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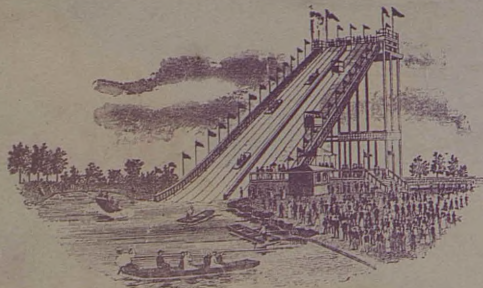
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Los Angeles, California, Monday, April 1st, 1901

Tonight will be a gala one for the local herd of Elks. For the first time in many years they will entertain the grand exalted ruler of the order.

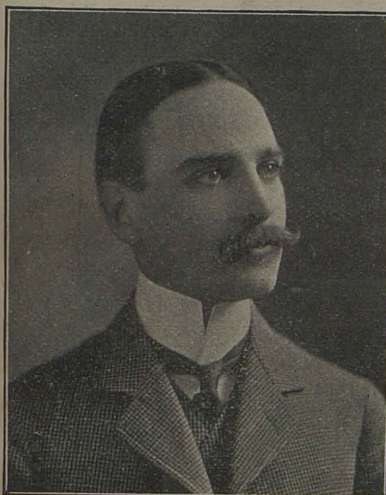
Judge Jerome K. Fisher of Jamestown, N.

response by F. P. Meserve, exalted ruler, Redlands.

"The Eleven O'clock Toast," response by Lewis R. Works, exalted ruler, San Diego.

"The Monarch"—the Grand Lodge," re-

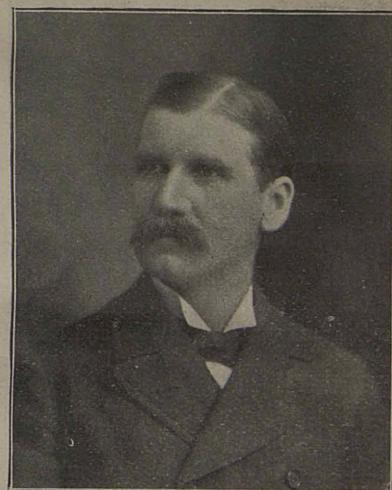
a company of young men who assembled on Sundays to spend the afternoon in a Bohemian way. At that time the excise laws were rigid and such Bohemian parties were numerous. One of the most noted parties, of



JNO. G. MOTT,
Exalted Ruler, Lodge No. 99.



JOHN BRINK,
Past Exalted Ruler, Lodge No. 99.



THEODORE SUMMERLAND,
First Exalted Ruler, Lodge No. 99.

Y., holds the high honor, and is making a tour of inspection throughout the West. He is accompanied by his wife, and reached Los Angeles this morning. He will remain in this vicinity about one week.

Tonight he will act as installing officer for the new Pasadena lodge. The charter list of this organization now shows 70 names. The ceremonies will be held in the local lodge room in this city. After the lodge is passed on, the herd will march to Blanchard's Hall, where a joint banquet will be given in honor of the distinguished visitor. The preparations for this affair have been very carefully made and it promises to be a most notable one. Covers will be laid for more than 500 guests. Hon. James McLachlan, a member of the new Pasadena lodge, will preside. Frank G. Finlayson, of Los Angeles lodge, is to be toastmaster, the toasts to be given and responses by the following:

"The Outstretched Hand," response by John G. Mott, exalted ruler, Los Angeles.

"Sprouting Horns," response by C. C. Reynolds, Pasadena.

"The Wandering Elk," response by S. E. Crowe, exalted ruler, Santa Barbara.

"They Buildded Better Than They Knew,"

response by Jerome K. Fisher, grand exalted ruler, Jamestown, N. Y.

"Wives and Sweethearts," response by H. T. Hayes, exalted ruler, Riverside.

During the remainder of the week Mr. Fisher will visit all the lodges in this jurisdiction, returning here for a few days' recreation and pleasure.

The B. P. O. E. --- A Retrospect.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has grown from a jolly parlor company, in the home of Mrs. Giesman, in Lispenard street, New York, in 1867, to a fraternity, whose membership touches the utmost boundaries of the nation, seems but the anticipation of a visionary, but it is a reality. The order that today has seven hundred lodges in the United States and a membership of nearly 100,000, is one of the testimonials to the quality of men who live in a land where liberty is priceless, and the test is worth of character, not wealth. For the B. P. O. E. is not only distinctly American (members must be citizens of the United States), but it is universal in scope among God-fearing men.

In this New York boarding house there was

a slightly earlier period, included Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Theodore Winthrop, George Arnold, Fitz-James O'Brien, Will Winter and others whose names are prominent in American literature. This crowd of Bohemians that met at Mrs. Giesman's was of much the same spirit, though of different profession. Many of the Lispenard street company were theatrical persons, or musicians, and their time was spent in revelry, such as might now characterize a respectable stag party. In this company one of the leading spirits was Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Of Vivian's early life little is known in detail. In the fall of 1867 he stepped from a sailing vessel and with his first footstep on American soil began the evolution that resulted in the B. P. O. E.

