

The Practical Side.

The men whose Hoo-Hoo names appear in the notices below are out of work and want employment. This is intended as a permanent department of THE BULLETIN, through which to make these facts known. It is, or should be, read by several thousand business men who employ labor in many varied forms, and it can be made of great value in giving practical application to Hoo-Hoo's central theme of helping one another. It is hoped the department will receive very careful attention each issue.

Some of our members advertising in The Bulletin fail to advise me when they have secured positions and so an old ad keeps running for months and months. To avoid this I have adopted the plan of running the ads as long as three months and then if I have heard nothing from the advertiser I will cut his ad out. If at the end of the three months he still wishes me to continue it he must advise me.

WANTED—Position as buyer for some eastern lumber firm. References given. Address "Buyer," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Lumber salesman located in Philadelphia, would represent out of town wholesale concern. Best of reference. Address "W. B.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Two experienced machine men to run oak flooring and moulding. Address Box 25, Elizabethton, Tenn.

WANTED—First-class traveling salesman to sell Tennessee red cedar posts and poles and oak lumber on commission basis. Territory open: Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Northern Illinois, Central and Southern Indiana and Ohio. For particulars address, "Neb.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Absolutely reliable export inspector to work Bristol territory, chiefly for oak planks. Unusual inducements offered. References wanted. Address P. O. Box 453, Baltimore, Md.

WANTED—Experienced hardwood salesman for Cleveland and Eastern Ohio territory. Address "T. H.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Experienced, competent stenographer, thoroughly familiar with the wholesale lumber business. Address "T. H.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Experienced book keeper, thoroughly familiar with the lumber business. State age, experience and salary wanted. Address "T. H.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—By man 33, single, position to buy yellow pine from smaller mills throughout Alabama, Mississippi and south Georgia. I know the mills and how best to deal with them. Desire connection with some big northern wholesale concern who appreciate the profit arising from dealing direct with these smaller mills and not through the intermediary of southern wholesalers; a concern in position to put up money for cash purchases. I can do the rest and can show handsome profits every month on purchases. To the right people I can make a good proposition. Address "Rover," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—A steam goods and mill supply salesman to travel Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. Address, stating experience and former employers, H. J. V., P. O. Box 482, New Orleans, La.

WANTED—Situation by a practical bookkeeper of 25 years' experience. Last six or eight years in the lumber and commissary business. Will make any millman or lumberman a good man. First-class reference. Address S. C. Law, No. 651, 53 Pultine St., Atlanta, Ga.



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Squalls from the South.

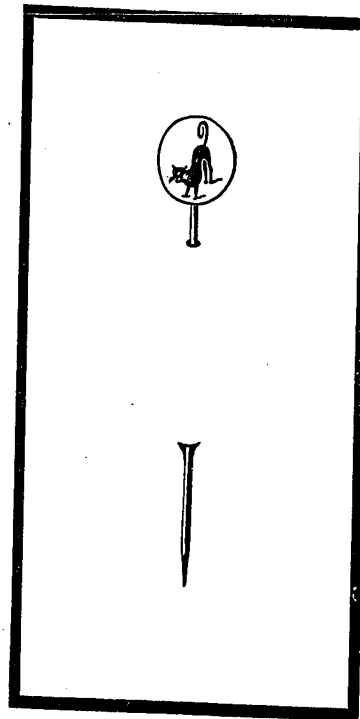
The Hoo-Hoo Grip Tag.

This is the Hoo-Hoo Grip Tag. It is guaranteed to bring good luck to any traveling man and to keep him from journeying on the downhill road towards failure or disaster. It can be ordered from the Scrivenor, and will be sold only to members in good standing. The price is 99 cents cash.



The Ladies' Pin.

The cut herewith shows the Hoo-Hoo Ladies' Pin. We have yet to see a lady, old or young, who did not want one of these pins the minute she saw it. To have these pins in the hands of pretty women—and a good Hoo-Hoo knows no other sort—is the best possible advertisement for the Order.



Every Hoo-Hoo ought to buy one of these pins, have his number engraved on it, and give it to some good woman. Remit \$1.00 to the Scrivenor, and one of these pins duly engraved will be sent by registered mail to any address. It is one of the nicest presents imaginable for a man's sweetheart. Only members in good standing can purchase.

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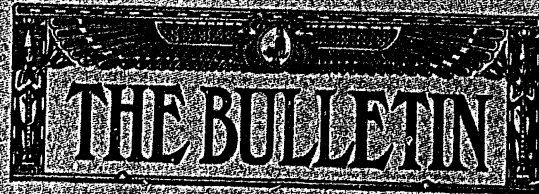
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Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, Okla., September 9-12, 1906.

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Important to All Hoo-Hoo.

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The annual meeting at Oklahoma City, reported verbatim in this issue of The Bulletin, took action on two points that will work a material change in the practical conduct of the Scrivener's office. The first is in changing the dues from 99 cents per annum to \$1.65 per annum. This is an addition of 66 cents to the annual dues and the increase is made to cover the expense of printing The Bulletin in its present enlarged and improved form and in sending it to every member. Recognizing that with the number of our old members increased to something over thirteen thousand, and still increasing, and that from these men we derive only 99 cents per annum each, and recognizing further that this sum is not sufficient to cover the cost of sending The Bulletin in addition to the expense incident to the administrative conduct of the Scrivener's office, the Scrivener recommended in his annual report that a bona fide subscription price of 99 cents be fixed on the paper and that it be sent only to those who paid. In other words, that the subscription to The Bulletin be entirely divorced from the matter of dues and that the taking of the paper be left optional, the paper to be sent to those who want it and are willing to pay for it and discontinue it to all others.

This suggestion was not favorably acted upon, the sentiment of the meeting being overwhelmingly against discontinuing The Bulletin to any member of the Order. In this connection I must say that I feel very proud of the strong words of commendation spoken of The Bulletin. In the discussion of the matter it will be seen that not a few members expressed the conviction that The Bulletin is the best fraternal order publication in existence and that it is a potent force in bringing the membership together and in sustaining and increasing interest in the Order. It was pointed out by several of the speakers that to many members of Hoo-Hoo residing at isolated sawmill plants and towns, The Bulletin is the most pleasing thing in Hoo-Hoo, and that without its monthly visits these men would grow cold and lonesome. Several of the speakers urged that they favored any reasonable increase in the amount of dues necessary to continue the paper to every member. I trust every member of the Order will carefully read all that was said on this

subject to the end that he may be fully advised of the conditions that have led to what I suspect will be regarded by some as a somewhat radical change.

While my specific recommendation made to the meeting was somewhat different, I am convinced that the action taken at Oklahoma City is both eminently wise and eminently conservative. The amount of dues even at \$1.65 per annum will be smaller than any other organization of which I have knowledge, and surely no organization exists that is in position to give to its members more for the money than is Hoo-Hoo. I trust the action on the matter of dues will be well received by all members.

The other change made is that hereafter a card be issued to each member showing his dues paid up to specified date, presentation of this card to be requisite to admission to concatenations and participation in any Hoo-Hoo meeting. This change, in my judgment, was inevitable. It is unfair and unjust that men who are in arrears for dues from two to five years should be at liberty to receive all the rights, privileges and benefits due to a member in good standing, and without a card, such as has now been provided for, no Vicegerent or other officer holding a concatenation can possibly tell whether the man seeking admission to the hall is in good standing or not.

This change will necessarily involve some increase in the expenses of the Scrivener's office, since it will require more time to make out these admission cards, and double the amount of postage to put them in the hands of the members than was the case of the old form of receipts, and constitutes another reason for the necessity of increasing the amount of annual dues.

I believe the institution of this card system will meet with the unqualified approval of practically every man in the Order, and that in a very little while the change can be put to working smoothly. Handsomely lithographed cards for the year 1905 are now being prepared and will be sent out to all those who have paid dues as rapidly as the clerical force in the Scrivener's office can accomplish the work. In the meantime until the cards are ready and made out a large number of the men who have paid dues will no doubt be wondering why receipts have not been received. To write each man or even to send a postal card making temporary acknowledgment would probably be a needless expense. I am glad, therefore, of an opportunity to make this explanation in The Bulletin.

A number of other matters were discussed and passed upon at the annual meeting and the entire report of the business sessions will, I think, be read with interest and profit by all members. The meeting was a most successful one and as enjoyable as any that has ever been held. Our members in Oklahoma City more than amply discharged all the promises they had made in the way of entertainment, and all who attended the meeting came away loud in their praises of the marvelous little city. The membership in the south-west was well represented at the meeting and the register of those present will be found, I think, to exceed in number that of any annual meeting ever held except those at St. Louis and Portland, where great expositions were in progress.

A good start has been made by Shark Ramsey in appointing Vicegerents for the new year. Quite a string of the new appointees appears on another page. Already announcements of numerous concatenations have come in and the year starts off with every prospect of breaking even Shark's Human's Banner record.

There is a sort of jealousy which needs very little fire. It is hardly a passion, but a blight bred in the cloudy damp dependancy of uneasy egotism. - George Villor.

OFFICIAL STENOGRAPHIC REPORT

Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Held at Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 9-12, 1904

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

(Twice in the history of the Order has Hoo-Hoo Day fallen on Sunday, and on both occasions the members present at the annual meeting have shown their respect for the Sabbath and their interest in religious matters by attending church service in a body. On both occasions they have been given a most inspiring sermon. This year it had been arranged that the church services would be held in the Overholser Opera House and would be conducted by Rev. Henry Alford Porter, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City. This church is building a magnificent new house of worship to be called "The White Temple," and the temporary quarters the congregation has been using was quite too small for the Hoo-Hoo audience. Hence the use of the opera house. The entire first floor was given up to Hoo-Hoo, and the members, with their women folks, despite the rather warm morning, filled the vast auditorium to the street doors. Not one of those present but would have counted it a great loss to have missed the splendid discourse to which they were treated, and not a few were the expressions heard that Dr. Porter's sermon was the most interesting and helpful one listened to in many years. His discourse to the very end was received with marked attention, and at its close he was the recipient of many warm congratulations. Dr. Porter's sermon is printed in full below.)

DR. PORTER'S SERMON.

I am not a "flner." I have joined very few things. This place reminds me that when I was in college I joined a dramatic society and played the grave-digger in Hamlet. I have always suspected that some of the audience wished I had taken the part of Polonius, who was killed in the second or third act. Then I did a very sensible thing, and was joined to a Methodist wife. The greatest act of my life was done when I joined the church, and I never expect to join anything else.

Almost a Hoo-Hoo.

But you will see how near I came to joining Hoo-Hoo. About the time Hoo-Hoo was organized, in 1892, in Gurdon, Ark., I was time-keeper on a boom where men were rafting logs on the St. John River, and was getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning, and eating pork and beans five times a day. The echoes of that Arkansas convention didn't reach the shores of far-away New Brunswick, and I hadn't heard of Hoo-Hoo, but I think, Mr. Snark, I was eligible, or at least I was at that time, for I understand that you had concatenations for fellows in those early days whom you wouldn't think of receiving now. The next time I was drawn near to Hoo-Hoo was in St. Louis, in 1904. One of the first things that fixed my attention at the fair was the finest log cabin I ever saw, and the word Hoo-Hoo in letters so big they fairly shouted at me, written almost as large as John Hancock's signature to the Declaration of Independence, and you know that was so conspicuous that George III. could read it across the Atlantic ocean. So far as I can recall, it was the first time I had ever seen those magic syllables. They haunted me. Whenever I lost my bearing amid the labyrinths of the buildings, I had the habit of calling Hoo-Hoo, and my folks knew who it was.

I was tempted then to apply for membership, and would have based my application on the facts that my sermons are sometimes as dry as tinder, I saw wood in my back yard, I have an onion bed in my garden, and my mother-in-law keeps a cat, and I am one of nine children. But they are drawing the lines tighter in Hoo-Hoo, and I fear it is no use.

Biggest Business on Earth.

I am not here to eulogize the Order of Hoo-Hoo, or to steal the thunder of the orators of to-morrow, who will

speak your praises. But you will allow me to say that I count myself happy that the ninth day of the ninth month falls this year on Sunday, and that I am privileged to speak to-day on this great gathering of men who have come to our far-famed city from the ends of the continent, and that I esteem the honor of addressing the representatives of an order comprising about 13,000 men engaged in the world's most important industry. And in my rejoicing and welcome, the people of the First Baptist church unite with me.

Solomon "spake of trees." He might well speak of them. The world speaks of them. Your business speaks of trees. If it were not for trees you would all have to seek pastures new. While you are not all lumbermen, you are all intimately related to the lumber industry. Whenever you talk shop you talk trees. It is a big subject. Prof. Sargent undertook, many years ago, to ascertain the condition of the forests of the United States. He estimated the yearly value then at \$700,000,000. It is now stated to be \$1,000,000,000. This is about fifteen times the value of the annual output of our gold and silver mines.

Sweet Memories.

The love and sentiment of all mankind speak of trees. Of all natural objects, trees have the closest fellowship with human life. They turn our monotonous prairies into landscapes that delight the eye. They turn our prosaic streets into Gothic cathedral aisles. They change our unsightly cities into scenes of enchantment. If I had the choice of the free occupancy of the finest house in a block in the finest street of Oklahoma City or a cottage upon an acre lot that had fifteen or twenty trees upon it, I should not hesitate a moment, though the cost of living in each were the same. On the last day of President McKinley's life, when the nurses sought to screen his eyes from the light, he objected, saying: "No, I want to see the trees; they are so beautiful."

The heart twines round the trees some of its most fragrant memories. Around our childhood dwellings they stood like sentinel giants to ward off the blast. And as we look through the vista of vanished years we see through the golden light a favorite tree associated with some cherished memory of the past.

I remember, I remember,  
The fir-trees, dark and high,  
I used to think their tender tops  
Were close against the sky.

Plant a Tree.

And if he who causes two blades of grass to grow where one has grown before has not lived in vain, he who has caused a tree to grow where there was none before is indeed a benefactor to humanity. I sympathize with the words of a highland laird, while on his deathbed, to his son: "Jock, when ye hae naething else to do, ye may be aye sticking in a tree; it will be growing, Jock, when ye're sleeping."

I shall not soon forget my feelings when, on a recent visit, after a long absence, to my boyhood home in New Brunswick, my brother pointed out to me a stately elm planted over a quarter of a century ago by my father's hands, and I cannot tell you my thoughts as I stood beneath it. I am glad to chronicle the fact that Hoo-Hoo, in spite of the fact that they use up billions of cubic feet of lumber every year are becoming leaders in the campaign for forest preservation, and in enthusiasm for tree-planting and Arbor Day.

Heaven and earth helps him who plants a tree,  
And his work its own reward shall be.

Historic Associations.

History speaks of trees. The trees are more closely interwoven into the history of mankind than any other natural object. To speak only of our own country: The Treaty Elm, under which William Penn signed the famous treaty with the Indians in 1682, was the most famous object on the Delaware until its death in the last century. The central figure in Cambridge is not Harvard University, but the Washington Elm, a noble tree, now slowly dying



of old age. Under that elm, over a century and a quarter ago, the great Virginian took the command of the army and began his mighty fight for freedom.

Who can read the story of the "Charter Oak," at Hartford, without a stirring of the blood? The English master sending out his stewards to prepare a site for his mansion, the delegation of Indians waiting upon the choppers and begging them to spare that oak, "which for generations had been a friend and guide to their ancestors." Wadsworth snatching the charter of the colony from the tyrannous Andros and hiding it in the hollow trunk; the fall of the old tree a hundred and twenty-five years later; and finally the Army band playing a dirge beside the worn-out body of their old friend, and at night the tolling of the bells in Hartford for an hour.

