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NATIVE SONS CELEBRATE

Grand Officers Toasted and Banqueted by the Local Parlors.

The laughing bear emblematical of the N. S. G. W., has been a prime favorite in fraternal and social circles during the past week. There has been toasting and commemorating and banqueting galore, and more is yet to come. Grand President Judge R. H. Rust, of Amador, and First Grand Vice-President Hon. Frank E. Coombs, of Napa, have been making an official tour of inspection of the Southern parlors, and the boys have been giving them a royal réception.

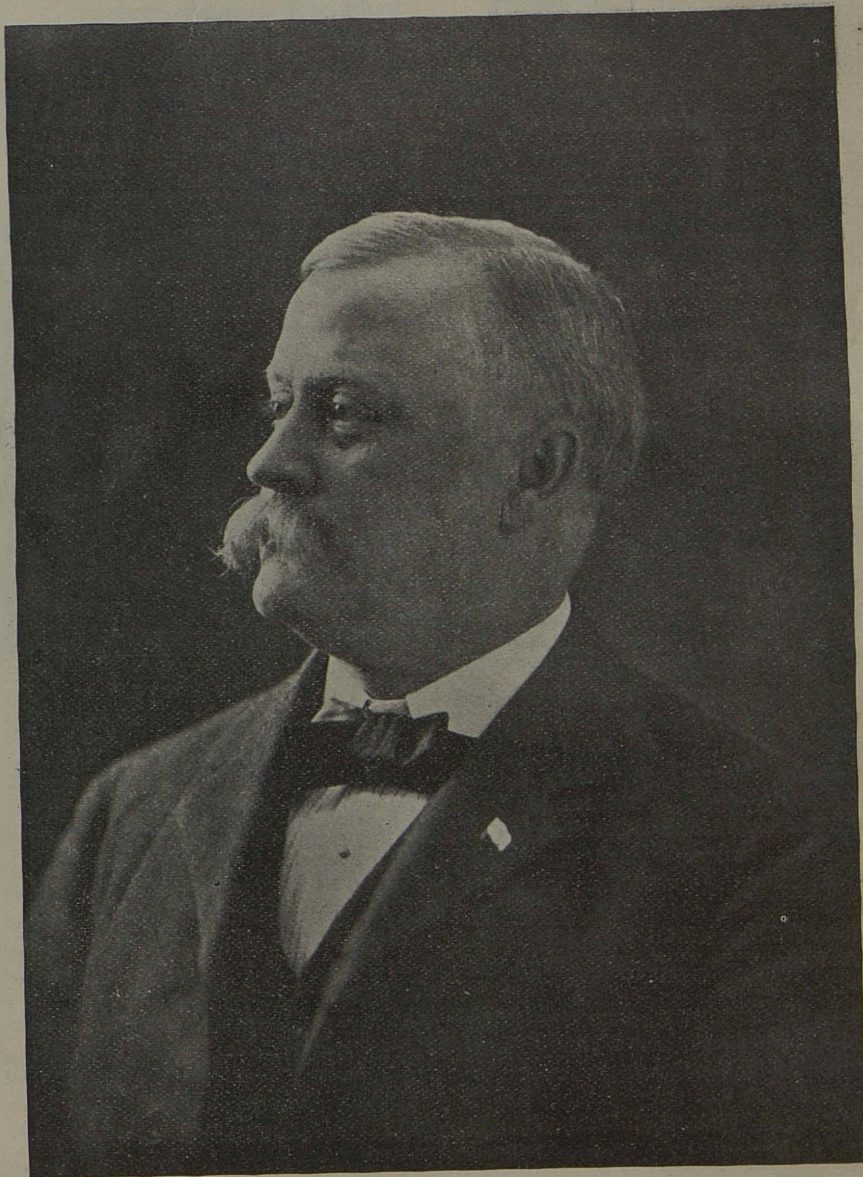
Corona Parlor, N. S. G. W., gave an official reception to First Grand Vice-President Frank L. Coombs Wednesday night. After a stirring address on the secret work of the Order at the lodge room, adjournment was taken to Levy's cafe, where covers were laid for forty guests.

After doing justice to an excellent menu. Toastmaster D. H. Laubersheimer introduced the illustrious visitor in a very neat speech. Mr. Coombs responded to the toast, "The N. S. G. W."

The toast of the "Local Parlors" was responded to by District Deputy W. S. Kingsbury, while W. T. Craig responded to the toast, "Corona Parlor."

During the evening J. H. Brenner entertained the party with several solos on the piano, and D. W. Edelman sang several jolly tunes. Those present were: D. H. Laubersheimer, President and Toastmaster; First Grand Vice-President Frank L. Coombs. District Deputy Grand President W. S. Kingsbury, Dr. D. W. Edelman, Robert Green, J. H. Brenner, I. F. Norton, E. V. Parker, Leon Mooser, W. J. Horgan, Charles Brownstein, G. B. Brown, E. W. Crolic, W. W. Lambourn, George Laubersheimer, F. B. Kitts, Louis Nordlinger, R. V. Cocke, Hugh Cocke, John Hull, David H. White, Pembroke Thorn, Frank F. Barham, James R. Pitts, A. D. Barham, J. O. B. Bodkin, Charles Viall, A. M. Imelli, W. F. Peschke, Hugo Schmidt, W. J. Ford, M. P. Nolte, Sam Behrendt, A. M. Kremer, I. O. Levy, Adolph Ramish, W. T. Craig.

At the business session held before the banquet, Corona elected the following delegates to the Grand Parlor, which convenes in Santa



JUDGE R. C. RUST, Grand President N. S. G. W.

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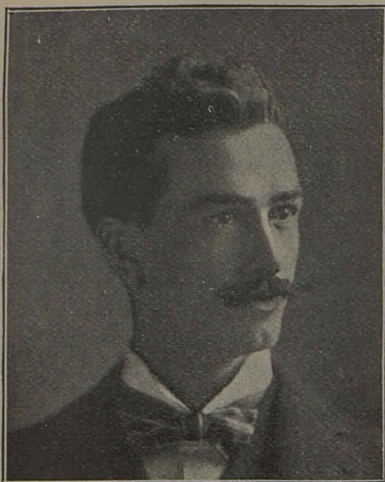
Barbara in April: A. D. Barham, and W. T. Craig; M. P. Nolte and Dr. D. W. Edelman alternates.

On Friday night the grand officers were given an official reception and banquet by the members of Ramona Parlor. Nearly every

member was present, and visiting members from Los Angeles and Corona Parlors were also much in evidence.

During the regular session, which convened behind closed doors till 10:30, six new members were instructed in the mysteries and se-

cret work of the Order, with the beautiful initiatory service that has made Ramona famous. At the conclusion of the ritualistic work the



LEO V. YOUNGWORTH,
President Ramona Parlor.

doors were thrown open, and an elaborate banquet followed. The menu consisted of sandwiches, tamales, fruit, coffee, and some of the choicest wines from the cellars of some of the famous epicures who are numbered among Ramona's Sons.

When the lunch had been disposed of President Youngworth, of Ramona Parlor, introduced one of the two distinguished guests of the evening, Grand President Rust. Judge Rust said in brief:

"Brothers, you must bear with me if my voice is not what it should be. My health is such that I should not be here tonight were it not for my great desire to meet you all once more before my term as Grand President ends. At the eleventh hour I decided to come to this part of the state, with my distinguished colleague, Grand Vice-President Coombs."

After complimenting the local parlors on their prosperity, Judge Rust spoke feelingly of the late Senator White.

"An example of manhood such as existed among our early pioneers was furnished by our dead. Coming in here and seeing the old familiar face on your wall brought many memories to me. On the only other occasion I ever visited Los Angeles, in 1888, I first met him. Afterward I met him frequently in the north. A friendship was formed that lasted to the end.

"Today in walking through your city I came to the old Temple block, and I ascended and walked down the long hall. At the end I came to a door, on which was the sign, 'Stephen M. White, Attorney. Walk In.' I didn't take advantage of the invitation, because I knew that if I entered I should not be greeted by that fine, open countenance, or grasp that welcoming hand.

"So, while many of us meet here tonight, there are some that can meet with us no more. Let there be love in our hearts for him that is gone, and a determination to profit by that shining example. Let us look up to his memory and endeavor so to mould our characters that it may be said of us as of him, that we are

in every sense worthy to be called Native Sons of the Golden West.

