

Custodian, N. W. Bucklew.
Arenoper, C. S. Woodworth.
Gurdon, E. L. Hildwein.
7491 James Samuel Atkinson, Ruston, La.
7492 James Stamps Crowell, Long Leaf, La.
7493 John Calhoun Douglas, Myrtistown, La.
7494 Francis Joseph Prunes Horig, Long Leaf, La.
7495 Emmett Letoy Kidd, Ruston, La.
7496 John Jacob Kingmore, Shreveport, La.
7497 Leo Lenthelbeling Loch, New York.
Hon. No. 50 Benjamin Hotstuff Holzman, Shreveport, La.
Hon. No. 51 James Hopkins Ross, Shreveport, La.

The Record of Work.

The record of work done by the Vicegerents of the several states from September 9, 1899, is as follows:

Table with columns: VICEGERENT, CONCENATIONS, MEN INITIATED, HONORARY. Lists vicegerents by state and their respective statistics.

\*In some instances Vicegerents have been credited with concatenations held in their respective districts prior to their appointment. For instance, Mr. R. P. Harris, of Ark., is given credit for concatenation No. 585, at which twelve men were initiated; Mr. Hanna, of Colorado, with concatenation No. 584, held by his predecessor, at which nineteen regular and one honorary member were admitted; and Mr. Reed, of Washington, under similar circumstances, with concatenation No. 585, at which thirteen men were initiated.

Unknown.

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.

- 6104—J. E. Wilson, Millville, Ark.
2010—N. P. Smith, Northern Bank Bldg., Lexington, Ky.
5239—Geo. S. Wood, Fostoria, Ohio.
6208—J. M. Smith, Hatfield, I. T. (Office discontinued.)
2002—W. G. Mitchell, 810 Fullerton Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
5786—Jas. S. Stewart, Sheridan, Mo.
5897—Wm. C. Richardson, Blue Island Ave. and Linden St., Chicago, Ill.
290—H. H. Collins, 1815 Hawthorne Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
1597—Marshall J. Fortier, 1744 Grand Ave., Denver, Col.
5457—E. O. Westgate, Manchester, Mich.
1537—G. W. Ricketts, Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn.
1743—N. A. Emerson, Tomahawk, Wis.
5955—O. W. Brooks, care St. Louis Machine and Oil Co., St. Louis, Mo.

- 3072—W. A. Doherty, Ashland, Wis.
539—C. S. Barry, Savannah, Ga.
5022—W. A. Welch, Bond, Miss.
5262—A. D. Smith, Lexington, Ky.
6281—M. A. Sexton, Tifton, Ga.
5914—J. H. Elliott, Stanberry, Mo.
4995—E. M. Averill, Nashville, Tenn.
648—E. M. Jackson, 429 Jackson St., Jackson, Mich.
1502—C. H. Greve, Holstein, Ia.
938—G. K. Minnick, Mosher, Ark.
4942—J. B. P. Robinson, Hollins, Ala.
2061—L. Sponcer, Hammond, La.
3875—W. B. Jones, St. Louis, Mo.
2407—G. A. Verge, Boston, Mass. (Reported removed to Seattle, Wash.)
3310—A. Y. Jackson, Columbus, Miss.
6438—L. S. Eaton, 213 Oak St., Evansville, Ind.
6126—W. B. Linn, Franklin, Pa.
5132—F. D. Buskirk, Cincinnati, O.
6007—R. J. Poulton, Savannah, Ga.
6260—Sylvester Scott, Berkeley, Va.
4404—Frank Turpin, Winona, Miss.
5099—T. J. Wineman, Vicksburg, Miss.
5921—B. C. Petros, Petros, I. T.
1848—W. S. Harrison, Watson, Ind. (Reported to have removed to this place from Louisville, Ky.)
7114—J. S. Oram, 30 Penrose St., Cleveland, O.
6350—N. C. Hong, Neame P. O., La.
1108—W. P. Jacobs, 1326 Huron St., Toledo, O.
6184—Elmer Davies, Harlow, Ark.

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 or assistant, in planing mill. Ten years experience. Good reference. Address No. 5823, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn. May '00.

WANTED—A lumber buyer wants a position on the road to buy yellow pine. Has had five years' experience, and can give good reference. Address "JOHN," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Employment by former secretary and bookkeeper (seven years) of a California lumber and planing mill company, with chance of advancement. Sixteen years' lumber experience. Address T. Dwight Whitman, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. May '00.

WANTED—Position by an expert lumber stenographer. Willing to assist bookkeeper or do office work in any capacity. Have had four years' experience in wholesale lumber office in capacity of stenographer and office assistant. Address No. 5743, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn. May '00.

WANTED—A thorough hardwood lumberman of twenty years' experience wants a reliable man with capital to take hold of the financial and office work of an established and profitable business. Can suitly any interested party as to profits. Address "S. Hardwood," care THE BULLETIN, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position in the West, by an all-around mill man. Would prefer the vicinity of Denver or Pueblo. Have had seven years' experience in the lumber business, and for four years had charge of the shipping and looking after the outside work. Address No. 1311, 327 N. Santa Fe Street, El Paso, Tex.

WANTED—Position as superintendent or manager of a good lumber plant. Twenty years' experience from stump to car. Can furnish best of references. No. 3181, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn. Jul. '99.

WANTED—Position as planing mill foreman. Have had 20 years' experience. Can give the best of references. Would prefer a place somewhere in the South. Address, No. 5482, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

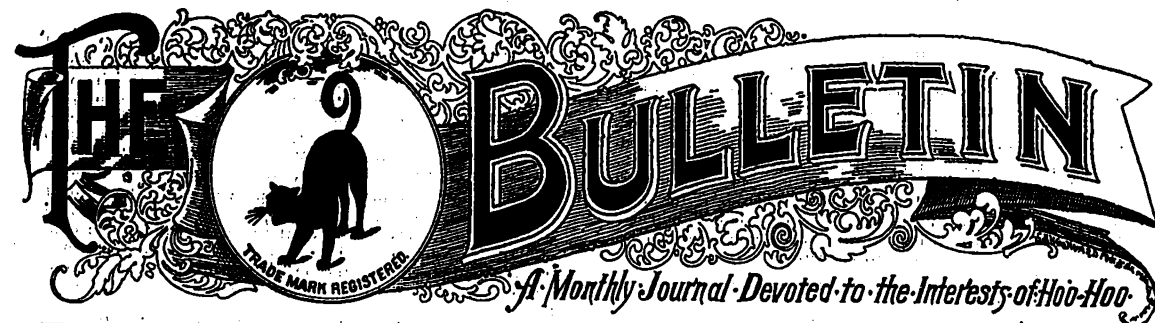
WANTED—Position in office or as traveling salesman for foundry and machine works, or with supply house. Have had 15 years' experience. Can furnish best of references. Address, No. 5522, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.