#### What the Scriptures Say.

The Bible, which interprets God and life to men, speaks of trees, and more of trees than anything else in nature. The book begins with the portrayal of the tree of knowledge, in Eden, and closes with the dream of John of the tree of life, in Paradise. And all through the pages memorable events have trees in them. The olive marks the end of the flood. The oaks in Mamre bring to mind Abram's call to a life of grandeur. The palms encircling Eilat's wells tell of Israel's first step toward independence. The Juniper recalls the most degenerate time in Hebrew history, when Elijah feared that the whole nation had reached bottom. The willow by the water speaks of the period of Babylonian captivity. The olives of Gethsemane, had they words, could tell the story of the lonely Saviour's blood-sweat and betrayal. And then, central among the trees of the Bible is the tree of Calvary, whereon the world's Redeemer hung. Thus, from the beginning to the ending of the Book, we have a row of symbolic trees; and in the midst of them all, and high above them all, the tree of the cross, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

Solomon "spoke of trees." What the most important business of the world, the love and sentiment of humanity, history, the Bible and the wise man speak of is good for the preacher to speak of. I shall not be able to speak of them as the wise man would. Indeed, I wish not so much to speak of the trees as to let the trees speak, for if a man only looks and listens he

finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,  
Sermons in stones, and good in everything.

#### The Voice of the Trees.

The trees speak of strength. On our great Pacific coast I have looked with awe upon trees that were veritable mountains of wood, whose hoary heads were young when Abraham emigrated and Moses talked with God. Those grizzled giants which have defied the tooth of time for millenniums, bear on their gnarled bosoms the scars of many a brave battle with the hosts of earth and sky. The tempests of centuries have wrestled in Titanic combat with these Samsons of the forests, and wrestled in vain. The trees say to men: "Be strong." I do not mean physical strength, or strength financial, or political, or intellectual, though none of these are contemptible. I mean strength of character. The strength of the trees is seen chiefly in their power to resist. Anchored in the depths of earth, they resist the stormy wind that blows and the furious gale-monarchs of strength and stability. Man's strength reaches its loftiest limit in resisting the storms of temptation that beat upon him, and the winds of evil influence and example that constantly toss themselves against him.

Doctors tell us that in these days of germs that the thing that counts most in a case is the "resisting power" of the patient, and many a surprise awaits the doctor and the nurse as the robust-looking man goes down and the frail-looking fellow pulls through. It is "resisting power" that told the story. Medicines can only aid the "resisting power;" they can never take its place. It determines, in the end, life or death in every case. The important thing in every soul is its "resisting power." Parents, friends, wife, children, can help, but in the last analysis our "resisting power" is the thing that settles life or death for us.

It is the man with resisting power that "gets there" in the best sense of the phrase. Daniel had it. In the court of princes he "purposed in his heart not to defile himself," and he held to his convictions. For example, he became a water drinker. Now, it takes time in one's spinal column, and stiffness in one's upper lip to drink water sometimes.

Daniel turned down the wine, but the temperance crank turned his own wheel of fortune so well that he went up to the pinnacle of influence in all the land. Joshua had resisting power. He was sent out with a reconnoitering party to view the land of Canaan. For political reasons, the majority brought back an unfavorable report. But he and Caleb would not join the ring nor be bossed by the machine. They would stand for what was right and true, even if they lost their official heads. Their brave stand served them in the end. Moses had confidence in Joshua and made his his successor. And Joshua, with no special gifts or brilliant talents, but with power to say "no," became the leader of the nation. It is chiefly because Roosevelt and Bryan and Folk and Jerome will not bend the neck to rings and gangs of political tricksters that they have become the heroes of America and the first men of the land.

Joseph had this sublime power of resistance. He had little else, but that was enough. He left home when only a boy, as some of you may have done. He was driven out after a manner that would have driven most lads to the dogs. He had to make his own way in the world, and that among strangers, as probably many men in Hoo-Hoo have had to do. His success was in itself enough to turn his head. Then he was tempted on that side where so many fall—on the side of appetite and passion. But he had been rooted deep in the sense of duty, and the great, brave soul of him said: "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" It looked for a while after that as if Joseph were going to be down and out, for "hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." But they couldn't keep him down, and he went forth to be the first man of his day. There is an old tower in Europe where, in one of the dungeons, the walls have graven upon them again and again the word "Resist." It is said a woman was kept in those dark recesses forty years because of her religious opinions. And all the time she spent in engraving with a piece of iron, for all who might come after her, that solemn and courageous word. Oh, we need it graven upon our hearts, and, what is more, we need larger strength than our own to enable us to obey the command. But that larger strength we may find in the strong Son of God.

#### Branches and Hands.

Again, the trees speak of utility. The trees are richer in practical usefulness than any other product of the soil. Strip the land of all its trees, and you will soon strip it of everything else and leave it bare and barren, and wither it into a wilderness. Upon them we depend for the even flow of our rivers. They give shade to the hot and the weary. From the forests we obtain fuel. Timber for the construction of ships and railway cars comes from the "fair ranks of trees." Homes, not armies, are the bulwark of the nation. But there could be no homes without houses, and no houses without trees. They provide us with India rubber, gum, resin and spices, dyestuffs, medicines, fruits and nuts, to say nothing of spoons, matches and toothpicks. Well, a toothpick is a small thing, yet a single factory will consume ten thousand cords of wood annually in making them. One could give the whole hour to the uses of trees to humanity. The branches of the trees, stretching out in every direction, symbolize this beautiful ministry of the trees.

"Be useful," "Be a helper," is the voice of the trees; "stretch out your hands to your fellows." The Hoo-Hoo Order has heard it. I have been glad to read of your Imminent Distress Fund, and of the help given your brothers in San Francisco after the California catastrophe, and of the help given constantly to others. Your benevolent exchequer is now probably pretty low. Pile it up again, and do not be too much afraid of assisting the unworthy. It is better to be taken in nine times than that one fellow should be allowed to go down in his hour of need.

#### Hoo-Hoo Motto.

The motto of your Order is "Health, Happiness and Long Life." "Half the world," said Henry Drummond, "is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in having and getting and in being served by others. It consists in giving and serving others." The man who lives entirely for himself is not only a lumberer on the ground, but he becomes at last obnoxious to his very self, and lives an unhappy, unhealthy, short (but long enough) life. Let us hear the voice of the trees and reach out our hand to the other fellow, who is down through

poverty or sin. The hand may have money in it. Well and good. But money is not everything, nor is it the greatest thing. It is told of Tolstol that a beggar came to him asking alms. Tolstol felt in his pocket and said: "Do not be angry with me, brother; I have given away all I had. I have nothing for you." And the beggar straightened up and said: "You called me 'brother'; that was a great gift." The hand may have in it the grasp of brotherhood and love, and the voice the note of confidence and faith.

We cannot lift a fallen man up unless we believe in him. "It is not enough to believe in God," said Charles Wagner, the gifted author of "The Simple Life;" "one must believe in man."

The surest plan  
To make a man  
Is, think him one.

There is a royalty in every man which will rise in majesty to greet the hand held out to him in love and faith and hope. On John Howard's tomb was written: "He lived for others." And as we live for others we follow the footsteps of a greater than John Howard, One who "went about doing good," and of whom it is written: "He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

#### The Coming of the Axeman.

Here, again, the trees. They speak to us another message, not so pleasant, but as necessary to hear. They speak to us as they fall, as fall they must, felled by the woodman's axe, or the swift stroke of the lightning, or under process of slow decay. They tell us that some day the great husbandman will come to us with the sharp instrument of death, and "the axe will be laid unto the root of the tree." Some day the tree of life will fall. It is a fact of life that all the time we are coming to the end of things here—the end of the week, the end of the month, the end of the year. We take account of these things. Why not take equally rational account of the end of life? I am told that the people who pass the Rothschild mansion in the fashionable quarter of London often notice that the end of one of the cornices is unfinished. Why is that? Could not one of the richest men in the world afford to pay for that cornice? The explanation is a very simple, yet suggestive one. Lord Rothschild is an orthodox Jew, and every pious Jew's house, tradition says, must leave some part unfinished, to bear testimony unto the world that its occupant is, like Abraham, a pilgrim and a stranger upon the earth. The incomplete cornice on the mansion seems to say to all who hurry by in the streets, bent on amassing wealth or going along with the maddening crowd in the path of folly: "This will not always be Lord Rothschild's home; he is travelling on." We, too, should remember that we are travelers and that there is an end to the journey.

But how many of us fail to realize it! Here is the picture that some one has presented: An angel passed over the earth one morning and met a little child in the sunny field. "Little one," said he, "there is work for you to do; go and do it."

"Yes, I will do it after a while," said the child; "it is only morning now; the day will be so long, and I do love to play." And the child ran away after the butterflies and flowers. The angel, on his way, murmured: "The day will end; the night will be here and it will be too late."

In a few years the child had grown into a schoolboy. The angel visited the earth again one morning, and passing near the school found the boy locked out, too late for school.

"My boy," said he, "the day is passing; night will come, and your work is not yet begun."

"Oh," laughed the boy, "there is plenty of time; the sun was shining so brightly I could not stay shut up in the schoolroom."

In a few more years the angel visited the earth the last time. He was passing down a hill one evening when he overtook an old man, leaning on a staff. Slowly the old man plodded down the hill toward an open grave.

"My friend," said the angel, "have you completed the life-work which was yours to do?"

"The night has come," said the old man, "and my work is not yet begun. The day seemed so long; but now it is too late." And he tottered into the open grave.

It is said of Solon, accounted one of the seven wise men of Greece, that he never forgot that he was only a traveler between life and death, and that fact taught him never to abuse power, never to misuse pleasure, but always to measure opportunity and consider responsibility. "So teach

us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

#### Pointing Heavenward.

The trees speak to us a deeper message still. All their life, before their fall, like the church steeple, which they doubtless suggested, they point upward to another realm than this. It will do us good, men, to pause and think a bit in closing. The tree has its life from two sources. The roots stretch down and draw up nourishment from the earth. But that is not enough. It must reach up into the upper air after the invisible elements there, or its roots will wither and die. Man draws his being from two sources—a lower and an upper—the material and the spiritual.

We have fallen upon material times, and the tendency is to be absorbed in the lower pleasures of life—in eating and drinking and getting and spending, and to forget the unseen realities. Like Bunyan's man with the muckrake, we are raking and scraping in the dust while eternity's glittering crown is just above our heads.

#### Out of Tune with the Infinite.

But the man who gives himself only to the material is like a tree cut off at the roots, and he will shrivel up and die to every noble end. It is told of Ole Bull, the great violinist, and John Ericson, the inventor of the Monitor, that when the musician was entrancing New York with the sweet strains of his violin, he met the inventor on the street, and on three different occasions invited him to his concerts, only to be met with a brusque refusal by his friend, who declared that he did not care for music. At last he hit upon another plan and went to Ericson's works, taking his violin along. He began by asking the mechanic if he could remedy some trifling defect in the instrument, and led the conversation to the structure of wood, the theory of sound, and discussed the scientific principles involved, things with which Ericson was perfectly familiar. Then, when the proper moment had come, he said: "John, let me show you what I mean." He drew his bow over the strings of his violin and began to play, drawing from the instrument tones of such beauty that the inventor sat entranced. He played on and on. The workmen left their work and crowded around; and when he stopped, his friend cried: "Go on! I never knew what I lacked. Play on!"

There was a place in his soul for music, but he had not been conscious of it. Before that, the practical and material things of life had crowded out what he deemed sentimental and useless. He came to see that, although he had not known it, he had been carrying about with him a hungry soul.

There are multitudes of men whose attitude toward religion is that of John Ericson toward music. Their lives are so full of worldly concerns that there is no time or thought for things of the soul. They do not know what they lack, and perhaps they deem useless and meaningless the things that have to do with the unseen and eternal.

It is not a matter of small account. A man may go through the world and never have the taste for music awakened. He loses a pleasure, that is all. But to go on and on without Christ and his religion is to lose all that makes this present life most worth the living, and to clothe the life to come with darkness. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Oh, brother, there is another life than that upon the street and in the market place. Think of it! There is another self than that which buys and sells and eats and drinks. Think of it! Men of Hoo-Hoo, think of your trees! There is a marvelous moral and spiritual power in the study of trees, and I have only begun to touch upon it.

#### True Words and True Hearts.

Listen to the voices of the trees. In a certain court of justice a number of violins were lying on a table. The ownership of one of them was in question. It did not differ in appearance from the others, but one witness said he would know it among a thousand. "I would know it," he said, "even if I were blind." "How?" asked the astonished judge. "By its voice," replied the old man. It would speak to me as no other violin can speak. It is speaking to me now." And, listening, he bent low, until his ear almost touched the instrument, and then he grasped another that lay beside it, and with his right hand swung the bow across its strings, and a low, deep, pulsing, throbbing, note

broke the stillness of the courtroom. When it ceased, with hand uplifted, the old player waited expectantly. Across the room, faintly, yet clearly audible, came the sweet, low note of the violin he had called his own, yet far richer, sweeter and purer, as though some celestial master-player had swept the strings. "That," said the old man, "was the voice of the violin. It has a soul and it has speech. No false note or discord will open its lips. But whenever I strike a true note it will always answer."

So there are in the hearts of all men rare chords, capable of making great music, and when the right note is struck they will never fail to answer. I have tried to utter true words as I have spoken of the trees and interpreted some of their voices, and have joy in the hope that the message will find a response in the open ears and true heart of every Hoo-Hoo.

"Then shall he be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, whose leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

(The convention was called to order at 9:09 o'clock, a. m., at the Overholser Opera House, by Senior Hoo-Hoo Ramsey.)

(Supreme Scrivenor J. H. Baird moved that an adjournment be taken until 9:30 a. m. of this date.)

(Motion seconded by Mr. Stephenson and carried.)

(9:30 a. m.—Called to order by Supreme Snark R. D. Inman.)

SNARK:—Brother Hoo-Hoo, Ladies and Gentlemen: We are now assembled for the first business session of our fifteenth annual, in this beautiful opera house, in this wonderful city of Oklahoma. It is hardly necessary for me to say anything to you in regard to this city at the present time, because you are all, perhaps, more familiar with it than I, as this is my first visit to this part of the country. A friend of mine said to me when I left Portland: "Now, Bob, you are going a little bit South; I think you will fall into your own political stripe." You know our state and Portland are very strongly Republican. I thought the thing over and thought the Mayor, whom I would have to introduce, would be a Democrat; but upon inquiry I found that he, too, is a Republican. I have met him, and he is a very fine gentleman. (Applause.) We will have the address of welcome by Mayor J. F. Messenbaugh.

### The Mayor's Address of Welcome.

Mayor J. F. Messenbaugh welcomed the members of Hoo-Hoo in the following address:

Ladies and Gentlemen: As your chairman has already told you my politics I will not have to tell you and I will not have to apologize. He wanted to know how I was elected, whether on the Democratic or the Republican ticket. I told him it was Republican. He wanted to know if this town was strongly Republican. I told him no, that when you run for office here your entire party and a good many other people of this city vote for you or you would never be elected. In other words no party has a majority; we believe in putting up good men and electing them; so you can plainly see the reason why I was elected. (Applause.) Now, gentlemen, as brevity is the sole of wit, and especially in hot weather, as the preacher who preaches short sermons will have more people to hear him and get probably as many people into heaven as those who preach long sermons, in making the address of welcome I will not tire you a great deal.

I take pleasure in welcoming you to this city to hold this convention, of which we are unusually proud. We wish to thank you one and all for the honor you have conferred upon our city by selecting it as the place in which to hold your annual convention, knowing, as we do, that other cities were anxious to be selected and, perhaps, had strong claims upon you. Coming as you do from a great many cities and representing a large number of the

states of the Union, from a business as well as a social standpoint it is a pleasure to welcome you to this new state, and more especially a pleasure for the people of this city to entertain you. Socially it is a pleasure to have our friends and neighbors whom we have known back in the old home states to visit us in our new home and to show them how pleasantly and conveniently we are located; more so than a great many of us ourselves expected or thought possible in a city so young and a state so new. Oklahoma people believe they should be modest on account of their youth, but they do not believe it is necessary to be bashful. They believe that good things are worth having, and anything worth having is worth the price it takes to obtain it, be that price sociability, self-sacrifice, money, or whatever the price may be, so long as the price paid is legitimate and just. While we now have, in round numbers, a million and a half people in our new state, we still have room for several million more and would then not be a thickly populated state. Believing that the best interests of our million and a half people would be best subserved by increasing our population as rapidly as possible, such occasions as this are business opportunities for our people, knowing that the men who constitute the membership of this Order are men who have traveled and will travel much, and that they are wide awake to business opportunities, men whose business requires that they be ever on the alert to the general conditions and prospects of each and every state in which they may be doing business. We are trying to get away from that old belief that we had twenty years ago that Oklahoma is no good. When I, as a small boy and going to school, I remember that among other things I was supposed to study geography. I never studied it enough, I will admit, to wear the cover off of the book, but I remember that book contained a map that said: "In this part of the United States corn is raised; in this part of the United States they raise cotton; in this part wheat," and so on. Another part would produce coal; another part produced iron; another part lead and zinc; but when they got to what is now the State of Oklahoma they drew a line around it, and from the desert; don't that was given of that part of the United States, it was a little like the Irishman who had been listening to the minister preaching about the infernal regions. He preached a very hot sermon, and after he got through the Irishman said if everything the preacher said was a fact (which he did not doubt) "it must be a pretty bad climate, to say the least; it must be very hot and dry down there." And about that same condition was preached about Oklahoma. It was supposed to be a barren desert, where people wore short dress and grew long horned cattle.

