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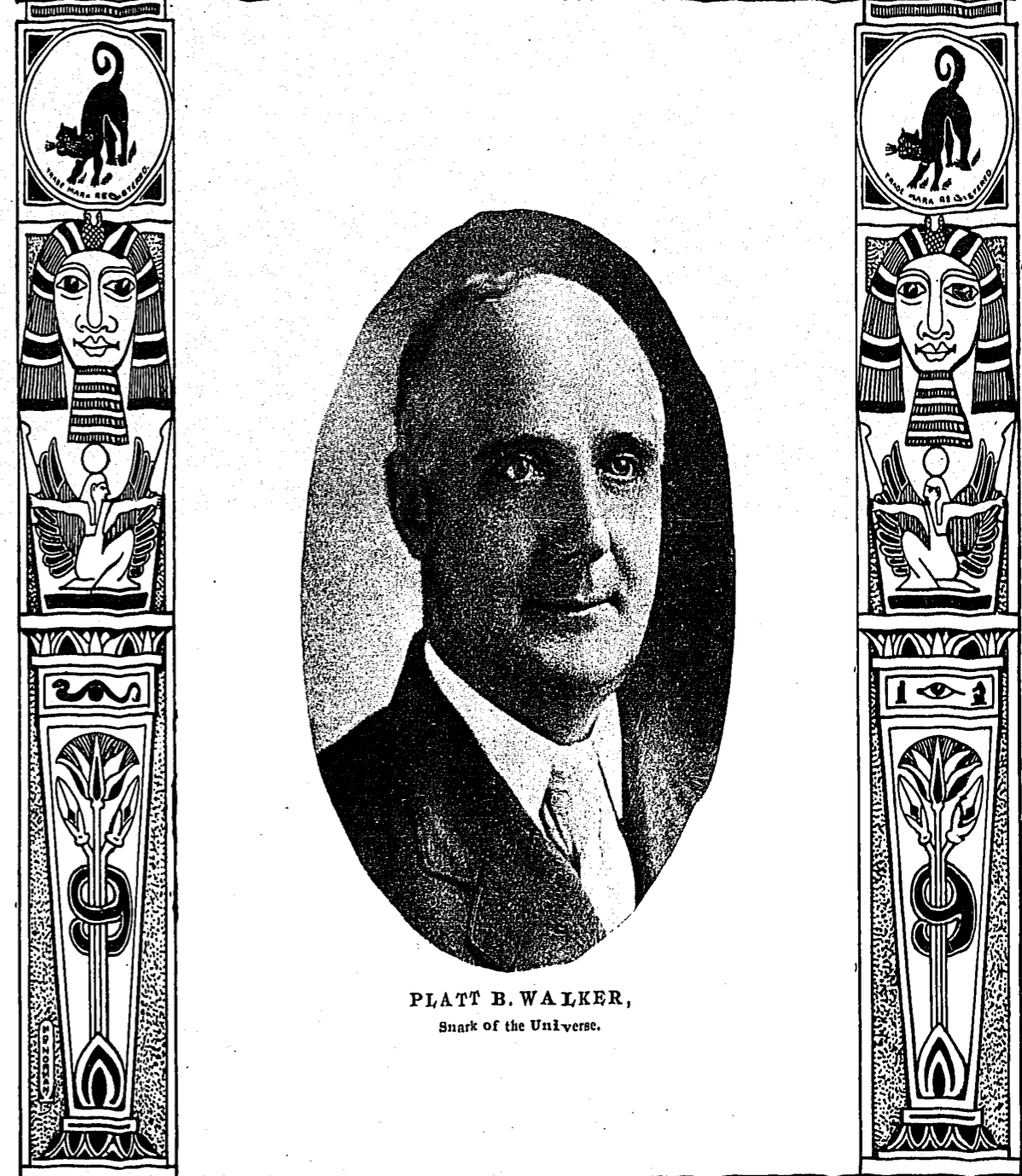
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 Jurisdiction No. 8—Under the Arcanoper (Fuller) the following States: Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.
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THE NEW SUPREME NINE.

General satisfaction is expressed among the members over the outcome of the election of officers. The selection of a Chicago man for a high office is particularly gratifying.

If the geographical location of the members of the Supreme Nine is not all it might be, there can certainly be no complaint made as to the personnel of the men. In Mr. Platt Walker, elected Snark of the Universe, the Order has chosen a man who has been an active worker and loyal to all its precepts since the very beginning. He is a Hoo-Hoo who has never failed to be present and to actively take part in every annual meeting. Mr. Walker was chiefly instrumental, in the early days, in giving the Order a foothold in the prairie states of the northwest, in several of the states in the Pacific Northwest, and notably so in introducing Hoo-Hoo among the lumbermen throughout western Canada. The large membership and the active interest in Hoo-Hoo throughout western Canada today is directly traceable to Mr. Walker's early efforts. As the editor of the Mississippi Valley Lumberman, of Minneapolis, he is widely known to lumbermen everywhere, and particularly in touch with the lumber people throughout the West and Northwest, where the membership is strong. Mr. Walker is thoroughly conversant with all the history of Hoo-Hoo. He has had to do with every step in its forward development, and is in position to bring to the conduct of the Order's business an intimate acquaintance with its past development such as few of the recent Snarks have possessed. All the history of Hoo-Hoo he has seen and much of it he has been.

In the matter of Senior Hoo-Hoo the Order is hardly less fortunate in the selection of Mr. W. A. Hadley, of Chatham, Ont. Mr. Hadley is a distinguished lumberman and a prominent citizen. He has taken deep interest in Hoo-Hoo, and its introduction into eastern Canada and the standing of the Order among representative lumbermen there is largely due to his efforts. He served two terms as Vicegerent and was a member of the Supreme Nine last year, being now chosen for promotion to the second highest office on the Nine.

Chicago is honored in the selection of a Junior Hoo-Hoo in the person of Mr. E. H. Dalbey. Mr. Dalbey was Vicegerent for two terms in Iowa, and made a record second to none. Removing to Chicago two years ago, he left off nothing of his active efforts for Hoo-Hoo and soon became

prominently identified with the local membership. He is connected with the large operations of the Walworth & Neville Manufacturing Company, whose headquarters are in this city, and through his frequent visits to the branches and mills of that concern, scattered over the country from Virginia to the Pacific Coast, he comes personally in contact with thousands of lumbermen.

Another prominent lumberman was selected to fill the position of Supreme Bojum—Mr. C. E. Patten, of the Atlas Lumber & Shingle Company, of Seattle, Wash. This is one of the big enterprises of the coast and Mr. Patten is a man thoroughly representative of Western lumbermen. He was not present at the meeting, but was the unanimous choice for its representative on the Supreme Nine by the entire membership, not only of Washington, but of the sister state of Oregon. His selection to the position, in his absence from the meeting, was a tribute to his high standing and eminent fitness.

Maurice W. Wiley, of Baltimore, was elected to continue representation on the Supreme Nine of that important Hoo-Hoo center. He succeeds as Maryland representative Mr. John L. Alcock, who was Senior Hoo-Hoo last year. No lumberman on the Atlantic Coast from Penobscot to Florida is better known than Maurice Wiley. He has been a prominent figure in the North Carolina pine trade for years and is thoroughly in touch with all the leading lumbermen of the big Eastern cities and throughout New England.

The traveling lumber salesmen in Hoo-Hoo were given representation on the Nine in the selection of W. R. (Ransom) Griffin, of Indianapolis. It was deemed eminently appropriate that the traveling lumber salesmen should be given recognition since they form a large element in the membership and have always been active in prosecuting efforts for the welfare of the Order. No man better fitted to represent the traveling men could have been selected than Mr. Griffin. As a representative for a number of years of the Central Coal & Coke Company's interests at Indianapolis, he travels over a wide territory and is personally known to perhaps as large a number of lumbermen, and is as generally liked by them, as any man who ever carried an order book.

The lumber business of the great central section of the country is well represented by Mr. Burt J. Wright, of The B. J. Wright Lumber Company, Kansas City, Mo. Everybody knows Burt Wright and everybody likes him. He is one of the Kansas City lumbermen who has added a perpetual luster to the annual meeting in that city of the biggest lumber association in the country. He is always notably active in this meeting which occurs in January of each year. As Vicegerent last year he held one of the biggest concatenations on record in connection with the association meeting.

Edward F. Niehaus was selected Supreme Gurdon to represent California. He is one of the most prominent lumbermen of San Francisco and a man whose genial nature has endeared him to everyone with whom either business or pleasure has brought him in contact. Mr. Niehaus is the large lumber manufacturer and wholesaler at San Francisco, handling not only west coast products but a large volume of imported hardwoods, as well as hardwoods from the Eastern section of this country.

It will be seen from the foregoing that seven out of nine men on the Supreme Nine are lumbermen and all of them prominent in their respective branches and localities. The other two members of the Nine are lumber newspaper men, but both are well known to the lumber people from a personal contact extending over more than twenty years.

OFFICIAL STENOGRAPHIC REPORT

Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Held at Chicago, Illinois, September 9-11, 1908

The convention was called to order by the Supreme Snark, Mr. John S. Bonner, at 9 minutes past 9 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, September 9, 1908, in room 130 of the Auditorium Hotel, the following members being in attendance:

The Snark, Mr. John S. Bonner.

The Supreme Scrivenoter, Mr. James H. Baird.

Mr. John L. Alcock, Mr. Platt B. Walker, Mr. E. H. Dalbey, Mr. Met L. Saley, Mr. W. M. Stephenson, Mr. E. B. Martin, Mr. W. R. Anderson.

Upon motion of Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Stephenson, and carried, the convention was adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., to reassemble on the steamer "Theodore Roosevelt."

At 10 a. m. the meeting was again called to order on the steamer "Theodore Roosevelt," and, upon motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. B. A. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned until 11 a. m., at the same place.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the convention was called to order in the dance hall of the steamer "Theodore Roosevelt," en route to Michigan City, Indiana.

THE SNARK:—Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I again call to order the seventeenth annual convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. I believe the local committee has some announcements to make; we will hear from Brother L. E. Fuller.

MR. L. E. FULLER (612):—Ladies and gentlemen, I desire to announce that immediately upon the arrival of the steamer at Michigan City we desire to have a group photograph taken of everybody in this party. It will be taken in the park, at the same place where we will have luncheon. We would like to have the officers of the order and the chairmen of the committees take seats in front. The photographer has erected a platform over there, so that we will get one of the best photographs we have ever had taken. Kindly prepare at once to pose for your photograph. (Applause.)

THE SNARK:—In the absence of any other business, we will proceed with the regular routine.

THE SCRIVENOTER:—Ladies and gentlemen, the first routine business on our program is the reading of the Snark's annual address. I trust you will maintain the best of order, as it is quite a trial to read so that it can be heard on the boat.

Supreme Snark, John S. Bonner, thereupon read his address as follows:

Snark's Address.

As I stand before you today, with the record of the year's work finished and the books closed, several features of that record come to mind as sources of special pride and gratitude. In some respects, the past year has been the most trying and the most unusual of any similar period since time was first measured off from eternity and separated into dates, epochs and ages. We have all passed through a time of tribulation. We have endured the strain of commercial stress and have undergone the hardship of a financial situation as puzzling as it was painful.

When we went home from the last annual meeting, prospects were bright for an unusually good year in the business world and along the line of industrial development. Everybody was busy and nearly everybody was prosperous. Many plans for commercial expansion were under way. Scarcely was the Hoo-Hoo year well started, however, before the most extraordinary condition came about in the financial world that has

ever been recorded in the history of mankind. With the country full of material wealth as the result of good crops, with prices high and with the people busy and cheerful, undisturbed by prospect of war, change in politics, debased currency or other terrors—all of a sudden, out of a clear and smiling sky, burst a financial cyclone which carried destruction to many prominent business institutions, drove a number of eminent financiers to suicide, crippled numberless small concerns and scared investors into a swift paralysis. Out of this condition of "chaos and old night," the Great Sacred Black Cat emerged, not a hair turned, not a whisker missing. He came through with all his nine lives intact, his brow "bludgeoned but unbowed," his tail curled in defiance of fate. He is firmly balanced on the back fence today, and his blessing rests upon this meeting. He has cause for congratulation. His territory has extended, the number of his followers has increased. Few business enterprises are able to show, at the end of so strenuous a period, a bank account so little impaired as is that of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo.

The lumbermen of this country have weathered the storm bravely and well. They are a peculiarly cheerful class of men anyway, a fact due to several causes, no doubt. They catch the inspiration of the trees and of the great out-of-doors. They are heartened by the realization that their great industry rests upon real value, actual worth. Many people have but a vague idea of what constitutes "intrinsic" value, mistaking the symbol or token for the thing itself. If you were alone on a frail raft in the middle of the ocean, a bag of gold coin in one hand and some cold potatoes in the other, you would be in position to learn the real meaning of the phrase, "intrinsic value." The bag of gold would be worse than useless, for its weight might sink you. But the potatoes would for a time keep you from starvation and the floating wood might save you from the sea till rescue came. Nothing has intrinsic value except that which will sustain or protect life. Food is the most pressing need of man, but shelter and protection against wind and weather are scarcely less necessary. Dealing, therefore, with a commodity which is in itself of actual worth, the lumbermen have kept up their courage in the face of conditions that brought destruction to the speculators and the manipulators of the stock market. This is a source of gratification to the whole country, to every man connected with Hoo-Hoo, and particularly to me as the official head of an order composed of lumbermen and men engaged in allied industries made possible and profitable by the stability of the lumber business. We are proud of this feature of the past year's record, and we look toward the coming year with confidence and hope. Back of us is the cohesive power of the legitimate needs of millions of human beings—constituting a permanent "demand" for a commodity that is stable because it has intrinsic value. Possessed of real wealth, then, we may feel assured of the ultimate result and of the final working out of the problems of commercial expediency.

Another source of satisfaction is the character of some of the concatenations that have been held during the year. There have been some very excellent concatenations this year—so good that they mark an epoch in the history of Hoo-Hoo. The matter of concatenations is the most important matter in connection with the progress and stability of the Order. Hoo-Hoo might survive the affliction of a poor Snark, or a defection on part of the other supreme officers, but a few badly conducted concatenations would result in a permanent injury to the Order's good name, and would go far toward bringing about a loss of interest and a lack of confidence. Some of the concatenations this year have been models of excellent management. They have been well planned and most admirably executed. In several instances, all the Vicegerents in a State have cooperated in holding a meeting at some convenient point, going at the work in careful and systematic fashion, and giving sufficient time to the preliminaries to insure the administration of the ceremonies in satisfactory manner to a good class. In one or two instances, a large party of members have traveled several hundred miles to attend a concatenation, and have felt well repaid for their journey. A concatenation of that sort constitutes an enjoyable recreation for busy men, and at the same

time affords opportunity for making new acquaintances which may, and very frequently does, redound to the advantage of all concerned.

Such a meeting brings out a large attendance of old members and furnishes occasion for a mingling together of men from different parts of Hoo-Hoo territory, thus making possible an exchange of ideas and furnishing opportunity for a broadening of views. It is better, in my judgment, that a few concatenations of this character be held during the year, than for numerous ill-prepared and hurriedly-arranged concatenations to take place, where the inflation is but poorly administered and the eligibility clause not rightly interpreted. First, last and always, we want quality—not numbers. We want quality in work and in the character of the concatenations, as well as quality in the matter of membership. One careless or slipshod concatenation is a potent force for ill—the memory of it lingers long in the minds of those who attend, and the news of its bad features spreads as if on the wings of the wireless. The influence of an unusually fine concatenation is likewise widely disseminated—the members go home and tell of the good time they had, the excellence of the work and the general superiority of the arrangements. A "good" concatenation does not necessarily mean an expensive affair—it does not imply an elaborate feast nor an effort on part of the Vicegerent to permanently eliminate the sense of thirst by administering a "cure" in alopathic quantities. It does mean that the work should be conducted on a high plane and the entertainment be kept free from objectionable features.

Some of the concatenations held during the year were notable because of novel methods and the introduction of new ideas. One of these meetings resulted in the formation of a State organization, which is to be a permanent institution, and which, it is hoped will prove a power for good. The concatenation referred to occurred at Waco, in July, and the organization which grew out of it is the Texas Hoo-Hoo and Lumbermen's Club. This organization is by no means to take the place or usurp the powers of the parent order—its object is to cooperate with Hoo-Hoo and to further the latter's interests by bringing the membership of Texas into a closer affiliation. Texas has a membership of more than fifteen hundred. It is the aim of the State organization to make of them a more effective organization than ever before. The Texas Hoo-Hoo and Lumbermen's Club consists of every member of Hoo-Hoo in good standing in the State of Texas. It will hold its meetings annually in connection with the lumber association meeting, or coincident with some other feature which brings together the lumbermen of the Southwest.

One of the features of this year's record is the return to the old form of handbook. The getting out of this book is the biggest single item of expense in connection with the conduct of the Order. For the sake of reducing the cost to the Order, the experiment was made of printing the handbook in one issue of The Bulletin. The experiment was a success so far as the decreased cost was concerned, but the members did not seem to like the handbook in that form. They claimed that it was not so convenient for reference purposes, and at the annual meeting last year, the old form of handbook was again adopted. It is a very handy and practicable directory of the membership—and it is one of the biggest little books in the world. The work of compiling the names and getting the addresses accurately listed is a tedious and complicated task. As soon as the handbook is finished, the work of making corrections for the next handbook begins. Many of the members change their addresses several times a year. And sometimes they fail to notify the Supreme Scrivenor of these changes. It is very important that each member should keep the Scrivenor advised of changes in business or address, to the end that the handbook may constitute a reliable directory. In this day of cheap postage, there is small excuse for neglect in this connection. It should be a matter of pride to the membership to have the handbook accurate. It cannot be accurate unless every member is faithful in this matter of notifying the Scrivenor concerning changes of business or location. This is a duty which you owe to the entire Order, as well as to yourself and to the Scrivenor. That officer is supposed to be a man of at least average intelligence, but he is not endowed with supernatural qualities—he is not a mind reader. His brain fails to register thought waves and "telepathic" communications. His work requires definite written instructions in regard to names, places of residence and business connections. It is the duty of the members to see that he receives such information.

My recommendations are very few; in fact, few recommendations are necessary, because of the fact that former Snarks have so closely watched the interests of the Order,

and Hoo-Hoo has considered their recommendations so thoroughly that, as an organization, it is almost perfect. But I feel it my duty to refer to the suggestion originating in Arkansas for a memorial building at Gurdon, to mark the birthplace of Hoo-Hoo. The Order should take much time for consideration before acting on a matter of such magnitude, and consider it from every viewpoint. The cost of the building, and the expense of keeping it up would require more money than we could easily raise, and after a while it would become practically valueless. However, I would recommend that an appropriate monument, or memorial tablet, be inserted in the walls of the new building that is going up on the site of the old hotel. I think what money we have can be more advantageously spent by helping out such enterprises as our brothers of Indianapolis, lonehanded, have undertaken in the erection of a little "house of Hoo-Hoo," out at the fresh air camp for sick babies. This "House of Hoo-Hoo" proposes to be only a little frame cottage, costing a few hundred dollars, but having back of it a small fund necessary to keep it supplied with beds, cots and a nurse to look after the little inmates. It seems to me that Hoo-Hoo in this way would do more to perpetuate a worthy memory of its existence than by the erection of any stone or metal monument.

I feel that I cannot well close this address without expressing my appreciation for the uniform courtesies shown me by the members of Hoo-Hoo, and also the members of the Supreme Nine. I refer particularly to our Supreme Scrivenor, Mr. James H. Baird. My duties as Snark have been made comparatively easy from the fact that I have had the benefit of his vast experience, and many a question, perplexing to me, was made simple by a suggestion from him; and the cheerful manner in which he lent his assistance has made our relations, indeed, very pleasant, and so, if you conclude that my administration has been a success, give a large portion of the credit to the members in general, and the Supreme Nine for their hearty cooperation.

In conclusion, I must express my pleasure in being here at this, the seventeenth Hoo-Hoo annual, and in this great city whose splendid hospitality we are to enjoy and whose cordial reception we most heartily appreciate. Chicago is the young giant of the Western world—a city of dominating strength and power, a city of wonderful vitality and force. Chicago is almost as unusual among cities as Hoo-Hoo is unique among fraternal orders. One city differeth from another city in glory, and each possesses some characteristics peculiarly its own. The members of Hoo-Hoo have traveled enough to have acquired a nice discrimination in cities. The fact that Chicago is situated on a lake appeals to us with special force—not that this, in itself, is an unusual feature of cities. But we have somehow fallen into the habit of holding our annual meeting near the water—singularly enough, as cats are not supposed to enjoy getting wet. In Norfolk, in 1901, we were but a short distance from the sea; in Portland, in 1905, we were on the banks of the Willamette and not far from the mighty Columbia and the broad Pacific. Still further back, in 1898, we met in Cleveland with Lake Erie in the foreground. And yet longer ago, we held an annual in Detroit. At Atlantic City last September, we had an invitation to go to Atlanta, but declined because there is no water there! Also because the matchless eloquence of the Chicago delegation thrilled us with tales of Chicago's glory and infused into our hearts a longing to become your guests, to behold the wonders of your superb city, to enjoy with you the special pleasures and peculiar delights which Chicago can alone provide.

THE SNARK:—The next business in order is the reading of the Scrivenor's report. I trust that you will accord to our Scrivenor the same kind attention and order as that which you gave to me.

Supreme Scrivenor James H. Baird then read his report, which follows:

Scrivenor's Report.

Our receipts and disbursements for the Hoo-Hoo year ending September 9, 1908, have been as follows, my books closing with the close of business September 4:

RECEIPTS.

94. Balance on hand September 4.....	\$ 13,127 06
95. Dues.....	19,109 59
13. Imminent Distress Fund.....	599 39
16. Mdse. (pins, buttons, etc., sold).....	1,027 51
19. Concatenations.....	8,405 27
48. Grip Tags sold.....	45 85
79. Office fixtures.....	40 00
85. Life Membership fees.....	140 04
89. Card cases sold.....	14 76
103. Honorary Membership fees.....	180 00
113. Interest on deposit.....	122 31
Total.....	\$ 42,811 78

DISBURSEMENTS.

13. Imminent Distress Fund.....	\$ 964 82
16. Mdse. (pins, buttons, etc., bought).....	4,403 05
19. Concatenations (refund).....	26 54
22. Petty expense.....	221 01
25. Postage and registered mail.....	2,695 01
28. Stationery.....	1,978 03
31. Trunk equipment and supplies.....	918 15
34. Scrivenor's clerical help.....	3,655 76
37. Express.....	643 81
48. Grip tags bought.....	32 85
49. Cuts and electros.....	411 84
52. Good of Order.....	207 78
55. Annual meeting (1907).....	194 48
58. Scrivenor's salary.....	2,499 96
61. Traveling expense.....	505 40
64. Telegraph account.....	166 32
67. Rent account.....	638 00
70. House of Ancients.....	826 00
73. Insurance Account.....	27 60
76. Printing The Bulletin.....	6,437 23
79. Office fixtures.....	15 00
92. Storage.....	72 82
97. Premium on Scrivenor's bond.....	60 00
100. Handbook and supplement.....	4,500 00
106. Snark's office (1907).....	75 00
111. Printing equipment and supplies.....	403 51
94. Balance on hand.....	10,240 29
Total.....	\$ 42,811 78

I have audited the books of J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, and certify that the above is a true and accurate statement of his receipts and disbursements. My audit covers business from September 5, 1907, to close of business September 5, 1908, both inclusive. JO. EDWARDS, Accountant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of September, 1908. W. P. RUTLAND, Notary Public.

September 5, 1908.—J. H. Baird, Supreme Scrivenor, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, City. Dear Sir: This is to certify that we hold to the credit of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, at the close of business today, September 5, 1908, the sum of \$3,576.40. Yours very truly,
UNION BANK & TRUST COMPANY,
BY WATKINS CROCKETT, Cashier.

September 5, 1908.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Supreme Scrivenor, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, City. Dear Sir: This is to certify that we hold to the credit of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, at the close of business today, September 5, 1908, the sum of \$566.59. Please accept our thanks for the careful way in which you have cooperated with us in handling the many small items that make up this account. Permit me also to wish you a highly successful and enjoyable annual meeting of your Order at Chicago. Yours very truly,
FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
E. A. LINDSEY, Vice President.

Attention is called to the fact that in this balance is embraced balance to the credit of the Imminent Distress Fund, amounting to \$4,589.17, leaving an actual free balance to the general fund \$5,061.22.

The vouchers covering all the above disbursements and all my records and books are here for the examination of any one interested.

The Effects of the Panic.

The above figures give an idea of the extent to which the panic and resulting depression in all branches of the lumber business and its allied lines have affected Hoo-Hoo. Our receipts from all sources for the year, as compared with last year, show a falling off of \$4,000.81. A considerable part of this, however, is in the decrease of receipts to the Imminent Distress Fund. This fund having calls for contributions have been made during the past year, and the only receipts have been occasional purely voluntary contributions. As a matter of fact this fund shown for this year are loans for this year are loans most of the receipts to be repaid, and which have been credited back to the fund. A material falling off in receipts is shown in proceeds from concatenations, the figures being \$3,405.27 for the past year as compared with \$11,385.15 for the year preceding, a falling off of

\$2,979.88. Later along in this report figures will appear showing a corresponding decrease in number of concatenations held and number of men initiated. For the first time since 1900 have we failed to break all previous records in the Order's history in number of men initiated and for the first time since 1896 have we failed each succeeding year to break all records with the exception of the years 1894 and 1895.

I take it that this retardation of our progress and this falling off in our receipts, is no more than we could reasonably expect under the conditions that have prevailed, and are not to be taken as indicative of any decrease in Hoo-Hoo interest or popularity. Just about the time we were getting started on work for the year the panic came like a thunder clap out of a clear sky, and affected no line of business, in my judgment, more than the lumber business. Our Hoo-Hoo work met with an almost total cessation for a period of about two months. It would have been well nigh impossible to hold a satisfactory concatenation in any part of the country during the midst of the uneasiness and depression, and no great effort was made to urge our Vicegerents to activity until the first of the calendar year. Since that time I have felt gratified at the work we have been able to accomplish, and particularly gratified at the way dues receipts have held up. Our first call for dues, sent out in the midst of the panic, was very unproductive of results as compared with previous years, but subsequent calls—the second call being purposely delayed until quite a long time after the advent of the new year—brought in good results, and the collections coming in during the past two months, under the third call sent out, have not shown so far as I can detect any material falling off from former years, relative numerical membership considered.

I think on the whole we have ample grounds for all the Snark has said, in congratulating ourselves on the way Hoo-Hoo has withstood the hard times. We emerge from the period of stress with the largest cash balance ever reported except last year, without having decreased any of our activities in the least, and in the face of legislation at our Atlantic City meeting, which caused some considerable increase in our expenditures. One of the chiefest of these is the return to the old form of bound handbook. Since the book was sent out my office has received a great number of letters speaking favorably of the change made, and my judgment is that despite its cost it has given general satisfaction. Supplement No. 1 to this book has just been mailed, bringing the membership list fairly up to date.

Our Distress Fund.

It will be observed also that our disbursements from the Distress Fund are materially larger than those of last year, while our receipts to this fund, as already noticed, have been very light. As was to have been expected we were besieged during the worst of the panic with requests for assistance from the Distress Fund. Many of these were quite outside the intent and purposes of the fund, being requests for assistance in the nature of ordinary commercial loans for the relief of business embarrassment. All such applications were declined, and while I am pretty sure that we have not escaped being imposed upon in the matter of a small disbursement made to one brother, I feel sure that the disbursements have been held down to genuine cases of abject distress where but for our assistance actual suffering for the necessities of life would have followed. I call to mind the case of a Louisiana brother whose wife and baby girl were horribly burned, and whose hospital and doctor bills we paid, to his very great comfort and assistance. The man is now at work and in position to soon liquidate his loan. Two other loans of small amounts, made during the midst of the panic, have been paid in full. Another striking case of distress coming before us during the year was that of a Michigan brother who lost both his lower limbs in a railroad accident, being thereby hopelessly incapacitated to earn a living for himself and family unless artificial limbs could be secured. Our largest disbursement during the year was a loan to this man on the investigation and report of Brother B. A. Johnson. The injured man has secured the limbs and writes enthusiastically of the effective use a very little practice has already enabled him to make of them.

Property of the Order.

Two years ago at Oklahoma City, acting under instructions of the preceding meeting, at Portland, I submitted a closely detailed report of the property of the Order in my hands, a copy of which report I have before me, and to which I alluded at some length in my report read at Atlantic City a year ago. As this document is tediously long, I will not read it now unless requested, deeming it sufficient to say that nothing of a perma-

ment commercial value in the way of assets has been added to the possessions of the Order other than is indicated in the four items of the above financial statement, "Trunk Equipment and Supplies," "Cuts and Electros," "Office Fixtures" and "Printing Material and Supplies." The disbursements under these headings have not been large except in "Trunk Equipment and Supplies." The expenditures under this head for the year cover eight new trunks, which I was instructed at Atlantic City to purchase and put in commission. We have hardly needed the additional trunks during the course of the year in handling the increased number of concatenations, but they are in good order and will come in handy for the future. "Cuts and Electros" scarcely constitute a permanent asset of value. Expenditures under this head are for half-tone portrait cuts and other cuts used in The Bulletin, with an occasional cut to be used on printed matter sent out by Vicegerents. "Office Fixtures" do constitute an asset of value, all the property we have purchased since the office has been at Nashville being of a durable and handsome character. The expenditure made under this head for the year past went for a check protector. It will be observed that we received \$40 this year on this account. This came from the sale of one of the old filing cases discarded when we installed the vertical system of filing. Expenditures made under the head of "Printing Material and Equipment" are for type and other printing material used in getting out the handbook. We continue to accumulate this material, and on account of the special purpose for which it is purchased I fear it is of no great commercial value.

Concatenations.

Ninety-five concatenations have been held during the year as follows:

Table with columns: Number, Date, Place, No. of Initiates (Hon., Life, Reg.), Remitted Scrivenoter (Hon., Life, Reg.). Lists 95 concatenations from 1899 to 1907 across various locations.

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*These are "fictitious" concatenations in a sense. They are concatenations enrolled merely to correct errors made at the time of reporting concatenation. Usually the necessity for these entries on the books grows out of the inadvertent omission of one or more of the blanks in reporting concatenations.

I append below a statement of the number of concatenations held and number of men initiated since the beginning, to the end that the comparative figures may be before all members.

Table with columns: Year, Number of concatenations, Number of men initiated. Lists data from 1892 to 1907.

Record of Work of Vicegerencies.

The year's record by our Vicegerents is as follows:

Table with columns: Vicegerents, No. Concatenations, No. of Initiates (Reg., Life, Hon.). Lists work for various districts from Alabama to Kentucky.

Table with columns: Vicegerents, No. Concatenations, No. of Initiates (Reg., Life, Hon.). Lists work for various districts from Louisiana to Texas.

Table with columns: Jurisdiction, No. Concatenations, No. of Initiates (Reg., Life, Hon.). Lists work for various jurisdictions from Jurisdiction No. 3 to No. 9.

Deceased.

Following is the list of members whose death was reported to me during the year. I do not imagine that it is at all complete, as I feel sure that many deaths occur which are not reported to me. As it is, however, the list is a sorrowfully long one and includes the names of members who have been with us at almost every annual meeting since I have been Scrivenoter, and whose presence have never failed to add wisdom to our councils and enjoyment to our gathering. I have been peculiarly pained to record the name of Col. A. D. McLeod, whose death I am sure brings a sense of personal loss to all who have been present at our annual meetings.

Table with columns: Name, Address. Lists names and addresses of deceased members.

Credit for the largest number of concatenations during the year goes to Vicegerent C. C. Bradenbaugh, of the Northern District of Texas, who has held four concatenations and initiated 146 regular and one honorary member; second, Vicegerent Beall Foster, of the Western District of Washington, three concatenations and 93 initiates; third, Vicegerent W. M. Baugh, of the Southern District of Texas, two concatenations and 87 initiates; fourth, Burt J. Wright, of the Western District of Missouri, four concatenations and 83 initiates; fifth, Vicegerent J. F. Gresley, of the State of Nebraska, one concatenation and 76 initiates; closely followed by Vicegerent W. E. Wholes, of the Northern District of Louisiana, who has three concatenations and 72 initiates.

Vicegerent Gresley is due credit for very active and efficient effort put forth in raising within his district a generous sum for the relief of sufferers from a disastrous cyclone.

Two honorary members have been taken in during the year, one by Vicegerent Bradenbaugh, of the Northern District of Texas, as mentioned above, and the other by Vicegerent J. F. Davis, of the Eastern District of Louisiana. Six Life Members have been initiated, four by Vicegerent H. C. Dinkins, of the Republic of Mexico, and two by Vicegerent S. N. Acres, of the Southern District of Mississippi.

Record of Work in Jurisdictions.

The work accomplished in the nine jurisdictions into which the Hoo-Hoo territory was apportioned for the year under review, and over each of which jurisdictions a member of the Supreme Nine exercises supervisory powers, is as follows:

Table with columns: Jurisdiction, No. Concatenations, No. of Initiates (Reg., Life, Hon.). Lists work for various jurisdictions from Jurisdiction No. 1 to No. 9.

15267 J. Finkbeiner	17552 A. B. Irwin
15438 L. V. Averill	17752 John S. McLean
15699 G. H. Carlson	18037 J. W. Dunn
15770 C. E. Adams	18488 C. W. Nease
15775 E. S. Pinnell	18582 H. C. Knoblauch
15941 Hurlis Adams	18586 L. H. Leiding
16053 C. H. Butler	18613 J. W. Blankinship
16068 J. A. Kirk	18987 C. M. Fligley
16345 R. W. Hodder	19274 C. B. Shaver
16483 A. Norgren	19600 J. S. Reed
16839 John Hoffman	20020 Chas. Stewart
16878 G. A. Arthur	20897 John C. Blain
17255 G. O. Vetter	

Resignations.

Another evidence of the hard times is no doubt shown by a material increase in the number of resignations recorded. The figures for the year under review are 110 as compared with 62 for last year. While many of these resignations have come to me with the frank statement that the members by reason of serious business losses does not feel himself able to pay even the small sum that Hoo-Hoo imposes, a larger number of the resignations are from men who have grown old and who are permanently out of all business pursuits. I seldom note in the list of resignations the name of any of those familiar as attendants at our annual meetings.

In Conclusion.

Snark Bonner has so admirably covered all matters likely to come up before us for discussion as to leave me little to say in the way of recommendations on the routine work of the Order. Our system of card admission, adopted at Oklahoma City two years ago, has proved, in my judgment, one of the very best steps we have ever taken, and has been an effective means of collecting dues from many members long in arrears. In checking up the reports of members present at concatenations, however, I have found quite a number from whom no collection of dues was reported. I feel sure that some of our Vicegerents have not been as firm as they should be in excluding members who, without having a "current-year" card, have neglected or declined to pay the acting Scrivenoter of the concatenation the one year's dues demanded. The rule is that the member without a card must pay one year's dues. He may owe more than this, and if so he is billed for the balance when the report of the concatenation comes to the Scrivenoter's office. No man, therefore, is denied admission merely because he has not a card. He is given an easy alternative, and if he has merely mislaid or "left at home" his card, the amount he is required to pay is no burden and is credited on his account for a subsequent year. The plan is so simple and just and has about it so little that is drastic it should be enforced to the letter on every occasion. Let it be understood that a card or \$1.00 in money is requisite to admission, and few members will have any protest to offer or will fail to discharge the implied obligation assumed of promptly paying whatever balance may be due.

I have, as so many times before, to thank my fellow officers for the heartiest and most painstaking cooperation in carrying on the business of the Order, and our many Vicegerents for their labor and loyalty which alone makes success possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BAIRD, Scrivenoter.

MR. L. E. FULLER:—I presume it is in order to move that the address of the Snark and the report of the Scrivenoter be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

THE SCRIVENOTER:—Heretofore we have had a special committee on the recommendations of the Snark and Scrivenoter, and to that committee these reports have been referred. They might be referred to other committees if, in the judgment of the members, that course is best. We have one committee on good of the order, which, it seems to me, is amply qualified to handle the matter. The Committee on Good of the Order can take these reports and pass upon them, and if there is to be any constitutional changes to be considered, that part of the report can be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. FULLER:—I move that the address of the Snark and the report of the Scrivenoter be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

MR. PLATT B. WALKER (48):—I second the motion. (Upon vote the motion was carried.)

The Committees.

THE SNARK:—I will now announce the appointment of committees.

Constitution and By-Laws—W. E. Barns, W. H. Norris, N. A. Gladding, A. C. Ramsey, J. E. Defebaugh, Ed. M. Vietmeier, C. D. Rourke, B. A. Johnson, and any other members of the House of Ancients who may arrive.

Legislation—Platt B. Walker, John Oxenford, John L. Alcock, Geo. W. Schwarz, W. M. Stephenson, E. Stringer Boggess.

Good of Order—Jeff B. Webb, A. H. Potter, George Teague, Richard Randolph, R. W. English.

Auditing—Maurice Wiley, Geo. H. Winsor, C. A. Glore. Resolutions—Cliff S. Walker, Douglas Malloch, L. E. Fuller, J. N. Day.

Press—E. H. Defebaugh, John D. Pease, Bliss P. Gorham. Place of Next Meeting—W. R. Anderson, J. F. Judd, Robert Carpenter.

THE SNARK:—These committees will please get together as soon as possible. There is nothing necessary to report this morning, I believe.

MR. L. E. FULLER:—The General Committee has asked me to request the ladies to repair up-stairs where they have badges and other things they wish to show them. I have been requested by a number of my associates to present to Commodore James H. West a suitable little token, with his official designation. We all know his able seamanship and skill as a navigator, and therefore I take this opportunity to present this to you, Commodore West. (Handing a white cap to Commodore West, with the word "Commodore" inscribed thereon in gilt letters.)

COMMODORE JAMES H. WEST:—Ladies and gentlemen, I certainly appreciate this compliment. I hope you are all enjoying yourselves thoroughly, and trust you will continue to do so the remainder of the day. I thank you. (Applause.)

THE SCRIVENOTER:—Gentlemen, I find that quite a number who arrived this morning are a little apprehensive about paying their dues. My office will be open to-morrow afternoon at room 130, Auditorium, where you can pay your dues up to midnight to-morrow night.

MR. FULLER:—I move that the convention now adjourn until 9:09 to-morrow (Thursday) morning.

MR. PLATT WALKER:—I second the motion. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned until 9:09 a. m., Thursday, September 10, 1908, to meet again in the ninth floor dining-hall of the Auditorium Hotel, Chicago.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1908.

The convention was called to order by Supreme Snark John S. Bonner, at 9 minutes past 9, Thursday morning, in the ninth floor dining-hall of the Auditorium Hotel. Upon motion of Mr. L. E. Fuller (612), seconded by the Supreme Scrivenoter (408), the convention was adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., at the same place.

At 10 o'clock the convention was again called to order by Supreme Snark Bonner.

SUPREME SNARK:—The first thing on the program this morning is reports of committees. Is the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws ready to report?

MR. W. E. BARNES (3):—We are not ready to report; in fact, we have not had a meeting yet. We will be ready to report later.

SUPREME SNARK:—Committee on Legislation?

MR. P. B. WALKER, JR. (48):—The committee is not ready to report.

SUPREME SNARK:—Committee on Good of the Order? MR. R. W. ENGLISH (2220):—I have not been notified of any meeting of the committee yet.

SUPREME SNARK:—The next is the Auditing Committee.

MR. M. W. WILEY (12810):—We have handed up our report.

(The Supreme Scrivenoter then read the report of the Auditing Committee as follows:)

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, the Auditing Committee, appointed by Snark Bonner to audit the books of the Supreme Scrivenoter, Baird, beg leave to report that we have examined the books insofar as totals are concerned and the letters from the banks in which the money is deposited, as well as the sworn statement of Jo Edwards, auditor, sworn to before a notary public, and find the same to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE W. WILEY, Chairman;
C. A. GLORE,
G. H. WINSOR.

MR. W. H. NORRIS (1600):—I move that the report of the committee be accepted and filed.

MR. E. B. MARTIN (9841):—I second the motion. (Motion carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—Resolutions Committee? Are any of the members of that committee present? No one seems to be present. Press Committee?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER BAIRD (408):—I have been acting in conjunction with the Press Committee in an informal way, and we have been endeavoring to give out to the representatives of the local press and of the lumber journals as much information as possible, copies of resolutions, reports, etc. I don't know what report the committee may have to make. I am not on the committee, but am acting in conjunction with it.

SUPREME SNARK:—Have any members of the Press Committee any formal report to make?

MR. BLISS P. GORHAM (3957):—No, we have not.

SUPREME SNARK:—Committee on Place of Next Meeting? Have you any formal report to make, Mr. Anderson?

MR. W. R. ANDERSON (14472):—Not yet.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Anderson, I wish you would assign some place where the committee can be visited. I think some members desire to go before the committee and turn over some communications to the committee.

MR. ANDERSON:—As soon as we locate the place of meeting we will announce it.

SUPREME SNARK:—No other committees?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I will make one or two announcements now. Mr. Bolling Arthur Johnson has arranged with the Moffett Studio for a group photograph of the House of Ancients, at 12 o'clock to-day, and desires the presence of Messrs. J. E. Defebaugh, B. A. Johnson, Charles D. Rourke, N. A. Gladding, W. E. Barns, John S. Bonner, A. C. Ramsey, E. M. Vietmeier and W. H. Norris. These gentlemen will please go to the studio, 25 Congress street, directly across from the entrance to the Auditorium Theatre, at 12 o'clock.

I have here a communication from Elkins, West Virginia, signed by perhaps forty or fifty men present at a concatenation they were holding on the night of August 28. The concatenation was briefly reported to me by wire before I left Nashville, and seems to have been a most enjoyable occasion. I have here a large number of telegrams of greeting coming from our members from all over the country. We have heretofore dispensed with reading them

in detail, it being the usual understanding that they would be published in the Bulletin in full.

MR. E. M. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that the reading of the communications be dispensed with and that they be published in full in the Bulletin.

MR. E. B. MARTIN:—I second the motion. (Motion carried.)

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—The Committee on Legislation is ready to partially report. I don't know that the report of the committee is unanimous, but we have a majority report, concurred in by Brothers Oxenford, Boggess and myself, and dissented from by Brothers Walker, Alcock and Schwarz. When the Scrivenoter read his report as to the receipts of the order it was shown that there was a decrease in the receipts last year as compared with the previous year. Therefore three of us recommend that the vicegerents, instead of being allowed \$4.00, as at present, be allowed only \$3.33.

MR. P. B. WALKER:—Worthy Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I do not suppose that this preliminary report brings anything up for consideration at this meeting, but I believe a little healthy discussion would be possibly of advantage to us all. I think if my friend from Minnesota, my colleague, had been a vicegerent, he would not have proposed that. The hardest worked individuals in the whole Order, and those upon whom we must rely for success, are the vicegerents. They get nothing but a lot of knocks and very little honor. Up in our state, for instance, we hold a concatenation once a year. There are only two halls that we can secure that give us any kind of standing room and accommodate those in attendance; one costs \$50 and the other \$75. With a class of even thirty it is close figuring to come out even. It seems to me there are many other economies that can be practiced that will not inflict any hardship upon the hard-working vicegerents. I would like to hear discussion pro and con. If those now active in the field can get along with \$3.33 or \$1.33, I certainly would not oppose it.

MR. JOHN L. ALCOCK (11026):—Most Worthy Snark, I wish to concur in everything Brother Walker has said. I myself think the Vicegerent Snark has considerable responsibility in increasing the membership, and on account of those he takes in. There is a good deal that those who have not served as vicegerents do not understand. I think if we cut down the amount of money appropriated now for the vicegerents' expenses it will work an injury to the Order. We all understand that the loss of members to the Order last year was due to circumstances which could not be foreseen nor prevented. I myself do not think any reduction should be made from the amount allowed the vicegerents.

SUPREME SNARK:—Any further discussion along this line?

MR. W. E. BARNES:—I have just been making a few figures here. I notice during last year we initiated just 1,800 members, and that the Scrivenoter received in round numbers from the concatenations \$3,406, which means that he received an average of \$4.67 from each member initiated; and that is about the way it has been running the last three or four years, \$4.67 or \$4.68; so that, as a matter of fact, we run under that. A part of that is accounted for by the fact that in the initiation which was held in London—and I suppose that was regarded as missionary field—we were glad to get started over there, even if it cost the Order some money. Occasionally a concatenation runs short of the constitutional amount. I presume about what we can count on each year is \$4.67, and, on 1,800 members, the difference between \$4.67 and \$5, would amount to several hundred dollars in the aggregate. I don't know how you are going to regulate this matter unless you

hold fewer concatenations. I think that possibly, like the people down in Waco or in other meetings of that sort, where they have one big concatenation in a year, you could get out whole; but if you are going to spend much money on eating, drinking and hall rent and advertising, you have got to have big concatenations to play even.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Brother Snark, I am glad Brother Barns has called attention to this matter of the failure to receive all the money that is provided for by the constitution and by-laws. The figures are about as he states them. We have fallen short about the sum he indicates. I think likely, without having stopped to figure the thing over in detail, that the shortage is proportionately a little greater this year than heretofore. We did not quite get through the panic without some little trouble. I recall one concatenation where the man came out all right as far as he was concerned, and deposited all the money in a bank and sent me his personal check. Before the check could be collected the bank closed. This man is working for a salary, and his concern went out of business and he was in poor shape to make good the loss. He has now received from the bank 50 per cent. of his deposit and ultimately will receive all his deposit. He had a good deal more money deposited there than belonged to the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, and the loss to him was quite a severe one. I have been in correspondence with this man and he promises that, as soon as he gets a second dividend from the bank, to straighten up with us. That shortage was incident to the distressing conditions through which we are yet passing. Such a shortage is not likely to occur again, and is a matter that we can well afford to handle with leniency. No matter at what figure you fix the amount the Supreme Scrivenoter is to receive, as long as we are doing missionary work in absolutely new territory there will be some slight shortages. It has come to be a sort of a general understanding that where a vicegerent holds a concatenation at a very distant point, in a section of country where there are no members of the Order to assist him, for the Supreme Nine, upon a proper explanation by him, to allow him the entire amount of the initiation fee at such a concatenation. He remits, of course, all the dues collected. Now, we have had, as I recall it, two such concatenations as that during the past year, one in London, England, to which Mr. Barns referred. This was really held in last Hoo-Hoo year, but so nearly at the close of last Hoo-Hoo year as to fall to be embraced in the report of last year, and consequently is embraced in this year's report. It was understood that the entire amount of the initiation fee be allowed for expenses. They desired to give a more than usually elaborate entertainment over there to properly introduce the Order, and they were to pay all the expenses of getting the trunk over there and sending it back, which they did, very promptly. The other concatenation at which we allowed the entire amount of the initiation fee was held at Lake Tahoe, up on top of the Rocky Mountains. A delegation of enthusiastic brothers from San Francisco and Berkeley went up there and held a concatenation, and it is bearing good fruit, as they were to hold there last night a second concatenation. These men from San Francisco and Berkeley made the long trip at their own expense and they spent a good deal, and the entire amount received for initiation fees did not make them whole by about \$75. That will account for \$150 or \$175 of the shortage of this year. The other shortages run from \$62, being the largest, down to shortages of \$12 or \$15. There are about eight shortages. I have a report of every concatenation that falls more than \$5 short. We have never taken cognizance of a smaller shortage than \$5, assuming that probably some little incidental expenses were paid after the vicegerent made up his report or that

he miscalculated the odd cents on the dues, or something of that sort; but every shortage greater than \$5 is brought before the Supreme Nine. I have all the papers here bearing on each case. Several of them are what I would term legitimate shortages that were unavoidable and incident to exceptional conditions that arose too suddenly to be foreseen by the vicegerent. But there are three or four that are flagrant in their nature and should be acted upon by the Supreme Nine. Some little discussion has been had informally by members of the Supreme Nine, and at a meeting which we hope to hold this afternoon each of these shortages will be taken up in detail and the Supreme Nine will pass upon them; and I presume if they do not feel competent to finally dispose of them, they will report them back to this annual meeting to-morrow.