WANTED—Position as buyer. Successful experience in buying and selling hardwood lumber; large acquaintance in South. Good references. Address, No. 2555, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn. Nov. '99.

WANTED—Position as planing mill foreman. Willing to go anywhere. Have had thirty-five years' experience. Can give first-class reference. Address, No. 6239, care THE BULLETIN, Wilcox Building, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position to operate or build saw mill in the South. Am an expert mechanic and draftsman, capable of designing and putting up any kind of saw mill plant. Can furnish best of references. Address, 5483, care THE BULLETIN, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—No. 2945, who finds the hardwood lumber commission business does not pay in prosperous times, is open for an engagement with some firm who is in need of a man experienced in buying in the South and selling in the North. A letter to him addressed to the Scrivenoter will be forwarded.



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J. E. DEFENAU, Chicago, Ill.
E. H. HEMENWAY, Colorado Springs, Col.
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Gurdon—H. F. FALK, Arcata, Cal.

The Vicegerents.

The following are the Vicegerents of Hoo-Hoo, so far as appointed, to whom all inquiries touching concatenations should be addressed. These men are appointed to look after the interests of the Order in their respective territories. To this end, everything affecting the interest of the Order should be reported to them, and they should have the hearty support and cooperation of every member:

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Washington—G. W. Reed, Mt. Vernon, Wash.
West Virginia—F. O. Havener, Parkersburg, W. Va.
Wisconsin—(Northern District)—C. M. E. McClintock, Ashland, Wis.

Comments on Concatenations.

Vicegerent W. S. Wilson, who has made a splendid record for the State of Georgia, held a concatenation at Bainbridge on June 21, the following account of which is furnished by No. 7314, who was one of the officers on the occasion:

"Without doubt Bainbridge takes the lead in Georgia Hoo-Hoo. Vicegerent Snark W. S. Wilson called a concatenation to meet in Bainbridge, Ga., on June 21, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. The afternoon of that date found a goodly number of loyal Hoo-Hoo waiting for the time when the Great Black Prince should come forth in all his glory. A little delay was occasioned in completing arrangements on account of a meeting of the Masonic Order in the hall where the concatenation was held; but promptly at 9:00 the stillness of the night was broken by a deep 'meow,' and six purblind kittens were led forth to ramble through the onion beds. Some time was consumed before the eyes of all these weaklings were properly opened. The concatenation closed as the clock struck midnight, and Snark Wilson, in his corial manner, invited all present to join him at the Sharon Hotel, where an elegant spread awaited them, given by the local Hoo-Hoo.

"The banquet was an occasion especially long to be remembered by all present. Brother A. M. Ramsey, with his usual grace, welcomed the visitors and kittens in behalf of the local members, and following him were several very appropriate toasts and experiences from different ones. We wish to make special mention of the little talk made by Brother C. H. Caldwell; as it was enjoyed especially, being his first attempt at speech making, or rather, his first 'meow.' We were very much disappointed at the last moment to know that Mr. H. W. Anderson, that genial,

good fellow whom all Hoo-Hoo so much admire, could not be with us; but, with his usual thoughtfulness, he sent us a short sketch of the Osirian Cloister, which was read by Mr. L. C. Cardinal, of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and which was very much enjoyed by all. The 'nightcap' found all in the best of spirits, and the good-night 'meows' were said with much regret.

"This was an occasion which will long be remembered by all present. Snark Wilson says Bainbridge is the most loyal Hoo-Hoo town he has ever visited. The Bainbridge Hoo-Hoo think Mr. Wilson an all-round good fellow and a gentleman who does honor to the Order."

The following are the toasts and the menu:

#### GAT-A-WAULING.

First Meow.....A. M. Ramsey  
Hoist

#### TOASTS.

Vicegerent Snark.....W. S. Wilson  
Hoist

Osirian Cloister.....H. W. Anderson  
Hoist

"Kitten's Wall. Who Stepped on His Tail?"  
.....One of Them  
Hoist

"Papa Cannot Sleep with Whisky in the House"  
.....J. M. Y. Sellers  
Hoist

#### Nightcap

#### MENU.

Pitch Pine Peanuts  
Yellow Pine Chips, a la Saratoga  
Olives

Pork-u-pine Sandwiches  
Vienna Sausage, with the "bark" on  
Broiled Capon, dressed and matched

Fruit  
Bananas Peaches Pine Burrs  
Clear-finish Sherbet  
Cake

Cocktail, a la Cat o' Nine Tails  
Hoo-Hoo Punch (this is prime)  
Catinip Tea (Clear Heart)  
White Seal Champagne (Bead and Center Bead)  
Cigars

The following is the very interesting letter in regard to the Osirian Cloister, written by ex-Supreme Custocatian Harry W. Anderson, of Atlanta, and read by Brother L. C. Cardinal at the banquet:

"I esteem it a great honor to have been selected to reply to the toast, 'The Osirian Cloister,' and am greatly worried to think I cannot avail myself of the opportunity presented. If, however, a humble pen sketch of this part of our organization will be acceptable, I will endeavor to do the best I can in that line.