You will find the majority of the people of Oklahoma City to be aggressive, energetic young men. Of course we grow old down here, but not very fast, and we want to get before the people of the world Oklahoma as it is today and not Oklahoma as some people would have you think it is. When a number of years ago our people started out for statehood they were particular about what kind of statehood they wanted. Like the old maid who started out for a husband, she wanted a particular kind of a husband or none. When she had grown older and hadn't got any she said, "Oh, Lord, send me a man—any old man will do." And that has been our trouble in getting statehood. We have nothing to say against the Congresses of the past; we have forgiven them, and peace be to their memory. But we sent delegations to Congress and they returned and still we were a territory. Some of us wanted statehood out of one; some two. Some of us wanted it twenty-one years of Peruna or more and others didn't care for any kind of Peruna. But we got together at last and now we are getting statehood.

While we were discussing the statehood proposition we were not idle. We were preparing for statehood and the consequence is when we got statehood we could not have got it at a more opportune time. Even Providence has been good to us. We have had more rain this season than common. We have had better crops than common. Everybody seems to be working for Oklahoma, including Congress. If the man who got up the geography had lived here and had got as much flood water as there has been here he would never have forgiven himself for his mistake. As a weather prognosticator he was a failure.

We want you to enjoy yourselves while here. If you want anything, go and get it. When anybody here wants anything it is an even bet he will get it. We want you

to investigate our paved streets, our electric lights, our street railways, and visit our churches. We have fine churches and some of the most eloquent Christian ministers you have ever met. Investigate our schools and our teachers. You will find they are all up to the standard. Investigate everything we have thoroughly and freely. We are not trying to show you the bright side. Investigate it as it is, and when you return to your home states we want you to be free to say that half has not been told about Oklahoma.

### Snark Inman's Response.

SNARK:—Brother Hoo-Hoo and Ladies and Gentlemen: It is hardly worth while for me to attempt to tell you anything of your good citizens or to tell you of the grandeur of your beautiful city or of the magnitude of your commonwealth; but speaking of your hospitality, we are going to enjoy that to the fullest extent, and also your weather. If you don't think so, just go to our rooms and gaze upon our pocket handkerchiefs—you would think we were enjoying the weather all right. (Laughter.) But excessive sunshine is sometimes better than excessive rain. On the coast we have had plenty of rain and we would be willing to divide with you. In behalf of the members of the Pacific Coast who came along with me (because I have to have a body guard) we extend you a hearty welcome from the entire Pacific Coast. Like yourselves, one time we were young. In 1865 I went to the Pacific Coast from Iowa by ox team, leaving on the 21st of May and arriving at Portland on the 1st day of November. Portland then had a population of 500 people. When I met a friend on the street a short time ago, I said: "Do you know the main reason for Oklahoma's advancement?" He said, "No, what is it?" I said, "It is because there is a majority of young men here. They are the ones who build up a city, its commerce and industry, and as they advance in years the younger element come along and keep building up. Just think of it! Only seventeen years since the founding of this beautiful city. You have land upon which you raise cotton, wheat and corn. You have the three great staples for the foundation of a great city. Your fruit and vegetables will enable you to furnish your working people with cheap living, which is the foundation of your manufacturing institutions and for your increasing population. That has caused the success of many of our cities in the United States, and it is a foundation you can build upon for ages. It is not like many of the other resources we have. Take the West, with our mining and timber interests, and take here your oil, gas and coal; all those things can give out, and cities built upon things of that character have not the permanency of cities built upon agricultural resources. My city of Portland is situated something like you are here. We have a great agricultural country around us. You have here for miles, in every direction, the most fertile land in this country, almost in its virgin state. Those are the things you must depend upon to make you successful in building up your city here. I predict that inside of ten years you will have 150,000 people. (Applause.) You can't get away from it. This is no flattery. Your geographical situation is such that you have a market for everything. You are located almost in the center of a densely populated part of the country.

In conclusion I want to say to you that we will enjoy your hospitality; we enjoy the handshake you have given to us, and we will attempt to extend to you as hearty a greeting and as honest a handshake as you have given to us. I am glad we came here; I am glad to see you assembled here today. The hand of goodfellowship and true sentiment go far to build up the commonwealths of this country today. That brings us shoulder to shoulder and makes us good American citizens; and when our flag is in danger every one of us, from every quarter of the United States, march up and say we are ready to serve our country. The foundations of our citizenship are truth and love for each other. Without those foundations you cannot have a republican form of government.

We thank you all for the hospitality you have extended to us. If we find anything that we can carry away we will do it. In fact, if we can carry away some of your houses we will do it and send you some lumber to build others. As for me, I can't carry away any of your young ladies, but there are young fellows here who may capture some of your young women and take them out there when they go home. (Applause.)

### Address by Mr. I. M. Holcomb.

(Mr. I. M. Holcomb, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma City, spoke as follows:)

Ladies and Gentlemen: A few weeks ago I received a very kind letter from Nels Darling of this city asking me to deliver an address of welcome in behalf of our Chamber of Commerce. That spirit within me which would cause me to tackle anything "from a bull on the railroad to an international railway" made me accept at once. I didn't know exactly what Hoo-Hoo meant; so I went home and got down my zoology and it was not in it. I got down my encyclopedia and run down the references, and it was not in it; and I searched. I asked the men who wore the badges; they would not tell me. Last night, at 12:30, the search continued, and I was in much the same condition as the farmer in Arkansas. There they took the Fort Smith Elevator, if I have the name of the paper right. They got it but once a week and there was only one man in the community that could read. They met on Saturday afternoons at the store and he read the paper to them. Some man from Fort Smith had written an extensive article saying that in that year there would be a great influx of immigrants to Arkansas and that the farmers ought to raise an immense crop of corn. One of them said: "Just stop, Mr. Jones, a minute; I want you to tell me what the word 'immigrant' means." Mr. Jones didn't want to admit that he didn't know everything, so he scratched his head and said: "I ain't just certain about it, but I think it is an animal somewhere between a bear and a coon and it's the very dickens on corn." I didn't know any more about what Hoo-Hoo meant than that man knew about immigrants when I got through, and it is a hard thing to make a speech of this kind, as a man might say the wrong thing; like the woman in Kentucky who walked into the Probate Court room and said, "Mister, are you the judge of reprobates?" He said, "No, I am not the judge of reprobates; I am the judge of probate." She said, "I reckon that is it. My old man died dejected and left six little infidels and I want to be their executioner." (Laughter and applause.)

In searching for the definition of this word I saw all the pictures pertaining to your work and I have about decided to make application to join your Order. I shall base my application on these facts: That my lectures are as dry as kindling; that I often saw wood in my back yard; that I am one of a family of nine children. My wife has a cat; she also has an onion bed, in which I frequently roam; I am a deacon of the First Baptist Church, and from yesterday's sermon, it seems that my pastor knows every fact and figure about Hoo-Hoo.

I am here to welcome you, although I do not know what Hoo-Hoo means; but I do know from grasping your hands and looking into your faces that you represent some of the true blue manhood of the United States. (Applause.) In welcoming people to Oklahoma it has become a set phrase to welcome them from the North and South, from the East and from the West. This morning I shall make the geographical division according to Colonel Bain of Kentucky. He makes four divisions of the United States according to the manner in which they take the lie when it is given to them. He draws this line from one ocean to the other, going through Mississippi and Alabama; another line through Kentucky and Virginia; another through Indiana and Illinois, and another westward from New England. If you give a man the lie on the first line, in Mississippi and Alabama, he challenges you to settle it on the field of honor and the duel. If you give a man the lie on the second line, in Kentucky or Virginia, he shoots you with a six-shooter or cuts you in two with a knife. If you give a man the lie on the third line going through Indiana and Illinois, he tells you you are another one. If you give a man the lie on the fourth line, going through New England, he bets you \$5 you can't prove it. Ladies and gentlemen, from whichever of those four sections you come you are welcome to Oklahoma City.



They say I am to tell you about our new state. It is a big subject. I never think of the citizenship of Oklahoma, the new state, or the growth it has made in seventeen years but what I think of the beautiful legend told among our Choctaw Indians. You who have studied history remember that in General Jackson's time probably the greatest Choctaw chieftain that ever lived was a friend of the white man and a subordinate under General Jackson. His name was Push Mat Haw. One day a man asked him about his ancestry. He paused in his Indian fashion and said: "If you must know I will tell you. I have no living kinship upon the earth. Once upon a time, not far from here, in the vast forests of the Choctaw nation, a dark cloud arose on the western horizon and with astonishing velocity traveled across the vast expanse. Across its face the lightning flashed in fitful glare, followed by thunder rolls, peal after peal. Silently and majestically it traveled on the western horizon. In silence profound all inanimate nature stood apart. At last, midst the lightning's flashes and the thunder's roar, as it swept over the sky entire, the cloud burst and the wind rose, and mid falling rain and roaring winds and the lightning's flashes and the thunder's roar, in wild confusion blended, there leaped across the entire firmament a terrific flash of lightning, as if to view the scene a moment, then flashed across the monarch oak that had withstood the fury of the storms for centuries, then split it in equal twain, from top to its bottom, when, lo! there leaped forth a mighty man, in stature perfect, in wisdom profound, in bravery unequalled, a full-fledged warrior. It was Push Mat Haw."

Throughout the storms and jars and lightning flashes of the building of a republic, the mighty flower has at last bloomed in the 46th star on our flag and Oklahoma steps out a full-fledged state, with the power to make one of the greatest in the Union. (Applause.) I don't blame you for applauding, because we are your children. I welcome you today, ladies and gentlemen, not to the old red shirt, buckskin trousers, six-shooter West, but to that anomalous new West, with its culture which, it is said, outshines Boston itself. With a citizenship possessed of sober, yet enthusiastic industry, your new state hosts are the outflowing of 400 years of American civilization. Statehood was withheld a long time, we thought, but it came at last, and around it are centered some of the best hopes of mankind. Oklahoma the new state is unlike any other state in the Union. Oklahoma state, whose hospitality you now enjoy in this magnificent city of which we are all proud, is the conscious incarnation of a living ideal, and that ideal is home. Oklahoma City was a spirit first; the state was a spirit first and the body afterward, thus following the immortal law of growth. Two decades ago young men from every corner of this republic sat by their firesides in their old home wondering what the future held in store for them. The youth who sat by the fireside, the youth whose blood coursed just a little quicker, whose cheek was a little brighter and whose step was a little more elastic when he heard "Maryland, My Maryland," was waiting; the youth who sat on the banks of the Wabash, the dividing line between the empires of Illinois and Indiana, "Where the lamplight through the sycamores was gleaming," that youth was waiting and wondering where the field was in which he could throw his teeming energies; "Where the sun shone bright on the old Kentucky home;" where the Big Sandy and the Kentucky and the Green Rivers rolled their limpid, sparkling waters over the bluegrass meadow—there the boy was waiting to see if there was a place in this world where he could do something and be measured by that something and not by what his grandfathers did. (Applause.) In that great big territory north of us, where there is a conscious pride when Yankee Doodle is played; in that poetic land to our south, where the uproarious cheer goes up when Dixie is played, the boys were waiting, waiting, waiting.

On the 22d of April, 1889, guns boomed on all the border lines of Oklahoma. To those dreaming, waiting youths there was an awakening. The clock was pointing its hand to 12 o'clock on that eventful day, but that clock to those young men was not a teller of time, but a teller of opportunity. (Applause.) They awoke and they came. They came from where the Kennebec rolls; from where the Androscoggin flows; from the Coosack; from the Susquehanna and the Delaware; from the Trinity, and from where the Missouri and the Mississippi course as the great arteries of this country; they came from where all the rivers flow and where all the mountains stand, raising their silent sentinels of this great republic; they bade their

mothers goodbye; they saw a big hand pointing with its index finger to the great Southwest; they looked where it pointed and in letters of living gold across the Southwest was printed the word *Oklahoma*—Oklahoma, another name for opportunity; Oklahoma, for them another name for home; home, the father's kingdom, the child's paradise, the mother's world; home, a world of strife shut out; a world of love shut in; home, where man grumbles most and is treated best (applause); home, that flower of earth of which Heaven is the fruit; home, that little hollow scooped out of the hill of time where you and I can rest from all the troubles and anxieties of the world. Yes, the boys came here and they went to work. The Yankee began to leave off his Rs right here; some of the Southern men whined through the nose worse than Tom Reed. The old effete Easterner began to jump around like an old-time Westerner. If you men spend money seeing different parts of the United States you make a mistake. Come here and see it in a bunch. You can't go four blocks here without hearing a man whistling Yankee Doodle with Dixie as the refrain. It all belongs together.

I will not tell you about our growth here. Men, look at it. I am not going to boast about Oklahoma City this morning. It is yours to look at. We came here and worked from every section. That is what made us great. Some of you fellows think we got the off-scourings from other places; but I tell you manhood grows through opposition, and it took your best men to slick here first. Out of the darkest clouds comes the brightest flash of lightning; out of the hottest furnace comes the finest gold, and out of vicissitudes and hardships of our first ten years has come a citizenship that we will trot out against any of your states. I heard on the street the other day that Oklahoma City is the only place on God's earth where the real estate men tell the truth. (Applause.) The man who said that told me that where he came from they were big liars; but they couldn't tell it too big here. He told me also that up here on the Santa Fe was manufactured the beer that made Milwaukee jealous. (Laughter.) We came here together, Easterner, Westerner, Yankee and Southerner; we dug and spaded; we have laughed and sung together and we have builded together. Go and see our schools. We have brought the best teachers from every state in the Union. We have brought the hustling architects, the artisans, the builders. And our history is not found in dusty libraries nor on frescoed walls, but in the rush and push of the people. In the machinery that has been invented, in the steam plow, the threshing and the steam engine—there you will find our history. The brick and stone buildings built here in the last year were seventy-five, with a frontage of 2,225 feet; the residences built here in the last year were 581. The total cost of our buildings is over two million dollars, and they make seven and one-half city blocks. We have 140 jobbing houses here; 90 manufacturing houses, and they employ close to 4,000 men. When the railroads under construction and planned at this time and which we know will be built, are finished, we will have an outlet to every cardinal point. I think you are right, Mr. Snark, when you said we would get there. When your boys down here strike difficulties they go over them if you can; but if they cannot go over them they go through them. (Applause.) Down here—

"Life's a game of go and hustle, life's a thing of rush and bustle,  
Life's a play of brain and muscle, life's all jump and buzz and whirr;  
Life's a game at whose beginning all the world is set a-spinning,  
That the very thought of winning is itself a splendid spur.  
But who plays the game a-loving, lifting, helping, never shoving,  
Laughing, singing, turtle-doving through its jars and outs and ins,  
With a wife, and little liddle or wee lass to call him dad-dle,  
Doesn't do so very badly, he's the chap who truly wins."

Ladies and gentlemen, you are welcome. (Applause.)