The inception and evolution of the order are as remarkable in its history as its recent prodigious growth, holding in view that it is a fraternal organization, without fixed benefits or emoluments.

Vivian was a singer. He came of a good English family and his father was a clergyman. His first stopping-place in New York was at the chop house of John Ireland, where he met Richard Steirly, who was musician there. This chop house was known as the

Star hotel, and convivial men, thoroughly Bohemian in character and tastes, frequented it. The company to be found there usually included many actors. On the occasion of Vivian's visit there were many there, and he made himself known by an offer to sing. His song was received with favor and he entered into companionship with those he found there, and



DR. F. W. KENNEDY,

Dist. Deputy Southern California, B. P. O. E.

out of this companionship was formed the "Jolly Corks," so named because of a trick with corks performed by Vivian and his friend of boyhood, William Lloyd Bowron, now grand esteemed leading knight. This organization made the house of Mrs. Giesman, where many of them boarded, their meeting place, and was composed of but fifteen members.

Vivian suggested a more permanent organization, having in mind an English order to which he belonged, called "The Buffaloes." He suggested this name, but the majority wanted a designation of a different character. February 16, 1868, the question was put to vote, eight of the fifteen members voting to adopt the name of Elk. This is the birthday of the order and there is abundant evidence as to its accuracy. The name being decided on, a close investigation of the characteristics of the animal disclosed traits that were important in forming the ritual and character of the organization.

In early years this order was not without tribulations. There arose in this earliest lodge a dispute as to the origin of the order. Many of those instrumental in building up the order were excluded for a time. Vivian, who was one of these, died in Leadville, Colorado, in 1880. He had been attracted there by the furor due to the gold discoveries, and contracted pneumonia. He was buried there in a fitting manner. The body remained in Leadville until 1889, when Chairman of the Grand Board of Trustees procured, with the assistance of Boston and Denver Lodges, the removal of the body to the beautiful "Elks' Rest" in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Boston.

The evolution of the order was accomplished, first, by expansion of the membership of the New York Lodge; second, by the in-

corporation in 1871 of a Grand Lodge, and the immediate establishment of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 2. In 1876 San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, and Chicago Lodge, No. 4, were established. In 1881 Indianapolis Lodge was established as No. 13, and at the end of ten years form date of expansion but fourteen lodges had been formed, these having a membership entirely among theatrical people. This condition existed for time. Then, in a decade later, there were 222 lodges and 19,000 members. Since 1892 the growth has been colossal and the close of the present year will find over 700 lodges on the American continent, touching its utmost boundaries and comprising a membership of approximately 100,000. The fact that the Elks have no fixed benefits, but dispose charity according to the needs of the object, has been its chief stimulus in growth, and not, as many might suppose, an impediment.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Meade D. Detweiler says of the order: "We have blazoned on our banners, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, and we have so lived up to all that is involved in these sterling, cardinal principles that we have sustained with honor untarnished the keenest investigation of a scrutinizing world. As a result, the order, started by a single profession, and in its infancy recruited almost exclusively from their

elevating humanity to higher planes and grander views."

Only one lodge of Elks is permitted in any town or city. This is done to prevent the rivalry, conflict and jealousy that so often embarrass and injure fraternal societies, by rivalry among lodges of the same order in the same city. There are no ranks, titles of emoluments in the order. All Elks have equal rights under the laws. To join the Order of Elks the applicant must be a man in good health, twenty-one years of age, believer in a Supreme Being, be a citizen of the United States and have some honorable occupation or visible means of support.

Los Angeles Lodge, No. 99, was organized in 1888, with a comparatively small membership, thirty-five in number. At first its growth was highly satisfactory and then, for a time, came a period of stagnation in which societies of all kinds felt the depression caused by the decline of what was known as "the boom" in Los Angeles. For quite a long time the organization here was supported and carried along by a faithful few, comprising the hard workers of the society.

Today witnesses the happy outcome of a series of trials which were of a kind to imperil the existence of of any institution less securely founded, and the roll of membership foots



P. J. DARMODY,

Past Exalted Ruler, Lodge No. 99.

ranks, now enrolls on its rosters the noblest and best of every profession in all our broad land. Governors and judges, bankers and senators, the most eminent exponents of the clerical, the journalistis, the legal and the medical professions, the world's bright lights in art, literature and music, and the capitalists, who, with a touch like the magician's wand, have developed desert tracts into productive areas, humming with busy industries, all linked together in the prosecution of the noble work of

up to the gratifying aggregate of nearly 500 members. That this number will be augmented almost daily is easy to foretell, seeing what splendid standing the order maintains in every part of this wide domain.