"The Osirian Cloister has for its members past Vicegerent Snarks and such other members of Hoo-Hoo as are nominated by the inmates of the Cloister at the Annual Meetings, one nomination being allowed to each inmate each year. The name 'Osirian' is of Osiris, an Egyptian king, who lived centuries before Christ, and who until very recently was supposed to exist only as a mythological personage. 'The Bulletin' some months since gave a history of the finding of his mummy and its identification by responsible archaeologists. The priests of the Cloister, being those 'who do the work' as regards new initiates, are named and represent different Egyptian personages worshiped as gods in ancient times. The best account I have found as regards Osiris, yet supposed to be a myth, I found in Sayce's 'Ancient Empires,' beginning on page 79, which I take the liberty of inflicting upon you. It says: 'Osiris was a principal Egyptian god, personifying the power of good and the sunlight, united in history and in worship in a sacred triad with Isis as his wife and Horus as their child. Osiris was the son of Seb and Nut, or Heaven and Earth. His enemy was Set, the deity of

evil or darkness, by whom he was slain, quartered, and thrown into the water. He was recreated, or made over, by Horus and reigns in the lower world. With him was identified every soul in its nether abode, there to be protected by him from the necessary conflict with the genius of evil. At the beginning of the Christian era the worship of Osiris extended over Asia Minor, Greece, and Rome."

"In art, Osiris was usually represented as a mummy wearing the crown of Upper Egypt, which, in the light of recent discoveries by excavation, has been demonstrated to be the fact. There is now at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in New York City, a bronze figurine representing this supposedly mythological personage, now demonstrated and proven to have been a once reigning king of Egypt."

"The Cloister also make use of the 'Egyptian Book of the Dead.' This was the chief monument of Egyptian religious literature, and contains one hundred and six chapters. Much criticism has been expended regarding it, M. Naville being the latest writer on the subject. Portions of it were inscribed on tombs and mummy cases, and are met with now in the latest demotic papyri. It is really the funeral ritual of the Egyptians, describing in mystical language the adventures of the soul after death, and the trials of the lower world. I could write much more regarding this very venerable piece of literature—how the hieratic text of the eleventh dynasty gives two varying versions of chapter 64, ascribed to King Men-ka-ra, of great antiquity; how the essence only went back to the old empire, how additions and glosses constituted the rest, and how these continued to be made until the time of the Persians; how the oldest portion is of a practically moral character, in striking contrast with the mystical tone of the later additions, where the doctrine of justification by faith in Osiris has taken the place of that of good works, etc."

"The Cloister work and teachings are beautiful and elevating to the appreciative mind. Every Hoo-Hoo should become an initiate as opportunity presents."

Vicegerent W. S. Wilson held a concatenation at Macon, Ga., on May 31, which was a pleasant affair, despite the fact that Brother Wilson was disappointed in the number of candidates.

Vicegerent F. O. Havener's concatenation at Parkersburg, W. Va., was an extremely successful affair. Fourteen good men were initiated, and the officers acquitted themselves most creditably. Vicegerent F. A. Kirby, of Maryland, was the Senior Hoo-Hoo, on this occasion, and Brother E. Stringer Boggs, a recent initiate himself, acted as Arcanoper. Brother R. M. Smith, in the rôle of Custocatian, proved a most efficient officer. The local paper had this account of the concatenation:

"The ceremonies of initiation of the Order of Hoo-Hoo were held last night at Progress Hall, on Juliana street, and a class of fourteen was put through the course of sprouts which ended with the attaching of their names as members to the Order which has gained a prominent place in the list of unique organizations.

"This Order was formed years ago by nine men, who got together for the purpose of forming an order for the brotherhood of all parties directly or indirectly connected with the lumber business. Everything connected with the Order in the shape of a sign is significant of the numeral 9, even the insignia being a black cat with its tail curled into the representation of that figure. The official of each State is known as a 'Snark,' the local Snark being F. O. Havener, of this city.

"At the conclusion of the initiatory exercises, the members, new and old, were banqueted at the Jackson Hotel in a manner that not only reflected great credit on those of the members of the Order who had the affair in charge, but on the proprietor of the above hostelry as well.

"The session broke up at an early hour this morning, the conclusion proving as pleasant as the beginning, with the exception of that tired feeling which accompanied each member on his homeward way.

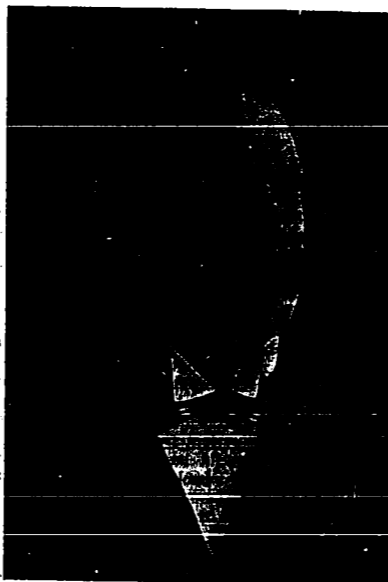
"A word regarding the members of the Order of Hoo-Hoo will not come amiss, as this is one of the most prominent organizations in the world, as well as being the only one

working along the line devoted to this particular branch of the great industries of the world.

"The membership list runs up into thousands, and everywhere the insignia of the cat is found, there also is found a man whose geniality is a living characteristic of the Order. The members are, for the most part, those who feel an interest in work devoted to the interests of the lumbermen, and at the bottom of that selfsame interest is found the success of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, which held its first meeting in West Virginia in this city last night."

Vicegerent F. T. Rumbarger held a concatenation at Philadelphia on May 28, which is the second meeting that has occurred in the Quaker City this year. Five was the number of new kittens whose eyes were opened to the light at this meeting, and the firms represented by these men are among the leading lumber concerns in the East.

Georgia has always been a good Hoo-Hoo State, and its prestige has been materially increased under the energetic administration of Vicegerent W. S. Wilson, who has made a most conscientious and efficient officer. Brother Wilson



W. S. WILSON,  
VICEGERENT SNARK FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

is the senior partner in the firm of Wight & Co., the well-known yellow pine manufacturers, of Albany, Ga. In the business world he has achieved the highest success, and his firm is one of the most prominent lumber concerns in Georgia, doing a business of more than a hundred thousand dollars a year. Brother Wilson is an enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo and is the sort of Vicegerent who believes in elevating the standard of membership as well as increasing the numbers. He has been wisely stringent in his interpretation of the eligibility clause, and has initiated the sort of men calculated to reflect credit on the Order. Up to the present writing Vicegerent Wilson has held seven concatenations, at which he has taken in forty-eight regular and three honorary members. In addition to this, there was a concatenation scheduled for Brunswick on June 28, but we have not yet received the report from this meeting. There was every prospect that this would prove to be the banner concatenation of the Cracker State, and we regret that we are unable to add it to Georgia's record in this issue of "The Bulletin."