SNARK:—Brother Hoo-Hoo, Ladies and Gentlemen: In response to the splendid address delivered by Mr. Holcomb, we have a gentleman here that is known as the Chesterfield and Beau Brummell of the Order. I hardly think he needs any introduction at my hands. It didn't take him long when he was on the Post out in our place to get acquainted

and everybody formed a warm spot for him—Mr. C. D. Rourke.

#### Ex-Snark Rourke's Response.

(Mr. Rourke addressed the audience as follows:)

Ladies and Gentlemen: On this stage, a few moments ago, you saw Mr. Baird meet me and he ran me up against this response. If Col. McLeod was here, with the three months' preparation these gentlemen have had, we would not be ashamed of him. You will be ashamed of me as your representative here, answering such eloquent spiels as we have had. You can't add to what has been said about Oklahoma; it is facts. Our friends have done all they can to make us feel at home, even to putting the old familiar row up here. There has been a look of disappointment on their faces as they found out what kind of a show it was. But they are there just the same. (Laughter and applause.) If we could only get Tom Rogers, with his overcoat on, the row would be perfect. (Laughter.) One thing about Oklahoma you have noticed—they are not at all bashful in telling about themselves. I suggest to them an electric light sign at every street corner reading, "We are it." I never was more surprised in my life. I expected to get scalped on my way out here. Instead of that I thought I was going through Illinois or Wisconsin. They have even the grouchy landlord. You can reserve a room here for six weeks and come in and that man will tell you he never got your letter. (Applause.) They have done everything on earth to make us believe we are at home. They are progressive. You fellows who have been kicking get what is coming to you. You get it at every place. They want to make you feel at home. (Laughter and applause.) They have got the stuff, but won't give it to us. (Laughter.) These people have not time to kick. They know you fellows must kick or you will go home before your time is up. You are kickers, anyhow, from those old states. Why don't you kick yourselves over into Oklahoma, and you will be "it" too. I am what they call "stalling"—trying to get through. I like this row here. They are wondering every minute what time I am going to do the song and dance. (Laughter.) Coming out here the other day a banker—(laughter)—he said, "It's the same thing that made Chicago and every other town; if you don't blow your own horn, the winds will not do it for you." He walked into our sleeper and said, "Are you gentlemen going to Oklahoma?" We said, "Yes." He said, "Any time you boys get broke come in and bring your check, and don't endorse it." He said, "Only one man ever beat me, and he was a suicide within two weeks." He said, "If you think we have a town of two or three thousand you are wrong; we have 78,000." He said, "You can go out and buy a lot in the suburbs—don't you know about it? Why, everybody knows about Oklahoma City. You fellows have done the best thing you ever did in your lives." We don't care if Tom Rogers did say we would have to wear overcoats here. That is the spirit that got us here. And I brought my overcoat. (Laughter and applause.) They say this is extra hot, though; that they never did have it this way. You know it never occurs any other time but when you are there. This is the only hot wave they have ever had here. You know they predicted a snow storm for today. (Laughter and applause.) My wife puts a rocking chair on the bed and sits up there like a queen fanning me while I dress. (Laughter.) At the hotel they say I have the smallest room in the house. Thank God I didn't engage it last April or they would have had me in the bath room. (Laughter.) Every time I look at that overcoat I cuss Rogers. (Laughter.) But you can't help admiring Rogers. I saw him the other night with his collar in three wilts and his necktie soiled. He said it wasn't hot down here; that the waiter spilt a glass of water down his collar. (Laughter.) You can't lick a spirit like that. You know I was never known to talk serious. I can write a serious speech. I did once, and only twelve men were left. But I tell you people I would like your spirit if I could get up some of those well rounded sentences you reel off. (Laughter.) But I assure you we appreciate your welcome and we will leave Oklahoma, with a different spirit from what we had when we came here. (Applause.)

#### The Official "Annual" Cat.

SNARK:—We will now introduce to you the official cat of the Order. We have named this cat after Frank B. Cole, editor and proprietor of the West Coast Lumberman.

(Four strong men here appeared upon the stage from one of the wings bearing between them the magnificently mounted black cougar, which, it will be remembered, was impressively presented to the Order as the "official cat" by the Hoo-Hoo of Portland, Ore., at last annual meeting. This cat is fully seven feet long and stands not less than three and a half feet high. Its appearance on the stage was startling, but met with immense applause from those who knew what to expect. Later at this meeting it was decided to place this magnificent specimen of the feline tribe in the custody of the House of Ancients, the Scrivenor being directed to see that the cat at the close of this meeting be properly crated and shipped to St. Louis, from whence it will be transported to other annual meetings. The incident was fraught with much interest and surprise to the non-members of Hoo-Hoo, many of whom were present at this first business session.)

MR. T. H. ROGERS:—The ladies reception committee has arranged for a reception at my residence, 1123 North Broadway, and they extend an invitation to all the ladies, and the gentlemen, too, to attend, from 2:30 to 5:30 this afternoon.

(The Snark then read his annual address, followed by the Scrivenor, who read his annual report.)

#### Snark's Address.

When one year ago at Portland, Oregon, I was honored by Hoo-Hoo in being elected to fill the office of Snark of the Universe, I felt and said that I appreciated the honor to be greater than to be elected Governor of Oregon, and now, at the close of one of the most successful years Hoo-Hoo has ever known, having tasted the pleasures of the chiefest office in the land, and above it, I am ready to lay myself by with the Ancients that have gone before, and will say that, next to being President of the United States, there is nothing that could have satisfied me as well as the confidence imposed on me by Great Hoo-Hoo.

We are to-day assembled in one of the most wonderful cities of the United States, whose growth has been phenomenal and whose age is but two years greater than our own.

Fifteen years ago, while Hoo-Hoo was still wrapped in its ancient sleep of thousands of years, the magic words were spoken by the original six, Messrs. B. Arthur Johnson, George K. Smith, A. Strauss, George W. Schwartz, W. S. Mitchell and W. E. Barnes, and behold there was brought to life Great Hoo-Hoo, the Order that has been, is now, and ever will be the greatest boon to all lumbermen and their allies.

Sixteen years ago there was a great prairie waiting for the magic touch; the touch was applied, the words were spoken, and there came to life through the ambition, energy and vim of a cosmopolitan people what is now the largest city of its age in the United States. The record shows 35,000 population in the sixteen years, and a state of prosperity equaling the growth, besides the assurance that it exists on a solid foundation—the city of Oklahoma. That the people of Oklahoma City are worthy need not be said; their way of going at things is evidence enough. "No" is not accepted by them in answer to a request. They do not recognize defeat, and because of their enterprise and vim, their good nature and stick-to-it-iveness, we now have the pleasure of enjoying their hospitality.

I congratulate Oklahoma Hoo-Hoo on being in close touch with States our Western people have always, in a loving way, however, been jealous of.

We are proud of the distinction of being the wild and woolly west—have been afraid this saying might be changed to the "wild and woolly south," and therefore we are trying to strike up a closer friendship with our southern brethren of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, etc., to at least preserve our identity.

From the reports we knew that Hoo-Hoo in this district has been and is very much alive, both as



to numbers and class of people, as well as notorious for wonderful concatenations.

This, with a knowledge of their large-hearted hospitality, gives us a foretaste of what to expect.

We will show them that we appreciate their preparations and welcome by enjoying the good things provided, as well as attending to the business of our annual.

#### The Year's Work.

The past year's work has been a pleasure to me, and my only regret is that the unprecedented volume of business thrust upon the lumber mills created so much extra work at our plant that I was unable to visit many concatenations that I would have enjoyed, however have been able to keep in touch with the work by the reports received from time to time. From year to year the reports of Snark and Scrivenoter have shown increase in numbers and very gratifying results in our fundamental work—that is, a closer friendship and union among the members of our allied interests. That this year has not been an exception, but has been a still richer one for Hoo-Hoo is indeed very gratifying to me, and particularly satisfying has been the universal desire to do, and the doing, of every member of the Supreme Nine, the Vicegerent Snarks and all Hoo-Hoo.

The all-seeing eye of our Scrivenoter (our "Jim") has been a support that made and kept safe the lines as drawn for the guidance of Hoo-Hoo, and right now I desire to express my appreciation of one who has carried forward the work with his usual vim and vigor, who moved the headquarters office at Nashville from the old to new and larger quarters while taking care of a greater volume of work than usual without turning a hair, becoming gray or uttering a cuss-word (prayer), whose judgment in emergencies, and particularly in calls on the distress fund, have proved him to be the right man in the right place. This man is J. H. Baird, and I feel like asking the customary question: "Who is, all right?"—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, etc.

Our Scrivenoter's report will go into details, showing the number of concatenations, number of initiates, together with a statement of moneys received from all sources, and how disbursed.

That the report will be a splendid and encouraging one, is a credit to all Hoo-Hoo, and particularly so to all who have been able to participate in the active part of the year's work. Concatenations have not only been held all over Hoo-Hoo land, but the borders have been enlarged and new territory has been added, particularly in the lumber regions, and new life infused where for a time silence prevailed.

The extension of our borders into British Columbia was one of the features of the year. Gurdon Evans and Vicegerent for Western Washington Miles heard a call from there and immediately ventured across the border, met a goodly number of purblind kittens who certainly had their eyes opened and were enabled to see by the light of Hoo-Hoo land the beauties of the Great Sacred Black Cat. Appreciating the wonders they had seen, and the higher plane on which they stood, they, in their kindness of heart, desired to raise out of blindness many of their friends still in darkness, and there was appointed a Vicegerent for British Columbia on April 21, 1906, who later held a concatenation and established a solid foundation for Hoo-Hoo there and extended the interest already created in Eastern Canada.

Another special feature was the reviving interest and enthusiasm shown in Michigan and the East—in fact, practically all over Hoo-Hoo land. The Vicegerents deserve a great amount of credit for faithful and conscientious work.

At the close of the first six months, having carefully watched the progress made and looked into the various departments of our labors with its results, a letter was written to each Vicegerent requesting that special care be taken as to the eligibility clause calling attention to the by-laws providing as to the class of timber to be admitted; also that each Vicegerent carefully guard the mat-

ter of expenses at the concatenations, and particularly that no precedent be established by too elaborate feasts, etc. I mention this because I desire to emphasize these requests and am anxious that there should be a thorough understanding thereof.

This year has added to our membership not less than 2,000, and the Order is growing fully as rapidly as could be desired, provided none but eligible members are received.

#### Standard of Hoo-Hoo.

That the high standard of Hoo-Hoo is being recognized as never before is shown by the interest taken in our doings by the large business concerns, newspapers, etc., and that Hoo-Hoo will soon be known as the greatest of all boons to the lumbermen is a foregone conclusion.

It is bringing together now as never before lumbermen (who formerly only met occasionally or not at all) in a fraternal and social way that tends to rub off harsh sides and smooths the way for confidence in each other in business relations.

#### Demand for 1909 Annual.

Among the communications received is one showing how much desired Hoo-Hoo is:

We have never lacked for a home for our annual, but the annual at Portland, Oregon, did thoroughly awaken the Pacific coast to the good Hoo-Hoo is doing the lumber interests, and now comes Seattle, where, in 1909, will be held a national and international exposition, with the request that Hoo-Hoo honor that city and state at that time. An official invitation will come before you at the proper time to consider the question two years in advance of the three nines 9-9-9. The fact that our heaviest timber districts are in the extreme west and northwest will tend to add weight to the call.

#### Suggestions for the Future.

Looking forward and dreaming about the future development of Hoo-Hoo is something we all do more or less, and I have seen in my dreams and thought in my thinking of many brilliant things that could and should be accomplished by the Great Sacred Black Cat and its kittens.

Among other things, and one of the most important to the lumber interests, is the preservation of the forests; not only standing timber, but also the growing of new forests. The necessity of the preservation of our great forests is of paramount interest to every man, woman and child in the United States, and does appeal very strongly to those of our allied interests.

Having been interested in sawmilling in the city of Portland, Oregon, since 1875, watched the growth of Portland from 2,500 to a population of 150,000, in the sawmilling business myself since 1882, and having carefully observed the growth of the lumber trade in all its branches, from the woods, in the logging camp, in log booms and rafts, at the mill, in the lumber yards, and to its finish in buildings or aboard ships or cars for other markets, I feel the need of care in using the product of our forests.

There is to-day of standing timber in our three western states, approximately: In the state of Oregon, 300,000,000,000; in the state of Washington, 225,000,000,000; in the state of California, 225,000,000,000.

The mill cut for the present year will reach about 6,000,000,000, and more mills are being erected, so I judge from present indications that unless measures are adopted to replenish our forests, we can supply the trade with lumber not to exceed 100 years.

The great white pine forests of the north are practically a thing of the past.

The yellow pine timber of the south is being rapidly cut off, there being approximately one hundred and fifty billion feet left to draw from.

An annual cut of about eight billion feet is being made now with an estimate of a twenty-year limit to finish the present standing timber.

What can and will Hoo-Hoo do to take care of this question?

I have tried hard to hit upon some scheme whereby Hoo-Hoo might take an active part in awakening public sentiment on the subject of forestry, and it struck me forcibly that if we could find ways and means to create a fund for the purpose of providing a scholarship in some school of forestry, it would establish a precedent that would carry good fruit.

Many universities are equipped with fine libraries, chemical laboratories, timber testing machines and the like; among these, Yale is considered one of the best. The Biltmore Forest School is a technical school merely, but offers the advantage to the student of better concentration of study.

Recently I had a letter from Brother C. A. Schenck, director of the Biltmore school, in which he sets forth their plan and states that forestry at Biltmore is taught and object lessons in forestry are given at Biltmore merely for the reason of arousing interest in practical forestry, and makes the suggestion that Hoo-Hoo might increase its sphere of utility beyond the social advantages by seeing to it that the lumber fraternity of the future obtains a chance at schooling better than that which many of our Hoo-Hoo members could obtain.

We may not desire to consider this question now, but I believe it is one that we should bear in mind and take very carefully, if not now, at some future time, and I would be pleased to see Hoo-Hoo identified with the leaders in this kind of work.

We should also take it upon ourselves as far as possible to encourage the work of the United States government in seeing that forest reserves are taken care of, and that a sufficient number of forest rangers are provided for the protection of our timber. Forest fires are rapidly decimating our valuable timber, and if a sufficient number of cruisers or rangers are provided, it will be a means of protection that is very much needed.

#### The Bulletin.

Early in the year a proposition was submitted to publish a monthly paper, to be the official paper of our Order, and at no expense to us. This was turned down, and only so because your servants, the Supreme Nine, felt that The Bulletin was and is as complete a work under the present able administration as we could desire. The Bulletin has done as much as anything to promote the interests of the Order and to bring about the steady increase of membership, as shown in the yearly reports. The Bulletin is not a mere leaflet, but has grown to such proportions that the expense of publication is no small matter; it has increased in size and become more valuable from year to year. I read it because it gives me all the Hoo-Hoo news, is breezy, spicy and full of vim, but I believe we are doing ourselves an injustice in continuing as we are now. You ask what I mean—I mean this: We are going on as we have in the past, taking in new members and living off the small margin left after furnishing the handbook and button, The Bulletin for a year and giving the Vicegerent half of the fee of his initiation.

There is bound to be a limit to the number of initiates (I am strongly in favor of drawing the lines of eligibility even closer if possible than they are now). The fees received from new members have largely been the revenue needed to keep up our work, and I am strongly in favor of a charge for The Bulletin besides regular dues for membership.

We do not want something for nothing, and all Hoo-Hoo, I am sure, will be glad to see a measure carried that will make the necessary proviso to carry on the work of The Bulletin.

#### Admission to Concatenations.

I heartily endorse Brother Gladings' letter on this subject in the May issue of The Bulletin, and recommend that some action be taken providing for proper identification before admitting members to our meetings.

