



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF LAFAYETTE PARK—Right in the center of the stricken district was this charming place, so often spoken of as the most beautiful little park in the country. It covers an area of over sixty acres, and was surrounded by well-built and handsome residences. The trees surrounding the park as well as those within its limits were destroyed.

J. R. Best Kills Himself.

In a fit of temporary insanity, caused by the terrors of the recent tornado in St. Louis, John Reuben Best, general manager of the Big Four Lumber Company of this city, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor at his home, 1411 Missouri avenue, Wednesday morning, June 10th, at 7 o'clock. The tragedy was enacted in the bath room.

Fifteen minutes passed after he entered the room, and he did not return. His wife grew uneasy, and as her calls brought no response the door was broken in, and Mr. Best was found half sitting, half reclining, in the bath tub, with his throat cut from ear to ear. The Coroner was notified and an inquest was held at the residence Wednesday morning. Suicide, caused by temporary aberration of the mind, was the verdict returned.

Ever since the tornado Mr. Best's mind has been affected. His friends and business associates agree that he has not been the same man since. He came to his office in the Odd Fellows' Building regularly every day, but spent his time writing letters to his relatives, telling them about the tornado.

When the tornado broke over St. Louis Mr. Best was in a street car in the southern part of the city. After the worst was over he started for his home on foot. As he related the story to his friends, the scene of the wreck and ruin about him led him to conclude that his own home had been destroyed and his wife and children killed.

The thought made him weak—so weak and blind that he ran into things and fell. A young man noticed his condition and caught hold of him and guided him home. The sight of his house still standing, the warm glad pressure of the arms of his wife and children threw his mind from utter dejection to delirious joy. He laughed and cried by turns. Friends of the family say that his whole life was wrapped up in his wife and children.

Mr. Best was forty-five years old. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Laura Best; a son, Albert, a scholar of Harvard University; a daughter, Blanche, fourteen years old, a pupil at the Mary Institute, and a baby girl. L. J. Best, of Topeka, Kas., President of the Cotton Belt Lumber Company, is a brother of the deceased. Mr. J. R. Best was also a stockholder in the company, and treasurer of the Southern Lumber Manufacturers' Association of St. Louis.

The news of the suicide provoked much comment at the Lumbermen's Exchange, and greatest surprise that he should have committed suicide. His friends all attribute the deed to temporary insanity, occasioned by the tornado.

IN MEMORIAM.

A general desire to do honor to the memory of our beloved friend and Brother, the late John Reuben Best, prompted his friends to meet at the Lumbermen's Exchange, St. Louis, on Thursday afternoon.

Knowing full well his sterling worth, and feeling most keenly

his loss, they wish to extend to the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy, and record the various sentiments expressed by those present.

If in this hour of sadness there was but one thought to cheer and comfort those bereaved, this one of itself should suffice to lift and sustain them—it is the remembrance of love and esteem in which our Brother John Reuben Best was held by every one who knew him.

To know him was to love him. Whether neighbor or competitor, partner or employe, superior or inferior, whosever lot it was to meet our friend, a welcome and a smile was his every greeting.

It has been said, "Love is but an episode in the life of man, but it is the entire, the complete history of a woman's life." To him, it may with truth be said that this sentiment would not apply, for in this regard he was the full possessor of woman's best attribute.

He will live in our memories. The world is better for his having lived in it. His widow and children will, until their last hour, have ever-recurring evidences of his sterling worth in the free expressions of his acquaintances concerning him.

Consoling Time will soften our griefs and crystallize our affectionate regard for his memory.

He is at peace, and free from the cares that bore him to the earth.

The Lord in His infinite goodness saw fit to take him unto Himself, for He was merciful to our Brother. Let us invoke His blessings upon the disconsolate ones, that their lives may be better, purer and more tranquil as they meditate on the endearing qualities of our departed friend.