#### Notes and Comments.

Two of our members had a narrow escape from a very dreadful death in a wreck that occurred on the Southern Railway, near McDonough, Ga., on the night of June 23. Both these lucky brothers live in Chattanooga, Tenn., and their names are E. E. Schryver (No. 1840) and E. E. Mack (No. 6274). In the wreck thirty-five people were killed, and to add to the horror, the wreck caught fire and the entire train, with the exception of the sleeper, was destroyed.

The editor of "The Bulletin" has received a postal card from Brother Bolling Arthur Johnson, who, as every one knows, has gone to Ober-Ammergau to gather data for a lecture on the Passion Play. The card was written from Strassburg, Germany. We cannot read it, for Johnson writes an awful fist, but in a vague sort of way we gather that he still loves us and is going to write again very soon.

A recent issue of the Atchison "Globe" contains a story of Johnson's trip across the sea, written by that sparkling writer, Mr. E. W. Howe, who does those bright sayings for the "Globe," such as: "We never see a man with long whiskers without wondering how he would look in a night-shirt;" "After all, we get the most comfort out of the plain, plug people." "When a man gets forty-five years old, he begins to look around for instances of men who have distinguished themselves after they passed that age." It was natural enough that two such jolly fellows should drift together, and Johnson and Howe struck up quite a friendship. Before he left for Europe, Johnson had made loud boasts that he would not get seasick, and hooted at the idea of any sensible person's succumbing to such a malady. We urged upon him that seasickness was no respecter of persons, and that even a Hoo-Hoo button would not prove a mascot in such a case; but Johnson said, "Scat!" and went forth with the sort of pride that always precedes a fall. This is Mr. Howe's version of the affair:

"Among the passengers on the 'Grouse Kaiser' was Bolling Arthur Johnson, who knows Sam. Fullerton and C. I. Millard. Mr. Johnson was on his way to Ober-Ammergau to witness the Passion Play and get up a lecture on the subject, which will be presented in Atchison during the coming winter in connection with moving pictures.

"I found Mr. Johnson a companionable fellow, but he had one bad habit: when I was suffering the tortures of seasickness, he came into my room and said I didn't eat enough and didn't take enough exercise. It was simply impossible for me to eat; it was impossible for me to take exercise. I was flat on my back, limp and weak, and he might as well have advised me to go ashore.

"Mr. Johnson declared that he had never been seasick in his life, and that seasickness was foolish; that if a man had a little nerve, he would enjoy every moment of the ocean trip, etc. He was the kindest of men, and was always coming in to offer assistance, but I came to dread the sight of him.

"'What!' he would say. 'Haven't eaten anything in twenty-four hours? That's what's the matter with you; you're starving to death.'

"Then he would push the electric button and a steward would appear.

"'Bring this man something to eat,' he would say; 'I'll stay here and see that he eats it. Bring him anything—sauerkraut, if you have it.'

"But the steward knew his business and brought nothing beyond a few grapes and pears. These I nibbled at and pushed aside. Then Mr. Johnson went out to look for the ship doctor, and presently returned with him. The ship doctor was one of the handsomest young Germans I have ever seen. Mr. Johnson and the doctor would crack jokes a while at my expense, and then go away, saying they would return presently to cheer me up.

"'Let's lock the door,' suggested the boy, who was as sick as I was. I occupied the lower berth, and climbed out, and locked the door, although it was a terrible task and I was worse after the effort; at sea the floor has a

way of sinking under you that you can never forget. When Mr. Johnson and the doctor returned to cheer me up, I could hear them talking. After trying the door, and considerable speculating, they decided that I had gone to sleep, so they went away.

"Occasionally I could hear a burst of merriment from the smoking room—Mr. Johnson telling stories, probably stories about me. But the room was stifling with the door shut, so presently I opened it. Within five minutes Mr. Johnson dropped in, still gay. He had won the pool on the run of the ship, and had a friend with him—a Mr. Anson, from Merrill, Wis. They laughed at me a while, and then went on deck, leaving a bottle of champagne.

"I dozed off a little after that, and awoke with a start; there was a shuffling of many feet in the hall; Mr. Johnson was evidently bringing the captain down, and possibly the chief engineer, whom we both knew. It was too late to lock the door, so I waited wearily for their coming. But what I really saw when the shuffling feet arrived was the finest sight I saw during the entire trip.

"Four stalwart stewards were carrying Mr. Johnson, who was not so gay. Indeed, he was terribly seasick, and had fallen down the stairs. Two of the stewards had him by the arms, the other two had him by the legs. They were literally carrying him. His hat lay on his breast, and he was groaning in agony. I almost cried out with joy, I enjoyed the sight so much. I even noticed that Mr. Johnson's beautiful black and curly hair was coming out, and that there was a small bald spot on top of his head. A steward pulled off his shoes and put him to bed, and every time there was a particularly big roll, I could hear him going it. I remembered having heard him say he could stand pitching all right, but that the rolling made him feel rather unsettled. After that I enjoyed waiting for the ship to make a particularly big roll, and Mr. Johnson promptly responded.

"I took so much interest in Mr. Johnson's case that I began to feel better, and in the course of two or three hours got up and dressed. Then I went into Mr. Johnson's room, which was near mine, and advised him to eat something, and go up on deck and take exercise. But he took no interest in the joke, and I looked up his friend, the doctor, and advised him to 'do' something for Mr. Johnson."

Here is an extract from a letter written by a brother who has the good of the Order at heart. It is in regard to a matter to which we have once before called attention in these columns—the importance of the members wearing their Hoo-Hoo buttons. If there is any benefit to be derived from membership in Hoo-Hoo, it is essential that the members should be known to each other. The button is a letter of introduction which he who runs may read, and it is important that it should be worn. We fully agree with what the brother says in this connection:

"I have met several of our brothers who do not wear their buttons, and in each case I have tried to impress on their minds the importance of wearing them. I was down at Poplar Bluff yesterday, and noticed several of the new members that we initiated there on April 11 without their buttons on, and they all being personal friends of mine, I talked to them good and hard in regard to the matter. I would suggest this to you, that in your next issue of 'The Bulletin' you write a short article and impress on all members the importance of wearing their buttons.