#### Distress Fund.

It has done my heart good to note the ready response of Hoo-Hoo to the calls for help. When during the last annual this was discussed, a resolution was adopted asking Hoo-Hoo to make voluntary contributions. This was done, and a very fair response was made to the call. This would have been sufficient for all ordinary demands for assistance that were legitimate, but when the earth began to quake at San Francisco and the dire distress there became known, I took the liberty at once of wiring the Scrivenoter to wire Brother Trower, our Vicegerent for northern California, the sum of two thousand dollars. This was done without any hesitation. In addition to this, contributions were called for to go forward in coin for immediate use; this was also sent by express to Brother Trower for Hoo-Hoo sufferers. Brother Baird notified me that members of the Supreme Nine, and other members of Hoo-Hoo, desired that another call be sent out to replenish the distress fund, and all heartily endorsed the action taken. This was done, and again a very liberal response. This was Hoo-Hoo work. It is not necessary to tell you how the general public responded and how it brought out the true American spirit of fellowship, and I felt that all needed to bring to the top the true heart and soul of the American people was to find someone in distress.

Some of the appeals that have come to us during the year are indeed pitiful. A good, worthy brother in distress, or a brother's widow and children without bread and butter—these must be helped and helped quickly, and I want to express my special thanks to the Vicegerents and members that have had occasion to personally investigate such cases, some not waiting for returns from headquarters, but gathering funds from among the local Hoo-Hoo to take care of their distressed.

#### To Resume and Continue to a Finish.

There is one more feature of Hoo-Hoo to which I wish to call your particular attention—sociability. Wherever you meet a Hoo-Hoo, speak to him; he is your brother and you know he is interested in the same lines you are, therefore shake hands with him, get his number and give him yours and have a good time. Whenever possible, hold a meeting between concatenations to have a good social time and cement the bonds of fellowship all for the sake of the Great Sacred Black Cat and for health, happiness and long life.

R. D. INMAN, Snark.

#### Scrivenoter's Report.

Our receipts and disbursements for the Hoo-Hoo year ending Sept. 9, 1906, have been as follows, my books closing with the close of business Sept. 6:

#### RECEIPTS.

5. Balance on hand, Sept. 1, 1905	\$ 7,780 18
13. Grip-tags sold	95 89
17. Imminent Distress Fund	5,688 03
21. Life Fees	850 10
22. Dues	11,074 01
24. Concatenations	10,757 15
25. Merchandise (pins, buttons, etc., sold)	1,721 04
58. Honorary Fees	90 00
62. Interest on deposit	40 51
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	\$37,001 81

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

18. Grip-tags purchased	\$ 31 50
17. Imminent Distress Fund	2,704 22
19. Annual Meeting (Portland)	641 44
21. Premium on Scrivenoter's Bond	70 00
21. Snark's Ring	98 50
26. Merchandise (pins, buttons, etc., bought)	4,722 13
28. Petty expense	804 50
30. Postage and Registered Mail	2,807 72
34. Stationery and Printing	1,304 80
35. Printing Handbook (1905)	1,780 00
40. Express account	774 40
40. Rent account	540 00
53. Telegraph account	101 11
54. Printing Material and Supplies	232 40
56. Office Fixtures	24 57
61. Refund account	57 54
64. Osirian Oloster	6 80
65. House of Ancients	258 00
66. Insurance	17 25
71. Scrivenoter's Clerical Help	2,550 01
72. Cuts and Electros	105 08



74. Scrivener's Salary.....	1,000 02
75. Printing THE BULLETIN.....	5,244 75
81. Trunk Equipment and Supplies.....	640 30
83. Annual Handbook Bulletin.....	2,808 50
85. Traveling Expenses.....	183 65
90. Good of Order.....	15 22
Balance on hand.....	8,122 87
\$37,001 81	

Attention is called to the fact that in this balance is embraced the balance to credit of Imminent Distress Fund, amounting to \$4,053.58, leaving as the actual free balance to the general fund, \$5,068.79.

I have audited the books of J. H. Baird, Scrivener and certify that the above is a true and accurate statement of his receipts and disbursements. My audit covers business from September 1, 1905, to September 6, 1906, both inclusive.  
J. O. EDWARDS, Accountant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of September, 1906.  
S. D. F. McEWEN, Notary Public.

Sept. 6, 1906.—The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, J. H. Baird, Scrivener, have to their credit to-day in First Nat'l Bank, Nashville, Tenn., eighty-one hundred, thirty-one, and 16-100 dollars.  
R. E. DONNELL, Asst. Cashier.

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

Concatenations.

One hundred and twenty-two concatenations have been held during the year as follows, the distribution of the meetings, as will be seen, covering practically the whole United States from ocean to ocean and with several concatenations in His British Majesty's Dominion to the north of us and one in Mexico.

Number.	Date.	Place.	No of Initiates			Remitted Scrivener.		
			Hon.	Life.	Reg.	Hon.	Life.	Reg.
1168	9-2-06	Salt Lake City, Utah	8					\$ 40 00
1169	9-8-06	Piedmont, W. Va.	8					50 70
1170	9-9-06	Mena, Ark.	11					48 11
1171	9-9-06	Livingston, Mont.	5					25 05
1172	9-9-06	Mexico City, Mex.	23					115 00
1173	9-9-06	Portland, Ore.	204					19 04
1174	9-23-06	Douglas, Ariz.	6					89 91
1175	9-15-06	Raleigh, N. C.	4					16 04
1176	9-4-06	Spokane, Wash.	20					99 80
1177	10-3-06	Savannah, Ga.	1	\$50 00				84 08
1178	10-21-06	Charlestown, W. Va.	5					25 00
1179	11-14-06	Memphis, Tenn.	8					40 00
1180	9-9-06	Portland, Ore.	1					5 00
1181	11-15-06	Somerset, Ky.	15					52 35
1182	11-18-06	Houston, Tex.	41					205 41
1183	11-18-06	Longview, Tex.	14					70 14
1184	11-18-06	Grand Junction, Colo.	13					65 18
1185	11-25-06	Yonkers, N. Y.	15					75 15
1186	12-1-06	Elkins, W. Va.	10					29 90
1187	12-2-06	San Francisco, Cal.	8					65 00
1188	12-5-06	Colingwood, Ont.	19					94 09
1189	12-8-06	Larned, Kan.	31					155 00
1190	12-16-06	Hot Springs, Ark.	9					45 09
1191	12-18-06	Thompson, Tex.	5	\$10 70				189 10
1192	12-28-06	Gulfport, Miss.	19					65 19
1193	1-9-06	Birmingham, Ala.	20					100 00
1194	1-13-06	Montgomery, Ala.	8					40 00
1195	1-11-06	Baltimore, Md.	31					153 00
1196	1-9-06	Joplin, Mo.	10					61 00
1197	1-9-06	Indianapolis, Ind.	13					65 00
1201	1-13-06	Philadelphia, Pa.	8					40 08
1202	1-16-06	Brunswick, Ga.	10					47 15
1203	1-13-06	Mobile, Ala.	21					103 20
1204	1-17-06	Minneapolis, Minn.	30					149 70
1205	1-20-06	Newport, Ark.	13					65 00
1206	1-2-06	DeQueen, Ark.	9					45 00
1207	1-9-06	Denver, Colo.	11					54 80
1208	1-2-06	Blue Bluff, Ark.	22					109 78
1209	1-25-06	Nashville, Tenn.	19					99 00
1210	2-3-06	Bristol, Tenn.	16					85 84
1211	2-2-06	Ca. ro. Ill.	41					205 00
1212	1-24-06	Kansas City, Mo.	54					270 00
1213	2-6-06	Louisville, Ky.	17					85 00
1214	2-6-06	Detroit, Mich.	19					86 00
1215	2-9-06	Davenport, Iowa.	10					59 25
1216	2-9-06	Omaha, Neb.	37					185 00
1217	2-14-06	Chicago, Ill.	10					50 00
1218	2-16-06	Winnipeg, Man.	10					86 77
1219	2-17-06	Danville, Ark.	9					45 00
1220	2-10-06	Oklahoma City, Okla.	57					370 02
1221	2-7-06	Spokane, Wash.	37					184 03
1222	2-25-06	New York, N. Y.	17					84 83
1223	2-25-06	Charleston, W. Va.	15					75 00
1224	2-24-06	Huttig, Ark.	32					158 18
1225	2-21-06	Baltimore, Md.	15					75 00
1226	2-23-06	Ov. n South, Ont.	25					125 00
1227	2-28-06	Hicago, Ill.	20					135 00

Number.	Date.	Place.	No. of Initiates			Remitted Scrivener.		
			Hon.	Life.	Reg.	Hon.	Life.	Reg.
1228	3-6-06	Milwaukee, Wis.	16					80 00
1229	2-24-06	Lake Charles, La.	56			238 40		220 00
1230	3-9-06	Eureka Springs, Ark.	15					74 85
1231	3-10-06	St. Louis, Mo.	10					45 40
1232	3-8-06	Sioux City, Iowa.	18					70 14
1233	3-13-06	Jackson, Miss.	21					105 21
1234	3-13-06	Philadelphia, Pa.	10					80 10
1235	3-8-06	Sioux City, Iowa.	21					
1236	3-17-06	Paducah, Ky.	11					44 01
1237	2-2-06	Shreveport, La.	20					129 74
1238	3-17-06	Boston, Mass.	11					35 00
1239	3-23-06	Osaka, Iowa.	8					30 40
1240	3-30-06	Pittsburg, Pa.	17					75 00
1241	3-25-06	Waterloo, Iowa.	6					28 16
1242	3-31-06	Wesleyville, Texas.	23					105 00
1243	3-27-06	Vadon, Ga.	20					107 01
1244	3-31-06	Newport, Ark.	10					50 00
1245	4-6-06	Washington, D. C.	28					110 00
1246	3-24-06	Portland, Ore.	17					84 83
1247	4-6-06	Vancouver, B. C.	34					158 81
1248	4-10-06	Salt Lake, Utah.	9					45 00
1249	4-7-06	San Francisco, Calif.	16					80 10
1250	4-12-06	San Antonio, Tex.	19					93 00
1251	4-27-06	Evansville, Ind.	6					30 84
1252	4-27-06	Johnson City, Tenn.	10					80 70
1253	5-4-06	Pittsburg, Pa.	7					35 07
1254	5-5-06	Ruston, La.	9					45 00
1255	4-14-06	Port Smith, Ark.	12					60 00
1256	5-5-06	Eugene, Ore.	10					80 10
1257	5-12-06	Hugo, I. T.	14					70 00
1258	5-10-06	Mountain City, Tenn.	11					55 00
1259	5-10-06	Texarkana, Ark.	21					103 21
1260	5-11-06	Bluefield, W. Va.	25					125 00
1261	5-21-06	Dallas, Tex.	20					138 70
1262	5-21-06	Atlantic Beach, Fla.	20					100 00
1263	5-25-06	San Angelo, Tex.	10					50 00
1264	6-1-06	Grand Rapids, Mich.	11					55 01
1265	6-7-06	Des Moines, Iowa.	11					49 11
1266	6-9-06	Nashville, Tenn.	8					10 00
1267	6-21-06	Buffalo, N. Y.	13					89 44
1268	6-16-06	Brinkley, Ark.	13					65 00
1269	6-23-06	Little Rock, Ark.	25					125 25
1270	6-18-06	Baltimore, Md.	11					55 00
1271	6-23-06	Aberdeen, Wash.	37					184 81
1272	6-30-06	Monroe, La.	18					92 43
1273	6-29-06	London, Ont.	7					28 07
1274	7-3-06	Albany, N. Y.	45					225 00
1275	7-3-06	Asheville, N. C.	17					85 00
1276	6-30-06	Cincinnati, O.	22					110 22
1277	7-14-06	Atlantic City, N. J.	9					45 00
1278	7-25-06	Portland, Ore.	10					50 10
1279	8-17-06	Birmingham, Ala.	10					50 00
1280	8-16-06	Kansas City, Mo.	9					45 00
1281	8-21-06	Coxville, Tenn.	23					115 00
1282	8-10-06	Vancouver, B. C.	20					285 00
1283	8-25-06	Waco, Tex.	57					100 40
1284	8-25-06	San Francisco, Cal.	15					75 15
1285	8-31-06	Toronto, Ont.	18					95 00
1286	9-2-06	Eugene, Ore.	13					94 18
1287	8-31-06	Winchester, Ky.	25					125 00
1288	9-1-06	Fresno, Cal.	22					110 22
1289	9-4-06	Elkine, W. Va.	8					50 08

Concatenations No. 1181 and No. 1235 are "setitious," provided to straighten my rolls where through error of the Vicegerent one or more of the initiates were left out in reporting meeting. This appears to be an awkward way to adjust the matter, but I know of no other by which to make the matter entirely clear and preserve numerical sequence of our initiates.

In number of Initiates we have again broken all previous records. I append a comparative statement of concatenations held and men initiated from the beginning.

1822	15 concatenations, 166 men.
1833	23 concatenations, 458 men.
1844	37 concatenations, 1,575 men.
1855	131 concatenations, 3,383 men.
1866	82 concatenations, 873 men.
1877	63 concatenations, 687 men.
1888	74 concatenations, 657 men.
1899	85 concatenations, 861 men.
1900	83 concatenations, 823 men.
1901	70 concatenations, 747 men.
1902	77 concatenations, 1,131 men.
1903	109 concatenations, 1,721 men.
1904	119 concatenations, 1,920 men.
1905	125 concatenations, 2,184 men.

Record of Work in Vicegerencies.

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

VICEGERENTS.	No. concatenations.			No. of Initiates.		
	Reg.	Life.	Hon.	Reg.	Life.	Hon.
Alabama (Northern Dist.)—S. P. King.....	2	30		1	8	
Alabama (Central Dist.)—P. P. McCormick.....	1	8		1	21	
Alabama (Southern Dist.)—Mark Lyons.....	1	21		1	8	
Alabama (State of Sonora, Mex.)—W. G. McDon-						
Arizona.....	1	0		1	0	
California (Northern Dist.)—W. A. Billingsley.....	1	0		1	0	
Arkansas (Western Dist.)—G. W. Cleveland.....	5	50		5	50	
Arkansas (Southern Dist.)—J. C. McGrath.....	6	109		6	109	
British Columbia—J. D. Moody.....	2	91		2	91	
California (Southern Dist.)—Robt. Raphael.....	1	19		1	19	
California (Central Dist.)—Frank W. Trower.....	4	61		4	61	
Canada (Eastern Dist.)—Jas. G. Cane.....	1	19		1	19	
Canada (W. T. Brown).....	2	24		2	24	
Colorado—V. Bull.....	1	15		1	15	
Florida (Southern Dist.)—C. E. Taft.....	1	15		1	15	
Florida (Northern Dist.)—J. B. Conrad.....	1	20		1	20	
Florida (Western Dist.)—P. K. Torneo.....	1	19		1	19	
Georgia (Northern Dist.)—W. R. Chewes.....	2	27	1	2	27	1
Georgia (Southern Dist.)—J. L. Phillips.....	1	20		1	20	
Georgia (Southwestern Dist.)—J. L. Phillips.....	2	27	1	2	27	1
Georgia (Channeled).....	1	15		1	15	
Idaho (Northern Dist.)—J. E. Fuller.....	2	96		2	96	
Illinois (Central Dist.)—A. B. Simonson.....	1	8		1	8	
Illinois (Northern Dist.)—P. T. Langan.....	1	41		1	41	
Illinois (Southern Dist.)—E. B. Swayze.....	1	14		1	14	
Indiana (Northern Dist.)—John Cooper.....	1	13		1	13	
Indiana (Southern Dist.)—C. O. Gronow.....	3	28		3	28	
Iowa (Northern Dist.)—Mark Anson.....	3	20		3	20	
Iowa (Southern Dist.)—L. R. Fifer.....	1	81		1	81	
Kansas (Western Dist.)—J. R. McLaurin.....	1	81		1	81	
Kansas (Eastern Dist.)—J. R. McLaurin.....	1	81		1	81	
Kentucky (Western Dist.)—Jas. B. Hall.....	1	6		1	6	
Kentucky (Northern Dist.)—R. S. Robertson.....	1	0		1	0	
Louisiana (Northern Dist.)—J. A. Chipman.....	4	68	10	4	68	10
Louisiana (Southern Dist.)—R. A. Alderson.....	4	70	10	4	70	10
Louisiana (W. E. Waters).....	1	1		1	1	
Maryland—H. B. F. Lamb.....	1	1		1	1	



and 387 initiates; then comes Jurisdiction No. 5, under the Scrivenoter, with 17 concatenations and 250 initiates, closely followed by Jurisdiction No. 9, under Guerdon Evans, with 8 concatenations and 234 initiates.