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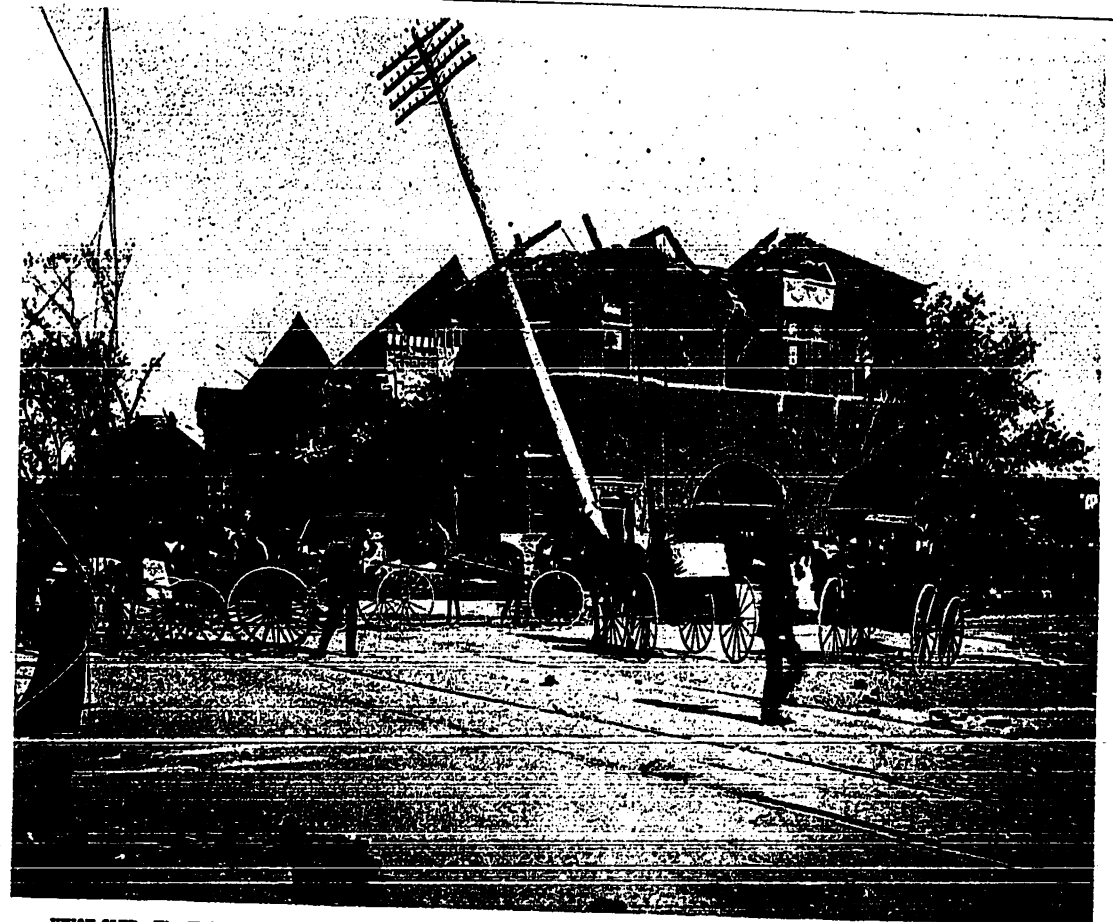
DEWITT CLINTON TUTTLE.

After an illness of several months, our Brother Hoo-Hoo, No. 3859, died at his home in Rowley, Buchanan County, Ia., on May 29th. Mr. Tuttle was born in Westfield, Pa., August 23d, 1841, but removed to the State of Iowa in the early part of his life, where he resided until the time of his death. He has been in the lumber and implement business since 1881, and was well known and highly respected in his immediate vicinity, and among the lumber trade generally, and to all those, and members of our Order, and his bereaved family, his death comes with terrible force. Mr. Tuttle joined our Order on January 23d, 1896, at Minneapolis, and we have learned he returned home from this trip to Minneapolis, ailing, having contracted a heavy cold, and seemed gradually to fail from that time, never being able to again attend to his business. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 46, Independence, Kas.

CHARLES LEWIS BROWN.

We have been advised of the death of our Brother Hoo-Hoo, No. 1838, who passed away May 6th, 1896. Mr. Brown was an Eastern man, having been born in New Berlin, N. Y., in 1842, and his early life was spent in the East. Since 1865 he has been engaged in the railroad business, and until the time of his death was filling the position of general freight agent for the C. & O. Ry., at Lexington, Ky.

We deeply regret the loss of our Brother, and his friendship will be greatly missed by many of our members.



UNION CLUB—The Union Club is an organization of prosperous residents on the "South Side," and its headquarters are near Lafayette Park. The club house was completed quite recently, and was built with a view to comfort, elegance and permanency. Its upper stories were demolished and heavy blocks of stone blown across the street.



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In the Wind.

It is whispered that Detroit is already in the field for the Annual of 1897. When Vicegerent Marten asks for anything for Michigan he does it in such a way that every one wishes him success in gaining his point.

Supplement No. 2.

Have you received a copy of this new supplement? If not, please make this fact known to the Scrivenoter's office at once, as every member should be supplied.

Mailing Address.

We particularly request all members of the Order to keep us posted on their mailing address, as we must have this information to insure the receipt of all communications from this office. Do not omit to keep us advised of all changes of address, as it is impossible for us to ascertain this information from any other source than yourself.

Occupants of the Chamber of Horrors.

