Burden is a most loyal Hoo-Hoo, and has a host of friends throughout the country to wish him joy in his new estate.

Obituary.

Brother Charles H. Hutchins (No. 3682) died suddenly at the Hotel Metropole, at Detroit, Mich., on the morning of August 26. Mr. Hutchins had come down from his summer cottage at the St. Clair Flats on Friday morning to attend to some business, and in the evening had taken in the Elks' Carnival. Upon retiring in his customary good health, he left an order to be called at 7 o'clock, for it was his intention to take the morning boat back to the Flats to rejoin his family. When the porter's call received no response, the reason was investigated, with the result above stated. Physicians were hastily summoned; but they agreed that death had occurred about 6 o'clock, or an hour before he was found, and that the cause of his death was heart failure.

Charles Henry Hutchins was born in Haverhill, Mass., May 1, 1858. When but fifteen years of age, his parents removed to Ann Arbor for the express purpose of educating their five children. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in the class of 1878, and followed this up with a two-years' law course, graduating from the Law Department in 1880. He took up the practice of law in Owosso, continuing in it until 1882, when he came to Detroit to engage in business with his father in the manufacturing of car roofs after the patented inventions of his father, the late C. B. Hutchins. The firm name of C. B. Hutchins & Sons then adopted has been unchanged ever since. Charles H. Hutchins was made secretary and treasurer of the company, which position he has retained up until his death.

On receipt of the news of the death of Charles H. Hutchins, Senior Hoo-Hoo Joseph Myles issued a call for a meeting on Monday afternoon, which was well attended, about thirty members of the Order being present. Mr. C. W. Hestrick presided and Mr. O. S. Hawes acted as secretary. Senior Hoo-Hoo Myles was instructed to procure a floral tribute from Detroit Hoo-Hoo, and all present were invited to attend the funeral. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas the members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo of Detroit learn with profound regret of the sudden death of their esteemed brother, Charles H. Hutchins (3682), and desiring that his memory be made a matter of record, be it

"Resolved, That while we bow to the all-wise decree of Providence, we regret the taking away of one of our Order—one who ever commanded the respect and admiration of those who met him in a business way and whose

good fellowship and the interest he took in Hoo-Hoo will ever keep his memory green in our hearts; and be it further
 "Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved family in this hour of grief our deepest sympathy, and that we express to our Order sincere regret at the loss of one who was ever loyal to its interests.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our late brother, to the Supreme Scrivenoter, and to the lumber trade journals.

"A. K. HUNTON,
 "A. M. SALLIOTTE,
 "E. F. JENKS."

The floral tribute sent by Detroit Hoo-Hoo was a large figure "9" of white roses tied with a bow of black and gold ribbon.

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Brother W. P. Halliday (No. 5608), of Cairo, Ill., died on September 22 in his apartments at the Lexington Hotel, Chicago, surrounded by nearly all of his immediate family and many of his lifelong friends. He had been ill for some time, and had gone to Chicago, hoping the change of air would benefit him. No man in the Order was more widely known or more universally esteemed than was Brother Halliday. He was a man of affairs, identified with numerous large enterprises, and, by honest effort and diligent attention to business, had accumulated an immense fortune. Brother Halliday was a philanthropist as well as a financier; a whole-souled, warm-hearted man; steadfast to his principles, and strictly honorable in the discharge of all of his duties and obligations.

William Parker Halliday was born at Rutland, Meigs County, O., July 23, 1827. He began his business career as a printer. He afterwards became a steambot clerk, then a steambot captain, and ultimately a steambot owner. He located in Cairo in 1860, engaged in the lumber business, and became interested in many industrial enterprises. He leaves a widow, four daughters, and two sons. Brother Parker became a Hoo-Hoo at Cairo on April 25, 1868.

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Bro. Bailey Connelly, No. 5748, Secretary of the West Monroe Lumber Co., of West Monroe, La., died from the effects of an operation for appendicitis, on May 12, 1899.

Bailey Connelly was born at Early Grove, Miss., December 7, 1865. In 1888 he entered the lumber business at Madison, Ark., removing later to Texas and thence to Monroe, La. He was initiated into the Concatenated Order of Hoo Hoo at Monroe, July 20, 1898.