"NO. 6932."

Brother R. D. Inman (No. 2186), of Portland, Ore., writes interestingly of Hoo-Hoo matters in that far Western State:

"Friend Jim: As I was sitting in my office thinking over my friends, I happened to think of the man down in Tennessee that licked the gambler and took the Hoo-Hoo button away from him, and in order to reach that man, I guess I will have to address this letter to you.

"Well, Jim, Hoo-Hoo matters have been rather quiet with us this year, for the reason that our Spark, Mr. Braden, has been very unfortunate with sickness in his family, and he has been laid up himself also with rheumatism; but I think we will yet have a concatenation before the Annual meets, at least I hope so. I presume you will be on hand at the Annual all O.K. By the way, does the Annual take place on September 9 or October 9 this year? My impression is that it is October 9.

"Well, this has been, so far, rather a prosperous year for us. The margin in lumber is rather small, but by doing a large volume of business, one offsets the other. We will cut and sell this year something like eighty million feet.

"I shall make an effort to go to the Annual Meeting, for I like to meet the many good fellows that we find among the Hoo-Hoo.

"Hoping this will find the Black Cat perched upon the garden gate guarding the path to Hoo-Hoo land with that ever-vigilant and watchful eye, and hoping soon to see that familiar 'Jim Baird' in the old, familiar hand at the bottom of a letter to me, I am, as ever, yours truly and fraternally,

R. D. INMAN."

Vicegerent F. G. Snyder, of Shreveport, La., has been on a fishing trip, and the following extract from a letter, recently received at this office indicates that he had a high old time:

"I note what you say in regard to never having seen a fishing story over a man's signature, so here goes for a truthful relation of what actually happened to me on my last trip. I went up in Arkansas, the birthplace of Hoo-Hoo, and out by one of the lakes near Camden I could pull them in as fast as two negroes could bait the hook and take them off for me. I never saw so many fish in my life—big fish, little fish, gar fish, and eels. There was quite a crowd of us, and several ladies in the gang. If you never went fishing in Arkansas and saw the regular old Arkansas women eat fish, you have missed one of the most wonderful sights on the earth. They put the cooked fish in the middle of the mouth, and the bones work out at each corner, like cobs out of a cornsheller. They never swallow a bone nor lose a minute's time putting in fish. I ate so many fish out there at Dead Lake that when I got to town and tried to take my undershirt off, it would not come. I had to split it up at the back and take it off that way; and when I rubbed my hands up and down my ribs, it felt like a fine-tooth comb; it was the fish bones sticking out that had caught in the meshes of the undershirt and held it on. I got one of the boys at the livery stable to run a pneumatic horse clipper over my sides to 'kinder' mow them down, as it were. We went well fixed for snakes. We took two gallons of seven-year-old rye, in case we ran across a snake. When we had been there about an hour, and no snakes showed up, I sent one of the negroes out to get one, and to bring him in alive or dead. He brought in the snake, and we hung him up by the medicine. It did not take two hours to wear a footpath two feet wide to that lake. I made one trip, stayed a little longer than I calculated on, and I will tell you right now it would have taken a hundred-foot turnpike to have let me get back to the tent without stepping off the sides.

"After reading the above, I believe you will think I am considerable of a lar-myself.

"With best wishes, I am, yours fraternally,  
F. G. SNYDER, Vicegerent Shark."

The following article from a recent issue of the Denver "Times" shows that the kittens out there are getting rather frisky. We take it that the Elks and the Shriners have played a game, and that the Hoo-Hoo are "hoing" to go up against a crack team:

"The baseball fad is spreading. Now come the disciples of the Sacred Great Black Cat, known as the Hoo-Hoo, who say they can wipe the earth with the winners of the Elk-Shriner contest, and make them look like ten cents' worth of dog meat. A prominent member of the Order says that there are some forty or fifty members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo living in Denver, many of whom were crack players in the star leagues of the past. A few of them, with their records (baseball record only), are given below:

"Bob English, formerly shortstop on the celebrated Chicago Reds during the '70s.

"Bill Delliker, cyclone pitcher for the Wisconsin Strawberry Pickers' League of '84.

"Bill McPhie, mascot for the Blue Jays, pennant winners in the A. A. A. A. (Arlington Avenue Athletic Association), '88.

"Dick Stewart, phenomenal first baseman for the Montana Road Agents, pennant winners, '68.

"Jack McGinnity, famous southpaw twirler; has played all over the country; one of the big Eastern leagues is now negotiating for him.

"Freddie Sayre, impregnable back stop; played with all the crack New Jersey teams and never made an error.

"Matt Gangan, famous as third baseman on the Limerick 'Bog Trotters,' shamrock winners, '79.

"George Vallery, left fielder for the 'Burlington and Missouri River Crawfishes,' of Nebraska City, in the early 80s. (No bouquets, please.)

"Jimmy Preston, captain and shortstop for the Milwaukee and St. Paul 'Fly by Nights.' Don't think they ever won a pennant or a game.

"Jim Bardwell, lightning catcher for the Texas Hobo team, winners of the pennant in the Tie and Tail League, in 1860. (He doesn't look that old, but he is.)

"Homer Bingham, crack-center fielder on the Cornell Yellers, '74, winners of the Interkindergarten League blue ribbon.

"Whit Newton was a crack player on same team (Cornell Yellers), but cannot play now on account of the gout, but has kindly volunteered to furnish the lemonade (fabrics de Zang) for the game.

"Of course there are many others belonging to the Order who are, or have been, crack players, and it is thought that a nine could be made up that would make any such team as the Shriners or Elks have look mighty sick.

"The sporting editor of 'The Times' will receive the answer to this challenge from the winner of the contest between the above-mentioned teams, and the public may feel assured that they will witness the greatest exhibition of the American game that was ever given on our local grounds.

"The only condition the Hoo-Hoo team wishes to impose is that they be permitted to use bats made of 2x6s, as that is the only kind of a bat they are used to."