**Deceased.**

Deaths of the following members have been reported to me during the year and recorded on my rolls. While I regret that the list is a long one and contains the names of many of those long associated with us actively in Hoo-Hoo work, I fear the list is very incomplete and would urge that all those present at this meeting who have knowledge of the death of a member during the past twelve months, whose name does not appear in the above list, kindly supply me with the facts before this meeting closes.

72 G. C. Pratt.	6863 A. E. Anderson, Jr.
208 J. B. Bewick.	7268 G. W. Beckner.
1165 J. Q. Hubbard.	7756 W. H. Quinan.
1816 F. J. Clark.	7810 G. C. Griswam.
1829 W. E. Young.	8326 A. Biesel.
2031 A. L. Lindsay.	8439 E. A. Parmele.
2100 Jos. Myers.	8505 G. M. Scott.
2791 W. T. Edgerton.	8530 A. E. Sherwin.
2966 P. G. Kenelly.	8902 G. H. Curcio.
3123 J. B. M. Stevens.	9400 F. L. Lewis.
3278 Geo. E. Phillips.	9846 T. O. Anders.
3468 H. A. Woods.	10156 W. E. Cattel.
3462 S. F. Hayden.	10586 C. W. Young.
3558 S. J. Hendy.	11410 Thos. Reynolds.
2871 David Gill.	12259 E. E. Smith.
4031 G. A. Ross.	12331 D. D. MacGillia.
4085 J. S. Gilmore.	12395 E. L. Frost.
4197 J. F. Thompson.	12476 N. C. Washburn.
4217 M. W. Johnson.	12759 J. G. Spence.
4256 Dan McDonald.	12868 F. B. Suppiger.
4407 P. M. Andrews.	12569 J. H. Taylor.
4776 Chas. Shedd.	13211 L. L. Ladd.
4785 O. J. Lloyd.	13442 A. F. Seale.
4837 J. O'Hara.	13779 J. B. W. Snead.
5017 W. K. Mead.	14305 J. R. Hill.
5382 J. W. Swinford.	14614 R. V. Neely.
5406 W. G. Cooksey.	Hon. S. L. D. Holden.
5538 W. L. Rowe.	Hon. 23 H. J. E. Lancaster.
6009 R. T. Connell.	Hon. 23 Leon Blum.

**Resigned.**

Resignations from fourteen men have been received and entered. In many cases these resignations come from men who, by reason of retirement from active business on account of age and infirmity, or who from poverty, feel no longer able to pay dues.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. H. BAIRD, Scrivenoter.

**Scrivenoter's Supplemental Report.**

At the Portland annual meeting it was suggested that the Scrivenoter should submit at the next annual meeting detailed report of property of the Order in his charge. When I took charge of the Scrivenoter's office in September of 1896 there was no careful inventory made of the property turned over to me by my predecessor. Aside from the printing material and supplies that had been purchased from time to time for use in the handbook, and aside from the trunks and their equipment used in our initiation, the physical property turned over to me was not large in amount or valuable in character. The best inventory I can now make from scanty memoranda taken at the time is as follows:

- 1 small table (in bad repair).
- 1 small typewriter table.
- 1 typewriter desk.
- 1 typewriter (worn and in bad repair).
- 1 typewriter in good repair.
- 1 small roll-top desk (broken in shipment).
- 1 letter copy press.

The above inventory does not purport to be accurate in detail, but it covers the most important items. It does not include, as stated above, the type set up for use in the handbook, a large number of cuts and electrotypes (mainly of vicegerents), nor does it include a large number of letter files, transfer cases, books, papers, etc., in use in various ways in the conduct of the business.

Since I took charge of the office of Scrivenoter, the expenditures for what may be termed assets have all been embraced under the four accounts, "Printing Material and Supplies," "Office Furniture and Fixtures," "Cuts and Electrotypes," and "Trunk Equipment and Supplies." I will take up the expenditures on these accounts in the order named for the entire period of my incumbency:

**Printing Material and Supplies.**

Year ending Sept. 9, 1897	\$156 02
Year ending Sept. 9, 1898	6 54
Year ending Sept. 9, 1899	14 47
Year ending Sept. 9, 1900	82 63
Year ending Sept. 9, 1901	148 90
Year ending Sept. 9, 1902	290 77
Year ending Sept. 9, 1903	371 04
Year ending Sept. 9, 1904	223 25
Year ending Sept. 9, 1905	270 45
Year ending Sept. 9, 1906	242 43
Total	\$1,806 50

Practically all this money has gone for type, slugs, cases, stands, racks and other material used in printing the handbook. The expenditures, it will be seen, for the ten years total \$1,806.56. The annual expenditures have increased during recent years as a larger and larger number of new names have been added to the book. All this material is in the hands of the printers, and fully covered by insurance. It is in as good order as could be expected, seeing that some of the type has been in use for thirteen or fourteen years, and nearly all of it for several years. Most of the material is set up in the forms from which the last edition of the handbook was printed. I make no effort to put money value on this material, and would warn against the assumption that it could be sold for anything approximating its cost price. Purchased for a definite and specific purpose, much of the material is unsuitable for the general use of printers.

**Office Furniture and Fixtures.**

I give the detailed expenditures on this account during the ten years of my incumbency, as below, referring in each case both to date and number of Voucher

No.		
118—May 4, 1897—Desk	\$ 18 00	
228—Feb. 1, 1898—Second-hand table	2 50	
336—Oct. 22, 1898—Chiffonier		7 00
(for stationary)		
336—Oct. 22, 1898—Rug, etc. (for office)		9 00
339—Oct. 22, 1898—Shelving		12 50
421—June 15, 1899—2 Chairs		1 20
423—July 7, 1899—Typewriter		100 00
489—Nov. 9, 1899—Cut rack and shelving		16 50
(carpentry)		
648—Dec. 8, 1900—75-drawer filing case		95 00
724—June 13, 1901—Typewriter desk		16 00
712—Dec. 7, 1901—Large table (made to order)		20 00
1188—Feb. 14, 1903—Typewriter (credit for old typewriter, \$10.00)		90 00
1246—April 20, 1903—Book case		9 00
1253—May 18, 1903—Carpet, awnings, shades		22 90
1856—Oct. 18, 1904—Safe		140 00
2043—May 3, 1905—Dictionary stand		5 00
2482—Feb. 15, 1906—Cloak rack		2 50
2596—April 16, 1906—Six chairs		9 00
2715—July 9, 1906—Standing desk		13 07
Total		\$ 589 17

With the exception of the expenditures for carpets, rugs, shades, etc., all the articles enumerated above are on hand in good condition, due allowance being made for wear and tear.

**Cuts and Electrotypes.**

On this account it is manifestly impossible to enumerate and describe all the many cuts that have been made for The Bulletin and for our other various printing during the ten years, and it is impossible for me now to even approximate the number, character and condition of those turned over to me by my predecessor. Many of the cuts made—those of our illustrious members, vicegerents, etc.—have something of a permanent value to the Order, while many others have been made for temporary purposes and are valueless except for the metal there may be in them. Not all the cuts made by the Scrivenoter's office have been used in The Bulletin or in the printed matter turned out from his office. From time to time many cuts have been

made for the use of vicegerents in the preparation of literature in connection with concatenations. I can only append the expenditures on this account, year by year, and add that I have listed and indexed the cuts that I have thought of permanent value, and have stored the others in boxes.

Year ending Sept. 9, 1897	\$213 78
Year ending Sept. 9, 1898	88 90
Year ending Sept. 9, 1899	128 23
Year ending Sept. 9, 1900	260 28
Year ending Sept. 9, 1901	30 85
Year ending Sept. 9, 1902	148 59
Year ending Sept. 9, 1903	351 94
Year ending Sept. 9, 1904	475 26
Year ending Sept. 9, 1905	348 32
Year ending Sept. 9, 1906	539 70
Total	\$2,585 85

**Trunk Equipment and Supplies.**

Here again it is an impossible task to minutely describe or inventory all that has been purchased and to set forth what finally became of it. Nearly all that goes into the equipment of these trunks perishes finally in the using. As I now recall it, there were nine of these trunks in commission when I took charge of the office. This number has been increased to seventeen. Some trunks have been naturally worn out during the ten years, while others have been destroyed in fires and railroad wrecks. The only asset the Order possesses on this account is the seventeen trunks now in commission, with their equipment, and a small amount of surplus supplies which we keep on hand, consisting mainly of shot, salt and chemicals, robes, hoodwinks, glasses, and other implements and devices familiar to our recent initiates. Except for our own use I would regard all this property as without value, even the trunks being constructed so especially for a specific use as to render them unsuitable for any other purpose.

I append expenditures for trunks and their equipment for ten years:

Year ending Sept. 9, 1897	\$ 37 50
Year ending Sept. 9, 1898	24 40
Year ending Sept. 9, 1899	132 24
Year ending Sept. 9, 1900	72 15
Year ending Sept. 9, 1901	100 88
Year ending Sept. 9, 1902	66 93
Year ending Sept. 9, 1903	87 62
Year ending Sept. 9, 1904	147 99
Year ending Sept. 9, 1905	137 23
Year ending Sept. 9, 1906	165 08
Total	\$ 972 02

**In General.**

I know of no other property belonging to the Order except a moderate supply of stationery on hand, consisting mainly of the various blanks used in our initiatory work, letter-heads, envelopes, voucher blanks, dues, notices, shipping tags, etc. We no longer carry in stock either pins, buttons, or other jewelry. Being located near to the manufacturers of these articles, we have them supplied in volume practically to meet our daily demands, most of the articles, anyway, requiring engraving at the hands of the jewelers before being sent out. The Order possesses in the office of the Scrivenoter quite a number of pictures—mostly framed photographs—and other wall and other ornaments characteristic of Hoo-Hoo. A number of these pictures were turned over to me by my predecessor and have been slightly added to from time to time. I regard all this as without money value.

The foregoing, of course, takes no cognizance of the immense volume of records that have been accumulated. Every letter that has been received during my term of office is on file, with copy of its reply, and the transfer cases in which this accumulated correspondence is kept requires much room for proper storing. The bound volumes of biographical blanks of members now assume large proportions and are an invaluable record. All reports of concatenations are duly labeled and filed away, as are also the vouchers and other papers bearing upon the conduct of the Order's business.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. H. BAIRD, Scrivenoter.

By inadvertence that portion of the Scrivenoter's report containing his recommendation on dues and subscription to The Bulletin was left out here in the "make-up" of pages will be found complete at end of Stenographic Proceedings.

**The Committee.**

The Snark named the following committees:

Good of the Order: P. B. Walker, A. C. Ramsey, Jno. S. Bonner, N. S. Darling, R. W. English.  
Constitution and By-Laws: W. E. Barns, N. A. Gladding, C. D. Rourke, W. H. Norris.  
Resolutions: B. F. Cobb, W. R. Anderson, W. W. Everett.  
Next meeting: Geo. E. Youle, E. Stringer Boggess, S. H. Bollinger.  
Auditing: E. H. Habighorst, C. A. Glone, O. H. Reetanus.

(Upon motion by Mr. Stephenson (2676), seconded by Mr. Rogers (485), and carried, the election of the Supreme Nine for the ensuing year was made a special order of business for 11 a. m., Wednesday, September 12.)

(Upon motion by Mr. Rourke (421), seconded by Mr. Darling (3022), and carried, the meeting was adjourned until 9:09 a. m., Tuesday, September 11, 1896.)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.**

(At 9:09 o'clock a. m. the convention was called to order by Supreme Scrivenoter James H. Baird. Upon motion by Mr. N. S. Darling (3022), seconded by Mr. E. S. Boggess (7197), and carried, an adjournment was taken until 9:39 a. m.)

(At 9:39 o'clock, upon motion duly seconded and carried, adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m.)

(At 11 o'clock a. m. the convention was called to order by Snark Inman.)

SNARK:—The first order of business will be the reading of some letters and telegrams by the Scrivenoter.

SCRIVENOTER:—Gentlemen: It is manifestly impossible, of course, to read all the letters and telegrams that have been received from our members. I have gone through the several hundred that have arrived and selected a number which I will read.

**From Absent Members.**

The Scrivenoter then read the following letters and telegrams:

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 11, 1906.—Robert D. Inman, Snark of Hoo-Hoo of Washington, Oregon and British Columbia in annual concatenation assembled, endorses George E. Youle, Seattle, for North Pacific Coast Representative on Supreme Nine.

E. CLARK EVANS, Supreme Gurdon;  
W. C. MILES, Vicegerent Western Washington;  
W. B. MACKAY, Vicegerent Northern Oregon;  
GEORGE H. KELLEY, Vicegerent Southern Ore.;  
J. D. MOODY, Vicegerent British Columbia.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 7, 1906.—Robert D. Inman, Snark of the Universe, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Okla.: George Youle on the Nine would sound good to the Pacific northwest. Endorsement at annual concatenation to-morrow.

W. C. MILES,  
T. P. CLAFFEY,  
W. H. WYMAN.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 11, 1906.—Robt. D. Inman, Snark of Hoo-Hoo, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Pacific Northwest Hoo-Hoo want George Youle on Supreme Nine.  
FRED H. GILMAN,  
W. H. WYMAN.

Eugene, Ore., Sept. 3, 1906.—Mr. R. D. Inman, Snark of the Universe, Oklahoma City, O. T.—Saturday night we had a concatenation at this place, at which eighteen kits passed, asking the Oregon Hoo-Hoo to support Bro. A. C. Ramsey for Snark of the Universe.  
Will you kindly convey this information to our Oregon brethren at the annual?

Fraternally yours,  
W. B. MACKAY,  
Vicegerent for Northern Oregon.  
GEO. H. KELLY,  
V. S. for Southern Oregon.



Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 5, 1906—J. H. Baird, Scrivener: We understand that our friend, Chas. Wollin, of Evansville, Ind., is going to Oklahoma to attend the Hoo-Hoo annual, and the Hoo-Hoo in Indiana think they should be represented on the Supreme Nine. If you can speak a good word for him for the position of Junior Hoo-Hoo, or a position equally as good, you will confer a great favor on all the Hoo-Hoo in Indiana. He has been a hard worker for the order, and we believe that he should have a position on the Supreme Nine. Hoping that you can do something for our friend, we are

Respectfully yours,

JAY L. PECK (No. 247),  
ROBT. SMIDER (No. 8382),  
J. L. ARMSTRONG (No. 9252),  
AUGUST DROMINE (No. 8373),  
WM. H. STEELE (No. 8383),  
J. P. STEELE (No. 16039),  
JAMES F. GOULD (No. 509),  
CHAS. F. MCABE (No. 8387).

Colorado Springs, Col., Sept. 6, 1906—J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City.—My Dear Brother: Another year has been added to the life of Hoo-Hoo, and the faithful again assemble at Oklahoma City to do him reverence and renew their vows of fealty to great Hoo-Hoo. Circumstances prevent my being with you, which I very much regret. To one and all All hail! I greet you. H. H. HEMENWAY.

Glasgow, Scotland, 8 Gordon street, Aug. 29, 1906.—Dear Bro. Baird: Another year has slipped away, and, like a good Hoo-Hoo, I send you all greetings. Hoo-Hoo has used me well during the past year, but how could it be otherwise when I always wear the button. I hope you all have a ripping time at Oklahoma City on the 9th. At 9:09 I will drink to your good health. Tell Bro. Martin (the only Hoo-Hoo who has visited me here) that I will have the same drink (well, not exactly, but something similar) as when he was here. I inclose a sprig o' white heather, and also some views of our city and bonnie Scotland. Do the usual with the heather, and give the cards to any nice young ladies whose name is the same as the Clan Tartan marked on them. In the view of Buchanan street, Glasgow, the building you notice on the corner is where our office is. I don't feel much like writing, as I am suffering from a severe cold, but take the will for the deed, and some time soon I promise I will send you something more interesting. Give my best regards to all, and say I will be very pleased to see any Hoo-Hoo stay in this city pleasant, and will do my best to make his stay in this city pleasant.