MR. W. E. BARNES:—While you are on your feet, Mr. Scrivenoter, there are two or three questions I want to ask you, with the idea of reading them into the record, so that those who are not participating in this meeting may have fuller knowledge of the real business end of the organization. How many actual members in good standing have we in Hoo-Hoo to-day?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I do not know that I can come within 100 of them. We are constantly adding to the mailing list, and we take that list as the most accurate index to our membership. Taking off the delinquent and suspended members, and those who are dead, and adding those who are newly initiated, we are now printing 16,000 copies of the Bulletin; that is, at the last issue.

MR. BARNES:—That means that we have about 16,000 members in good standing?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, sir, that is about right. I can get it almost exactly from the office.

MR. BARNES:—The highest number we have is about 22,000?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, sir.

MR. BARNES:—That means that we have lost by death or delinquency or resignation about 6,000.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, sir; something in that neighborhood.

MR. BARNES:—Another question I want to ask is, what are the actual, fixed expenses of initiating a man into Hoo-Hoo, the cost of the Bulletin, the hand-book and the button included? Some people ask, "What is done with all this money?" They seem to forget that much of the money received at concatenations goes for incidental expenses right there. Then, in addition to the incidental expenses of the concatenation there is the button—they cost how much?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—One dollar and eighty cents.

MR. BARNES:—Then we have to count the hand-book, Bulletin and so on. If we receive \$4.99 net from each candidate, isn't that practically used up in the necessary expenses to make him a good Hoo-Hoo?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Pretty nearly; when we add the expense of getting the trunk to the vicegerent and getting it back to Nashville, and also that proportion of the expense that could be charged to the initiation of a man, that goes for keeping the trunks in proper shape. We have no such minute division of the expenses as would give the exact cost of initiating a man into Hoo-Hoo. It is approximately taken up, though, gentlemen. We don't make a great deal of money on the new man initiated, when you consider that we send him the Bulletin and the hand-book, and when we get his \$4.99 we have practically spent the major portion of it—and, as you see, we always fall a little short of getting all of it. Anything further, Mr. Barns?

MR. BARNES:—No, I just wanted to bring that up.

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON:—We didn't take into consideration shortages last year from concatenations, because that was passed, but we do believe, in a financial stringency, we should get more of the money from the candidates initiated. The vicegerents could cut down the expenses; for instance, cut down the lunch, and we think \$3.33 is enough for them.

MR. W. H. MATTHIAS (10747):—I think if we call for the question and vote we can settle the matter. I believe every one will see the difficulties in holding concatenations, and this amount of \$4.99 is not much to a vicegerent holding a concatenation. In my experience I have found at the last moment that interest has lagged and there is not a sufficient number of Hoo-Hoo. We don't have many concatenations like the one we are to have to-night, when we will have candidates from all over the country. When interest is lagging is when we need enthusiasm to hold them together. (Applause.)

MR. JOHN D. OXENFORD (1346):—The gentleman's remarks are all right but the enthusiasm generally is given after the concatenation has been held, and there has been too much "enthusiasm" for the reason that there has been too much money to spend. If they will use the enthusiasm he talks about before the concatenation is held, and not afterwards, they will not need the amount of money they are asking for.

MR. E. H. DALBEY (9611):—The Scrivenoter's report shows that 95 concatenations were held last year and 1,800 candidates initiated—an average of about eighteen candidates. Now, on a basis of \$3.33 from each candidate, the vicegerents would receive a fraction over \$60, and it is absolutely impossible to hold any sort of a concatenation for \$60, taking into consideration the expense of advertising and notifying Hoo-Hoo in the immediate vicinity whom you would desire to attend the concatenation, and the rent of the hall; and if you don't give them anything but a sandwich and a single stein of beer you can't get out for \$60. Besides that, Brother Barns has spoken about holding large concatenations. I have heard a good many speak against holding large concatenations, stating that they cannot do the work as well, and that a large concatenation is never as successful as a small one. My experience is that it costs more money per man initiated to hold a large concatenation than it does to hold a small one. If you hold a large concatenation you must do an extra amount of work; get out more advertising, and you must work harder, and for that reason it will cost more money than if you had an average one, with, say, ten members, and you would only have about \$33. There is not a vicegerent in the United States that can hold a successful concatenation and break even. There has been argument all along about taking up a collection at a concatenation. We held one in Chicago this year where we took up a collection that we had a great deal of criticism about. We had about 140 at the concatenation and forty-five of them donated. The rest of them sat back and did not donate a thing. But we came out with \$11 to the good. We had an exceedingly large class and kept our expenses to the very lowest notch. Then there was the matter of stamps, \$25 or \$30, and our stationery, that was all taken care of by the members and was not put in at all. We had the expense, but it was not put into the expenses of the concatenation. I would regret exceedingly to think that a vicegerent, who certainly does the hardest work and gets the biggest amount of knocks, would only have \$3.33 per member for his work. Now getting back to the taking up of a collection. If we only get \$3.33 there will not be any concatenations held, unless the vicegerent is willing to stand a loss personally, without a collection being taken up. Personally I don't like to see a collection taken up, but the only way we can

get around that is to give the vicegerent enough money to hold the concatenation, and I would favor giving him more rather than less—raising the dues. There is not an order that amounts to a single solitary thing on earth that I know anything about where the dues are so small as they are in Hoo-Hoo and one from which you reap so much benefit. When they raised the dues a number of members dropped out, and said it wasn't worth the price. But that kind of a member does not amount to anything, anyhow. (Applause.) A man who has not enough Hoo-Hoo enthusiasm to pay two or three dollars a year is not worthy the wearing of the button at all. (Applause.)

MR. A. C. RAMSEY (233):—When Mr. Barns was talking he overlooked one thing that I want to mention. You say there are about 16,000 members?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—About.

MR. RAMSEY:—When do you count a member delinquent?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—A member is really in arrears after midnight, September 9th, if he has not paid his dues for year ending September 9th. We send him a notice and endeavor to get a remittance from him. If he doesn't pay then we drop him out of the next hand-book, which comes out the following spring.

MR. RAMSEY:—The dues last year were \$19,000. I understand there are more dues that we will collect later.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I have a couple of boxes of money down-stairs and have a lot of letters in Nashville, probably containing remittances. The dues are being paid now.

MR. RAMSEY:—If there were no concatenations held during the year would the dues be sufficient to pay the expenses of the Order?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I think so, because a good deal of the expense is incident to the work of holding concatenations. If we knew that we were not going to derive any revenue whatever in the future from new members we would curtail the expenses. For instance, with the Bulletin. Feeling that we were sailing easily with the wind, we have continued to increase its size, and our efforts to make it more entertaining and enjoyable to the members.

MR. RAMSEY:—We do not want to cut down the size of the Bulletin. A good deal depends on the vicegerent as to what he wants to do. I was a vicegerent on two occasions and it cost me money. I was at a little concatenation the other night, over at DeQueen, where there were nineteen initiates. Instead of arranging for a Bacchanalian affair, such as has sometimes occurred, the vicegerent went to some ladies in the town and arranged for a banquet. These ladies were trying to buy a new pipe organ for a church, and after figuring with those ladies he had \$16 left over. He wanted to know what to do with it. I told him to give it to the ladies for the pipe organ. There we had as nice a spread as I ever sat down to. Instead of every man drinking three or four bottles of beer and leaving some on the table, every man went home strictly sober. I have been a member a good many years and have consumed about 99 bottles of beer in that time, and have left a good many bottles on the table. There is no reason why we have to furnish a man with a free drunk when he joins, and I am heartily in favor of cutting this down to \$3.33.

MR. M. W. WILEY (12810):—I have listened to the speeches of the brothers who have preceded me, and the case seems to be so fully covered that any further remarks seem out of place. I have been a vicegerent snark and I know what it costs. In many small towns throughout the United States the vicegerents are very excellent men and they can get up a concatenation very much cheaper than

you can in the large cities. In the large cities there are more diversions; more entertainment constantly on tap for the membership, and it takes a good deal of hard, personal work, coming in contact with the members in order to get them to come to the concatenations, in addition to the notice sent out, advising them of the concatenation, and then the later notice advising the date and the hour and place at which the concatenation will be held. That costs postage, costs time, and other incidental expenses, which are not put into the cost so far as the vicegerent is concerned. The same thing applies to the banquet or the on the roof. You can't get a good room at a good hotel for less than \$15 or \$20. If you get a hall it will cost you \$50. And you can't get a man to come to a hall in a hotel, where the hall costs \$50, and sit down to a lot of beer and cheese, because they won't stand for it. When you figure with the hotel for an "On the Roof," you can't get a modest repast for less than \$2, and the vicegerent that has ten initiates, if he gets \$50, if he don't lose from \$10 to \$100, I want to see how he figures it. I think it is wrong to cut down the appropriation to the vicegerent for holding a concatenation. The Order does not need the money. That we have had a year of financial depression is not indicative that it will continue. With the amount of money in bank, with the amount that we will receive, approximately, this year from dues, and with the amount that will be received, on the same basis, from candidates to-day, I don't see any reason for making the amendment that we are now discussing. (Applause.)

MR. GEO. B. MAEGLY (5101):—It occurs to me that the majority report of this committee has started something. Whether it was the intention of the committee to "start something" I don't know. I have had more or less to do with concatenations for the past ten or eleven years. I live over in Kansas City. Our principal concatenation of the year is in January, when we have the convention of the Southwestern Lumber Dealers' Association. At that time we have a large crowd of men to entertain. Speaking to the point, on January 29th of this year Vicegerent Burt Wright initiated 53 candidates, for which he received \$265 as an entertainment fund. We entertained at the session on the roof afterwards 1,500 Hoo-Hoo. I want to ask you, in all candor, how in the name of the Lord is a vicegerent going to entertain 1,500 Hoo-Hoo with \$265, or about an average of 18 cents apiece? (Applause.) You can't buy a ham sandwich in Kansas City for 18 cents. You might buy one for that, but you can't approximate how many people you will have to entertain and you can't know how many sandwiches you will want. At the last concatenation we had to send out twice to replenish the stock, and that does not refer to the subject Brother Ramsey mentioned at all. As he said, quite a few members at these spreads do not touch anything, but there are others who will take two or three bottles of beer. We can't buy beer and a sandwich in Kansas City for 18 cents, much less pay \$50 or \$60 for a hall. If you are going to cut down the allowance to the vicegerent, it seems to me the proper thing would be to eliminate the session on the roof, or else put a limit to it, and if there is a shortage to the vicegerent, the Order should make it good to him. During the past few years I have assisted in making up the losses the vicegerent in Kansas City has had to stand. If you are going to do anything, give them more money or else restrict them in their session on the roof. (Applause.)

MR. E. B. MARTIN (9841):—I think, gentlemen, it is pretty well agreed, from the sentiment of this meeting, that the vicegerents are not getting enough money, and certainly not too much. Therefore I move that the majority report be rejected.

MR. MAEGLY:—I second the motion.

MR. THOMAS H. ROGERS (485):—Brother Snark, what I have got to say is from my experience as a vicegerent. The money that we receive does not cut very much figure either way. The year that I was vicegerent I held four concatenations. I believe during that year we beat the record. We had 67 at that time, the largest number that had been taken in, and I have never received at a concatenation enough money to pay the expenses, and we did not expect to—we don't expect it now. If we did we would not have much of a time. The fact of the business is we don't care whether we get anything or not. If we hold a concatenation we are going to entertain the visiting members down in that country. If there is any money to do it with we use it, and if there is not any money we do it anyhow. Talking about increasing the dues—a brother said if a man was not enthusiastic enough to pay two or three dollars he is not a good Hoo-Hoo, I say amen to that. A Hoo-Hoo that is not enthusiastic enough to pay \$5 to hold a good concatenation is not worthy of being a Hoo-Hoo. Go down into your pocket, have a good time and pay for it. (Applause.)

MR. MAEGLY:—That is what we do in Kansas City.

MR. ROGERS:—We held a concatenation last Saturday night in Oklahoma City, and there must have been 135 or 140 there. We did not figure on the money that we got out of the initiates to pay for the entertainment, not a bit of it. When we went down there Brother Morris said, the first thing, "Rogers, I want \$5; Jones, I want \$5," and we came down with it. It wasn't dues, either. I don't know how much the vicegerent got out of it. When I was vicegerent I aimed to keep enough money out of the amounts paid to pay the expenses, but we never figure on paying the expenses for the on the roof. If we did, the members would think it awfully small; they would have said, "If that is the best you can do, I wish I had not joined. There is nothing in it." They all figure on having a good time and we are going to show them a good time. I don't think there is anything in this argument at all, unless the Order needs the money. If the Order needs the money, let us cut it down.

MR. MAEGLY:—If the Order needs it, increase the dues.

MR. ROGERS:—Yes, if the Order needs it.

MR. CHARLES H. ADAMS (7292):—I think we are wasting a lot of time on this matter—

SUPREME SNARK:—There is a motion before the house and I will put the motion—

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Brother Snark, will you permit me a few words before you put the motion?

SUPREME SNARK:—Certainly.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I want to disavow any responsibility for starting this proposition to cut down the vicegerents' allowance. I want to stand out from under. (Applause.)

(The question being called for, the recommendation of the committee was defeated by a unanimous vote.) (Laughter and applause.)

MR. JOHN L. ALCOCK:—Brother Snark, I have been approached by several members for information on the method of entering the Cloister; and I said that the Cloister would hold a session this afternoon, at which time they could join. I suggest that you make the announcement of the session for this afternoon.

SUPREME SNARK:—Yes, I will be glad to make the announcement.

MR. ALCOCK:—If any of the members present, eligible to membership in the Cloister, wish to join, they will please hand their names to the Supreme Scrivenoter.

MR. ROGERS:—A brother has asked who is eligible to the Cloister.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Any ex-member of the Supreme Nine, or any ex-vicegerent whose full term has expired, is ex-officio eligible to the Cloister. If not an ex-member of the Supreme Nine or an ex-vicegerent, then he must be nominated by some member of the Cloister in good standing. We have here a list of the members of the Cloister who have not exhausted their right to nominate, and if a lay member for two years or more desires to join, I think there will be no difficulty in getting a member of the Cloister to properly nominate him for membership.

(At this point in the proceedings a photographer lowered the shades and was preparing to take a flashlight photograph of the members present.)

MR. BARNES:—Brother Snark, I sincerely hope that the picture which is being arranged for will not go out as a picture representing the seventeenth annual of Hoo-Hoo. In the first place I don't see any sense in taking so many pictures; in the next place I don't think the scattered membership present out of 16,000 or 17,000, would look very well, and therefore I suggest that we proceed with the regular order of business.

(Mr. Barnes' suggestion met the approval of the meeting and the photographer abandoned the attempted photograph.)

Proposed Changes in Constitution.

MR. BARNES:—The following proposed amendment to the constitution and by-laws has been passed upon by several of the members of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and I will read it and would like to hear it discussed. I think one thing that we do want in the business sessions of the convention is to get these matters on record, so that the whole membership may know what we are doing. Proposed amendment to Section 3, Article 8, introduced by Mr. Fuller (612), as follows:

Resolved, That during the coming Hoo-Hoo year members delinquent in their dues may be reinstated through the Vicegerent Snarks or by remittance to the Scrivenoter, upon the payment of a maximum of \$5, any delinquency less than that sum being payable in full.

MR. MAEGLY (5101):—In order to get that proposition squarely before the house, I move that this recommendation to the committee be adopted.

MR. JAMES H. BAIRD (408):—I second the motion.

MR. RAMSEY (233):—Does \$5 as a maximum include the current year's dues?

MR. BAIRD:—Let it include the current year's dues. That is the simplest way.

MR. FULLER:—We intended it to cover the actual delinquency.

MR. BAIRD:—If he is delinquent for any year, he is delinquent for the current year, too.

MR. FULLER:—I would like to add one clause to that—"or until further action is taken." That covers the coming year.

MR. BARNES:—I would like to ask Mr. Fuller whether he means that a man, no matter who he is, may come back into the Order and be placed in good standing without any further action or recommendation on the part of the members, by simply paying up \$5. It seems to me that a man that has dropped out of the Order for five years and becomes delinquent has lost all interest in it and he ought to go back and start over. It is a question in my mind whether \$5 ought to put him in good standing. Should he not be required to have some one vouch for him? We have had many members who have become delinquent and dropped out of the Order, and we were glad that they did.

If a man doesn't keep up his dues, it may be because he is shy the money; if so, all right; or he may be careless a year or two; but when he has been careless four or five years and the Scrivenoter spends money and time trying to get him back, and he does not come back, when finally he comes up to a meeting and says, "I want to get back with the boys," somebody ought to vouch for him and say he is all right. I want to ask the Scrivenoter, to what extent do members that have been delinquent four or five years come back?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—To a very limited extent, indeed, until we very happily adopted, two years ago, Mr. Gladling's suggestion of an admission card. Since we have adopted the card system we have collected a great deal of delinquent dues, much of it far back. At Greenville, Miss., a few days ago they raised this very question that Mr. Fuller brings up now. There were about six men who went to the vicegerent and told him they wanted to attend the concatenation; that they wanted to re-affiliate with Hoo-Hoo and go ahead, but that they owed a sum that was more than they could pay. I sent the bills down there, some amounting to \$8 or \$9, probably \$11. They wanted to know if they could not pay a less sum and go on and be good Hoo-Hoo from now on. I replied that I had no right to collect one sum from one man and another sum from another, and that they would have to pay up their entire arrearage. The vicegerent remitted for, I think, seven delinquent men, and the smallest sum, I think, was \$5. Every one of those men, I believe, after having the matter put to them, dug up the money and came back.

MR. P. B. WALKER:—Worthy Snark, I think we are all agreed on the advisability of adopting this proposed amendment. I think this question of reinstating members who have dropped out is a very important one, certainly with us in the Northwest. Year after year we initiate thirty to fifty and find about an equal number have gone to the Southwest or elsewhere. A few days before I came down a gentleman by the name of McDonald, of the McDonald Manufacturing Company, said he thought he was delinquent, when I asked him if he could come down here. The chances are that when the bills for dues came in he forgot them. We publishers of newspapers appreciate the difficulty of collecting these small sums. It seems to me we ought in the future to husband our resources in the way of membership. The field is pretty well worked up for new members. If we could have the vicegerents or members of the Supreme Nine pass on the desirability of getting old members to affiliate with us again, there ought to be some system of follow-up letters or delegating to a certain committee the work of getting these members to come back. I know we could get good results in the Northwest. In regard to having a limit to cover delinquents, I believe it is good. Some of us are members of other secret organizations, and as soon as we are delinquent our membership ceases. They don't charge it up indefinitely. The member who hasn't our hand-book and is not in good standing doesn't get any benefit, and therefore I don't think we ought to place too much of a penalty on him. I am heartily in favor of this \$5 limit.

MR. L. E. FULLER:—I wish to say that I would be glad to accept an amendment to the effect that the recommendation of the vicegerent and the Scrivenoter's office should govern the question of the return of delinquent members.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—We had some such arrangement as that some years ago. We had a \$2 basis, allowing them to come back, properly endorsed, but we found it cumbersome and awkward. Only a few were endorsed, for instance, by the Vicegerent. If a man up in New England, we will say, wants to be reinstated, he will

wrote to me and wants to pay \$5 if he owes \$6 or \$7. I don't know anything about that man and probably I don't know anybody who knows him any better than I do. What would the Scrivenoter do in such a case, give the man the benefit of the doubt and take his \$5?

MR. FULLER:—I think so.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—That is what we did under the old plan. Some men should not have been taken in again, because some of them should not have been inflated in the first place.

SUPREME SNARK:—Does this cover this year only?

MR. THOMAS J. HANDFORTH (8217):—I would like to offer an amendment to the effect that any delinquent member may be reinstated upon the payment of \$5, provided his past dues have amounted to that much, or if less, the amount he owes Hoo-Hoo; that his name be presented to the concatenation as recommended by the vicegerent snark, and that he be voted on the same as a new member before he can be reinstated. And I believe the members in the community where such a member lives ought to be informed as to whether he is a desirable man to be taken back.

SUPREME SNARK:—Does that include men who were once Hoo-Hoo, were eligible and are now in some other business?

MR. D. W. RICHARDSON:—Yes, sir; a man connected with the lumber business or allied business is still eligible to Hoo-Hoo if he keeps up his dues. It will apply to such a member as well as those who have kept up their dues in Hoo-Hoo.

SUPREME SNARK:—Your idea is that he must be voted on?

MR. D. W. RICHARDSON:—Yes, sir; provided he pays his \$5.

SUPREME SNARK:—That is provided for in the original motion.

MR. E. M. VIETMEIER:—What about the man that wants to come back who does not attend a concatenation? The amendment is such that he can't come back except through a concatenation.

SUPREME SNARK:—That is not provided for.

MR. ROBERT W. NEIGHBOR (7816):—I second Mr. Richardson's motion.

SUPREME SNARK:—The man can only return, then, through a concatenation.

MR. ELZA C. LIPPMANN (12082):—Why not let the members take an application from some of the brothers who reside at the place and send it to the Scrivenoter? He could take the application, with the usual endorsement. Let some of the resident brothers endorse for him and send that in to the Scrivenoter. Wouldn't that do us well?

MR. D. W. RICHARDSON:—At times we have at our concatenations a delinquent Hoo-Hoo who has dropped in that day or the night we are going to hold a concatenation, and he would like very much to participate in the same. In a case of that kind we would not have time to communicate with the Supreme Nino or the Supreme Scrivenoter, and for that reason I offered the amendment to the motion; that he be admitted to the concatenation and endorsed by the vicegerent snark and voted upon by the members present.

MR. E. M. VIETMEIER:—That is already provided for. A man can get into the concatenation if he will pay the current year's dues to the vicegerent snark. Am I right?

SUPREME SNARK:—Yes.

MR. VIETMEIER:—If he owes more than that the Scrivenoter will send him a bill for it. He will not be kept out of a concatenation if he has a card and pays up the \$1.65 dues.

MR. J. B. WEBB (18972):—At the time I took the vicegerency last spring Mr. Baird will remember he got out a full list of the members from my slate, of the amounts they owed, running all the way from \$7 to \$15. I took this list with me around the state, into every city I would go to, and wherever these delinquent members were listed, I found out that many of them had moved away. I wrote them letters, but I found that was unsatisfactory.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—The returns from written communications are very disappointing.

SUPREME SNARK:—This is already covered, as Mr. Vietmeier has said, where one wants to be reinstated.

MR. BURT J. WRIGHT (1133):—I think that members who wish to be reinstated at times when there are no concatenations ought to be provided for. A man might be of a mind to be reinstated to-day. I have a case in my office now where I struck a man from Washington last week. He said, "I don't know how much I owe; possibly \$10 or \$15; but you find out what it is and I will send you a check and you can have me reinstated." If I wait to have a concatenation that man will not be reinstated and we will lose the \$10. It is as the motion takes a man and I think it ought to be provided for, when a man is of the notion to be reinstated at other times than at a concatenation, because I have collected several, from \$8 up to as high as \$15, from those who did not come in at the time of the concatenation. I think that should be provided for by the endorsement of three members in good standing and with the approval of the Scrivenoter, so that he can take care of it, providing the man was let out for some reason; and I offer this as an amendment.

SUPREME SNARK:—You offer that as an amendment to the amendment?

MR. WRIGHT:—Yes, sir.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—What is your amendment?

MR. WRIGHT:—That at other times than at concatenations a reinstatement can be provided for by the endorsement of three members in good standing and with the approval of the Scrivenoter.

SUPREME SNARK:—That would be rather conflicting. There are two amendments. This gentleman (Mr. Richardson) is providing for a concatenation, and I am providing for it when there is no concatenation.

MR. L. E. FULLER:—Perhaps I can fix this up without any further amendments. We might say that during the coming Hoo-Hoo year and until further action be taken, members delinquent in their dues may be reinstated through the recommendation of the vicegerent snarks and by remittance to the Scrivenoter, upon the payment of a maximum of \$5. Any delinquency less than that sum shall be payable in full. That gives the vicegerent snark a very small amount of authority, and I guess they have used that authority freely in the past. The vicegerent snark is supposed to know the members of his jurisdiction, and I believe his judgment can be depended upon. I ask you gentlemen if that will satisfy you, as far as your approval is concerned.

MR. D. W. RICHARDSON:—That about covers the ground, I think, but the amendment that I offered and that was seconded covers one phase of the question. The amendment offered by my friend here is simply an amendment to my amendment. I think the amendment should be that upon both, where the delinquent is in arrears to the amount of \$5, that he be recommended by the vicegerent snark and be voted upon at the concatenation.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I would offer this as a substitute for the whole—

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—It seems to me we are likely to fall into some confusion here. Suppose a con-

catenation has assembled and a delinquent member presents himself, what are you going to do, what amount are you going to collect?

MR. VIETMEIER:—That is covered here.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I don't think that is covered unless we are going to do away with the rule, that if a man has not a card he can pay the \$1.65 and attend a concatenation, having assumed the obligation to pay the amount of the bill he will receive from the Scrivenoter. There is no way for the vicegerent snark to always know the amount of a man's indebtedness. Some confusion is apt to arise here, and whatever we adopt I fear will be difficult to administer.

MR. RICHARDSON:—I understand that is the reason this resolution is offered, so that the vicegerent will know how much a man owes. He knows then that he has to pay \$5, and if he owes less than that it can be refunded to him.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, it can be credited on the next year's dues. What we are trying to get at is that every delinquent member be required to put up \$5, and if he owes less than that he will be credited with the excess amount on the future year's dues.

MR. GEORGE M. MAEGLY (5101):—It occurs to me that we are again out in the middle of the lake. Furthermore, about the only difficulty we are having to solve now is the question as to a man's desirability, this matter of recommendation or properly being vouched for. I think there is one mind in the whole crowd regarding the question of a man coming back if he is eligible and a desirable citizen. It seems to me the matter of \$5, to cover all of his delinquent dues, with some proper provision to be made regarding his being properly vouched for, is the thing for us to decide upon now, and do away with all the amendments to the original proposition.

MR. VIETMEIER:—Read the substitute.

MR. ELMER E. WENTZ (19837):—I think it may possibly be that a man might have his previous year's card and be only a week or a month old. I think if a man has his previous year's dues paid up within a week or two he ought to be eligible.

MR. CHARLES H. ADAMS:—Some officer of this noble Order promised me a peacock feather for bringing back delinquent members. I have not got the feather yet. When they were brought back to the Scrivenoter they were referred to the Supreme Nino. Why is not that a good arrangement?

SUPREME SNARK:—For the same reason that some came back at the last moment.

(The amendment proposed by Mr. Fuller was again stated by the Supreme Snark.)

SUPREME SNARK:—In that event, if any man comes up without his card he is delinquent.

MR. FULLER:—No, that is provided for in the payment of the \$1.65.

MR. RICHARDSON:—A man could pay \$5, whether he is delinquent or not, and the amount could be refunded to him.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Let us refer this back to the committee and see if they cannot reduce it to writing so as to cover all the views here expressed.

MR. BARNES:—That will be perfectly satisfactory to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Something ought to be done along this line. There are men paying the full amount, and it is an injustice to them.

MR. E. B. MARTIN (9841):—I move that this resolution be referred back to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, with instructions to report this afternoon.

SUPREME SNARK:—There is a motion before the house. You will have to move to table the whole thing.

MR. MARTIN:—No, it can be referred back to the committee unless there is a motion to table.

MR. RICHARDSON:—I move that Brother Fuller be appointed by the Snark to draw up a resolution covering the points discussed here and submit it to this meeting. We can finish it up in five minutes.

SUPREME SNARK:—You are out of order.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I move that the whole matter be laid on the table.

(Motion seconded.)

MR. M. W. WILEY (12810):—These motions are entirely out of order. There is a motion before the house.

SUPREME SNARK:—And there is a motion to table, and that is in order.

(The motion to table was then voted upon and carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—It is laid on the table for the present. Now it will be in order to refer it back to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I move that the resolution that has just been considered be referred back to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. E. B. MARTIN:—You have got to move to take this matter from the table before you can refer.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I move that we take this matter up again; take it off of the table.

MR. MARTIN:—I second the motion.

MR. MAEGLY:—I also second that motion, with the consent of my second I withdraw my motion and I move that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

SUPREME SNARK:—It has been tabled.

MR. MARTIN:—To get it in a parliamentary shape I move that we take the resolution from the table.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—That motion is before the house now.

(The motion that the resolution be taken from the table was then carried.)

MR. MARTIN:—I move that we refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, with instructions to report at the next session.

MR. MAEGLY:—I second that motion. (Motion carried.)

MR. WILEY:—As long as we are on the question of amendments to the constitution and by-laws, I move that Article 4, Section 2—

MR. BARNES:—I beg leave to suggest that any amendments to the constitution and by-laws should first be brought up with the committee.

MR. WILEY:—I think I am in order. The previous matter on the amendment to the constitution and by-laws was presented and discussed, that Article 4, Section 2, be amended as follows:

"The above named officers shall be annually elected by a majority of the votes cast of those present."

Likewise, Article 6 of Section 2, as now incorporated, be stricken out. Perhaps, for the illumination of those present, it would be well to read Section 2, of Article 4, relating to the election of officers. (Reading same.) Article 6, Section 2, reads (reading same). My resolution, by the amendment, strikes out that section and article that I have read.

MR. E. R. COOLEIDGE (376):—I move that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. MARTIN:—I second the motion. (Motion carried.)

MR. W. E. BARNES:—As long as there is nothing before the house, and desiring information, I want to ask our Scrivenoter to what extent did the membership ask for

copies of the hand-book? You may remember that formerly we distributed the hand-book ~~miscellaneous~~ to everybody in the Order. At Atlantic City it was provided that we should go back to the old book form and that copies thereof should only be sent to those members who actually asked for copies. And I want to ask this, too. I see that this last year the book cost us \$4,500 for printing. How much more did it cost to put the hand-book in its present shape for publishing it in the Bulletin? I am only getting at the question of cost to ascertain how much interest there really is in the hand-book, whether it is worth the money that we are expending on it.

(Mr. Barns was slightly in error as to the nature of the action taken at Atlantic City annual meeting with reference to the hand-book. It was not there ordered that the book should be sent only to men who specifically asked for it, but that it should be voluntarily sent only to those men who had displayed enough interest to fill out and send in to the Scrivenoter information as to his address. It was further ruled that even if a man had failed to fill out and send in his address, but should subsequently write in and ask for the hand-book, it would be sent him. The whole idea of the ruling made at Atlantic City was to limit the number of hand-books sent out to the men who wanted them and would make use of them, and certainly to save the expense of sending out many hundreds of the books on uncertain addresses and have them returned with added postage.—Scrivenoter.)

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I will say that the correction blanks came in much better than ever before, and counting in the informal instructions to change address, etc., in compliance with the rule adopted at Atlantic City, we got something like 14,000, and a great many men who did not send in blanks have seen the hand-book in the possession of other members and wrote in for the hand-book. They interpreted our action at Atlantic City to mean that nobody should be arbitrarily denied the hand-book. We print an increasing number of the book every year, but roughly speaking there is an increase in the expense on the hand-book by reason of this return to bound form of \$1,500 or \$1,600. If you want my opinion on it, it seems to me that from the limited use made of the hand-book, we are spending too much money on it. I seriously question whether we are justified in spending so much money on this hand-book. We are spending an awful amount on it. I have been at concatenations where no one present had a hand-book. Some of us, of course, are in a line of business that makes it valuable to use, and we use it continuously. I would like an expression from the rank and file of the membership as to the use we are making of the hand-book.

MR. WILEY:—As the Supreme Scrivenoter has asked the opinion of those present with reference to the use of the hand-book, I have often thought of the expense incurred in the printing of the hand-book and of the little or hardly any use any of us make of it. I have often thought of the matter in conjunction with the enormous expense incident to getting out the hand-book. It is never up to date, by reason of the added numbers to the Order, and by reason of death, resignations, etc., and it can never be made exactly in accord with the Scrivenoter's books, which are always kept up to the minute. It strikes me that the majority of men simply want to know, generally speaking, who are members of the Order, and it is my opinion that if in the January issue of the Bulletin there is printed a list of the entire membership it would come about as close to giving the information as anything, and at the same time it would do away with the expense incident to the getting out of the hand-book. I say January, because of the fact that between the 9th of

September, when the annual dues are payable, and the first of January it is more than likely that the Supreme Scrivenoter will have received practically all the dues that he will get for the year unless he gets subsequent sums at the annual meeting. I believe, for all practical purposes, the printing of the list of members in the January Bulletin will cover all the real, vital necessity for a list of the membership, and at the same time do away with the expense incident to getting out the hand-book. I feel this way about it, and would like to hear from other members. For myself I don't think I look at the hand-book once a year. I know a Hoo-Hoo when I meet him and when he tells me he is a Brother Hoo-Hoo, he generally has his card. Very few of us carry the hand-book in our pockets. When we are on the road we can depend upon the honesty of a man when he says he is a Hoo-Hoo. Here is an excellent way to get a reduction in the expenses that we would not have gotten from the Vicegerents. Here we are spending money that is not necessary to be spent.

MR. HARRY A. GORSUCH (761):—I would like to ask the Scrivenoter how many of the 1908 hand-books he still has on hand.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I don't know that I can answer that accurately. Our present rule requires that as soon as a man is initiated he be sent a copy of the hand-book; consequently I am forced to print in the spring of each year not only enough books to send out to all the present membership, but I am compelled to anticipate as best I can the number of books that will probably be required for the new initiates clear on until the next copy of the hand-book comes out the next year. It is a difficult thing to guess at, indeed. I cannot say just how many copies we have on hand, but I think we have 4,000 or 5,000.

MR. GORSUCH:—I think the hand-book is a very valuable source of information to us as members. I keep it on my desk constantly and frequently want to locate men in different parts of the country, for myself as well as to give information to others who ask for it, but it seems to me that you could publish a supplement to the 1908 hand-book, giving the members initiated since the book was issued, the names of those who have died, the names of those who have been dropped for the nonpayment of dues, allow the 1908 hand-book to stand, and send the members the supplement, and all the expense will be the publication of the new names and the corrections. With the supplement they will have all the information they desire and the expense will be comparatively little.

MR. WILEY:—I don't want to intrude too much on the time of the meeting, but our Supreme Scrivenoter has just said that he has 4,000 or 5,000 copies of the hand-book. By virtue of that fact they cannot be up-to-date. A supplement takes comparatively as long to get up as an original hand-book, because each and every member in the hand-book must be checked up. The publication of a supplement will, in time, become just as bulky as the original hand-book unless we print another hand-book. If we keep on furnishing supplements to the hand-book we will not be curtailing expenses much. I think if there were a motion, that the Supreme Scrivenoter advise every member of the Order that on and after, we will say March 1, those who have not paid their dues will not have their names printed in the March issue of the Bulletin as members of Hoo-Hoo in good standing, that would, perhaps, be an incentive for them to get in and pay their dues previous to the March issue, and every member would want to see that he is there in good standing. While there may be exceptions to the rule, I think, broadly speaking, not one man out of fifty ever looks at it. I think the expense of getting

it out can be eliminated, and as much service can be gotten through printing the list in one of the issues of the Bulletin, whenever the Scrivenoter feels that the time has arrived to print a new issue.

MR. ROBERT W. NEIGHBOR (7816):—I would like to ask what would be the saving of printing this list in the manual and printing it in the Bulletin?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—About \$1,600 or \$1,700.

MR. RICHARDSON (8272):—I think every good Hoo-Hoo considers the hand-book a valuable book. It is one that you can keep on your desk or in your drawer and refer to it any time. If we print the list in the Bulletin, it will be mixed up with our other lumber papers and would be lost in the shuffle. I don't think we need the money. I believe we ought to keep the Order on as high a plane as possible, and I believe the hand-book is more successful than the publication of the list of the members in the Bulletin.

MR. JOHN D. OXENFORD:—Gentlemen, we have gone through this thing before. We abandoned the book and did not have any record of the list of members except in the Scrivenoter's office. I move that we table the matter.

SUPREME SNARK:—There is nothing before the house.

MR. C. H. ADAMS:—I am in favor of the hand-book. I am very much surprised at the gentleman across the way saying that he does not use it. The Snark yesterday in his address referred to that book as being the biggest little book in the world. I take exceptions to that. I believe the Bible is the biggest little book in the world, and I think my brother ought to read this book and the Bible, too. If we want to look up the record of a Hoo-Hoo we will not find it in the Bulletin. We can always have the hand-book in the drawer of our desk and can always refer to it. I don't like this constant kicking on expense. What are we going to do with it? Give the House of Ancients a bronze monument some day or the Scrivenoter a cross? I want all the brothers who don't get to the annuals to get all they can out of Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.)

MR. WILEY:—Is the handbook complete?

MR. C. H. ADAMS:—Yes, sir, as nearly as possible.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—We issue supplements to the handbook that keep it fairly up to date. The 1908 hand-book was mailed in June. We have already got out Supplement No. 1 to that book; it was being mailed as I left Nashville. I think two or three supplements during the year keep the book sufficiently up-to-date for every practical purpose. I would oppose to getting out supplements more frequently unless something makes it manifest that they are required. Now then, if the publication of this handbook is an essential feature of Hoo-Hoo, let us not change the form of the book again. We did it once. I shoulder my part of the blame for the change we made. I recommended the change at the Norfolk meeting, having dug the idea up out of my own head. It was my suggestion that we print the handbook matter in the Bulletin. At Norfolk the proposition was promptly voted down, but two years later at Portland, when another discussion had come up over the expense of getting out the book in its old-time form, I renewed my suggestion of printing it in The Bulletin, and this time the Order reversed itself by a unanimous vote. We got the handbook out as one copy of the Bulletin during two years. About all the saving we effected was in the quality of the paper used and in the cheaper binding and stitching. We lost out on the saving we hoped to make on postage. We thought we could mail the Handbook Bulletin at the "pound rate," and we got the book through the office the first year, but the department at Washington got on to us and jacked us up for third-class postage. I went to Washington twice and

made the best fight I could, but we lost out. Now that we have changed back to the original form of handbook by a unanimous vote at Atlantic City, for heaven's sake let us not make another change this year. Nobody was pleased with that Bulletin form of the handbook, whereas many members have written me most enthusiastically welcoming the re-establishment of the handbook in its old, familiar form. Many of them wrote me about that Handbook Bulletin, that they did not want the d—n thing at all (laughter). They said it was neither good as a Bulletin nor as a handbook.

(At this point many members practically terminated the discussion by crying out, "Keep the handbook; and keep it just as it is. We want no more changes.")

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Now, gentlemen, do not forget that it is going to cost something to print this book every year. It is printed on as good paper as the Oxford Bible. You can hardly tear the paper. We have 2,051 pages in this book. Now we are getting out a supplement of 60 pages, I believe, and we will get out other supplements as the initiates come in. My recollection is that we have to pay 6 cents to mail the book. I don't remember whether it is 6 or 7—depending a good deal upon how the man in the postoffice feels; if he does not feel good it will be 7, and there has to be a special envelope or wrapper. The question for us to decide is, are we going to continue the hand-book or drop it?

MR. RICHARDSON (8272):—How often do we publish the hand-book?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Every year.

MR. RICHARDSON:—I should say that a hand-book should last two years, with a supplement every two months.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I think we might issue supplements not more than twice a year.

MR. J. B. WEBB:—It does not seem to me that it would be necessary to issue supplements more than twice a year. I think the Vicegerents should keep a record of their own members, without forcing the Scrivenoter to put out frequent supplements.

MR. GORSUCH:—I want to make a suggestion, that for the coming year the 1908 handbook be sent to the new members coming in, with such supplements as may be necessary to bring it up-to-date, or say two supplements.

SUPREME SNARK:—That will be done anyway.

MR. GORSUCH:—That will eliminate the expense of a new handbook for the coming year. The expense of the supplement will be comparatively little and a man that has the hand-book can take the supplements and attach them to the hand-book with a rubber band. It will save the expense of publishing the entire new hand-book for the coming year.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—How do you know that? We have three or four thousand books on hand now and we are constantly sending them out either to new initiates or others who request them. We send out a big batch every day. We initiated 1,800 men last year during the panic, and we initiated over 2,400 the previous year.

MR. GORSUCH:—I was under the impression that with 4,000 or 5,000 hand-books on hand you would have enough to run us during the coming year. The old members who have not requested the hand-book up to this time, it seems to me, have not enough interest to ask for the hand-book.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Some of them have asked for it since they came to the meeting.

MR. GORSUCH:—During the coming year you will only have to provide for the new members. You will not get over 2,500 new members during the coming year, and that will leave 2,500 or 2,000 as a surplus for the old members.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—We have heretofore deemed it inexpedient to attempt to get out this hand-book except after the first of the year. A great many men make business changes after the first of the year, and we have therefore had it in the constitution that the hand-book was to come out between January and April. Would it be your idea then to attempt to get out another hand-book as soon as the supply of the present one is exhausted?

MR. GORSUCH:—No, don't get out another hand-book until after the next annual.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Then that practically gets down to the motion that we get out the hand-book every two years.

SUPREME SNARK:—There is no motion before the house.

MR. GORSUCH:—I made a motion. I don't know whether it has been seconded or not.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I move that this matter be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. BOLING ARTHUR JOHNSON (2):—Mr. Snark, what is the discussion about?

MR. FULLER:—To discontinue the hand-book?

SUPREME SNARK:—Mr. Johnson, the question before the house is as to whether we shall discontinue the issuing of the hand-book or issue it once every two years and possibly follow it up with two supplements a year.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I move that we continue the hand-book, as provided by the constitution and by-laws.

MR. B. A. JOHNSON:—I second that motion. (Motion carried.) (Much applause.)

Help for the Children's Home.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Gentlemen, I dislike to be on my feet so much, but I have been requested to make one more announcement. There is a matter that Mr. Oxenford desires to bring before us this morning, not, perhaps, for action now, but that our committees may pass upon it in due season.

MR. JOHN OXENFORD:—I will refer to the recommendations made by our Worthy Snark in his annual address yesterday:

"However, I would recommend that an appropriate monument, or memorial tablet, be inserted in the walls of the new building that is going up on the site of the old hotel. I think what money we have can be more advantageously spent by helping out such enterprises as our brothers of Indianapolis, lone-handed, have undertaken in the erection of a little 'house of Hoo-Hoo' out at the fresh air camp for six babies. This 'House of Hoo-Hoo' proposed to be only a little frame cottage, costing a few hundred dollars, but having back of it a small fund necessary to keep it supplied with beds, cots, and a nurse to look after the little inmates. It seems to me that Hoo-Hoo in this way would do more to perpetuate a worthy memory of its existence than by the erection of any stone or metal monument."

I wish to correct our Worthy Snark and inform you that at a concatenation held up the river, at camp, we started this matter. We women and men held a concatenation, in a tent, up the river. We started with contributions of the change we had in our pockets and took up \$49, about seventy-five days ago. We then formed a committee of which Mr. Maas is secretary and myself treasurer, and solicited contributions to build this house. We are building a house costing \$4,000 instead of a cottage, with twelve rooms, all well finished, divided up in sections that will take care of a small family of about four in a room. The Hoo-Hoo in Indianapolis and a few scattered about the

state and elsewhere have contributed to this until we have raised all of the money and the building is practically completed at the present time. We are now short only about \$300. This is not my suggestion, but the suggestion of the Worthy Snark of Indianapolis and the northern portion of Indiana, who is a rather new member but an ardent worker, that we bring this matter before the organization for contributions to make up this \$300 of the \$4,000 or over that we have expended, as the few contributors to this matter have been very liberal and we wish to add this to it, that this will probably be followed in other cities and communities, and if Indianapolis is helped now with this small sum of \$300 balance that we wish to clear up, we always stand ready to go to the bottom of our pockets for any other community that calls upon us for the same or any other help for Hoo-Hoo. We have another matter before us. The wives of the Indianapolis Hoo-Hoo will furnish this entire house, beds and bedding, etc. The house is then to be turned over to the Summer Mission Association, who have large grounds on the banks of the river, which is run by an organization that has been there for twenty years and is considered one of the best charities in the United States. I will add that the house will have the name "Hoo-Hoo" on it, and it is the best building of the kind on the grounds to-day. Gentlemen, I thank you. (Applause.)

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Snark, I move you, sir, that we contribute \$300 to the proposed House of Hoo-Hoo at Indianapolis, Indiana, payable upon the request of the committee at Indianapolis, headed by Mr. Oxenford.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I second the motion.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I want to say one or two words in favor of that motion. My idea is that we are not giving this to help the State of Indiana, because she is able to take care of all her people, and she would resent any imputation to the contrary. We are not giving it to the City of Indianapolis, she would resent anything of that kind. This is a social and charitable institution. It is an honor to us to help in furthering a charity of this character at Indianapolis, and we can afford the money. (The motion was unanimously carried.)

MR. ANDERSON (14472):—Immediately after the adjournment there will be a meeting of the Committee on the Place of Next Meeting in the ante-room adjoining this room, and we would be glad to meet with any of the gentlemen having suggestions to make regarding the place of next meeting.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I move that the election of officers be made a special order of business for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

MR. GORSUCH:—I second the motion. (Motion carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—Mr. Dalbey, of the Local Entertainment Committee, wishes to make an announcement.