As a matter of history the names of the organizers of the Los Angeles Lodge, No. 99, are here appended, taken from the minutes of the proceedings held at Los Angeles Pythian Castle, September 2, 1898:

The organizers were Past E. R., W. C. Dud-

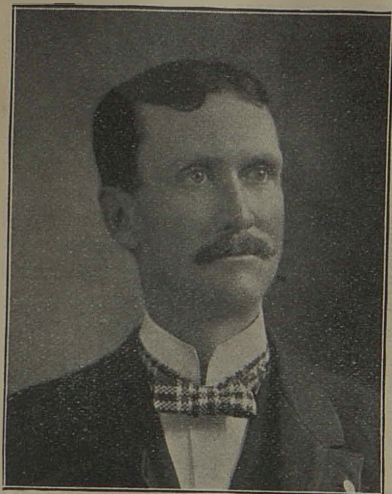
ley, of Golden Gate Lodge, No. 6, San Francisco, acting as E. R., assisted by A. C. Francisco, of Washington, D. C., acting as esteemed leading knight; P. E. R., T. N. Okey, of Columbus, Ohio, No. 37, as esteemed loyal knight; W. F. Hunter, of Mansfield, No. 56, as esteemed lecturing knight; C. W. Nevin, of

in the contest for exalted ruler. The candidates for the highest office within the gift of the local lodge were John G. Mott, who served as exalted ruler last year, and George Goldsmith, who occupied the chair of leading knight. Mott was elected to succeed himself by a vote of 155 to 85, thus reversing an un-

One of the hardest workers in No. 99 is Byron Erkenbrecher, and he is consequently "wanted" on every committee on entertainment. In fact, a committee without Broethr Erkenbrecher would be considered as being something wanting. As chairman on installation of Pasadena Lodge and reception to Grand Exalted Ruler Fisher, he has worked day and night for its success, and the program shows with what result.

The other members of the committee are Frank T. Barnes, secretary; Ferd K. Rule, James Warren, Carl E. McStay, Dr. H. Bert Ellis and Frank G. Finlayson.

D. D. G. E. R. Dr. W. F. Kennedy has the satisfaction of knowing that during two years in the office in Southern California it has grown "to beat the band." He now has in his jurisdiction Los Angeles, San Diego, Redlands, Santa Barbara, Fresno, Riverside and Bakersfield, and, after April 15, will handle Honolulu Lodge. When he first started in as district deputy Los Angeles, San Diego and Fresno were the only ones "on the list." The boys know him as a worker, a good fellow, a thorough Elk and one never wanting when something is to be done in the Order.



FRANK W. BARNES,
Secretary Entertainment Committee.

Golden Gate, No. 6, as esquire; Bayard Patterson, New York, No. 1, as grand inner guard; E. J. Perry, of Denver, No. 17, as grand tyler; F. J. Love, of Chillicothe, No. 52, as grand secretary.

The first elected officers of Lodge, No. 99, were as follows: E. R., Theo. Summerland; esteemed leading knight, John Clarke; esteemed loyal knight, S. C. Hinton; esteemed lecturing knight, B. C. Denman; secretary, A. C. Roques; treasurer, H. J. Barnes; tyler, E. L. Sieweke; trustees, Sidney Lacey, James Wallace, Dr. G. MacGowan. **FRANK W. BARNES.**

Good natured rivalry of the keenest sort characterized the annual election last Wednesday

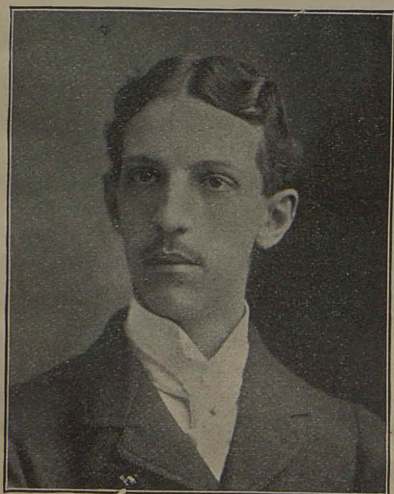


CARL E. McSTAY,
Esteemed Loyal Knight and Member Entertainment Committee.

written law of the order that the chief officer should occupy the place but one term.

Very little interest was displayed in the contests for the other offices. Milton Young was elected leading knight; Byron Erkenbrecher, esteemed loyal knight; Ralph Hagan, esteemed lecture knight; George P. McLain, treasurer. In a number of instances there were no contests for the minor positions. There were more than 450 members present. Following the election refreshments were served in the banquet hall.

On Friday evening Judge Fisher, Dr. F. W. Kennedy and a coterie from the local herd



BYRON ERKENBRECHER,
Past Exalted Ruler, Lodge No. 99.

day night of Los Angeles Lodge, No. 99, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. There was an unusually large attendance and more than ordinary interest was manifested



JAMES WARREN,
Trustee and Member Entertainment Committee.

will leave for the north en route for Honolulu, where a new lodge is to be instituted with all the rites and rituals of the B. P. O. E.