Wishing you all health, happiness and long life B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C. "Guld luck and joy be wi' ye," as Bobbie Burns says.

Thine aye,  
JAMIE "Hoot, mon" LIGHTBODY.

SCRIVENER:—In a separate letter Mr. Lightbody requests that I present this sprig of heather to the handsomest lady present. Being a young man and fairly good looking I hesitate to perform that pleasant but dangerous duty; therefore I delegate the task to Mr. W. M. Stephenson, who has nothing to lose. (Laughter and applause.)

(The Scrivener read quite a number of letters which are not published above. These letters in the main contained suggestions for the business government of Hoo-Hoo, changes in its Constitution and By-laws, etc., and other matters of routine interest. All such letters upon motion were referred to various committees, and were handed over by the Scrivener as fast as read to the chairman of these committees, all of them being duly considered in making up committee reports.)

#### Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Mr. B. F. Cobb (32) read the report of the Committee on Resolutions as follows:

Resolved: That the thanks of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo are due to our resident members in the new state of Oklahoma, and particularly to the local entertainment committee and other committees of arrangements for this meeting composed of our members resident in the City of Oklahoma for their untiring efforts to make our visit to Oklahoma City a pleasurable success.

Resolved, That the thanks of Hoo-Hoo are due to the committee of ladies, who have done their best to make it pleasant for the visiting ladies who came with the members of our Order.

Resolved, That the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo when in annual session shall not consider any invitation from any locality to hold the coming annual at such locality, and that this resolution take effect immediately. (Tabled.)

Resolved, That Vicegerents be ordered to admit no member to a concatenation without taking his number and verifying his good standing in the Order.

Resolved, That a membership card showing the status of each member be annually issued to every Hoo-Hoo in good standing, and that no member be admitted to concatenations without that card.

Resolved, That it is for the best interests of Hoo-Hoo that no badges be given out during our annual meetings except to our regular members and the ladies in their party, and that the members be enjoined not to give away the badges so received.

Resolved, That the annual dues of regular members be raised to \$1.99, to admit of the covering of expenses incident to alterations in our policy and procedure.

Resolved, That it is with the deepest regret as, in looking back over the past year, we note the names of so many of our brothers who have finished this life's work and have passed out into the great unknown. The list, as far as we are informed, is as follows:

72	G. C. Pratt.
208	J. B. Beswick.
1155	J. Q. Hubbard.
1690	F. G. Moore.
1816	J. Fessenden Clark.
1929	W. E. Young.
2031	A. L. Lindsley.
2100	Jos. Myles.
2216	E. L. Luther.
2791	W. T. Edgerton.
2966	P. G. Kenelly.
3123	J. B. M. Stevens.
3278	Geo. E. Phillips.
3458	H. A. Woods.
3462	S. F. Hayden.
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4217	M. W. Johnson.
4295	Dan McDonald.
4407	F. M. Andrews.
4625	Jno. B. Goodhue.
4775	Chas. Shedd.
4786	O. J. Lloyd.
4837	J. J. O'Hara.
5017	W. K. Mead.
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13380	E. S. Hackitt.
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7368	G. W. Beckner.
7766	W. H. Quinan.
7810	G. C. Grissam.
8336	A. Bissel.
8439	E. A. Parmele.
8605	G. M. Scott.
8630	A. E. Sherwin.
8902	G. H. Curtice.
9400	F. L. Lewis.
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13442	A. F. Seale.
13779	J. B. W. Snead.
14305	J. R. Hill.
14614	H. V. Neely.
Hon. 9	L. D. Holden.
Hon. 23	H. J. E. Lancaster.
Hon. 82	Leon Blum.

In looking over this list each one of the members of your committee found the names of some that he was deeply interested in, and we feel that we can make no special mention of anyone, as we realize that all, to a greater or less extent, hold warm places in our hearts. As we try to look into the future we know that all must go the same way.

"Strange, is it not, that of the myriads who before us passed the door of darkness through Not one returns to tell us of the road, Which to discover we must travel, too?"

During the past year the Hoo-Hoo of Oklahoma especially, and all members of the Order, in the death of our brother, Frank M. Butt, lost one of its oldest, mostly loyal and hard working members, a Hoo-Hoo who never missed

a meeting which it was possible for him to attend, who was always ready to contribute time, money and energy to further the interests of the Order. Therefore, be it

Resolved by all Hoo-Hoo in annual convention assembled, That the Order extend to the bereaved wife and family its heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and that a copy be furnished Mrs. F. M. Butt and the local press.

B. F. COBB, Chairman;  
W. R. ANDERSON,  
W. W. EVERETT.

(After the reading of the resolution upon the deceased members, upon motion by Mr. W. M. Stephenson (2676), duly seconded and carried, the names of members not on the list embodied in the resolution, who have died within the past year, are to be included in the list contained in the resolution, if such additional names are given to the Scrivener during the meeting.)

#### Stirs Up Arkansas Delegation.

MR. J. H. CARMICHAEL (8041):—There is one resolution, most worthy Snark, and fellow members, to which I want to offer an objection and a substitute. My understanding of the reading of it was that no place shall be presented as a candidate for the next meeting, but that it is to be referred to someone else; it doesn't say to whom. The resolution is to go into effect at once. The effect of that would be to shut off from a hearing all members who have made application from any place, whether in the East, South or the West. I have always found Hoo-Hoo standing for a square deal, and not in favor of any ex post facto law. I doubt whether this meeting could pass any resolution which would govern any future meeting, and I would hate to compare it to any legislative body in Arkansas. I take it if we are governed by any of the ordinary rules of parliamentary law that we could not pass a resolution now which would bind any other convention beside this convention. When this convention adjourns a mere resolution dies with it and we cannot bind a future convention. The more interest you can arouse in the members already in Hoo-Hoo is important. I take it that we ought not to do anything that would appear to be a star chamber proceeding or appear mysterious. We have enough mystery in the figure 9. Every Hoo-Hoo ought to understand that he has a voice in making the laws of the Order. Therefore I think that resolution ought to be passed over, and I offer this substitute:

"That the places and the members who are offering places as candidates for the next meeting shall be allowed a full and free discussion in this meeting."

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I second the motion.

MR. B. F. COBB (32):—I do not understand that this resolution shuts off any one from saying anything in regard to any place. They can do all the talking and all the voting they want to do. I presume, however, Mr. Everett, who drew one of these resolutions, thinks we have too much entertainment and too little business. We ought to get down to the real benefits and the business of the Order. I do not know how we are going to get through with the business we have before us if it is mixed up too much with entertainment. I believe if the members go at it right they will find it will cost them no more to entertain themselves than it does when we depend upon someone else to entertain us.

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—Will the gentleman yield for a question?

MR. B. F. COBB:—Certainly.

MR. CARMICHAEL:—If we do not leave the question to the members as a whole to whom shall we leave it?

MR. COBB:—We must leave it to them. This resolu-

tion will not prevent our leaving it to the members. We do not want to have this thing come up so much. We want to go where we think it is for the best interests of the Order without regard to the different sections that want us. I would like to have Mr. Everett speak upon that question.

MR. W. W. EVERETT (5938):—The idea of presenting that resolution was, contrary to the brother's remarks (Mr. Carmichael), whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting as yet, simply because we are in receipt of communications from boards of trade, from commercial bodies and cities and not from brothers in this Order, who write to us for the pleasure of booming their town, to have us send members there from all over the country, to take advantage of inferior hotel accommodations, to prostitute this Order by going to undesirable localities. This resolution is not intended to shut off anybody here. It is simply to stultify such methods of booming some town. We realize, as well as anybody else, where we can use our best efforts. We know that in coming to this city we have enjoyed ourselves; that we have done a good deal for the Order in the Southwest; but we do not want to have to entertain letters from commercial bodies and boards of trade which will thwart the purposes of the Order.

SNARK:—Do any of the other brothers wish to be heard on the substitute resolution?

(Mr. Carmichael (8041) asked for a reading of the resolution offered by the committee, which was read by the Scrivener.)

MR. LIPPMAN (14748):—I would like to know what is meant by that resolution. I would like to know how any locality is to be selected. Let the committee define who it is that is going to select the locality. Unless it is left to the membership I don't think we can claim that it is for the good of Hoo-Hoo. That resolution seems to be very indefinite. It is almost as bad as it can be in regard to that. It is equivocal, I will say, not with the calculation of offering any affront to the committee, but it is indefinite. We are going to ask for Little Rock, Ark., to be the place for the next meeting. That place contains 75 per cent of Hoo-Hoo in the world (applause), and we are going to show you that, notwithstanding that you have just heard from an eloquent gentleman, who intimates that we cannot understand things very well; that there is only one man in the community who can read—and I can prove by Brother Baird there that a lot of us can read—(laughter and applause)—when the time comes, if there is an opportunity—(laughter)—well, I think we will be able to do very well; we will be able to present some reasons. A friend of mine, a while back, asked me if I knew any reason why I shouldn't take a drink. I said, "Yes, there are fifty," but when I was put to the test I couldn't think of one. (Laughter.) You have got to put this question to a vote and we are going to show that Little Rock is the place. (Applause.) All I ask is for that committee to define that resolution and say what they mean by it.

MR. COBB (32):—I want to say this in my own behalf, but before that I will tell you a little story. I was traveling through Arkansas a few weeks ago and a gentleman sitting in front of me was speaking about a fellow getting up a real nice paper down there. He said, "It is one of the best papers in Arkansas." The other man said, "How so?" "I'll tell you how he made it a success. He is putting in a lot of Arkansas print." I said, "What is that, my friend—excuse me for butting in." He said, "Oh, just pictures." (Laughter.) The original resolution was this: "Resolved, That it is for the best interests of Hoo-Hoo that the annual meetings shall be held only in towns that are large enough to take care of visiting members



without overcrowding the accommodations of the place." Mr. Everett wanted to substitute the other one, and we allowed it to go in as a substitute, and I will fight it out on this line.

MR. EVERETT (5938):—I will explain for the benefit of our friend from Arkansas and the rest of the members that if they will notice the text of that resolution they will find that the invitations that are to be denied and which the committee thought it best to deny are those that come from a locality and not from Hoo-Hoo. Speaking of the ambiguous terms of the resolution I will call my friend's attention to the fact that the constitution of this country, one of the greatest documents ever drawn, is one of the most ambiguous things ever written.

MR. LIPPMAN (14748):—I want to say to my friend from the destroyed city—

MR. EVERETT (5938):—Beg pardon; it is not destroyed.

MR. LIPPMAN (14748):—We wouldn't expect him to ask this Order to go there (meaning San Francisco). When we speak of Little Rock we mean the people of Hoo-Hoo, the members of the Order, ask you to partake of their hospitality and know their genuine good feeling and interest in the Order. It seems to me if Arkansas, or if District No. 7, under Mr. Farley Price, is so located and furnished with natural resources so that it necessarily produces the majority of Hoo-Hoo, that it is a good enough place for this Order. This country owes its greatness to the common people who produce its wealth. When a man goes after timber he doesn't go to Atlantic City, where one side of it is nothing but water. You don't go out into the ocean for timber or quarter-sawn oak. If Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee and the new state produce the majority of the lumber of this country and furnish the wealth that comes from that product, why should we not give the men who go down into the forests and delve with their hands and cut the lumber for market an opportunity to have a voice in this question? When our older members went into Hoo-Hoo we didn't have perfumed cherries in something to drink, with a fine spread; but we had the actual raw flesh at the mills, sweetened with the vinegar that comes from the sawdust. (Laughter and applause.)

SNARK:—The Chair will have to ask the brother to confine himself more closely to the question before us.

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—This is a very broad question, judging it by the indefiniteness of that resolution. (Laughter.) Like the old blue hen sitting on 24 eggs, I have to spread myself a little to cover it. Hoo-Hoo in Arkansas does not mean the printed pictures referred to. Since Arkansas was admitted to the Union in 1836, she has suffered from slanders cast upon her; but you know about the best things you can have in your community are a few hardworking enemies to say something about you. I have traveled all over this western country; I have seen its cities, farms and orchards, and its seed farms and orchards are in the hands of corporations and trusts. The common people have very little ownership in the real soil of the earth. In Arkansas many young fellows have taken up the good things, and we feel that Hoo-Hoo, if they will go there and see the good things we have will say they made no mistake. The hills and the valleys produce hardwoods and timber. The valleys are so low and the hospitality is so great that they will hand ice down to the Republican angels in hell. (Laughter and applause.) I only ask a square deal, gentlemen. Let us put that resolution off. My friend Cobb sat next to me there at a dinner once, and I acted as toastmaster. I introduced him, but did not make a very effulgent or complimentary set

of remarks. Some one asked who Brother Cobb was. He said, "I am from Kansas City; No. 32." (Applause.)

MR. COBB:—For fifteen years the resolutions committee have not kicked up a mess like this, and I think they ought to have a vote of thanks.

SNARK:—If there are no further remarks the question will be on the substitute resolution.

(A reading of the substitute resolution was called for, and it was read by the reporter.)

MR. W. R. ANDERSON (14472):—As a comparatively insignificant member of this committee on resolutions who never saw this report until it was read here, I favor the substitute offered by Brother Carmichael.

SCRIVENOTER (408):—We have a committee on place of next meeting which, in due time, will undoubtedly report; and I think it is the intention of that committee to give a hearing to every one who extends us an invitation. I think, therefore, it is a needless waste of time to discuss now the merits of the various places. I believe the best thing to do now is to table so much of the report of this committee on resolutions as refers to the place of next meeting. The discussion then will come up on the specific report of the committee on place of next meeting. (Applause.)

MR. CARMICHAEL:—Amend the substitute to read in accordance with your suggestions.

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON:—I object to that, and I call for a vote on the substitute offered by Mr. Carmichael.

SCRIVENOTER (408):—I do not want to make a speech on this question, and I will not, but I wish to say that it seems to me that an order like Hoo-Hoo would do one of the most humiliating things by going on record as saying it will not consider any invitation that may be extended to it. One of the sentiments of Hoo-Hoo is that we will receive anybody's invitation and consider it when the matter comes up for discussion, and we will finally accept that one which may seem to those present at the meeting to be for the best interests of Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.) That is the only way in which an Order like this can be run. We want full, free and unrestricted participation by all the members. The good old Democratic principle is our basis—the majority rules. When that rule is departed from oligarchy rule succeeds it. I think Hoo-Hoo got away from the oligarchy and arbitrary clique rule years ago.

MR. CARMICHAEL:—Are we to have a viva voce vote or is it to be a rising vote? or do you have simply the votes of the members present?

SCRIVENOTER:—The vote is by states represented at the meeting. Those present cast the votes of the paid-up membership of the states represented at the meeting.

(The question upon the adoption of the substitute motion, being duly seconded, was put by the Snark and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—The better way with the balance of these resolutions would be for someone to move their adoption as an entirety or to take them up separately.

MR. C. D. ROURKE (421):—I move that each resolution be taken up separately and voted upon.

(Motion seconded and carried.)

The resolution of thanks to the resident members of Oklahoma City was then read by the Scrivenoter.

MR. W. B. BARNES (3):—The local representatives here seem to think that a number of others equally prominent with those who are given special mention, and that to single out any one in particular would be hardly fair to the committee and that it should include all members in this city. If it were so changed it would be in better taste.

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON:—It would be better to make it include all Oklahoma City people.

(The suggestion by Mr. Barnes, being regarded as an amendment to the original resolution, and seconded, was put to a vote by the Snark and carried, the Scrivenoter being instructed to properly incorporate the change suggested.)

(The resolution offered by the committee, that the Order shall not consider any invitation from any locality, etc., was next read by the Scrivenoter.)

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON:—I object to that. That is unconstitutional. I don't think that ought to be adopted.

MR. J. McC. GRIGNON (1742):—I move that it be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

(Motion seconded and carried.)

(The next resolution, that a membership card showing the status of each member, etc., be issued to each member was read by the Scrivenoter.)

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON:—I move that that resolution be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, with request for favorable action.

(Motion seconded.)