"This organization has an object other than social and fraternal. Its high and noble ambition is to perpetuate the memories of the stalwart men of '49. I had to come away down here to learn that the father and mother of Vice-President Coombs were married at Sutter's Fort in 1845. That should give our distinguished brother something pretty near resembling pioneer stock.

"We are organized to preserve the old landmarks of days that are gone. We have already rescued Sutter's Fort from decay, have placed a Marshall monument at old Coloma; we have marked the place where the Donner party perished; and the federal government has turned over to us the old customs house at Monterey. So the good work goes on.

"Up where we live we can see the footprints of the old settlers, but down here, where new people are constantly coming in, the same conditions do not exist. Your parlors have therefore all the greater need of setting such an



E. CROLIE,
President Los Angeles Parlor.

Photo by MARCEAU

example of the old pioneers that the influence of the Native Sons will be born upon your public. The dearest thing in my heart is the upbuilding of our beloved Order."

Grand Vice-President Coombs spoke next, delivering a ringing address that was frequently interrupted by applause. Mr. Coombs referred feelingly to the death of Frank Sabichi and Senator White.

F. A. Stephenson, Past President of Ramona Parlor, followed Mr. Coombs with a response to the toast, "Our Grand Officers." W. S. Kingsbury, District Deputy Grand President, and other local members, followed with brief addresses.

Among those present were: Senator R. F. Del Valle, H. C. Lichtenberger, Mark G. Jones, I. B. Dockweiler, Robert A. Todd, J. R. Pitts, F. A. Stephenson, Leo Youngworth, J. W. Krause, R. A. Thielen, Joseph Sabichi, L. E. Aubury, R. A. Stassforth, Henry E. Carter, George M. Keeby, E. A. Meserve, Richard Dillon, Charles Stansbury, Calvert Wilson, Ed Schmidt, A. D. Barham, W. H. Workman, Jr., Harry Stafford, James Hanley, Frank Palo-

mares, Harry Lelande, A. de la Torre, Walter Mallard, William Kingsbury, A. E. Sittel, Harry Sheldon, F. W. Sabichi, T. M. Fernandez, L. Levy, J. W. Sharp, R. M. Soto, J. C. Foy, I. Norton, E. C. Brodie, Charles Bennett, D. Levy, A. Brodec, Dr. Carl Kurtz, J. H. Deeny, W. J. Variel, John Castera, E. C. Stevens, C. A. Miller, H. G. Miller, G. R. Morse, J. F. Springer, A. E. Junge, Warren Wilson, G. F. Pickering, R. H. Arnold, A. O. Richardson, R. H. Hewitt, Clyde Taylor, J. V. Scott, Charles Prudhomme, J. T. Conley, L. T. Bradford, Seth Williams, George Sabichi, George Boyle.

The grand officers visited Redlands on Saturday evening, and received a hearty fraternal welcome from the members of Redlands Parlor. A fine musical and literary program was followed by toasts and refreshments in the banquet hall. Addresses were made by the Grand President, and his first assistant, and appropriate responses were given by the Native Son orators of Redlands Parlor.

Tonight and Tuesday Judge Rust will spend among the Native Sons down at the City of the Silver Gate, Wednesday night he will be the guest of San Bernardino Parlor, and on Thursday he will pay an official visit to the Native Sons of Ventura.

Tonight Los Angeles Parlor, the old veteran of them all, will receive and entertain Grand Vice-President Coombs in a manner commensurate with the occasion. The lodge-rooms have been appropriately decorated, and the larder has been replenished with a stock of fruits, delicacies and wines that only a Native Son knows how to select.

The business session which will convene promptly at 8 P. M., will be devoted to an exemplification of the secret and ritualistic work of the Order, an address by the illustrious alternates to the Grand Parlor, which convenes in Santa Barbara in April.

At 10 o'clock the business session will close.



D. H. LAUBERSHIMER,
President Corona Parlor.

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the doors of the banquet room will be thrown open and the remainder of the evening will be devoted to toast and refreshments. Invitations have been extended to the members of

both the local parlors, and a large attendance is anticipated. The toasts and responses will include an address by the Grand Vice-President, responses from the Presidents of the two sister parlors, and short talks from the Past Presidents, interspersed with music, mirth and good fellowship.

Los Angeles Parlor

Los Angeles Parlor No. 45 is the oldest organization in the Order, south of Tehachapi. It was instituted November 13, 1884, and is consequently sixteen years old. It started with 32 charter members, and now has a membership of 150.

Among some of its Past Presidents are: Samuel Gerson, Adolph Ramish, Charles Bennett, Leon Levy, Milton Glass and Theo. Herzog. Its first President was Sam Gerson, and the first Past President Adolph Ramish. Mr. Ramish has been a delegate to the Grand Par-



ADOLPH RAMISH,
First President Los Angeles Parlor.

lor ever since its organization, 16 years ago. He is Past Grand Trustee and a member of the state employment bureau conducted by the Order. Mr. Ramish started this bureau three years ago, and it has proved a wonderfully successful scheme. Whenever a member of any parlor in the state is out of work his name and the kind of work he wants is taken down and every other parlor in the state is notified. The application is kept on file until the applicant secures work.

From the ranks of the Sons of this parlor have come the bone and sinew of both Ramona and Corona Parlors, and, to use the expression of an old-timer, "there is enough good red blood left to form half a hundred new parlors yet."

Ramona Parlor

Ramona Parlor No. 109, N. S. G. W., was organized June 9, 1887, by Grand Vice-President M. A. Dorn. A meeting of the signers of the charter roll was called to order at 8 - . M. in Opera Hall, June 9, 1887, by the District Deputy Grand President, H. C. Katz.

After the initiation of the members and the institution of the parlor, the first officers of the parlor were elected, the late Stephen M. White receiving the highest honor by his election to the office of Junior Past President. R. F. Del Valle was chosen as the first President.

The parlor received its name "Ramona" by unanimous consent of the members in honor of the birthplace of Senator Del Valle, the Camulus Rancho, now known as the Home of Ramona.

The parlor made its first public appearance in parade on July 4th, 1887, one of its features being a bear, kindly loaned by James McLaughlin, president of the Second-street railroad.

On Sunday, July 3, 1887, the members of the parlor and their friends met in the court-room of Judge Cheney for the purpose of receiving a banner presented by Mayor William Workman and a silk American flag presented by the late Don Antonio Cownell.

Some of the Past Presidents of Ramona Parlor are: Stephen M. White, R. F. Del Valle, John Schumacher, Charles Vogelsang, William A. Wilson, V. J. Rowan, J. C. Foy, Ernest G. Taylor, H. C. Lichtenberger, Edw. A. Meserve, C. B. Wilson, Frank M. Kelsey, E. A. Heinzeman, I. B. Dockweiler, Julius M. Krause, William J. Variel, Geo. B. King, S. A. D. Jones, Henry E. Carter, F. A. Stephenson, George B. Beebe.

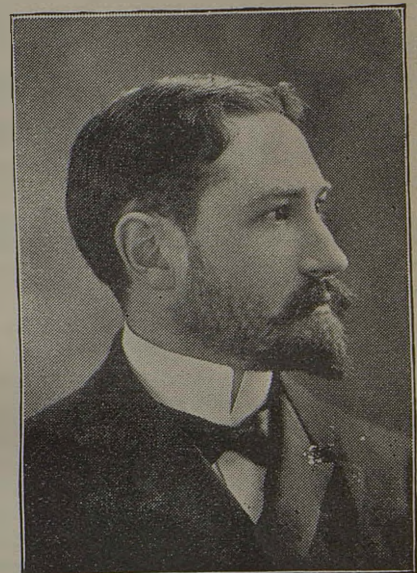
Ramona has a larger membership than any other parlor in the South, and is celebrated all along the coast for the enthusiasm its members show in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Order. It has the honor to be the first parlor to contribute to the Stephen M. White memorial fund, and its \$100 contribution was the means of bringing in many more.