We are prepared to furnish the C. O. H. buttons to all Past Vicegerent Snarks. The actual cost of these buttons is \$3.50 each. If you return your button you now wear, accompanied by remittance for \$1.75, we will forward one of these buttons to you. Many members of this worthy body are now wearing them.

The Cyclone of May 27th.

Through the courtesy of C. B. Woodward Printing and Book Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, the BULLETIN is able to present to its readers two excellent views of the cyclone district of St. Louis. The cuts are from a series issued in pamphlet form. Several of our members belong to the Union Club, and often frequented the building. Lafayette Park was in the center of the stricken district, and before the storm was one of the most beautiful parks in the city.

The Appointment of a New Vicegerent Snark.

Our Snark, J. E. Defebaugh, has officially appointed Mr. Robert McCulloch, a Hoo-Hoo of Fargo, North Dakota, Vicegerent Snark for the State of North Dakota, that State having the requisite number of resident members according to the requirements of the Constitution to entitle it to a Vicegerent. At a concatenation held recently in Fargo, under the direction of Jabberwock P. B. Walker, the sentiment expressed at this meeting seemed to favor Mr. McCulloch as the choice for the State officer, and this information was furnished the Snark, whereupon he has made the above appointment to continue until the Hoo-Hoo Annual. We wish Mr. McCulloch success in his duties during his term of office.

Visitors to the Republican National Convention.

The city was full of visitors during convention week, and among them many Hoo-Hoo. Snark Defebaugh and James Maloney were on hand from Chicago; A. A. White, J. M. Bernardin, J. T. Sunborn, of Kansas City; E. F. Skinner, Vicegerent of Florida, was a delegate at large from his State; Cecil A. Lyons, Vicegerent of Texas, was a delegate from the Lone Star State; J. A. Freeman was an alternate from Arkansas; H. C. Taylor, of Lyons, Kas., was here with the McKinley Corn Train; S. H. Bolinger, of Bolinger, La.; I. Shelby Weiler, of New York; W. G. Collar, of Wisconsin; H. H. Giesy, of Ohio; J. W. Amerman, of Texas; C. W. Goodlander, of Kansas; W. M. Jack, of Portland, Ore., were all callers at Hoo-Hoo headquarters.

Rates for the Annual.

Owing to a rule of the various passenger associations, the question of rates cannot be considered by them until within ninety days of the meeting. On the 9th of June the Chairman of the Transportation Committee began work on this question, and under date of June 13th Vicegerent Hillman writes that he is giving the matter personal attention, and is receiving assurances which lead him to believe that a one-fare rate can be secured. The Transportation Committee will keep constantly at work until the rates from all sections are positively secured. Every effort will be made to avoid the certificate plan. It is hoped that by the time our July issue goes to press all rate matters will be settled.

Questions Which May Come Up for Discussion at Our Next Annual.

Vicegerent Amorous, of Georgia, suggests that "the button of the Order should be worn on the vest in what is known as the watch-chain button hole." It would be peculiar in location.

Vicegerents and all other officers, except Supreme Scrivenoter, should not be allowed to serve two years in succession. It is thought better results would be brought about by this change.

Vicegerent Hillman, of Tennessee, says: We are thinking of bringing before the Annual the question of the Order erecting a nice building at our Centennial in the shape of a large black cat. All, or nearly all, of the other organizations will have buildings located on the grounds, and we think that it would not only be one of the best advertisements the Order could have, but would prove a kind of home to the visiting Hoo-Hoo during the Centennial. The building could be gotten up in nice shape, and I do not think the cost would be very great, as I feel sure the Southern lumbermen would be willing to furnish the material for the building free.

Weddings.

FERDON-ANDREWS.

Mr. John W. Ferdon, of the Yawkey Lumber Company, Hazelhurst, Wis., was united in marriage at St. Paul, Minn., on Wednesday, June 3d, with Miss Mary Lucy Andrews, of the latter city. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Crocker, on Summit avenue. Only a very few of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present at the ceremony. A luncheon was served immediately after the wedding, after which the bride and groom departed for their new home at Hazelhurst. Mr. Ferdon is one of the best known lumbermen in the Wisconsin valley, where he has been located for a number of years. He has an interest in the Yawkey Lumber Company, having charge of the sales department of that well-known concern. His bride is spoken of as a young lady possessing numerous excellent qualities of mind and one who in all respects would verify the confidence of Mr. Ferdon's friends in his good judgment. A host of friends in the Hoo-Hoo fraternity wish No. 713 and his bride the best that life can give.

HOO-HOO.