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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.

Address all communications to LODGE ECHOES, 258 So. Main St., Los Angeles, Cal.

The Good of the Order.

There is no secret order that carries to a higher plane its devotion to fraternal charity than the B. P. O. E. The motto of the order, "The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands, their virtues on the tablets of Love and Memory," is in itself a whole fraternal ritual.

The boys of the B. P. O. E. are a jolly, convivial set. They come from all the higher walks of life and gather together beneath the vaulted dome their own hands have builded to sing that happy refrain:

"A fig for care,
A fig for woe;
Let the world slide,
Let the world go."

Though the skies without be never so dark and dreary there is always plenty of sunshine in the lodge—yes, and "moonshine," too. But there is a strong undercurrent running away down below this spontaneous overflow of wit, wisdom and good-fellowship; it is the golden stream of hidden charity. The B. P. O. E. will send its messengers to the ends of the earth, if need be, to aid a suffering brother, and when the helping hand is withdrawn not even he whose fingers have been for a moment clasped while he is uplifted will know from whence the charity came. A case illustrative of this method of charity came beneath our notice not many weeks ago. An indigent Elk was confined to a hospital by a complication of diseases. During the entire time he was supplied with a very expensive kind of medicine, which his case needed; fresh flowers were daily placed by his bedside, and the needful changes of clothing were furnished him at the expense of the local lodge, and he thinks today that all this was done by the city authorities, and he was no charge upon his lodge whatever. As is the case with all the secret orders, there are many who cry out against the conviviality of the Elks, but in every instance this outcry comes from those whose hearts are strangers to the throb of unseen charity.

Timely Warning to Local Deputies.

The following item from the Bee Hive should be pasted in the hat of every deputy in the local fraternal field who is in the habit of trying to prove the worth of his goods by vilifying those handled by his neighbor:

"A Friend writes the editor, making serious criticism of a sister order, and asks us to give publicity to it. We decline. We have learned that 'the wise man is he who can run his own house.'"

There is entirely too much back-biting and vilifying going on among the local deputies of the fraternal orders. Too many of them think the quickest way to secure an application is to make the applicant feel that a sister order is on the verge of collapse. A deputy that will spend the time he should use in talking up his own order in talking down some other, should be discharged at once. He is a disgrace to the name of fraternity.

Fraternity vs. Mortality.

The following extract from an exchange is so pertinent to the present condition of things that it is reproduced in our columns for the careful perusal of all students of fraternity:

The investigator who once believed the beneficiary order to be a temporary thing is now convinced that it will be as enduring as the eternal hills, if, in a clear conception of its two-fold nature as a business and fraternal association, its sponsors will see to it that the plan upon which the business side is operated is made as correct and efficient as its co-operaiton and fraternity is practical and real. The order is not to abandon its vantage ground won as a fraternity in its race with other systems of protection; but, entering the field of business, in that it guarantees specific benefits to the widow and orphan, it must necessarily be subject to the inexorable laws that obtain in the business world, touching the questions of cost, hazard and mortality.

In other words, while fraternal co-operation through the lodge system does give it an undisputed advantage in assuring minimum cost in management, yet it cannot stay the advance of age or eliminate the mortality element. The former belief that fraternity and the lodge were equal to the task of overcoming the laws of age and mortality, is today abandoned as a business proposition by those managers who are honest with themselves and true to the membership they represent.

Provide adequately for these elements, giving them due weight and consideration, and fraternity and the lodge system will still enable the truly progressive order to give protection better and cheaper than any other system known to man.

The Wage Limit of Protection.

The oft-recurring question, "Can a man have too much protection?" is again being discussed by the leading writers of the fraternal press. The official organ of one of the great beneficiary orders comments editorially that a man who earns \$750.00 per year and attempts to pay out \$80.00 of it in insurance premiums is placing an unwarranted hardship on his family, depriving his wife and children of necessities and enforcing the absence of rightful comforts and recreations necessary to health.

It has been a surprise to us to receive such a statement from so high a source. We have always been of the opinion that a man is doing no more than his duty who lays aside one-tenth of his income for the protection of his loved ones, and as an investment in his estate. In the February issue of the New York Mutual, a tabulated mortality table is followed by a financial record, which demonstrates that the average investment for the estate of the deceased members during the year 1900 paid 138 per cent on the investment. The rates of the great fraternal companies are less than half that of the New York Mutual, and the corresponding profit is, as a consequence, more than 300 per cent on the original investment. As a cold business proposition it looks as though no society could pay such enormous profits to investors and continue to do business. It is the frailty of human nature, however, that permits—yes, necessitates—such management. Of each 1,000 members who take out policies in the great old-line companies but 130 remain to secure the benefits their policies guarantee; 870 suspensions tell the story of the rest. There is no other investment open to the man of average means that will yield a tithe of the profits of fraternal insurance, and if one dollar in ten is too great a sum to lay by, then we hold a mistaken idea of fraternity. While we believe that a man has no more right to join a fraternal beneficiary society, learn the secret work, ingratiate himself into the confidence of his fellow members and then default in his monthly payments, than to beat his butcher and grocer's bills, we do hold to the opinion that one-tenth a man's earnings should be devoted to the cause of successful fraternity.

