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Boyle Heights.
H. G. Johnson, W. M.
J. W. Dick, See., 1943 E. 2nd st.

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Stated meetings, 1st and 3rd Fridays,
at Temple.

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The Grand Representative.

Grand Master Lodge of Michigan in his address to the Grand Lodge of that State made the following pertinent remarks concerning the duties of a Grand Representative:

"I have for many years wondered what is the true office of a Grand Representative, and after mature deliberation I have arrived at the conviction that they are the fraternal cement between states and countries. They are called into being to annihilate distances and to convey through space the heart-throbs of fraternal affection.

In commenting on the above, the Masonic Standard remarks that it fills a long-felt want, as it effectually disposes of the theory that Grand Representatives are created for the purpose of creating "right worshipfuls."

The Knights Templar trienniel conclave at Louisville this year is beginning to assume enormous proportions. Thirty thousand Sir Knights and 125 bands of music have already secured quarters, and the report is even now current that Louisville is short on accommodations. A fund of \$100,000 has thus far been raised for entertainment purposes, and fifty committees are actively at work. The Hugh de Payens Commandery of Melrose, Massachusetts, is making elaborate preparations for their journey. A special train of twelve cars has already been chartered, and they will go first to Niagara Falls, and then direct to Louisville. On the return trip the commandery will go to Lincinnati; thence to the Exposition at Buffalo, remaining there two days, and then on to Saratoga for a brief stay.

Monrovia Lodge No. 308, F. and A. M., held public installation ceremonies at its last meeting in the old century, which called out the full membership of the lodge. The ceremonies were conducted by Past Master W. W. Whitaker, the oldest Mason in Monrovia. He was assisted by Past Master Frank J. Cornes, who acted as Grand Marshal on this occasion. The officers installed were: L. N. Wheeler, Worshipful Master; A.

W. Reese, Senior Warden; Ed. F. Spence, Junior Warden; J. H. Bartle, Treasurer; J. W. Harvey, Secretary; Joseph Fowler, Senior Deacon; R. H. Wardall, Junior Deacon; A. H. Johnson, Marshal; E. S. Armstrong, Chaplain; Thomas Glenney, Senior Steward; E. M. Prindle, Junior Steward; W. P. Spence, Tyler.

Louis W. Bond of Santa Clara enjoys the distinction of being the first Master Mason created during the twentieth century on this coast, if not in the world. At 12:01 o'clock on the morning of January 1, Liberty Lodge No. 299, F. and A. M., of Santa Clara, convened and conferred the degree upon Mr. Bond. The lodge had been preparing for the event for several weeks, but carefully guarded the secret, for fear some other Masonic Lodge would adopt the same plan. A banquet and speech-making consumed the last hours of the old century, and promptly at midnight the lodge was called to order. Much enthusiasm prevailed during the cere-

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Knight Templars, met in stated conclave on Thursday night January 3. On Thursday night, January 10, the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross will be conferred on a large class, at which time the Grand officers of the State will be present on their official visit. Frederick M. Miller, Grand Commander; George B. McKee, Deputy Grand Commander, and George Sinsabaugh, Grand Senior Warden, will be present. Under the leadership of Eminent Sir William D. Stephens, Commander of this commandery, it has secured the enviable reputation of being the first commandery in the State.

Los Angeles Council No. 11, R. and S. M., conferred the Royal and Select Master's degrees upon a large class on Tuesday night, January 1. A number of the candidates were from the neighboring town of Ventura, preparatory to the institution of a council in that growing city. The council presented to D. M. Sutherland, the retiring Thrice Illustrious Master, a handsome jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the coun-The conferring of the degrees was followed by a grand banquet in the banquet room of the Temple.

The century just opened is the sixtieth century in the Masonic calender. The new year commenced on December 27, and was celebrated throughout the world as the anniversary of their patron saint, St. John, the evangelist, and as the beginning of the new term of their fraternal work.

Signet Chapter No. 57, R. A. M., will meet in stated convocation Monday night, January 7, and will install the officers for the ensuing year.

Los Angeles Chapter No. 168, O. E. S., conferred the initiatory degrees on a large class last night.

BROTHERHOOD PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS.

Los Angeles Lodge, No. 99.

Meets every Wednesday night. Elks' Hall, 231-35 S. Spring F. J. Cooper, Secretary.

All day Tuesday the local lodge of the B. P. O. E. held open meeting, all greeted the Elks of the local herd and their friends with best wishes for a happy new year, and with loving cup and specially prepared refreshments on the side. That the affair was a success goes without saying, as the only unfortunate entertainment ever given by the local lodge was the one they didn't hold. The reception committee consisting of Messrs. Shaw, Brink and Lang were present from early morning till late at night, and during the day refreshments were served to nearly all the local membership of 450 Elks and to their many friends. The past year has been both a charitable and a prosperous one with the local lodge; the amounts that has been dispensed to relieve the needy and afflicted will never be known, for the reason that the order keeps no records of its deeds of charity, but suffice it is to say that many a heart has been made lighter and many a home fire to burn the brighter through the unheralded benevolences of the local herd. The membership roster contains more names than at any other time in the history of the lodge, and the management in every way has been most satisfactory. There is probably no order in the country in which there is more fraternity and more charity than in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The American people are rapidly becoming posted as to the true cost of life protection, but many are still being led away by the enticements of "cut-rate insurance," overlooking the fact that the very cheapness of the protection offered is the surest indication that, toadstool like, it has sprung up in a single night, and is trying to put on the garb of the honest mushroom by its side that has been weeks in forming. On the other hand, there are many who are distrustful of faternity and are trying to satisfy the hungry maw of a legal reserve that is continually calling for more, and will not be satisfied.

The Fraternal Monitor remarks that some of the fraternals with inadequate assessments are like the following:

"The lightning bug is brilliant, But it hasn't any mind, And it struggles through existence With its headlight on behind."

THE ORDER OF THE IROQUOIS.

YOSEMITE LODGE No. 41. Meets every Wednesday night at 351 South Broadway. Oliver Lippincott, Past President.