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Bro. G. H. Robertson, No. 1341, died at Lumberton, Miss., August 27. Details of his death received at this office are very meagre, but the cause of his illness appears to have been acute liver trouble.

George Hanson Robertson was born in Charles County, Md., November 15, 1843. He removed to Mississippi in 1888, and at the time of his death was connected with the well known firm of J. J. White, of Lumberton.

Concatenations.

No. 575. Detroit, Mich., August 18, 1899.

Snark, E. D. Galloway.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, Arthur L. Holmes.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, J. G. LeFevre.
 Bojum, John J. Marten.
 Scrivenoter, Joseph Myles.
 Jabberwock, W. A. Furguson.
 Custocatian, S. L. Mead.
 Arcanoper, F. C. Burden.
 Gurdon, W. R. Hall.

6673 Guy Wencle Atwood, Detroit, Mich.
 6674 Edward Finish Frolch, Detroit, Mich.
 6675 Jefferson Thurber Wing, Detroit, Mich.

No. 576. Brookhaven, Miss., August 26, 1899.

Snark, John Mason.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, E. V. Preston.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, R. Elzey.
 Bojum, Frank Converse.
 Scrivenoter, D. L. Easterling.
 Jabberwock, J. A. McCormick.
 Custocatian, E. M. McCormick.
 Arcanoper, E. M. Cowart.
 Gurdon, C. E. Butty.
 6676 Jake Walter Boone, McComb City, Miss.
 6677 John Harvey Johnson, Brookhaven, Miss.
 6678 Thomas Bricks McCormick, Brookhaven, Miss.
 6679 William Cameron McCormick, Brookhaven, Miss.
 6680 Felix Coldspring May, Brookhaven, Miss.
 6681 John Melancthon Maynor, Brookhaven, Miss.
 6682 Elliott Love Mitchell, Paducah, Ky.
 6683 Ira Lee Parsons, Brookhaven, Miss.
 6684 Richard Theodore Scherck, Brookhaven, Miss.
 6685 James Bradford Smith, Brookhaven, Miss.
 6686 Herman Julius Spitzkell, Bogue Chitto, Miss.
 6687 Thomas Walter Wearinger, McComb City, Miss.
 6688 William Thaddeus Taylor, Brookhaven, Miss.
 6689 Harry Augustus Tibbs, Brookhaven, Miss.
 6690 William Lee Walker, Wellman, Miss.

No. 577. Texarkana, Ark., August 29, 1899.

Snark, J. P. Brower.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. F. Jordan.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, R. C. Branch.
 Bojum, T. C. Skeen.
 Scrivenoter, F. M. Worrall.
 Jabberwock, C. W. Wilson.
 Custocatian, W. W. Archibald.
 Arcanoper, W. B. Switzer.
 Gurdon, L. F. Signor.
 6691 Harold Breckenridge Carter, Texarkana, Ark.
 6692 John Joel Merrill, Texarkana, Ark.
 6693 Rolla Ray Mitchell, Texarkana, Ark.

No. 578. San Francisco, Cal., August 30, 1899.

Snark, C. J. Church.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, G. L. Belcher.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, S. L. Everett.
 Bojum, Arthur J. Kennedy.
 Scrivenoter, J. H. Claiborne, Jr.
 Jabberwock, J. J. Loggie.
 Custocatian, F. W. Carey.
 Arcanoper, W. W. Everett.
 Gurdon, L. D. McDonald.
 6694 Chandler William Burgess, San Francisco, Cal.
 6695 Frederick William Burgess, San Francisco, Cal.
 6696 James Albert Chase, San José, Cal.
 6697 Henry American Euler, San Francisco, Cal.
 6698 Orlando Weston Fairfield, San Francisco, Cal.
 6699 John Macey Poy, Berkeley, Cal.
 6700 Albert Edward Hall, Jr., Napa, Cal.
 6701 Charles Theodore Littlejohn, San Francisco, Cal.
 6702 Frank Kerriek McComber, San Francisco, Cal.
 6703 John Louis McKinnon, San Francisco, Cal.
 6704 James Chester Robinson, Oakland, Cal.
 6705 John Clark Ward, San Francisco, Cal.