The fraternal societies recognize the great truth, transcribed in seams and gashes upon the bared breast and bowed forehead of suffering humanity, that misfortune and misery, darkness and death are abroad in the land. Resounding in the echo of the footsteps of man, wherever they may be heard, is the sigh of anguish, the moan of despair, and the desolate wail that tells of the flow of turbulent tears upon the cheek of sorrow.

**Knights
Of The
Maccabees**



Tent No. 2 initiated eight candidates and elected twelve and received fourteen applications on Wednesday evening. The membership contest closes April 3rd and the banquet will be held the last of the month.

S. W. Hall, State Commander of the K. O. T. M., arrived in the city this morning and is making his headquarters at the Hollenbeck. He will remain in the city for the rest of the week and will visit with the local tents during that time.

Grand Record Keeper Geo. J. Seigle will arrive Wednesday morning and will spend the week in official inspection of the Southern California tents. On Wednesday 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. The degree team will also exemplify the work for the official inspection of their supreme officers.

On Thursday Banner Tent No. 6 will receive their illustrious visitor and entertain him in



GEO. J. SEIGLE,
Supreme Record Keeper, K. O. T. M.

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.

On Saturday morning Commander Hall will carry Mr. Seigle away to the north, where the Sir Knights are waiting to dedicate a temple at

Oakland, hold a state meeting and make things interesting generally.

The ladies are making great preparations to receive their supreme commander, Lillian Hollister, of Port Huron, Mich., who will arrive here on the morning of April 2. She will be met at the train by a committee consisting of the commanders of the various hives in the city and will be escorted to the Hotel Van Nuys. In the evening she will be tendered a reception at the hotel, to which all members of the order and their friends are invited. Thursday morning a school of instruction will be held at Elks' hall. As this will be the only school held in Southern California all the hives in this part of the state will be represented.

On the following day California Banner Tent, No. 6, will give Mrs. Hollister and George J. Seigle, the supreme record keeper of the K. O. T. M., a carriage ride around the city and surrounding country, and in the evening they will be tendered a reception at Simpson auditorium by Los Angeles Tent, No. 2.

The state convention of the Ladies of the Maccabees will be held at San Francisco on April 12.

Los Angeles Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, met in general review Thursday afternoon with a large attendance. There were five initiations, six new members were elected and two applications placed on file.

On Wednesday evening there will be a Maccabee theater party at the Orpheum. On Thursday evening a grand reception will be given at Simpson tabernacle.

Mrs. Pathia Keyne will leave for San Francisco April 8 as delegate from Hive 1 to the state convention.

Mrs. Jennie Fay, past lady commander, gave a reception to Hive members at her home on North Grand avenue, Wednesday evening last. A large number were in attendance.

On Tuesday evening, March 26th, California Banner Hive gave a potpourri entertainment, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Cards and dancing followed the program, after which refreshments were served to the knights and ladies with their friends.

The hall for this occasion was kindly donated by California Banner Tent, No. 6. More than 200 were present and the evening was passed very pleasantly.

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**Independent Order of
Odd Fellows**



On Monday evening, March 25th, Columbia Rebekah Lodge, No. 194, elected Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, Mrs. W. T. Tilden and Mrs. H. Y. Quackenbush as representatives to the Grand Assembly of Rebekahs, to be held in San Francisco May 14th.

Tuesday evening the following ladies were elected to represent Arbor Vita Rebekah Lodge at the state meeting: Mrs. E. Baldwin, Mrs. H. C. Brown, Mrs. F. Baker and Mrs. Reichert.

At the meeting held on Monday evening, March 25th, Golden Rule Lodge, No. 160, elected William P. Schlosser, Geo. Lawson and

Lee Brown as representatives to the Grand Lodge meeting in San Francisco, May 14th.

Semi-Tropic Lodge, No. 371, elected H. S. Brown and W. T. Tilden, at its meeting Tuesday evening, March 26, as representatives to the Grand Lodge.

The representatives elected Wednesday evening from Los Angeles Lodge, No. 35, to the Grand Lodge meeting at San Francisco on May 14th, are: Ed. Quine, Chauncey Hartwell, James Booth and K. S. Grand.

On Wednesday evening, March 27, the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association celebrated its 17th reunion, and elected officers for the ensuing term. President Gustave Heiman was re-elected. Geo. Stockwell was elected vice president; E. E. Overholzer, secretary, and Louis Roeder, treasurer. At the conclusion of the meeting all present adjourned to Banquet hall, where a sumptuous supper was spread, after which the following entertainment was given: Opening ode, sung by the Veterans; addresses, Veteran W. A. Knighten and P. G. M., W. A. Bonyng; recitations, by Miss Mary Linge and Miss Myrtle Thompson. The closing ode, sung by all present, ended a very successful reunion.