MR. DALBEY (9611):—The embalment and cremation of the Snark, which will be held just north of the hotel, in Studebaker Theatre, should be borne in mind, and you should not fail to attend. I want to say that the play has been entirely rewritten and rearranged, and it will not be put on by Hoo-Hoo, but every person of the forty-four is a professional theatrical person and it will be presented in a manner that will be entirely pleasing to all and the ladies are especially requested to be on hand. We will also provide a little vaudeville entertainment for you, having obtained the very best autos in the city. If you desire additional tickets, they will be cheerfully furnished at room 130, up to the capacity of the house.

(On motion the convention was then adjourned until 9:09 a. m., September 11.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1908.

The meeting was called to order by the Supreme Snark, John S. Bonner. Upon motion by Mr. N. A. Gladding, seconded by Mr. W. E. Barns, the convention was adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. of this day.

At 9:30 a. m. the convention was again called to order by the Supreme Snark.

MR. W. E. BARNS:—The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws desire to present the following and recommend its adoption:

"Section 3, Article 8. Suspended members may be reinstated upon the payment of back dues, the amount to be paid not to exceed \$5 of delinquent dues, upon the approval of the Vicegerent of the state in which such member lives or on the approval of the Scrivenoter of the Order."

On motion, seconded and carried, the report of the committee was adopted.

SUPREME SNARK:—What is the next order of business?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—There is a gentleman here from Arkansas who has a proposition in respect to the Gurdon monument. It is a pretty big subject, but in brief the people in Gurdon have not proposed that we put up a little tablet to mark the place of Hoo-Hoo, but that we erect there a sanitarium. The gentleman has just come in and perhaps it would be better to hear from him. Mr. Barham, I have been instructed to say that we will now accord you the privilege of addressing us, but you will please be as brief as possible.

MR. C. B. BARRHAM (17272):—Gentlemen, I did not come here to make a speech, and I will not do that. The only thing that I hope for on this trip is to get the matter before the Order or into the hands of a committee, as you may think best, to investigate the matter in full, especially in regard to the medicinal qualities of the water that we have at Gurdon. We have a water at Gurdon that I doubt whether more than twenty-five or thirty Hoo-Hoo know what it is. It is good for a number of diseases, such as kidney or liver trouble. I have a chemical analysis of the water at Gurdon and I would be glad to turn it over to you if you wish to see it. I did intend to take this up with Dr. Murphy and have him comment on it so that you could see that there is something to it. I do ask in all sincerity that the Order pass on this or have a committee that will give it thorough investigation so that the Order will know what we are doing. Let the committee report a year hence, if necessary, and we will be satisfied. This is the home and birthplace of Hoo-Hoo, and whatever consideration you give us will be appreciated.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I move that the matter be referred to the House of Ancients.

MR. PLATT B. WALKER:—I second the motion. (Motion carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—It is now 10 o'clock and the matter of electing officers was made a special order of business for this hour.

MR. A. C. RAMSEY:—There don't seem to be many people here, and I move the election of officers be postponed one hour.

MR. JAMES H. BAIRD:—I second the motion. I would further move as an amendment to the motion that we send a man down to round up those who have not had their breakfast and get them up here. (Motion and amendment carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—I will appoint Mr. Treat to go down and round up the members.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—How will it do now to take up the matter of shortages in the Vicegerents' accounts?

MR. A. C. RAMSEY:—If the Supreme Nine has gone over them I do not think there is any use to bring it up now.

MR. BAIRD:—There are not many more than the Supreme Nine here now. These are shortages that occurred during the past year. The first paper relates to the initiation at London, England, where they had twenty-six men and we allowed them the entire amount of the initiation fee. That related to last year, and this administration had nothing to do with it. I take it that we can pass that without any further question. The money was undoubtedly well spent. The next concatenation—not in the order in which it was held, but in the order in which I pick it up—was in December. We made no special effort to adjust that shortage. As a matter of fact we carry on a sort of running account with the Canada Vicegerents as we do with other Vicegerents who are beyond reproach in the running of their accounts. I think Mr. Hadley will bear me out in this.

MR. W. A. HADLEY (11586):—Previous to this concatenation every shortage has been made up for Canada, hasn't it?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I am not quite sure. I think possibly the Canada Vicegerent has a fund to his credit.

MR. H. H. GIBSON:—I move that that be passed, and all similar propositions be passed to the Supreme Nine. I don't think such detail really interests the Order as a whole.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I second the motion. (Motion carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—Is there anything else to come before the Order?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Nothing in the way of routine business, except that I have been requested to make an announcement with reference to the ceremony of the embalming of the Snark this afternoon. We are going to have a splendid show. It is no amateur performance; we are putting it on by professionals, for the benefit of the Chicago men who have never seen these ceremonies. This is an entertainment at a theater. You must have a ticket to get into the theater, but you don't have to pay anything for the ticket. That ceremony is as much a part of this annual meeting as the session here this morning. It is the embalment of the Snark and the installation of officers. We want every member present.

MR. N. A. GLADDING (99):—I do not think that any remarks of mine are necessary to emphasize what our Scrivenoter has said, but on behalf of the Chicago membership I have been requested to urge every Hoo-Hoo at this meeting, who is here from out of the city, to try to make their arrangements to stay over until tomorrow, because the Chicago people have gone to a great deal of expense and trouble in this matter and they will take it as quite a severe jolt, you might say, if a great many of us go away.

SUPREME SNARK:—Is there any further routine business to come before the meeting?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I know of nothing.

SUPREME SNARK:—There are the committee reports. Is there any further report from the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws?

MR. W. E. BARNS:—I do not believe the committee have any additional report to make except that we would advise the very careful following of the constitution and by-laws, particularly the eligibility clause; and while I am on my feet I want to give an illustration of how this thing

works sometimes. I will not mention any towns, but a large concatenation was held this winter in connection with a retail association meeting, and the Vicegerent, desiring to make a good showing, allowed some six or eight members to come in who were not eligible. In other words, they were connected primarily with paving and roofing concerns, things like that. They were traveling men, representing different firms. Within ten days afterward, in another city, the president and high officers of two or three of these associations, for whom the traveling men were traveling, desired to join the Order, and they were very promptly turned down. They couldn't quite understand how it was that traveling men who might be representing them one month and somewhere else the next month should be inducted into membership in one state and that heads of a concern that expected to be in the business should be turned down in another state. I only bring this up to illustrate the fact that the whole thing depends largely on the Vicegerent, and a considerable amount of feeling grows out of those facts. It seems to me that we have threshed this thing out enough. Year after year we try to make it plain who is eligible and who is not eligible, and yet we do all the time find that people come in who are not absolutely eligible. I have my doubts as to whether all the people inducted last night are absolutely eligible. If you take the application blanks and lay them alongside of the eligibility clause they do not line up. We have got a big membership and that seems to be the idea all the time, to increase our membership rather than consider the quality and keep down to the old landmarks. We think, therefore, that the only thing that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee can recommend is a stricter adherence to the law that is laid down, not only in the constitution and by-laws, but in the instructions to the Vicegerent Snarks. Those instructions have been gone over year after year; the Vicegerents have been told who should and who should not come in, and yet we do find a lot of men coming in who should not be admitted.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I want to make one other suggestion so it will go before our members in report of this meeting. We frequently have concatenations marred and the impressiveness of the work wholly destroyed through failure to maintain good order. I think much of this can be done away with if we could only get the two or three hundred men present at this meeting to pledge themselves that as soon as possible they will get hold of a copy of our Ritual and sit down and read it through. I think many of them do not understand just what this Ritual is—that they do not understand that a portion of it is wholly serious, while that portion of it which is funny is entirely separate. We too often mix the thing up, and then the serious part loses its impressiveness and the funny part also loses out through the lack of contrast. The first part of our Ritual is wholly solemn and intended to be impressive. It is given to the candidates just after they are first brought into the hall; they are all blindfolded. They are carried from station to station of the officers to the end that there may be explained to them in beautiful and impressive language just what Hoo-Hoo is, what we are trying to make out of it, and the way we are trying to do it. I have often seen all its purposes knocked into a cocked hat through lack of proper order being maintained. I have never understood why a lot of men want to ruin this part of the ceremony by yelling out: "Step high, step high." It is nowhere in the Ritual, never was in the Ritual, and I am sure was never sanctioned by any officer of the Order. I wonder how it spread all over the country, and how it persists from year to year. It spoils the impressiveness of all the first part of this ceremony, and too frequently results in the concatenation

degenerating into an aimless and purposeless riot. Let's all get hold of a Ritual and read it quietly; try to understand what it is about, and then hereafter lend our influence to see that the initiatory ceremonies are properly administered at every concatenation we attend.

SUPREME SNARK:—Have the Committee on Legislation anything further to report?

MR. PLATT B. WALKER:—In considering the duties which might fall upon this committee, we thought that they were largely created as an advisory board. If we had any legislation to suggest it naturally would have to be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Yesterday we started a little something in the way of discussion, but we have not any further recommendation to make to-day. When our Snark and our Scrivenoter, having had active charge for a year, have no suggestions, this committee, in a few short sessions, cannot find anything wrong with the Order. It certainly is all right.

SUPREME SNARK:—Has the Committee on the Good of the Order anything further?

MR. A. H. POTTER:—Brother Snark, in regard to the discussion that arose about the eligibility of candidates, it strikes me that for the good of the order, it will be wise, where every concatenation is held—I don't claim that this is original with us on the coast, but we always have a committee of three to pass on the eligibility of the candidates. We don't leave it to the Vicegerent Snark; we generally leave it to two or three of the oldest and best members of the Order where the concatenation is to be held, and it works fine. I offer that as a suggestion.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Is Mr. Richard Randolph, of Alabama, present? He had a suggestion that would come under this head, and he promised me that he would reduce it to writing, but I believe his wife has taken ill and he could not be here. Briefly, Mr. Randolph's idea grows out of the fact that while he has been quite an active Hoo-Hoo in Alabama for several years, he has had an opportunity to attend only two annual meetings. He is in the retail lumber business and does not travel around over the country very much. He said that at both meetings he has attended he experienced a feeling of lonesomeness, that he didn't get acquainted with people who knew anything more about what was going to happen at the meetings than himself. He said this has been the case with him here. He said he was not able to distinguish the local men from others, and that he had passed his first two days trying to get acquainted so as to have a good time; and he makes the suggestion that every man coming to an annual meeting should feel free to go up and demand information from some member of the Supreme Nine; and he thinks that they ought to wear a distinctive badge—that the members of the Supreme Nine should wear a distinctive badge to be handed down year after year. His idea was to have a little gold pin, consisting of an S and a 9, and that a cut of this could be printed in the Bulletin until its meaning became familiar to all members.

SUPREME SNARK:—That seems to be a very good suggestion. Do any of the members wish any action taken upon it?

MR. E. H. DEFEDAUGH (46):—I agree with the statement that it is necessary to have an Information Committee at these meetings. We tried to provide for that at this meeting. The members of the committee have had their badges on, but I would like to see a permanent committee appointed for that purpose. Mr. Baird and his assistants cannot be everywhere. There should be a headquarters at these meetings where everybody could go and secure information on any subject. I therefore move that such

a committee be provided for by the Snark at the next annual. (Motion seconded.)

SUPREME SNARK:—Do you mean that the present Snark shall select that committee?

MR. DEFEDAUGH:—Yes.

MR. T. H. ROGERS (485):—I don't see how the present Snark can select one of the Supreme Nine, because we will have a new Supreme Nine after the election and the present Snark will not then be Snark, and we don't know the town where we will go for the next annual.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I think that Brother Defebaugh's idea, that the Snark reigning at the time of the annual should select this committee, is a good one. (The motion was carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to report?

MR. L. E. FULLER:—I want to submit a request on behalf of the Committee on Good of the Order, that a new district of Hoo-Hoo be created in the eastern district of Canada, comprising Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and all adjacent territory, and that the Supreme Nine be requested to create that district. I so move.

SUPREME SNARK:—As I understand it, the Supreme Nine has power to do that. The district is already created.

MR. L. E. FULLER:—As I understand it the Supreme Nine have taken no action with reference to this district.

THE SUPREME SNARK:—It can be taken care of. It is already created.

MR. FULLER:—I would like to hear from Mr. McBeth, who was Vicegerent of Canada during the past year at Toronto.

MR. W. J. M'BETH (10972):—Mr. Snark and Brothers, I have had the honor during 1908 to represent Hoo-Hoo, an honor I am proud of, but the territory over which my jurisdiction reached was too great for one man to care for. I am quite in accord with Brother Fuller's suggestion that a Vicegerent Snark be appointed for the eastern part of Canada. There is much material there that can be worked up. The man that is appointed for that district, will, of course, have some more hardships added to his lot.

SUPREME SNARK:—That matter should be referred to the Supreme Nine. As a matter of fact they have jurisdiction over it. Has the Press Committee any report to make?

MR. E. H. DEFEDAUGH:—The Press Committee have nothing to report. Mr. Baird has looked after the press and we have had nothing to do.

SUPREME SNARK:—Committee on Place of Next Meeting.

Place of Next Meeting.

MR. W. R. ANDERSON:—At least three cities want Hoo-Hoo in 1909. This committee has here letters and telegrams from Governors of States, Mayors of cities, Secretaries of Boards of Trade, and from Hoo-Hoo, to meet next year in Washington, Colorado or Arkansas. While it is the right of the convention to elect the city which is to have the 1909 annual, your committee has carefully gone over the numerous letters and statements and heard speakers favoring Seattle, Denver and Hot Springs, and has come to the unanimous conclusion that the 1909 annual should go to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for these reasons: Arkansas is the birthplace of Hoo-Hoo, and no annual has ever been held in that State. Denver has had an annual. Many of our members visited Seattle while West for the Portland annual. Next year, 1909, is the real Hoo-Hoo year, the eighteenth (double nine) birthday. Hot Springs is amply able to care for any kind of a crowd, as the hotels are adequate. An excursion or pilgrimage to

Gurdon, the birthplace of Hoo-Hoo, will be made, and this will be of great interest to all Hoo-Hoo. There is so much to say in favor of these cities and so little to say against any one, that the committee offers its report without further suggestion. (Applause.)

MR. A. C. RAMSEY:—I move that the report of the committee be accepted.

MR. A. H. POTTER:—It seems to me this is taking snap judgment. We will concede to Hot Springs, Arkansas, all that is claimed for it by the report of this committee. I have been there myself, and also to Denver, and I know something about Seattle. I think we ought to have a little more talk about this thing. I think the claims of other cities ought to be heard. Has the committee received any communications from Seattle or its Mayor, or anybody from the Pacific Coast? Have they consulted with anybody outside of the State of Arkansas?

MR. ANDERSON:—The committee held meetings after inviting everybody who had claims to urge upon the committee to come before us, and we had letters and telegrams, also.

MR. JAMES E. MEGINN (33):—Gentlemen, I am No. 33, the man from Mexico. I believe I am not going to hurt anybody's feelings, either North, West, South or East, but I want to make a few suggestions. On the 7th of September in Texas and in the south of Arkansas, not more than 100 miles from Hot Springs, it was 112 degrees in the shade. This I have as official. The next day it was 108. I can prove what I say. I live in a pretty hot country. I know what it is when it gets over 100 day after day. Of course they have their cool days as well as any other place. I think Seattle is entitled to the next convention. (Applause.)

MR. A. C. RAMSEY:—Mr. Snark and gentlemen: I don't know where Brother Meginn got his information about the temperature in Arkansas. The official temperature there on September 7 was 87, on September 8, 86. We have that from the official weather bureau at Little Rock. For the past thirty years the official temperature at Little Rock, Ark., was 72, for Chicago 65, and St. Louis 71. So we don't have such hot weather as you think we do. (Applause.) Arkansas is the birthplace of Hoo-Hoo. We have been set aside and slapped in the face for fifteen years trying to get you there. We are entitled to the next annual. We went to the Pacific Coast three years ago. We spent two or three thousand dollars getting up a special train, and we got only 221 people east of the Mississippi River to go on that train. To-day you couldn't get fifty people east of the Mississippi. Denver is an ideal convention city. We were then ten years ago. Why go there again until we go to Arkansas? Within a radius of 100, 200 or 300 miles of Arkansas there are more Hoo-Hoo than in any other section of the country of the same radius. The rank and file of Hoo-Hoo live in that section. I have heard it said, "Well, you have a whole lot of ineligibles down there." If so, it was not the fault of those people. We took them in. We initiated them and took their money. They are as good Hoo-Hoo as we ever dared to be. I have presented to the Committee on Location these letters from the Governor, from the Business Men's League of Little Rock, from the Business Men's League of Hot Springs, and I believe one from Senator Jeff Davis, asking us to go there. There is no use taking up time to read these. We will give you better entertainment than you have ever had. It may be the time of your annual bath. We will bathe you in Uncle Sam's baths. Uncle Sam bathes the world at Hot Springs. We have more water down there than we know what to do with, and for an early morning chaser it is the best on earth. There are hotels, bar-rooms and restaurants sufficient and other acces-

sories. I don't believe Denver can consistently say, "We want it again" until after Arkansas has had an annual. And I don't believe the Pacific Coast can consistently ask for it again until after we have had it. I would, therefore, ask the earnest support of all those present in favor of Hot Springs. (Applause.)

MR. R. W. ENGLISH (2220):—We are here representing Hoo-Hoo of Colorado, with an invitation not only from our Order, but from the most influential citizens of Denver, inviting this Order to meet in Denver next year. We have our reasons for doing so. When we had the annual ten years ago in Denver we had fourteen members in this Order. We had such a small family that we were not able to entertain the members as we would have liked to. We will not attempt to predict, if you decide to go to Denver next year, what we will give you. Those of you who were there ten years ago know what we had at that time. We have more now in the way of scenery and hotels and an auditorium—and, by the way, our auditorium was good enough for the Democrats to nominate Bryan there. We come here extending an invitation to this Order to meet next year in Denver. Now, if you wish to accept this invitation we will do the best we can to entertain you, and I believe we can entertain you as well at Hot Springs or Seattle, but I don't wish to make any great promises, for most of the members of the Order know what we are able to do. We ask for a majority vote, and if you decide to go to Hot Springs or Seattle we will say amen. While I think it is a little out of the ordinary for the committee to recommend some particular place, yet if that is the custom, it is all right. I don't miss these meetings, and if you decide to go to Hot Springs you will probably see me there.

MR. HARRY J. MILLER (3466):—Honored Snark and Brothers: I have listened with great pleasure to the eloquent presentation of the merits of our sister cities as places in which to hold our next meeting—merits that I can say, from personal observation, are under rather than overrated, and I readily perceive that it would take a Demosthenes to further influence your minds with scintillant verbiage. We Westerners are famous for doing things, but are somewhat "gun-shy" of words, as we express it, and when we came to round up the members from the Coast, in search of a little oratorical talent, we found every one afflicted with a vocabularic paralysis that precluded the felicitous expression of our heart-felt desire that you select as the place for the next Annual Convention, Seattle, the splendid Queen City of the Evergreen State.

I live about a hundred miles from Seattle, but I know her citizens—know them well; and also know the splendid "spirit" that throughout the world has become the synonym of intensely concentrated energy—an energy that will be exerted to its utmost to give you pleasure, and these efforts will be supplemented by those of not only all the brothers of the West, but its entire people as well, who will thus endeavor to express their appreciation of the honor conferred upon them.

We have a city of 250,000 inhabitants, and expect to have a considerably larger population in 1909. The railroads have promised us the lowest possible rates consistent with business procedure, and as your tickets can be routed so as to include all the coast cities from Vancouver, British Columbia, to San Francisco, I can assure you that from the time you reach the first until you bid a fond, regretful farewell to the last-named city—the splendid Phoenix of the West, your itinerary will be as full of pleasure as the efforts of the people who are unsurpassed as entertainers can possibly make it.

Hotel accommodations are first-class, and have lately

been supplemented by the building of the immense Washington Hotel and Annex, one of the finest hostleries in the West, and in which place alone all the Hoo-Hoo who will visit the coast at one time could easily congregate.

Our climate is cool, balmy, incomparable, and boys, if you get any fevered brows while there, they will come from internal applications, and NOT from outside influences.

As to the water—this is a proposition upon which our honored Snark, Mr. Bonner, has commented with felicitous humor, but one which I can state, from close personal observation, he handles much more gracefully as a theory—upon paper—than he does in everyday life as an aqueous actuality—we have the Puget Sound and the Columbia River, and two finer scenic boating trips are not to be found in any climate.

We have several inducements to offer you. First, we have the natural scenery, which, from the time you reach the Rockies to the time of your return to the plains of Nebraska, has no equal on the continent; but the principal thing to which we wish to call your attention is the Alaskan Exposition. This is the most unique gem of entertainment ever given to the public—just enough to be interesting without detracting entirely from the pleasure of the convention. It is not so large, of course, as was the magnificent display at St. Louis, or the perilous initial Western experiment that, in the memory of the world at large, will ever remain a monument to the patience, pluck, perseverance, and patriotic public spirit of the citizens of old Chicago, but for compact interest will surely be unsurpassed.

And now, boys—and we are all boys when we intermingle as Hoo-Hoo, even though some of our heads are whitening, and many of our faces are corrugated by the hand of Time—we want you, we do indeed. And when you stand upon the summit of the Great Cascade Divide, your uncovered heads reverently acknowledging the Omnipotence that created the vista of beauty and splendor unfolding before your appreciative vision, it will NOT be as individuals, as cities, or even as States that we will greet you; but your welcome will be from one big, whole-souled and generous West; and we will extend to you and the loved ones who accompany you, and whose presence will so greatly augment our own pleasure, a kindly, a brotherly regard as enduring as the snow-capped mountains of the splendid commonwealth we have carved from the primeval forest, as evergreen as Oregon's beautiful, verdant vales, and as warmly satisfying to your sometimes world-weary hearts as is the genial sunshine when it kisses the foliage of the majestic monarchs of the Yosemite, as they wave gently to and fro in the softly caressing summer breezes of royal California.

So, boys—

Come where the placid Pacific
Beats gently against the shore;
Where purpling vineyards profligate
Doth succulent sweetness store;
Where we never let trouble or sorrow
Be a burden to spirits gay,
But drown all the cares of To-morrow
In the happiness of TO-DAY.

(Applause.)

E. C. LIPPMAN (12082):—Last night Brother Miller asked me what I would take for my continual smile. I told him if he didn't want me to lose it, not to try to take the next annual away from Hot Springs. We want the next annual in Hot Springs, and if you go there we will double the membership in Arkansas, if not all over the Southwest. (Applause.)

MR. GEO. B. MAEGLY (5101):—I am going to ask

you brothers to indulge me a little. My vote is something like Brother Miller's, but it comes about from a different cause. I have listened to the claims of these various cities and have listened to the forceful argument of Brother Ramsey in regard to Hot Springs. Brothers, I simply want to say that I favor Denver. You Hoo-Hoo who went to Denver nine years ago can't fail to remember the elegant entertainment we had in Denver. It isn't that I love Caesar less, but Rome more. I have nothing against Hot Springs nor the State of Arkansas, and there is a noble sentiment in that theory that Hoo-Hoo should go to Arkansas because it is the birthplace of the Order; but there are other things to consider in this matter beside sentiment. The weather, for instance. For fifteen years I lived in Memphis, which is in the same latitude as Hot Springs. The only difference is that they have the Mississippi river, which lends its aid in cooling the atmosphere, while Hot Springs has got about forty springs, with a temperature of 147 degrees, which tends to heat the atmosphere. There is quite a number of trained nurses in Hot Springs, and if we are going to recuperate our health we ought to go there. To my mind the Pacific Coast is entirely out of the running because of the distance. We are centrally located, and we have as much to offer as any city could offer.

MR. N. W. CALCUTT (7105):—I move that the discussion close and that we take a vote. (Motion seconded.)

MR. A. H. POTTER:—I rise to a point of order. A vote on the acceptance of the report of the committee?

SUPREME SNARK:—We are voting on the question where we will go to for the place of next meeting.

MR. POTTER:—Numerically or by states?

SUPREME SNARK:—By states. (The motion was then carried.)

MR. VIETMEIER:—I move that we take a recess of five minutes to allow the members of the different states to get together and decide what they want to do.

(Motion seconded and carried. The meeting then adjourned for five minutes, after which the Supreme Snark again called the convention to order.)

SUPREME SNARK:—Is it necessary to read the list of states and delegations?

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, sir. I will announce the vote of all the states. Let the Chairman of each state respond so that we will know whether the state is represented.

(The Scrivenoter then called the roll of states and the Chairmen responding represented the following states:

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I will now call again the states and the votes. Let the Chairmen announce the vote. There are three cities in nomination, Hot Springs, Denver and Seattle.

(The Scrivenoter then called the roll of states and the vote, as announced by the Chairmen of the several states represented, resulted as follows:)

State	Seattle	Hot Springs	Denver
Alabama	108 2-3	217 1-3	...
Arkansas	...	793	...
California	609	...	...
Colorado	...	...	253
Florida	254	...	...
Georgia	333	...	...
Illinois	121	361	91
Indiana	233	...	...
Iowa	315	...	...
Kentucky	...	260	...
Louisiana	...	952	...
Maryland	...	167	...

	Seattle	Hot Springs	Denver
Michigan	46	184	...
Minnesota	144	71	...
Mississippi	...	453	...
Nebraska	...	331	...
New York	144 1-2	144 1-2	...
North Carolina	...	146	...
Ohio	...	486	...
Oklahoma	...	523	...
Oregon	514	...	...
Pennsylvania	...	373	...
Tennessee	62	445	...
Texas	262	1,300	...
Washington	966	...	...
W. Virginia	243	243	...
Wisconsin	...	182	...
Canada	...	732	...
Mexico	34 1-2	34 1-2	...
Missouri	46	333	...
Total	4,435 2-3	9,231 1-3	334

MR. R. W. ENGLISH (2220):—Before announcing the result of the vote, I want to make a motion that this Association make the vote unanimous for Hot Springs.

MR. H. J. MILLER:—Worthy Snark, I would like to second that motion, and I wish to state that when the 9th of September, 1909, comes around all the Hoo-Hoo of Washington who can possibly go will be on hand and beg the powers that rule the universe to make the concatenation at Hot Springs one of the best successes ever known to Hoo-Hoo. (Applause, followed by the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

SUPREME SNARK:—It has been moved and seconded that Hot Springs be unanimously chosen as the place of next meeting.

(The motion was unanimously carried, followed by the rendition of the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

MR. CURT M. TREAT:—Brother Snark, I want to say that the next time that Hoo-Hoo would like to return to Chicago, our portals will be wide open and we will welcome you. (Applause.)

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. A. D. White, Superintendent of Swift & Company's yard and plant, have tendered us an invitation to visit them, severally or in a body, and see the packing establishments and the stock yards. He desires me to say that they will have men to act as guides to show us about the plant and they will feel very much honored if we visit them.

(Upon motion a vote of thanks was passed for the invitation.)

Election of Officers.

Election of Snark.

The Supreme Scrivenoter called the roll of states for nominations for Snark of the Universe. Alabama yielded to Minnesota.

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON:—Worthy Snark and Brothers: Minnesota has a candidate. The gentleman whom I will place in nomination for Snark is, I sincerely believe, worthy of your consideration and vote and will add honor to the office and prove a worthy successor to those who have filled the office of Snark with honor to themselves and our Order. In the election of the man to head our Order we must choose one who not only deserves the honor, but who is qualified to fill the office with the necessary business capacity. The man I will name has been tried and been found not wanting. His number is 48 and he joined the Order at the first concatenation held in March, 1892, and he has attended every annual except one. He has served as Vicegerent Snark

and has been honored in the past by election to the Supreme Nine and has always made good. It would take up too much of your time to tell you of his work in the uplifting of the Order in the Northwest and Manitoba. You who have kept in touch with the history of Hoo-Hoo know what he has accomplished. His ability and business experience qualify him to the office to which he aspires and you will be proud of having cast your vote for him today. If he is elected I know that he will leave the office of Snark with a record that you will all be proud to refer to. I have known the gentleman for years and know that he is entitled to this honor. If for no other reason, because of his past work for the good of the Order, and I feel that that alone entitles him to this office. I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you, on behalf of Minnesota, for your consideration for the office of Snark, Brother Platt B. Walker of Minneapolis. (Applause.)

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I will continue the roll call of states for the nomination of Snark. (Arkansas was then called and had no candidate and yielded to Maryland.)

MR. M. W. WILEY:—Brother Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: Maryland has no candidate in so far as a native Marylander is concerned, but Maryland does take pleasure, and I am sure I voice the sentiments of every Maryland Hoo-Hoo, and not only for Hoo-Hoo in Maryland, but I am satisfied, on behalf of every Hoo-Hoo in the East, in seconding the nomination of Mr. Walker. (Applause.) It is with particular pleasure that we so record our vote. We have not been blind to his achievements nor have we been deaf to the appeals that have been made in his behalf. In the election of Brother Walker we honor the Northwest. The Northwest deserves the honor of having as Snark of the Universe a gentleman who has done so much not only for Hoo-Hoo throughout the country, but in the Northwest in particular. His very sincerity gives him a great claim upon our votes. His work has always redounded to the glory of Hoo-Hoo and to himself. If I had the matchless imagery of our brother from the great state of Washington, when he endeavored to thrill your hearts like he did with his matchless eloquence, you will all vote for Brother Walker and make his election unanimous. "All the world is a stage. All the men and women are merely players, have their entrances and exits, and man in his time plays many parts," but I am sure that there is no scene in life that has a more effective background than where the spirit of fellowship and comradeship has full sway; and it is particularly true of Hoo-Hoo, a body that brings lumbermen together and men engaged in its allied interests. It is an order where we meet on common ground and extend each to the other the right hand of fellowship. When chatting with Brother Miller a while ago he gave me his card in exchange for one of mine. In looking on the back of it I observed a little poetry, which I am going to read:

"Stop a minute and say 'Hello!'
As down Life's Road you smoothly go;
For a pleasant word and cheery smile
Will shorten the way full many mile.
For some poor fellow that's moving slow,
Stop a minute and say 'Hello!'"

Therefore I believe in the election of Brother Walker; we can all say to each other "Hello," and we will all be glad over his election. (Applause.)

(The Scrivenoter then called California, whose representative passed in favor of Colorado.)

MR. R. W. ENGLISH (2220):—Colorado has no candidate for this office, but I want to most heartily second the nomination of Brother Walker, and I have reasons for this, and I think they are good reasons. I have been a regular attendant at these annuals for a great many years. I have always seen Brother Walker in attendance and he is there to work and not to visit the city where the meeting is held. He is ready at any moment to do anything in his power for this great Order of ours. He has passed through quite a number of chairs of the Supreme Nine, and now I, as well as Hoo-Hoo of Colorado, am very anxious indeed to see him elected to this

office to-day, and as we have decided to go to Hot Springs next year with our annual, let us have him as our leader. Some of these Hot Springs men say it is not hot down there, but it may be, and then we will have a Snark with not much hair on his head and he can stand the heat better than many others. Let us make the election of Brother Platt B. Walker unanimous. (Applause.)

(Florida had no candidate to present and seconded the nomination of Mr. Walker; likewise Georgia, Illinois and Indiana had no candidate to present.)

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—It seems to me we are taking up a good deal of time here. Has any state a candidate to offer or a nomination to make? Let us hear from any state that has a seconding speech or a candidate to nominate.

MR. C. D. ROURKE:—Mr. Snark, I move you that the rules be suspended and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote of this organization here represented for Brother Platt B. Walker for the office of Snark. (With applause and cheers.)

MR. R. W. ENGLISH:—I second the motion.

(The motion was seconded by many others, in the midst of much applause.)

SUPREME SNARK:—In accordance with the unanimous action of the convention, I take pleasure in announcing that Brother Platt B. Walker has been unanimously elected to the office of Snark, and I will appoint Mr. A. C. Ramsey and Mr. John L. Alcock to escort Mr. Walker to the chair. (Applause, followed by the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

(Mr. Walker was escorted to the Snark's station by Messrs. Ramsey and Alcock, and in response to calls for a speech, he said:)

MR. WALKER:—Worthy Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: This is the proudest moment of my life. (Applause.) I cannot truthfully say to you that this is unexpected, but I want to tell you that I appreciate it from the very bottom of my heart. I have not any set speech and will not take your time. I have not words, to express my appreciation for what you have done for me today. I want to tell you in all sincerity that I have never felt so unworthy, but I am going to work and do the best I can with my talent. I just want to remind every Hoo-Hoo that no matter how hard your officers may work, unless they have the hearty co-operation of the members they will be powerless. Give us your support, and I am sure that we will try to keep up the grand standard of Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.)

Election of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—I will now call the roll of states for the nomination of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

(Alabama passed in favor of Arkansas.)

MR. A. C. RAMSEY:—Arkansas has expended all its oratorical voice in securing the next meeting, but we have a candidate for Senior Hoo-Hoo. You have given us everything that we want. It is with pleasure that I nominate Mr. W. A. Hadley of Cnatham, Ontario, for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.)

(The states of California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Louisiana had no candidates to present.)

MR. M. W. WILEY:—Maryland has no candidate, but I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother Hadley. We first met him at Atlantic City last year and we all fell in love with his permanent smile and genial personality. We take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother Hadley for Senior Hoo-Hoo.

(Michigan and Minnesota had no candidate to offer.)

MR. WINDSOR:—New York has no candidate. It seems to be the sentiment to place Brother Hadley in nomination, and I therefore move that nominations for Senior Hoo-Hoo be closed and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to pass the unanimous vote of the Order here represented for Brother W. A. Hadley for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.)

(The motion was seconded by many and unanimously carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—Mr. Hadley is elected Senior Hoo-Hoo. (The yell was then rendered.) I will ask Mr. Wiley and Captain Meginn to escort Brother Hadley to the Snark's station.

MR. W. A. HADLEY:—Worthy Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I am sure that I am delighted with the reception that you have given me, not only at Atlantic City but at Chicago. I am deeply appreciative in behalf of the citizens of the Dominion of Canada, for the high honor you have conferred upon me as the humble representative of that country. I am sure that this demonstrates the good fellowship that exists, and is made possible only through fraternal organizations of this kind, and demonstrates that a lumberman, no matter if he is a foreigner, if he is a good lumberman, is entitled to your confidence, and you have given me that on two occasions. I am deeply appreciative, in behalf of the citizens of Canada, as well as personally, for the honor you have conferred upon me. I will endeavor to fill the office with which you have favored me with all the ability that I possess. (Applause.)

Election of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

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

(Alabama passed in favor of Arkansas; Arkansas yielded to Minnesota.)

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON:—Brother Snark, Minnesota has another candidate, this time not a resident of Minnesota. We desire to place in nomination the gentleman who has worked hard and whom we all know well and favorably. We desire to nominate Brother E. H. Dalbey, of Illinois. (Applause.)

MR. T. A. MOORE:—I want to heartily second the nomination. I am sure that Brother Dalbey's election will meet with the hearty approval of every member in Illinois as well as every one else. I have watched Mr. Dalbey's career in Hoo-Hoo with a great deal of interest. His hands are always dipped deeply into work and his heart is always full of love for the Order. He upholds with dignity and respect its principles.

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Are there any other nominations or seconding speeches?

MR. E. B. MARTIN:—I move that the nominations be closed and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote of the Order here represented for Mr. E. H. Dalbey for the office of Junior Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.)

(Motion was seconded and unanimously carried; whereupon the Supreme Snark declared Mr. E. H. Dalbey unanimously elected to the office of Junior Hoo-Hoo. The Hoo-Hoo yell was again rendered.)

SUPREME SNARK:—I will ask Mr. Martin and Mr. Moore to escort Mr. Dalbey to the Snark's station.

MR. E. H. DALBEY:—Brother Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: Words cannot express my appreciation for the great honor you have bestowed upon me by electing me Junior Hoo-Hoo. I assure you, Brother Hoo-Hoo, that I appreciate this greatly, and during my administration of this office for the next year I hope that I may and truly believe that I shall have the support of every Hoo-Hoo in the jurisdiction assigned to the different Hoo-Hoo.

I assure you that I will endeavor to do my utmost to promote the health, happiness and long life of every member of Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.)

Election of Bojum.

SUPREME SNARK:—The next office to be filled is that of Bojum.

(The Scrivenoter called the state of Alabama, which passed to Arkansas, the latter yielding to Washington.)

MR. HARRY J. MILLER:—Brother Snark, I wish, representing Washington, to place in nomination for the honor of the office of Bojum Mr. Charles E. Patten, of Seattle, Washington. Mr. Patten is a gentleman of great attainments in business and socially and in public life, and I entrust him to your kindly consideration and I am nominating him to the office that we really desire to have in the metropolis of our state. (Applause.)

SUPREME SCRIVENOTER:—Are there any further nominations or seconding speeches?

MR. A. H. POTTER:—As everything has gone along so beautifully and harmoniously thus far, and I hope it will continue to the end, in behalf of the Pacific Coast in its entirety, I wish to second the nomination of Mr. Charles Patten. He is our unanimous choice.

MR. JEFF B. WEBB:—I move that the nominations be closed and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote of the Order represented at this meeting for Mr. Patten for the office of Bojum.

(Motion seconded and unanimously carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—Mr. Patten is not personally here. The next is the office of Supreme Scrivenoter.

Election of Scrivenoter.

MR. ED M. VIETMEIER:—I move that we dispense with the roll call of states for nominations for Scrivenoter, and I place in nomination our present Scrivenoter, Mr. James H. Baird. (Applause, followed by the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

CAPTAIN MEGINN:—Mexico, at the end of the world, seconds the nomination.

SUPREME SNARK:—Mr. Baird's nomination has been made and seconded.

MR. VIETMEIER:—I move that the Snark cast the entire vote of the Association here represented for Mr. James H. Baird for the office of Supreme Scrivenoter.

(Motion seconded and unanimously carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—Mr. Baird is again elected to the office of Supreme Scrivenoter. (The yell was again rendered.)

MR. JAMES H. BAIRD:—Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: You will observe that I did not have to be escorted to the position. I am already here, and I think, inasmuch as I was here yesterday and the day before and have been in a similar position for the past twelve or thirteen years, you don't want any speech from me. I will write one out, the best speech I can, after I get home and will print it in the Bulletin. Will not that do? (Applause.)

Election of Jabberwock.

SUPREME SNARK:—The next office for which nominations are in order is Jabberwock.

(The Scrivenoter called the state of Alabama, which yielded in favor of Arkansas.)

MR. A. C. RAMSEY:—Brother Snark and Gentlemen: I hate to get on my feet so much, but I have been yielding all the morning and I refuse to yield longer. Arkansas has a candidate for Jabberwock, a man that we all love, a man that has done more for Hoo-Hoo in the East than any other man I know of; a man that has always worked hard and is still working. It gives me great pleasure to nominate Brother Maurice W. Wiley, of Baltimore, for the office of Jabberwock. (Applause.)

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON:—I move that the nominations for the office of Jabberwock be closed, and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to pass the entire vote of this meeting for Maurice W. Wiley for that office. (Applause.)

(Motion seconded and unanimously carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—I will ask Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Norris to escort Mr. Wiley to the station.

MR. MAURICE W. WILEY:—Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I have heard of the steam roller of Hitchcock and Bryan and of other politicians, but I have never heard of a steam roller in progress in an order like Hoo-Hoo. When it comes to putting a man in office absolutely without his knowledge, it seems a little unusual. I appreciate the honor more than I can express to you, but I feel that it is not so much a personal compliment to me as it is a recognition of the merits of the East and the claim that it might have, even remotely, to an office on the Supreme Nine. I declare that this election is about the most surprising thing that I have ever had occur to me. I have endeavored to espouse the cause of those of my friends who wished positions on the Supreme Nine,

but I do solemnly declare that I had no aspirations for the office, and really feel foolish in taking it. However, I do thank you very much, particularly the very good friends of mine. (Applause.)

Election of Custodian.

SUPREME SNARK:—The next office is that of Custodian.

(Alabama yielded to Indiana.)

MR. JOHN OXFORD:—Indiana extends her thanks to Alabama. We have a candidate, number 1036, a prince of good fellows, Mr. Ransom Griffin. For further remarks I will pass to Illinois.

MR. C. D. ROURKE:—Indiana in passing to Illinois, merely passed so that I could put up a traveling man. I still love to class myself among the travelers. I have known personally Ransom Griffin as long as any man in this section of the country. I met him first when he came to us from Mississippi, a green boy selling yellow pine. There has never been a moment when his soul and heart were not in Hoo-Hoo. If he is elected to the Supreme Nine I am sure that he will give all the time and attention necessary to that office. (Applause.)

SUPREME SCRIVENER:—Any further nominations or any further seconding speeches?

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON:—I move that the nominations be closed and that the Scrivener be instructed to cast the entire vote here represented for Mr. Ransom Griffin for the office of Custodian.

(The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—I will ask Brother English and Brother Maegly to escort Brother Griffin to the Snark's station.

MR. RANSOM GRIFFIN:—Gentlemen, I can't say anything, but I am very thankful. (Applause.)

Election of Arcanoper.

SUPREME SNARK:—Nominations are now in order for the office of Arcanoper.

(Alabama again passed to Arkansas, and the latter yielded to Missouri.)

MR. MAEGLY:—Missouri has a candidate for the office of Arcanoper, a man whom to know is to love, as we have learned to do; a man who has been in Hoo-Hoo from its infancy, who has been acting as Vicegerent in the western district of Missouri for the past two years and who, probably, has done as much during that time for the interests and welfare of Hoo-Hoo as any man in the world. His name is Burt J. Wright, of Kansas City. (Applause.)

MR. W. E. BARNES:—It has always been understood as very desirable to have our officers arranged geographically, as advantageously as possible, as there ought to be some one to look after the various jurisdictions located as conveniently as may be. We have no one in the Southwest. I don't think the Southwest wants anything but Brother Wright on the Supreme Nine. We have a large membership in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and all that section. I have known Brother Wright's work for several years past. He has been one of the most competent and perfect Vicegerents I have ever known. He is systematic. He has held several very successful concatenated sessions, and I am sure the Scrivener's office will show no man his superior.

SUPREME SCRIVENER:—Any further nominations or seconding speeches?

MR. C. D. ROURKE:—I move that the nominations be closed and that the Scrivener be instructed to pass the entire vote represented at this meeting for Mr. Burt J. Wright for the office of Arcanoper.

(The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—I will ask Brother Maegly and Brother Barnes to escort Brother Wright to the Snark's station.

MR. BURT J. WRIGHT:—Gentlemen, as I put in most of my time working and not talking, I am no orator. I will simply say I thank you. (Applause.)

Election of Gurdon.

SUPREME SNARK:—The next and last office is that of Gurdon. Nominations are in order.

(Alabama yielded to Texas.)

MR. W. H. NORRIS:—Texas has a candidate, who is not a Texan. I wish to place in nomination for the office of Gurdon Mr. Robert W. Neighbor, of California.

MR. NEIGHBOR:—Brother Hoo-Hoo, representing California, I appreciate the honor of the nomination, but I desire to withdraw in favor of another well known man in our state. California will appreciate the nomination of Mr. Edward F. Niehaus. (Applause.)

SUPREME SNARK:—If your nominator accepts the substitute, it will be allowed, with pleasure, and will be very satisfactory.

MR. NORRIS:—Yes, I will accept the substitute.

MR. A. H. POTTER:—Brother Snark and Members: I sincerely regret the withdrawal of Bob Neighbor. While I would be very glad to see him on the Supreme Nine, I understand he realizes the situation in California better than any one of us, and he being the only one present from California, I think his wishes ought to be respected. Consequently I move that the nomination of Brother E. F. Niehaus be made unanimous and that the Scrivener pass the entire ballot here represented for Mr. Niehaus for the office of Gurdon. (Applause.)

(Motion seconded and unanimously carried.)

SUPREME SNARK:—That closes the election of officers. Is there any further business to come before this convention?

MR. N. W. CALCUTT (7105):—Brother Snark, I think it would be in order for some gentleman who is a good talker to thank the citizens of Chicago and our Brothers, as well as all the Hoo-Hoo of this state, for their abundant entertainment and hospitality. Let us make this a family reunion and let every man express his sentiments toward the Chicago members and others who have treated us so kindly.

MR. N. A. GLADDING:—In accordance with the sentiments expressed by Brother Calcutt, I move that this Seventeenth Annual, by a rising vote, express its sincere and heartfelt and whole-souled appreciation of the courtesies and the entertainment and hospitality extended us by our Chicago brothers and the Illinois Hoo-Hoo, as well as the citizens of Chicago. Each man knows for himself how he feels, and I trust that my motion will prevail unanimously.

MR. C. D. ROURKE:—There is one thing that we are losing sight of, I fear, in this motion; that is the fact that while the ladies tell me they have been gloriously entertained at every place where we have been, they have no vote here, but we can vote for them. They say they have never been entertained better than they have been entertained here, and that their every wish has been gratified. Let us include them in our vote.

MR. W. E. BARNES:—I think the Committee on Resolutions should draw up formal resolutions expressing the thanks of every one, not only to the individuals, but to Chicago as a whole, and to the Indianapolis and Chicago baseball teams, and also to the firm of E. C. Atkins & Company for the handsome badges that they donated for the use of the members. We have had a bully time and we ought to thank every one heartily and cordially. (Applause.)

(Motion seconded, and being unanimously carried, a rising vote of thanks was tendered in accordance therewith, followed by a rousing three cheers.)

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON:—I now move that the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo now adjourn sine die.

MR. E. B. MARTIN:—I second the motion. (The motion was carried.)