Mr. George R. Hogg and Mrs. Antoinette Paul Blood, of St. Louis, were married at half past three on the afternoon of June 1st at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Ewing and Washington avenues, Dr. Burnham, the pastor, performing the ceremony. After a few days spent at Piana Bluffs, Ill., the happy couple returned to St. Louis and went to housekeeping at 778 Aubert avenue. The bride was formerly a well-known member of society circles in Leavenworth, Kas., and the groom is well known all over the West and South as the present manager of Wm. Buchanan's sales department at St. Louis.

VOJK-JEWETT.

We have received notice of the marriage of Mr. Gerald Volk, of Wichita, Kas., to Miss Grace Jewett of the same city. The ceremony was a very quiet little affair, and took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. M. McCabe, No. 240 N. Emporia avenue. Only a very few persons were present—the relatives and a few intimate friends of the bride. After the ceremony, the happy couple took a train for the East, and their honeymoon will be spent in Boston, vicinity and other Eastern cities. We understand that the wedding was a great surprise to Mr. Volk's friends, and for some time past they had noticed his worried-looking countenance, but attributed it to the dull trade, inclement weather, etc.; they now have a satisfactory explanation, realizing that it was all due to his having to keep a secret. We join with his numerous friends in offering congratulations, and surmise the fortunate bride will have no occasion to have the license revoked.

Rubber Stamps.

Cards, electrotypes and rubber stamps, of all sizes, can be secured from the Scrivenoter's office, fourth floor, Equitable building, St. Louis. Write for prices.

Announcements for Concatenations.

C. L. Piper, Vicegerent for the State of Kentucky, has announced a concatenation to take place on the 25th inst., at Ashland, Ashland, Ky. Mr. Piper has received an urgent invitation to come to this point and show forth the mysteries of our Order, which he so well knows how to do, and he extends through these columns an urgent invitation to all Hoo-Hoo who can attend this concatenation to do so.

John J. Marten is to hold a concatenation on the 19th inst., at Manistee, Mich. This will be a great concatenation, and all Michigan Hoo-Hoo should exert an extra effort to be present. Mr. Marten hopes to have some members of the Supreme Nine present to assist him in his ceremonies.

Notice.

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

- 251 E. T. Spafford, Thompson, N. Dak.
- 2567 A. R. Flanders, Press Plg. Co., Stevens Point, Wis.
- 1382 A. Johnson, 22d and Laflin Sts., Chicago, Ill.
- 1717 F. E. Simar, Atkinson, Neb.
- 1598 J. Russell, 410 3d Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2730 W. A. Bleloch, Holsten, Bleloch & Co., Duluth, Minn.
- 36 S. D. Carpenter, New Orleans, La.
- 1819 Fred Hamilton, Rhinelander, Wis.
- 289 F. H. Clark, 202 Guaranty Loan Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 1199 G. Chambers, Glencoe, Mich.
- 1262 T. H. Dickinson, Boston, Mass.
- 867 W. Collins, Rhinelander, Wis.
- 1739 O. R. Dunn, Tomahawk, Wis.
- 1958 C. D. Fisher, New York City, N. Y.
- 2733 J. J. Flahiff, Hot Springs, Ark.
- 1474 A. T. Gilbert, Tomahawk, Wis.
- 2057 R. Humphreys, Pittsburg, Pa.
- 1734 T. H. Hunt, Ashland, Wis.
- 1748 A. W. Smith, Tomahawk, Wis.
- 377 W. J. Tanner, Chicago, Ill.
- 970 D. W. Ten Eyck, Manistee, Mich.
- 106 J. C. Nash, formerly at Kansas City.
- 1175 A. Rodgers, Muskegon, Mich.
- 1645 W. R. Hays, Jonesboro, Ark.
- 3200 E. C. Allen, Eagle River, Wis.
- 2285 A. M. Byram, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 1604 A. B. Baxter, West Superior, Wis.
- 272 E. L. Cass, Grant's Pass, Ore.
- 1503 J. W. Coon, care Tomahawk Blade, Tomahawk, Wis.
- 2157 D. M. Kennedy, 3 California street, San Francisco, Cal.
- 2960 J. C. McGrath, Ruddock Cypress Co., Ruddock, La.
- 3212 H. H. Morse, 790 Old Colony Building, Chicago, Ill.
- 1166 I. D. Newcomer, Brainerd Lumber Co., Brainerd, Minn.
- 3019 C. K. Tucker, Orange, Tex.
- 2347 J. H. Rathbun, Atlanta, Ga.
- 1386 C. A. Basley, Beaumont, Tex.
- 2884 G. A. Goerke, Memphis, Tenn.
- 1218 C. O. Josslyn, Marinette, Wis.

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843	1560	2455	2578	3072	3102
935	1612	2450	2560	3074	3103
1039	1944	2468	2562	3075	3104
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