Corona Parlor

Corona Parlor, N. S. G. W., was established on April 14, 1896, and may, therefore, be counted as one of the very young parlors of the Order, as it is now preparing to celebrate its fifth birthday. This parlor was organized primarily by Dr. D. W. Edelman and Mr. Eugene H. Roth, at that time members of Los Angeles Parlor. These two, with the assistance of some half dozen other members of Los Angeles Parlor, seeing that the Order was not thriving here as was befitting a city of the size of Los Angeles, and recognizing the fact that where there is no rivalry there is seldom enthusiasm, obtained the names of about forty young men, most of whom had never previously known of the existence of such an Order as the N. S. G. W. With this nucleus of young men, Corona Parlor was established, and from the very beginning it has been a power in everything pertaining to the Order in this section of the state. When the parlor was but a year old, it had put such life into the Order here that the greatest celebration of Admission Day ever attempted in Southern California, and as splendid as any ever held in the state outside of San Francisco, was made possible. That was the memorable celebration at Catalina Island in 1897, managed by committees which were in great part under the direct or indirect guidance of members of

Corona Parlor. It was natural that the other parlors of this city, Los Angeles and Ramona, seeing the rapid strides being made by the youngster, should awaken to the fact that they must bestir themselves or be outdone in every respect. And thus it happened that what the organizers of Corona Parlor anticipated actually occurred; that is, a rejuvenation of Native Sons spirit in the two older and slumbering parlors.

Corona Parlor has never endeavored to put itself forward or parade itself before the eyes of the people. Its members are concerned with the welfare of the city, state and nation, but of professional politicians it contains none. The charity it has given, the brotherly assistance it has granted, the benefits it has bestowed, the good that it has striven to accom-



DR. D. W. EDELMAN,
First President Corona Parlor.

plish in city and county government and in all local affairs, have been unostentatious. And all the while, ever since its establishment, Corona Parlor has thriven, until it now has a membership of seventy-five young men, none of whom are over 38 years of age, yet all of whom are taken from the professions or mercantile life. It has a treasury of about \$1100; an equipment for social affairs unsurpassed by any organization in the city, and a new banner, easily the most beautiful in Los Angeles.

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LODGE ECHOES will spare no endeavor to furnish timely and valuable news and information to all interested in any of the local secret orders and fraternal societies. Seasonable news from local lodges pertaining to prospective socials or outings, movements of prominent lodge members and items of general interest to lodge goers is at all times welcome.

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Fraternal Charity.

A fraternal society is a philanthropic institution. Within the shadow of the portals of the lodge-room are unseen cords, cords which can never be discovered by the uninitiated, and which no just man could condemn if they were made known, but cords which bind the membership together with a secret band, and the strongest and most enduring of these is charity.

The mission of fraternity is to dry the tear, to shield the breast, and to smooth the forehead of God's suffering children. But there are those whose ears are strangers to the tinkle of the gavel, into whose breasts the breath of fraternity has not been drawn, who tell us that the philanthropy of fraternity is stunted and contracted, that it is limited to the confines of each subordinate lodge. The same argument is equally applicable to all institutions of concordance, benevolence and charity, the injunction which says "do unto all men" also adds "especially to those who are of the household of faith." It is no valid obligation to a fraternal society that it gives preference to its own members as regards its benefactions for they certainly have claims that others have not. They have given their time and the fruits of their labors to the upbuilding of the order and they have a claim superior to all others to draw upon the treasury funds in the day of adversity. Fraternity teaches charity toward all men in the broadest sense of the term, but its early martyrs, and there are none greater than these, builded wisely and well when they cemented the foundation stones of the old orders with the sentiment, "Charity begins at home."

A Challenge from Russia.

There has been much surprise, not to say consternation, in official circles at the prohibitory tariff which Russia has placed upon American iron and steel products, in retaliation for the tax our late congress imposed on Russian sugar. The time was when the European powers paid little attention to the tariffs and taxes of the American schedule, but that time has passed. We have taken our place among the leading nations of the world and while we reap the benefits of this proud position, we must also suffer its inconveniences. This prompt action by the Russian government, while not a direct challenge, is a very forcible reminder that Russia is as mindful of her trade interests as we are of ours, and the prohibitory discrimination which she has made says in no unequivocal terms that she at least has no fear of the American eagle, and will trade with whom she pleases.

Ten years ago the United States could secure any reasonable concession from the transoceanic powers and none of them cared to pick a quarrel with us for the simple reason that it would mean waging a war several thousand miles from home against a compact and sea-girt domain, and there was no money in it. Now all this is changed. In case of war the Philippines and Hawaiian islands are very substantial fruits of victory that could be easily picked up and would pay the expense of a prolonged martial armament. The great American Union

is a most potent factor in the political complexion of the world's destinies. It is the young giant who after slumbering a hundred years has suddenly awakened to the realization of his strength, but the days of our undisturbed peace and tranquil security are over. The nineteenth century was one of preparation, but the twentieth bids fair to be to us a century of unprecedented action.

A Record of Faith.

A beautiful story is told in the Bimonthly Guild illustrating the importance of devotion to duty. It is the record of a Roman soldier on duty in Pompeii at the time of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In the midst of the eruption that shook the earth, discharging from the sides of the volcano lava and clouds of ashes that filled the air, producing darkness deeper than midnight, causing men to think that the end of the world had come—in the midst of this fearful disaster, the sentinel at the gate was forgotten, and, as Rome required her soldiers, happen what might, to hold their posts until relieved, this sentinel was obliged to choose between dishonor and death. He stood at his post. Slowly but surely the ashes covered his manly form. He was faithful, and after seventeen centuries his skeleton was uncovered, standing erect in his ashen tomb, clad in its rusty armor, the helmet on the empty skull and the bony fingers still clasped upon the spear. Fraternity does not require such an awful sacrifice upon the part of its members, but it does expect that each and all of them will be faithful to his obligations. Each one can ask himself, Have I done my duty? If not, have I a right to complain? Rather, has not the fraternity and those who belong to it a right to complain of my inaction? Have you, since your connection with the order, secured an application? Have you assisted in a reinstatement? Have you done your duty?

The Member and the Order.

Be true to your Order. When the forked tongue of scandal wags most freely, when the demon of doubt is most sinister, when the breath of decay seems most putrid—that is the time when strong men stand shoulder to shoulder and when weaklings cower and flee. There are men who deserted the ranks of the A. O. U. W. when the yellow fever was sweeping the South, men who yielded to the voice of the tempter to "stand from under," and they did "stand from under," and are today sleeping in unknown and unhonored graves while their widows and orphans fill the almshouses, the prison cells and the tenements of shame. Every order, every subordinate lodge, is what its members make it. The fraternal society never yet failed whose members did not fail first. There are weeks of sunshine and days of shadow, in every fraternity, and that society will always be greatest whose membership is truest. In the office of every business house is a book in which is enrolled the names of those who have failed to meet their obligations with other firms, and when a new customer comes in this list is promptly scanned to see if his record is good. We believe that the time is coming when the record of each applicant for fraternal protection will be scanned just as closely, and that the man who has proven false to one fraternity will be shunned by all.

The present season is one of unprecedented activity in local fraternal circles and important events are crowded so closely together that it seems almost impossible to single them out and give to each the importance it deserves. During the past week the Foresters and the Native Sons have been entertaining illustrious visitors, while the Masons and Odd Fellows have celebrated memorable anniversaries. During the present week the B. P. O. E. will initiate a star class of celebrated tyros, the Maccabees will prepare for the reception of the Grand Officers of the order, delegates will leave for the north to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., and the Veterans' Association of the I. O. O. F. will hold their annual reunion and banquet. We have enlarged our paper to accommodate them, but our space still seems inadequate. Los Angeles is making a record for herself and bids fair to become known as the center of western fraternalism.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a beautiful bunch of carnations, rich in color and rare in perfume from the gardens of the Redondo Floral Company through the courtesy of A. F. Borden, Past Consul Commander of Fremont Camp, W. O. W.