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OSIRIAN CLOISTER

The Annual Assembly of the Osirian Cloister was called to order at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, September 8, in the ninth floor banquet hall of the Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, with W. M. Stephenson, acting Chief Priest, in the chair. The following members were present:

Adams, C. H., Grand Haven, Mich.
Atcock, J. L., Baltimore, Md.
Arend, F. A., Boston, Mass.
Avery, Harvey, New Orleans, La.
Baird, J. H., Nashville, Tenn.
Boggett, E. Stringer, Clarksburg, W. Va.
Bonner, J. S., Houston, Texas.
Brewer, F. C., St. Louis, Mo.
Cone, A. B., Chicago, Ill.
Coolidge, E. R., Chicago, Ill.
Dalbey, E. H., Chicago, Ill.
Darling, N. S., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Delebaugh, E. H., Chicago, Ill.
Delebaugh, J. E., Chicago, Ill.
Doster, Lewis, Nashville, Tenn.
Dye, Charles, Chicago, Ill.
English, R. W., Denver, Col.
Friedlander, Joseph, Alexandria, La.
Fuller, L. E., Chicago, Ill.
Gibson, H. H., Chicago, Ill.
Gladding, N. A., Indianapolis, Ind.
Glore, Charles A., Centralia, Ill.
Gorsuch, H. A., Kansas City, Mo.
Griffin, W. R., Indianapolis, Ind.
Hadley, W. A., Chatham, Ont., Can.
Johnson, B. A., Chicago, Ill.
Judd, J. P., St. Louis, Mo.
Lacey, J. A., New York, N. Y.
Lone, J. L., Chicago, Ill.
Maegly, George H., Kansas City, Mo.
Marris, J. E., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Martin, E. H., Nashville, Tenn.
Meginis, J. E., City of Mexico, Mex.
Moore, T. A., Chicago, Ill.
Neighbor, R. W., San Francisco, Cal.
Norris, W. H., Houston, Texas.
Oppenheimer, J., Chicago, Ill.
Oxenford, John, Indianapolis, Ind.
Payne, J. M., Elkins, W. Va.
Petersen, V. E., Newport, Ark.
Ramsey, A. C., St. Louis, Mo.
Richardson, D. W., Dover, N. C.
Rogers, T. H., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Rourke, C. D., Urbana, Ill.
Sharpe, A. F., Alexandria, La.
Sharp, W. L., Chicago, Ill.
Stephenson, W. M., St. Paul, Minn.
Strong, W. T., New Orleans, La.
Teague, George H., Houston, Texas.
Teel, A. A., Minneapolis, Minn.
Treat, Curt M., Chicago, Ill.
Vietmeier, Ed. M., Sandusky, Ohio.
Walker, Cliff E., Covington, Ky.
Walker, Platt B., Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
Wiley, Maurice W., Baltimore, Md.
Williams, B. F., Victoria, Texas.
Youle, George E., Seattle, Wash.

The Scribe reported the death of the following Osirians during the year:

A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Theodore S. Wilkin, Oshkosh, Wis.
Edw. Kelly, Spokane, Wash.

Owing to the death of Col. A. D. McLeod, there was no address from the Chief Priest. The Scribe read his financial report, as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand September 5, 1907.....	\$ 15 10
Dues collected.....	260 00
Merchandise sold.....	20 10
Banquet assessment—A. C.....	267 00
Thirty-two Initiates September 8, 1907.....	320 00
Seven Initiates September 10, 1907.....	70 00—\$522 20
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Remitted Oxenford October 5, 1907, check No. 4.....	\$78 00
Remitted Oxenford August 26, 1908, check No. 49.....	183 00
Banquet Atlantic City.....	575 00
Refund merchandise.....	5 10
Balance on hand September 5, 1908.....	11 10—\$522 20

This was followed by the report of Treasurer Oxenford, as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance September 7, 1907.....	\$ 90 21
October 9, 1907, check from J. H. Baird, Scribe.....	178 00
August 28, 1908, check from J. H. Baird, Scribe.....	183 00—\$451 21
DISBURSEMENTS.	
February 1, 1908, American Surety Company.....	\$ 5 00
August 29, 1908, J. H. Baird, to cover received invoices of—	
B. H. Stief Jewelry Co.....	\$288 75
Foster, Webb & Parkes.....	27 50
McQuiddy Printing Co.....	3 00—\$319 25—\$131 96
Balance on hand September 8, 1908.....	126 96—\$451 21

The acting Chief Priest appointed a committee, consisting of W. E. Barnes, C. S. Walker and N. A. Gladding, to prepare suitable resolutions in connection with the death of members during the past year and during the year ending September 8, 1907, the committee appointed for the former year not having discharged its duties. The committee submitted the following report, to be embodied in the minutes of this meeting, but was instructed to draw up suitable separate resolutions to be engrossed and sent to the families of the deceased:

WHEREAS, The Osirian Cloister of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo has been called upon to mourn the death of its beloved High Priest of Osiris, A. D. McLeod, and brother members A. H. Weir, C. C. Cutts, Edward Kelly and Theodore Wilkin; and,

WHEREAS, These deceased brothers had been prominent and faithful in advancing the work and best interests of the Cloister; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Cloister, in this its annual session, does hereby express its deep regret at the great loss it has sustained in the death of these worthy members, and extends to the family and friends of each the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the entire membership of the Cloister; and,

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the families of our deceased brothers.

CLIFFORD S. WALKER, *Chmn.*
W. E. BARNES,
N. A. GLADDING, *Committee.*

An Auditing Committee consisting of A. C. Ramsey, C. D. Rourke and W. H. Norris was appointed, to which was referred both the Scribe's and the Treasurer's reports. This committee, at the same session, reported as follows:

We, your committee appointed to audit the books of John Oxenford, Treasurer, and J. H. Baird, Scribe, have examined same and found them correct in all details.

A. C. RAMSEY,
W. H. NORRIS,
C. D. ROURKE, *Committee.*

A committee to make final arrangements for the annual banquet was appointed, consisting of E. Stringer Boggett, John Oxenford and T. A. Moore. This committee discharged its specific duty, making formal report later, the banquet coming off in the evening and proving a notable success.

There being no further routine business to come before the Annual Assembly, the election of officers was taken up and with great harmony resulted in the selection of the following officers for the ensuing year:

High Priest of Ptah—L. E. Fuller, Chicago, Ill.
High Priest of Anubis—A. H. Potter, Portland, Ore.
High Priest of Thoth—J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

High Priest of Hathor—John Oxenford, Indianapolis, Ind.
 High Priest of Osiris—John L. Alcock, Baltimore, Md.
 High Priest of Ra—R. W. Neighbor, San Francisco, Cal.
 High Priest of Isis—T. A. Moore, Chicago, Ill.
 High Priest of Shu—Maurice W. Wiley, Baltimore, Md.
 High Priest of Sed—A. F. Sharpe, Alexandria, La.

The High Priest of Osiris being Chief Priest, it will be observed that the official head of the Osirian Cloister for the ensuing year is Mr. John L. Alcock, of Baltimore. The High Priest of Thoth is Scribe of the Cloister, in the person of Mr. J. H. Baird, of Nashville, and the High Priest of Hathor, Mr. John Oxenford, of Indianapolis, is Treasurer.

No business coming before the Annual Assembly other than to informally discuss arrangements for the banquet of the evening, for the initiatory ceremonies to occur in the afternoon and such other matters of a routine nature, upon motion the Annual Assembly adjourned.

The Initiatory Ceremonies.

At the initiatory ceremonies, held in the afternoon of September 8, seventeen candidates were admitted to the Cloister as follows:

Homer F. Allen, Kansas City, Mo.
 Burt J. Wright, Kansas City, Mo.
 John D. Pease, Cincinnati, Ohio.

M. J. Ragley, Ragley, Texas.
 R. J. Fine, St. Louis, Mo.
 H. H. Furby, Alexandria, La.
 George S. Dennis, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 George H. Winsor, New York, N. Y.
 W. E. Stalnaker, Chicago, Ill.
 B. P. Gorham, Houston, Texas.
 C. H. Stevens, Chicago, Ill.
 Irvine McCauley, Chicago, Ill.
 F. L. Johnson, Jr., Chicago, Ill.
 H. E. Miller, Chicago, Ill.
 G. A. Adams, Ruston, La.
 Thomas J. McCue, Denver, Col.
 Thomas H. McGill, Chicago, Ill.

The following filled the offices of High Priests at the initiatory ceremonies:

High Priest of Osiris—John L. Alcock.
 High Priest of Ptah—C. S. Walker.
 High Priest of Ra—R. W. Neighbor.
 High Priest of Isis—P. B. Walker.
 High Priest of Shu—C. H. Adams.
 High Priest of Thoth—J. H. Baird.
 High Priest of Hathor—John Oxenford.
 High Priest of Sed—Maurice Wiley.
 High Priest of Anubis—A. C. Ramsey.

THE OSIRIAN CLOISTER BANQUET

The Osirian Cloister Banquet was held in the sixth floor banquet hall of the Auditorium Hotel, Tuesday evening, September 8. All the members of the Osirian Cloister who were present at the Annual were in attendance, accompanied by the ladies. Elaborate preparations had been made for the pleasure of the guests, and every detail of the occasion was carried out to perfection.

Menu.		
	Caviar on Toast	
Consomme Banquetiere		Relishes
	Planked Whitefish	
	Cucumbers	
Tenderloin of Beef		Fresh Mushrooms
	French Peas	
Asparagus		Hollandaise
	Sorbet a la Romaine	
	Roast Philadelphia Squab	
Lettuce		Tomatoes
	Biscuit Tortoni	
Cakes	Cheese	Coffee

Mr. N. A. Gladding officiated as toastmaster, and his genial wit and unending store of appropriate anecdotes contributed much to the general hilarity of the occasion.

Toasts.

"English, and Hoo-Hoo, Too"—John L. Alcock.
 "In the Days of Old Rameses"—W. H. Ellis.
 "New Jokes from the Southwest"—Nels Darling.
 "Our Absent Brothers"—W. M. Stephenson.
 "My Adopted Home"—Max Sondheimer.
 "Texas Pollies"—C. A. Lyon.
 "House of Ancients and Hoo-Hoo Archives"—W. E. Barns.

"That Reminds Me"—C. D. Rourke.
 When the end of the menu had been reached and coffee and cheese served, the toastmaster said:

THE TOASTMASTER:—Brother Osirians, ladies and Gentlemen: Once upon a time there was a little girl whose

mother had been teaching her her prayers and one morning, when she had come down stairs, her mother said to her: "Well, daughter, did you say your prayers this morning?" "Yes, ma'am." "What did you say?" "Not my regular prayers." "Well, what prayer did you say?" "I said Bridget's prayer this morning." "Bridget's prayer?" "Does Bridget pray?" "Yes, ma'am." "What did you say?" "I said, 'Oh, Lord, how I hate to get up.'" (Laughter.) I am very much in Bridget's condition to-night, because I hardly feel equal to so magnificent an occasion as this, and yet I could not refrain from rising to thank you and the committee of this Cloister that conferred the honor upon me of acting as toastmaster here to-night. It is always a great pleasure for me to be with you. Oftentimes when I get up to speak I feel like the young fellow who had an impediment in his speech, whom I knew when I lived in Memphis. It was awfully hard for him to talk. He didn't stutter, but he couldn't talk. He went to see the doctor about it. The doctor said, "What is your name?" "Huh—huh—huh?" "Well, that's all right. How old are you?" "Huh—huh—huh—sev—en—teen." "Well," the doctor said, "that's getting along pretty good." "Where do you live?" "Huh—huh—huh—Raleigh." "My goodness," said the doctor, "does it hurt you when you talk that way?" "No—no—" Well, do you talk that way all the time?" "No—on—ly when—I talk." (Laughter.) Now, that is a good deal the way with your toastmaster.

This annual gathering of Hoo-Hoo is enjoyable to all members in many ways, but we are indebted to this branch of the Order, the Osirian Cloister, for the opportunity of having with us, around this festal board, those of whom the poet speaks as "the fairest of God's handiwork." After all the cares of business which rack the brain have been thrown aside, it is to the home, where lovely woman reigns supreme, that man goes for true happiness and comfort. That delightful subject, "Woman, lovely woman," is one that is ever near and dear to us and upon which we are always pleased to listen from those whose tongues

have been lined with silver, for it is only such who can do it justice.

"Man wants but little here below"—
 I say this but in jest,—
 Man gets but little here below
 And woman gets the rest—

and the men are all glad of it. Prove it by any bachelor in the house.

But joking aside, it is a great pleasure, brothers, and Sister Osirians, to welcome you most heartily in behalf of the Cloister to this banquet table and to offer a toast to your "Health, Happiness and Long Life," and trust that you may always be with us.

And next to those brothers, those novices in the Cloister who to-day delved more deeply into the mysteries of Ancient Egypt, I also extend the Cloister's welcome, in the hope that you may always work for the glory and upbuilding of the Cloister, remembering things you learned during your travels to-day in the land of the Pharaohs. What a great thing this yearly meeting is to cheer us up and give us courage to go forward with life's duties. It is good to come together at these banquets. It helps us to look at the doughnut, as the optimist does, and not at the hole, as does the pessimist. There was an Israelite up before a justice of the peace one day for some felony. The justice said, "What's your name?" "Ikey Cohen." "How old are you?" "Thirty-run." "Married or single?" "Married." "Yes," he said, "business?" "Rotten." (Laughter.) Well, we forget those things tonight about business being rotten. The fact is this is a good deal better world than most people think it is. Upon such an occasion as this we can forget our troubles.

This World Looks Good to Me.

This world looks good to me
 Some folks they jes' keep rantin' round,
 I reckon that's their way—
 A findin' fault with everything,
 A "knocker" in life's fray;
 They'd like to change sun, moon and stars—
 There's nothin' right, you see;
 This world, they say, is all-fired bad,
 But—it looks—good to me!

The weather, too, they give a roast;
 Too hot, too cold, too dry;
 The rain's too wet—there's too much dust;
 The mud is ankle high.
 In fact there's nothin' 'neath the skies
 That's absolutely free
 From jests and sneers in this old world,
 But—it looks—good to me!

"The simple life for me," some cry,
 While others say instead
 "Jes' let us go the limit now,
 We'll be a long time dead."
 A six-months' trial is what some want
 Of matrimonial glee;
 Some think the world's a great misfit,
 But—it looks—good to me!

How oft we get the same old dope
 About our world of sorrow,
 Of care and woe where'er we go
 And troubles that we borrow!
 But now I want to say right here,
 In all sincerity,
 This world's the best I've ever seen
 And looks darn good to me!

But I have no desire or intention to take up the evening with my remarks. The Cloister presents, as you will see from the menu card, an array of eloquent and enter-

taining speakers, to whom I know you are impatient to listen. The first toast on the program is "English and Hoo-Hoo, Too." Did you ever stop to think of it? You know some people say Hoo-Hoo is a joke. Now, it is all a mistake to say that an Englishman doesn't understand a joke, because the first speaker on the programme has the honor of having been born in Great Britain, and therefore he is an Englishman and proud of it. He told me one of the best English stories to-night that I ever heard. It was about an Englishman who went hunting with a couple of Americans in the Philippines, just after the Spanco-American war, and they were near a Negoroto village. The chief came in smoking a pipe. There was a big kettle of water boiling over a fire. Pretty soon the dog catcher came along with a couple of canines, and, to make a long story short, presently they had some dog stew to offer for supper. The Americans looked at each other and then the Englishman looked at them. The Americans took a little and then the Englishman took some. One of the Americans said, "Bill, how did you like it?" "A-one, A-one." Tom, how did you like it?" "K-nine, K-nine." About two weeks later the Americans were still hunting in the Philippines and they saw Mr. Englishman lying over a log one day, convulsed with laughter. One of them said, "Why don't you get up from there?" Finally they got out of him what was the matter—that canine business. About three months later he was at a dinner party in England one night and told his experiences around the world and he told this incident. He said, "There we were and one of my American friends said to Bill, 'How did you like it?' 'A-one.' Then one of them said, 'Tom, how did you like it?' 'Number nine—number nine.' Whereupon nobody smiled; then he said, 'Now, I'll tell you—you can't laugh for about a week or two weeks. It took me that long to see it.' But that is all a mistake, and I have great pleasure in presenting to you, as the first speaker of this evening, a gentleman who has won the heart of every Hoo-Hoo with whom he has come in contact, because of his quiet dignity and his splendid character; his sterling manhood, together with good fellowship, all of which make for happiness and long life in Hoo-Hoo land. Mr. John Alcock, of Baltimore. (Applause.)

Mr. Alcock then spoke as follows:

Mr. Alcock's Speech.

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Fellow Osirians: It would be rather difficult for me to dispute all the words of our worthy toastmaster, even if I desired. Since we are in Chicago and knowing that he is an authority on wind, we will just let it go at that. (Applause.) A few days ago, when I was sitting at luncheon in Baltimore, my attention was arrested by a remark, "Did you ever know an Englishman that wasn't a braggart?" I looked up and at an adjoining table there were three men engaged in conversation over business matters while luncheon. Number 2 responded and said, "What makes you think so?" "Well, didn't you hear Bannerman this morning when he was reading that paper? He is an Englishman, and so and so, who gave a lecture yesterday, is an Englishman. Finally No. 3 jumped in with a remark to No. 1, "Isn't your father an Englishman?" "Yes." "Well, I want to say I know your father and since I met your father I don't believe I have met a finer man." You may be sure I got up from that table without any sign of indigestion when I departed. It is sometimes thought that Englishmen lack a sense of humor and are cold hearted. We have in Baltimore an English society formed by Baltimore men some years ago to aid Englishmen in distress who may be passing through the city. I had the

honor of serving them as their president for two years, and in looking over the list of the members I was struck with the peculiar names, and upon investigation I found that our society, although English, contained fifteen per cent Canadians, twenty per cent Americans, five per cent Bermudans, and the remainder was distributed among the Irish, Welsh and English. I have always counted it a great honor to have been born in England, and I regard it a great honor to be classed among the British, or those who originate from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

I think the British nation, as a rule, can be compared in many respects with the American nation. The timber trade, particularly, in which many of us in our Order are interested, is a good example. In England many men, following traditions, go along in certain well-beaten paths; more so in England than here, simply for the reason that the avenues for progress and advantages enabling men to rise and progress are more plentiful in America; but all in all, I think the British people may be compared in many respects favorably with those of this great republic. Of course, I class myself an American, because I am one, although I think an American must be born. He must grow up in bewilderment and wonder at the Fourth of July and glory in a Thanksgiving Day festival, when he can eat turkey and pumpkin pie.

Your toastmaster has said that Hoo-Hoo is no joke. I don't think it is. Baltimore is so situated that a great many people from the other side when here stop at Baltimore on their return journey, and naturally I meet a good many of them. Usually I pop the question, "Well, did you join Hoo-Hoo?" "Yes, I went in at St. Louis. But the tabasco was hot!" "Oh, maybe a little bit. You mustn't mind that." And when he got home he would be willing to take in some of his friends. Another gentleman was introduced into the Order at Memphis. He said to me, "Oh, I would like to get that duffer." I said, "Never mind, you may get him some day. You must not mind that." Another man said he had made up his mind that he would withstand anything they could do to him, and he went right through. That raised the question in my mind, "Is Hoo-Hoo a joke?" Do we sometimes look upon the Englishman as a man with a chip on both shoulders and one on his head, all to be knocked off?

The question has been asked several times, "Why doesn't Hoo-Hoo make greater progress in England?" I can't answer that question. I have been there several times in the last few years and there has never seemed any desire to spread Hoo-Hoo there; but really I think some of the young men who have come over here must have had some of that tabasco experience that I was told about. However, I want to say that I do think Hoo-Hoo has a hidden charm which, so far, has been revealed only to us Americans, and I have no doubt that the Englishman, after he sees his own joke, will be able to see a little American joke, minus the tabasco and some other things, and I think they will grasp Hoo-Hoo with outstretched arms and that the Order will spread throughout that country as have many other good things they possess and which have come from America. I am sure that as far as the Britisher is concerned, he would not hesitate to endorse and embrace any part of Hoo-Hoo which is rightly given to him, as is the conception in the ritual of our work. With the spreading of Hoo-Hoo in England I am sure that the old title of "Cousin Jonathan" and "John Bull" will be expelled and it will be "Brother Jonathan" and "Brother John Bull," and I think the time will soon come when Hoo-Hoo will spread enthusiastically throughout the British Isles, as it has during the past few years in America. (Applause.)

THE TOASTMASTER:—I think I can express the sen-

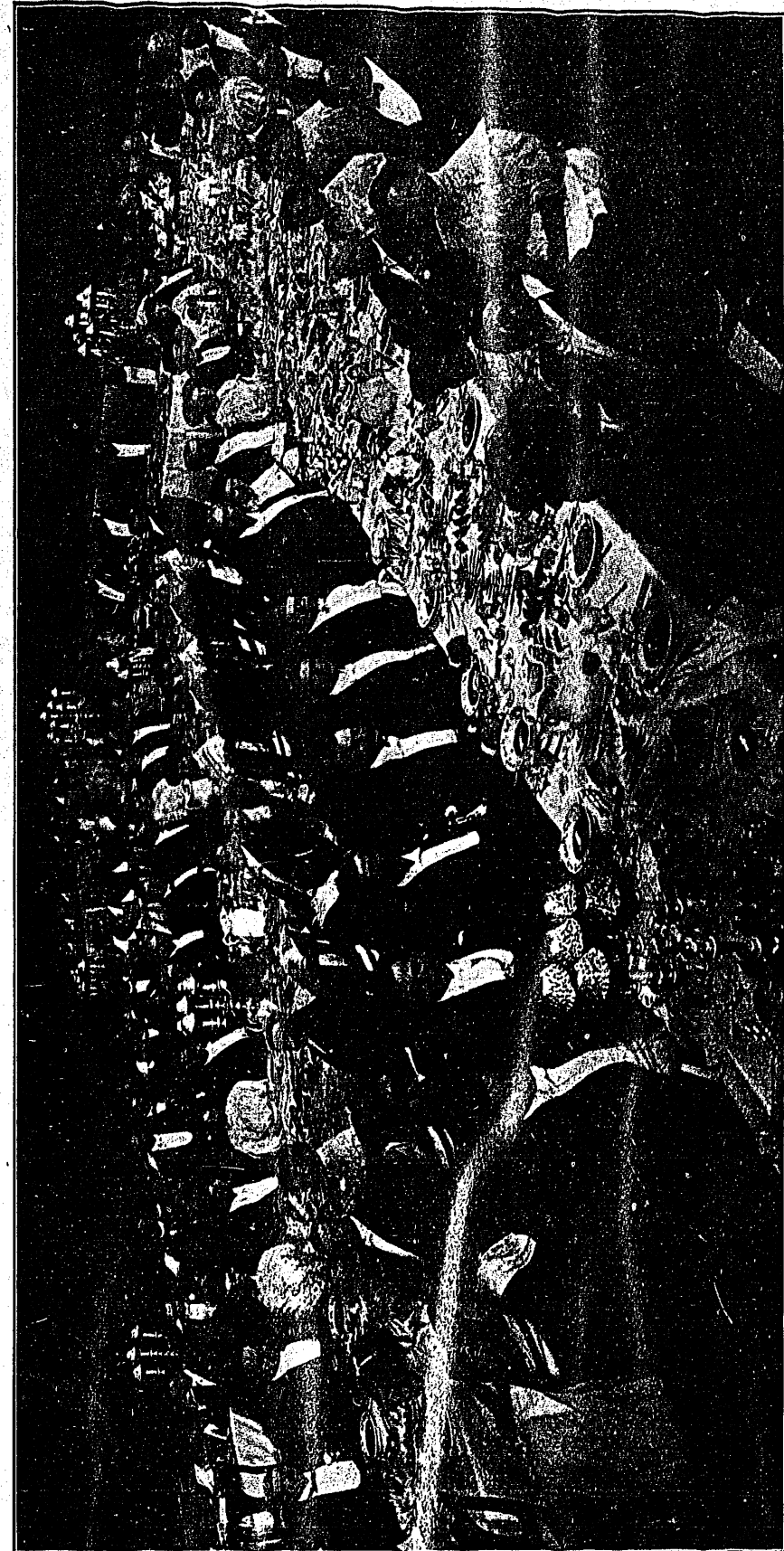
timent of this assemblage by saying to Brother Alcock that Hoo-Hoo will do all it can to extend that fellowship across the seas to the British brethren. Brother Alcock threw a few hot shot at me, by inferring that I was blowing a little hot air. That reminds me of a story of the old darkey deacon who invited the preacher to his house one night. He said, "Brother parson, I want you to sit down there and eat some of the finest turkey you ever had in your life." The preacher sat down and began to eat. Presently he said, "Deacon, did you say this was tame turkey?" "Sure it is." "I think you must be mistaken." "Why, parson, what makes you think that? Don't you think I know what kind of turkey I got on my table?" "This is wild turkey, because I done got my mouth full of shot." "That ain't no wild turkey, though; them is the shot what was meant for me." (Laughter.) The next toast on the program is entitled, "In the Days of Old Rameses," which was to have been responded to by Brother W. H. Ellis. I understand he is not here; consequently I have taken the liberty of inviting Brother Cliff S. Walker, of Cincinnati, to respond in his place. And now I want to say confidentially, so that Mr. Walker will not hear me, that I don't know but that it is a good thing that Mr. Ellis is not here, and I will tell you why. You know those Rameses fellows lived a good many thousand years ago, and Brother Cliff over here was an old schoolmate and partner of old Ram the Third, and afterwards he was made Secretary of State of Ram the Third's dynasty. You know they were great friends; great pals. One day they were walking along the banks of the Nile, talking things over, watching the slaves working; and you may not think it, but they had the Irish brogue in those days, the Rams and all those fellows. Ram said to Brother Walker, "Do you know, Cliff, these be wonderful times we are living in now. Gracious alive, you know they be sending messages without any wires or poles," and the Secretary said to Rameses, "Sure, that is true, and if they keep on improving things as they are now, we will soon be having home without traveling at all." Now, I would tell you more about it myself, but in view of the fact that we have with us the Secretary of State of Rameses the Third, I will allow him to tell you all about it. Mr. Cliff S. Walker. (Applause.)

Mr. Cliff Walker in Eloquent Strain.

Mr. Walker responded as follows:

Ladies, Mr. Toastmaster and the remainder of the assemblage: I don't suppose an innocent man ever received such a roast of an introduction as that. I don't see what I have done that Brother Gladding should confer all that on me, because when he knows how distinctly I have recognized improvement in so many men in this great Order and have failed to recognize any improvement along the lines of truth in him, he should hesitate about it. When he first joined this Order, Brother Gladding was not a poet. Nor is he truthful in telling how aged I am. Now, ladies, I assure you I am not as old as I look—not nearly. I have been called upon to take the place of the ablest singer in Hoo-Hoo land. It is a job that is hard enough without any introduction; I was willing to carry the burden as best I could, but Brother Ellis is noted for the beautiful tone of his voice and flowing language, and I have none of it. I am neither such a poet as Brother Gladding, such an orator as Brother Barns, nor such a wonder as Brother Ellis. But I will do the best I can on short notice.

I assure you, in the time of old Rameses, for whom I was supposed to have been Secretary of State—and I am sorry I have not got the job now—at every feast such as this, they placed a skeleton at the head of the table to remind all those assembled of the nearness and the suddenness of death and the seriousness of life. I will let



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Brother Gladding represent the skeleton, and while I may occasionally drop into something that is solemn (because I cannot help it, for when I realize the number of our friends who have departed, a feeling of sadness comes over me), I do not mean to have the skeleton rule the feast. My first meeting with the Rameses of Hoo-Hoo was at Cincinnati, back in the days when we met in a grove and the feast was beer and hamburger, and we drank from a bottle. We had gay times in those days, and Rameses appeared in the presence of a large and healthy and powerful black cat, and the brethren who met him in those days have never forgotten him. But we have undergone a change since then. At that time Jim Desebaugh and a lot of bandits swept down on Cincinnati and coaxed some of us Ohioans and Kentuckians in and made our lives miserable. On that occasion Mr. A. D. McLeod, the late High Priest of the Osirian Cloister, was initiated with me; and pardon me if I pay one little tribute to his memory to-night, because the ladies particularly must remember him. Everybody in this Order remembers of him with love and kindness, and you will recollect his beautiful flow of language; his beautiful silver hair, as white as his heart; a man with whom we could all be proud to associate; a man who had the good of his fellowmen at heart, and those who have heard him talk must remember that at no time when he arose in these meetings did he fail to plead comradeship and fellowship amongst us; and that is the basis of all humanity and true civilization. A. D. McLeod was a man above all reproach; a man who held his personal honor as white as an angel's wing. Remember him a moment, and always if you can, because he was a model of real goodness; a man who held his honor above personal gain and never sought the sordid dollar at the expense of that which is good and right. Pardon me for this, but for twenty years I loved him as an associate. He had an easy death. He said, "The tragedy is ended," and then died. He suffered no pain.

The organization of the Osirian Cloister came about in an odd way, I believe, and I make the claim—it may be unfounded—but it seems to me I was one of the first to see the necessity and desirability of having the ladies join us in our entertainment. It had a tendency to raise the tone of the Order, because we had been going around to banquets with our hair unperturbed, with coats off, and were traveling along with too little conventionality, and I suggested that a little conventionality would be the balance-wheel; that we needed the ladies to help us out. This was published in The Bulletin, and my friend, Jim Lane, came out with a suggestion that we didn't need any silk stockings, etc. Now you can see that Jim Lane has become white-haired over it and has suffered his punishment. The Osirian Cloister was first organized in Detroit, where I had the pleasure of being one of the organizing class, and undertook to initiate the members of Hoo-Hoo. As I remember they initiated the class, but we never went through with the exercises, because there were only six or seven of us, and there were too many on the other side. But I believe this is the backbone of the Order. To my mind it is such meetings as this, where all selfishness is swept aside, that we must look to the real advancement of the human race, where men can get together in comradeship, outside of the selfish lines of business, where the best parts of our nature are brought forward, and no one leaves a meeting of this kind who does not feel better. It is such organizations as this, I believe, that will bring about the regeneration of the human race, more than all the restrictive laws that can be enacted. I have done the best I could, ladies and gentlemen, and an angel could do no more. (Applause.)

THE TOASTMASTER:—I am sure you will all agree

with me that Brother Walker acted the part of the angel in every good style and did so beautifully. Now, in keeping with some of the remarks Brother Walker made, I propose a silent toast to our departed Chief Priest, Col. A. D. McLeod.

(All those present then rose and drank a silent toast to the memory of Col. McLeod.)

THE TOASTMASTER:—The next number on the program is "New Jokes from the Southwest," by Brother Nelson Darling, of Oklahoma City, and here again I have to announce our disappointment. We have not Brother Darling with us. But we are very fortunate in this Order in having politicians from more than one part of the country, politicians and orators, men who are ready and willing to fill the places of others and who can do it admirably. Therefore, I will transpose this subject a little, and instead of having "New Jokes from the Southwest," we will make it "Old Jokes from the Northwest," and I will now introduce to you that famous politician and noted gentleman from the Northwest—Minneapolis, Minn.—Mr. Platt B. Walker, no relation to the other Walker, I believe. However, if he is, it is all right. (Applause.)

Mr. Platt Walker as a Substitute.

Mr. Platt B. Walker then addressed the audience and said:

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Brother Osirians: At the last three banquets I have been utilized to respond to some toast, usually at the last minute. I seem to me that, at least, ought to entitle me to a vacation on this occasion. But evidently our illustrious toastmaster thinks I am like the Irishman in the story of an alleged haunted house. According to this little fable the owner of the house, with a \$10 bill, prevailed upon the Hibernian to agree to stay in the premises all night, utilizing the couch for a bed. Tim was chuckling over easy money and was sound asleep. Along about midnight he woke up with a chill and fear penetrated his very marrow. Suddenly he saw approaching him a horrible apparition. He jumped through the window, taking the sash with him, and sped down the lane at breakneck speed. He sat down on a log and tried to recuperate, but when he looked up he saw the apparition appearing there. "Well," said the ghost, "we were going some, weren't we, Tim?" "Yes, we were going some, and when I get my breath I am going some more." You may realize that I have not had time to get my breath since our worthy toastmaster announced that I would try to entertain you. Seriously speaking, I am sorry that the distinguished gentleman, Mr. Darling, is not here. Many of us who had such a pleasant time at Oklahoma remember him as a prince of good fellows and an entertainer of world-wide reputation. Also we miss a treat in not being able to hear Mr. Will Ellis. Those two gentlemen, with your humble servant, were delegated to prepare the ritual which many of you this afternoon witnessed. It certainly is, in many respects, a gem. While an illustrious member of the Walker family was assigned to Rameses, and spoke a little on the past of the Cloister, I will weary you a little more, possibly. As you all know—but it may be information to the ladies—the Osirian Cloister is a higher degree of Hoo-Hoo. When we are initiated into the Osirian Cloister we are supposed, theoretically, to impersonate those high priests who served so important a part in the dawn of civilization in that land which was really the cradle of early humanity, and I have spent many happy hours over this ancient Egyptian lore. Few were given the wisdom of those early days. Most of the people were kept in ignorance because of superstition. Modern discoveries from ancient tombs disclose the fact that a high degree of

civilization existed in that ancient land, and that the arts and sciences were brought to a wonderful height of perfection at a period which antedated by perhaps 30,000 years the advent of our Blessed Savior; that these high priests were able to solve many of the secrets of nature of which we are still ignorant; that they had command of things more or less supernatural, as is claimed by many historians, and it is to be regretted that the ravages of war and conquest have so nearly obliterated the records they left to piece together the tangled threads and remnants of the mysteries which surround these high priests whom we attempt to emulate and who lived so many years ago on the banks of the Nile. The crowning event in the affairs of the Osirian Cloister is our banquet. The ladies are our guests of honor, and to their presence more than to anything else is due the unqualified success of these social affairs. These gatherings remind us of many bygone days. On memory's walls are many pictures of happy gatherings. We have met in Detroit, Cleveland, Denver, Dallas, Norfolk, Buffalo, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Portland, Atlantic City, and, last but not least, in dear old Chicago. Each of these places furnishes a negative for pictures that we are not soon to forget. To the old guard who year after year gather within our Cloister walls there is mingled with our pleasure a tinge of sadness, for with all the new friends we so dearly prize, we still long for the faces of those dear old comrades of the early days. As has been said here, many of them have gone to the great beyond, and, for all we know, have pierced that great mystery that has baffled all humanity from the early dawn of life in old Egypt down to the present time. Mr. Toastmaster, I will not apologize for this rather serious tone and tinge, but I haven't any new stories, and you will have to excuse me. (Applause.)

THE TOASTMASTER:—Your toastmaster is fortunate to-night in not having to introduce strangers. As a matter of fact, these gentlemen are well known to each of you, so that they need no encomiums or introductions. Each one is specially fitted to the subject assigned him, and this is particularly true of the next speaker. There is no one among us whose heart is larger and who is more enthusiastic in the work of the Cloister. He will tell us of our absent brothers. I suppose that has something to do with loneliness—absence generally does. I imagine some of you good sisters could speak on that subject, too. There was a young preacher up in St. Paul not long ago who got into a serious mood and was picturing in glowing words the selfishness of men who spend their evenings at the club or at Hoo-Hoo meetings—with one eye on Bill Stephenson while he spoke. "Think," says he, "think, my hearers, of a poor neglected wife, all alone in the great dreary house, rocking the cradle of her sleeping babe with one foot and wiping away her tears with the other." (Laughter.) Now, you see, there is someone else to be considered in this matter beside the men. I take pleasure in introducing to you the next speaker, Mr. W. M. Stephenson. (Applause.)

Mr. Stephenson Remembers the Absent.

MR. STEPHENSON said: Mr. Toastmaster, ladies and gentlemen, you have heard the old saw from Minneapolis; we have had the pleasure of hearing from the English; then from the Secretary of State of Rameses the Third, and then they picked up a poor alderman, and I am to follow that. (Laughter.)

It is well that we pause for a moment in the midst of our pleasures to remember our absent brothers. I have always thought that we should recall to mind, at our annual banquets, those who are absent, the living and the dead. Each Osirian calling back to memory the many brothers

who in the past have labored with us in the Hall of the two Truths, but now absent. Remembrance and gratitude are the sweetest, most beautiful flowers that bloom in the garden of the human heart, and we should, indeed, be ungrateful did we not stop and call to mind our brothers who are absent to-night, and especially those who will never return, but who have left with us so many beautiful lessons of brotherly love and examples of sterling manhood. It is not my intention to refer to the different ones who have crossed the river, but I would not be true to myself nor to the Osirian Cloister did I not refer to our late Chief Priest and brother, Col. A. D. McLeod. My recollections of him will always be a sweet memory. His was a grateful nature, and never did he forget the fact that friendship was a cadence of divine melody running through every manly heart. Of him it can be said, "He loved his fellowman." It was Campbell who said, "To live in the hearts we leave behind, is not to die." Col. McLeod will live in the hearts of all Osirians, and the memory of his friendship will be an inspiration to us all. To those brothers who are in the land of the living, but who are absent to-night, we also owe remembrance, and sincerely wish them Godspeed and trust they are well and prosperous.

"On memory's spotless tablets
Their virtues, in love, we write;
While shifting sands of forgetfulness
Bear all their faults from sight.
Tossing in pain or illness,
Roaming in distant lands,
When we gather in annual banquet
In spirit we grasp their hands."

I ask all Osirians to join me in the toast, "To the dead, eternal rest and peace. To the living, Health, Happiness and Long Life. I thank you. (Applause.)

THE TOASTMASTER:—To show you how fortunate we are, brothers and sisters, in filling another gap, we had on the program this evening Mr. Max Sondheimer to respond to the toast, "My Adopted Home." Of course it does not always happen that when one who is down to respond to such a toast is absent that you can immediately pick up another eloquent speaker who has also been transplanted; but we have with us to-night a gentleman who has been transplanted three times; originally a Missourian, then an Illinoisan, then a Minnesotan, he took another long jaunt and landed in the capital of Mexico. I refer to the Honorable Captain J. E. Moginn. When Captain Moginn first went down there he heard there was more or less trouble with malaria, and someone told him he had better take a little quinine. He went to a drug store and the clerk said, "Wrap it up for you." The Captain replied: "What do you expect me to do, roll it home?" I was down in Mexico not long ago, admiring the beautiful horses and carriages, and I saw an undertaking shop run by an American. I said, "My dear fellow, what are you doing selling coffins down here? I didn't know anybody ever died down here." He said, "I'll tell you, brother, I came down here because I thought this would be a good place to sell coffins, but I found nobody died, and then I thought I would go into the grocery business, but found nobody wanted coffins where they bought groceries; then I went into the drug business and nobody wanted coffins where they bought drugs. So I went into the sewing machine business, and if you will read my sign you will see it says, 'Undertaker and agent for the New Home.'" (Laughter.) I now have great pleasure in introducing Capt. Moginn.

Springs a Mexican Gamble on the Ladies.

CAPT. J. E. MEGINN—Most worthy toastmaster, ladies and brothers of the Osirian Cloister: I don't know why I should be called upon to respond to the toast, "My Adopted Home." Look at me; do I look like Max Sondheimer? Does anybody here take me for Max Sondheimer? Not that I don't think a whole lot of Max, for I think he has a tongue that would sell anything on earth. Upon looking around the hall I see a good many faces that are familiar. Some of you gentlemen have a little tinge of gray in your hair. When I joined the Cloister I was in Milwaukee. I believe through the kindness of our friend, Platt B. Walker. I was then roped in to speak a few words about the country where I live; but let me say now that I don't think anyone here could expect me to follow such artists as the toastmaster, the two Walkers and Mr. Stephenson. I won't try it. I will, in a few words, try to give you a brief description of my country. I suppose a great many of you have been there.

In the first place, I live in one of the nicest cities in the world. Every merchant, every lumber yard—every one in that city who owns anything is compelled at 10 o'clock in the morning to sprinkle in front of his house, the sidewalks and gutters, sweep them clean to the middle of the street; then the city carts come around and take up the refuse. We have 4,776 policemen; one on every crossing in the city. As a matter of fact, they don't talk English, and you must learn Spanish when you get there. I can say that we have there one of the nicest, cleanest, best lighted and best policed cities in the world. The impression is that Mexico City is very warm. It never gets 80 in the shade and never gets to 40 in the winter. I have lived there fifteen years, and the highest I have ever seen the thermometer in the shade was 79 degrees. We have no chimneys on the houses. We have a fireplace in some of the houses, but when we get cool, we put on more clothes. In my front yard I can pick a rose any morning of the year, and we have strawberries, lettuce, cauliflower and everything brought to our door every morning, summer and winter. After 11 o'clock at night an overcoat is very comfortable. You can sleep under a blanket and a sheet every night in the year. We are a quarter of a mile higher than Denver; we are on an elevation of 9,700 feet. We have within twenty-seven miles of us two mountains, Popocatepetl and Pico de Orizaba. They have about two miles of snow on them. In the evening the cool air descends into the valleys and cools off the atmosphere. From the 15th of June to the 15th of October we have a rainstorm or tropical shower every day; that generally happens between 2 and 6 o'clock every afternoon. It doesn't simply rain—what happens is like the upsetting of the lake on you for ten minutes, and then it is over for the day.

I believe I am one of the oldest Hoo-Hoo of the Order. My number is 33. Three times three is nine, so I am nine. I have heard them talking about the Osirian Cloister. I believe there are a few here who helped organize the Order. We had our ladies with us in New Orleans and we took a trip down the river and had a nice time. I am sorry I can't tell you as many anecdotes as our toastmaster, but he has loaded himself. I am fond of children and I was admiring a little six-year-old boy in Cleveland the other day. His mother told me a little story about him. She said last spring he went from Cincinnati to Chattanooga to spend a couple of months with his aunt, and she, thinking she would interest him in something, said, "Bobby, if you will take the sprinkler and sprinkle the flowers around the house every morning, I will give you a cent a day." That struck him all right; it meant

chewing gum, anyhow. He sprinkled for ten or eleven days. One morning there was rain and she said, "You don't need to sprinkle this morning, Bobby," and it rained every day for six or seven days." He came in one day and said, "Auntie, is God good?" She said, "Robbie, yes. Why do you ask?" "Well, he ain't treating me quite right, is he?" "Why, what is it, Robbie?" He said, "It is raining every day and I am losing a cent a day." She said, "Robbie, don't you remember when we went North you saw the beautiful golden wheat in the fields? That could not be sprinkled, therefore God let this rain come so the wheat would grow." He said, "That is all right, but he is not giving me a fair chance." That is the way I feel about this to-night, that I am not getting a fair chance. I don't have a chance to see you folks often. How many of you ladies were at Milwaukee, at the Osirian Cloister? (Five of the ladies raised their hands.) You remember when I went to Milwaukee, I was prepared. I brought from Mexico two pieces of drawnwork. We have some very fine work done down there. Everybody knows that we are a gambling country. I am kind of tinged that way myself, and I took little pieces of paper and made little ballots, marking them 2, 3, 4 and so on, and number 33, I think, got the handkerchief. I believe Mrs. English got one and Miss Baird won the other. Now I am going to make a little proposition to-night. Don't think, you young ladies who are not married, that you won't have a chance, and you ladies who are married don't look cross-eyed. I will send around some pieces of paper and you can mark on them the name of a piece of wearing apparel that is very popular. I will give the name of it to Mr. Gladding, the toastmaster, and I will send to the ladies who guess what it is the handsomest handkerchiefs made in Mexico. I think that will interest the ladies more than all the speeches we could make. Thanking you all for your kindness, although I live a good many miles away, and cannot come here very often, I bid you good night.

THE TOASTMASTER:—With your kind permission we will omit the next toast on account of the fact that Mr. Lyon has not appeared. We regret that, because Texas is a great State. They used to say, "It is a good place for men, but a bad place for women and mules," but that day is past. Now, because the next toast refers to the House of Ancients and the Hoo-Hoo archives, I don't want you to think you are to listen to an old man or to anything that is stale or mouldy. On the other hand, it is a great pleasure to introduce to you the youngest man in the Order who keeps his archives or his bee-hives, or anything else that he has charge of, up to date, if not a little ahead. In other words, whatever old clothes or old hats, photographs or furniture or any other old thing you have on hand, that Mr. or Mrs. or Miss Hoo-Hoo has ever worn or used, send it to the keeper of the archives and label it, "Once worn by a member of a Hoo-Hoo family," and it will go into the archives and you will save storage charges, if you want to hand it down as an heirloom to future generations. An old gentleman was going down Broadway the other day and saw a photograph of Mephisto in a photographer's window. He went in and said to the photographer, "I would like to have me picture took, and also that of me brother." "Where is your brother?" "He is in Ireland." "But I can't take his picture unless he is here." "Yes, you can. You have the devil in the window, and you must have gone to h—l to take it." I now have pleasure in introducing to you Mr. W. E. Barns, of St. Louis.

Mr. Barns Tells of the Archives.

Mr. W. E. Barns responded as follows:
Ladies and Brother Osirians: When I received notice that I was to speak to-night, I was up in Northern Michi-

gan attempting to learn to run a gasoline engine on a motor boat. I don't know whether you have ever tried to run a gasoline engine. The day that this boat arrived a doctor of divinity came to me and said, "I bought one of those boats last year, but I have been laboring under a difficulty." He said, "I can't sufficiently express my feelings toward that engine without being churchy." He said, "The first thing you want to learn about an engine is that it is like a woman; it is very sensitive." "Well, I didn't know what he meant by saying that a gasoline engine was a very sensitive article. I worked with that engine for some time and I found that I was able to express my feelings toward the engine in a way that didn't commend itself to the feminine part of my family. They were not pleased with the remarks I made, but I did find that that engine was a good thing as long as you let it alone. If some expert who, presumably, knew all about gas engines undertook to run it, I found it would not work at all, but if you would let it alone awhile it would come to and go along just as fine as anything in the world. I suppose some of my fellow Osirians thought a while ago that they understood womankind. I think the older a man gets the more he is convinced that he doesn't know much about them; that when a man flatters himself that he understands them, just at that time he is a candidate for an asylum. I don't know that that has anything to do with the House of Hoo-Hoo or the House of Ancients, but I do want to call your attention to this department in all seriousness. Very early in the history of the Order, on the day after it was organized, I commenced to gather together a history of the Order. I have before me here the minutes of the very first meeting that was ever held, that was put on the typewriter the morning of the first meeting of Hoo-Hoo, and I am going to read you a little bit of it.

(Mr. Barns then read as follows:)

"The first meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo was held in Hotel Hall, Gurdon, Ark., at nine minutes past three on Jan. 21, 1892. Junior Hoo-Hoo B. A. Johnson, of Chicago, was in the chair.

The first questions were as to those eligible to membership, and the badge and the initiation fee. The following is the result:

"The only men eligible to membership are the camp followers of the lumber trade, the newspaper men who report lumber conventions, the men selling belting, saw mill machinery and saw mill supplies, men identified with the freight departments of railroads, and lumbermen who have been officers in one of the numerous lumber organizations."

The badge of the Order is to be a black cat, embossed on a white button. The initiation fee, \$9.99; time of meeting, nine o'clock on the ninth day of the ninth month. Bald-headed men with nine hairs in the forelock are preferred as members."

Nine officers will represent the nine lives of the cat. There were present at the meeting:

W. E. Barns, St. Louis.

William S. Mitchell, Little Rock, Ark.

George W. Schwarz, St. Louis, Mo.

A. Strauss, Malvern, Ark.

George K. Smith, St. Louis, Mo.

B. A. Johnson, Chicago.

The following were elected members:

Charles H. McCarer, Chicago, Ill.

Robert Emmet Kelly, Beaumont, Tex.

Thomas K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.

Election of officers was held with results as follows:

Charles H. McCarer, Buck Cat and Senior High Hoo-Hoo.

B. A. Johnson, Vice President and Junior High Hoo-Hoo.

George K. Smith, Secretary.

W. E. Barns, Treasurer.

The remaining five officers will be elected at the meeting to be held at New Orleans, Feb. 17, 18 and 19, where all secrets of the Order will be imparted to those not yet initiated.