Many chips make a hot fire, and the chips are by no means to be despised, but it takes the sturdy backlog to keep the embers glowing through the long winter nights, and the lodge that aims only at quantity, neglecting quality, is deserving of a little pity and of much blame.

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Meets every Monday, I. O. O. F. Hall.

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James Booth, C. P.
Phil Royar, Scribe.
Meets every 1st and 3rd Friday, Hall.

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J. B. Parmeter, C. P.
P. Whitaker, Scribe.
Meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday, at
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H. S. Brown, Scribe.
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LODGE ECHOES

LOS ANGELES LODGE NO. 35.
A. Hardesty, N. G.
C. C. O'Neil, Sec.
Meets every Wednesday, Hall.

GOLDEN RULE NO. 160.
A. P. Marine, N. G.
W. P. Schlosser, Sec.
Meets every Monday, Hall.

GOODWILL LODGE NO. 328.
G. H. Vosburg, N. G.
J. B. Ginther, Sec.
Meets every Thursday, Hall.

EAST SIDE LODGE NO. 325.
W. A. Clark, N. G.
D. D. Morton, Sec.
Meets every Tuesday, Downey ave.

SEMI-TROPIC LODGE NO. 371.
F. E. Miller, N. G.
H. S. Brown, Sec.
Meets every Tuesday, Hall.

AMERICA LODGE NO. 385.
H. W. Smith, N. G.
F. H. Cunningham, Sec.
Meets every Thursday, 108½ No. Spring

COMMERCIAL LODGE NO. 387.
F. H. Gilbert, N. G.
J. B. Franklin, Sec.
Meets every Friday, Hall.

HOFER LODGE NO. 60. (German.)
C. Koehn, N. G.
J. Brueckner, Sec.
Meets every Thursday, Hall.

Arbor Vitae Rebekah Lodge No. 83.
C. A. Brown, N. G.
A. Stewart, Sec.
Mects every Tuesday, Hall.
Eubeka Rebekah Lodge No. 128.
B. Heath, N. G.
R. Sinclair, Sec.
Meets every Wednesday, Downey ave.
UNA REBEKAH LODGE No. 172.
E. M. Linge, N. G.
F. O. Peeler, Sec.
Meets every Saturday, Hall.
Columbia Rebekah Lodge No. 194.
M. Thompson, N. G.
I. M. Williams, Sec.
Meets every Monday, Hall.
Edelweis Rebekah Lodge No. 67.
E. Koch, N. G.
C. Koehn, Sec.
Meets every Saturday, Hall.
Paloma Rebekah Lodge No. 237.

PALOMA REBEKAH LODGE NO. 237. M. Sleeper, N. G. I. Osmun, Sec. Meets every Thursday, 125½ So. Spring.

VETERAN ODD FELLOWS.
Gus Heiman, President.
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Meets at Hall.

GENERAL RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F. Meets every Sunday 10 a. m., Hall. H. S. Brown, Sec., Phone Black 3121.

Loses Two Brothers.

Information has been received from the American consul at Nagasaki, Japan, by Secretary Brown, of Semi-Tropic Lodge, that Emery Peck, a member of that lodge, died at Nagasaki on the 26th of November. The deceased leaves an aged father and mother in Everett. Pa. The mother is lying at the point of death, and it has not been deemed best to tell her of the loss of her boy. The deceased entered Semi-Tropic Lodge in 1896, and for a number of years was connected with the Southern Pacific Company. Last August he was engaged as an engineer on one of the Japanese liners. The particulars of his death have not yet been received.

Morgan Wilson, a member of Semi-Tropic Lodge No. 371, died of cancer at his home on Griffin avenue on last Friday evening. The remains were interred at Evergren cemetery on Monday afternoon nuder the auspices of Semi-Tropic Lodge. The deceased had been a resident of Los Angeles for several years, and was a familiar figure at all the conclaves of his order.

D. Burford, a member of Oil City Lodge No. 589, who was badly injured while superintending the construction of a wagon road along the mountain-side at Newhall on the 15th of December, died at the California Hospital on the 28th ult., and was buried by the General Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., at Evergreen cemetery on December 30th. The deceased was formerly engaged in the oil industry in Pennsylvania, and came west with his wife and three children to accept a situation in the oil fields here. His death occurred while at his post of duty. He had been assisting his workmen in a difficult bit of construction, and stepped back on a rocky shelf to get a better view of the work. The rock gave way and he was precipitated down an eightyfoot embankment, and his back broken.

On Thursday night Magnolia Encampment No. 86 installed officers for the ensuing term under the direction of District Deputy Grand Patriarch W. McGaugh assisted by Grand Warden H. S. Brown. On Friday evening the same grand officers will install the new officers of Orange Grove Encampment No. 31. At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies the Royal Purple degree will be conferred on two candidates.

On Saturday night a new subordinate lodge will be organized at Glendale by J. A. Wilcut, D. D. G. M. A large class of charter members has been secured and the initiatory degree will be conferred by East Side Lodge No. 325. The other degrees will be conferred by the different local lodges.

Paloma Rebekah Lodge held their first meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday evening. This lodge has heretofore met at Woodman Temple, 1251/2 South Spring street. Work was performed in the initiatory

Los Angeles Lodge No. 35 worked in the initiatory degree on Wednesday night, and installed officers for the ensuing term.

CHOSEN FRIENDS

GUARDIAN COUNCIL No. 90. Meets 1st and 3rd Eridays of each month, corner of First and Spring streets.

Leon Levy, Gouncitlor. Mrs. 8 Boyer. Secretary.