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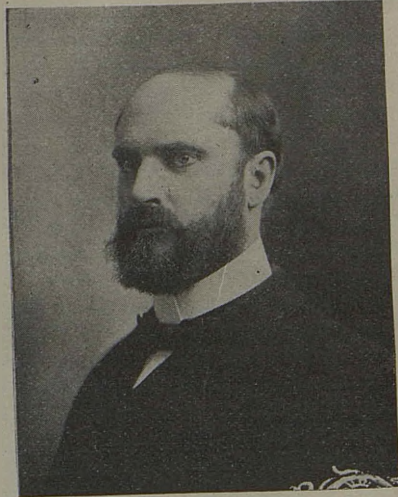
The corner stone of a new public library building for San Diego was laid Tuesday morning, March 19, by the Grand Lodge of Masons under most favorable and auspicious circumstances. The sky was cloudless, the weather perfect, and there was not a hitch of any kind in the impressive ceremonies, which were witnessed by a crowd of several thousand persons. So large was the assemblage that those on the outer edge were unable to hear the addresses of the speakers.

At 9 o'clock Grand Master Foshay organized a grand lodge in Masonic hall with the following officers: M. W. G. M., J. A. Foshay; R. W. D. G. M., E. T. Blackmer; R. W. S. G. W., E. J. Louis; R. W. J. G. W., W. J. Davis; V. W. G. T., S. K. Williamson; V. W. G. S., Sam F. Smith; V. W. G. L., Eugene Daney; V. R. G. C., A. H. Sweet; W. G. O., M. A. Luce; W. G. M., G. M. Dannels; W. G. B.-B., Philip Crosthwaite; W. G. S.-B., E. A. Hornbeck; W. S. G. D., E. A. Woodard; W. J. G. D., D. C. Collier; W. S. G. S., Dr. F. H. Mead; W. J. G. S., I. L. Lesynsky; W. G. P., C. C. Hakes; W. G. O., B. F. Mertzman; W. G. T., T. G. Jefferis.

As soon as the Grand Lodge was organized a procession was formed with George M. Dannels as grand marshal. The City Guard band was in the lead, and the Knights Templar in full uniform acted as escort for the Master Masons. The procession was several blocks long, double file, and marched up Fifth street and out D to Ninth. It was 10 o'clock when the Knights Templar and Masons entered the enclosure around the place where the corner-stone was to be laid. The exercises were conducted on a platform near the southwest corner of the building, and close by on a raised platform was the choir, which rendered a number of appropriate songs during the exercises.

Grand Master Foshay, in taking charge of the exercises, briefly addressed the gathering. He opened in a pleasant vein by saying that he despised a two-faced man, but that it would be necessary for him to assume that role in order to address all the people in the assemblage. He congratulated the people of San Diego upon the occasion, saying that the institution of which the corner-stone was to be laid would serve for the enlightenment of generations yet to come. The history of education he traced briefly and said that perhaps no state had made so liberal provisions along this line as California, but it could not bear the burden alone, and the people must do their part. The schools teach the children how to read, he said, and the library will provide them with books to read. The children should be trained along intellectual, physical and moral lines, he said. Good books, he declared, were necessary for the gradual development of the child to manhood or womanhood.

Grand Master Foshay then addressed the Senior Grand Warden, and he in turn the Junior Grand Warden, who communicated to the craft the object of the gathering. The Grand Secretary, S. F. Smith, was directed to deposit in the cavity beneath the corner-stone the customary papers. Among other things it included the name and portrait of Andrew Car-



JAS. A. FOSHAY,

Grand Master F. and A. M. of California.

negie, names of the president, governor, A. E. Horton, architects, officers and employes of the city, newspapers, coins, directories and other literature. While the casket was being securely enclosed the choir sang the ode, "Place We Now the Corner-Stone."

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden then took their respective stations about the corner-stone, which was suspended from a derrick. Under the direction of the Grand Master the stone was lowered into place at three separate intervals. At each stoppage the grand honors of the Order were given by the Masons assembled. When the stone was finally in position the Grand Master pointed the cement about the edges with a trowel and the Deputy Grand Master applied the square, the Senior Grand Warden the level, and the Junior Grand Warden the plumb, and pronounced the work well done. The remainder of the ritual was followed, including the pouring of corn, wine and oil upon the stone, after which the choir sang, "Corn, Wine and Oil We've Poured Upon Our Brethren's Hope—the Corner-Stone."

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Accacia Chapter No. 21, O. E. S., was fittingly celebrated Saturday night at the Temple, an excellent literary program being the principal entertainment of the evening.

A great number of people were present, large delegations from sister chapters being present for the evening, as well as Grand Patron F. W. Conant of San Jose, and Grand Matron Mrs. Maud E. Bowers of Santa Ana, both of whom appeared on the evening program.

The program was as follows: Messrs. Dunkelberger, Bonyng, Knox and Wood sang; an address, "History of Accacia Chapter," by Dr.

Charles W. Bush; a vocal solo by Mrs. George S. Porter; an address by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Bowers; a vocal solo by E. Frank Campbell; an address by Grand Patron Conant; an address by Mrs. Johnson, Past Grand Matron of Minnesota; a vocal solo by John Llewellyn, and a duet by Mrs. C. G. Stivers and E. Frank Campbell.

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Knights Of The Maccabees



At its meeting last Wednesday night, Los Angeles Tent No. 2 initiated four tyros, balloted on nine old applications, and received ten new ones, all of which seems to indicate that the boys are doing some tall rustling to get tickets for the forthcoming banquet.

The committee appointed to arrange for the reception of Lillian Hollister, Supreme Commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees, and George J. Seigle, Supreme Record Keeper, Knights of the Maccabees, reports all arrangements completed, and a fine program prepared.

Supreme Commander Lillian Hollister will arrive here on the 1st of April, and Supreme Record-Keeper Seigle is expected on Wednesday, April 3rd. On that evening he will pay an official visit to Los Angeles Tent No. 2, and will deliver an address on the secret work of the Order.

On Thursday Banner Tent No. 6 will receive their illustrious visitor and entertain him in their lodge rooms on West First street. The Sir Knights have arranged to treat their Grand Secretary to a tally-ho ride after the official inspection is over.

On Thursday evening, April 4th, Tent No. 2 will give a reception to the grand officers at Simpson's Auditorium, which promises to be one of the most brilliant affairs ever given by the Maccabees of the Southwest. State Commander S. W. Hall will be present, and invitations have also been extended to all the other officers of the Grand Tent of California. A fine musical and dramatic program has been prepared for the occasion.

On Friday the Pasadena Tent will entertain the grand officers, and in the evening the star degree team will exemplify the ritualistic work. Invitations have been extended to all the Southern California tents to attend.

The Knight and Lady Maccabees of Santa Monica will give an entertainment Monday evening, March 25th.

Los Angeles Division No. 2, Uniform Rank, gave a military ball last Monday evening in Fraternal Hall. There was a large attendance and all present enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The Uniform Rank of Pasadena and Los Angeles will escort Sir Knight Supreme Record-Keeper Seigle from the hotel to Simpson Auditorium April 4th, accompanied by a large band of music.

Tent No. 6 received two applications at its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, and a member of Illinois Tent No. 9, of Chicago, was admitted by card.

A committee from Camp No. 6 has arranged to entertain Supreme Record-Keeper Seigle and Supreme Lady Commander Hollister, on the morning of April 4th.

On Tuesday evening, March 26th the ladies of California Banner Hive will give a social for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of their delegate to the session of the Grand Hive at San Francisco.

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

The members of Lodge No. 99 are preparing to celebrate the coming of their Grand Exalted Ruler with a reception and banquet that shall eclipse all former efforts in this direction attempted by any lodge of the B. P. O. E. in the West. No. 99 has long been the banner lodge on the Coast in regard to membership, and by the way new members are enrolling themselves beneath its banner it is not likely to recede from the front position it now holds. Grand Exalted Ruler Fisher is now in Denver. He will reach San Francisco about the 27th inst., and arrives in Los Angeles March 30th. He will remain in Southern California nearly one week, during which time he will be entertained by them. Unless the program is changed, Los Angeles will be visited Tuesday night, April 2, when Pasadena Lodge will be instituted. A banquet to Mr. Fisher will be given in Blanchard's Hall on the same evening. Redlands will be visited on Wednesday night, April 3; San Diego, April 4; Santa Barbara, April 5; Riverside, April 6.

Wednesday night, March 27th, will witness one of the warmest initiatorial ceremonies that No. 99 has yet given. A star class composed of M. P. Snyder, W. H. Workman, Willard Stimson, Captain Hance, Ben E. Ward, Thos. Hughes, J. Keeney and a long list of other local celebrities will be inducted into the secret mysteries of the Order by a degree team calculated to bring the unworthy tyro to a realization of his shortcomings in a most striking manner. In order that the members of this class may be duly impressed, five of the largest goats in the Rocky Mountains have been secured, and they will take an active part in the initiatory ceremonies. Election of officers for the next year will also be held on this evening.