A constitution and by-laws is to be prepared by Junior Hoo-Hoo Johnson, and the Secretary will submit the designs of the chosen badge of the Order. The constitution and by-laws are to be inscribed on the pages of a wooden book, made of thin wooden leaves and bound in cats' fur and tied with catgut. A biographical sketch of the life of each member must accompany the application for membership, and a complete record will be kept.

I have in St. Louis about forty volumes similar to this in which we have practically everything that relates to the Order that has appeared in print. We have, as nearly as we could secure them, all of the badges on which the Black Cat has appeared, and I think there is something like 400 in this collection. We have all of the banners and photographs. We have one room devoted to nothing else but the archives of this Order. You, as members of the Order, can assist in this work by sending, whenever you see anything in any newspaper or in print, whenever you see a black cat on any trade mark or on a letterhead or literature and send it to us. This may appear frivolous work, yet I don't think it is. I think the time will come when all of us will be glad to refer to this complete record and to have it with us.

Hoo-Hoo have, in my opinion, more to do with the bringing together of the lumber trade in the United States than any other one influence, and we should preserve anything that bears upon the Order. These things are kept carefully, and I want your assistance in securing this material.

I am certainly very glad to be here to-night and to refer to the first history of this Order. As a matter of fact, when you come down to it, the Osirian Cloister grew out of what was known formerly as the Chamber of Horrors. That was the name given to it by Jim Lane, I think, in Kansas City many years ago. It has grown from a chamber of horrors to what we have here to-night, a delightful assemblage of ladies and gentlemen who have the interest of this Order at heart; those who look to its upbuilding and to its betterment and its growth in dignity. I remember the time when a meeting of Hoo-Hoo in any town called notice to the police to double their force and for the people to tie up everything that was loose, and also that the saloons should put out signs that the visitors were welcome. In Chicago now I have not noticed anything of that sort. The newspapers have very dignified notices of this Order, and while we are somewhat unconventional in our practices and notions, it is unconventionality that does not mean change in the order of things. We have grown into an order of 18,000 or 20,000 members scattered all over the world, and such an order is entitled to some consideration. This Order has given rise to many others of a similar nature. The electricians have the Sons of Jove, and I have been told by those who have gone through their initiations that our initiation is very mild in comparison, and that when they turn on the electricity they have some lively doings. Then there are the Ko-Koal recently organized. I was in Duluth not long ago and the Ko-Koal were meeting there, and I judge from the preparations that Mephistopheles and his devils were a tame lot. I saw them take some people out, and it looked to me as if they had been initiated well and thoroughly. The Order of Hoo-Hoo is the pioneer of these organizations. So after all those who gathered at Gurdon, Jan. 21, 1892, started something of which they had no real adequate notion. I don't mind telling you that on the morning that we met there we hoped at some time

In the future to have as many as 150 members, but we had more than that number in a very short time. I have been present at every Osirian banquet held thus far. I believe also that I have the honor of being the only member of the Order who has been present at every concatenation annually. At the first one that we held in St. Louis, Sept. 9, 1892, there were exactly eleven of us present. I think a portion of those are not here and they are not on this sphere. Just where they are I don't know. I hope they are enjoying themselves at any rate. Since that time we have grown to our present proportions. What I started out to say was that I want you to help in making the archives of this Order absolutely as complete as possible for the benefit of future historians. I don't know who they may be, but some time somebody will write a story about Hoo-Hoo that will at least be interesting. (Applause.)

THE TOASTMASTER:—Ladies and gentlemen, you see that from Brother Barns' remarks what I have told you is true. You should carefully keep such things and send them in. Capt. Meginn wants to make another remark.

CAPT. MEGINN:—Ladies, this wearing apparel I spoke about has a particular name. As many as guess it will get the handkerchiefs.

THE TOASTMASTER:—Ladies and gentlemen, it has been a great pleasure to introduce to you this array of talent which we have enjoyed so much. We now come to one of our brightest stars, a man who has more than once entertained us on these occasions. He will probably tell you first about the time when he was marooned in the Pacific Ocean on an island and there was a shower of mackerel for about two hours; they fell into the salt water on the side of a mountain, and within a few days a cyclone came along and blew them out into the ocean and they had plenty to eat. I have pleasure in introducing Mr. C. D. Rourke, of Illinois. (Applause.)

Mr. C. D. Rourke in Characteristic Vein.

MR. C. D. ROURKE:—Mr. Toastmaster, ladies and gentlemen, my toast is "That Reminds Me." I am reminded of a good many things. It is getting late. We have got to get up early in the morning. We have got to get out of here. For that reason I am not going to deliver what I have written here. I am going to cut all that out and talk about two minutes. One thing I am reminded of is the difference between this gathering and the other gathering that we had in Chicago, on the Midway, but we had a good many there, and had a splendid time. You may feel a good deal like the Irishman said the tough lawyer felt after he was dead. There was a lawyer that died on a ranch and they couldn't find any one to deliver the funeral oration. Finally they went to an Irishman and said they

wanted him to deliver the funeral oration. He said, "What do you come to me for? I never knew him. I didn't know anything about him." They replied, "You can say about as much as anybody can. He was a tough man, died with his boots on." The Irishman consented and said, "I have been called on to deliver the funeral oration for this man, and I will tell you what I know about him. This man was not a good man. Of course it is not for me to say anything about those who have gone that does not sound well. He was no better a lawyer than he was a man, but if he was a lawyer and the kind of man they said he was, and the kind of lawyer I know he was, the chances are that where he has gone he is suing for a stay of proceedings." I think the most of us are suing for a stay of proceedings, and I think what I better do is what the Irishman did to the Jew in business. They were competitors and he went to the Jew and said, "The only thing I have on earth is worth about \$40, and if you will buy my wagon I will leave town." "Vell," he said, "for vy should I puy your wagon? I have got nothing to pull it with. I have no use to pull your wagon." The Irishman said, "If you will buy my wagon for \$40 I will hire to you for \$10 a week to pull it around." The Jew saw a chance for some advertising. He said, "You will show up and pull it around?" "Yes, sure." So the Jew loaded it up with groceries and the Irishman started out. At 11 there was no Irishman. At 1 o'clock he showed up with two spokes gone. The Jew said, "Vat is de matter? You trying to get even vid me?" "No, I am not trying to get even with you. I went along all right until 12 o'clock this morning, when a piece of paper blew in my face and I ran away." (Laughter and applause.)

CAPT. MEGINN:—Ladies, here are five who have guessed what I thought of. (Addressing Mr. Gladding:) Will you please read the name on the paper I gave you?

THE TOASTMASTER:—"Merry Widow Hat."

CAPT. MEGINN:—The names of those who correctly guessed it are Mrs. J. F. Judd, Mrs. W. M. Stephenson, Mrs. Platt B. Walker, Mrs. Ransom Griffin, Mrs. E. M. Vietmeyer. If those ladies will give me their addresses, I guarantee that they will have the nicest hand-drawn handkerchiefs that Mexico affords.

MR. STEPHENSON:—What are the names of the articles that failed to win?

CAPT. MEGINN:—Chapeau, pajamas, sheath gown, hair rats, director's gowns, belt, kitchen apron, etc.

THE TOASTMASTER:—Now, ladies and gentlemen, I think we will adjourn, and a motion is in order, but we will all sing one verse of "Auld Lang Syne."

After the singing of the verse, upon motion, the assemblage adjourned.



OTHER ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

Chicago has a great reputation for hospitality, and the hosts of the Seventeenth Hoo-Hoo Annual more than sustained it—they, indeed, added another feather to the cap already proudly plumed. The broad-gauge methods of the generous West were everywhere in evidence. No expense was spared to make the social side of the meeting a brilliant success, and the splendid executive ability of the local committees was apparent in all the details of the programme of entertainment. The crowd was handled with a facility and degree of smoothness which was remarkable—there was absolutely not a single hitch nor a moment's delay in the carrying out of the plans of pleasure. Every event came off on schedule time, and every hour was filled with delight. Unusual elegance characterized the special entertainments provided for the ladies, and all those who were so fortunate as to participate in the joys of the occasion will long remember Chicago and Chicago's cordial attentions to the guests within her gates. It is said that every lady who attends one Hoo-Hoo annual invariably wants to thereafter attend every annual. This rule will undoubtedly hold true in the case of those who were present for the first time, at the annual of 1908, and Hot Springs will indeed have a high standard of excellence, in the way of an entertainment programme, to attain to next September.

The first event on the entertainment programme was, as usual, the annual Osirian Cloister banquet. On this occasion it was an exceptionally enjoyable affair. The banquet hall, on the sixth floor of the Auditorium Hotel, was lavishly decorated and brilliantly lighted. An excellent orchestra played a choice selection of popular airs. Despite the warm weather the room was quite comfortable, and all the guests were in lively mood. The menu was delightfully prepared and elegantly served. Tall vases filled with carnations adorned the tables, and shaded candles added further to the attractions of the scene. Many old acquaintances were renewed as the guests met around the festive board. A number of the members of the Cloister attended for the first time, however, including, of course, those initiated at the afternoon session.

The responses to the toasts are given in detail on another page in this issue of The Bulletin. The absence of Brother Nels Darling was greatly regretted, but his substitute, in the person of Brother Platt B. Walker, made a good extempore talk, which, at the last moment, took the place of "New Jokes from the Southwest," with which Mr. Darling was to have regaled the banqueters. Brother Walker's speech was really a serious one concerning the inner meaning of the ritual of the Cloister—a subject upon which he is particularly well informed.

Mr. Max Sondheimer, formerly of Chicago, but now of Memphis, was also absent. The response to the toast, "My Adopted Home," was, therefore, made by Brother J. E. Meginn, who for eight years has been a resident of the City of Mexico. He told some very interesting facts concerning the land of the Lucas, and his little "gambling" proposition met with the enthusiastic approval of the ladies.

W. H. Ellis, not being present, was replaced by Brother C. S. Walker, who made a fine speech.

Brother N. A. Gladding was a most excellent toastmaster, presiding with much dignity, and introducing each speaker with some appropriate story—either new or old, as occasion seemed to demand. All the speakers were listened to with interest. There were present about eighty ladies and nearly a hundred members of the Cloister.

Steamboat Excursion.

At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning all members present at the Annual, together with the ladies, boarded the steamer Theodore Roosevelt for a trip across Lake Michigan. The

weather was ideal—clear and calm and not too warm. The waves sparkled in the sunshine as a gentle breeze rippled the surface of the water. The trip of three hours was thoroughly enjoyed. The ladies were entertained with vocal and instrumental music in the forward cabin, while the men gathered in the lower cabin aft for the first business session. This was the first time a business session of the annual meeting was ever held on a steamboat, and the innovation was heartily approved by all. During the course of the session, Brother L. E. Fuller called attention to the fact that the success of this delightful feature of the programme was due to the efforts of Brother James H. West, chairman of the boat excursion, and stated that the members wished to present to Brother West a fitting testimonial of their appreciation. He accordingly handed Brother West a mysterious looking package, very carefully wrapped. It proved to contain a white yachting cap bearing the name "Commodore," in gold letters on the band. Thus Brother West was constituted commodore of the excursion, an honor which he gracefully accepted amid the applause of the assemblage.

At 1 o'clock the boat landed at Michigan City, Ind., and the excursionists, headed by a brass band, proceeded to the park, where, in an immense refreshment hall, "Coney Island Cafe," a picnic luncheon was served. The big crowd was cared for in a manner that reflected much credit on those having the arrangements in charge. Everybody had plenty to eat and everybody did full justice to the menu, the trip across the lake having had the effect of sharpening the appetite. Immediately after the luncheon, the Hoo-Hoo and ladies repaired to the baseball park to witness a contest between two teams selected from the lumbermen of Indianapolis and Chicago.

The Baseball Game.

The chief event of the afternoon was the baseball game between teams made up of lumbermen of Indianapolis and Chicago, as follows:

INDIANAPOLIS.

W. H. Johnson, President Capitol Lumber Company, catcher and captain.

John L. Avery, Jr., Capitol Lumber Company, pitcher.
John M. Pritchard, Secretary Long-Knight Lumber Company, first base.

A. Hysler, McGowan Lumber Company, second base.
Frank Mercer, Braunm-Keene Lumber Company, short-stop.

Ransom Griffin, Central Coal & Coke Company, manager.
Walter Geisel, William H. Coburn Company, center field.
William Hamilton, Jr., Hamilton Lumber Company, left field.

G. L. Maas, Maas-Neimeyer Company, third base.
J. West, I. M. Asher Lumber Company, right field.

CHICAGO.

E. F. Dodge, President P. G. Dodge Lumber Company, center field.

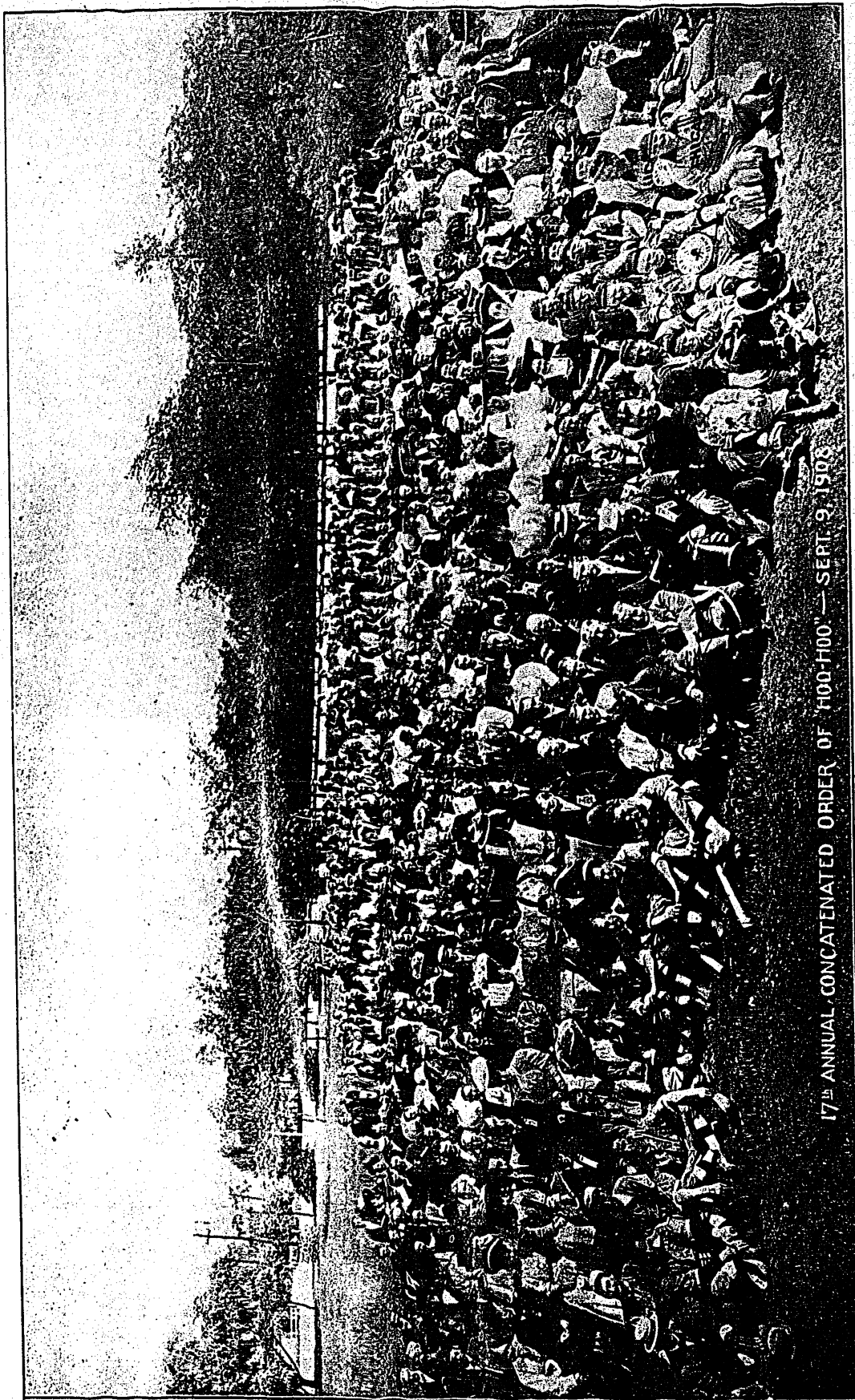
P. S. Fletcher, D. S. Pate Lumber Company, third base and captain.

A. H. Lewis, Rathbone, Hair & Ridgway Company, captain and catcher.

T. G. LaBlanc, Lumber World, manager.
Carl Saye, Hayden & Wescott Lumber Company, first base.

T. M. McGill, Alwin Manufacturing Company, second base.

D. B. Fox, Lumber World, pitcher.
W. A. Davis, W. A. Davis, left field.



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A NUMBER OF THE EXCURSIONISTS ON THE DELIGHTFUL BOAT TRIP TO MICHIGAN CITY, IND.

G. A. Larson, G. A. Larson, shortstop.
 W. H. Matthias, W. M. Ritter Lumber Company, right field.
 John Barchard, Chicago Mill & Lumber Company, third base.
 C. H. Ryan, Louisville & Nashville railroad, left field.

Just before the teams took the field E. F. Dodge, of Chicago, called C. D. Rouke, of Urbana, Ill., and George Palmer, of Indianapolis, Ind., to the plate and presented one with a horse pistol and the other with a shotgun. Some of the decisions later proved that this was a wise precaution, undoubtedly saving both umpires from the fury of the populace.

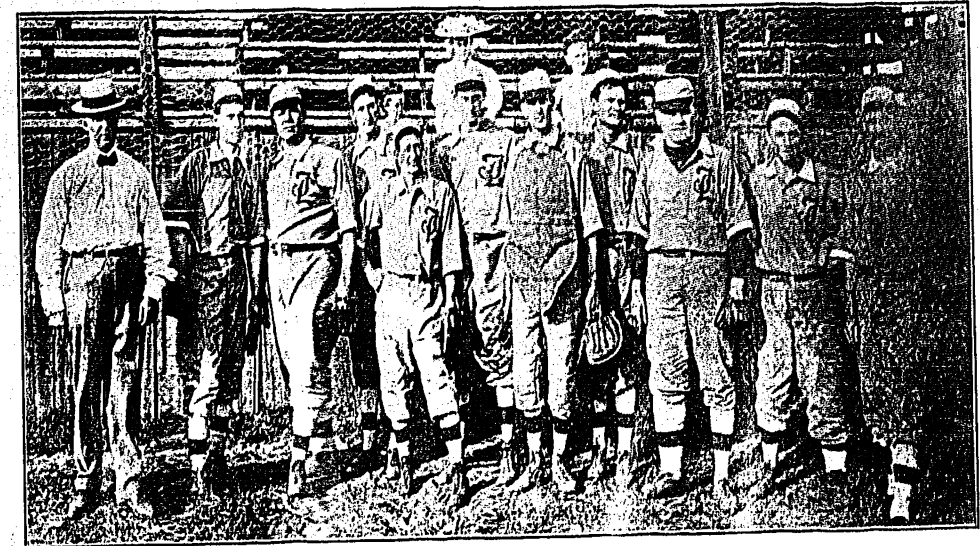
Indianapolis won the game in the first inning, the Chicago team going up in the aeroplane a la Wright Brothers.

Pitcher Fox seemed to be a stranger in the neighborhood and was unable to locate the plate. He gave Mercer and Geisel, the first two men up, passes to first and then Johnson started a grounder to first, which got through Saye's legs and caromed into right field, Mercer and Geisel scoring. Avery struck out, but a passed ball assisted Johnson to third, from which he scored when Pritchard singled. Pritchard stole third, but expired there on infield outs of West and Maas.

second without error. "Postscript" Fletcher did not have a chance at third, or undoubtedly would be included in the special mention column. The marring of "Handsome" Griffin was also a conspicuous feature. The score:

INDIANAPOLIS—		AB.	R.	H.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Mercer, ss.....	3	1	0	1	3	3	0	
Giesel, cf.....	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	
Johnson, c.....	3	2	0	1	9	2	0	
Avery, p.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	
Pritchard, lb.....	3	0	1	1	6	1	0	
West, rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Maas, 3b.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Hyser, 2b.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	
Hamilton, lf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Totals.....	25	5	3	4	21	8	0	

CHICAGO—		AB.	R.	H.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Dodge, cf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Fletcher, 3b.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Barchard, 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Lewis, c.....	2	0	0	0	9	1	1	
Saye, lb.....	3	0	1	1	9	0	1	
McGill, 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	



THE INDIANAPOLIS BASEBALL TEAM WHICH ADMINISTERED TO ITS OPPONENT A DECISIVE DEFEAT.

In the third inning Geisel drew a base on balls, but was forced at second, McGill to Larson, on Johnson's grounder. Avery's single advanced Johnson a base and he scored when Lewis threw over Fletcher's head. Pritchard grounded, McGill to Saye. West struck out.

Chicago got its lone tally in this inning and might have had more but for some bad base running. Larson opened with a beautiful two-base hit and went to third on a wild pitch. Matthias struck out, but Dodge singled through the box, scoring Larson. When Fletcher flied to Mercer, Dodge led away off and was easily doubled, Mercer to Pritchard.

During the four succeeding innings the two teams played air-tight baseball, but thirteen Indianapolis men and but twelve Chicago men going to bat. Fox opened the fifth inning with a single, but was nailed at second when he attempted to steal with the ball in the pitcher's hands. Hamilton singled in the seventh with two out and was left at first.

The fielding features of the game were supplied by Fox, McGill and Pritchard. W. H. Johnson, who besides being a good ball player is President of the Indiana Retail Lumber Dealers Association, gave a fine exhibition of backstopping. "Wee Willie" McGill accepted three chances at

Davis, lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ryan, lf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fox, p.....	2	0	1	0	2	5	0	
Larson, ss.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Matthias, rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals.....	21	1	4	2	21	10	2	

BY INNINGS—		AB.	R.	H.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Indianapolis.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	0-5	
Chicago.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-1	

Bases on balls—Off Fox: Mercer, Giesel 2; total 3; off Avery: Fletcher, Lewis, total 2. Two-base hits—Larson. Double play—Mercer to Pritchard. Struck out—by Fox: Mercer 2, Avery, West 2, Maas, Hyser 2, Hamilton; total 9; by Avery: Dodge 2, Lewis 2, Saye, McGill, Davis, Larson, Matthias; total 9. Passed ball—Lewis. Wild pitches—Fox 2, Avery 1. Umpires, Rouke, Palmer. Scorer—Malloch. Time, 1:15.

After the game the crowd broke up into small parties, some returning at once to the boat while others went sight-seeing about the pretty little city. All were on board the Theodore Roosevelt at 5 o'clock, ready for the return trip.

Some little time before the boat landed at the dock in Chicago, the full moon rose and cast a flood of mellow light over the rippling waters of the lake. In the forward cabin some talented amateurs gave an impromptu programme of vocal music. The party landed at 7:30, in time to attend the theater or take another moonlight trip by boat or automobile.

Ladies' Luncheon.

Thursday at noon a luncheon was given the visiting ladies, and this function, like all the other features of the entertainment programme, was a most pronounced success. It took place in the "south grill room" of Marshall Field & Company's mammoth establishment. The beautiful apartment is worthy of a more poetical name than the one by which it is known. It is exquisitely finished in "cathedral oak," and the mural decorations are very handsome. A graceful fountain in the center of the room, surrounded by ferns and other plants, adds a touch of coolness to the scene, and a soft light is shed through three splendid domes of jeweled glass. The glass for these domes was made by Tiffany's, and put in place by skilled workers who



THE CHICAGO BASEBALL TEAM WHICH MET WITH A DECISIVE DEFEAT.

came from Italy for that special purpose. The room is in keeping with other features of the magnificent establishment, of which Chicago has so much reason to be proud. In all the United States there is nothing to compare to the big department store of Marshall Field & Company. It is the "shopper's" delight, for every imaginable article of apparel or household use can be found there, and every sort of comfort is provided for those who enter its hospitable doors. The luncheon was attended by nearly a hundred ladies. They were welcomed by the gallant gentlemen of the committee, who did the honors of the occasion in manner most felicitous. Seated in groups of four or six, at tables scattered throughout the spacious room, the ladies enjoyed the delicious repast. The decorations consisted of asters and smilax, and the following was the menu:

Menu.	
Fruit Cocktail	Clam Bullion
Wafers	
Sweetbread Croquettes	
with Asparagus Tips and Tea Room	
Potatoes	
Nut and Celery Salad	Toasted Cheese Wafers
Pineapple Souffle	Coffee, Tea.

The following members constituted the committee for the entertainment of the ladies, and special praise is due them for their tireless efforts to give pleasure to the visitors: Irvine McCauley, chairman; J. L. Barchard, F. L. Johnson, Jr., H. E. Miller, T. M. McGill, J. H. West, J. L. Strong, J. D. Pease, W. C. Howe, A. C. Bensen.

After the luncheon, the management of Marshall Field & Company provided guides to conduct the ladies through the various departments of the immense place, thus affording them an opportunity of viewing the latest styles in costumes, millinery, footwear, etc., and to gain an adequate idea of the size and scope of one of the largest and finest department stores in the world.

Theater Party for Ladies.

"The Top o' th' World" was the attraction at the Studebaker Theater, which the visiting ladies attended in a body. The merry little musical comedy caught the fancy of all, and the players won special applause by interjecting numerous jests and quips concerning Hoo-Hoo. Each player had been given a badge, but no hard and fast rule

had been laid down as to where the badge was to be worn. There was much laughter, therefore, when six of the prettiest chorus girls appeared in "Directoire" gowns, each with a badge fastened to her ankle. With great solemnity the tall maidens marched across the stage in the long satin gowns with the bewildering slit up the side of the skirt—a really graceful costume, though unsuited to modern conditions of life. Imagine a lady in a "Directoire" endeavoring to catch a car in Chicago!

"The Top o' th' World," as represented on the stage of the Studebaker, appeared to be a very pleasant place close up to the North Pole. Many fantastic people were gathered there, and almost any sort of queer attire seemed appropriate. There was no particular sequence to any of the incidents, and, therefore, no mental strain was necessary to enable the audience to keep up with the plot. Everything happened as it does in a dream—without rhyme or reason or any visible connection with anything that precedes or follows. It was, in fact, a happy hodge-podge—a jolly jumble of odds and ends and scraps of wit, music and plot stirred together and served hot.

Ladies' Automobile Ride.

At 10:30 Friday morning thirty big touring cars lined up in front of the Auditorium Hotel, and the members of the entertainment committee soon had all the ladies comfortably seated and ready for the trip around Chicago's magnificent park and boulevard system. No city has a finer park system than Chicago, and nowhere are there to be found more beautiful drives and boulevards. The automobile trip embraced many points of interest and constituted a most enjoyable outing. Nearly fifty miles were covered in the route and the entire trip was made in great comfort and without a single incident to mar its pleasure. The ladies returned to the hotel in time for luncheon, after which most of them attended the ceremonies of the embalming of the Snark, at the Studebaker Theater.

Embalming of the Snark.

The annual meeting was brought to a close, as is customary, with the weird ceremony of the embalming of the Snark. This year, however, there was quite a departure from the usual rule, in that the actors in the drama were professionals. Heretofore the parts have been taken by the members of the Osirian Cloister. The "Concatenation Committee" of the Seventeenth Annual had charge of the ceremonies, and conceived the happy plan of securing the services of professional actors in presenting the play. Preceding the "embalming of the Snark," Brother Nelson S. Darling delivered a side-splitting "monologue in mellifluous monosyllables in all the tongues of Babel," and Bowers, Walters and Crooker rendered "the funniest Rube sketch in the world." Both these numbers were well received. Brother Darling's monologue was very enthusiastically applauded. The theater was filled with Hoo-Hoo and their friends, a large number of Chicago people being present.

As most of the members know, the "Installation," "Embalment" and "Cremation" rites of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo were originally written and staged by Bolling Arthur Johnson, assisted by William H. McClintock, in August, 1899. The original version was first produced at the Broadway Theater, Denver, Col., September 12, 1899; afterwards at Van Wick's Opera House, Norfolk, Va., September 12, 1901, and at Pabst Theater, Milwaukee, Wis., September 12, 1902. It was rewritten and staged by Bolling Arthur Johnson in August, 1906. The revision was first produced under stage direction of Nelson S. Darling at the Grand Opera House, Oklahoma City, September 12, 1906.

The spectacle was presented at Chicago under the direction of Bolling Arthur Johnson, staged by D. J. Flanagan of the "Top o' th' World" company. The entertainment proceeded with unusual smoothness, and the advantage of having professional actors in the cast was apparent to all those who had seen the spectacle on previous occasions. It is well-nigh impossible for a business man to transform himself into an actor in the course of a few hours' rehearsal at an annual meeting. His mind is naturally filled with other matters and it is difficult for him to focus his attention on his "lines" sufficiently to enable him to memorize them within a short space of time.

A pleasing incident of the occasion was the presentation of a large floral design on behalf of the ladies present at the Annual, they having chosen this method of expressing their appreciation of the many delightful courtesies extended them by the entertainment committee. The design was unique—a facsimile of the Great Sacred Black Cat set in a background of white roses. This testimonial of appreciation was gracefully accepted by Brother H. E. Miller, of the Fitz Hugh-Luther Company, who returned thanks on behalf of the entertainment committee.

The Annual Concatenation.

The Annual Concatenation in connection with the Seventeenth Hoo-Hoo Annual Meeting proved to be more nearly a model of what a concatenation should be than any that has ever been held under similar circumstances. Always heretofore two things have stood in the way of the proper administration of the ceremonies at the Annual concatenations—the size of the crowd and the size of the class. It is hard for The Bulletin to speak adversely at any time of the size of the class of initiates, but it is not to be denied that when there has been a class of one hundred, or more than two hundred, as we had at Portland, the right sort of work in the initiation becomes absolutely impossible, and few of those who go through at such a meeting get a proper idea of what the ritual is intended to embrace. It will be seen that forty-one men were initiated at the Chicago Annual concatenation. This is a pretty big class itself, but the careful and painstaking arrangements made far in advance insured smooth running, and despite the presence of between two and three hundred men in the hall the best of order was maintained from beginning to end, and the work was administered with exceptional impressiveness, giving all present an opportunity to hear, many of them for the first time, the really impressive part of the ritual work.

The success of the concatenation was wholly due to this careful preliminary work. Early in the arrangements for the Annual Meeting it was determined that the concatenation was not to be neglected or subordinated to other features. A good committee of active men was appointed, headed by Mr. E. H. Dalbey, to look after the arrangements for the concatenation. The success attests the intelligence and energy of their work. A feature of the preliminary work of the concatenation was the vigorous applause with which the very low numbers of many of those present were greeted when called out by the Jabberwock. No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 6 and No. 99 came in for vigorous rounds of applause, and even such numbers as 144 and 549, and indeed all numbers less than 1,000, were not allowed to pass without notice.

The concatenation reflected as much credit on the careful work done by the Chicago members of the Order as any other feature of the Annual Meeting.

HOO-HOO, BEWARE!

The publication in The Bulletin and in all the lumber papers of the misdoing of one C. G. Hascall, alias Haskoll, alias L. H. Haskins, alias several other names, seems not to have sufficed to protect members of the Order and others. A big lumber company over at St. Louis was recently induced to give this man a job. He drew \$45 of expense money, started out on a little trip and proceeded to draw drafts of from \$25 to \$50 at every place he stopped, applying usually to members of the Order and continuing to represent himself as a Hoo-Hoo. He was last heard of in Arkansas, working his way southward. Unless some member or other man will take steps to have the man apprehended I do not know how to end his raids. I am sure the man's real name is Matthias.

Let me again add the caution that no lumberman or Hoo-Hoo extend financial aid to any man claiming to be a member of Hoo-Hoo without communicating with this office. This office will stand the necessary expense of telegraphing and will do all it can to check the operations of two or three men who are using the Order to defraud. This man giving the name of K. Haskins or Hascall is not a member of the Order and never has been. Every applicant for financial assistance claiming Hoo-Hoo membership should be required to show his dues card, and even then communication with this office might not be amiss.

J. H. BAIRD, Scrivener.

MESSAGES FROM THE ABSENT ONES

Telegrams.

Sherman, Tex., Sept. 10, 1908.—Regret that important business precludes my attendance.
CECIL A. LYON.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 10, 1908.—With you in spirit. Best wishes for Hoo-Hoo.
B. B. TERRY (20336).

Colfax, La., Sept. 10, 1908.—May returning prosperity attend you. Follow Taft and grow fat.
J. S. BOLLMAN (17990).

Colfax, La., Sept. 9, 1908.—Business prevents attendance. We vote for Hot Springs next year.
BEN. F. ROBERTS (5814).
G. H. CAMBRE (17994).
(Home address, Alexandria, La.)

New Orleans, La., Sept. 8, 1908.—Great Hoo-Hoo. Greeting Jim Baird for Scrivenor of loyal Hoo-Hoo bunch.
JNO. F. O'NEILL (5127).

London, Ont., Sept. 9, 1908.—We send best wishes for Hoo-Hoo, regretting that we are not able to attend annual.
DONALD AND CHAS. FERGUSON.

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 9, 1908.—Regret cannot be present.
H. O. HUBBARD.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9, 1908.—Best luck and good wishes. Sorry we are not with you.
LEON HERRICK,
T. C. BLEDSOE.

Markham, Tex., Sept. 9, 1908.—With you in mind if not in person.
B. W. THURBOW,
H. L. COLLINS.

Brookhaven, Miss., Sept. 9, 1908.—Best wishes. Long life and prosperity to the great Hoo-Hoo and its members. Forty-two, Life; Forty-three, Life; Twenty-one-nine-thirty-six-twenty-one; Nine-thirty-eight.

Ft. Dodge, Ia., Sept. 9, 1908.—Long life to all Hoo-Hoo. No. 3474 is in Ft. Dodge, Ia. well and happy with a daughter, born on Hoo-Hoo day.
J. E. LANGLOIS.

Goldfield, Nev., Sept. 9, 1908.—Best wishes for a successful meeting. Sorry can't be there.
H. R. HUDSON.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 10, 1908.—Fifteen candidates initiated last night. Wish was with you to-day.
J. T. BATE.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 8, 1908.—Cordial greetings to assembled inmates. I sincerely mourn with you the loss of our genial friend, brother and Chief Priest McLeod. Come to Seattle 1909.
W. I. EWART.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 9, 1908.—Here's Health, Happiness and Long Life to all Hoo-Hoo.
CABELL AND HERZOG.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 9, 1908.—Greeting to all loyal Hoo-Hoo.
JOHN FRANK GRESLEY,
HARRY TRIMBLE BLACK.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 9, 1908.—Regret can't attend annual. Success, happiness and pleasure to all.
TWENTY-ONE-FORTY-ONE,
SEVENTY-SEVEN-NINETEEN.

Magnetawan, Ont., Sept. 8, 1908.—At Portansan, Ont.
E. BOWNE (21898).

New Orleans, La., Sept. 9, 1908.—Hoo-Hoo has used me well. I hope all other cats are prosperous and happy.
GASTON SAUX (Honorary 99).
Hotel Grunewald.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 8, 1908.—Very busy selling Love-Joy knives. Sorry can't be with you. Regards to the boys.
J. F. DAVIS.

Brookhaven, Miss., Sept. 8, 1908.—Happiness, health and long life to great Hoo-Hoo and all its members.
5737, 5579, 21950, 21940.

Camden-on-Gauley, W. Va., Sept. 9, 1908.—Impossible to be with you. Best wishes for good time.
WM. ANDER ROGERS.

Mexico, Mex., Sept. 8, 1908.—Greetings from Old Mexico and from one who wishes he could be present.
JAMES E. LONG.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 8, 1908.—Regret I cannot be with you. Regards to all present.
CHAS. WOLFLIN.

New York, Sept. 8, 1908.—Best wishes for a pleasant and profitable annual.
C. H. HOBBS.

Curtin, W. Va., Sept. 8, 1908.—Everything lovely and the cat hangs high.
9671.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 8, 1908.—Positively impossible for me to attend annual.
O. H. RECTANUS.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 9, 1908.—All's well and the tail of the Great Black Cat hangs high. Long live Hoo-Hoo.
R. M. MORRIS.

Gurdon, Ark., Sept. 8, 1908.—Doing penance at shrine of Hoo-Hoo here. Cast my ballot for suitable commemoration here.
I. H. SELLEB.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 8, 1908.—Wish I could be with you. My regards to all and best wishes for you. Howdy to Coolidge.
W. L. MONTAGUE.

New York, Sept. 9, 1908.—With best wishes from an absent member, 11671.
R. B. ESTEN.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 9, 1908.—Hoo-Hoo treated us well this past year. Best wishes.
21524 and 3500.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 9, 1908.—We wish you all Health, Happiness and Long Life.
JACKSONVILLE HOO-HOO.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 9, 1908.—Money scarce. Business good. Too busy to come. Success to the meeting.
R. L. FRYE,
GEO. C. RICE,
GEO. W. BARROW.

Richwood, W. Va., Sept. 9, 1908.—Feeling fine. Doing well, so are Atkins' saws. Regrets and best wishes to Hoo-Hoo. Know you are having fine time. Sorry business prevents my being with you all.
JNO. O. TATE.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 9, 1908.—Give my hearty congratulations to the boys. Regret, on account of my health, I am unable to be with you.
J. H. SEIBP.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 9, 1908.—Best wishes for successful Hoo-Hoo annual. Sorry can't be with you.
EDW. SCHWARTZ.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 9, 1908.—Our cordial greetings and infinite regret that untoward conditions prevent our attendance.
WM. B. STILLWELL,
WM. L. GIGNILLIAT.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 9, 1908.—Sorry it is impossible to be with you. Expect to go on the table. Do what you can for Dalbey.
J. H. KENNEDY.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9, 1908.—Best wishes for Hoo-Hoo. Health, Happiness and Long Life.
11625,
18055,
6912.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 9, 1908.—Healthy and happy and on the water wagon.
MARTIN F. AMOROUS.

Millen, Ga., Sept. 9, 1908.—Best wishes for a pleasant meeting and prosperous year for all Hoo-Hoo. Let us have the next annual in Georgia.
G. MIDDLETHORN (7764).

Belle Plaine, Ia., Sept. 9, 1908.—Ninety-nine-seventy-three working hard. Have good time.
F. H. HENRY.

Kane, Pa., Sept. 9, 1908.—Nine minutes past nine. Best wishes for a profitable and enjoyable concatenation.
J. B. WRIGHT (8239),
G. H. MELL (5896),
A. E. VETTER (3023),
EDWIN FITZGERALD (7531),
FRANK McNEIL,
E. H. WATKINS (8235).

Goldfield, Nev., Sept. 9, 1908.—Sorry cannot be with you. Best wishes.
H. E. MILIKEN.

THE BULLETIN: A MONTHLY JOURNAL DEVOTED TO HOO-HOO.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 9, 1908.—Best wishes for successful and harmonious deliberations for advancement of Order. We want Jim re-elected Scrivenor. He represents best ideals of Hoo-Hoo.
D. P. MACLEAN.

Texarkana, Ark., Sept. 8, 1908.—Long live Hoo-Hoo.
W. L. PRICKETT, of Bon Ami, La.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 9, 1908.—Health and Happiness and Long Life to Hoo from Two-ought-five-four-two-fourteen-three-six-seven-five-one-two-one, eleven-seven-six-one. (It is well nigh impossible to determine the identity of the senders of telegrams which are signed only by numbers. The telegraph operator can transmit numbers only by spelling them out in words—and it would take a mind-reader to separate the words correctly. Anyone who doubts this can amuse himself by practicing on the foregoing signatures and ascertaining how many different combinations of numbers can be made from them.)
In sending telegrams, members should always sign their names.—Editor the Bulletin.)

Deshler, O., Sept. 9, 1908.—Unable to attend. Best wishes to the clan.
A. E. BRINGMAN.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 9, 1908.—Nine times nine and then some for Hoo-Hoo.
17747.

New Britain, Conn., Sept. 11, 1908.—Swift Pinches Robinson with Health, Happiness and Long Life.
10951 (O. E. SWIFT),
9468 (F. W. PINCHES),
985 (B. B. ROBINSON).

Huntington, Tex., Sept. 9, 1908.—Greetings from No. 20640.
AUTRY M. GREEN.

Letters.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 9, 1908.—I herewith hand you my check for \$1.65 in payment of my dues to the Hoo-Hoo, also to the Bulletin.

I take this opportunity to inform you that I have severed my connections with the Iron City Lumber Company, of this city, and have opened offices at 208 North Twenty-first street, under the name of Adams Lumber Company, to do a general wholesale lumber business. I have been open about three months and am more than pleased with the success that I have made and the treatment of my old friends.
J. M. ADAMS.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15, 1908.—I regret exceedingly my inability to attend the annual at Chicago, especially as it was so near to me, and I had planned all the way along to be there. The truth of the matter is, business is so good and was at that time that I could not get away.
Here is best wishes for a prosperous year for the Order and yourself.
W. V. YOUNG (17214).

8 Gordon street, Glasgow, Scotland, Aug. 28, 1908.—Dear Brother Baird: I suppose you are preparing for the annual at Chicago and will be very busy. I would have liked very much to attend, but business is, at Pat would say, like the egg trade—rotten. So I will have to wait for some other annual. Hoo-Hoo has treated me well during the year and hope it has done the same with you. I expect you will be having quite a number of Canadian members with you this year, and if you meet any of the Toronto boys stand them a drink and charge it up to me. I go off to-day for a few days' vacation on the Clyde, but will think of you all on the 9th in Chicago, and will drink your Health, Happiness and Long Life in a "wee drap o' the auld kirk." If Bill Russe is at the meeting, ask if he remembers singing the pathetic ballad about the hen to Jack Munro, John Penrod and one or two others in Glasgow about four or five months ago.

I enclose the usual sprig of white heather and hope you will do the duties as formerly with it.
With all good wishes to the members present, and wishing them all Health, Happiness and Long Life.
Thine aye,
B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.
JAMIE "HOOT MON" LIGHTBODY (12798).

Magnolia, Ark., Sept. 9, 1908.—I sent myself with typewriter before me to drap you a few lines to hang yourself, clothes, thoughts (if you have any) or anything else you can put on them.

The main line is that I am sending you a check (which maybe you will find is O. K.) to the amount of one dollar and sixty-five cents (\$1.65), which puts me even with you for the year of 1909. I hope.

You will please note that I am now in Arkansas, and you will please send me the Bulletin here till further notice.
EDWARD HARNISHBACREBENDER GIBBARD LOPPEL,
P. S. As the "H" in my name has about played out you will notice that I have a new one.

Bluefield, W. Va., Sept. 9, 1908.—Enclosed find check for \$1.65, dues to Sept. 9, 1909. I am still hammering away at Bluefield and enjoying good health and plenty of work. Would like very much to attend the annual at Chicago, but have just returned from a three weeks' business trip and am unable to get away again at present.
ALFRED DE W. HOWARD.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1908.—I have to report that I am alive and well (barring my usual attack of hay fever), at Memphis, Tenn., and am enclosing voucher for \$1.65 for my annual dues in the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo for 1909-9.
E. H. NIXON (17950).

Boulder, Col., Sept. 5, 1908.—J. H. Baird, Chicago, Ill.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: I drop you a line at this time to notify you that I am still in Hoo-Hoo land and in good health. I would like very much to meet with the brethren in Chicago on the 8th to 11th, but it will not be convenient for me to do so. My best wishes for a pleasant and prosperous session of the Order, and hoping at some other time to be with you.
J. T. M'ALLISTER (2777).

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 8, 1908.—J. H. Baird, Chicago. Unable to get over, as trade is coming back with a rush. Sorry, but can't be helped. Here's to the health of Hoo-Hoo.
B. J. CLARK (17706).

Denver, Col., Sept. 5, 1908.—We are mighty sorry and disappointed not to be able to attend the Chicago annual meeting, but reckon that "Papa" English and his lieutenants will be able to convince all loyal Hoo-Hoo that Denver is the only place on the map for the 1909 meeting. We have warned him not to return unless he accomplishes his purpose, and as you know how badly we need "Papa" in Denver, we certainly hope that you will give him your valuable assistance.
B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.
J. E. PRESTON (51).

City of Mexico, Sept. 1, 1908.—In accordance with constitution, I beg to advise that there has been no change in my position or condition during the past year. I am still in Mexico City, at the old address.
F. E. YOUNG (12728).

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9, 1908.—Just put me down as still on earth at the old address, DeSoto, Mo. Am in St. Louis to-day with some of the lonesome boys who had to stay at home. Best wishes to all Hoo-Hoo.
LEON HERRICK (8306).

Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1908.—A Bulletin at Eagle office, this town, tells me 21,000 Hoo-Hoo in the big tent. If Brother Baird is in the big tent, please have the 20,999 other brothers grasp his hand and say for me, I wish him well and the blessings of Jehovah on Hoo-Hoo.
16014.

Manston, Wis., Sept. 5, 1908.—Enclosed find \$1.65 for the year ending 9-9-9-9 (9.09 on 9th day, 9th month, 1909), and tell all the Hoo-Hoo that are at the annual that I will be there with them in spirit, but cannot be in person, much to my regret.
J. T. HANSON (3097).

Rochelle, Tex., Sept. 3, 1908.—Enclosed find check for \$1.65 to cover our account with the Black Cat tribe for another season. Hoo-Hoo has served us well since we last sent you our financial respects, and how thankful we are that we are permitted to write you this time. We are well-wishers for all Hoo-Hoo for another twelve months.
O. B. RICH (19552).

Swifton, Ark., Sept. 6, 1908.—Enclosed find dues for the coming year. I find it impossible to come to Chicago for the annual. We have just received an order and must get it out. We have reasons for this.
S. F. GILMORE (16910).

Waco, Tex., Sept. 6, 1908.—I regret much that I will not be able to attend the convention at Chicago, 9th inst. Nothing would give me more pleasure, but it is impossible. With kindest regards and best wishes, I am cordially yours,
F. DE MURGUIONDO (14613).

Dallas, Tex.

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 8, 1908.—I am greatly disappointed that I cannot be in Chicago to-morrow, but my spirit and inclination will be there, though I will be here in Wilmington.

With best wishes for the prosperity of Hoo-Hoo, and its genial Supreme Scrivenor personally, I am
Very sincerely,
J. C. HOSEA (20547).

P. S. Give "Stuck" Acree and Kennedy my regards.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 7, 1908.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Chicago, Ill.—Dear Jim: Best wishes for a successful annual, and hope the members present will vote the next annual to the home of the Black Cat, Arkansas. We want it at Hot Springs, where we can entertain you royally. With best wishes to all present, I am fraternally,
J. C. McGERATH (2950).