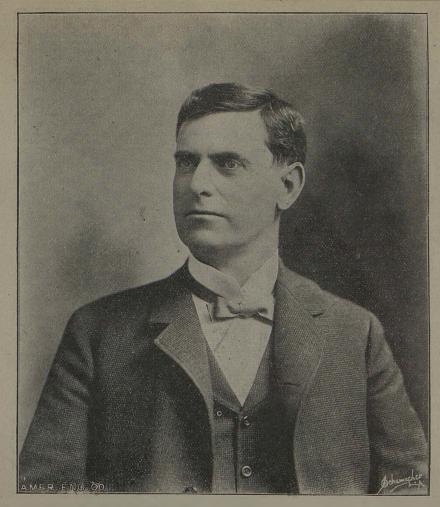
A meeting of the Jurisdictions of California and Nevada was held in San Francisco this week to discuss the advisability of withdrawing from the Supreme Jurisdiction of the Order of Chosen Friends. It was unanimously agreed by all the delegates present that such steps should be taken at once. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution for an independent order and to ascertain how many of the members would reimbark in the new enterprise. As the average age of the membership of the Chosen Friends is above fifty, however, the chances are not good for a new order in which old members can be carried at reasonable rates.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Los Angeles Lodge No. 2925. Meets every Thursday at 221 South Main street W. H. Herman, Reporter, 527 Bradbury Building.

Clan McDonald of Oakland sends the following total to the sons of Alboin in Southern California:

"A guid new year tae ane a And mony may we see, And during a the years tae come O, happy may we be."



LOS ANGELES' POPULAR EX-MAYOR AND NATIVE SON,

Fred Eaton needs no introduction to the readers of LODGE ECHOES. We all know who he is, and what he has done for Los Angeles. In retiring from the mayoralty he leaves behind him as clean a record as any man who ever occupied that positon, and his voluntary return to private life is regretted by his many friends. He is a prominent meber of Ramona Parlor, N. S. G. W., and has done much local good for the order.

NATIVE SONS OF THE **GOLDEN** WEST



CORONA PARLOR. Meets every Tuesday. 330½ S. Broadway.
L. S. Nordlinger, Secretary.
LOS ANGELES PARLOR. Meets every Monday. 1st and Spring.
G. Isaacson, Secretary.
RAMONA PARLOR. Meets every Friday. N. S. G. W. Hall.
J. W. Sharp, Secretary.

A Successful Entertainment.

Ramona Parlor held an open meeting last night for the installation of officers for the ensuing term. The hall was well filled with Native sons and their friends. D. D. G. P., W. G. Kingsbury installed the following officers: Past President, George B. Beebe; President,

Leo. V. Youngworth; First Vice-President, Charles Stansbury; Second Vice-President, Albert C. Sittel; Third Vice-President, Calvert Wilson; Recording Secretary, J. W. Sharp; Financial Secretary, R. A. Stassforth; Treasurer, H. C. Lichtenberger; Marshal, George L. McKeeby; Trustee, T. M. Fernandez; Inside Sentinel, Charles Prudhomme; Outside Sentinel, H. G. Miller

After installation, D. D. G. P. William J. Variel, on behalf of the parlor, presented to the Senior Past President, F. A. Stephenson, a Past President Regalia. Mr. Stephenson accepted the gift in a neat speech, which was

highly complimentary to his brother members.

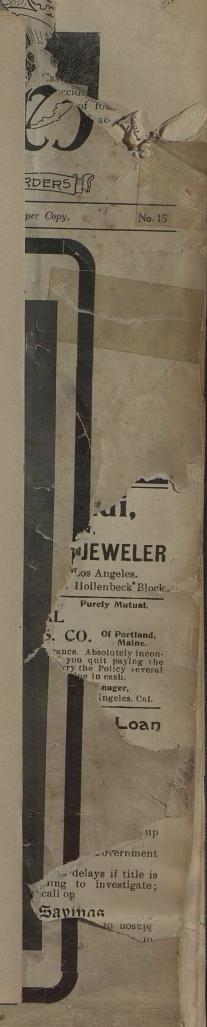
At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies, adjournment was taken to the banquet hall, where an elaborate collation had been prepared by the officers-elect in recognition of the high honor bestowed upon them. Past President George B. Beebe acted as toastmaster, and the following responses were given: and the following responses were given:

"The Old Pioneers......"Uncle Billy" Workman
"Our Departed Brothers".....E. A. Meserve
"The Land of Sunshine".....J. P. Stockdale
"The Native Daughters"....Julius Krause

Some excellent vocal solos were rendered by W. J. Variel, Charles Pendleton and other members of the parlor. A telegram was received from Ben E. Ward, in which he expressed his regrets for his inability to be present, and wished the Sons of Ramona Parlor a happy and preserves are wear.

and prosperous new year.

Amusing anecdotes and impromptu sketches were given by different members, and the exercises were concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang" Syne."



KNIGHTS OF THE **MACCABEES**



CALIFORNIA BANNER TENT No. 6.
Geo. Gardner, R. K.
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M. G. Alcorn, Com.
E. M. Guthrie, R. K.
Meets every Wednesday, 129½ West First st.
STAR TENT No. 24.
P. H. Maloney, Com.
C. W. Brown, R. K.
Meets every

Washington and Bush sts.
PICO HEIGHTS TENT NO. 25.
Rev. J. M. Schaeffle, R. K.
Meets every

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Los Angeles Division No. 2, U. R.

Meets every Thursday, Broadway Central
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J. Ross Barackman, Captain.
Geo. Gardner, R. K.
Los Angeles Hive No. 1.
Meets Ist and 3rd Thursday afternoons and
2nd and 4th Thursday nights, 254 South
Spring st.
Mrs. Mary L. Dennis, Secretary.
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Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons,
2nd and 4th Wednesday nights, Adams
street and Central avenue.
Mrs. Edith Edwards, Record Keeper.
E No. 3. Meets every Tuesday afternoon.

California Banner Hive No. 3. Meets every Tuesday afternoon. 1291/2 West First st. L. Ada Marshall, Record Keeper.

The Carnival of Roses.

Veni Vidi Vici summarized the first of the Caesars at the conclusion of a campaign in Gaul, and Veni, vidi, vici is the record of the K. O. T. M. and the L. O. T. M. at Pasadena's Tournament of Roses on the initial morning of the twentieth century. Gorgeous floats and resplendent uniforms; brilliant ladies and gallant knights, heralded by strains of martial music and followed by the plaudits of the surging populace, the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees passed in triumphant review before the Queen of the Carnival and her invited guests, adding new lustre to this charming festival and bringing before the people of our beautiful southland the tenets of the Maccabee fraternity in their highest and noblest form.