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The Fraternal Brotherhood

La Grande Lodge No. 9 received twelve applications and initiated seven candidates at its regular meeting Friday evening. Arrangements have also been completed for an open meeting next Friday night for the members and their gentlemen friends. A musical and literary program has been arranged.

Los Angeles Lodge No. 1 initiated four ladies at its regular meeting Friday night, and received nine applications. This fact proves that No. 1 intends to be a union lodge in fact as well as in name. A class of candidates is now promised every meeting night.

Laurel Lodge No. 136 held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening. This meeting was in the nature of a reception to Santa Monica Lodge No. 133, a large number of whose members were present.

After the regular business meeting, at which there were four candidates initiated and eight applications received, the following program was rendered: Contralto solo, Miss Maggie Hogan; reading, Mr. Whitman; violin solo, Miss Rose Bach; solo, Mr. Blaney. Each number was exceptionally good, and most heartily encored by the audience. A short

talk about the Order was given by Sup. Pres. Dandy, and other speeches made by members of Laurel Lodge and the visiting lodge. The program was followed by refreshments, and the Santa Monica Lodge, and other visitors were unanimous in their expressions of an enjoyable and instructive time.

Supreme President C. P. Dandy visited Pasadena Lodge No. 24 Friday night. One applicant was initiated and 25 applications received. Pasadena Lodge is now in a flourishing condition, and the contest now on among the members for securing new members promises to result in a large growth of the lodge.

San Diego Lodge No. 18 received nine applications and initiated nine candidates at its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Hermosa Lodge No. 32 gave its regular monthly open meeting last Monday night, which proved to be the most successful meeting of this kind given by the lodge for many months. The following program was exceptionally well rendered, each number being heartily encored: Reading, Miss Wilson; vocal solo, Miss Maud Roney; piano solo, Miss Puck; song, Little Etta Dunne; piano solo, composed and played by Miss Truan; contralto solo, Miss Maggie Hogan; reading, Mr. Tompkins; piano duet, Mesdames Harrington and Green; cornet solo, Miss Laura Cotton.

The contest now on between the ladies on one side and the gentlemen on the other is creating a great deal of interest and a large number of applications are being received as a result thereof. Next Monday evening will be the last regular meeting in the old hall, the lodge beginning April 1st to meet in Blanchard Hall. The initial meeting will be an open meeting for the benefit of the members and their friends. Any one wish to attend the meeting April 1st must obtain an invitation from a member of Hermosa Lodge.

Harmony Lodge No. 69 gave its regular open meeting last Monday night, and the following program was rendered: Piano solo, Prof. Kotlaba; recitation, Miss Miller; address, Mrs. E. R. Neidig, Supreme Vice-President of the Order; monologue, Mr. Barclay of San Rafael; violin solo, Prof. Mansfield. Refreshments were also served.

East Los Angeles Lodge No. 11 initiated nine at its regular meeting last Monday evening. This lodge is now making a very satisfactory growth as a result of the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Malona.

Washington Lodge No. 51 held its regular meeting last Thursday evening, at which five applicants were initiated, and seven applications for membership received.

Oakland Lodge No. 123 will give a hard-times social on the evening of April 25th. Ladies appearing in anything as presentable as a shirt waist, or gentlemen with boiled shirts will be fined to the greatest limit.

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Knights of Pythias

Grand Chancellor W. T. Jeter of the Grand Domain of California, is in the city this week. A joint reception will be tendered him by all the city lodges at Pythian Castle on Tuesday evening. Committees have been appointed in conjunction with the members of Marathon, to do honor to their chief.

Tonight the Grand Chancellor is meeting with San Diego Lodge, and on Wednesday evening he will visit Ontario for the purpose of instituting a new lodge of the Order at that place.

Company No. 40, Uniform Rank, will be instituted on Saturday evening, March 30. Preparations are being made to make this occasion a general reception to the Uniform Rank officers in the South. A regimental meeting has been called for the same evening, to discuss the feasibility of a regimental encampment this summer and to complete arrangements for the visit to the Grand Encampment in San Francisco in 1902.

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Modern Woodmen of America

A new camp of Modern Woodmen will be instituted at Santa Monica on April 11th. A large charter list has been secured, and the new camp gives promise of being instituted under most auspicious circumstances.

Deputies J. S. Simons and J. C. Hill are spending the week in Santa Paula. They report that applications are coming in very satisfactorily, and that a camp will be instituted at that place in the near future.

On March 14th a new camp was instituted at San Pedro with a charter list of thirty Woodmen. The following officers were elected: C. Maddock Ven. Consul; Jno. La Plant, Worthy Advisor; D. W. Lynn, Banker; H. Ekram, Clerk; G. W. Russell, Escort; J. H. Iman, Watchman; H. A. McDonald, Sentry; J. S. Gwaltney, Physician; E. B. Scott, T. H. Brahen and W. R. McGowan, Board of Managers.

A new camp at Soqueo, Santa Cruz county, was instituted on March 15, with twenty-two charter members. The leading officers are: Ven. Consul, S. C. Peck; A. W. Wyman, Clerk; A. W. Freeman, Banker.

A new camp is also reported from Castroville, Santa Cruz county, with the following officers in charge.

R. E. Sterling, Ven. Consul; B. E. Richmond, Clerk; R. F. Davis, Banker. The camp organized with twenty-five charter members.

A movement is on foot to take the Raisin City Band of Fresno back to the Head Camp session at St. Paul, June 11th, 1901. It is also proposed to have an exhibit of California fruits and products at that time. There are about 10,000 Modern Woodmen camps in the country, and about 600,000 members of the Order. The camp and city of Fresno has already subscribed over \$500 toward defraying the expenses of the trip.

The local camps have received invitations to attend a complimentary entertainment to the Royal Neighbors to be held at Pasadena on the

evening of March 25. A special car has been chartered for the occasion. It will leave Fourth and Spring at 7 P. M., and will make a stop at the Plaza. The Los Angeles contingent are expected to furnish the entertainment, and the Pasadena Neighbors will put up the refreshments.

Golden State Camp elected two candidates on Wednesday night, and exemplified the initiatory work upon one more. The following committee was appointed to arrange for transportation to the Head Camp convention at St. Paul: H. W. Frank, G. W. Judkins, J. C. Cribb, W. N. Best and C. A. Warner.

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Woodmen of the World

On Monday evening thirteen candidates were initiated into the mysteries of Woodcraft and instructed in the secret work of the great fraternity of the Woodmen of the World, by the officers and degree team of La Fiesta Camp. Nine applications were also received, and five transfers were accepted. A delegation of Woodmen from the camp of the Palms were present to witness the exemplification of the secret and ritualistic work. They brought a candidate along to make sure that the degree team would have good sound timber to work upon. Many visiting Neighbors were also present from Eastern and Northern camps, and all expressed the highest admiration for the ritualistic work of the Order as exemplified by La Fiesta Camp. Recent initiations and transfers have swelled the numbers of this camp to 570, and there are enough applications on file to enable it to pass the 600 mark in the very near future.

At the regular meeting of Fremont Camp on Wednesday evening ten new applications were received, and voted upon, and five successful candidates were inducted into the secret mysteries of the Order. The matter of new uniforms came up for final action, and amidst much enthusiasm an appropriation of \$175 was made to secure the proper suitings. Many individual contributions were also made which will increase the fund very materially. The boys over at Fremont have been resting on their axes for a few weeks past, but they claim they have been organizing for more concerted effort, and are now ready to make the forest ring with the echoes of their industry.

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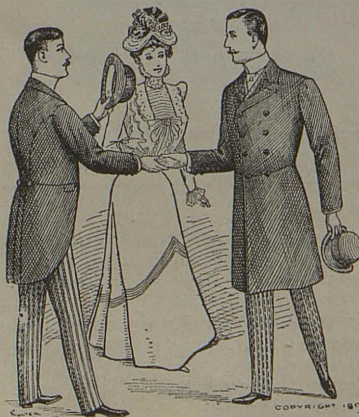
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On Saturday evening, March 16th, Una Rebekah Lodge held a social session in their hall at 220½ South Main street. Progressive whist was the order of the evening, and at the close of the games refreshments were served.