We are in receipt of a redwood shingle sent us by the Page Lumber Company, of Buckley, Wash. It is an interesting reminder of the long-buried past, and incidentally one of the best advertisements we have recently seen. On the back of the shingle is pasted the following printed matter:

"Scattered through the forests of Washington are gigantic cedar trees that fell untold ages ago, and have lain buried in moss and decaying vegetation for generations. The moss upon these fallen monarchs has provided a bed for seeds of other trees, and they have sprouted, taken root, and grown, and covered the fallen trunks with their roots. This shingle was made from a tree of this description. If it is a fact that each ring denotes a year's growth, you have a shingle in your hand made from a tree that was growing in A.D. 800, seven hundred years before the discovery of America, at the time when Charlemagne was crowned Emperor of the West, nearly three centuries before the battle of Hastings, and the crowning of William the Conqueror, and over seven hundred years before the present church of St. Peter's, at Rome, was built. The tree grew, died, and fell, and was lying covered with moss when Richard I, called the 'Lion-hearted,' was knocking at the gates of Acre, during the third crusade, nearly three hundred years before the burning of Joan of Arc, and two hundred years before the death of William Tell."

The shingle shows the wood to be in a perfectly sound state, and not different in appearance from that recently cut. There is no reason why, if kept reasonably dry, it should not endure for a dozen more centuries.

We regret that we are unable to present in this issue of "The Bulletin" full data as to what will be done at the Annual Meeting, which occurs at Dallas, Texas, October 9, the date having been changed from September 9 for this meeting on account of the fact that the climate of Texas is more pleasant in October. We have not yet been furnished any details of the meeting, owing to the fact that Brother Carl F. Drake, who is actively interested in the arrangements, has been very ill, and Brother Cecil A. Lyon has been away on his bridal tour. However, we

know that preparations are on foot for one of the grandest programmes of entertainment that has ever been presented at an Annual Meeting, and the welcome the Texas Hoo-Hoo will extend us will be in proportion to the size of their State. By the time the next "Bulletin" comes out we will have the full particulars, and we think we can speak of some things that will be extremely interesting.

#### Are Your Dues Paid?

The second notice of 1900 dues has been sent out. As every one knows, the third notice has to be sent by registered mail. We do not believe any member wants to put the Order to so much expense as this in the collection of his dues, and we are sure that failure to respond to the first notice was in nearly every case a mere matter of oversight and neglect. The amount is small. Send it in and get it off your mind, and incidentally save Hoo-Hoo the cost of registering your third notice.

#### Prospective Concatenations.

Vicegerent H. W. Hanna will hold a concatenation at Denver, Col., on July 9.

Vicegerent F. G. Snyder had a concatenation set for July 21, at Ruston, La., but it has been postponed on account of the fact that Brother Snyder's confrère, Harvey Avery, Vicegerent for the Southern District of Louisiana, had arranged to hold a "State concatenation" at Alexandria on July 21. This, of course, will be a joint affair, the two Vicegerents cooperating to make it a memorable meeting. The Ruston concatenation will be held some time during the week following the Alexandria meeting. The exact date will be announced in the lumber papers.

Vicegerent T. E. Dunn will hold a concatenation at Fargo, N. D., on August 31.

#### Fargo's Fire Festival.

Fargo, N. D., seems to be a place where the people have original ideas as to entertainments, and we have several times had occasion to write up their unique functions. Their latest achievement was a "fire festival," which occurred on June 7, 8, and 9, and which, judging from the account furnished us by Vicegerent T. E. Dunn, was a blazing success:

"The Fargo Fire Festival, which closed last night, has proven itself to be an event not soon to be forgotten by those who took part, or those who witnessed the festivities which have held sway here for three days.

"On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, the band began to play, and continued to play for the entire three days. The first day witnessed as grand a military parade as it has ever been the good fortune of the people of this northwestern country to witness. The line was headed by the grandest of all bodies—the old soldiers, one hundred strong—and many and long were the cheers they received along the line of march. Next came the soldiers of the Spanish-American War, and Company B, of Fargo, all of whom have done service for their country in the Philippines. That they were favorites goes without saying, as they all had wives or sweethearts along the line to say pretty things about them. Following all this came five hundred soldiers of the Queen, from Winnipeg, which all admit are the most uniform body of men ever seen together, and their discipline was perfect. As the British soldiers passed the Metropole Hotel, a group of singers sang 'Soldiers of the Queen,' which was warmly applauded; but when they sang that all-inspiring tune, 'America,' we all went in the air. The second day was the day we all waited for, it being the day of the society parade, the day on which all the social and fraternal societies vie with each other in making displays both sublime and ridiculous. Hoo-Hoo took no part in this parade, owing to the fact that the traveling boys (who comprise the

greater number of Hoo-Hoo in this section of the country) had brought their wives, and he who had no wife brought some one's daughter, to witness the festivities, in consequence of which we did not think that we could get a sufficient number of the boys together to make a creditable showing. As the parade passed, many were the inquiries as to where the Hoo-Hoo were, as on previous festivals the Hoo-Hoo were very much in evidence, and have always been complimented as having the most unique and attractive feature in the parade. The parade was two miles long and was viewed by twenty-five thousand people. On the third day occurred the industrial parade, which was something grand, over five hundred gorgeous floats being in line. In the evening an experiment was made with a masked carnival, similar to those held in the South. Here is where Hoo-Hoo got in its work. They appeared thirty strong. Their appearance was the signal for continuous applause. As they came down the street headed by our gallant captain, that able master of all military tactics, James G. Wallace, whose commands were understood only by the Hoo-Hoo, the heroes of many battles doffed their caps in honor as he passed by with his weird-looking band. But all the credit is not due to him. His able assistant, Ealy, must come in for some of the glory of the evening. While the boys were very attentive to their wives during the three previous days, I am afraid that a stranger, if he had seen them in the carnival, would have his doubts as to whether any of them were married. But, as a carnival has a semblance of an On the Roof, any oversight on their part can be easily condoned; but their oversights were few, as Hoo-Hoo don't, as a rule, overlook anything. Hoo-Hoo captured the prize for the most original group, and most of them left town next morning.

"A special invitation is hereby extended to all Hoo-Hoo that may be in this or any other part of the world on August 31 to attend our concatenation, to be held in Fargo, N.D., at that time. Come one, come all, as Great Hoo-Hoo has always been partial to the Northwest in his benignity."

Who Sent It?