It was the first public appearance of the Uniform Rank of California in martial conclave, and it was a notable one. Accompanied by three bands of music and led by Los Angeles Division No. 2, 48 strong, officered by Captain Barrackman and Lieutenants Chase and Newell, came the five divisions of the Uniform Rank, making a most picturesque appearance and showing the result of hard practical drilling. Their platoon movements and fancy evolutions in the formation of the Latin Cross excited much admiring comment. The rank uniform is of handsome black broadcloth, the helmets are topped with plumes of red and white, and a belt and sword completes the striking outfit. Colonel Stephen Squires of Riverside was in command, with Captain C. T. Farmiloe at the head of Pasadena Division No. 6.

The five divisions when marching occupied a block in length. The Santa Ana band preceded the L. O. T. M. float, which was emblematical of the order-the hive, with the queen bee; occupying the position of prominence, Mrs. Eva Storey impersonated the queen, and her little pages were Ernest Baldwin and Clement Storey. The guards, attired in red and white, were Miss Nora Irwin, Mrs. Sinclair, Miss Agnes Petrie, Miss Mamie Platt and Miss Ruth Kellogg.

The float of the Sir Knights was fully as complete in detail-the costumes worn being exceedingly rich and handsome. The outriders, attired in the red, black and white of the degree team outfit, were C. A. Krew, W. C. Humphreys, Kenyon Warren, James Mc-Adam, F. E. Turner and John Beyer. The outposts were F. S. Herr, A. J. Stephens, B. B. Cota, George Kishbaugh, A. W. Hewitt, James Walker and G. W. Snyder. The float was emblematical of the initial of the book of Maccabees. John D. Ripley occupied the king's throne; at the altar stood the Past Commander, acting as high priest, C. W. Owen and Lieutenant Commander S. M. Munson. The four guards were C. B. Hewitt, A. C. Shaver, C. D. Anderson and C. E. Garwood.

Labor and expense had not been spared by the committee in charge of the display, and the results secured excited the surprise and admiration of the thousands of people who reviewed their division. The display was not only a large one, but every idea attempted was carried out in perfect detail.

The chairmen of committees who worked so faithfully for the great success achieved, were E. I. Moody, C. P. Gregory, E. Drawbaugh, W. S. Robinson and Z. Decker.

When the prizes were awarded the first prize for the best float in the parade, a handsome mahogany chair, was awarded to the bee hive of the Lady Macca-

At the conclusion of the morning parade the officers and Knights of Pasadena tent escorted their guests to the banquet board, where coffee, sandwiches and friut were served, and a characteristic Maccabee picnic fol-

During the afternoon the ladies of Pasadena Hive held a reception in their lodge room, and in the evening the visiting Knights gathered beneath the curtains of Pasadena Tent to witness the initiation of four members by the Pasadena degree team, which is declared by State Commander Hall to be the finest equipped and best drilled team in the State. A most excellent musical and dramatic entertainment had been prepared for the occasion and the exercises concluded with a midnight ban-

To the Maccabees all over the Southwest the day was the most eventful one in the history of the order, a gala day that will be remembered as long as the tenets of fraternity are revered amidst the fruit, flowers and sunshine of our beautiful Southern homes.

The Lady Maccabees of Oakland proved themselves to be even more progressive than their knightly brothers when Oakland Hive, on Friday evening, December 28, initiated sixty new members into the mysteries of Lady Maccabeeism. The good of the order committee of the hive had a most entertaining programme prepared for the occasion, and the business meeting was followed by a social celebration that has never been excelled in northern Maccabe circles. The evening's exercises throughout were conducted in a most exemplary manner, and the occasion was one well calculated to add new fuel to the flame of genuine Maccabee spirit that is already burning very bright in the northern hives. says a member of a local hive, who was fortunate enough to be present at the evening's exercises.

Secretaries of all local lodges are requested to send changes in nights of meeting, and news items to Lodge Echoes, 258 South Main street. Tel. Main 1361.

bees loresters, Order of the Iroquois, and other like institutions which began their careers on a substantial laws, guided by the experiences of those who had gone and made failures in enterprises of high moral, propic and intrinsic value to mankind at large. Poplicants for fraternal insurance should be on hard in allying themselves with societies having rve funds, as they will very likely have to resort lisagreeable and frequently unfortunate expedient easing the number and amounts of their assess-

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After the Mutuals.

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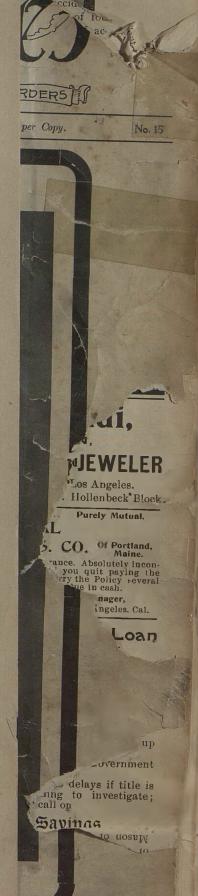
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The Carnival of Roses.

Veni Vidi Vici summarized the first of the Caesars at the conclusion of a campaign in Gaul, and Veni, vidi, vici is the record of the K. O. T. M. and the L. O. T. M. at Pasadena's Tournament of Roses on the initial morning of the twentieth century. Gorgeous floats and resplendent uniforms; brilliant ladies and gallant knights, heralded by strains of martial music and followed by the plaudits of the surging populace, the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees passed in triumphant review before the Queen of the Carnival and her invited guests, adding new lustre to this charming festival and bringing before the people of our beautiful southland the tenets of the Maccabee fraternity in their highest and noblest form.

It was the first public appearance of the Uniform Rank of California in martial conclave, and it was a notable one. Accompanied by three bands of music and led by Los Angeles Division No. 2, 48 strong, officered by Captain Barrackman and Lieutenants Chase and Newell, came the five divisions of the Uniform Rank, making a most picturesque appearance and showing the result of hard practical drilling. Their platoon movements and fancy evolutions in the formation of the Latin Cross excited much admiring comment. The rank uniform is of handsome black broadcloth, the helmets are topped with plumes of red and white, and a belt and sword completes the striking outfit. Colonel Stephen Squires of Riverside was in command, with Captain C. T. Farmiloe at the head of Pasadena Division No. 6.