Monday evening, March 18th, Columbia Rebekah Lodge had one initiation.

The fourth evening at whist was enjoyed by the members of Paloma Rebekah Lodge Wednesday night.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 160 conferred the third degree Monday evening, March 18.

On Tuesday night, Semi-Tropic Lodge No. 371 conferred the third degree on four candidates.

Brother Pentland, of Semi-Tropic Lodge, who was killed in the Horseshoe mine, Saturday, March 16th, was buried by his lodge in Evergreen cemetery on the 20th inst.

A new lodge will be instituted at Fullerton Saturday, March 23d. A drill team from Westminster will confer the initiatory degree, and picked teams from Orange, Whittier and Santa Ana will confer the first, second and third degrees respectively.

All brother members are invited to attend.

On Wednesday evening, March 27th, the seventeenth anniversary of the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association of Los Angeles, will be celebrated at Odd Fellows' Hall on South Main street. The following program has been arranged: Address, by Veteran W. A. Knighten; song, "America"; recitation, Mary Lingo; address, W. A. Bonyng, G. R.; song, "Auld Lang Syne"; recitation, Myrtle Thompson.

At the conclusion of the regular exercises refreshments will be served in banquet hall by the ladies of Una Rebekah Lodge. Secretary E. E. Overholtzer has been making especial efforts to get all the old Veterans out on this occasion, and if the weather is propitious there will be an assemblage of patriarchs, the average age of whom will send the insurance actuary back to his tables to contemplate a "revise." The following committees have the affair in charge: Music, G. Heimann; speakers, G. W. Stockwell; arrangement, James Ashman and E. E. Overholtzer.

New England Order of Protection.

The fourteenth annual session of the New England Order of Protection was held in Boston on March 13. The report of Grand Secretary E. S. Hinckley gave the membership of the Order to be 12,337 and placed the gain for 1900 at 885. The report of Grand Treasurer D. E. Frasier shows the finances of the Order to be in a very satisfactory condition.

Neighbor B. A. Tilburn, of New Albany, Wis., has been ill in the city for some weeks and is having his needs looked after by the relief committee of Golden State Camp.

Neighbor Hollister, of Camp No. 594, Wisconsin, was a guest of Golden State Camp on Wednesday evening.

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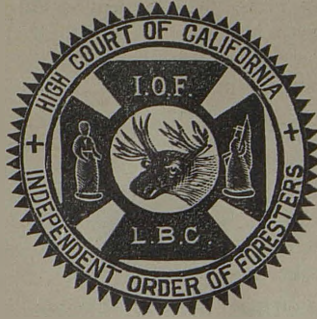
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NO more brilliant or enthusiastic assemblage has been gathered together for many weeks than that which convened at Elks Hall on Friday evening to give a welcome and a Godspeed to Hon. Dr. Montague, who stopped over for a few hours in our midst en route to Australia, where he goes in company with Hon. Dr. Langrill, in the interests of the grand old Order of Independent Forestry.

The local courts had been apprised of his coming, and had everything in full readiness for his reception. The stage was draped in American and English colors, and festooned with great bunches of beautiful calla lilies and luxuriant Southern palms, and the entire hall

heart of every listener an awakened appreciation of the social emoluments and intrinsic worth of a membership in the great fraternal band of Forestry.

Colonel McElfresh is a brilliant speaker when he warms to a subject that has his heart

of the shadow of pathos thrown in to let them realize how sweet the sunshine is. He said in part:

"I am happy, indeed, in the magnanimous feeling existing between the States and the mother country. We are a people of one tongue, the joint heirs of the brilliant achievements of a great race, and there is no reason in the world why we shouldn't be the best of neighbors. Forestry as a great international fraternal organization, will help us in this relationship, and it was this which first attracted me to our order."

"I have been much in public life, but I count or greater good what service I can be to my great Order. When you tell me how many widows and orphans are saved from want and



HON. DR. MONTAGUE,
Member Supreme Court I. O. F.

in it, and he is never more at home than when addressing an appreciative audience on the subject of Independent Forestry.

Dr. Montague, ex-Secretary of State of the Dominion of Canada, suitably acknowledged the very apt exordium of the High Chief Ranger and proceeded for an hour and a half to



G. A. McELFRESH,
High Chief Ranger, I. O. F. California.

was appropriately decorated with the most brilliant and fragrant products of a thousand Southern gardens.

Upon the stage were seated the Chief Rangers and Court Deputies of the twelve local Forester Courts, together with the officers and Past Chief Rangers of the two companion courts, and the hall and gallery were filled with several hundred friends and members of the Order, who were assembled to receive their High Chief Ranger and his illustrious guest. The absence of Hon. Dr. Langrill, who was lying ill in Sacramento, was a disappointment, but did not mar the pleasure of the occasion.

The meeting was presided over by Hon. G. A. McElfresh, High Chief Ranger of the Jurisdiction of California. He introduced the guest of the evening in a brilliant Foresteric effort, an address that could not fail to bring to the



W. H. PERRY,
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entertain and instruct the assembled Foresters with his eloquence and humor. Dr. Montague is an entertaining speaker and keeps his listeners walking in the sunshine with just enough



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Dr. Montague's repertoire of anecdotes is very fine. Here is one of them.

"A young lady who had formerly assisted in the office of a large fire insurance company married and removed to a neighboring city. A short time afterwards her husband who was an iron roller was caught one afternoon in the cogs of the heavy machinery, and so badly mangled that he died in a few hours. That

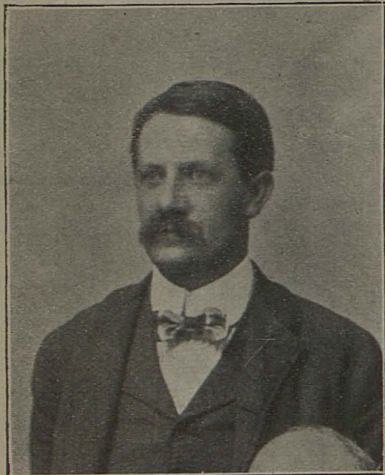
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evening her father received this unique telegram. 'Dear father, poor George died this evening. Loss fully covered by insurance. Mary.'

The following musical and literary program was appropriately rendered:

- Selection, Lucia di Lammermoor....Donizetti
I. O. F. Band.
- Song.....Selected
Empire Quartet—E. B. Williams, first
tenor; Harry McManus, second
tenor; A. Smith, second bass.
- Selection, Waltzes, Tryphosa.....Daniels
I. O. F. Band.
- ReadingSelected
Miss Ruth Messmore.
- Vocal solo.....Selected
Miss Carter.
- Song.....Selected
Empire Quartet.
- ReadingSelected
Miss Ruth Messmore.
- Vocal solo..... Selected
Miss Carter.
- Selection, Descriptive Fantasia, "Way Down
South"Laurendeau
I. O. F. Band.

The very successful manner in which the entertainment was handled reflects much credit



JAS. TRAVIS,
Chief Ranger Court Temple.

upon W. H. Perry, the High Secretary, and the able committees which were appointed from the membership of the different city courts to assist in the reception. The occasion fully demonstrates that when the courts of Los Angeles "get together" they know how to boom Independent Forestry.

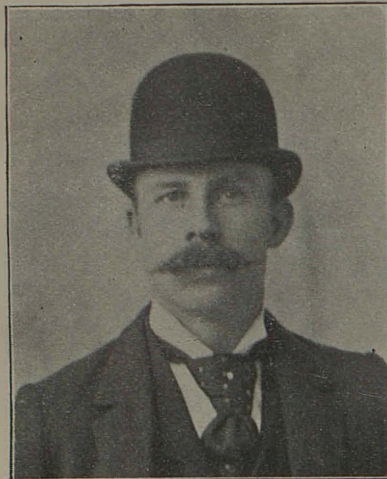
COURT TEMPLE.