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Ind. Order of Foresters

On Wednesday evening, April 3d, Court La Fiesta, No. 880, will hold "High Jinks" at their hall on West Washington street. Members of sister courts have been invited to be present. In addition to other pleasing features the following program will be rendered, under the able direction of Alex Parker, master of ceremonies: Address of welcome, W. E. Badham, chief ranger; instrumental music, B. J. Badham; oration, R. W. Martin; song, E. E. Wilson; reading, G. W. Hood; character sketch, W. C. Woodman; song, Empire Quartet, consisting of E. Tidball, A. Smith, E. B. Williams and H. McManus; reading, A. P. Green, past chief ranger. This court has always enjoyed a well-merited reputation among the courts of the Order for the excellence of its entertainments, and a full house will doubtless greet its efforts on this occasion.

Court Eucalyptus, No. 966, has issued invitations to a "Hard-time Ball," to be given at its hall on Thursday evening, April 11th. All who attend are requested to "Ware there old close; the older the close the better it'll sute us." The grand "kake wauk" will take place at 8:30 sharp. All who wish to enjoy an evening of great pleasure should not fail to be present at this ball.

On Thursday evening last, 28th inst., High Chief Ranger McElfresh paid an official visit to Court Cahuenga, No. 3,640, at Hollywood, and assisted in the initiation of thirteen new members. This court has been doing good work lately with the result here mentioned.

Companion Court Morris Vineyard, No. 152, has decided to change its place of meeting from its present quarters at No. 245 1-2 South Spring street, to Lincoln hall, located at 130 1-2 South Spring street. This change of place of meeting will necessitate a change in the time of meeting of the court, and for a time, at least, the court will meet on the first and third Saturday evenings and the second and fourth Saturday afternoons. This change, it is believed, will be but temporary, as the court expects to secure the hall for meetings on every Thursday evening in the very near future. The first meeting of the court in the new hall will take place on Saturday evening, April 6th, when it is hoped that a full attendance will be present.

On Friday evening, March 29, Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, held open house to its members and friends at its new place of meeting, Foresters' Temple, corner of First and Spring streets. The meeting was attended by a large number of the members of Morris Vineyard, as well as members of other courts of the city and their friends, who filled the spacious hall to its full limit. High Chief Ranger McElfresh and High Secretary Perry were both present and made brief talks to the large audience. The feature of the evening was the admission to full membership in the court of 30 new members, High Chief Ranger McElfresh performing the initiatory ceremony. The new members comprise all of the musicians of one of the leading bands of Los Angeles. During the evening about one-half of

the members so admitted delighted the large audience with a number of choice selections, the remainder of the musicians having to leave to fill other engagements in various parts of the city. So far as is known, Court Morris Vineyard can now boast of being the only court in the world that numbers among its members a complete brass band of 30 pieces, every member of which is a member of the court. This band will henceforth be known as the "Independent Order of Foresters Band," and they are at present filling an engagement at East Side Park every Sunday, where they may be heard to good advantage.

High Chief Ranger McElfresh is now engaged in the preparation of an itinerary that will embrace the major portion of the courts of the southern part of the state. It is his purpose to start out on this tour of visitations next week and it will cover the whole of the month of April and the early part of May.

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The Fraternal Brotherhood

Lone Star Lodge, No. 172, was instituted at Lone Star, Cal., on March 21st by Organizer H. P. Hood. The lodge starts out with a charter membership of 25.

La Grande Lodge, No. 9, gave a social last night. A large number of the members and their gentlemen friends were present and the evening was spent with music, games and refreshments.

San Diego, No. 18, received eight applications for membership and initiated nine candidates Tuesday evening. After the lodge meeting the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and games.

Oakland, No. 123, devoted the evening of March 22d to old-fashioned games, the games being such as were played when the members were children, and proved to be a very enjoyable occasion. The lodge has arranged for a hard-time social April 1st.

Hermosa Lodge, No. 32, received 27 applications and initiated 16 candidates last Monday evening. An unusually large number of members were in attendance. The arrangements have been completed for the opening night in Blanchard's hall, next Monday. An excellent program has been arranged, including an address by Supreme Past President J. A.



Foshay. The program will be followed by dancing.

Los Angeles, No. 1, initiated one candidate Thursday night. The lodge has decided to move from its present quarters in the Odd Fellows' hall to Brent's Fraternal hall, No. 534 South Spring street, and will also change its meeting night from Thursday to Wednesday.

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Ancient Order of United Workmen

The grand foreman left for San Francisco to attend the Grand Lodge on Friday and attend a meeting of the corporators on Saturday.