The five divisions when marching occupied a block in length. The Santa Ana band preceded the L. O. T. M. float, which was emblematical of the order-the hive, with the queen bee; occupying the position of prominence, Mrs. Eva Storey impersonated the queen, and her little pages were Ernest Baldwin and Clement Storey. The guards, attired in red and white, were Miss Nora Irwin, Mrs. Sinclair, Miss Agnes Petrie, Miss

Mamie Platt and Miss Ruth Kellogg.

The float of the Sir Knights was fully as complete in detail-the costumes worn being exceedingly rich and handsome. The outriders, attired in the red, black and white of the degree team outfit, were C. A. Krew, W. C. Humphreys, Kenyon Warren. James Mc-Adam, F. E. Turner and John Beyer. The outposts were F. S. Herr, A. J. Stephens, B. B. Cota, George Kishbaugh, A. W. Hewitt, James Walker and G. W. Snyder. The float was emblematical of the initial of the book of Maccabees. John D. Ripley occupied the king's throne; at the altar stood the Past Commander, acting as high priest, C. W., Owen and Lieutenant Commander S. M. Munson. The four guards were C. B. Hewitt, A. C. Shaver, C. D. Anderson and C. E. Garwood.

Labor and expense had not been spared by th mittee in charge of the display, and the results i excited the surprise and admiration of the thou of people who reviewed their division. The was not only a large one, but every idea attempt carried out in perfect detail.

The chairmen of committees who worked so fully for the great success achieved, were E. I. I C. P. Gregory, E. Drawbaugh, W. S. Robinson Decker.

When the prizes were awarded the first prize best float in the parade, a handsome mahogany was awarded to the bee hive of the Lady

From Classic Boston.

That "English as she is spoke" is not allowed to degenerate in classic Boston is made apparent from the following extract from a local page of the Boston Tran-

"The presentation of 'Ben Hur,' so satisfactory in action, costume and scenery, was greatly marred by the careless pronunciation of English. It is painful to hear palace rendered into 'paluss,' promise into 'promuss, and women into 'weemun.'

"Managers who provide dramas of the splendor of 'Ben Hur' would do to the public a service by carrying consistency to the point of subjecting the speech of the actors as well as the costumes, and the stage settings q to the criticism of masters in the art of pronouncing

And yet there are those who wonder why "rag-time" d has never been popular in Boston.

The Reserve Fund.

An exhaustive article on the necessity of providing for a reserve fund was published in the December number of the official organ of the Ancient Order of United ii Workmen of the State of New York. The mistakes N of the past are being discovered by experience, and h several of the fraternal insurance orders are making efforts to correct them, even at this late day. The newer organizations have wisely avoided committing the error of not providing for future emergencies, and therefore they are now accumulating handsome surn pluses or reserve funds, which insure perpetuity and stability. The fate of the once popular and overwhelmingly strong Equitable Aid Union, the more recent decline of the Order of Chosen Friends, the struggles of such gigantic fraternities as the A. O. U. W. and Royal Arcanum, the utter collapse of scores of insignificant associations all over the country during the past two decades, all point a moral, and enhance the value of policies in such sterling organizations as the MaccaA society doing business without a reserve fund is very much like a man doing business without a bank account; he may get along a while without it, but the first tidal wave that comes along he goes under.

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Weather vs. Climate.

While Southern California can put up a finer article of winter climate than all the other sections of the Western hemisphere combined, we are bound to confess that we are not in it with the "effete East," when called upon to produce some characteristic "weather." One of the brightest gems in the Eastern weather is the uncertainty of it. There is only one thing certain about Eastern weather, and that is there is going to be plenty of it—a perfectly grand review—but one can never tell which end of the procession is going to move first. We are long on climate here in California, but woefully short on "weather."

The old line insurance companies are making a concerted but apparently a most unpolitic and unjust attack upon the reliability of he Royal Arcanum. If the reports of the insurance commissioners of the different states are worth anything, the order is in first-class shape. Its October statement shows a membership of 204,520, a gain of over 11,000 since January I. It has an excess of current resources over current liabilities of over \$450,000, and its emergency fund amounts to \$1,260,790.13, which sum is invested in United States Government bonds, deposited with the state treasurer of Massachusetts. An attack upon a fraternal beneficiary society with a showing like this must

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Echoes from Many Lodges.

On Thursday night Washington Lodge received two applications and worked in the initiatory degree. This lodge will hold an open meeting on Thursday night, January 10, for a public installation of the officers for the ensuing term. The officers and degree team of Laurel Lodge will assist in the installation ceremonies, and the address of the evening will be delivered by Supreme President C. P. Dandy. A special committee is preparing a fine musical and literary programme for the occasion, and the business meeting will be followed by refreshments and dancing. The good of the order committee of this lodge is very much in favor of developing the fraternal and social features of the order, and with that end in view, Washington Lodge holds an open meeting on the first Thursday night of each month with results that are very satisfactory to the membership at large.

Fresno Lodge No. 91 elected twenty members and initiated fourteen last Monday evening. After the regular meeting a committee, who had been appointed to provide entertainment and refreshments, took charge. The remainder of the evening until the old year had passed away was spent with games and refreshments.

Hermosa Lodge No. 32 received eighteen applications and initiated five candidates Monday night. After the regular meeting the members resolved themselves into a watch party, and the new year was greeted with refreshments and toasts.

C. P. Dandy, Supreme President, officiates Tuesday evening at a public installation of officers of Ontario Lodge No. 110. After the installation a fine banquet was served. A large attendance of members and their friends were present. The Supreme President will also officiate at a public installation at Colton Friday evening. Colton Lodge has made its arrangements for a grand time, and a banquet will be served by the losing side in the recent contest for membership.

The officers of Los Angeles No. 1 were installed Friday evening by the officers of Hermosa No. 32. The installation was public and was followed by an entertainment.