No. 579. Pine Bluff, Ark., September 2, 1899.

Snark, J. F. Davis.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, E. P. Ladd.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. E. Emmert.
 Bojum, F. S. Rawlins.
 Scrivenoter, W. H. Greer.
 Jabberwock, I. J. Vick.
 Custocatian, A. L. Wilson.
 Arcanoper, L. D. Mitchell.
 Gurdon, F. A. Conner.
 6706 Charles Blaine DeKay, St. Louis, Mo.
 6707 Samuel Flatwheel Hardin, Pine Bluff, Ark.
 6708 Henry Ellsworth Helvie, Faith, Ark.
 6709 Horace Chapman McGaughey, Pine Bluff, Ark.
 6710 Harry Thomas Oleott, Pine Bluff, Ark.
 6711 James Irwin Ott, Chicago, Ill.
 6712 John Henry Smith, Pine Bluff, Ark.

No. 580. Pensacola, Fla., September 1, 1899.

Snark, J. F. Taylor.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, Emory Fish Skinner.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, Harry W. Anderson.
 Bojum, F. N. Ruse.

Scrivenoter, J. Will. Porter.
 Jabberwock, John R. Shumate.
 Custocatian, J. F. Martin.
 Arcanoper, Fred. Johnson.
 Gurdon, S. A. Johnson.

6713 Gustav Michael Eitzen, Pensacola, Fla.
 6714 Walter Cowpuncher Foster, Pensacola, Fla.
 6715 Henry Taylor Jones, Montgomery, Ala.
 6716 Lawrence Edmund Nobles, Pensacola, Fla.
 6717 Charles Walter Oliver, Pensacola, Fla.
 6718 Ernest William Richmond, Milwaukee, Wis.
 6719 Paul Roren Torneo, Pensacola, Fla.
 6720 Edward Christopher Wheat, Atmore, Ala.
 6721 William Benjamin Wright, Pensacola, Fla.
 6722 Valentine Hamilton Wright, Pensacola, Fla.

No. 581. Pensacola, Fla., September 2, 1899.

Snark, J. F. Taylor.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, Harry W. Anderson.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, Harry W. Anderson.
 Bojum, E. W. Richmond.
 Scrivenoter, W. B. Wright.
 Jabberwock, John R. Shumate.
 Custocatian, John R. Shumate.
 Arcanoper, Walter C. Foster.
 Gurdon, S. A. Johnson.

6723 Benjamin Traveler Chandler, Whitfield, Fla.
 6724 Albert Hoo-Hoo Jernigan, Portland, Fla.
 6725 John Cornelius Miller, Pensacola, Fla.

No. 582. Kansas City, Mo., September 2, 1899.

Snark, W. M. Johns.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, Frank Hodges.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, W. P. Trickett.
 Bojum, E. A. McVeigh.
 Scrivenoter, S. R. Oliver.
 Jabberwock, Joe R. Anson.
 Custocatian, C. L. McGrew.
 Arcanoper, H. R. Swartz.
 Gurdon, H. A. Gorsuch.

6726 William Aaron Anderson, Kansas City, Mo.
 6727 Angus Ferry Barry, Kansas City, Mo.
 6728 Harry Lindon Bliss, Kansas City, Mo.
 6729 Thomas Albert Brown, Desota, Mo.
 6730 Wyatt Shannon Brown, Clinton, Mo.
 6731 Adolph August Buschow, Kansas City, Mo.
 6732 Harold Sylvester Garwood, Stanley, Kan.
 6733 Freeman Hardie Haley, Kansas City, Mo.
 6734 Robert Joseph Hogan, Kansas City, Mo.
 6735 Robert James Harley, Kansas City, Mo.
 6736 Peter Wallace Keith, Kansas City, Mo.
 6737 Charles Lee Lyons, Kansas City, Mo.
 6738 Robert King Moody, Lawrence, Kan.
 6739 Lewis Friend Moore, Kansas City, Mo.
 6740 James Robert Morehead, Lexington, Mo.
 6741 Mack Barnebus Nelson, Kansas City, Mo.
 6742 Edward Lawbrite Page, Kansas City, Mo.
 6743 Orange Oran Russell, Kansas City, Mo.
 6744 Theodore Clayton Sherwood, Kansas City, Mo.
 6745 Edmond Brewster Werng, Kansas City, Mo.