Am sorry I cannot be with you.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 6, 1908.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor.—Dear Sir and Brother: Hoo-Hoo has been all to the good to me. No hard times here. Wishing you and all Hoo-Hoo a good time, I remain yours,
B. H. VOELKER (21059).
Superintendent Vreize Lumber Co.

418 Georgia street.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 8, 1908.—Greetings to Hoo-Hoo. Well and prospering.

O. E. BALDWIN (9195), J. B. ALLEN (14003), F. W. HANLEY (8744), J. G. KNEBEL (9204), J. S. KNEBEL (10144), J. A. KNEBEL (14005).

Portage La Prairie, Sept. 7, 1908.—Dear Brother Baird: I am sorry I cannot be with you at your annual on the 9th. I am still in the land of the living, and my address is the same as before. Wishing you a successful meeting and a good time, I am

Yours faithfully, A. B. HOUSSER (5982).

Davenport, Ia., Sept. 9, 1908.—J. H. Baird, Chicago. Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: Am sorry I cannot be with you, but important business called me away. Will mail you check for dues on my return. Wishing you and all followers of the Great Black Cat a good time, I am

Yours fraternally, A. LAIRD (21626).

Thomasville, Ga., Sept. 4, 1908.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Friend Baird: I wish I could be with you in Chicago on the 9th, but on account of business, cannot get away. Give my regards to all, and may each and every one have a full year of Health, Happiness and Long Life.

With kind regards, I am Yours B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C., CHAS. H. EVANS (7953).

De Vall's Bluff, Ark., Sept. 7, 1908.—Dear Brothers: This letter leaves me well at present.

J. M. MAYBERRY (21503).

Forest Service, Washington, D. C., Sept. 9, 1908.—Dear Brother Baird: It gives me pleasure to tell you that Hoo-Hoo hath treated me well during the past year, and that I have been glad to help open the eyes of many purblind kittens to the great light.

Wishing every success to the convention which meets on this day in Chicago, I am Fraternally yours, C. S. JUDD (16504).

Turrell, Ark., Sept. 6, 1908.—Beg to say that it will be impossible for me to be with you on Hoo-Hoo day. Hoo-Hoo has favored me in the past year, and I will continue to stay at my present address.

E. F. HOCHNEDEL (21216).

Faith, Ark., Sept. 7, 1908.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: We are still doing business at the same old place, and doing as well as the lumber trust (?) will let us. We hope all Hoo-Hoo in attendance at the seventeenth annual will have a fine time, and when they take their trip on "Theodore Roosevelt," it won't all be going out and nothing going in. We hope to meet the eighteenth annual in Arkansas.

6703, 6812, 8046.

Derry, La., Sept. 7, 1908.—Dear Brother Baird, Windy City, Ill.: Greetings and best wishes for yourself and all Brother Hoo-Hoo. From the lone cat sitting on the roof at Derry. Meow! Meow!! Meow!!!

JNO. PALO ALTO RAUSCHKOLB (20272). P. S. Who said Seat?

Boston, Mass., Sept. 7, 1908.—Dear Brother Baird: I cannot be with you in person, but my heart and thoughts are with you at the annual. I know you'll all have a good time, and wish I was with you.

HERBERT A. FULLER, Vicegerent Snark, Massachusetts.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 8, 1908.—Health, Happiness and Long Life to Hoo-Hoo. I deeply regret that I cannot be with you.

Yours fraternally, H. S. MGAVIC.

Denver, Col., Sept. 2, 1908.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Mr. Baird: On behalf of the City of Denver, and representing the Colorado Manufacturers' Association (of which I have the honor to be President), wish to extend to you a most cordial invitation to hold your 1909 concatenation of the Hoo-Hoo in Denver.

We entertained you a number of years ago and are anxious that the membership should have an opportunity to once more partake of our hospitality and, incidentally, learn of the wonderful resources of the West.

We are sending an aggressive committee to extend this invitation formally, and beg to assure you that all of our citizens are anxious to have you as our guest.

B. T. T. O. G. S. B. C. WILLIAM M'PHEE (6172).

Texarkana, Ark., Sept. 7, 1908.—J. H. Baird and all Hoo-Hoo, Chicago, Ill.—Dear Sir: Yours for Health, Happiness and Long Life. G. W. CLEVELAND (18240).

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 1, 1908.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir: This retail lumber dealers' association extends to you a cordial invitation to hold your 1909 annual concatenation of Hoo-Hoo in our city.

In addition to the many features of interest to a great number of your people, that will be shown at the A-Y-P Exposition, will be a visit to our Pacific Coast and a hearty welcome from the lumbermen of this city.

We sincerely hope you will favor us with your approval. THE SEATTLE LUMBER MFRS. EXCHANGE, F. T. BRADLEY, Secretary.

Newport, Ark., Sept. 8, 1908.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Chicago, Ill.—Dear Sir and Brother and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I had planned to be with you and take part in enjoying our annual meeting, but at the last moment business matters over which I did not control called me to Kansas for the rest of the week. My heart, soul and mind are with you. My body alone is absent. Hoping you will all have a grand time, one long to be remembered, and will be able to successfully open the eyes of the kittens—poor things, how my heart goes out for them—I remain your Brother Hoo-Hoo. C. H. GRAHAM.

New York, Sept. 9, 1908.—This kitten is fast becoming a full grown cat, and since meeting with the older black cats this time a year ago at Atlantic City, noting how fearless they were in prowling about at night, I am venturing to prowl—but not so far as Chicago.

With best wishes to Hoo-Hoo, I am Yours fraternally, 16765. P. S. Hoo-Hoo directory received. I congratulate you on its conciseness and completeness.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 8, 1908.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Auditorium Hotel, Chicago.—Dear Sir and Brother: Greeting to the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo in convention assembled for the annual meeting.

I regret that I cannot join in your deliberations and festivities in the great city of Chicago. Alas and alack! It is not want of time, for we are smothered with spare time. Still, we should not complain, we have experienced the good and prosperous times, but now some of us would be thankful for the drop of water on the tip of the tongue.

May this great annual gathering of Hoo-Hoo be a happy one. And for goodness sake do something to dispel the clouds!

I wish a happy time, plenty of good things and a harmonious convention. THOS. DENNIS (2840).

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 11, 1908.—Owing to some special business that would not permit of delay, I deeply regret to state that I was not one of the 21,000 who met with you at nine minutes after nine of the ninth month and the ninth day, and this is the first annual meeting I have missed in several years.

Am quite confident you had a most enjoyable time in Chicago, and thought of you while you were enjoying the cool lake breezes on the steamer ride to Michigan City.

The thermometer on the 10th was about 90 degrees in the shade at this point. Am still holding down the old job, trying to cement up the universe.

Enclosed please find check for \$1.65 for my dues for next year, for which please send me my regular annual card.

With kind personal regards, I am Fraternally yours, E. R. STAPLETON.

Buckley, Wash., Sept. 8, 1908.—Enclosed please find my check for \$1.65 in payment of my dues for the coming year of 1908-9. Intended to write you some days ago, and wish you and the brothers well at the annual at Chicago, but this letter will reach you too late.

We hope to have the pleasure of entertaining you and the entire Order in the year 1909 at Seattle. With the best wishes of 17704 for the success of the Order and your own personal happiness, I am

Fraternally yours, F. E. CAMPBELL.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 10, 1908.—Through an oversight I neglected to report the cause of my absence to the convention yesterday, but will state I am still a loyal Hoo-Hoo, and trust my absence from the convention did not act as a damper on the pleasure of others.

With best wishes, I am Yours fraternally, H. E. CHISM (17881).

Nona, Tex., Sept. 7, 1908.—Enclosed find \$1.65 for dues and Bulletin another year. I cannot attend the annual this time as the elder Mr. Ellis is away on business, and his son and I have all we can do to attend to things while he is away. I know there is going to be lots of fur flying and am sure this full moon will shine on many Cats on the roof at old Chicago.

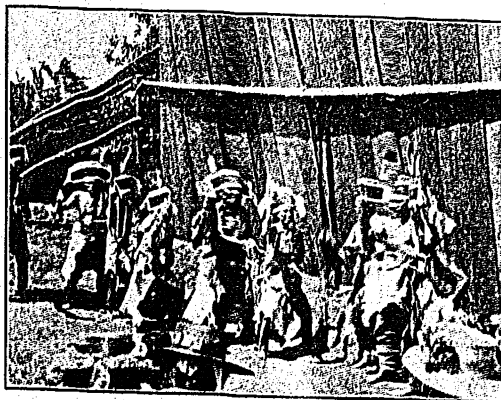
Please think of the absent ones while you are there. With best wishes, I remain Yours truly, E. B. FRAZIER (18183).

Cameron, Tex., Sept. 11, 1908.—I have been away and failed to get my letter off in time to be read at Chicago—the annual.

Hoo-Hoo hath dealt kindly with me the past year. The only thing of which I can complain is that the Great Black Cat did not so shape the destiny as held in the stars, according to Egyptian lore, that I could loom up in all my effulgence before the delighted gaze of the rest of the "Old Tommies" at the annual in the beloved Lake City.

With renewed assurances of fraternal regard to all who have passed through the portals into the gardens scented with the breath of great Hoo-Hoo, I am, always, B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C. Fraternally yours, W. A. BOWEN (2671).

Pacific Ocean, July 21, 1908.—It seems a little early to be writing my annual letter, but even so, it will not reach you a very great while before the meeting at Chicago. I am some 1,300 miles from America—with some 3,000 yet to go, before reaching Japan, and nearly 5,000 before arriving at Shanghai, where I leave the ship, and can mail this back. This is indeed an immense ocean, and one realizes its hugeness when day after day dawns and fades upon a limitless



WOODPECKER DANCE.

Hoopa Indians on Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, Humboldt County, Cal. Headresses made of Woodpecker heads. A squaw may be bought for ten heads. The blurred appearance of the arms is due to the motion in dancing.

horizon. It is cold, too, 48 degrees Fahrenheit, for we are following the great circle track and are not far from the Aleutian Islands. The ship is very comfortable and steady, and appropriately enough for a Hoo-Hoo, is laden with lumber—3,500,000 feet of lumber.

I enclose a few photographs taken by me in California, and a brief description on the back of each, also a gathering together, in as short a space as possible, of some redwood study I made in California, and last but not least my dues up to Sept. 9, 1908.

Hope I may then be with you all at Seattle. But for now, I am quite content to be aboard the good ship "Quernsey," for certainly there is no better means of widening one's horizon than by travel.

I expect to be in India by October, and my address there, in case you have anything to send, will be care Thos. Cook & Son, No. 9 Old Courthouse street, Calcutta.

Here's wishing you and all Hoo-Hoo a prosperous and happy year. KINGSLEY R. M'GUFFEY (19424).

Elkins, W. Va., August 28, 1908.—To the Supreme Officers and Brother Hoo-Hoo in Annual Meeting Assembled: Greetings: We the undersigned brothers Hoo-Hoo in concatenation assembled send you greeting, wishing you Health, Happiness and Long Life.

- WATSON FORD (No. 21116), Laneville, W. Va. J. M. PARIS (No. 14185), Elkins, W. Va. J. N. VAN EMAN (No. 18940), Pittsburg, Pa. JOHN J. RUMHARTER, (No. 7263), Philadelphia. K. H. STOVER (No. 12614), Elkins, W. Va. M. H. HAWKINS (No. 17697), Elkins, W. Va. H. O. SPANGLER (No. 21130), Valley Bend, W. Va. H. B. MOORE (No. 21127), Porterwood, W. Va. J. C. SPIKER (No. 18928), Mill Creek, W. Va. W. C. GREER (No. 15809), Elkins, W. Va. J. R. COOK (No. 18925), Elkins, W. Va. F. E. ROBERTS (No. 16524), Page, W. Va. M. NEY WILSON, Elkins, W. Va. JOHN C. KING (No. 7786), Elkins, W. Va. I. M. DYE (No. 4354), Elkins, W. Va.



Base of Redwood Tree—Hoo-Hoo 19-421 beside it.

- ALF A. RUDY (No. 13139), Elkins, W. Va. P. J. REED (No. 14186), Elkins, W. Va. W. H. MASON (No. 18851), Elkins, W. Va. JOHN W. BRAZIER (No. 18921), Elkins, W. Va. BURTON WILSON (No. 18943), Elkins, W. Va. JOHN A. FORD (No. 19446), Burnsville, W. Va. D. D. HAZELTINE (No. 14176), Elkins, W. Va. G. E. MARTIN (No. 17701), Elkins, W. Va. MERRITT WILSON (No. 1493), Wildell, W. Va. R. M. MORRISON (No. 7392), Elkins, W. Va. J. B. EYTHE (No. 14169), Elkins, W. Va. J. R. CHANDLER (No. 18923), Elkins, W. Va. P. L. BROWN (No. 18922), Elkins, W. Va. S. S. STEELE (No. 12643), Elkins, W. Va. W. D. BALDWIN (No. 18920), Burnsville, W. Va. W. H. NORRIS (No. 19464), Burnsville, W. Va. J. ROY LILLEY (No. 13389), Branches, W. Va. C. W. MAXWELL (No. 18994), Elkins, W. Va. J. E. WILLIAMS (No. 21133), Elkins, W. Va. A. M. FREDLOCK (No. 21118), Elkins, W. Va. W. L. MONTAGUE (No. 371), Belmont, N. Y.



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Abbott, L. L., E. L. Roberts & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Abt, J. L., New York Leather Belt Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Adams C. H., The Prescott Co., Grand Haven, Mich.
 Adams, G. A., J. A. Adams & Sons Co., Ruston, La.
 Adriaens, J. W., True & True Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Ahrens, H. A., True & True Co., Dixon, Ill.
 Ahrens, J. C., True & True Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Ahrens, P. F., True & True Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Alcock, J. L., J. L. Alcock & Co., Baltimore, Md.
 Allen, A. G., E. K. Allen, Chicago, Ill.
 Allen, B. F., J. A. Gauger & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Allen, H. P., Kansas City, Mo.
 Allen, W. H., Patterson & Sargent, Des Moines, Ill.
 Allshrooke, E. J., Chicago Mill & Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Anderson, J. W., Palne Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Anderson, W. M., Brazil Lumber Co., Brazil, Ind.
 Anderson, W. R., Packages Pub. Co., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Anders, R. L., Kirby Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Arend, F. A., F. A. Arend & Co., Boston, Mass.
 Armingier, E. L., Chicago, Ill.
 Armstrong, E. A., Kokomo, Ind.
 Atchison, W. J., D. H. Atchison Co., Hamilton, Ont., Can.
 Attley, J. D., J. M. Attley & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Attley, J. M., J. M. Attley Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Attley, P. J., J. M. Attley & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Avery, H., E. C. Atkins Co., New Orleans, La.
 Bailey, J. E., Galveston Wharf Railway, Galveston, Texas.
 Bald, "Josh," Southern Lumberman, Nashville, Tenn.
 Bald, J. H., Southern Lumberman, Nashville, Tenn.
 Baker, F. M., Hardwood Mills Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Baker, W. P., Jr., W. P. Baker & Son, Batavia, Ill.
 Baldwin, J. A., Berlin Machine Works, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Barnhart, C. B., C. B. Barnhart & Co., Gordon, Ark.
 Barnett, A., Barnett Lumber Co., McCook, Neb.
 Barnes, W. E., St. Louis Lumberman, St. Louis, Mo.
 Baxter, J. A., Baxter & Smith, Winfield, Iowa.
 Benedict, C. D., C. D. Benedict & Co., Peoria, Ill.
 Bennett, S. C., Hardwood Mills Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Benson, A. C., Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Boggess, E., Stringer, Clarksburg, W. Va.
 Bohn, A. H., Waldstein Lumber Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Bohand, W. H., Van Keulen & Wilkinson, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Bolton, J. D., Hayden & Wescott Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Bonner, J. S., Texas Lard & Lumber Co., Houston, Texas.
 Borchard, J. L., Chicago Packing Box Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Boyd, H. W., James B. Clow & Sons, Chicago, Ill.
 Brackin, J. M., A. M. Stevens Lumber Co., Dyersburg, Tenn.
 Braffett, C. F., Simonds Manufacturing Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Brand, C. A., North Side Flooring Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Brewer, F. C., A. P. Brewer Lumber Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Bright, C. W., St. Louis Lumberman, St. Louis, Mo.
 Briscoe, W. L., Paepcke-Leicht Lumber Co., Greenville, Miss.
 Brunson, A. L., A. L. Brunson & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Buettner, E. W., L. Hutt Box Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Buettner, O. C., Mooney & Buettner, Chicago, Ill.
 Burgoyne, G. W., Official Reporter, Chicago, Ill.
 Byrnes, G. H., De Soto Land & Lumber Co., Mansfield, La.
 Calcutt, N. W., W. W. Calcutt & Son, Dyersburg, Tenn.
 Cameron, W. S., Vredenburg Lumber Co., Pitts Hill, Ala.
 Campbell, John H., Francis Reider Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Campbell, L. W., Green River Distilling Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Casey, H. D., H. D. Casey & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Chalmers, J. K., E. C. Atkins & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Champlain, D. W., C. C. & L. Ry., Chicago, Ill.
 Childs, C. C., L. W. David Co., Seattle, Wash.
 Clancy, W. L., Lumbermen's Credit Association, Chicago, Ill.
 Clapp, M. H., St. Louis, Mo.
 Clegg, W. E., Lbr. Shippers, Storage & Com. Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Cockrell, F. B., F. B. Cockrell Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Cole, A. O., Lyons, Iowa.
 Coleman, T. V., Walworth & Neville Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Collins, Ben, Jr., Collins Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Conc, Albert, American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Cook, G. C., Walworth & Neville Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Cooledge, E. R., Southern Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Cortes, R., William Buchanan, Chicago, Ill.
 Cotten, W. M., Jr., Cotter Bros. Cypress Co., Morgan City, La.
 Covel, W. L., Biloxi, Miss.
 Crosby, A. F., Walworth & Neville Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Cross, C. L., Chicago, Ill.
 Cross, George, C. L. Cross, Chicago, Ill.
 Danley, E. H., Walworth & Neville, Chicago, Ill.
 Darling, A. E., Marbury & Speer Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Darling, N. S., Oklahoma S. & D. Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.

David, L. W., L. W. David Co., Seattle, Wash.
 Davidson, J. R., Cincinnati Northern Railway, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Davies, H. E., Mackley-Phelps-Bonnell Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Davis, A. L., Chicago, Ill.
 Davis, C. R., Nott-Davis Co., Portland, Ore.
 Davis, W. A., Chicago, Ill.
 Day, J. N., St. Louis Lumberman, Detroit, Mich.
 Defaut, J. A., Ferguson Lumber Co., Little Rock, Ark.
 Defebaugh, E. H., Barrel & Box, Chicago, Ill.
 Defebaugh, J. E., American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Dennis, G. D., Challoner Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Dickerson, E. J., Carolina Pine Lumber Co., Huntington, W. Va.
 Dickinson, J. H., Lidgerwood Mfg. Co., New York, N. Y.
 Dietz, T. L., Lock Haven, Pa.
 Dings, W. W., Garretson-Grease Lumber Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Dodge, E. F., P. G. Dodge Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Donnelly, E. A., Berlin Machine Works, New Orleans, La.
 Doster, L., Hardwood Mfrs. Association, St. Louis, Mo.
 Duce, Charles, American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Durga, S. F., W. C. Ry., Neenah, Wis.
 Dyer, W. W., Whitehouse & Dyer, Columbia, Tenn.
 Eades, C. V., Bridgeport, Conn.
 Eager, W. A., Faust Bros., Chicago, Ill.
 Eaton, C. R., Curtis & Yale Co., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Edwards, E. G., Upham Mfg. Co., Marshfield, Wis.
 Edwards, W. J., Brownell Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Darlington, H. R., American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Elbring, W. H., Great Southern Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Emery, F. E., I. S. & M. S. Ry., Chicago, Ill.
 Emig, J. C., Central States Dispatch Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 English, R. W., R. W. English Lumber Co., Denver, Colo.
 Eveland, R., E. C. Atkins & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Featherstone, J. S., Enid Planing Mill Co., Enid, Okla.
 Fellows, G. D., G. D. Fellows Lumber Co., Racine, Wis.
 Filstrup, L. L., Covel Mfg. Co., Benton Harbor, Mich.
 Fine, R. J., Angellina County Lbr. Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Fitz, O. I., R. C. Kuhn S. & D. Co., La Crosse, Wis.
 Fletcher, P. S., D. S. Pate Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Fletcher, R. U., C. M. Fletcher, Chicago, Ill.
 Foley, P. J., Foley Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Foltz, H. A., Rathbone, Hair & Ridgway Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Foreman, J. H., Long-Bell Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
 Fox, D., Lumber World, Chicago, Ill.
 Friedlander, Jos., Alexandria, La.
 Frudden, C. E., Frudden Lumber Co., Ackley, Iowa.
 Fuller, L. E., Lumber World, Chicago, Ill.
 Fulwider, O. M., Index Lumber Co., Bloomington, Ind.
 Furby, H. H., Enterprise Lumber Co., Alexandria, La.
 Gaines H. B., C. B. Gaines Sons Co., Bristol, Wis.
 Gartside, C. L., Curtis & Gartside Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Gibson, H. H., Hardwood Record, Chicago, Ill.
 Gladding, N. A., E. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Glone, C. A., C. A. Glone Lumber Co., Centralia, Ill.
 Goughly, L. E., True & True Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Goodwillie, J. M., D. M. Goodwillie Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Goodwillie, W. S., D. M. Goodwillie Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Gordon, A. E., J. H. Fyer, Toronto, Ont., Can.
 Gorham, B. P., Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas.
 Gorsuch, H. A., Southwestern Lbr's Assn., Kansas City, Mo.
 Gould, F., Henry Disston & Sons, Chicago, Ill.
 Graham, H. M., Stuart Lumber Co., Brinson, Ga.
 Greble, W. H., Three States Lumber Co., Memphis, Tenn.
 Gregertsen, N., Chicago, Ill.
 Griffon, W. R., Central Coal & Coke Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Haak, C. E., Haak Lumber Co., Haakwood, Mich.
 Hadley, W. A., S. Hadley Lumber Co., Chatham, Ont., Can.
 Hafer, C. H., C. Hafer Lumber Co., Council Bluffs, Iowa.
 Hall, M. C., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
 Halle, E. A., Estabrooke-Skeele Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Halpin, J. F., C. H. Worcester Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Hamilton, Q. Y., Lumber Storage & Com. Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Hammons, G. L., Advance Packing & Supply Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Hand, M. T., Slinson & Hand, Chicago, Ill.
 Hanford, Thomas, Ferguson Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Hanna, W. E., Advance Packing & Supply Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Harison, N. W., N. W. Harison, Ogdensburg, N. Y.
 Harris, J. H., Heine Safety Boiler Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Harris, M. C., J. R. Harris & Son, Northboro, Iowa.
 Hausmann, J., Aetna Bottle & Stopper Box Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Hayden, H. S., Hayden & Wescott Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Hays, M. A., New York, N. Y.
 Hedges, J. H., Foster-Munger Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Hemenway, G. C., El Paso Lumber Co., Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Hesser, E., Smith & Johnson, Chicago, Ill.

THE BULLETIN: A MONTHLY JOURNAL DEVOTED TO HOO-HOO.

Hibbett, D. C., Estabrooke-Skeele Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Hickman, W. R., Armbricht Lumber Co., Hildesburg, Miss.
 Hildreth, E. A., Hildreth & Martin Lumber Co., Columbus, Ohio.
 Hobson, W. W., Anson-Hixon S. & D. Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Hogle, E., Illinois Mason's Supply Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Holden, C. H., Pardee & Curtin Lbr. Co., Parkersburg, W. Va.
 Hollis, W. G., Northwestern Lbr's Assn., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Hook, R. C., American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Hoover, R. H., Freeport, Ill.
 Hostler, S. P. C., Advance Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Hotchkiss, Geo. W., Ill. Retail Lbr. Dealers Assn., Chicago, Ill.
 Houghton, C. D. N., Greer & Houghton Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Houghton, E. W., E. W. Houghton Lbr. Co., Rogers Park, Ill.
 Houston, C. C., Houston & Liggett, Lewisburg, Tenn.
 Howe, W. C., American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Hudson, J. E., Gainesville, Fla.
 Huston, P. W., Edw. Hines Lumber Co., Evanston, Ill.
 Irvine, F. K., Barrel & Box, Chicago, Ill.
 Jarrett, E. G., Zlatcario Lumber Co., Mexico City, Mexico.
 Johnson, B. A., American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Johnson, C. H., Chicago, Ill.
 Johnson, F. L., Smith & Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
 Johnson, W. F., Capitol Lumber Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Jones, E. F., Pullman Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Joseph, J. A., Lumber Trade Journal, Kansas City, Mo.
 Judd, J. F., Hall & Brown Wdkg. Mch. Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Kendall, E. N., B. & O. Ry., Toledo, Ohio.
 Kenower, W. W., Kenower & Son, Huntington, Ind.
 Kerns, G. F., Kerns-Utley Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Ketchum, E., Ed Ketchum & Co., Galveston, Ky.
 Ketchridge, C. H., Fuller & Ketchridge, Evanson, Ill.
 Kimball, C. V., A. B. Vinedge Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Kimball, D. B., Paraffine Paint Co., Rockford, Ill.
 Kirchner, C. W., Sayre-Newton Lumber Co., Denver, Colo.
 Klapproth, F., American Box Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Klemmie, R. H., H. J. Klemmie Lumber Co., Belmont, Iowa.
 Knisely, W. O., W. H. Knisely, Kokomo, Ind.
 Knoll, R., National Fuel Co., Denver, Colo.
 Knox, G. T., D. B. Douglas, Chicago, Ill.
 Kony, F. J., Williamson-Kony Lumber Co., Mound City, Ill.
 LaBlanc, Thomas G., Lumber World, Chicago, Ill.
 Lacey, J. A., New York, N. Y.
 Lamb, C. E., Alexander Lumber Co., Aurora, Ill.
 Lane, J. L., J. L. Lane & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Lang, J. H., Kirby Lumber Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Larsen, G. A., Chicago, Ill.
 Laskey, J. D., C. L. Willey Lumber Co., Memphis, Tenn.
 Leach, A. C., Henry Leach & Sons, Joliet, Ill.
 Leech, E. J., Louisiana Red Cypress Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Lehon, T., Lehon Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Leon, O. E., L. Roberts & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Lewis, A. H., Rathbone, Hair & Ridgway Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Lewis, B. R., B. R. Lewis Lumber Co., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
 Lillibridge, W. P., St. Charles Lumber Co., St. Charles, Ill.
 Limbach, C. H., Chicago Packing Box Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Lindner, C. L., John H. Kaiser Lumber Co., Eau Claire, Wis.
 Lippman, E. C., Tupelo, Ark.
 Little, A. G., A. J. Little Lumber Co., Clyde, Miss.
 Low, P. B., Chicago, Ill.
 McCauley, L., McCauley-Saunders Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 McCue, T. J., Minnequa Lumber Co., Denver, Colo.
 McCullough, H., Brooks & Sons Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 MacDonald, T. R., Casey Hedges Mfg. Co., New Orleans, La.
 McDougal, J. F., J. A. Roebbing Sons Co., Atlanta, Ga.
 McGavie, F. L., McGavie Lumber Co., Decatur, Ill.
 McGill, T. M., Alwin Manufacturing Co., Chicago, Ill.
 McGrath, J. T., McGrath & Atley Lumber Co., Polo, Ill.
 McLaurin, J. R., Lake Superior Lumber Co., Ellsworth, Kas.
 McQuewan, C., Charles McQuewan Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 McWilliams, C. M., Chicago, Ill.
 Maas, George L., Maas-Neimeyer Lumber Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Maegley, S. C., G. B. Maegley Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
 Major, S. C., S. C. Major Lumber Co., Memphis, Tenn.
 Malloch, Douglass, American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Manuel, W. M., St. Louis, Mo.
 Marrs, J. E., Minnetonka Lumber Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Marsh, M. M., American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Marshall, E. F., Kerns-Utley Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Martin, E. B., Southern Lumberman, Nashville, Tenn.
 Mather, N. C., Lord & Bushnell Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Matthias, W. H., W. H. Ritter Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Mattison, G. E., Stewart & Alexander Lbr. Co., Little Rock, Ark.
 May, F., May Bros., Evansville, Ind.
 May, L. D., A. Lescher & Son Rope Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Mayhew, E. L., Baker & Baker, Springfield, Ill.

Meglin, Capt. J. E., International Lbr. Co., City of Mexico, Mex.
 Meizer, G. T., Evansville Sash & Door Co., Evansville, Ind.
 Menonhall, J. B., National Lead Co., Kansas City, Mo.
 Meyering, H., Longwood, Ill.
 Mickey, F. S., Detroit, Mich.
 Miller, A. D., G. T. Mickle, Goshen, Ind.
 Miller, H. C., Hardwood Mills Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Miller, H. E., Fitzlugh-Luther Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Miller, H. J., H. J. Miller Lumber Co., Index, Wash.
 Miller, W. A., Henry Disston & Sons, Tyeony, Pa.
 Milne, J. B., Milne Lumber Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Mohring, G. J. L., Kemler Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Mooney, J., Mooney & Buettner, Chicago, Ill.
 Moore, C. H., Moore & Goodman, Galveston, Texas.
 Moore, F. R., F. R. Moore & Co., Mexico City, Mexico.
 Moore, Tom A., T. A. Moore Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Morgan, G. P., Collins Co., Parkersburg, W. Va.
 Mortensen, J., J. Mortensen Lumber Co., Oak Park, Ill.
 Mulhany, D. J., N. C. & St. L. Ry., Chicago, Ill.
 Naughton, H., Naughton & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Neighbor, R. W., E. C. Atkins & Co., San Francisco, Cal.
 Nichols, W., Big Four Ry., St. Louis, Mo.
 Nind, J. N., Trade Periodical Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Norris, W. H., W. H. Norris Lumber Co., Houston, Texas.
 North, S. D., Paradise Paint Co., New York, N. Y.
 O'Hara, F. J., Hodges & O'Hara, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Olinger, John, Newton Lumber Co., Newton, Kas.
 Oppenheimer, A. B., Oppenheimer Grate Bar Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Oppenheimer, J., Chicago, Ill.
 Oxenford, John, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Paden, W. S., Northampton Emery Wheel Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Paepcke, H. P., Paepcke-Leicht Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Palmer, G. H., G. H. Palmer, Sheridan, Ind.
 Parker, J. W., C. L. Munger, Elkhart, Ind.
 Parker, M. E., Industrial Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Patterson, M. A., C. R. I. & P. R. R., Chicago, Ill.
 Patterson, Thomas, Patterson-Tilley Co., Hamilton, Ont., Can.
 Payne, W. H., Berlin Machine Co., Columbia, S. C.
 Peary, E. J., Hatford Sash & Door Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Pease, J. D., Southern Lumberman, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Peaslee, C. M., Farley-Loetscher Mfg. Co., Dubuque, Iowa.
 Peck, J., J. Peck, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Perrin, W. S., W. S. Perrin & Co., Lincoln, Neb.
 Perry, Gray, Little Rock, Ark.
 Perry, J. C., Greenville Stave Co., Little Rock, Ark.
 Philbrick, W. W., Philbrick-Cutterhead Co., Seattle, Wash.
 Pierson, V. E., J. S. Houston & Co., Newport, Ark.
 Pope, G. J., D. S. Pate Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Porter, M., Frank Porter, Chicago, Ill.
 Potter, A. H., E. C. Atkins & Co., Portland, Ore.
 Prentiss, C. C., American Hotel Supply Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Prescott, D. C., Prescott Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Pritchard, J. M., Long-Knight Lumber Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Proctor, R. H., Walworth & Neville Mfg. Co., Pinebar, Miss.
 Quigley, J. W., Quigley Lumber Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Radcliffe, E. B., National Saw Co., Newark, N. J.
 Ragley, M. J., Ragley Lumber Co., Ragley, Texas.
 Rathel, Geo. E., Geo. E. Rathel Mfg. Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rambo, A. C., Nashville Lumber Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Randall, E., Southern Lumber Co., Warren, Ark.
 Randolph, R., Randolph Lumber Co., Birmingham, Ala.
 Rathbun, W. W., Cleveland, Ohio.
 Rawls, J. F., Jr., J. W. Furrer & Co., Mobile, Ala.
 Ray, A. J., McFarlan & Konzen Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Reed, P. H., Chicago Big Muddy Coal & Coke Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Renfrew, H. N., H. N. Renfrew & Co., Mt. Hope, Kas.
 Richard, H. A., Grand Trunk Railway, St. Louis, Mo.
 Richardson, D. W., Goldsboro Lumber Co., Dover, N. C.
 Richardson, R. R., Aema Lumber Co., San Antonio, Texas.
 Ridley, L. B., Chicago, Ill.
 Roberts, E. L., Chicago, Ill.
 Robinson, C. C., Stubbins Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Robinson, E. B., J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.
 Rockwell, B. C., Rockwell Manufacturing Co., Malvern, Ark.
 Roederer, E. L., N. Y. Central Railway, St. Louis, Mo.
 Roedter, F. W., Estabrooke-Skeele Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Rogers, T. H., T. H. Rogers Lumber Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Rosenberger, W. D., Chicago Box Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Rourke, C. D., Hunter, Rourke & Co., Urbana, Ill.
 Runkle, E. A., Williams & Hunting Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
 Ruth, A. H., Jones Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Rutt, C. L., C. L. Rutt Lumber Co., Beaumont, Texas.
 Ryan, C. H., Jr., L. & N. Ry., Chicago, Ill.
 Saley, Met. L., American Lumberman, Hampton, Iowa.
 Schilling, E. E., St. Louis, Mo.

- Schley, J. B., Marbury & Speer, Chicago, Ill.
 Schneider, Theo., Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Schwartz, G. W., Vandalla R. R., St. Louis, Mo.
 Schwartz, J. S., Schwartz Co., San Domingo Republic.
 Sculoenbach, J. M., American Lumberman, St. Louis, Mo.
 Sears, W. E., Radford Sash & Door Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Sellen, H. A., Morgan Sash & Door Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Sharp, W. L., E. L. Roberts & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Sharpe, A. F., Enterprise Lumber Co., Ltd., Alexandria, La.
 Shead, H. A., Shead Lumber Association, Chicago, Ill.
 Sherrill, C. H., Sherrill-Russell Lumber Co., Paducah, Ky.
 Shreiner, E. H., Wm Whitmer & Sons, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Silverman, H., Great Southern Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Simon, J. G., Simon Lumber Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
 Simonds, A. T., Simonds Sons Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Sirdsen, E. A., Louisiana Red Cypress Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Skeele, E. E., Estabrook-Skeele Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Skelth, I. L., Allis-Chalmers Co., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Smith, C. S., W. I. McKee Lumber Co., Quincy, Ill.
 Smith, F. H., Forest Service, Chicago, Ill.
 Smith, G. K., Y. P. Manufacturers Association, St. Louis, Mo.
 Snelder, C. H., Dudley Lumber Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Snell, F. M., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Soper, James C., Riverside, Ill.
 Sowers, W. J., Hattiesburg, Miss.
 Spangler, F. H., Spangler Co., Toledo, Ohio.
 Spurrer, S. L., Spurrer Lumber Co., Guthrie, Okla.
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 Stephenson, W. M., Wisconsin Central Railway, St. Paul, Minn.
 Stevens, C. H., C. P. & St. L. Ry., Chicago, Ill.
 Stevenson, W. T., Big Four Railway, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Stewart, C. K., E. C. Atkins & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Stone, R. R., F. B. Stone, Chicago, Ill.
 Strong, J. L., George E. Wood Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Strong, W. T., Paraffine Paint Co., New Orleans, La.
 Sullivan, R. D., C. D. Benedict & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Surderry, C. A. E., Napoleon-Cypress Co., Napoleonville, La.
 Swift, D. R., Lake Charles, La.
 Taylor, T. B., Walworth & Neville, Chicago, Ill.
 Teague, G. H., Southwest Lumber Review, Houston, Texas.
 Tomlinson, C. W., B. & O. Ry., Chicago, Ill.
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 Teghtmeyer, C., C. Teghtmeyer & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Terrell, Jeff, Kirkpatrick & Terrell, Paris, Texas.
 Test, F. E. L. Roberts & Co., Wilmette, Ill.
 Thomas, A. E., Estabrook-Skeele Lbr. Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Trainer, W. E., Trainer Bros., Chicago, Ill.
 Treat, Curt M., Chicago Association of Commerce, Chicago, Ill.
 Trout, W. C., Lufkin Foundry & Machine Co., Lufkin, Texas.
 True, A. W., True & True Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Utley, J. B., Kerns-Utley Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Vietmeier, E. M., J. M. Hastings Lumber Co., Sandusky, Ohio.
 Walker, C. S., Bayou Land & Lumber Co., Covington, Ky.
 Walker, H. E., James G. Miller Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Walker, J. C., Dixie Lumber Co., Charleston, W. Va.
 Walker, P. B., Jr., Miss. Valley Lumberman, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Ward, E. H., Kellogg Car Co., Kankakee, Ill.
 Waters, G. M., New Palestine, Ind.
 Webb, J. B., Morgan Sash & Door Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Weis, H. B., American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Wellmuth, E. J., American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill.
 Wells, H. W., International Harvester Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Welsh, John, Buffalo Hardwood Lumber Co., Buffalo, N. Y.
 Wenger, J. W., Illinois Central Railway, Cairo, Ill.
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 West, C. O., M. Asher Lumber Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
 West, J. C., Midland Lumber Co., Parkersburg, W. Va.
 West, J. H., Estabrook-Skeele Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Whalen, H. T., H. T. Whalen & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Whalen, M. H., Chicago Railway Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Whaley, J. H., Southern Lumberman, Memphis, Tenn.
 Wharton, W. H., Chicago, Ill.
 Whitmarsh, C. L., Minden Lumber Co., Minden, La.
 Whitmarsh, T. C., W. T. Ferguson Lumber Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Wiggs, H., Joliet Lumber Co., Joliet, Ill.
 Wight, C. T., B. & O. Ry., Sandusky, Ohio.
 Wiley, M. W., M. W. Wiley & Co., Baltimore, Md.
 Williams, B. F., Victoria, Texas.
 Wilmot, W. G., New Orleans, La.
 Wilms, William, Paepcke-Leicht Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Wilson, G. G., Buckner-Saunders Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Winsor, G. H., Ferguson Contracting Co., New York, N. Y.
 Womack, M. L., Lake Creek Lumber Co., Houston, Texas.
 Wood, E. B., C. H. & D. Ry., St. Louis, Mo.
 Wood, John, Fuller & Rice Lumber Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Worland, G. O., Thompson, Thayers & McCowan, Evansville, Ind.
 Wrape, H. J., Henry Wrape Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Wray, T. A., Frisco System, St. Louis, Mo.
 Wright, E. J., B. J. Wright Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
 Youle, Geo. E., S. A. Woods Machine Co., Seattle, Wash.
 Zimmerman, T. P., Big Four Railway, St. Louis, Mo.

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 Ahrens, Mrs. J. C., Chicago, Ill.
 Ahrens, Mrs. P. F., Chicago, Ill.
 Alcock, Mrs. J. L., Baltimore, Md.
 Allen, Mrs. W. H., Des Moines, Ill.
 Allsebrook, Mrs. B. J., Chicago, Ill.
 Anderson, Mrs. W. M., Brazil, Ind.
 Anderson, Mrs. W. R., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Anderson, Miss, Mound City, Ill.
 Andrea, Mrs. R. L., Chicago, Ill.
 Anston, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Arming, Mrs. E. L., Chicago, Ill.
 Atchison, Mrs. W. J., Hamilton, Ont., Can.
 Attley, Mrs. J. D., Chicago, Ill.
 Attley, Mrs. J. M., Chicago, Ill.
 Baird, Miss Anne S., Nashville, Tenn.
 Baker, Mrs. F. M., Chicago, Ill.
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 Boardman, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Bochar, Mrs. J. L., Chicago, Ill.
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 Calcutt, Miss, Dyersburg, Tenn.
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 Campbell, Mrs. L. W., Chicago, Ill.
 Campbell, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
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 Conway, Mrs. M., Chicago, Ill.
 Cooney, Mrs. P. A., Chicago, Ill.
 Cook, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Cortes, Mrs. R., Chicago, Ill.
 Corwin, Miss G., Milwaukee, Wis.
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 Covel, Mrs. F. E., Biloxi, Miss.
 Covel, Mrs. W. L., Biloxi, Miss.
 Crane, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Cross, Mrs. C. L., Chicago, Ill.
 Cross, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Dahlgreen, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Dalbey, Mrs. E. H., Chicago, Ill.
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 Davies, Mrs. H. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Davis, Mrs. W. A., Chicago, Ill.
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 Dodge, Mrs. E. F., Chicago, Ill.
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 Durga, Mrs. S. F., Neenah, Wis.
 Eades, Mrs. C. V., Bridgeport, Conn.
 Edwards, Mrs. W. J., Chicago, Ill.
 Elchoff, Mrs., Chicago, Ill.
 Emery, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Emig, Mrs. J. C., St. Louis, Mo.
 English, Mrs. R. W., Denver, Colo.
 Enslow, Miss M. S., San Domingo Repub.
 Eveland, Mrs. R., Chicago, Ill.
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 Galnes, Miss, Bristol, Wis.
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 Gibbons, Miss, Dyersburg, Tenn.
 Gibson, Mrs. H. H., Chicago, Ill.
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 Gollightly, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
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 Gordon, Miss, Toronto, Ont., Can.
 Graham, Mrs. H. M., Brinson, Ga.
 Greene, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Gregertsen, Mrs. N., Chicago, Ill.
 Griffen, Mrs. W. R., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Hall, Mrs. M. C., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
 Halle, Miss D., Chicago, Ill.
 Halpin, Mrs. J. F., Chicago, Ill.
 Hammons, Mrs. G. L., Chicago, Ill.
 Hanford, Mrs. Thomas, Chicago, Ill.
 Hanford, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Hanna, Mrs. W. E., Chicago, Ill.
 Harris, Mrs. J. H., Chicago, Ill.
 Harris, Mrs. Dyersburg, Tenn.
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 Hedges, Mrs. J. H., Chicago, Ill.

- Hendrickson, Mrs. O. M., Chicago, Ill.
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 Hostler, Mrs. S. P. C., Chicago, Ill.
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 Houston, Mrs. C. C., Lewisburg, Tenn.
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 Johnson, Mrs. F. L., Chicago, Ill.
 Jones, Mrs. L., Mt. Hope, Kas.
 Jones, Miss F., Mt. Hope, Kas.
 Judd, Mrs. J. F., St. Louis, Mo.
 Kerns, Mrs. G. F., Chicago, Ill.
 Kettler, Mrs. A., St. Louis, Mo.
 Kettledge, Miss, Evanston, Ill.
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 Knox, Mrs. G. T., Chicago, Ill.
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 McCullough, Mrs. H., Chicago, Ill.
 McDonald, Miss Nora, Sandusky, Ohio.
 McGavie, Mrs. F. L., Decatur, Ill.
 McGavie, Miss G., Decatur, Ill.
 McGavie, Miss V., Decatur, Ill.
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 Olinger, Miss E., Newton, Kas.
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 Oppenheimer, Mrs. J., Chicago, Ill.
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 Osborn, Miss, Little Rock, Ark.
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 Paden, Mrs. W. S., Chicago, Ill.
 Paepcke, Mrs. H. P., Chicago, Ill.
 Palmer, Mrs. G. H., Sheridan, Ind.
 Patterson, Mrs. Thomas, Hamilton, Ont., Can.
 Peary, Mrs. E. J., Chicago, Ill.
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 Ragley, Mrs. M. J., Ragley, Texas.
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 Renfrow, Mrs. H. N., Mt. Hope, Kas.
 Richard, Mrs. H. A., St. Louis, Mo.
 Richardson, Mrs. R. R., San Antonio, Tex.
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 Rives, Mrs. J. B., City of Mexico, Mex.
 Roberts, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Robinson, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Roederer, Mrs. E. L., St. Louis, Mo.
 Roeder, Mrs. F. W., Chicago, Ill.
 Rogers, Mrs. T. H., Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Rourke, Mrs. C. D., Urbana, Ill.
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 Russell, Mrs. Luke, Paducah, Ky.
 Runnels, Mrs., Chicago, Ill.
 Ryan, Mrs. C. H., Jr., Chicago, Ill.
 Schwartz, Mrs. G. W., St. Louis, Mo.
 Schwartz, Mrs. J. S., San Domingo Repub.
 Sears, Mrs. W. E., Chicago, Ill.
 Sellen, Mrs., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Sharp, Mrs. W. L., Chicago, Ill.
 Sherrill, Mrs. J. J., Chicago, Ill.
 Silverman, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
 Sirdsen, Mrs. E. A., Chicago, Ill.
 Skeele, Mrs. E. E., Chicago, Ill.
 Smith, Mrs. C. S., Quincy, Ill.
 Smith, Mrs. F. H., Chicago, Ill.
 Smith, Mrs. G. K., St. Louis, Mo.
 Smith, Mrs. L. A., Des Moines, Ill.
 Soper, Mrs. J. C., Riverside, Ill.
 Spurrer, Mrs. S. L., Guthrie, Okla.
 Stalnaker, Mrs. W. E., Chicago, Ill.
 Stephenson, Mrs. S. J., St. Paul, Minn.
 Stephenson, Mrs. W. M., St. Paul, Minn.
 Stevens, Mrs. C. H., Chicago, Ill.
 Stewart, Mrs. C. K., Chicago, Ill.
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 Sullivan, Mrs. D. J., Chicago, Ill.
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 West, Miss, Chicago, Ill.
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 Wood, Mrs. John, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Wood, Miss D., St. Louis, Mo.
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ECHOES OF THE ANNUAL.

In accordance with his usual custom, Brother James Hoot Mon Lightbody, of Glasgow, Scotland, sent a bunch of heather to be presented to the best looking lady at the Annual Meeting. This "presentation of the heather" has come to be one of the recognized features of the Annual. It is a pretty incident, and is quite as popular with the ladies as is Brother J. E. Meginn's little gambling schemes which he originated for the special pleasure of the fair guests. This year the white heather was presented to Mrs. W. R. Griffin, of Indianapolis, and in the opinion of all, it was most appropriately bestowed.

The word "heather" is, of course, close akin to "heath" which originally meant "waste land." The dainty little plant is, however, far from being useless from a commercial standpoint. The following clipping from a newspaper published in the Highlands indicates that the heather crop is of considerable importance:

Ohan, Argyshire, Scotland, August 10.—The prospects in the Highlands for the yield of heather honey are better this season than they have been for some years. Although many

hives succumbed during the past few bad years, those that survived are now fairly strong. There has been no swarming fever, though some hives swarmed during the opening day of the present month. The blossom of the heather promises to be very rich this year. Some of it is already in bloom, and with a week of warmth and sunshine much of it will be so. With suitable weather bee-keepers may confidently look forward to a much larger yield of heather honey than they have obtained for some years.