The Supreme Vice-President, Mrs. Neidig, left Tuesday evening for Kern, at which place she visited the lodge Wednesday. The Supreme Vice-President will go from Kern to Visalia, Fresno and Tulare, and will return to Los Angeles about the middle of the present

Pomona No. 26 had a house-warming at its last meeting. After an interesting business session a programme of music, recitations, essays and speeches was rendered,

followed by dancing. Pomona Lodge has a good attendance at its meetings, and is making a steady and substantial growth.

Eureka Lodge of the Fraternal Brotherhood, which was recently organized in that city, held an open meeting at Pythian Castle of Eureka last evening. A large number of invitations had been issued, and as the greater part were responded to, the entire seating capacity of the hall was taxed. The meeting was for the purpose of acquainting the public with the aims and objects of the order, and in that respect was a big success. It was also a success in a social way, an excellent programme, consisting of the following numbers, being carried out:

Piano duet, "Gallop de Concert"...Misses McGeorge and Gunn. Vocal solo, "The Two Grenadiers".....Ralph Kramer

Violin solo (a) Intermezzo; (b) Flower Song..... Piano duetMisses Turner and Houda Address, "Aims and Objects of Fraternal Insurance...

......Grand Organizer R. E. Curran Vocal solo, "Stolen Glances".....Mrs. Carrie E. Clare

Kern City Standard in its issue of December 22, has the following commendatory notice of the Fraternal Brotherhood:

THE FIRST CLAIM IS SETTLED.

"On Thursday morning the Secretary of Kern Lodge No. 58, the Fraternal Brotherhood, received from the Supreme Lodge a check for \$1000, drawn in favor of W. H. Alexander, and being payment in full of the endowment benefit held in that order by the late Adaline Alexander. The money was delivered to the beneficiary and the certificate signed and returned, and thus in just one week after proof of death was made, the claim was paid and the incident closed.

"We mention this because promptness in paying claims is a strong point in favor of any insurance order or company, and as the Fraternal Brotherhood is a comparatively new organization and one in which a great many Kern people are insured, it is but fair that the facts in this matter should be as widely known as possible."

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MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA.

GOLDEN STATE CAMP, No. 7110.

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Golden State Celebrates.

On Wednesday night Golden State Camp installed the following officers for the next year, under the direction of District Deputy U. S. House, assisted by Chief Forester Genung of Indiana:

M. M. Myers	Venerable Consul
C. W. Campbell	Worthy Advisor
H. F. Burke	Excellent Banker
J. C. Cribb	
W. A. Hunter	

The medical department of the camp for the next year will be under the direction of Drs. F. W. Bassett, R. C. Dundas, and J. C. Lindsay. The installation exercises were most impressive, and music for the ceremonies was furnished by the camp quartette. The only new official elected was C. W. Campbell, who succeeds J. J. Daly as Worthy Advisor, the latter neighbor declining re-election.

At hie conclusion of the installation ceremonies a collation was served the assembled Woodmen. J. J. Daly acted as toastmaster, and the following responses were made:

"Golden State Camp"	.W. M. Meyers
"The Lodge Goat"	
"Good of the Order"	W. C. Campbell
"The Inner Circle"	V. S. House
"Cash"	H E Rucha

Several other neighbors responded with anecdotes illustrative of Woodcraft, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to an old-time fraternal smoking bee. Four new members were inducted into the mysteries of Woodcraft during the business meeting, and four applications were accepted. The report of Camp Clerk J. C. Cribb shows that during the past twelve months six hundred new members were initiated. The camp has been remarkably free from sickness, as no deaths are reported for the year, and but \$300 has been paid in sick benefits. For a camp the size of Golden State this record is certainly remarkable, and is a high recommendation for the efficiency of the medical examiners.

A new camp has been organized at Redondo with a charter list of thirty members by Deputy District Organizer Simons.

District Deputy U. S. House is organizing a new local camp of Modern Woodmen, with a charter list of 100 members, which he expects to install about February I. Forty applications have already been secured.

The records of the Modern Woodman District Deputies for the first ten months of the year has been sent out by the head camp. U. S. House stands at the head of the list for individual effort. He brought 473 members into the order during that time. His nearest competitor was over 90 names behind him. Mr. House is justly proud of this showing, and he has a right to be, as the Head Deputy in the largest fraternal society in the country must necessarily be a hustler.

The returns on the reserve fund vote are all in, and the completed records show that the proposition was defeated by a two-to-one vote. Not more than 50 per cent. of the membership voted at all, as the total vote was but 280,000. Major Hawes, Head Clerk of the order, makes the following statement:

"The effect will be to prevent any action looking to making provision for the society's future at the coming national convention. Personally, I never favored the reserve fund. What has been known to the legal reserve has always been out of the question, in my opinion. But I did favor an emergency fund. I think some sort of an emergency fund is a necessity, and the members of the society. I believe, will come to realize this soon. However, as the members are the ones directly concerned, and as this vote was in the nature of a referendum, there will be no attempt to make any provision for the society's future until the members delegate that authority to the head camp. All things considered, it is probably just as well that the proposition was defeated at this time. It will not hurt the society to delay the matter another two years."

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Meets every Thursday, in Y. M. I. Hall,
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Memorial Day Proclamation.

Office of the Supreme Recorder, A. O. U. W.

Meadville, Pa., Dec. 1, 1900.

To the Subordinate Lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen:

Brethren-In compliance with Standing Regulation No. 16, of the Supreme Lodge, A. O. U. W., you are hereby notified that the 18th day of January, 1901, is set apart of Memorial Day in our order.

It is therefore urged upon every subordinate lodge, in so far as possible, to observe this day so specially set apart in memory of our deceased brethren.

When circumstances will admit, it is recommended that open meetings of the lodge be held to which the families and friends of members be invited and a suitable programme of music and memorials be provided.

During the past year nearly five thousand stricken homes have been the recipients of our benefactions and to each the contribution has been one or two thousand dollars, as the brother in his lifetime has designated under our laws. Who can measure the good this has done. Who can contemplate this great work of helpfulness and know he has had a part in it without feeling his zeal and enthusiasm re-awakened and make new resolves for more active labor to advance the cause and so extend the field of its usefulness.