When the notices of dues were sent out, they were accompanied by an envelope addressed to the Scrivenor. This was done, of course, for the purpose of making it as easy as possible for the brethren to send their remittances. No one anticipated that any one would take this envelope, slip a one-dollar bill in it, and send it into this office without a word, not even filling out the little blank stating where receipt was to be mailed. But that is just what happened, and we are wholly in the dark as to the sender of this remittance. It came from Cincinnati, as shown by the postmark, and was mailed at 6:50 o'clock P.M., on May 28, arriving here on the morning of the 29th. That is all we know. Any information regarding this matter will be thankfully received.

Personal Mention.

Brother E. A. Donnelly (No. 3733) was a recent visitor to this office, after an absence of more than a year, most of which time was spent in the swamps of Arkansas and Louisiana. Mr. Donnelly travels for the well-known wood-working machinery firm of J. A. Fay & Egan Company, and now makes his headquarters at Cincinnati, having recently been transferred from New Orleans. His territory embraces Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama.

Brother W. S. Wilson (No. 2349), Vicegerent for the State of Georgia, was in Nashville a little while ago on a business trip. Brother Wilson is a member of the firm of Wight & Co., of Albany, Ga., manufacturers of yellow pine.

Brother R. D. Inman (No. 2186), of Inman, Poulsen & Co., Portland, Ore., has "busted" into politics, and has been elected State Senator on the Democratic ticket, having received the largest vote ever given a Democrat in Multnomah County, which is strongly Republican. Brother

Inman is the sort of man who never acts "under the circumstances;" he takes hold of circumstances and with them paves the road to success. He crossed the continent in those early days when the emigrants had to fight the savage wild beasts and still more savage Indians, and the hardy, pioneer spirit of those dauntless souls does not materialize in failure. Having made a success in business and built up a name which is a tower of strength in the commercial world, Brother Inman seeks still further honors in the field of politics, and already a United States senatorship looms up before him. "The Bulletin" wishes him unlimited success, and would feel proud to have a Hoo-Hoo in the Senate.

Hymeneal.

Mr. Albert Gallatin Flournoy (No. 259) and Miss Bessie Martha Trumbull were married at Merriam Park, Minn., on June 18. Probably there is no member of the Order more widely known than "Al" Flournoy. He was connected for quite a while with the "Northwestern Lumberman," and traveled quite extensively through the South. Previous to that time he was in the lumber business, and has since returned to his first love, being now connected with the Flour City Lumber Company, of Minneapolis. "The Bulletin" extends congratulations and best wishes.

The Record of Work.

The record of work done by the Vicegerents of the several states from September 9, 1899 to June 1900, is as follows:

VICEGERENT	CONCATENATIONS	MEMBERS INITIATED	HONORARY
Alabama—H. W. Huntington.....	1	12	.....
Alabama—J. D. Hancock.....	1	11	.....
Arkansas—G. B. Meiser.....	3	25	.....
Arkansas—W. U. Norman.....	4	42	.....
Arkansas—R. P. Harris.....	2	21	.....
California—A. J. Kennedy.....	2	19	.....
California—L. R. McDonald.....	2	19	.....
Colorado—H. W. Hanna.....	2	26	1
Florida—Gus Eitzen.....	2	12	.....
Georgia—W. M. Wilson.....	7	48	3
Illinois—H. S. Vandee.....	1	11	.....
Illinois—J. L. Gieser.....	2	12	1
Louisiana—W. R. Grimm.....	2	8	.....
Indiana—F. P. Fuller.....	1	15	.....
Iowa—M. L. Chapman.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa—H. W. Hogue.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas—F. W. Oliver.....	3	16	.....
Kentucky—H. R. Florio.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana—F. G. Snyder.....	2	35	4
Louisiana—A. J. Ayer.....	2	25	.....
Maryland—F. A. Kirby.....	1	12	.....
Massachusetts—T. J. Calkins.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan—D. A. Shepardon.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri—J. R. Anson.....	3	61	.....
Minnesota—W. M. Stephenson.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota—W. M. Bolcom.....	.....	.....	.....
Mississippi—E. W. Toomer.....	.....	.....	.....
Mississippi—J. J. Hayes.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska—W. H. Gerhart.....	1	19	.....
New York—C. H. Stanton.....	1	16	.....
New York.....	.....	.....	.....
North Dakota—T. E. Dunn.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio—R. L. Quieser.....	3	22	1
Ohio—H. G. Cheve.....	2	27	.....
Oklahoma Ter.—Lee Van Winkle (acting).....	1	11	.....
Oregon—W. H. Braden.....	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania—F. T. Rumbarger.....	2	11	.....
Pennsylvania—F. N. Lovell.....	2	22	.....
Republic of Mexico—J. E. Meginn.....	2	.....	.....
Tennessee—G. D. Burgess.....	1	58	8
Tennessee—G. R. Stafford.....	1	6	.....
Texas—W. F. McDiure.....	1	81	11
Virginia—C. M. Jenkins.....	2	84	.....
Washington—G. W. Reed.....	1	14	.....
West Virginia—F. O. Havener.....	1	.....	.....
Wisconsin—U. M. E. McClintock.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	62	779	24

\* In some instances Vicegerents have been credited with concatenations held in their respective districts prior to their appointments. For instance, Mr. R. P. Harris, of Ark., is given credit for concatenation No. 58, at which twelve men were initiated; Mr. Hanna, of Colorado, with concatenation No. 584, held by his predecessor, at which nineteen regular and one honorary member were admitted; and Mr. Reed, of Washington, under similar circumstances, with concatenation No. 58, at which thirteen men were initiated. Concatenation No. 51, held at Philadelphia on May 8, 1900, at which six men were initiated and which is embraced in this report was held by Mr. W. S. Wilson, the Vicegerent of Georgia, whose presence in Philadelphia proved most opportune in the unavoidable absence of Vicegerent Rumbarger on account of illness.

Obituary.

Brother E. E. Hinchman (No. 2973) died at Santa Barbara, Cal., on June 7, after an illness of nearly seven years. Emory Edwin Hinchman was born in Michigan on June 20, 1850. He was engaged in the lumber business practically all his life, and had been a resident of California since 1894.