Court Temple No. 510, I. O. F., was instituted at West End Hall on Temple street, March 6th, 1890, the first Chief Ranger being W. E. Rogers, who is still a member of the court and a resident of Highland Park. This court from its organization was a successful one. About two years after its organization its place of meeting was moved to the business section of the city. Eight years ago it leased Wollacott Hall, 245½ South Spring street, being the first court of the Foresters in Los Angeles to have control of its own quarters. The

court has grown from its charter membership of twenty to its present membership of 230. This growth has been the result of the energetic efforts of its members. The court has never received any assistance in securing new members from the Supreme or High Courts, and consequently has only itself to thank for its present flourishing condition. The Past Chief Rangers who are still members of the court are W. E. Rogers, William Wicks, E. A. Beck, Gus Loeb, H. S. Eberle, E. G. Akln and S. G. Dunkerley.

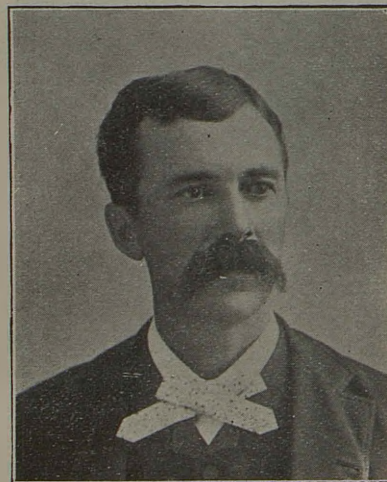
COURT LOS ANGELES.

Court Los Angeles No. 422 was instituted June 12th, 1889, by W. S. Williams, D. S. C. R. This court has the honor of being the first



A. WALLACE,
Chief Ranger Court Los Angeles.

court of the Order to have been organized and instituted in the Jurisdiction of California. From the time of its institution and until its consolidation with Court Ramona, in 1892, the court did not make any very material progress, but dating from the time of the aforementioned consolidation the court seemed to have taken on new life, and for a period of over three



W. H. LEEDS,
Chief Ranger Court Occident.

years it enjoyed the proud distinction of being the largest court, numerically speaking, in the whole Order, which fact is attested by the pos-

session by the court of an elegant banner, presented by the Supreme Court of the Order to the court having the largest membership for three consecutive years. This court also has the honor of having upon its rolls the name of Bro. Rev. B. W. R. Taylor, who was the first High Chief Ranger of the High Court of California, he having been appointed to that position by Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger, at the time of the institution of the High Court of California in April, 1890. The court also has upon its rolls another prominent member of the Order in the person of Bro. Wm. E. Reavis, who has for the third time been elected to the responsible position of High Treasurer of the High Court. Though Court Los Angeles is no longer entitled to be called the "banner court" of the world, yet there are but two or three courts whose membership is greater, and it easily takes first place among the courts of the Jurisdiction of California. Court Los Angeles No. 422 meets every Thursday evening at Foresters' Temple, corner of First and Spring streets, and a cordial greeting is extended to all members of sister courts who are invited to be present at their meetings.

COURT OCCIDENT.

Court Occident No. 467 was instituted November 1st, 1889, by W. S. Williams, D. S. C. R.



JAS. BURTON,
Chief Ranger Court Morris Vineyard.

This court, it will be seen, was one of the first courts of the Order to have been instituted, not only in Los Angeles, but in the California Jurisdiction. It is located in East Los Angeles, and its membership is comprised of the representative men of that part of the city, and numbers about 200 members upon its rolls. Of the twenty brethren who composed the charter membership of this court, fully one-half of them are still members, and are numbered among its most active adherents. Among the most prominent of the members of this court is to be found Bro. W. H. Perry, one of the original charter members, who has not only been continuously in one or another of the offices of the court ever since the date of its institution, but who has filled the office of High Secretary of the High Court of California during the past ten years, and to whose untiring

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COURT LA FIESTA.

Court La Fiesta No. 880 was organized in March, 1895, with seventeen charter members. R. W. Martin was the first Chief Ranger. It was named in honor of those delightful Spanish festivals that once made Los Angeles famous. The growth of this court has been very satisfactory, and its members have always been enthusiastic Foresters. The roster at the present time contains 151 names. This court has an Oriental degree team composed exclusively of La Fiesta members, and the way the boys confer the degree is fearful and wonderful to behold.

Will E. Badham, one of the charter members, is serving his second term as Chief Ranger. The boys of La Fiesta are a lively and up-to-date crowd, and the sessions of this court are always highly interesting.

COURT MATEO.

Court Mateo was organized October 21st, 1896, by William R. Uber, D. S. C. R., with twenty-one charter members. The hard times prevailing shortly after the organization of



W. E. BADHAM,
Chief Ranger Court La Fiesta.

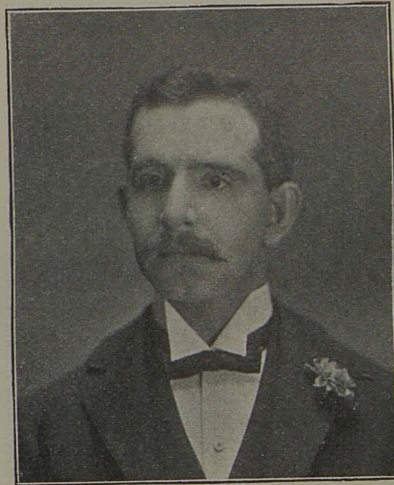
efforts on behalf of the Order is due much of its progress during the years that have gone by. The court meets on the first and third Friday of each month, at Knights of Pythias Hall, corner of Downey and Twenty-second avenues, and the "latch string" is always outside to visiting brethren.

COURT MORRIS VINEYARD.

Court Morris Vineyard No. 532 was instituted April 10th, 1899.

This court, with a membership of 400, is not only the second largest court in the Jurisdiction of California; but one of the largest (numerically) in the world. It is one of the pioneer courts of the state, having been instituted just in time to be represented at the formation and institution of the High Court of California. Court Morris Vineyard did not make any great additions to numbers until after its consolidation with Court Pacific No. 478, which event took place July 1st, 1891. Since that time it has stood second in point of membership among the courts of the California Jurisdiction. In point of wealth, however, Court Morris Vineyard easily bears the palm, having a very snug balance in both general and sick and funeral benefits. The most prominent among the many prominent members of this court is Bro. G. A. McElfresh, who for the past ten years has been the honored High Chief Ranger, and official head of the Order in the Jurisdiction of California, a man who has given the best years of his life to the services of the Order, and who has the pleasure of seeing the Order placed upon the solid foundations that it now occupies.

Court Morris Vineyard also enjoys the proud distinction of being, possibly, the only court in the world that can boast of an excellent band, consisting of about thirty pieces, every member of which is a member of the court. This band was heard to good advantage upon the occasion of the late reception tendered to Hon. Dr. Montague, at Elks Hall, on Friday evening, the 22nd inst. Court Morris Vineyard meets every Friday evening at Foresters' Temple, corner of First and Spring streets, where visiting or sojourning members of the Order always receive a true Foresteric welcome.



E. W. FOX,
Chief Ranger Court Mateo.

this court made the struggle for existence a sharp one. The court at that time was located at Seventh street, near Mateo. At times during that depressing experience in business, the flame of existence seemed to almost be blazing up for the last time. Finally the working members of the court decided to move to more central quarters up town, and for the last year and a half the court has been located in the Odd Fellows' building, on South Main street. Since that move the court has shown the largest percentage of increase of any court in the South, and one equaled by few in the Order. The membership at present numbers about 75 or 80 members, while 18 months ago it was but 32. Seldom does a meeting pass without one or more new initiations.

The officers at the present time are: G. D. H. C. R., Edward Kern; C. D., Thos. Vacher, C. P., W. C. Parker; C. R., E. W. Fox; v. C. R., J. Butler; R. S., J. P. Lee; F. S., F. Baker; Treas., J. P. Neilson; O. W., H. Scott; S. W., A. Amati; J. W., A. J. Miller; S. B., Wm. Vacher; J. B. T. A. Holmgren.

COURT UNIVERSITY.

Court University No. 61 was instituted December 30th, 1889, by W. S. Williams, D. S. C. R.

As will be noted this court is one of the first to have been instituted in the jurisdiction of California, and while it has not had the numerical growth attained by many of the sister courts of the city; yet it always has been, and is today, one of the leading courts of the Order in this Jurisdiction. The court meets at the hall, corner of Thirty-eighth street and Wesley avenue, on the first and third Monday evenings of each month, and visiting members are always assured of a most hearty welcome when paying a visit to this court.