Heather affords good pasturage for sheep. A Scotch newspaper recently published a lengthy editorial on the subject, "Grouse, Heather and Sheep," in which the following is set forth:

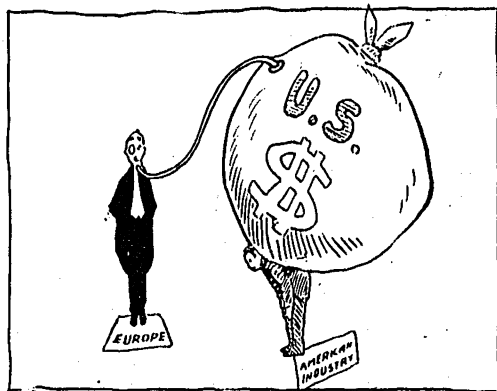
Heather is closely connected with grouse on the one hand, and with sheep on the other. It is most important for the health and general thriving of the two classes of living creatures that the heather, on which they to a greater or less extent depend for their food, should be so managed and controlled as to supply the most palatable and nutritious diet for both classes at different seasons of the year. The Interim Report of the Department Committee on Grouse Disease, which was commented on in these columns in our last issue from the point of view of the sportsman, brings out some important and useful

information for the flockmaster as well. Speaking generally, the burning in regular relays of a moor is alike good for grouse and for sheep. Both require a gradation of heather of varying ages to provide food in its best form at different seasons of the year. Young plants of a few years' growth supply the best quality of food in the early spring. More matured plants give a heavy crop of winter food, and lastly, a small portion of old rough heather forms a good feeding ground in times of snow. This fact lessens the conflict of interest that is liable to arise between the sportsman and the flockmaster.

The controversy as to the best time of the year to burn heather raises questions which deeply concern the interests of the sheep farmer. In Scotland all heather burning is prohibited by law between the 11th of April and the 31st of October. As is well known, some extension of the term allowed by statute for burning can be granted upon its being shown that climatic conditions prevented the burning being carried out within the prescribed period. In England there is no law prohibiting the burning of heather at any season of the year, and in consequence south of the Tweed, heather burning is far from being uncommon during the autumn and winter months. As early as September the English keeper often commences to burn. Indeed, it is no rare thing to find heather burning and grouse driving going on in one district at the same time.

In the estimation of the ladies, no doubt, the most fascinating feature of the city of Chicago is the immense establishment of Marshall Field & Company. To those who visited the big store during the Annual, and to the student of conditions of life in America in general, the following article which appeared recently in one of the leading newspapers in the West will be of interest. The article is entitled, "Absentee Ownership."

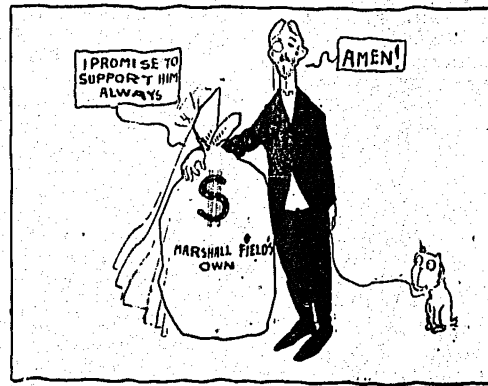
The wedding of the widow of Marshall Field, Jr., is an interesting and significant event. It took place in London the other day, the groom being an Englishman and the great Duke of Westminster a witness. This alliance probably severs the last tie which connected the Field family with America, except, of course, the financial one. It has long been apparent that the boys were to be brought up as Englishmen, with aristocratic tastes and preconceptions befitting their vast inheritance. Their fortune is now in trust and will remain so for many years. At present it amounts to some \$150,000,000, but when it is released from entail by the natural law of increase it will have doubled at least. The chances are that the entail will then be renewed and made perpetual. Thus the Field estate will be placed upon the same footing as other great English fortunes, the only difference being that its revenues will be drawn from America and will lie as a perpetual burden upon American industry.



The most serious hindrance to the prosperity of Ireland for many years has been absentee landlordism. The industries of the island are owned by persons who live and spend their incomes elsewhere. Thus they continually drain the resources of the people and poverty becomes ever more grinding. If all that is produced in a country is consumed there in one form or another, wealth will necessarily increase, no matter whether profits are fairly divided or not. But if the larger fraction of what is produced is steadily shipped abroad with no return, then wealth must be diminished from year to year. It is precisely parallel to the case of a farmer who crops his land summer after summer and returns nothing to the soil. When the arrangements for making the Field fortune a perpetuity were

first published the Chicago Inter-Ocean remarked that it made no difference where the income from it was spent since the capital would always provide work for Americans. The fallacy of this is evident. Were the income to be spent in the United States it would keep a great many more workmen employed than the capital alone does, while such a vast sum being thrown annually into new investments would stimulate all industry and tend to urge wages upward.

We are not in immediate danger of suffering perceptibly from the evil of absentee landlordism, very likely. Large as the Field fortune is and heavy as its drain must be upon certain localities, still it is a small matter, taken in comparison with the resources of the nation. The ominous circumstance is that the Fields are not an isolated instance, but they are



simply moving with a great tide. They are following a fashion which seems likely to spread throughout a large part of our wealthy circles. There is a steady drain of American ownership toward Europe and every year this drain grows more considerable. Nothing need be said about the money spent by travelers. It amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars and the returns from it are not by any means proportionate to the losses. Still there are returns. But the fortunes carried across the Atlantic by American heiresses who marry European nobles are a total loss to the country. So far as America is concerned, the capital is utterly wasted; as much so as if it were consumed by fire. We gain nothing whatever from the transfer unless the elimination of a certain number of foolish women be counted a gain. To this drain must be added the continuous transfer of their ownership to other countries by American millionaires like Carnegie, Croker and Astor.

The man Mrs. Field married is one Maldwin Drummond, member of a "well known Hampshire family," and is 36 years old. He is described in the English papers as a "keen sportsman." Evidently he knows big game when he sees it!

Marshall Field, Jr., was the son of the great merchant of Chicago. The young man died in 1906 and the elder Field died in November of the same year, surviving his son only a few months.

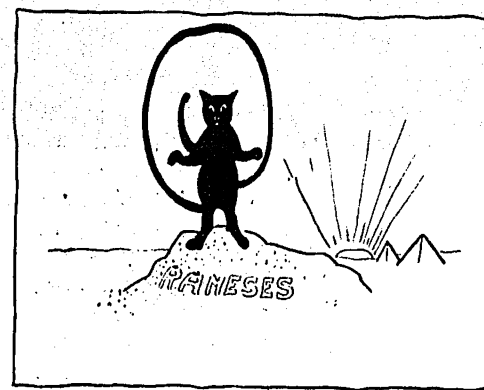
Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., was chiefly known as the mother and guardian of the Field grandchildren—prospectively among the richest children in the world. After the deduction of something like \$25,000,000 in other bequests from the property left by the elder Field, three fifths of the estate is held in trust for Marshall Field III, now 14 years of age, and two-fifths is held in trust for his brother, Henry, 11 years old.

At the time of Marshall Field, Sr.'s death it was estimated that Marshall Field III was worth \$50,000,000, and the little Henry Field was worth \$35,000,000. When Marshall Field III reaches the age of 50 and comes into full control of his fortune, it is estimated that it will be worth \$200,000,000, and that his brother Henry's share will approximate \$150,000,000. Not until the grandsons are 45 years of age will they receive the entire income from their shares and the estate will not be finally divided until Marshall is 60.

Those who heard Brother Cliff S. Walker introduced by the toastmaster at the Osirian Cloister banquet as the "Secretary of State of the ancient King, Rameses the Great," smiled at the joke. But did any of them stop to think how great a king old Rameses was? He is supposed to have been the "Pharaoh of the Oppression"—that consummate old scamp who compelled the Israelites to "make brick without straw," as related in the Scriptures. No doubt Rameses was guilty of other and still worse atrocities. But the Great Sacred Black Cat somehow escaped the machinations of the mighty monarch! Pharaoh has turned to dust, but Hoo-Hoo, though buried for centuries and resurrected only fourteen years ago, is a vital and growing force because it represents a deathless principle—the brotherhood of man. Oppression is not a force—"evil is not power." Pharaoh is nothing now but a memory. Even that might have faded had not Rameses taken pains to have his name carved on every available object throughout the length and breadth of Egypt. He probably anticipated that he would be forgotten, and so did all he could to avert so terrible a fate. And thus all of him perished except the proofs of his vanity!

Robert Hichens, the author of several more or less erotic novels not worth reading, is really good at descriptions of desert scenery. In a recent article in the Century Magazine, he writes concerning Rameses the Mighty and his gigantic statue which now lies prostrate in the sands:

If you have ever ridden an Arab horse, mounted in the heart of an oasis, to the verge of the great desert, you will remember the bound, thrilling with fiery animation, which he



gives when he sets his feet on the sand beyond the last tall date-palms. A bound like that the soul gives when you sit in the Ramesseum and see the crowding sunbeams, the far-off groves of palm trees and the drowsy mountains, like shadows, that sleep beyond the Nile. And you look up, perhaps, as I looked that morning, and upon a lotus column near you, relieved, you perceive the figure of a young man singing.

A young man singing! Let him be the tutelary god of this place, whoever he be, whether only some humble, happy slave, or the "superintendent of song and of the recreation of the king." Rather even than Amun-Ra let him be the god. For there is something nobly joyous in this architecture, a dignity that sings.

Like a cloud, a great golden cloud, a glory impending that will not, cannot, be dissolved into the ether (Rameses) loomed over the Egypt that is dead; he looms over the Egypt of today. Everywhere you meet his traces; everywhere you hear his name. You say to a tall young Egyptian: "How big you are growing, Hassan!"

He answers, "Come back next year, my gentleman, and I shall be like Rameses the Great."

Or you ask the boatman who rows you, "How can you pull all day against the current of the Nile?" And he smiles, and lifting his brown arm, he says to you: "Look, I am as strong as Rameses the Great!"

This familiar fame comes down through some 3,220 years. Carved upon limestone and granite, now it seems engraven also on every Egyptian heart. Thus can inordinate vanity prolong the true triumph of genius and impress its own view of

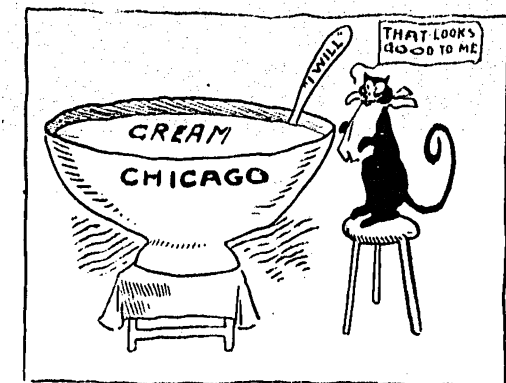
itself upon the minds of millions. This Rameses is believed to be the Pharaoh who oppressed the children of Israel.

Imagine the greatest figure in the world—such a figure as this Rameses was in his day—with all might, all glory, all climbing power, all vigor, tenacity of purpose and granite strength of will concentrated within it, struck suddenly down and falling backward in a collapse whose thunder might shake the vitals of the earth, and you have this prostrate colossus. Even now one seems to hear it fall, to feel the warm soil trembling beneath one's feet as one approaches it.

A row of statues of enormous size, with arms crossed as if in resignation, glowing in the sun, in color not gold or amber, but a delicate desert yellow, watch near it like servants of the dead. On a slightly lower level than theirs it lies, and a little nearer the Nile. Only the upper half of the figure is left, but its size is really terrific. This colossus was 67 feet high. It weighed 800 tons. Eight hundred tons of scintilla went to its making, and across the shoulders its breadth is, or was, over 22 feet.

But one does not think of measurements as one looks upon it. It is stupendous. That is obvious, and that is enough. Nor does one think of its finish, of its beautiful, rich color, of any of its details. One thinks of it as a tremendous personage laid low, as the mightiest of the mighty fallen. One thinks of it as the dead Rameses whose glory still looms over Egypt like a golden cloud that will not disperse. One thinks of it as the soul that commanded, and lo, there rose up above the sands, at the foot of the hills at Thebes, the exultant Ramesseum.

The selection of Hot Springs, Ark., as the place for the next Annual Meeting, though opposed by some, is, on the whole, generally satisfactory. Hot Springs is a delightful place in many ways, and those who urged its claims were careful to make the impression that the springs there are hot—not the weather. Since it was in Arkansas that Hoo-



Hoo came to life after a slumber of twenty centuries, that state has for some time felt that an Annual Meeting was due her. Arrangements for a notably successful meeting at Hot Springs are already being discussed. For the first time in many years, the Annual Meeting will be held at a place where there are not many outside attractions, and this fact, in the opinion of many, will prove a very great advantage.

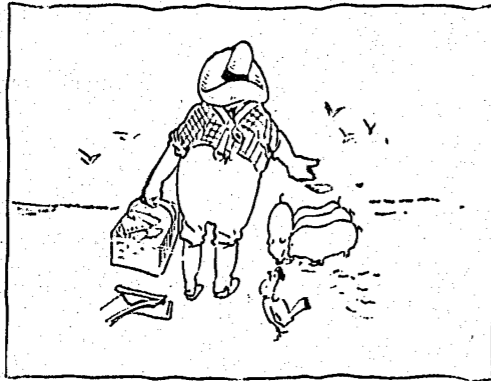
"They certainly have good things to eat in this town," remarked a member as he sat at dinner in the hotel. This opinion was shared by all who were present at the Annual. Chicago has the best meals to be found anywhere in this country, as well as an abundance of vegetables and fruits. And the cooking at the Auditorium and at the Annex is simply excellent.

The state of Illinois is indeed a fat land. A writer in the September number of the Atlantic Monthly declares:

Illinois drips fatness. Its black, oozy soil which eagerly devours one's shoes; its corn that, refined by selective processes, almost exudes oil; its hogs that can scarcely see through the deep folds of their unctuous envelope; its beefsteaks, pork-chops and corn cakes, glistening from the ceaseless sizzling of the frying-pan; its very speech, with mouthful syllables and

exaggerated r's—all are fat with a fatness almost indecent to the spare New Englander. Moreover, the oleaginous carnival seems only just begun. Fertilizers and nitrogen-collectors are making the sand-dunes blossom; swamp-draining and well-driving are equalizing conditions of moisture; rotation of crops is averting possible soil-exhaustion, while scientific breeding is enriching the corn at will and is blanketing the corn-fed hog with ever thick layers of obesity.

In the richest section of Illinois, the land of plenty, is situated a farm owned by Brother George E. Youle, of Seattle. By working hard out on the Coast, Brother Youle makes money enough to get to Illinois once a year to view the tall corn in the fields and the fat pumpkins upturned to the sunshine. All the time he is tolling in the far West.



GEORGE E. YOUNG, thirty years hence.

he is sustained by the thought of his crops back there in old Illinois. It is his dream to retire to his farm when old age shall have come upon him. In his mind's eye he can see himself peacefully feeding the hogs at eventide and rising at five in the morning to milk the cows. It is a beautiful dream—and quite harmless, provided it never comes true!

C. H. Sherrill, an ex-Vicegerent from Kentucky, and president of the Sherrill-Russell Lumber Company, at Paducah, has been spending quite a long vacation at northern resorts and came down to the meeting on his way home. Paducah is the center of a great tobacco growing section, which has not been much disturbed by night riders. Mr. Sherrill says that local business has continued excellent throughout the whole of the financial depression, and that now he thinks the prospect for business was never better. The Sherrill-Russell Lumber Company is a big retail concern at Paducah, but Mr. Sherrill is also at the head of the Sherrill-King Mill Company, also of Paducah, which does a large wholesale and manufacturing business.

George E. Youle, of Seattle, vice president of the S. A. Woods Machine Company, arrived early and worked hard. He was very active in the fight for Seattle for the next Annual, as was also Brother H. J. Miller, president of the H. J. Miller Lumber Company, at Index, Wash.

Salient Features of the Annual.

Though a considerable volume of routine business was transacted, few changes of an important nature were passed upon. The matter of erecting a suitable memorial at Gurdon, Ark., to mark the birthplace of Hoo-Hoo was turned over to a committee consisting of the House of Ancients, with power to act. The proposition of erecting there a suitable memorial was temporarily sidetracked by the introduction of the much more elaborate suggestion of putting up at Gurdon some sort of a sanitarium, to make ef-

fective use of some remarkable medicinal waters that have recently been discovered there. The Committee of the House of Ancients is to investigate this proposition, and to report upon its feasibility at the next Annual Meeting, if not before.

Three hundred dollars was voted from the Imminent Distress Fund as a donation to the proposed "Little House of Hoo-Hoo," at the children's fresh air camp at Indianapolis. This is a little house at the fresh air camp for the care (during the summer months) of sick children.

The idea is to maintain a cottage equipped with cots and a nurse, the house to accommodate eight or ten inmates. The building has been already erected by Indianapolis and Indiana members of the Order, only \$300 remaining to be



paid on the cost. The suggestion that the organization assume this balance and remit the necessary amount to Indianapolis was passed with a unanimous vote amid much enthusiasm.

The only change made in the Constitution is one providing that hereafter until further legislation, delinquent members of the Order owing more than \$5 delinquent dues, may be reinstated upon flat payment of \$5, the payment to cover also current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs. This little change grows out of the recognition that in some sections of the country many eminent good men have become delinquent and in arrears for years purely through oversight and through the difficulty of transmitting by mail small sums of money. The adoption of the card system as essential to attendance of any kind of Hoo-Hoo meeting is steadily working to bring these members back into the fold, and while no particular complaint has been made at the requirement to pay up the full amount of arrears, it was deemed just as equitable that the matter be compromised, the members in arrears for several years not having received during that time any of the advantages of membership.

C. F. Bruffel, of Chicago, headed the delegation of Simonds Manufacturing Company's people who are members in the Order. His company is the well-known saw manufacturing concern of Fitchburg, Mass., with branch office and factory in Chicago, and branch stores all over the lumber producing country. It is doubtful if any one concern has more of its members in Hoo-Hoo than the Simonds Manufacturing Company or if there is any concern in the country taking more interest in the Order.

H. B. Jackman represented at the meeting the E. B. Hayes Machine Company, of Oshkosh, Wis.

S. C. Major, of the S. C. Major Lumber Company, of Memphis, was among the prominent Tennessee lumbermen present. He had in his delegation N. W. Calcutt, of Dyersburg; J. M. Brackin, of Dyersburg, and W. W. Dyer, of Columbia.

W. W. Philbrick, of the Philbrick-Cutterhead Company, of Seattle, Wash., was one of the prominent men from the Coast who were present at the Annual.

Among those who have come to be recognized as regular attendants at the Annual were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey is an ex-Snark of the Universe. He was for a number of years a resident of St. Louis, but is now at the head of the operation of the big plant of the Nashville Lumber Company at Nashville, Ark.

Brother W. S. Paden, manager of the Chicago branch of the Northampton Emery Wheel Company, took an active part in the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed M. Vietmeyer were among those whose faces are often seen at Annual Meetings and without whose presence the occasion would seem almost a failure.

C. E. Haak arrived a little late, but received a warm welcome. Mr. Haak was one of the big party that went out to the Puget Sound country when the Annual Meeting was held at Portland, Ore., in 1905. The Haak brothers were so impressed with the possibilities of that section that they have since invested very largely in timber out there.



The Official Badge.

Nothing at the Annual Meeting called forth more favorable comment than the beautiful badges supplied by the E. C. Atkins Company, manufacturers of the famous Atkins saw. The badges were not only artistic and handsome, but durable and appropriate.

Mrs. J. J. Sherrill, of Chicago, added greatly to the enjoyment of the boat-trip party by her delightful singing. Mrs. Sherrill is the wife of a well known physician of Chicago, who is a brother of Messrs. C. H. and H. V. Sherrill, of the Sherrill-Russell Lumber Company, of Paducah, Ky. Mrs. Sherrill's voice is particularly sweet and sympathetic, and all those who had the pleasure of hearing her sing were unanimous in the hope that they may some day have an opportunity of meeting her again.

Mr. N. A. Gladding, of the E. C. Atkins Company, showed himself the same enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo he has always been.

As toastmaster of the Osirian Cloister banquet he carried off the honors as a story teller. The Atkins Company was represented by half a dozen others of its representatives who are members of the Order.

Mr. D. Clint Prescott, president of the Prescott Company, the well-known saw-mill machinery builders of Chicago, and Marinette, Wis., and Mr. C. H. Adams, of Grand Haven, Mich., the well-known representative of the Prescott Company, took part in the meeting throughout. Both are good Hoo-Hoo, Mr. Adams having long since earned the title of "Traveling Seriventer" through his efforts of hunting up and collecting dues from old members of his acquaintance who had got behind.

Mr. L. L. Filstrup, of the Covel Manufacturing Company, Benton Harbor, Mich., took occasion at the meeting to renew many acquaintances he formed on the trip to the Portland Annual Meeting three years ago.

Brother R. W. English made a good speech for Denver as the place of the next Annual. It is a great compliment to Hoo-Hoo to be invited to return to a city which has already entertained the Order once. It is not every guest who gets a second invitation.

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Chicago was ably represented by many of her prominent lumbermen in making the preliminary arrangements for the Annual and carrying them to a successful conclusion. The following list embraces the various committees which had charge of these arrangements, and presents a list also of the Chicago lumber concerns who shared the expense of the 1908 Annual:

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Irvine McCauley
Thomas Taylor

Dues for 1900.



WHEN the clock struck twelve on the night of September 9 last, dues became payable for 1900. The Hoo-Hoo year begins and ends on September 9. Look up your receipts, and if you find that you have not paid 1900 dues, send \$1.65 to the Scrivenor at once. Any form of remittance will do except stamps that are stuck together. Your individual check will be all right.

NOTES & COMMENTS.



A cheerful philosopher observes: "Autumn is Nature's chosen time to sweep away the rubbish of the past and introduce the future. Wiser than men, she does not permit herself to be hampered by what was done long ago. She submits to no rule of the dead hand, but when one generation of leaves and blossoms has done its work, away it goes to make room for the next one. The old leaves fall, not because death has seized them, but because life is pushing behind them in young buds, and the flower stalks of Summer do not wither until they have treasured up their store of life in seeds. If there is one season of the year which more than all others overflows with expectation and hope, it is Autumn."

This is a different view from that taken by the poets. To them the Autumn days are the "melancholy days, the saddest of the year." The old English word for Autumn is "Fall," signifying the season when the flowers fall in the garden, the fruits fall in the orchard, the nuts fall in the woods, rain falls from the clouds, the leaves fall everywhere, the sun falls away to the southward and the night falls early. There was something sad and oppressive about all this falling, but it was mostly because the falling was so plain to be seen, while the eye of faith alone could perceive the "new life pushing behind the young buds." To an enlightened people, familiar with the laws of nature, there is nothing about the falling leaf that should inspire to melancholy. To quote again the cheerful philosopher referred to before:

So it is everywhere. When we seek in the world truth instead of delusion, we discover ever new grounds of hope and nothing which moves us to despair. Hope is the child of knowledge.

So far as Hoo-Hoo is concerned, the "Fall" is the beginning of the year. The Hoo-Hoo year begins and ends September 9. This article is then somewhat in the nature of a New Year's greeting, so to speak. I am glad to say that our year starts off with every promise of success. We pulled through the financial stringency of last year and I have faith to believe that a presidential election will not give us much of a jolt. We know that a man named Bill will be the next President. And I never knew a man by that name who wasn't a pretty good sort. I read in a Republican paper the other day that a millionaire in Baltimore has stated that he is going to vote for Bryan because of "selfish reasons"—he has figured out that Bryan's election will bring on an awful panic, and he (the millionaire) can then lend his money "at high interest with good se-

curity." That sort of panic (with millionaires shelling out money) will certainly be different from all the panics we have ever had before! Still, I believe Hoo-Hoo can survive even a flood of money. If any member sees such a disaster coming it will be his duty, of course, to advise this office promptly, so I can open all the windows and tear off the roof.

In the beginning of the new year, I should like to remind every member that it is his duty to help to make the Bulletin interesting. This paper is the property of the entire Order. In its pages the members meet and commune together—at least that is the aim of the publication. It doesn't always work out that way—lots of times I write nearly the whole of the contents of The Bulletin, in which case the publication does not serve the purpose for which it was intended.

If you run across anything that you think will be of interest, send it to me. If you go to some far off place where the people and customs are strange, tell the members about your experiences through the columns of The Bulletin. If you have a kick to make, make it in Hoo-Hoo's official organ. It doesn't matter how you spell or what sort of grammar you use—only be sure to mind this rule: Write only on one side of the paper. It is difficult for a printer to handle a communication that is written on both sides.

Russia seems destined to disaster. But lately defeated by Japan, she is now in the grasp of a foe still more grim. An epidemic of cholera rages on the Caspian Sea to St. Petersburg. While the Russian officials were robbing the people, the pestilence worked its way unhindered up the Volga River, a great "artery of commerce," to the heart of the empire. "Everything was prepared to make it welcome," declares the New York Sun. "The wretched peasants are so ill-fed that their power of resistance is slight. The grain that should nourish them is exported to pay the gambling debts of their rulers. There is probably not a peasant's house in any Russian village from the Caspian to St. Petersburg as clean as an American cow-barn. Their food is not only insufficient but it is filthy. St. Petersburg comes nearer than any other city of the empire to being civilized, but even there we read that the habits of the people are incredibly foul. The so-called hospitals of Russia are simply breeding beds of cholera. In one of them, for example, 300 patients were served by three bath tubs."

It is now well recognized that cholera is a disease which originates in filth, and thrives upon ignorance and superstition. The civilized world no longer fears cholera as it did in years past, for it has been proved that rational quarantine and decent habits of life deprive the disease of most of its power to slay. There seems not to be any quarantine in Russia. Probably the officials are too busy grafting to set up a quarantine. At any rate, cholera entered the country last summer from the region of the Caspian—a region where the people are too holy to wash themselves or their food. So dense is their superstition that they imagine dirt to be a sign of divine favor. They believe that filth and faith go together. One of the religious leaders in St. Petersburg has proclaimed to his people that the plague of cholera has come upon them as a punishment for their "sin of lawlessness," and he orders prayers to be said in all the churches for their deliverance. This teacher stumbled on the truth, but his instructions did not go quite far enough. Disease is indeed the penalty of "lawlessness." The laws of health are as divine in origin and as justly penalized as are the laws of the spiritual nature. And disease is curable

by prayer, provided the prayer be of the right sort. I take it that the truest form of prayer is sincere desire expressed in prompt and intelligent action. The history of the world will show that this is the form of prayer most frequently answered. Thus, vaccination checked the ravages of smallpox, a disease which used to slay its tens of thousands. Improved methods of sanitation wiped out yellow fever in Cuba and in the Gulf States. A knowledge of bacteriology is doing a great deal toward checking the spread of consumption. A prayer is not necessarily a petition. Real prayer is a force that impels to action. In my opinion there is more praying of the right sort now than ever before—we are learning that our prayers for relief will be unavailing unless we show our sincerity by acting in accordance with all we know of the laws which the Almighty has ordained for the preservation of health. This form of rational belief invests even the commonest things with dignity. A cake of soap is a means of grace. So is a good mop. A well-constructed sewer is an expression of faith. A law providing for pure milk is an evidence of trust in God's laws. Petitions never yet stayed one epidemic. The elimination of dirt and sloth has stayed the march of pestilence and plague. The untimely death of children is now a simple matter of sewer gas, diphtheria-breeding filth or foul milk. Why should not the religious teachers in Russia set forth these facts in plain language to the people? Such a course would not be without precedent—long before the dawn of medical science the Church assumed the function of establishing quarantine and prescribing disinfection. The sacred books of all nations are largely occupied with such sanitary codes. Many of the laws laid down by Moses are sanitary laws.

The writer of a recent magazine article observes:

The more exact medical knowledge of the present day is ineffective because it is dependent on the vigilance of the authorities for its enforcement instead of being placed upon the consciences of the individual as part of his religious duty.

I used to know a pious youth who never failed to "read a chapter" before he retired at night, but frequently omitted to brush his teeth. His religious education was very superficial. He had not been properly taught.

Cleanliness is a sacred duty. Keeping clean is one way (and a mighty good way, too,) of showing our love for humanity and our belief in the divine law which governs the universe. A sound religious education should include a course of instruction in hygiene and at least an elementary knowledge of physiology. Nobody can truly worship the Creator who is ignorant of His simplest laws.

A Misspelling Bee.

How many ways can the word "hydrant" be misspelled? The Bureau of Water Supply in Philadelphia has compiled a list of ninety-three misspellings which have been presented to them in letters of complaint during the month of July. The list is enough to drive spelling reformers mad. "Higherdereant," says one letter, with disregard of accomplishing a result in the shortest given time. "Hyd." is the brief abbreviation of another, which goes to the opposite extreme. "Idron," says a third, approaching the subject from a new point of view. And then there is "halfdrant" and "hidrent" and "highdrain" and "hodran" and "idrand." Just a few of the others are hydrine, hiderun, hyran, hidone, hydunt, hyderen, hidran and highdun.

Louise—Howard seems very devoted. Does he want to make a date with you?

Julia (joyously)—He wants to make a whole calendar with me.—Town Topics.

An Echo of the Olympian Games.

As is well known, the "Olympiad" of last summer was the occasion of some hard feeling between the American and the English athletes who competed in the games. The Americans considered some of the decisions unjust, and the Britishers regarded the Americans as great kickers. Personally I knew nothing of the merits of the case except what little I read in the papers at the time and I had almost forgotten that, when there turned up on my desk a clipping from an English paper, "The Athletic News." The clipping proved to be a long article by a writer who signs himself "Strephon." The first impression I got from the article was that "Strephon," as a writer, is remarkably long-winded and prosy. His style is stilted and monotonous. Some of the old-fashioned words he uses sound strange to Americans—for instance, "vowed," in the following sentence:

After the disqualification of Carpenter many hot words were passed outside of the council chamber of the A. A. A. One who protested in wild fashion was a young gentleman dressed in immaculate city attire, who vowed that the boring out of Halswell was shameful, and that the Yankee "really deserved what he had got."

Well, the dude who "vowed" soon got into trouble—maybe next time he will swear instead of vowing. For this is what happened:

He had no sooner uttered the words than four or five Yankee competitors were around him, swearing by all that was American that did he not withdraw his words they would make him do so.

The city gentleman had got into a tight corner. He had little chance with these big, well-trained American athletes, and he cleared away

"The city gentleman cleared away." He did not "light out," or "hike," or "hit the trail," or "split the wind." If he had done any of those things he might have wrinkled his "immaculate attire." Besides, he was English, and did not desire to do anything undignified—so he gracefully but swiftly "cleared away."

Never mind. Nemesis was camping on the trail of the wicked and vulgar Yankees! "Strephon" relates the sequel ponderously thus:

Now, a spectator of this scene had been a little thick-set man from the county of Yorkshire or Lancashire, my friend could not make out which. When the Londoner left, this north countryman was quite indignant. He simply dashed among the Americans and exclaimed in a dialect I do not intend to try to reproduce in print—

"See here, you lot. He's feared, but I'm not. I'm ready for any two of you. I cannot do things as are impossible, and I cannot tackle the five of you. But I'm ready to hammer any two of you. And I'll tell you what I think of such a trick as we've seen. The man who did it deserves to be shot in the neck."

Did the Yankees retort? They did not. They did business which called them, shall I say to the compilation of protests elsewhere?

I wonder if these lines will catch the eye of that Tyke or Lancastrian? If they do will he one day honor me by shaking me by the hand? I should like to meet a hero who dislikes bluff, and whose motto seems to be "Deeds, not cackle."

"Strephon" draws a gloomy picture of what the future holds in store for Carpenter, one of the Americans who received a "consolation cup" because of having been "disqualified without reason:"

J. C. Carpenter is not likely to hand his consolation cup down to posterity as an heirloom. Fancy a young Carpenter asking one day, as kiddies will ask questions: "Say, poppa, how did you get this pot?" It will take Carpenter more than two minutes to answer the query.

Poor Carpenter! It will indeed be painful to have to take "more than two minutes to answer the query." But maybe Carpenter, being duly warned by the solemn "Strephon," can take time by the forelock and think up the answer by the time the kiddie gets old enough to ask the fatal question. As I understand it, Carpenter is quite a young man now and unmarried. Perhaps he can give the cup away before he marries. Perhaps, too, he may remain a bachelior. Anyhow, there is no use worrying. Let Carpenter do the best he can.



FORECAST OF THE NEXT BRITISH OLYMPIC GAMES—HAWKINS WINNING THE MARATHON RACE FOR ALL ENGLAND.

"Strepthon" sums up the whole matter in these words:

Those expatriated Englishmen who have written to me from the United States marveling at the reports published by a frantic press, and asking to be assured of the truth of the matter, can take it straight from me that the Americans were fairly treated at the Stadium, and that the disqualification of Carpenter was well deserved. But the Americans remind me of ill-bred children who have not been given their own way in their games. They talk and pull faces and call nick-names to fair-playing comrades. So do the Americans, and caricaturists who know nothing of the subject help them in the matter just as these ill-bred youngsters cowardly chalk rude drawings on the wall. Some of the cartoons have been admirable. In fact, the whole business is remarkable for lack of sportsmanship. Or is it all so much bliss?

I do not know who sent me the clipping from The Athletic News, but I am very glad to have seen it. One of the "abominable cartoons" which appeared in the American funny papers is reproduced in this issue of The Bulletin.

The Olympiad "Foreigners."

The hammer throw had been announced, the bugles had been blown;

The heavy hammers flew and bounced, by mighty giants thrown.

"Who wins it?" cried the eager throng. "Who captures this event?"

And the Irish entries came along, retiring on their tent.

"A foreigner has beaten us,"
They answered with a groan;
"A foreigner—United States—
A fellow named Malone."

A dozen men were crouched to start, and the starter fired the gun;

And as a bow projects a dart, the men were off to run.

"Who wins it?" cried the eager crowd. "Who captures this event?"

And the German sprinters, sad and bowed, retired upon their tent.

"A foreigner has conquered us,"
They said, and winced a bit;
"A foreigner—United States—
His name is Otto Schmidt."

The hurdle race was duly called, and the starter fired the shot;

And some there were overhauled, and some there were were not.

"Who wins it?" cried the multitude. "Who wins this last event?"

And the Frenchmen, beaten and subdued, retired upon their tent.

"A foreigner outthurdled us,"
They said with little heart;
"A foreigner—United States—
A man named Bonaparte."

The running jump was on the card, and men went high aloft;

And some men hit the island hard, and others hit it soft.

"Who wins it?" cried the eager mass. "Who captures this event?"

And the Swedish jumpers sadly passed, retiring on their tent.

"A foreigner has won," they said,
"Some fellow from Wisconsin—
He jump like sixty, and his name,
His name ban Yonny Yonson."

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Very Dry Reading.

A subscriber furnishes the following: "The ladies of a neighboring town on the day of election took an active part in scattering local option literature and pinning paper flags on the voters. In the evening they had a lot of literature left and they threw it over into a dairyman's cow pasture. The cows ate the literature and every cow in the pasture went dry.—*Albany Democrat.*"

Applying for a divorce, an old Georgia negro said to the Judge: "Hit only cost me a string er fish ter git married, Jedge, but, please God, I'd give a whale ter git rid er her."

A Dog Lover.

Phatboy—Why do you have such an ugly looking cur as that stuffed? Binks (with emotion)—That dog saved my life. Phatboy—Well, well! How? Binks—When we got back from our wedding tour my wife baked a cake for me, and the dog ate it.—*Half-Holiday.*

The Fool in the Forest.

Something more than mere sentimentalism will move the Californian to rejoice that "The Mother of the Forest" of the Calaveras grove of Big Trees still stands in columnar majesty with her stalwart family of great-girthed, russet-mailed, emerald-plumed giants. For a time it was feared that these trees were fated to perish from the earth; that the flames creeping out from a sheep-herder's pot-boiling camp-fire or the embers of a fool "camper's" bacon-frying contrivance would destroy the only living survival of the age beyond "the dawn of history." Happily this disaster was averted and only the bald and ragged crest of "The Mother" was scorched; only another scar added to those already inflicted by time and the hand of God.

Better, far better, that these age-defying monarchs should perish by the slivering stroke of the thunderbolt than that they should waste to cinders and ashes in the ignoble flame of a fire kindled by a Slavonian goatherd or a grocer's clerk obtruding his puny presence upon nature in her solitude. Long before the herder's ancestry learned the use of the element which their illiterate and sacrilegious descendant employed to warm a can full of cheap chicory to appease the craving of a degenerate stomach, these trees were sturdy saplings; a thousand years anterior to the period when the most ancient progenitors of the grocer's clerk took for themselves the names of their overlords and abandoned their holes in the rock to make local habitation in abject villeinage to a barbarian chieftain, these trees were deep-rooted in the glacial mud of the mountains still trembling in the throes of their upheaval. When Abraham fed his flocks on the scant pasture of Ur in the land of the Chaldees the giant redwoods of California were vigorous shoots not yet barked to record their age in annular growth, though centuries had elapsed since their seed had thawed from the cold embrace of the ice drift; while the armies of Sesostris were devastating the world from Ethiopia to the Indus, the last of the post-pliocene mastodons may have rubbed his gigantic tusks against the rough bark of "The Father of the Forest," now prostrate and dry-rotted in the Calaveras grove; if ethnologists have guessed accurately, the southward wandering Toltec tribes paused in the shade of these trees to recuperate from the fatigue of their long march, and that was three centuries before Columbus set foot on the islands of the Carib Sea. Dynasties founded to outlast the memory of man have passed to oblivion since the seed of the sequoia winged its flight on the north west wind to its final resting place on the slope of the Californian Sierra; racial types have changed to fit their shifting environment and mingled to produce a hundred new phases of humanity since our redwoods began to grow; nations have come and gone, and only man has persisted coeval with these trees as they now stand.

So old are the ever-living redwoods of the Sierran forests that they have outlived the use of commerce. The centuries have eaten their hearts and they are no longer timber; they have ceased to be appraised in the lumber market; they are interrogation marks and exclamation points on the pages of the Book of Time. John Muir, venerable guardian of this garden of the Lord, once said that the Almighty could plant these trees and blast them with the wrath of his storms through all the ages, permitting them to survive every vicissitude of millennial existence, and that at last a fool and a touchwood splinter tipped with sulphur in incendiary conjunction with a fistful of crackling twigs could destroy the divine handiwork in a few hours of a midsummer day. Once upon a time this Brother of the Forest, traversing his usual way through the country of the giants, discovered a grease-grimed herdsman, born in a land where the vegetation creeps on the surface of the earth, in the act of building a fire at the base of a sequoia. The fire was never lighted. The twigs and brambles were kicked into the canon by indignant feet heavy-booted for a long journey. Then the astonished and terrified exile of Tuscany listened to a brief history of the tree upon which he had sought to commit this sacrilege—history intermingled with up-to-date oburgation. When Muir had ended, the Italian (degenerate scion of the Caesars, perchance) muttered his "No savvy," and silently slunk away, only delaying, like the Arab, to fold his dirty blankets. But even the eloquence and admonition of John Muir is powerless against the match of the sheep-herding Goth and the cheese-paring Vandal; and some day there will be no more redwoods in California.—*San Francisco Argonaut.*

Likes the Haidbook.

San Antonio, Texas, September 9, 1908—Your nicely gotten up book was received sometime ago. Must confess that it is one of the best arranged books of its kind that I ever saw and is a great help to me.

For the past three months I have been with the Hillyard-Deutch-Jarrett Company of this city, therefore would change my address from Sanford, Fla., to San Antonio, Texas. Keep the papers coming for I enjoy reading them.

You will also find enclosed a check for dues.

W. T. JOHNS, JR. (No. 2016.)

Seattle, Wash., September 19, 1908—Enclosed you will find check for \$3.25, which will pay my dues for 1909 and also purchase a Hoo-Hoo pin for my better half. If this isn't enough tell me how much and I will send the rest.

Business here in the west is on the bum for the time being, but as soon as the easterners wake up to the fact that we make the duty lumber worth having we will be turning business away as usual.

Trusting that this finds you well and as full of opinions as you usually are (they are always interesting even if one doesn't agree) and wishing you, The Bulletin and all and sundry who wear the mystic button a better year than the last it has been, I remain,

Very truly yours,

C. C. FINN.

Office of Houston Car Wheel & Machine Company, Houston, Texas September 24, 1908—Dear Friend Baird: You used to call me "the sportsman of Hoo-Hoo." I was game enough to come to your rescue when you were in the toils of "Lady Rose's Daughter" and take her with me on a fishing trip after the gamey tarpon down among the islands off the Gulf coast of Florida, to help you out, and you remember I sent you a sample of the scales that were pulled over my eyes on that trip. Say, old fellow, the memory of the gigantic silver king as he showed up out of the water glistening like a bar of burnished silver and knew he was on the end of my line, thrills me and just makes me tingle all over yet! Well, I finally got Lady Rose's Daughter settled in far off Los Angeles. And now you are having a terrible time with the variegated pronunciation of that town. You have had troubles enough lately. I appreciate what it was to get out that Annual Bulletin and if I can relieve you any, I'll be glad.

How does this strike you: "Loce-Anglis." Try it—jam it all together as one word and say it quick, as if you were trying to get rid of it. You know that I lived out there for some time, and the way I heard most of the natives say it sounded like the above and some of them pronounce

it so it sounded like "Los-An-Glis." Don't draw it out like the eastern dude or a tenderfoot, "Loss-An-Gee-Lees," but put the snap and vim of the westerner in it and get rid of it, and don't hold me responsible for the results. You know you found all my fishing stories to be true, and you will find this likewise. I never go back on a friend, and you are a good fellow, and any time you are in distress or need help, command,

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT E. MASTERS (No. 71.)

Well, well! To get a letter from Brother Masters is just like shaking hands with a long-lost brother. Not that he has ever been lost, of course, but I have not had a letter from him for quite a while, and I had begun to think maybe he had got swallowed by a whale whilst cruising around on the briny deep.

The "Lady-Rose's-Daughter" affair was a funny mix-up. From some unknown source, Johnny Bonner, of Houston, received a copy of the novel entitled "Lady Rose's Daughter"—I think it came by mail, or maybe by express, collect. For some mysterious reason, Brother Bonner conceived the weird idea that I had sent him the book, and he wrote to know what he was expected to do with it. Johnny isn't a very romantic proposition, and the prospect of having to wade through a long love story did not appeal to him, but still he said he would tackle the book if I thought it was his duty to do so. I promptly and indignantly denied ever having seen or read any such dinky story as the one mentioned sounded like. As long as there is so much really good literature in the world, I don't have to waste time on any novel that is less than twenty years old—certainly not on the mushroom style of fiction that flourishes nowadays. And because I was mad at Johnny Bonner for getting the wrong line on me, I published the whole thing in The Bulletin—and then a storm broke loose! People wrote me from all over the country. Some commended my views, while others protested that "Lady Rose's Daughter" was a fine story. We never did find out where the book came from. But Johnny Bonner was mighty glad when he discovered that he didn't have to read it. Then Brother Masters, who had paid up his dues for a long time ahead and had planned a big fishing trip, offered to take Lady Rose's Daughter off our hands. He was willing to take chances on being bored to death, for he had all his affairs in good shape anyway, and was fixed to either live or die. It was a supreme test of friendship, and he well deserves the title of "the sportsman of Hoo-Hoo."

Pleased at Last.

A letter from California conveys the surprising but welcome news that, for the time being at least, Brother Sam R. Gnyther feels kindly toward The Bulletin. He is a notorious kicker, and it is difficult to think of him otherwise than as rampaging around and handing out knocks. The September Bulletin seems to have struck him just right—it must have been an accident! The entire office force was paralyzed when the following communication turned up in the morning mail:

"Lost Angle Tees," September 22, 1908—Dear Baird: Nothing to kick about this time. Really you have got out a darned fine number of The Bulletin—best I have seen for a very long time. Your "spade" article is a gem of the first water. You ought to have it done in vellum (I don't know what vellum is, but it is the right thing to have it done on.) That Waterson selection is great. "Ol' Joshway an' de Sun" is really worth while. "Head Hudgeoned, but Unbowed" is O. K. The man who wrote that ought to be assistant ink slinger to the editor of The Bulletin. He would bring you fame.

The way you do that Georgia legislator is a darned outrage on the member from the great prohibition state. He ought to lick you! But it is great dope just the same. "Hit 'im again."

Cordially yours,

SAM R. GUYTHER (No. 4916.)

The following letter from Brother Kingsley R. McGuffey is the first of several which he has promised to write for *The Bulletin*. He is a member of the Forest Service and is an enthusiastic follower of the Great Sacred Black Cat. He is taking a long trip through Asia and his occasional letters will doubtless prove to be an interesting feature of "Notes and Comments:"

Shanghai, China, August 20, 1908—Dear Brother Baird: In accordance with your request I am sending you a few photographs taken by myself and trust they may be of some use in *The Bulletin*. They are rather small but I think prints can be made of them successfully. As yet I have seen no satisfactory photographs either of the people or the city and find on the whole the results are better if one takes them one's self.

This is certainly a most interesting place, indeed it seems to be almost another world, with its curious people and customs. As a rule the Chinese are peaceable and industrious and in a business way are far more honest than the Japanese. The tea houses with their singing girls and queer oriental music, the theaters and opium dens are all very unique. You might say they are a religious people, too, though their religion is a "pagan" one. Their gods are almost too numerous to mention and some of them are hardly beautiful, though very expensively wrought



Joss in Loongwha Joss House, near Shanghai.

In punishing for crimes they are very merciless and resort to extremes of cruelty and torture which fully equal if not exceed those of the Spanish Inquisition. Their sense of morality, too, is practically nil, at least from our standpoint.

Just now business is very dull, owing to a bad year last year in which famine and cholera carried off many thousands, but when one sees the entire law of sanitation in the country, one ceases to wonder at it.

There are one or two Hoo-Hoo here in Shanghai, but I've not had a chance to see them. The former U. S. Consul was a Hoo-Hoo, but I understand he is dead.

Recently I heard from Brother D. N. Rogers, of the Forest Service, that they were going to have a concatenation in Washington City, and that means, I suppose, some more Forest Service men were going in. When in Montana, I found that not only was membership pleasant socially, but my relationship with a manager of a lumber company on the Lolo National Forest, I found there was a mutual understanding of each other's interests which wouldn't have been possible had we not both been members of Hoo-Hoo.

Yours fraternally,
KINGSLEY R. MCGUFFEY (No. 19424)

Somewhat Delayed But Still O. K.

Walla Walla, Wash., September 17, 1908—I am distressed to know that I am late in advising you of my whereabouts and condition. On September 9 I was 110 miles from the nearest railroad, having pierced the interior of Oregon. However, now that I am back to civilization I am offering this apology and hope you will understand the delay.