A new lodge was organized at Redlands on Friday evening, March 20, and P. G. M. W. Booth was deputized to organize the lodge.

The Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. will meet in annual session April 2, in I. O. F. hall, San Francisco. The delegations from Southern California left in a body Sunday night.

The grand master's report for 1900 has been distributed, copies of which have been received by grand and subordinate officers of Los Angeles. From this report the following interesting facts are gleaned: That during 1900 the membership gained 1286 in the jurisdiction of California. The average age of the entire membership January 1, 1901, was 45 years, and during the year 1602 suspended members were reinstated. The total receipts from all sources during the same period were \$787,122. Of the \$784,155 disbursed the sum of \$691,000 was expended for death claims, and \$29,684 was paid the Supreme Lodge relief board. The extraordinary death loss the Galveston disaster entailed was promptly paid to the brethren in charge of the relief fund. In the beneficiary department 360 deaths were reported during 1900. Of this number 339 held \$2000 and twenty-one \$1000 certificates.

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On Wednesday evening the members of Golden State Camp gave a public reception to the Royal Neighbors and their friends at Pythian Castle. The lodge room was well filled with an appreciative audience and the following program was rendered in a very pleasing manner:

Musical selections.....Empire Quartet
Piano solo.....Prof. Pond
Dramatic impersonations.....Geo. Briggs
Recitation.....Irene Cordova

Venerable Consul M. M. Myers gave some character impersonations that caused the audience to call for more, and in response he made State Physician-elect Dr. F. W. Basset the hero of the following fictitious anecdote, which brought down the house: "Dr. Basset; you all know Basset? Well, if you don't, he's a great man. Why, do you know, I swallowed a nickel last week and the folks sent for Basset, and he came out and made me cough up two dollars."

J. J. Daly was called for and responded with a few choice selections from his stock of inimitable Irish stories, which were highly appreciated by his listeners. At the conclusion of the regular program ice cream and cake were served by the Forester team, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to games and social intercourse.

On Thursday evening twelve candidates were initiated by Pacific Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, and several new applications were received. This camp has a membership of nearly 200, and has been organized but five weeks. The members are arranging for a house-warming and social entertainment in the near future and the event promises to be a notable one.

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Woodmen of the World

The grand guardian will be here on Tuesday night, April 2. Laurustinus Circle will hold an open meeting on that date and all neighboring Circles, Woodmen, their wives and friends are cordially invited to be present and hear what a good thing Woodcraft is. A good program will be given, followed by dancing.

On Wednesday night, March 27th, Fremont Camp held its regular business meeting, followed by a social smoker. Several impromptu musical and dramatic selections were rendered by members of the lodge, and the evening was devoted to cards.

Los Angeles Camp, No. 402, Woodmen of the World, initiated seven candidates and received ten applications at its last meeting. This makes a total of 29 initiations and 36 applications for the month.

After the initiatory work the Neighbors repaired to the banquet room to partake of a regular "402 supper," which had been prepared in honor of City Organizer J. A. Brown, who leaves on April 1st to take up the work in Salinas, Cal.

Neighbor Zue G. Peck acted as toastmaster

for the occasion and responses were given by Head Advisor Bartholomew, City Organizer Brown, J. O. Simons, J. C. Armstrong and several others.

Fremont Camp will confer the initiatorial degree Wednesday evening, April 3rd, upon a large class of candidates. Invitations have been extended to the members of all the local camps to be present, and the degree team is arranging to give the tyros a specially interesting journey through the highways and byways that lead to the inner circle of the great forest of Woodcraft.

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United Moderns

Los Angeles Lodge, No. 90, will give a box social on Tuesday evening, April 2, at their hall, 130 1-2 South Spring street. Each lady attending will be expected to bring a box containing luncheon sufficient for two persons. During the evening the boxes will be auctioned off, and the gentleman purchasing the box will have the privilege of sharing the contents with the lady donating the same. Dancing will precede the auction and also after the feast. Admission will be by invitation and the same are now ready for distribution by the entertainment committee. Some time ago a similar party was given by the lodge and it was a great success both socially and financially, and it is no doubt that the efforts of the committee will be amply rewarded.

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Jr. Order United American Mechanics

On Thursday evening W. S. Hancock Council, No. 20, held one of its delightful smokers, for which it is noted. Bro. J. H. Reynolds was present with his graphophone and entertained until a late hour. Our representatives to the State Council were present and gave us a report of the session held on the 18th inst. And again "Old Hancock Council" has been highly honored. Bro. J. L. Starr of this council, who has been so conspicuous among Junior Order circles for so many years, has been elected state vice councillor of California. Bro. J. F. Burns, who is now Jr. P. state councillor, was present and gave us one of his fine talks. The State Council enacted a large quantity of business at its session, which was harmonious throughout, and it expects to have two organizers in California, for which Hancock Council has pledged itself to give \$100.