No. 583. Mena, Ark., September 9, 1899.

Snark, J. P. Brower.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. S. Pryor.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, J. B. Hickman.
 Bojum, J. M. McDowell.
 Scrivenoter, T. H. Dunn.
 Jabberwock, H. E. Brommer.
 Custocatian, Henry Tremaine.
 Arcanoper, W. C. Moore.
 Gurdon, W. H. Banks.

6746 Ferdinand Jacob Bruschow, Mena, Ark.
 6747 Thomas William Clark, Mena, Ark.
 6748 Jacob Thruston Donaldson, Mena, Ark.
 6749 William Alexander Eddleman, Mena, Ark.
 6750 James Richard Holden, Vandervoort, Ark.
 6751 William Edward Humphrey, Mena, Ark.
 6752 Bishop Alfred Hurd, Granness, Ark.
 6753 Hans Hamburg Kolbe, Hamburg, Germany.
 6754 Sevier Clark Law, Vandervoort, Ark.
 6755 George Washington Linder, Hatfield, Ark.
 6756 Alonzo Glen White, Mena, Ark.
 6757 Levi Joseph Witherspoon, Vandervoort, Ark.

No. 584. Denver, Colo., September 9, 1899.

Snark, N. A. Gladding.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, G. C. Hemenway.

Junior Hoo-Hoo, Platt B. Walker, Jr.
 Bojum, A. D. McLeod.
 Scrivenoter, J. H. Baird.
 Jabberwock, R. D. Inman.
 Custocatian, Harry W. Anderson.
 Arcanoper, D. Tramway Call.
 Gurdon, Ed. M. Vietmeier.

6758 William Frederick Allen, Denver, Col.
 6759 William Fall Bailey, Denver, Col.
 6760 William Henry Delleker, Denver, Col.
 6761 James Albert Edds, Pekin, Ill.
 6762 Thomas James Gardner, Las Animas, Col.
 6763 David Erwin Gibson, Canon City, Col.
 6764 Edwin Ruthven Griffin, Denver, Col.
 6765 Charles Morton Hicklin, Denver, Col.
 6766 Walter Baxter Kinkead, Denver, Col.
 6767 William Mortimer Lampton, Denver, Col.
 6768 John Maupin League, Denver, Col.
 6769 Edward Knothole McClair, Manzanola, Col.
 6770 George Washington Martin, Denver, Col.
 6771 William Denver Moore, Denver, Col.
 6772 Franklin Ulysses Nofziger, Redlands, Cal.
 6773 George Morrill Sargent, Kansas City, Mo.
 6774 Taylor Joseph Wells, Culbertson, Neb.
 6775 Joseph Wellegan Woollett, Boulder, Col.
 6776 Arthur Lovett Wylie, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 585. Mount Vernon, Wash., September 9, 1899.

Snark, T. H. Claffey.
 Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. J. Morgan.
 Junior Hoo-Hoo, B. L. Miller.
 Bojum, James A. Check.
 Scrivenoter, F. W. Graham.
 Jabberwock, G. W. Reed.
 Custocatian, Ed. Lane.
 Arcanoper, F. D. Alexander.
 Gurdon, R. W. Battersby.
 6777 Bert Pilehuck Chadbourne, Pilehuck, Wash.
 6778 Edward George English, Mount Vernon, Wash.
 6779 Joseph Chester Fox, Seattle, Wash.
 6780 Henry Too Gay, Mount Vernon, Wash.
 6781 Thomas Griffith Hostel, Mount Vernon, Wash.
 6782 George Edmond Hartson, Mount Vernon, Wash.
 6783 Wallace G. McLain, Sebro, Wash.
 6784 John P. Millett, Mount Vernon, Wash.
 6785 Oren Menzo Robertson, Mount Vernon, Wash.
 6786 Elmer Cyril Million, Mount Vernon, Wash.
 6787 George Dewey Moran, Mount Vernon, Wash.
 6788 Dennis Quartz Storr, Mount Vernon, Wash.
 6789 John Keith Stewart, Mount Vernon, 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.