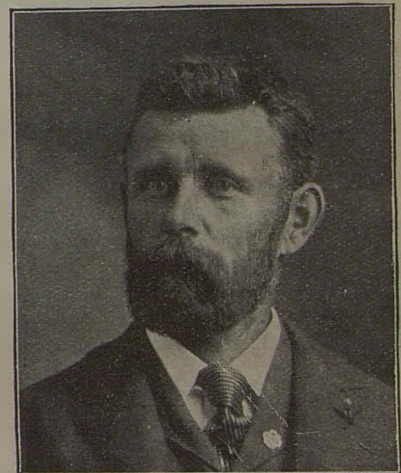
COURT LA GAZELLE.

Court La Gazelle formerly represented the Pico Heights district, but has lately moved to the center of town and its sessions are now held at 107½ North Main street. This court was instituted October 10th, 1897, by D. S. C. R. Uber and at the present time has 52 members.

There are also two Companion Courts in Los Angeles whose members are largely instrumental in developing the social side of Forestry. Companion Court Temple with a membership of over 100 is one of the liveliest courts in the Order. The sessions are always well attended and the members are continually planning pleasant little surprises to spring upon the subordinate Courts, most of whom are active workers in the order.

COURT SEMI-TROPIC.

Court Semi-Tropic has always been one of the most popular courts in the Southern jurisdiction. It was instituted by High Chief Ranger G. A. McElfresh on November 23, 1893. To J. M. Voss was given the honor of being the first Chief Ranger of the new Court. The lodge meetings have always been held at Fifteenth and Main streets, on Wednesday evenings. Court Semi-Tropic is celebrated for several things, one of which is P. C. R., M. A. Deckman. The secretary's books show a present membership of 110, most of whom are active workers in the order. The lodge meetings of this court are always enthusiastic and well attended, and



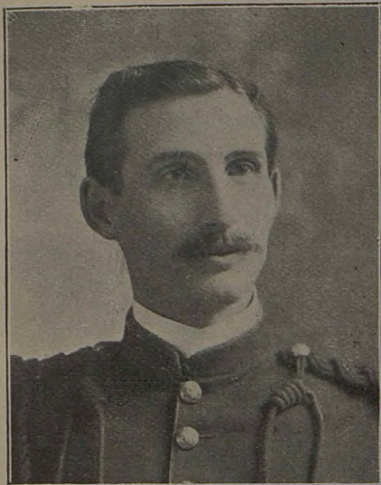
A. M. BIRD,
Chief Ranger Court Semi-Tropic.

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visiting brothers are not likely to regret an evening spent with Court Semi-Tropic No. 1442.

COURT PALMETTO.

Court Palmetto No. 345 was instituted on December 12, 1896, by W. R. Uber, with M. M. Sheldon as Chief Ranger. Court Palmetto, while never entering into competition with the



H. M. GRIER,
Chief Ranger Court Palmetto.

large courts over in the central part of the city, has always managed to keep the fires of Forestry kindled in their district and their meetings are always well attended. In fact, the members can easily support the claim that they have fewer absent members at regular lodge meetings than the larger courts whose membership is reckoned by hundreds.

COURT ANGELENA.

Court Anelena No. 3422 represents another outlying district. It was instituted February 19th, 1897, by D. S. C. R. W. R. Uber. F. L. Sexton was the first Chief Ranger to preside over the destinies of this Court. The sessions



E. R. BOHAN,
Chief Ranger Court Angelena.

have always been held at West End Hall in Temple street, on Wednesday evenings. The membership of Court Angelena while limited in numbers is select in quality. Its roster con-

tains the names of some of the most influential men in the West End. The Court sessions are always interesting and instructive and visiting brothers receive a true Foresteric welcome.

COURT EUCALYPTUS.

Court Eucalyptus represents the order in the Vernon district. It was instituted December 1st, 1893, by H. C. R. McElfresh, with W. L. Atkins acting as Chief Ranger. It has a present membership of about 100, and O. E. Grasure is Chief Ranger.

COMPANION COURT MORRIS VINEYARD.

Companion Court Morris Vineyard is coming rapidly to the front as a prime favorite in Los Angeles Forestry circles, and by the way its membership is increasing the 100 mark will be passed by May 1st. Mrs. Jos. Ferris is the present Chief Ranger.

In completing this history of the Forestry courts of Los Angeles, we desire to extend our thanks to W. H. Perry, High Secretary of the California I. O. F. for the very material assistance he has rendered us in securing the necessary data respecting the instituting of the different local Courts. Without his assistance this number would necessarily have been very much abridged.

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Ancient Order of United Workmen

Grand Foreman Morrison and Past Grand Master W. Booth visited Wilmington Lodge last Saturday evening, and attended a joint meeting with San Pedro Lodge.

On Wednesday the Grand Foreman visited Anaheim Lodge, and delivered an address on social life in the Order.

Los Angeles Lodge No. 55 received six applications at its meeting and elected four to membership on Wednesday evening.

The extension committee met with Southern California Lodge on Thursday evening, to arrange a new plan of campaign for the local field.

The joint meeting of the Degree of Honor lodges in the Southern California district was held in Pasadena last Monday.

Twenty applications were received by Santa Paula Lodge last week.

Redlands will institute a new lodge on the 26th of March.

The Grand Lodge reports a net gain of membership in California last year of 2000.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of California will be held in San Francisco on April 2nd. Arrangements are being made for all Southern California delegates to meet here and go north together.

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Royal Arcanum

Los Angeles Council, No. 1489, held a splendid meeting last week at which several applications were received, and one candidate initiated.

Royal Arcanum Day this year will be celebrated at Santa Monica, the local councils being the guests of the Santa Monica Council.

Past Grand Regent L. A. Spencer, of Oakland, is still rusticated in Los Angeles, and doing much effective work for the Order.

Deputy Grand Regent Dr. L. A. LeLande is at Santa Ana, assisting that council.

Grand Regent J. K. Hawk is contemplating a number of official visits.

A new council will be instituted at Redlands on April 1st, by D. R. G., W. S. Spencer.

California Council No. 1647 will hold a very enthusiastic meeting next Thursday evening. The meeting will be in the nature of a reception to its returning representatives to the Grand Council, who were honored by election to responsible positions in the state organization. Sam J. Chappell received the chief plum of the state by being elected representative to the Supreme Council, which meets at Asheville, N. C., May 15th. J. K. Hawk was elected Grand Regent, and E. P. Fuller Grand Treasurer. At this meeting a bowling club from the membership will be organized, and other measures adopted to create enthusiasm in the council's work.

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Young Men's Institute

Bright eyes beamed and youthful hands clapped in glee when the curtain went up at the Y. M. I. Hall on the East Side last night, and the footlights fell softly on the lilies and ferns heaped at the base of the stage. From above a banner of Erin undulated gracefully in the light breeze astir. It took but a breath to rustle the fragile silk thing. On it a spray of shamrock was worked in gold, while sprigs of "hopeful green stuff" girdled its borders. Montgomery Council, Y. M. I., and their assistants, acquitted themselves proudly in the entertainment which followed, and the Sisters' School of the Church of the Sacred Heart of East Los Angeles, netted a neat sum as a result.

Messrs. J. W. Sharp, James Hanley, C. Rogers, J. Nuelle, O. J. Gillespie, A. Schwamm and J. R. Curtis saw to it that there wasn't a dull number on the program.

The address of the evening was by Rev. D. W. J. Murphy, who pleased his audience immensely with his earnest but pleasant remarks.

The two little stars of the evening were the Misses Myrtle and Stella Gonzales, in a quaint duet, entitled "Riding in a Street Car," in which one of the wee lassies was dressed as a little dude.

Mrs. Gonzales captivated her hearers with the beautiful rendition of "The Wearin' o' the Green." She has a sweet voice, possessed of just the right attributes of sympathy and sentiment for music of feeling, and her audience applauded every stanza of the good old song.

J. J. Mosgrove, the Irish comedian, to whose artistic designing and execution the Young Men's Institute owes the very handsome curtain and stage scenery, was clever in his comic ballads and was given liberal hands.

John Cook pleased his hearers with his singing. He has a fine baritone voice and received four merited encores.

Miss Tessie Cook delighted the audience with her harp solos.