Brother E. P. Ruhrah (No. 4750), traveling freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway, died at his home at Chillicothe, O., on June 25. His death resulted from a surgical operation performed a day or so before. The Cincinnati "Enquirer" of June 26 says:

"Word was received here at the office of General Freight Agent McLaughlin, of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, yesterday morning, announcing the death at an early hour Wednesday of E. P. Ruhrah, traveling freight agent of the company, at his home at Chillicothe, as the result of an operation performed a day or so ago.

"Mr. Ruhrah, who was about forty years of age, had been with the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Company and its predecessors for about twenty years. He was a first-class freight man, and was at one time division freight agent. He had a host of friends who will learn of his death with deep regret. He leaves a widow, but no children, to mourn his loss. He was a Mason and a member of the Elks."

Edward Philip Ruhrah was born at Chillicothe, O., on May 8, 1860. He became a Hoo-Hoo at Columbus, O., on January 26, 1897.

Brother B. C. Petros (No. 5021) died at his home in Springdale, Ark., on January 21, 1900.

Billie Carroll Petros was born in Washington County, Ark., on October 4, 1856. He entered the lumber business in 1885, and became quite prominently identified with the lumber interests of Arkansas and Indian Territory. He was for some time connected with the firm of Petros Bros., at Petros, I. T., but moved back to Arkansas last fall.

Brother H. I. Mitchell (No. 2452) died on May 28. This bare announcement constitutes all we know of this death.

Herbert Isam Mitchell was born at Middleboro, Mass., on January 21, 1861. He embarked in the lumber business in 1894, and at the time of his death was the head of the firm of Isam Mitchell & Co., of Brockton, Mass.

Brother Edward W. Johnston (No. 470) died on October 19, 1899. We have just learned of this death, and know nothing of the particulars.

Edward William Johnston was born at Louisville, Ky., on July 29, 1850. In 1867 he entered the railroad business, and at the time of his death was connected with the Chicago and West Michigan Railway at Grand Rapids. Mr. Johnston was one of the early members of Hoo-Hoo, having joined the Order at Kansas City on March 7, 1893.

Brother F. W. Hammond (No. 4376) died at his home in Chicago, on May 21.

Frederick William Hammond was born in London, England, on March 3, 1858. He came to this country in 1872, and began his commercial career as a cash boy in a Chicago store. He rose rapidly, and in 1896 embarked in business for himself. In 1894 he engaged in the cedar business at Alpena, Mich., and at the time of his death was connected with the Ayer & Lord Tie Company, of Chicago.

The following account of the death of the wife of Brother David Burns (No. 193) has been furnished us by Brother A. H. Winchester. It is a peculiar case and very sad:

"Capt. David Burns, who is so widely known to all conversant with the poplar lumber trade as the head of the Burns Bros. and the Burns Lumber Company, of Parkersburg, W. Va., is now on the northwest coast of South America, between the Gulf of Darien and the Isthmus of Panama, and, owing to the chaotic state of affairs there through insurrection, has been cut off from communication with the world for months.

"Mrs. Burns has for some time been an invalid, and the uncertainty and suspense regarding Mr. Burns' condition have been more than many wives are called upon to bear, and more than her feeble strength could stand, until, worn out with watching and waiting, she died with that heart sickness that comes from hope too long deferred, on the early morning of June 13, and the first round of the letter carrier of the later morning brought 'the letter that never came' to the deathbed, too late for her to know of his health and safety; or did she know it better than his loving letters sent by messenger boat and trader down lonely rivers and through tropical forests, in spite of military obstruction and blockade, could have told her?

"While hundreds of miles up the coast from there, his post office address is, 'Care of Amarantho Janspe, Cartagena, Colombia, South America,' and his mail will be forwarded as opportunity offers and military conditions admit.

"Sorrow seeks us all out wherever we are, but to me grief seems far more distressing when, after weary days or months of waiting, a stranger in a strange land, you at last receive a home letter and open with such glad expectancy, only to learn of the death of a loved one which occurred weeks before. I am well aware that, try as we may, we cannot shield each other from woe. I also know full well how much kindly sympathy can do to mitigate even death in a household, and of the overwhelming of our strength and manhood that comes from grief which strikes us in solitude, loneliness, and isolation.

"We all love Capt. David Burns. May the good God pity him as a father pitieth his child."

Concatenations.

No. 646. Parkersburg, W. Va., May 30, 1900.

- Snark, F. O. Havener.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, F. A. Kirby.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, Sam. E. Barr.
- Bojurn, E. R. Hawes.
- Scrivenor, E. L. Davidson.
- Jabberwock, H. A. Hollowell.
- Custodian, R. M. Smith.
- Arcanoper, E. Stringer Boggs.
- Gurdon, H. D. Henry.

- 7498 John Henry Becker, Marietta, O.
- 7499 William Edwin Douglass, Jefferson, O.
- 7500 George Lewis Dudley, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- 7501 Frederick Hagerstown Fowler, Clarksburg, W. Va.
- 7502 Archibald Henry Goad, Flat Woods, W. Va.
- 7503 John Riley Goad, Flat Woods, W. Va.
- 7504 Stephen Lob Gould, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- 7505 John Teamster Johnson, Palmer, W. Va.
- 7506 Clarence Edwin Latimer Parr, Clarksburg, W. Va.
- 7507 Raphael Herbert Ross, Waverly, W. Va.
- 7508 William Thomas Schuanser, Marietta, O.
- 7509 John Husg Parry Smith, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- 7510 William Dixon Smith, Liverpool, W. Va.
- 7511 Alfred James String, Parkersburg, W. Va.

No. 647. Philadelphia, Pa., May 28, 1900.

- Snark, Frank T. Rumbarger.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. S. Harris.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, E. N. Heath.
- Bojurn, Henry E. Benners.
- Scrivenor, James N. Holloway.
- Jabberwock, St. George Bond.
- Custodian, A. E. Benners.
- Arcanoper, W. Oliver Vivartias.
- Gurdon, J. J. Rumbarger.

- 7512 John Miller Burns, Elizabeth, W. Va.
- 7513 Henry Hendricks Cassel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 7514 Frederick Justin Cronin, Utica, N. Y.
- 7515 Joseph Penrose Dunwoody, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 7516 John Burket Watson, Cumberland, Md.