4168—E. E. Getshell, Oakkosh, Wis.
 5119—William F. Simmons, Kentwood, La.
 1427—F. G. Bishop, Bertig, Ark.
 4245—Adolphus Marshall, Fargo, N. D.
 177—F. A. Felton, 547 West Adams St., Chicago, Ill.
 534—W. E. Harmon, Lake Charles, La.
 5018—Wm. A. Partin, McHenry, Miss.
 3510—R. A. Lang, 2217 23rd Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.
 2785—C. M. Lewis, Mass. Inst. of Technology, Boston, Mass.
 5350—C. K. Watson, Cripple Creek, Col.
 1921—Geo. F. Wooley, Clinton, Iowa.
 5237—H. A. Tabb, care G. S. Baxter & Co., Brunswick, Ga.
 4781—H. M. Briley, care Baggage Agent Southern Railroad, Birmingham, Ala.
 2860—J. F. Lomasney, 1917 Hayes St., Nashville, Tenn.
 3824—W. T. Ross, College St. Ticket Office, Nashville, Tenn.
 5751—T. B. Hinkle, Monroe, La.
 1747—S. D. Parsons, Tomahawk, Wis.
 4534—J. H. Phillips, Kansas City, Mo. (Removed from Beaumont, Tex.)
 5033—H. Randall, Shreveport, La.
 4310—F. W. Ludington, Burlington, Wash.
 2318—Inn. G. Moore, Lake City, Minn.
 4112—H. F. Leason, 465 W. 22d St., Chicago, Ill.
 782—A. J. Ames, Hazelhurst, Wis.
 989—John A. Brier, care Forest Hardwood Lumber Company, Little Rock, Ark.
 591—S. L. Johnson, Cabool, Mo.

- 2149—E. A. Dalton, Hollandale, Miss.
 372—S. N. Acree, East Point, Ga.
 6194—J. E. Wilson, Millville, Ark.
 4064—J. E. Merritt, Hutchinson, Kan.
 6370—P. Bell, Trinidad, Cal.
 4016—W. H. Appleman, Moselle, Miss.
 5573—Walter Gregg, Waco, Texas.
 4521—E. J. Robinson, 446 McClelland avenue, Detroit, Mich.
 5448—C. E. Wilson, Wilson Bros., Perry, O. T.
 5501—Herbert Wilson, Wilson Bros., Perry, O. T.
 1134—W. E. Graff, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 775—O. C. Gibson, 302 First avenue, Detroit, Mich.
 108—D. P. Burns, Parkersburg, W. Va.
 1050—H. C. Wagner, Thomasville, I. T.
 3664—A. Morris, Coquille City, Ore.
 1644—L. Deemer, 2225 Dodge street, Omaha, Neb.
 1161—A. T. Shaw, Box 64, Mobile, Ala.
 4375—J. P. Galbraith, Alpena, Mich.
 2000—F. O. Ehrlich, Ehrlich, Wash.
 209—C. D. Meeker, Rockdale, Ind.
 5103—E. E. Nance, Chicago, Ill.
 4988—C. M. Vniden, New Whatecom, Wash.
 5923—W. G. Strange, Cove, Ark.
 5030—G. A. Cartwright, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 3037—P. L. Garrett, Everett, Wash.
 346—W. S. King, Van Buren, Ark.
 4718—Wm. Shepperson, Middlesboro, Ky.
 4007—T. S. Wylie, Baracoa, Cuba, (forwarded to Camp Meade, Pa.)
 5151—J. E. Loveall, Haynie, Wash.
 5808—E. C. Abernathy, Wynnwood, I. T.
 920—S. H. Taft, 608 W. 8th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
 4863—E. C. Pickering, Van Buren, Ark.
 3019—C. K. Tucker, Cooper, La.
 5957—W. M. Morris, 5 Front St., San Francisco, Cal.
 3030—J. J. Higgins, Springfield, Mass., care Cooley House.
 5148—Geo. Hunt, Haynie, Wash.
 3310—O. H. Pollard, care Beattyville Enterprise, Beattyville, Ky.
 2424—Thos. Riggs, Skagway, Alaska.
 6420—E. T. Babbit, 214 W. 9th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.
 4085—W. T. Armstrong, Houston, I. T.
 4764—H. L. Whaley, Indianapolis, Ind.
 1462—C. T. Covell, Cole Grove, Cal.
 2191—C. H. Fisher, Portland, Ore.
 1715—Wm. Glover, Ashland, Wis.
 1000—J. F. Conway, Houston, Va.
 2744—A. D. Banta, Sulphur Station, Tex.
 6105—F. B. Leach, care E. C. Atkins & Co., Seattle, Wash.
 2002—W. G. Mitchell, 810 Fullerton Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
 3458—H. A. Wood, M. K. & T. R. R. Co., Waco, Tex.
 1760—H. D. McCool, Butternut, Wis.
 3158—L. M. Davis, Throop and 21st Place, Chicago, Ill.
 2030—F. D. Butzer, Tacoma, Wash. (Firm, Nov. 9, '08, St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co.)