The opening of the twentieth century finds us as an order full of hope, united and zealous in our great work. Let each of us catch a spark from the altar erected to the memory of our departed brethren and with it kindle a flame of love and enthusiasm that even more than in the past will manifest itself in ever widening influence and increasing benefactions. Yours in C. H. and P.

H. W. SACKETT, Supreme Recorder.

The new members in 1000 up to November 1, number 51,201. This only lacks 5,129 of equaling the record of 1899 with November and December to spare.

Charles D. Leigh of Stockton had his arm broken, was badly bruised about the body, and suffered a severe contusion on the back of the head, while being initiated into the mysteries of Woodcraft by Camp No. 7282, of the Modern Woowman Society. It certainly is about time for this sort of initiatorial horseplay to cease; the Modern Woodman is a fraternal society, and its new inducting ceremony is venerable and symbolical in form. A camp that adopts any other form should be dropped from the order without cere-

C. F. Spencer, Grand Recorder, left on December 22 to attend the meeting of the Supreme Relief Board at Chicago.

Los Angeles Lodge No. 55, Southern California 191 and America No. 365, will have a public installation about January 15.

Southern California Loage will celebrate their twentieth anniversary on Thursday evening. An invitation has been extended to all the charter members to be present. A special musical and literary programme has been arranged for the occasion, and the evening will be enlivened by the reminiscences of the old timers.

Point Loma Lodge, A. O. U. W., of San Diego, will install officers on the 10th inst. Arrangements have been made by the good of the order committee for a grand banquet at the conclusion of the installation exercises, and invitations have been extended to Workmen in all adjoining lodges to be present and participate in the evening's entertainment.

MODERN WOODMEN **VOTE NO CHANGE**

By a Two to One Vote the Emergency Fund is Rejected.

The growth of the Modern Woodmen Society during the past decade stands without a parallel in fraternal insurance records. Its present membership is approximately 600,000, of which 150,000 has been secured in the past year.

The slogan of the society has been fraternity. low rates and the establishing of camps only in favored localities, all large cities and fever and malaria infected districts being rated as "forbidden ground."

The time has come, however, when the officers of the head camp have deemed it advisable to sound a note of warning. They admit that for ten years the society has been giving insurance for less than cost, and they made a strong effort in December for the establishment of a reserve fund, but the members of the different camps promptly turned the proposition down.

What the next step of the head officers will be is only a matter or conjecture, the only feasible plan, however, seems to be the levying of a couple of additional assessments each year, and the laying aside of the surplus to provide for the time when the "average age" creeps up, unless, as some of the enthusiastic Woodmen proclaim, the society is going to continue adding so much "young blood" that the average age never will creep up.

That the present rates are wholly inadequate is best shown by the following record of one of the members of the order.

Malcolm F. Post joined a camp of Modern Woodmen at Fulton, Ill., in June, 1883, and died September 3d,

The officers of the head camp, however, are well aware of this, and are using their best efforts to bring the rank and file of the order to an understanding that higher rates are an absolute necessity.

The following open letter to the "neighbors" of the Woodmen camps written by Head Consul W. A. Norcott, when a vote on the reserve fund was pending, shows that the society is "headed" in the right direc-

"By order of the Kansas City Head Camp, the neighbors of Modern Woodmen of America will, at the time of the first meeting of their respective camps in the month of December, vote upon the proposition as to whether the St. Paul Head Camp shall adopt some plan of emergency or reserve fund, and the vote will be 'yes' or 'no' upon this proposition, and this will be the sole question submitted to them at that time.

"If this question should be affirmatively decided, then it would rest with the six hundred or more delegates to the head camp to determine what plan should be adopted; and as this head camp will be a representative body, one selected by the membership at large and with sufficient intelligence, honesty and love of our society, to do what they think is right and best, I think the jurisdiction would be safe in leaving the matter of plan to them.

"While I believe that the step-rate plan is the ultimate solution of fraternal insurance, yet I do not think that the St. Paul Head Camp ought to adopt this steprate plan, even should the original question be voted in the affirmative by the majority of our membership. My reason for not favoring the adoption of the step-rate at the next head camp is, that it is such an important departure from our present methods and involves the contracts of so many old members, that I do not think so radical a change should be made unless that plan was directly submitted to the membership and favored by a majority of them.

"I am a great believer in our representative form of government, and in the will of the majority, and I have no plan or policy to seek to enforce against the wishes of our membership. As one of the head officers of this society, I believe it my duty, from time to time, to make such recommendations and presentment of my views, after a careful study of our system, as might enlighten our members upon the question, but further than this I do not believe I should go.

"If the December vote should be an affirmative one, I do not think the St. Paul Head Camp should take any very radical steps in changing our system, but that these changes should be gradual and in accord with the wishes of the 'neighbors' as expressed from time to.

"Our members need have no uneasiness about the future welfare of Modern Woodmen of America, as the intelligence of the membership of our society will take care of it, and we have a safe and sure future ahead of us.

W. A. NORTHCOTT, Head Consul."

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Grand President Robert Sharp of the Pacific Jurisdiction is visiting lodges of the Sons of St. George in the northern part of the State. Last week he visited San Jose, Sacramento, New Alamaden and Jackson, and reports the lodges in each of these places in first-class condition. He expects to visit lodges in Washington and British Columbia before returning to Los Angeles.

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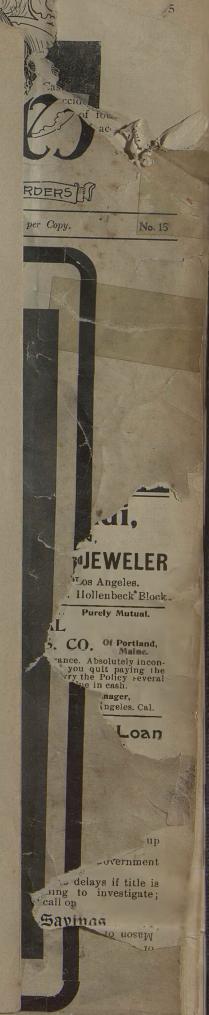
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Meets every Wednesday, Union Hall,
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610½ South Spring st.
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Supreme Officers Attacked.