Still being a member of the engineering department of the Forest Service, I am as happy and as contented as an unmarried man can be. My headquarters are still at Ogden, Utah, where I have been acting as chief engineer since April 1, 1908.

Hoping the delay in this annual letter will not inconvenience you, I am,
Yours in Hoo-Hoo,

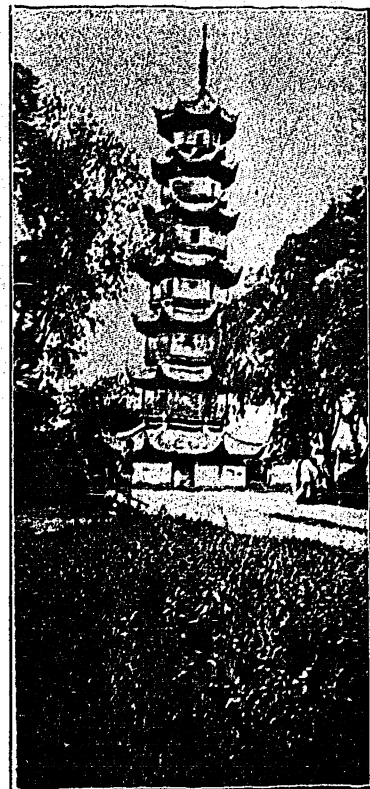
A. T. MITCHELSON (No. 20352)



Douglas, Ariz., September 28, 1908—Enclosed herewith find \$1.65 in payment of my dues for the ensuing year, also subscription to *The Bulletin*. I especially enjoyed the September number. Your Notes and Comments were fine. With best wishes I remain,

Fraternally yours,

S. G. DOWELL (No. 15640)



Loongwha Pagoda, near Shanghai.

The following letter from Brother Robert C. Lippincott, who is one of the big lumbermen of Philadelphia, may be of interest to some of our readers. The point he raises has often come up. It would be ever so much better and more effective for men advertising in *The Bulletin* for positions to sign their correct name and address, instead of using initials or a fictitious name. There are reasons, however, why in many cases the man may desire to withhold his name and location:

Office of Robert C. Lippincott, Wholesale Lumber, Crozer Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa., September 29, 1908—I notice in *The Bulletin* several applications for positions, but we cannot tell what district they are familiar with. We want a lumber salesman for Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and south to Washington. Are any of your advertisers acquainted in that district? Can you put us on to any of them?

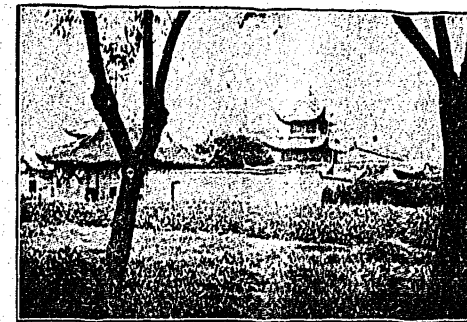
Respectfully,

ROBERT C. LIPPINCOTT.

Essay on Lumbermen.

Lumbermen are descendants of Hoo-Hoo—when he is young he is a kitten. Hoo-Hoo all have numbers, so do lumbermen, when they are Hoo-Hoo. There are several kinds of lumbermen, some of them are yellow pine, some are like barrel hoops.

Lumbermen have a trade, and that is making, buying, selling, cutting and stealing lumber. Lumbermen never ship lumber, the railroads won't let them.



Loongwha Joss House, near Shanghai.

Lumbermen love railroads and railroads love lumbermen—when the lumberman owns the railroad. Saw mill men are all the same as lumbermen only they never write or tell lies. Lumbermen never write lies. They hire it done.

Lumbermen never drink, neither do they like pretty girls, because they cost so a awful much. Lumbermen do other things than lumber, some of them incorporate, and when they are incorporated they have to have several in one office. Some are stockholders, some keep the stock well watered, and a few have been known that came from around Illinois that run windmills.

Lumbermen have waterwagons, for their wives, sometimes they take a little ride. Lumbermen's wives are better than preachers' wives—they know there is a devil and preachers' wives merely believe there is. Lumbermen do not belong to the trust. They can't be trusted, neither do they bribe politicians. Lumbermen do not buy and sell Senators, neither do they interfere with the head of the State. I know lots more about lumbermen but it all happened after dark and I am afraid to tell it.

P. S.—Not copyrighted. If the makeup man runs out of stuff give him this.
No. 19130.

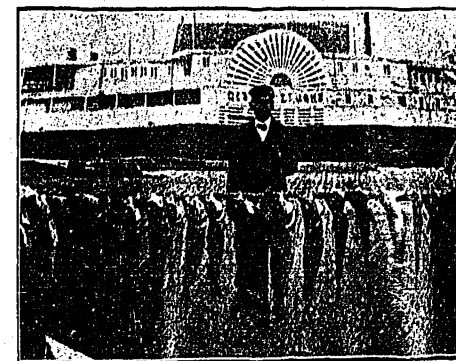


Minneapolis, Minn., September 16, 1908—Herewith please find a check for dues for the year ending September 9, 1909. I am greatly pleased with *The Bulletin*. It is a credit to the organization and to its editor.

Wishing you all things good, I am,

Yours sincerely,

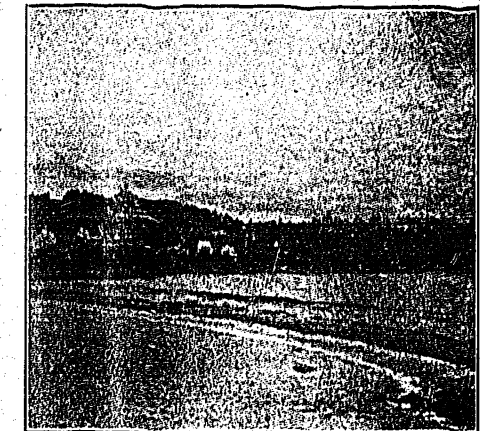
A. W. MORSE (No. 20199)



This catch of fish is what induced John Love to buy a farm, a hotel and a few islands, coves, bays and other property in Nova Scotia.

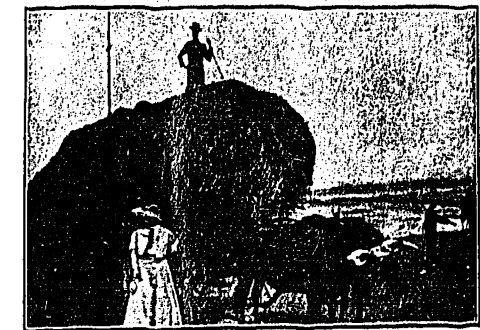
John W. Love, of Love, Boyd & Co., Nashville, Tenn., took a little trip to Nova Scotia some nine years ago, and finding that country almost an ideal place for a summer residence, he bought a farm, a hotel and a few other things, and made his plans to spend the summer of each year in a crisp, cool climate. Accordingly, every summer Mr. Love and family depart for Markland, a village just across the

inlet from the quaint old town of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. A launch makes regular trips from Yarmouth to Markland every hour, covering the distance in twenty minutes. Markland is situated on an elevation overlooking the beautiful sheet of water, and the view from the hotel is superb.



Summer Home of John W. Love at Markland, Nova Scotia.

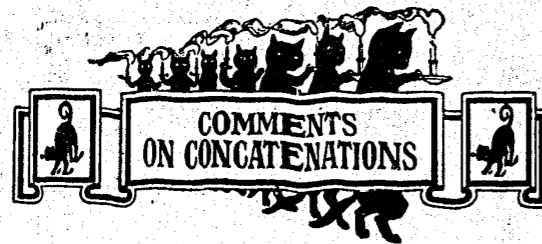
Mr. Love has a picturesque cottage not far from the beach. The bathing is fine and so is the fishing. The hotel is run by a competent manager, and throughout the summer it is full to overflowing with people who have fled from heat, mosquitoes, hay fever and other discomforts of a less favored climate. Nova Scotia is a land of vivid color. The grass there is the greenest ever, and it grows very tall and rank. There are many wild flowers of varied hues. The air is so clear that everything stands out with remarkable distinctness of outline—the landscape looks like a picture painted in broad strokes with generous splashes of gorgeous tints. I traveled several hundred miles last August through that very interesting land, and the trip will be always a delightful memory. Nova Scotia is not quite an island, but is almost surrounded by water—the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Bay of Fundy on the other. The peninsula is swept by salt breezes, and the rainfall is sufficient to keep the country clothed with verdure. Barley and oats thrive there, and large numbers of cattle find excellent pasturage.



A familiar scene in Nova Scotia. A great deal of hay is raised in that country, and ox teams are much used for hauling.

It is a good apple country, too. I saw many fine orchards, and was told that large quantities of apples are exported to England.

The Chinese have undertaken to nurse their forests and the officials of the Celestial government have engaged a Japanese expert from Tokio to act as head master for the proposed school of forests at Mulden for a term of forty years, with two Chinese gentlemen as his assistants.



At Marianna, Ark.

On August 29 a concatenation was held under the Vicegerency of J. M. Gibson. The class was composed of the constitutional number of nine, with Vicegerent Gibson acting as Snark of the Universe and C. C. Reed in the Junior chair. The Scribevoter has received the following sprightly report of what happened that night, written by Brother C. N. Houck, of the L'Anguille Lumber Company:

Nine minutes before the mystic hour of nine, nine trembling and benighted kittens assembled in front of the Central Hotel where, amid the clanging of harmonious bells, a great fanfare of kingly trumpets, accompanied by the clanking of many chains, they were carefully escorted through the principal thoroughfares of the city to the Masonic Temple where, in ancient manner, they were humbled in the dust before his majesty, the Snark, and were taught many "beautiful lessons" in humility.

Two of the lightest treading kittens of the evening were Messrs. Stevens and Eldred, who thoroughly demonstrated that they are more than eligible for the next Olympic games, especially in "sprints."

Mr. G. S. Brickley afforded much merriment with his new style "bed ticking" pants, so called by Junior Clyde Reed, of Memphis, who in a manner more than grace itself attended to the duties of his station.

As "onsorial artists" of more than high repute, also "masseursists," Messrs. M. D. Miller, of Marianna, and Jack McDonald, of Helena, gave splendid exhibitions. Mr. G. C. Thompson, of Marianna, afforded much pleasure to the gathering by word pictures of his travels, especially his recent sojourn in Hot Springs. Many new styles in the art of sticiana were shown during the evening by Mr. Charles Karloff of this city.

Too much praise cannot be given Vicegerent J. M. Gibson, of Newport, who held this concatenation. Brother Gibson certainly knows how to arrange a concatenation so that everything goes off "smoothly" and everyone has a good time.

Immediately after the concatenation the parties adjourned to the "Session-on-the-Roof," where an elaborate banquet was had, and the following menu was served:

Consomme a la cat tail
Country Oysters, Maryanne.
Barbecued cat claws Lyonnaise potatoes
Shredded stingles a la dry kiln
Aqua a la L'Anguille
Anheusser a la Vaccaro Gum sawdust cigars
Arkansas Traveler Coffee a la Bryan
Iced Toothpicks
L'Anguille Lumber Co. Finger Bowls

During the banquet many eloquent toasts were listened to, and the feature of the evening was a beautiful poem entitled, "Life," composed and read with much feeling by Brother T. B. Ingram, of Florence, Ala., which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, old, middle aged and young.

Snark, J. M. Gibson; Senior Hoo-Hoo, E. J. Jones; Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. C. Reed; Bojum, Max D. Miller; Scribevoter, Charles N. Houck; Jabberwock, J. V. Porter; Custocatian, T. B. Ingram; Arcanoper, Wm. C. Thomas; Gurdon, H. A. Hinkley.

21954 Garland Smith Brickley, Marianna, Ark.; manager Peter Brickley & Son and Marianna Slave Company.

21955 Cephas DeWitt Coddington, Memphis, Tenn.; owner and manager C. D. Coddington.

21956 Allan Brad Eldrid, Marianna, Ark.; stockholder Rueter Hub & Spoke Company.

21957 Edwin Hickman Ewing, Marianna, Ark.; manager Marianna branch McDonald Bros., Helena, Ark.

21958 Charles Leonard Karicofe, Marianna, Ark.; superintendent Marianna Cotton Oil Company.

21959 Harry Giles McCrory, Marianna, Ark.; salesman, buyer and inspector McDonald Bros., Helena, Ark.

21960 Charles Bruce Mulkey, Marianna, Ark.; salesman and manager L'Anguille Lumber Company.

21961 Frank Seltzer Stevens, Little Rock, Ark.; salesman Globe Oil Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

21962 George Carls Thompson, Marianna, Ark.; buyer and salesman L'Anguille Lumber Company.

Concatenation No. 1493, Marianna, Ark., August 29, 1908.

A Fresno Round-up.

On August 29, at Fresno, Cal., the boys met to round up those members of the Valley Association of Lumbermen who were not yet but should be members of the Order. The association meeting was held in the afternoon, and the rest of the day was turned over to the black cats and they did well with it. Vicegerent Foss says of those who were initiated:

"They are a fine bunch of fellows who know how to make money out of the lumber business and at the same time have harmony within their association ranks. We had the honor of having two former members of the Supreme Nine with us, assisting in the initiation. They were Wallace Everett and Jay Hamilton. After the meeting we had a fine banquet provided for us at the Hotel Sequoia, where Fred D. Prescott acted as toastmaster. When we adjourned from the banquet it was the expressed opinion of those present that we had held one of the most enjoyable concatenations ever held in California, which was saying a great deal for the Fresno meeting."

Snark, F. W. Foss; Senior Hoo-Hoo, Charles Van Valkenburg; Junior Hoo-Hoo, O. J. Russell; Bojum, F. D. Prescott; Scribevoter, R. Hendrickson; Jabberwock, W. W. Everett; Custocatian, J. Q. Anderson; Arcanoper, W. E. Landram; Gurdon, H. E. Zabel.

21963 Arthur Lee Barnard, Kingsburg, Cal.; salesman Valley Lumber Company.

21964 Hiram F. Brey, Portersville, Cal.; vice president and manager Portersville Lumber Company.

21965 Obed William Carr, Portersville, Cal.; salesman Portersville Lumber Company.

21966 Charles Elmer Chess, Fresno, Cal.; salesman Valley Lumber Company.

21967 William Bernard Dumble, Fresno, Cal.; salesman and bookkeeper Valley Lumber Company.

21968 Edward Clarence Foster, Madera, Cal.; sales manager Madera Sugar Pine Company.

21969 Charles Andrew Hare, Bakersfield, Cal.; C. A. Hare.

21970 Arthur Willard Heavenrich, Madera, Cal.; yard manager Madera Sugar Pine Company.

21971 Irvin Parker Hunter, Fowler, Cal.; yard salesman Valley Lumber Company.

21972 Elmore Wilson Bramblotte King, Bakersfield, Cal.; general manager The King Lumber Co.

21973 Fins Lee Landram, Merced, Cal.; stockholder and head salesman Merced Lumber Company.

21974 Chester Arthur Muard, Raisin City, Cal.; manager C. S. Pierce Lumber Company.

21975 Cummings Samuel Nicewonger, Fresno, Cal.; manager Fassill Lumber Company.

21976 John Henry Rout, Merced, Cal.; president and manager Klawarth Lumber Company.

21977 Simon Newman Sherzer, Bakersfield, Cal.; manager The King Lumber Company.

21978 Porter Carsten Theo, Madera, Cal.; assistant manager Madera Sugar Pine Company.

Concatenation No. 1494, Fresno, Cal., August 29, 1908.

At Oklahoma City Again.

The Oklahoma Hoo-Hoo boys are doing good work and the Order is growing fast in that state. This is due to the splendid concatenations which are always held there. There is enthusiasm for the Order, there is fun at the meetings—fun that is born of good fellowship that tells of the generous Oklahoma way of meeting and treating a fellow man. Some of the very best concatenations that have ever been held in the history of the Order have been held in this state, and the one in Oklahoma City on September 5, under the Vicegerency of Brother A. Bissell, was typical of these gatherings.

Snark, A. Bissell; Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. E. Marrs; Junior Hoo-Hoo, Charles P. Walker; Bojum, J. F. Brown; Scribevoter, Weston Atwood; Jabberwock, R. A. Finley; Custocatian, W. C. Lawson; Arcanoper, B. H. Miller; Gurdon, George Whitten.

21979 Robert Oscar Bailey, Kiefer, Okla.; local manager Fullerton & Stewart Lumber Company.

21980 Charles Stephens Burton, Oklahoma City, Okla.; salesman Louisiana Red Cypress Co., Wichita, Kas.

21981 Felix Harry Cook, Oklahoma City, Okla.; salesman Louisiana Red Cypress Co., New Orleans, La.

21982 William J. Dustman, Temple, Okla.; manager Varner & Marshall.

21983 Hugh Forehand, Lindsey, Okla.; manager Carey-Lombard Co.

21984 Clarence Welcome Hall, Oklahoma City, Okla.; assistant manager Galt Lumber Company.

21985 Charles Leonhard, Hydro, Okla.; manager Davidson & Case Lumber Company.

21986 Joseph Ernest Markham, Duncan, Okla.; manager J. T. Markham Lumber Company.

21987 Ethan Allen Rosecrans, Fallis, Okla.; manager Glen Lumber Company.

21988 Thomas Jefferson Stewart, Oklahoma City, Okla.; general manager T. J. Stewart Lumber Company.

21989 Emery Henry Stubbeman, Norman, Okla.; assistant manager Barker Lumber Company.

21990 Francis Joseph Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla.; salesman R. H. Drennan Lumber Company.

21991 James Moncrief Wheeler, Oklahoma City, Okla.; salesman Kirby Lumber Company, Houston, Texas.

21992 John J. Winne, Weatherford, Okla.; manager Winne Lumber Company.

Concatenation No. 1495, Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 5, 1908.

The Annual Concatenation.

The list of the officers and initiates of the concatenation at the Annual Meeting in Chicago follows, and the story of this concatenation is elsewhere in this issue:

Snark, J. S. Bonner; Senior Hoo-Hoo, John L. Alcock; Junior Hoo-Hoo, W. E. Barnes; Bojum, W. A. Hinkley; Scribevoter, J. H. Baird; Jabberwock, J. L. Strong; Custocatian, Charles H. Ryan, Jr.; Arcanoper, L. E. Fuller; Gurdon, Jeff B. Webb.

21993 Llewellyn Lamartine Abbott, Chicago, Ill.; assistant manager E. L. Roberts & Co.

21994 Sidney Jewell Austin, Chicago, Ill.; salesman C. L. Willey.

21995 William Harrison Barnes, Sikeston, Mo.; secretary Holley-Matthews Manufacturing Company.

21996 Stacy Clyde Bennett, Chicago, Ill.; salesman and president Hardwood Mills Lumber Company.

21997 Charles August Brand, Chicago, Ill.; salesman North Branch Flooring Company.

21998 Howard Dorst Casey, Chicago, Ill.; Howard D. Casey & Co.

21999 James Keeler Chalmers, Chicago, Ill.; salesman E. C. Atkins & Co.

22000 Frank Berton Cockrell, Chicago, Ill.; president F. B. Cockrell Lumber Company.

22001 George Churchill Cooks, Chicago, Ill.; traffic manager Walworth & Neville Manufacturing Company.

22002 Harry Bullock Darlington, Chicago, Ill.; staff representative American Lumberman.

22003 Asa Orent Davis, Chicago, Ill.; partner W. A. Davis.

22004 Severins Robert Drosscher, New York, N. Y.; president S. R. Drosscher.

22005 Robert "Eva" Eveland, Chicago, Ill.; salesman E. C. Atkins & Co.

22006 Walter Kayton Greenbaum, Chicago, Ill.; general manager Indiana Transportation Company.

22007 Eras Aloysius Halle, Chicago, Ill.; manager yellow pine department Estabrook-Skeels Lumber Company.

22008 George Leslie Hammers, Chicago, Ill.; vice president and treasurer Advance Packing & Supply Company.

22009 William Ellis Hanna, Chicago, Ill.; secretary Advance Packing & Supply Company.

22010 Julius Caesar Hansmann, Chicago, Ill.; box salesman Aetna Bottle & Supply Co.

22011 David Charles Hibbott, Chicago, Ill.; salesman William H. Trow & Co.

22012 Roy Calvin Hook, Chicago, Ill.; American Lumberman.

22013 Cyrus Cloy Houston, Lewisburg, Tenn.; president Houston & Leggett.

22014 Theron Oscar Jennings, Chicago, Ill.; general agent Rock Island Frisco Lines.

22015 George Thomas Knox, Chicago, Ill.; member of firm D. B. Douglass & Co.

22016 John "Lego" Kolowrat, Chicago, Ill.; salesman Shaw-Walker Co., Muskegon, Mich.

22017 Arthur Chester Leach, Joliet, Ill.; active partner Henry Leach & Son.

22018 Charles Milton McWilliams, Chicago, Ill.; secretary Ragley-McWilliams Lumber Company, Pinedale, Texas.

22019 Norman Chester Mather, Chicago, Ill.; salesman The Lord & Bushnell Co.

22020 Frank "Beat It" May, Memphis, Tenn.; partner May Bros.

22021 Leonard Ernest Meyer, Milwaukee, Wis.; partner Meyer News Service Company.

22022 Herbert Charles Miller, Chicago, Ill.; secretary Hardwood Mills Lumber Company.

22023 George John Ludwig Mohring, Chicago, Ill.; secretary The Kemlar Lumber Company.

22024 Robert Woods Malott, Chicago, Ill.; salesman H. H. Hutchinson & Son.

22025 Lorin Edelweiss Ridley, Chicago, Ill.; L. E. Ridley.

22026 Carl "Hambone" Saye, Chicago, Ill.; manager Y. P. dept. Hayden-Wescott Lumber Company.

22027 Herbert Lyman Stern, Chicago, Ill.; lumber buyer Brunswick-Balke Collender Co.

22028 Charles Kyse Stewart, Chicago, Ill.; salesman E. C. Atkins & Co.

22029 Robert David Sullivan, Chicago, Ill.; salesman C. D. Benedict & Co.

22030 Frank Joseph Swec, Chicago, Ill.; salesman Francis Beldler & Co.

22031 Harry Eugene Walker, Chicago, Ill.; salesman James G. Miller Lumber Co.

22032 Henry Wilson Wells, Chicago, Ill.; International Harvester Company.

22033 Jerry Elmer Winholtz, Berwyn, Ill.; salesman Smith & Johnson, Chicago, Ill.

Concatenation No. 1496, Chicago, Ill., September 10, 1908.

Hoo-Hoo Day on the Slope.

Many years have passed now since there was not a concatenation on Hoo-Hoo day on the Pacific Slope. This time it took place at Los Angeles, Cal., and was held by Vicegerent J. T. Bate. Fifteen men were initiated. The ceremonies were held in Choral Hall of the Auditorium Theatre, and the "Session-on-the-Roof" was on the Hayward Hotel roof garden, and this hotel was also the headquarters of the Hoo-Hoo in the city that day. Mr. Samuel D. Pine, well known in the East and now a daily newspaper man at Los Angeles, acted as Junior and greatly assisted Brother Bate in all of the preliminaries for the successful occasion.

Snark, J. T. Bate; Senior Hoo-Hoo, C. H. Griffin; Junior Hoo-Hoo, S. D. Pine; Bojum, Charles L. Batcheller; Scribevoter, Will R. Brown; Jabberwock, D. L. Nofziger; Custocatian, M. W. Wixon; Arcanoper, W. O. Watson; Gurdon, F. A. Raney.

22034 Horace "Ringtail" Bingham, Los Angeles, Cal.; traveling freight and passenger agent Gould Lines.

22035 Charles Clifford Condit, Azusa, Cal.; manager Kerehoff-Cuzner Mill & Lumber Co., Los Angeles, Cal.

22036 George Carl Conrad, Hollywood, Cal.; secretary Sunset Planting Mill.

22037 Guy Hyde Coster, Los Angeles, Cal.; manager Higman Lumber Company.

22038 Charles Jaboo Dash, Monrovia, Cal.; assistant manager Boyd Lumber Company.

22039 Don Alonso Henderson, Long Beach, Cal.; owner Star Lumber Company.

22040 James Wilson Keys, Sierra Madre, Cal.; manager Blinn Lumber Company, Los Angeles, Cal.

22041 William Birchfield McCracken, Long Beach, Cal.; manager Harbor Lumber Company.

22042 William Blain March, Monrovia, Cal.; manager Monrovia Lumber Company.

22043 Wellington Stanley Morse, Los Angeles, Cal.; treasurer Morse & Briggs Lumber Company, Portland, Ore.

22044 Arnl "Orange" Nelson, Buena Park, Cal.; owner Arnl Nelson.

22045 Frederick William Patton, Alhambra, Cal.; secretary Patton-Davies Lumber Company, Los Angeles, Cal.

22046 Samuel Clifford Payson, Los Angeles, Cal.; traveling freight agent A. T. & S. F. Ry.

22047 Harvey Simon Riser, Glendora, Cal.; manager Boyd Lumber Company.

22048 John "Moulding" Young, Hollywood, Cal.; manager Sunset Planting Mill.

Concatenation No. 1497, Los Angeles, Cal., September 9, 1908.

Another Big Class in Washington.

Washington's last contribution to the membership roll of the year ending September 9 was from the concatenation held at Hoquiam, Wash., on August 28. Forty-three men went up the line, and the hall was filled with old members to witness the ceremonies. Brother Cal Welton acted as Snark, T. H. Claffey as Junior, and there was a feast of pleasure and a flow of wit and wisdom which gladdened the hearts of the veterans of the Order present.

Snark, Cal. Welton; Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. C. Miles; Junior Hoo-Hoo, T. H. Claffey; Bojum, J. A. Wood; Scribevoter, W. P. Lockwood; Jabberwock, W. B. Terrell; Custocatian, A. J. Sherrill; Arcanoper, H. B. Howitt; Gurdon, O. P. Burrows.

22049 William Ledy Adams, Hoquiam, Wash.; president Keystone Timber Company.

22050 Henry Waldemar Blaygen, Hoquiam, Wash.; traveling salesman Grays Harbor Lumber Company.

- 22051 Fred Thomson Denn, Hoquiam, Wash.; National Lumber & Box Company.
- 22052 Warren Joseph Egerer, Aberdeen, Wash.; partner Fordney Timber Company, Saginaw, Mich.
- 22053 Walter Jerome Elliott, Hoquiam, Wash.; salesman Northwestern Lumber Company.
- 22054 Robert "National" Ewart, Hoquiam, Wash.; log buyer National Lumber & Box Company.
- 22055 Leon Ernest Force, Seattle, Wash.; agent and inspector J. J. Moore & Co., San Francisco, Cal.
- 22056 Frederick George Foster, Hoquiam, Wash.; manager mercantile department Northwestern Lumber Company.
- 22057 John Franklin Foster, Aberdeen, Wash.; S. E. Slade Lumber Company.
- 22058 James Edward Galway, Portland, Ore.; salesman Simmonds Supply Company.
- 22059 Walter Cook Gregg, Hoquiam, Wash.; manager Northwestern Lumber Company.
- 22060 Roland Frederick Hamilton, Hoquiam, Wash.; assistant sales manager National Lumber & Box Company.
- 22061 Christian "Dot" Hansen, Hoquiam, Wash.; partner Hansen Bros.
- 22062 George William Hecker, Aberdeen, Wash.; Union Mill Co.
- 22063 Albert Seth Hodgson, Hoquiam, Wash.; stockholder A. & C. Timber Company.
- 22064 Alva Smith Holt, Hoquiam, Wash.; superintendent Grays Harbor Lumber Company.
- 22065 Levi "Cangasaw" Humberger, Aberdeen, Wash.; member of firm F. G. Denning Shingle Company.
- 22066 Thomas Joseph Keeley, Aberdeen, Wash.; Union Mill Co.
- 22067 Benjamin Lumber Kesterson, Montesano, Wash.; Cruiser Myers Lumber Company, Prairie, Wash.
- 22068 Harry "Treasurer" Kirk, Seattle, Wash.; treasurer Seattle Lumber Company.
- 22069 Albert Henry Kuhn, Hoquiam, Wash.; superintendent Hoquiam Lumber & Shingle Company.
- 22070 Frank "Hoquiam" Lamb, Hoquiam, Wash.; manager Frank H. Lamb Timber Company.
- 22071 John "Loggie" Larkin, Aberdeen, Wash.; Larkin Bros.
- 22072 Abraham Joseph La Shance, Aberdeen, Wash.; Union Mill Company.
- 22073 Albert Wesley Lister, Hoquiam, Wash.; salesman Grays Harbor Lumber Company.
- 22074 Stanley Allan Lister, Hoquiam, Wash.; Grays Harbor Lumber Company.
- 22075 Edward "Low" Lowe, Jr., Aberdeen, Wash.; Hart-Wood Lumber Company.
- 22076 Eugene Osborne McClauslin, Hoquiam, Wash.; manager Northwestern Lumber Company.
- 22077 Daniel Archibald McKinnon, Aberdeen, Wash.; superintendent Union Mill Company.
- 22078 Taylor Hoyt McLafferty, Tenino, Wash.; manager Blumauer Lumber Company.
- 22079 Robert Leroy Martin, Bellingham, Wash.; sales manager Larson Lumber Company.
- 22080 William Thomas Moffat, Aberdeen, Wash.; salesman C. E. Burrows Lumber Company.
- 22081 Arthur Leland Palne, Hoquiam, Wash.; manager National Lumber & Box Company.
- 22082 Chaire Courtenay Quackenbush, Aberdeen, Wash.; manager American Mill Company.
- 22083 Isaac Farrer Richardson, Tacoma, Wash.; inspector J. J. Moore & Co., San Francisco, Cal.
- 22084 Charles Raymond Saucers, Aberdeen, Wash.; superintendent Union Mill Company.
- 22085 Walter "Oh" Shaw, Hoquiam, Wash.; manager Nelson & Shaw.
- 22086 Hilmar "Vashon" Steen, Vashon, Wash.; president H. Steen Mill Company.
- 22087 Herman Edward Walker, Hoquiam, Wash.; manager Walker Bros.
- 22088 Albert "Everything" White, Summit, Wash.; partner White Bros.
- 22089 Elize "Pure" White, Hoquiam, Wash.; manager White Log Company.
- 22090 Frederick Charles Wilcox, Aberdeen, Wash.; president Wilcox Shingle Company.
- 22091 Howard Mount Clair Winter, Seattle, Wash.; local manager General Electric Company.
- Concatenation No. 1498, Hoquiam, Wash., August 29, 1908.

Hoo-Hoo Day at Louisville.

During the Kentucky State Fair, at Louisville, September 15 was set aside as lumberman and Hoo-Hoo day, and members from all over the state were present on that occasion. The day was given over to the entertainment of the visitors. There was a reception from 10:30 to noon. At 12:30 a Dutch luncheon was served at the warehouse of the E. L. Hughes Company. This was followed by an automobile ride to the State Fair. At 7 p.m. there was a banquet at Seelbach Hotel and the Hoo-Hoo concatenation

followed at the same hostelry. The day was a notable one and was enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to be present at that time.

Snark, H. Roy; Senior Hoo-Hoo, R. M. Cunningham, Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. J. Williams, Bojum, George S. Chowning; Scribe-noter, George E. Tomlinson; Jabberwock, A. R. Kampf; Custodian, Jesse K. Brown; Arcanoper, J. L. Bullock; Gurdon, J. C. Taylor.

- 22092 Charlie Anderson, Louisville, Ky.; Southern Planing Mill Company.
- 22093 Robert Edward Brandels, Louisville, Ky.; proprietor R. E. Brandels & Co.
- 22094 Chester Willis Brickley, Louisville, Ky.; estimator Fred G. Jones & Co.
- 22095 Richard Pierce Butler, Lexington, Ky.; traveling salesman Louisiana Red Cypress Co., New Orleans, La.
- 22096 Harry Wallace Embry, Louisville, Ky.; secretary and treasurer Bell & Coggeshal Co.
- 22097 William Nettleton Foster, Middlesboro, Ky.; traveling salesman Middlesboro Lumber Company.
- 22098 Basil Edward Kenney, Frankfort, Ky.; superintendent of yards Kenney Bros.
- 22099 Joseph Francis Kieffer, Louisville, Ky.; Fred G. Jones & Co.
- 22100 Wilbur George Matson, Lebanon, Ky.; secretary Lebanon Lumber Company.
- 22101 William Mehler, Louisville, Ky.; president Mehler-Echstenkemper Lumber Company.
- 22102 Francis Marion Naive, Versailles, Ky.; partner Hughes & Naive.
- 22103 Joseph Franklin Pettus, Springfield, Ky.; manager Springfield Lumber Company.
- 22104 Emile Frederick Roemer, Bowling Green, Ky.; owner Roemer Bros.
- 22105 William Stanton Rosson, Frankfort, Ky.; secretary Eversole Lumber Company.
- 22106 William Henry Schaefer, Louisville, Ky.; inspector Louisville Point Lumber Company.
- 22107 Forrest Griffith Shaw, Louisville, Ky.; E. L. Hughes Co.
- 22108 Frank Elmer Stotz, Louisville, Ky.; manager Louisville Lumber Company.
- 22109 Herbert Otto Van Tuyle, Louisville, Ky.; Louisville Point Lumber Company.
- Concatenation No. 1499, Louisville, Ky., September 15, 1908.

Merry Time at DeQueen, Ark.

Summoned by Brother Harry J. Large the Hoo-Hoo of the southwestern part of Arkansas assembled at DeQueen, on September 19, for a frolic, and a good one they had. Brother T. E. Brown acted as Snark, and ex-Snark of the Universe A. C. Ramsey assumed the role of Junior, a chair he has held many times in Hoo-Hoo land, and the role has made for him quite a reputation as a fun-maker. The class consisted of eight men and the full Hoo-Hoo ritual with all its sideliights and sources of knowledge was well taught to them.

- Snark, T. E. Brown; Senior Hoo-Hoo, M. A. Jones; Junior Hoo-Hoo, A. C. Ramsey; Bojum, E. C. Williamson; Scribe-noter, Harry J. Large; Jabberwock, A. P. Cone; Custodian, B. J. Weaver; Arcanoper, F. H. Campbell; Gurdon, Herbert Dierks.
- 22110 Clyde Wilber Adams, DeQueen, Ark.; manager W. H. Adams Lumber Company.
- 22111 Clarence Ella Baxter, DeQueen, Ark.; yard man Dierks Lumber & Coal Company.
- 22112 William Thomas Blackwell, Horatio, Ark.; buyer The Keys Church Co., New York, N. Y.
- 22113 Harry Benjamin Clay, Winthrop, Ark.; manager D. A. Reims Lumber Company.
- 22114 Ray Mack Franks, DeQueen, Ark.; assistant general freight agent DeQueen & Eastern Railroad.
- 22115 Albert Clifford Higginbottom, Wickes, Ark.; manager Isett Lumber Company.
- 22116 Edward Bell Isett, Wickes, Ark.; president Isett Lumber Company.
- 22117 Edward Floyd McKnight, Dierks, Ark.; manager Dierks Lumber & Coal Company, DeQueen, Ark.
- Concatenation No. 1500, DeQueen, Ark., September 19, 1908.

I will tell you my rule. Talk about those subjects you have had long in your mind, and listen to what others say about subjects you have studied but recently. Knowledge and timber shouldn't be much used until they are seasoned. —Oliver W. Holmes.

Starts the Year's Work in Texas.

Big Concatenation at Houston, Texas, November 14, 1908.

Bliss P. Gorham, duly appointed Vicegerent for the Southern District of Texas, announces a concatenation to be held at Houston, Saturday, November 14, which is the last day of "No-Tsu-Oh." This is Mr. Gorham's first concatenation and the first one of this Hoo-Hoo year in the state of Texas. It will be made notably interesting, and a big attendance is assured. The Texas Hoo-Hoo and Lumbermen's Club, organized at Waco in July last, will hold a two days' session in Houston on the 13th and 14th, the concatenation closing the session, and being preceded by an extensive Hoo-Hoo parade. More than one of the Supreme Officers of the Order have signified their intention of being present.

Roofing Men Not Eligible.

The following letter from Brother Chase is typical of many we have received. These roofing men are not eligible and ought not to have been initiated. Quite a number of them were admitted, however, at a concatenation held last winter in the Central West, through misinformation of one of our Vicegerents. He is one of the best Vicegerents the Order ever had, and simply fell into error as to these roofing men at a big concatenation he was holding, at which there was a big crowd present and at which there seems to have been a pretty persistent and well planned effort made on the part of the friends of these roofing men to get them in. There is nothing objectionable to these men as men—they are high class people, and it is a fact that they come to a very considerable extent in contact with retail lumbermen and other members of Hoo-Hoo. It is a fact on the other hand, as Brother Chase says, that they change their connection very frequently. The selling of roofing is not a specific line of business, requires no very lengthy or special training and the man who sells roofing is apt to switch off and go to selling something else. All this aside, however, the men are not eligible and must not be initiated. The fact that they are not eligible is an all sufficient reason for the Vicegerent to decline their admission, no matter what argument may be put up by their friends:

Lincoln, Neb., September 15, 1908. . . . I want to call your attention to the fact that at the different concatenations men are being taken into our Order who are not entitled to membership. I refer especially to roofing paper salesmen. I notice several wearing the Great Black Cat. These men change their vocations often, and as a rule do not long remain in the roofing paper business. Is taking such men into the Order allowed by the By-laws? I have failed to find any clause allowing such salesmen to membership. Kindly advise. Best wishes. Sincerely,
J. W. CHASE (No. 13409).

Appointment of New Vicegerents.

Already a number of new Vicegerents have been appointed, and the work of selecting the new corps of "field men" is proceeding as rapidly as is commensurate with the great care exercised in the matter of securing the right men for this very important branch of Hoo-Hoo's interests. In some instances the old Vicegerents will be reappointed. In every case, the Vicegerent who served last year will be expected to hold over till his successor is appointed and qualified. The selection of so many new workers is quite a big task and it requires some little time to do it right. The Snark has received a great many suggestions from all parts of the field, and these will be duly considered and passed upon. In the meantime, a last year's Vicegerent is still a Vicegerent unless he has been definitely advised of the appointment of his successor.

Personal Mention.

Brother H. A. Jeter (No. 18481), heretofore connected with the United Walnut Company, at Ft. Smith, Ark., for a number of years, has broken into the hardwood manufacturing business on his own hook as secretary and treasurer of the Pea Vine Lumber Company at Baron, Okla. The Bulletin did not see very much of hardwood timber in Oklahoma the only time it ever went out in that country, but Brother Jeter promises to write us a whole lot about a business which he says is assuming considerable proportion out there. We reckon after all Oklahoma has about everything any other country has, unless it be Tennessee bluegrass.

Brother C. C. Crawford, formerly Secretary of the Look-out Planing Mills, at Chattanooga, has made a decided change of business. He is announcing the organization of the Tennessee Blow Pipe Company, of Chattanooga, with a capital of \$25,000, to be paid in as the needs of the business may demand. He is associated with Mr. C. A. Ryerson, the former proprietor of this blow pipe company at Chattanooga. Mr. Ryerson is vice president of the new company. He is a practical man and will be in active charge of the shop work. Mr. R. T. Wright, the president of the company, will act in advisory capacity and will look after the financial and legal conduct of the business. Brother Crawford ought to do well in this line of business. He will have an ample field for business in nearby territory and ought to have the edge on competitors who have to come in on long freight haul. Brother Crawford would like to hear from his saw mill and planing mill friends who feel themselves in need of "blowing" and want to fix up for the right sort of blowing.

Hymeneal.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Day Plant announce the marriage of their daughter Susan Adele to Brother Willard C. Howe in St. Louis on Saturday, September 5. Mr. Howe is one of the editorial staff of the American Lumberman and is one of the paper's most talented and popular members. Though he has been in the lumber newspaper field only a brief while, he has been in attendance upon many conventions, and lumbermen friends in all parts of the country extend to him congratulations on his wedding. Mrs. Howe is a talented and beautiful young woman, who was much admired socially in St. Louis during her brief young ladyhood. After November 1 Mr. and Mrs. Howe will be at home at 1874 Magnolia Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

His Nine Lives.



Mr. Mistragnet—"Hubb that must be a catbird. I've shot him eight times, and he ain't dead yet."

Obituary.

Horace P. Smart, Sr.

The sad intelligence of the death of Brother Horace P. Smart, Sr., of Savannah, while on the ocean on his way to Tokio, Japan, to visit his daughter, Mrs. Alexander Feuhr, has just been received by his son, Mr. H. P. Smart, Jr., of Savannah.

Brother Smart left Savannah for his eastern trip in the best of health and had wired his son from Honolulu of the safe arrival of himself and wife and that they were in good health and would continue the voyage that day.

Brother Smart was one of the most prominent and wealthy lumbermen of the Southeast, and his career shows what progress can be made in this country by men of energy and ability. Brother Smart was born at Great Falls, N. H., in 1834. His father was Jacob Smart, and machinist of that place. After completing his course in the public schools Brother Smart was apprenticed in his father's trade in Glen Falls. In 1850 he came South, going first to Savannah, where he became engineer on the Georgia Central Railroad, remaining with that road for four years and gaining a reputation as one of the best engineers in that section of the country. He then became master mechanic of the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Texas Railroad. From 1860 to 1870 his life was devoted to railroad building, and he helped not only finance but construct several roads that are now prosperous lines in Louisiana and Texas.

It was while in Louisiana that he first engaged in the lumber business, buying a small interest in a cypress mill in Madison Parish. From Louisiana he went to Cuba, where he was engaged for a while in the sugar business, returning in 1871 to Georgia and locating in Emanuel County, engaging in business with his brother, H. E. Smart. This firm was successfully conducted until 1898. In 1887 he also became interested in the lumber business of the late Major D. C. Bacon, of Savannah, and was one of the owners and operators of the Amoskeag Lumber Company, at Amoskeag, Ga., the Pinopolis Saw Mill, at Pinopolis, and the Vale Royal Manufacturing Company, at Savannah.

In 1902 Mr. Smart decided to give up active work in the lumber business and devote a year or more to travel and recreation. In the latter part of the year he went to the Pacific Coast, travelling extensively there, and then sailed across the Pacific to Japan, and from there he went to China, India, Egypt, Italy and the European Continent.

The trip was planned to occupy nearly a year and a half, and it was said that Mr. Smart returned to Savannah in as good health and spirits as when he first reached there as a boy. After taking his vacation in 1902 he did not again engage in active business, but besides his interests in lumber mills he was a director in the following concerns: The Chatham Real Estate & Improvement Company, The Savannah Investment Company, the Georgia Southern & Florida Railway, the Elk Valley Jellico Company, of New Jersey; the Millstead Manufacturing Company, of Conyers, Ga.; the Chadwick-Hoskins Cotton Mill, Charlotte, N. C., and the Savannah Hotel Company.

Brother Smart was initiated into Hoo-Hoo at the con-tenation held in Chicago September 8, 1893.

Clubs.

Club life dates back three hundred years,
To that small band beset with fears,
When Pocahontas bravely flung
Herself before the club that swung
Above the head of Captain Smith—
Unless the yarn is all a myth.

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.

Some of our members advertising in The Bulletin fail to advise me when they have secured positions so an old ad keeps running for months and months. To avoid this I have adopted the plan of running the ads as long as three months and then if I have heard nothing from the advertiser I will cut his ad out. If at the end of the three months he still wishes me to continue it he must advise me.

WANTED—Position as office manager or bookkeeper in Canada. Ten years' practical experience, wholesale and retail. Best of references. Married. Age 30. Address "Ontario," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as sales manager yellow pine mill. Thoroughly experienced. Address "E. J.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as general manager at yellow pine plant in the south. Understand the business from the stump up. Address "B. B.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as manager for wholesale yellow pine office in south. Have an established trade and excellent mill connections. Address "Y. P.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as sash and door salesman with some good, reliable firm for Central or Northern Illinois. Have had six years' experience in the sash and door business; am at present covering five western states and have covered same for over two and one-half years. Can figure odd mill work; am single, sober and no card player. Will be open for position January 1, 1903. A-1 references as to ability and character. Address "Sash, Doors and Blinds," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—All-round office man, correspondence clerk and expert stenographer wants position in lumber business. Florida or Southern Georgia preferred. Long experience with and highest references from men of affairs. Have filled responsible positions in wholesale lumber, banking, railroad and commission lines. Married, sober and no snap hunter. Will come at once on reasonable salary. Can make good, and trust loyal Hoo-Hoo will promptly help me to get located again. Address No. 7801, care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as all around office man with lumber concern. Eight years' experience as bookkeeper, correspondent and salesman. Have been out of the lumber business for some years, but am anxious to get back. Willing to start on a very reasonable salary to get started with right concern. Address "Winchester," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position by first-class accountant, thoroughly familiar with the lumber business; competent also as lumber salesman. I believe I am the "good office man" you are looking for. Would like to get with some concern in the Central Eastern States. Am located in Pittsburg now. Address "Penn.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Yellow pine sales manager or buyer wants to hear from firm desiring competent, reliable and thoroughly experienced man. Know the trade, have good record and best of references. Address "X," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Accountant of 15 years' experience, age 35 and single, desires position with sawmill or wholesale lumber concern, either as bookkeeper or auditor. Familiar with sawmill accounting from stump to market and capable of taking charge of the accounting department of any large lumber company. Gifted references from former employers. Speak German and Spanish. Address W. G. Meerfeld, 810 16th St., Denver, Col.

WANTED—Position at once with good firm; 16 years' experience in hardwood business, mostly in the Boston and Ozark mountain region of Arkansas; 10 years' experience as foreman of mills and yard; familiar with the manufacture of wagon and car material and can handle all machinery at such mills and all work in connection with such line of manufacture and get results; am young man with family; can give best of references from reliable firms as to both ability and character. Address "B.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn. Can handle any kind of a job in the hardwood business.

WANTED—Position as machinery and supply salesman and store manager; can give references; need the job and need it at once. Would like to go to Texas or Oklahoma. Address "Elkins," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as traveling salesman or yard manager; have had experience in both positions—yard manager for several years and traveling salesman long enough to work up personal trade in a fine territory; want to get with manufacturing concern. Address John F. Dumont, 216 Thompson St., Kansas City, Mo.

WANTED—A first-class logging man capable of delivering 80 to 100,000 feet per day; man of some means to take interest in a large sawmill proposition. Must be strictly temperate. Address "O. M. S.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—A good mill man thrown out of work by the shut-down wants position; have 15 years' experience in the manufacture of Southern hardwoods, yellow pine and cypress; capable of filling any position from manager of entire saw mill operation cutting 100,000 feet per day down to that of mill or yard foreman or inspector. Can show clean record for 15 years and all the balance of my life. Address "West Place," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.