Los Angeles Council, No. 143, of the Modern Tonties, held their regular weekly meeting Friday evening, March 29, 1901, at Lincoln hall, President Luther Flood presiding. Seven candidates were initiated. The attendance was large and very enthusiastic. Under the head of good of the order speeches, recitations and comic stories were given. All present passed a pleasant time. On April 12th Los Angeles Council, No. 143, will give an invitation entertainment and dance. Invitations can be had at room 329, No. 218 S. Broadway.

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The Lodge Physician.

The fraternal press has been filled with articles from the pen of medical examiners lately on the question of the proper fees for the examination of an applicant for insurance. The physicians want to raise to \$2.50 for each examination. The following article from The Modern Woodman is one of the strongest articles that has appeared on the subject:

In each issue of the Modern Woodman is published a list of Neighbors who have laid down the ax, the beetle and the wedge in response to a call to the unknown shore. As I seek the cause of death of this or that Neighbor, Tuberculosis, cancer, and various kidney affections everywhere greet the eye. The very enemies of man's allotted time, that members of our order were certified to be exempt from through hereditary tendency, or otherwise, at the time of their admission into the order. Some have died within one year, many in two, and almost all within the first five years of their becoming members. Consumption, tuberculosis and kindred affections belong not to that category of diseases that strike as if it were in the night time; but, on the contrary, the warning is usually sounded years before the victim is claimed. Neighbors, does it not occur to you that there is something radically wrong with our medical department, and is not this wrong creating a drain on the resources of the order that threatens it with a material increase in the number of assessments? It is not right, it is not just, that men free from constitutional taint, or vice, should be classed in a fraternal organization with those so infected. Stop and consider that our operations are confined to a small number of states so situated as to be free from epidemic or pestilential disease, and consequently not inimical to long life, or, at least, to man's allotted time, and then, too, stalwart men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, when hereditary taint and constitutional vice will most surely have manifested itself. I venture the assertion that men of this class and locality taken as they come from house to house, will not show a larger mortality from tuberculosis than does the death list of our order. According to a recent Woodman, we were compelled to pay about \$40,000 on certificates terminated by disease that a thorough examination ought to have in the majority of cases detected, and a rejection of applicant followed. I realize that my words may be considered a terrible arraignment of the medical profession for ignorance, but it is not ignorance. Call it knavery, if you will—a violation of a sacred obligation. But I view the matter from a different standpoint and charge the effect directly back to cause, and that cause is in the fundamental law of an order allowing only \$1 for a service that competitors recognize as intrinsically worth \$5. All must admit that the medical department must guard most faithfully the portals of admission, or no executive management will succeed in maintaining the proud place now occupied by the Modern Woodmen. But I hear some pessimist whisper that if a physician, himself a member of the order, will make

a careless examination for a fee of \$1 he will do the same if the fee were \$5. But I contend that such is not the case. Old line companies established a price for examinations, and when the Head Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America decreed that their physicians should receive \$1 (The Head Camp by-laws say "the camp shall receive . . . such sum as shall be provided by the by-laws of the local camp." leaving the camp the judge. The local camp may make the fee \$5 if they choose.—Editor Woodman), they at the same time decreed that they desired \$1 examinations, or in other words that they wanted cheap physicians. People have learned long ago that they are not likely to receive any of the purest gold for the price of a baser metal, and the sooner the Modern Woodmen of America learn anew this lesson, learn that they under the guise of fraternity in a business organization can not purchase for one dollar what the world recognizes as intrinsically worth five, the sooner will they get down to a safe and sure foundation on which to erect so noble a superstructure as contemplated by our craft. In a recent issue of the Woodman some irascible Neighbor has the audacity to inquire "if a physician's time is worth more than one dollar per hour?" For the benefit of this Neighbor, I will answer, yes, or at least my time is worth more to me, and cannot be procured at that price, except for sweet charity's sake, and I understand our organization is conducted on business principles and not for charity. This same Neighbor then goes on to ask "if a physician's opinion of a risk is worth any more than the opinion of a skilled mechanic?" If you consult the Woodman death sheet, teeming as it does with deaths from tuberculosis, etc., we answer, no; but if the allusion was to the opinion of a skilled mechanic in regard to a mechanical question, I will answer the same by asking another: Suppose you contemplated an enterprise involving a mechanical principle, the success or failure of which means a gain or loss of \$3000. Will you say to some one, "Here is a fee of \$1, report on the advisability of the plan here submitted," or, will you pay some one an honest fee for an honest, painstaking report? Forget not that the "laborer is worthy of his hire," and "thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the grain."

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For time is not negotiable,
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And none of us infallible.
He more than words subdues
Who does his hours well use.

Haste on, ye hasty day,
For life is but a play.
The day comes to us blank. We ought
To stamp thereon some deed or thought
Which will be seen when we're forgot.
Time makes his records fast
And gathers all the past.

Rush on, ye fleeting weeks;
My tongue with rapture speaks.
I will indulge in love and lore,
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