A motion of much interest to the I. O. F. has just been argued before Judge Blanchard in the Supreme Court of New York in an action brought by Dr. Charles Coulter against the Foresters.

Dr. Coulter alleges that he recently brought suit for \$100,000 against Supreme Chief. Ranger Oronyatekha and Supreme Secretary McGillivary for the use and manufacture of a medical instrument of which he is the patentee and owner, and that they took advantage of their official position to cause Dr. Coulter to be dropped from the membership and to cancel his life insurance policies without notice. Dr. Coulter also asserts that they threatened his attorneys with expulsion from the order and the cancellation of their insurance policies, and he asks for an injunction to restrain the order from the alleged intimidation and cancellation. It is also alleged that the order is managed by a number of Canadians, headed by Dr. Oronyatekha in an arbitrary and extravagant manner.

Affidavits by various Canadian members of the executive council were read denying all the allegations in the plaintiff's affidavits. The Canadian members claim that behind all the litigation is a scheme to remove the executive council, composed of Canadians, and substitute in their places residents of the United States; also, to remove the headquarters of the order from Toronto to New York City.

The officers of Companion Court Morris Vineyard, No. 152, were installed into their respective chiars on Wednesday evening, January 2, the High Secretary, W. H. Peery, acting as installing officer. A large delegation of the members of Companon Court Los Angeles, No. 18, were present, the installation being followed by refreshments. The officers of Court La Fiesta, No. 880, will be installed at an open meeting on Wednesday evening, aJnuary 9, by H. C. R., G. A. McElfresh, assisted by High Secretary W. H. Peery. A fine musical programme has been arranged.

High Chief Ranger McElfresh is arranging to leave Los Angeles about January 16 for the purpose of assisting in the installation of new officers in the courts in the central and northern part of the State.

On Saturday evening, January 5, the officers of Court Gardena, No. 625, together with those of Companion Court Gardena, No. 279, will be installed at their hall in Gardena, the High Chief Ranger being the installing

The newly elected officers of Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, will be installed at a public meeting of the court on Friday evening, aJnuary 4, the High Chief Ranger, G. A. McElfresh, acting as installing officer.

Court Escondido, I. O. F., held a most successful meeting on last Saturday evening. Ten candidates were initiated into the mysteries of Forestry by the Escondido degree team. A literary and musical programme followed, and the evening's entertainment closed with light refreshments and dancing.

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EAST LAKE CAMP No. 530. Meets every Tuesday, K. P. Hall, East Los Angeles. G. W. Bonner, Clerk.

Fremont Prepares to Celebrate.

On Wednesday night, January 9, P. C. C. Rammel of Pasadena Camp, assisted by the degree team of that place, will install the new officers for Freemont Camp. Visitors from all over the district will be present. An excellent musical programme will be rendered by the Pasadena Glee Club, assisted by the Banjo and Mandolin Club. An effort is being made to have the "little German band" of six members present in their "official" capacity. It is claimed for them taht they can furnish more fun and music in a given time than any similar aggregation in the country. The boys of Freemont Camp are arranging a literary programme for the occasion, and the evening's entertainment will conclude with a banquet.

Miramar Camp of San Diego has just completed a most successful twelve months' work, during which time 207 strangers have been initiated into the mystic circle of Woodcraft, and the camp membership increased to 412 "neighbors."

The sick benefit department, organized in May, has over 100 members, and has already accumulated a handsome reserve fund. Seven hundred dollars has been expended for charitable purposes and \$7,000 has been paid the widows of deceased Woodmen. The degree team work has been very fine, and Captain Bowels is the recipient of many congratulations on his effective

Mayor-elect M. P. Snyder is decorated with a new Woodman button, and seems to be very proud of it. The rules of all secret orders forbid the divulging of lodge secrets, but if you want to see a far-away look creep into the Mayor's eyes just ask him what happened when he tackled the Woodman goat, or rather, when the goat tackled him. The Mayor is a mild-tempered man, and you will be safe, but unless you carry an accident policy or want a slice of the sick benefit fund, don't try to discuss the Woodman degree team with Councilman Allen of the Sixth Ward.

On January 10 a new local circle of Women of Woodcraft will be installed with a charter list of fortytwo. The circle was organized by Special Organizer Mrs. M. A. Parks. The guardian neighbor of Laurustinus Circle, Mrs. Hoff, will act as installing officer, and UNITED ORDER the Laurustinus Guards will exemplify secret work. The Guards of Pasadena Circle will be present and give an exhibition drill,

Last night A. F. Borden, P. C. C., of Freemont Camp chartered a tally-ho and took the Glee Club of Freemont Camp out to Norwalk to assist in the installation of the new officers for that camp. That the boys had a good time and furnished plenty of entertainment for their "neighbors" in the artesian belt goes without say-

Freemont Camp initiated four candidates on Wednesday night.

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Deputy Grand Regent W. S. Spencer will install a new council of the Royal Arcanum in this city about January; 15.

The new officers of Los Angeles Council were installed at the regular meeting on Thursday night. Deputy Grand Regent Dr. L. H. Boynton officiated as installing officer.

Grand Vice-Regent J. K. Hawk and Grand Secretary G. L. Davidson visited Santa Monica Council on Friday night and assisted in the installation of officers for the ensuing term.

On Tuesda yevening, January 8, the new officers of California Council will be installed under the direction of Deputy District Grand Regent George E. Saunders.

Committees have already been appointed for the reception of the Grand Council of the order, which will convene in Los Angeles in March.

A large delegation from the local lodges went over to Pasadena on Friday night and assisted in the installation of the new officers for that council. A fine musical programme was arranged for the occasion, and the business meeting was followed by a banquet.

Cremation is viewed with disfavor by all life associations, and an anti-cremation clause may be looked for in the policies of the future. Experience has demonstrated that frauds, poisoning, and foul play are much too easily covered up when the immediate destruction of the remains is permitted.



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