THE Hoo-Hoo March,

By No. 1050.

Dedicated to the

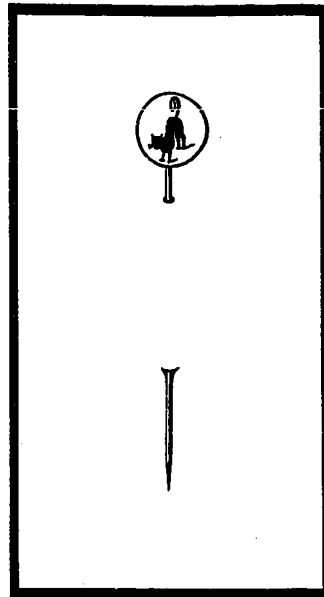
SUPREME NINE.

The Only Authorized Music of the Order.

No better advertisement for the Order could be had than to have this piece of music become one of the popular airs of the day.

The price of the music is 40 cents per copy, and will be sent post paid upon application to the Scrivenoter.

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.

The Practical Side.

The men whose Hoo-Hoo names appear in the notices below are out of work and want employment. This is intended as a permanent department of THE BULLETIN, through which to make these facts known. It is, or should be, read by several thousand business men who employ labor in many varied forms, and it can be made of great value in giving practical application to Hoo-Hoo's central theme of helping one another. It is hoped the department will receive very careful attention each issue.

WANTED.—Position as foreman of planing mill. Am up-to-date on sash, door and blind work. Can furnish references. Address No. 6111, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn. Aug. '09

WANTED.—Position as superintendent or manager of a good lumber plant. Twenty years' experience from stump to car. Can furnish best of references. No. 8181, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn. Jul. '09

WANTED.—Party with \$2,000 to take half interest in established lumber business, and travel through the State of Ohio. None but attention familiar with the lumber business need apply. Address "Cleveland," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position as manager of hardwood plant. Understand all details as to purchase of logs, manufacture of lumber, and the selling and inspection of same, as well as being a thorough book-keeper and office man. Leo F. Hale, 971, Box C, Honor, Mich. Jul. '09

WANTED.—Position by competent lumber stenographer, who has had experience in wholesale lumber business. Willing to assist in office work in any capacity. Can furnish best of references. Address No. 6748, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn. Jul. '09

WANTED.—Position as superintendent or foreman of sawmill. Have had three years' experience. For a long time with Yonmans Bros. & Hodgins of this place. That firm going out of business leaves me open for connection. Can give gilt-edge reference as to ability. Address A. K. F. Crockett, Winona, Minn.

WANTED.—Position as superintendent of sawmill, manager of commissary, or lumber inspector. Can also keep books. Have had thirteen years' experience in lumber business, and can give best of references. Am out of work by reason of being unable to live at last place, which was disastrous. Willing to go anywhere not too unhealthful. Address No. 6950, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter. Aug. '09

WANTED.—To represent some good concern as buyer in the South. Have a wide and favorable acquaintance among the manufacturers of yellow pine and other Southern lumber. Can give the best references as to integrity, experience and general competence as a lumberman. Address No. 1355, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter. Sept. '09