MR. CHARLES P. IVES (447):—I wish to amend that by saying *without* favorable action. I hope if we refer it to the committee, that they will see whether we need any favorable action or not. I am a member of this body and I have a lot of souvenirs in my pocket; how would I ever be able to find my card? When I am in good standing I don't want any card about me. If the rest of you are in good standing I don't want to examine your cards. I move, as an amendment to the amendment, that we strike out the last five words, "with request for favorable action." (Amendment seconded.)

SCRIVENOTER:—The first motion made was that this resolution be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, with request for favorable action. The amendment offered by Mr. Ives is to strike out the recommendation for favorable action.

MR. COBB:—It must be understood, no matter which way you vote, the committee may bring in any report it sees fit. It only gives the sense of this meeting.

(A rising vote was then taken upon the amendment offered by Mr. Ives, resulting as follows: For the amendment, 34; opposed, 28.)

(The original resolution of the committee was then put to a vote by the Snark and was adopted.)

(The next resolution, that badges be given out only to members of the Order, etc., was put by the Snark and adopted.)

(Mr. W. M. Stephenson then moved that the members receiving badges at the annual meeting shall not give away such badges to non-members. Motion seconded and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I have added to the resolution the words, "And that the members be enjoined not to give away to non-members the badges received." Does that meet with your idea, Mr. Stephenson?

MR. STEPHENSON:—Yes.

(The next resolution was read by the Scrivenoter as follows: "That the annual dues of regular members be raised to \$1.99 to admit of the covering of expenses incident to alterations in our policy and procedure.")

MR. STEPHENSON:—I move that that resolution be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

MR. G. M. DUNCAN (8150):—As a matter of information I would like to ask, has the Committee on Constitution and By-laws the authority to say what the dues shall be or shall not be?

MR. STEPHENSON:—No, it must report back to us.

(The motion upon the reference of the resolution, having been seconded, was put and duly carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—The last paragraph of the committee's report is this one paying tribute to the long list of deceased members. You have listened to it when it was read. There has been a motion that the committee add to the list if other names are presented.

(Motion to adopt.)

MR. W. W. EVERETT (5938):—I would like to suggest, as an amendment to that motion, that the names of the members of the Committee on Resolutions be added to that list. (Laughter.)

(Mr. Everett had in mind evidently the way the meeting had handled the committee's report.)

SNARK:—There will be no objection to that. (Renewed laughter.)

(The resolution upon the deceased members was then read again by the Scrivenoter and, upon motion, duly seconded, was adopted.)

MR. COBB (32):—Thank God two went through. (Laughter.)

SNARK:—Is the Auditing Committee ready to report?

MR. E. H. HABIGHORST (2393):—We wish to ask for further time, as we have not been able to prepare the report.

SNARK:—Granted. The next committee to be heard from is the Committee on the Good of the Order.

#### Report of Committee on Good of the Order.

MR. PLATT B. WALKER (48):—Your committee held two sessions. We considered divers and sundry matters, some of them of a radical nature. All of them, however, have been considered very closely and carefully at previous meetings and most of them were turned down. In listening to the report of the resolutions committee I find they have stolen our thunder. They must have considered that their commission was very elastic. Usually the Committee on Resolutions has to thank our hosts and pass resolutions on the death of departed members, but as our genial friend, "Big," has wasted some pencils I will give you the benefit of what we have written.

We, your Committee on Good of the Order, beg leave to submit a report.

We would suggest that no material changes be made in the objects, scope or aims of our Order.

We recommend that our monthly publication, "The Bulletin," be continued and sent to every member.

We recommend that the last clause in section 7, article 3, which now reads: "The annual dues shall be ninety-nine cents," shall be changed to read: "The annual dues shall be \$1.00, which shall include one year's subscription to 'The Bulletin.'"

We recommend that the expenses of the "Hoo-Hoo band" in attending the annuals shall be borne by the Order.

We recommend that the Scrivenoter issue to each member paying yearly dues a receipt, and that no person be allowed to enter a concatenation unless he can show this receipt for current or previous year, or is personally vouched for by Vicegerent Snark, who shall have good reason to believe he is a member in good standing.

We suggest that in future in deciding place for annual meeting that we consider that the needs and pleasures of our members are paramount.

Your committee presents this report and will be glad to consider any suggestions in writing.

P. B. WALKER,  
A. C. RAMSEY,  
JNO. S. BONNER,  
N. S. DARLING,  
B. W. ENGLISH.

MR. WALKER:—Your committee, in presenting this report, would be glad to receive any suggestions you may put in writing and present to us. This question of either eliminating The Bulletin or placing it upon a regular subscrip-



tion basis is a pretty broad one, and I take the liberty of speaking a little on that, because I have had 33 years' experience in publishing a newspaper. Recently the postal authorities have passed some very stringent rules regarding the privileges of second-class matter, which, by the way, permits a publisher to send one pound of printed matter for two cents; otherwise, if he doesn't have that privilege, he will have to pay one cent for each paper, and more if it exceeds a certain weight. To attempt to get a subscription list would be very difficult. All of us here I know are loyal Hoo-Hoo. Many others would appreciate The Bulletin, and if we simply let the matter pass and put it off indefinitely, it would be difficult to get the subscriptions, it would cost too much, and without The Bulletin it would be hard to maintain interest in Hoo-Hoo. Some of our members seldom have an opportunity to attend a concatenation. Under this plan suggested by the committee, the 66 cents which we name (and we are willing to leave it to you whether the increase shall be more or less), would about cover the expense of The Bulletin. We have approximately 12,000 members. At 66 cents we would have about \$8,000. That would cover the full cost of The Bulletin, and would also give something for any other purposes which may be suggested later. Our Committee on Resolutions preceded me and, as I have said, they stole our thunder. To make the dues \$1.99 would add some \$12,000 to our income. I don't know that we need it at present, and we don't want to be criticised by some men who might misunderstand our motives. I think the majority of the members will be in hearty accord with the recommendation that the Order stand the expense of the Hoo-Hoo band. I think this is the fourth annual at which they have honored us with their sweet music. On past occasions the loyal members from Texas have paid their expenses. Sometimes our genial friend Bonner has done the honors; but usually a little coterie have chipped in for it. We have no definite figures on the expenses. It depends somewhat upon the distance they will have to travel. The committee simply recommends that the expense of the band in attendance upon annual meetings shall be paid. This committee, which has been consigned with those of our departed friends, also have something to say in regard to a membership card. This recommendation of ours is that the Scrivenoter issue to each member paying his dues a receipt, and that no person be allowed to enter a concatenation unless he can show this receipt for current or previous year's dues (that is giving a year's latitude), or is personally vouched for by the Vicegerent Snark, who shall have good reason to believe that such member is in good standing. Frequently, at these concatenations, an absolute stranger comes in and he does not have his button. He may know something about the Order and give a mythical number. They seldom take the trouble to investigate. In all the prominent orders of today they have a card. I don't believe it would cumber my friend Ives to carry one of those cards in a little pocketbook, not to show to a man on the street, but at concatenations. It would also be a reminder that the member should keep up his dues. While probably for a year or two the enforcement of this rule would be a little lax, yet eventually we would come around to the practice, as in other orders, and the members would take it as a matter of course. In regard to the place of next meeting. For several years there has been a growing sentiment in the Order among many members who attend the annuals that the Order is old enough and rich enough to provide our own entertainment. This is no reflection on any of the entertainments that have been given us or will be given us in the future. The idea is that we select a place best suited to most of the members of the Order,

and after selecting the place, if most of the members of the Order or any civic societies wish to contribute to our pleasure and extend their hospitality, that would be thankfully received. I believe all these things should be considered in open meeting.

MR. COBB (32):—On behalf of the Committee on Resolutions I want to thank the committee on the Good of the Order for finding out that we are not dead ones, but only thieves.

SNARK:—You have heard the report of the Committee on the Good of the Order. What is your pleasure?

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move that it be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. (Laughter.)

MR. RAMSEY (233):—I second the motion. (Motion carried.)

MR. RAMSEY:—Now I move that in the future we appoint only one committee, a Committee on Constitution and By-laws. (Laughter and applause.)

(Motion seconded but was not put to a vote.)

SNARK:—Is the Committee on Constitution and By-laws ready to report?

MR. BARNS (3):—The committee is not yet ready to report. We would ask for further time. We would like to say, however, that we are very glad, indeed, to have all of these reports referred to us. We will entertain any suggestions by any of the members. The committee will meet at room 215, at the Lee Hotel, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, sharp, and if anybody has any grudges or anything else he wishes to submit to us, come up and see us.

MR. W. B. A. CLAY (6389):—I would suggest that the committee consider the poll tax system in this democratic country. (Laughter.)

SNARK:—The next order of business is place of next meeting.

MR. G. E. YOULE (614):—That committee is not ready to report, but would be glad to meet any members who have good locations to offer. We will meet here in this hall after the meeting adjourns.

MR. J. H. CARMICHAEL (8041):—I would like to know how that vote is finally to be decided. We want to act intelligently and want to do everything that is for the good of the Order. Is it to be left to the entire vote of the membership?

SCRIVENOTER:—I will state that on unimportant routine matters coming up in our discussion we have usually decided them by a viva voce vote; but where the question is one of considerable contest, those taking part in the discussion can call for a vote by states, which is our constitutional way of voting. In voting the members present from a state vote the entire paid up membership. The Scrivenoter is supposed to be the only man who can give the accurate vote in any state. Consequently I bring to the meetings the votes of the states, and I will give them out at this meeting. I want to take this opportunity of explaining that at this meeting I have been very much chagrined because my trunk containing papers and numerous things have been delayed by the express company at Springfield, Mo. I have assurances, however, this morning that the trunk will be delivered very soon, and I will be able to give out the vote of each state as I have carefully prepared it.

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—Being from Arkansas, you know, we have to be enlightened.

SNARK:—New business. Has any brother anything in that line?

#### Discussion on The Bulletin and Increase of Dues.

MR. BARNS (3):—A number of things have been referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, and

I think it has been the custom at all our meetings to have open, free and frank discussions upon matters, not only for our good but for the general education of those present. There have been a number of important recommendations made by the Snark and Scrivenoter which are of vital importance, and I do not know that we can do a better thing, now that we are all here together, than to take up and discuss these matters. One of them is the question, What are we going to do with The Bulletin? Both the Snark and Scrivenoter have evidently thought over the matter long and seriously, and before we make any change in the matter of dues we ought to know how the rank and file, and how everybody feel on that question. In the matter of The Bulletin it is quite evident from the report of the Scrivenoter that the expense of printing The Bulletin from year to year is growing rapidly. I see, taking the printing of The Bulletin and the annual handbook Bulletin, it amounts this year to something like \$7,600.

SCRIVENOTER:—\$5,244.75 for The Bulletin proper, plus \$2,398.50 for the handbook number.

MR. BARNS:—That is a matter we ought to consider in all seriousness, as to whether we wish The Bulletin continued on its present lines; whether we desire to make it a newspaper disseminating information, not only directly pertaining to the Order but upon other matters of interest to our members. There are two ways, I suppose, in which we could print The Bulletin; one of them as we originally printed it, a sort of leaflet containing matters pertaining only to the Order and a list of concatenations, with the officers and initiates. I don't know whether in that particular form it was of any great interest or not. We ought to find out from those who are here and who have taken the trouble and expense to come and attend this meeting, how they feel about the matter of raising the dues. Of course the only object of raising the dues would be to put The Bulletin on a self-sustaining basis. This matter could be absolutely obviated, I presume, by having the members, when they make application, sign a subscription blank to The Bulletin. I don't know how the postal authorities would take that, but unless we do make some provision for it we will find ourselves up against a stiff proposition some day. A postal commission has been appointed and the Postmaster General, and especially the Third Assistant Postmaster, are drawing the lines pretty closely. Unless it can be shown that the subscriptions are bona fide they will throw our paper into a class where the expense for postage would be very large. On the regular issues it would be about 1 cent a copy instead of one cent a pound, and if we are printing 13,000 or 14,000, you can see where this would run us. The postage alone would be so greatly increased that we must do something. Let us take up now the recommendation of the Snark and the Scrivenoter in regard to The Bulletin.

MR. COBB (32):—I presume Mr. Barns has looked into this matter as closely, perhaps, as I have. I have been President of the Trade Press Association of Chicago for several years and was secretary for a while, and this matter has come up with me. I don't believe we can run The Bulletin another year on second class postage, for the reason that I am informed that all of the trade papers are going to be overhauled this year and every paper that has not a bona fide subscription list is going to be thrown out. The books of every concern are going to be looked over and the free list cut off. I have had that from the Postoffice Department and I have investigated it pretty thoroughly. I have discussed it with some gentlemen who went to Washington and investigated it with the Third Assistant Postmaster General. The book containing the names of our members would be about 7 or 8 cents.

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, about 8 cents.

Mr. Cobb:—No man could subscribe for 8,000 or 10,000 copies and get them in that way. There must be individual subscriptions and I don't see any way to get over this law except by having a request signed, with an agreement to pay a certain amount and have it taken out with the dues; but the dues would have to be increased.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—My idea of adjusting the matter is this: Every new initiate in signing his application can make a subscription to The Bulletin, and when the Scrivenoter sends out a receipt for dues, let the receipt read one year's dues, and one year's subscription to The Bulletin. The Scrivenoter can word the receipt, 99 cents for dues, \$1 for Bulletin.

SCRIVENOTER:—I did not have occasion to look into this until I went to Washington since the trouble came up in mailing the July Bulletin, I went into it rather fully then. As an organ of a fraternal order The Bulletin would be admitted to second class mailing privileges provided we could show that a certain amount of the revenue that we derive is to be applied to subscriptions to The Bulletin. Whether it would be absolutely necessary to have the receipt read 99 cents for dues for one year and 66 cents for The Bulletin I do not know, but if that were necessary it would be almost as easy to make the receipt out that way as any other way. That is not so important. I take it that Mr. Barns had in mind, rather than a discussion of legal aspects of our trouble at Washington, a general discussion by the members whether you want your money expended in this way. It is certainly embarrassing upon any one man, or to the Supreme Nine, to go ahead without knowing. We have been going ahead and have been making improvements and enlargements in The Bulletin and we can continue, if it is doing a sufficient amount of good to justify the expenditure. That is the point I would like to hear discussed here fully.

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—In order to get the matter before the house I move that the dues and subscription to The Bulletin be fixed as recommended, \$1.66, because I think it is the best paper published in the United States of its kind. (Applause.)

(The motion was seconded.)

MR. BARNS (3):—In Brother Baird's report he makes a specific recommendation as to the subscription; that is, his idea as set forth in his report was that if any member of the Order desired The Bulletin he should remit for it separately and distinct, and those who do not subscribe for it and pay the money should not receive The Bulletin. I would dislike exceedingly to disagree with Brother Baird about that, but I think in a fraternal order of this kind it should go to all the members and all the members should sustain it. If we should put it up to everybody to subscribe, making it a separate and distinct proposition, I doubt whether we would get a sufficient number of subscribers to justify its publication. I would a good deal rather we would increase our dues and send it to all the members than attempt to make it a subscription feature distinct. I think the members themselves would a great deal rather bear the extra burden. It would be 66 cents or 99 cents, but if we are going to publish The Bulletin let us send it to everybody in good standing. (Applause.)

SCRIVENOTER:—While I did make a special recommendation, I am wedded to no ideal, and recognize the force of what has been said about the desirability of continuing the paper to every member.

SNARK:—I will put Brother Carmichael's motion.

MR. STEPHENSON:—The motion is out of order. We have simply asked for the views of the members.

MR. COBB:—I have watched The Bulletin pretty closely



and I do not think The Bulletin is going to stay where it is. I do not think 66 cents is enough. I want to offer as an amendment that the figures be changed to \$1.99.

SCRIVENOTER:—It would be better, perhaps, if Brother Carmichael would make the motion to read that it be the sense of this convention. That would not make it binding.

MR. CARMICHAEL:—I ask that that be inserted, then, that it be the sense of this meeting.

MR. ENGLISH (2220):—The committee went over the ground on The Bulletin proposition very thoroughly and we want you to understand that our report as offered was that The Bulletin would be sent to every member of the Order. You do not have to subscribe for it; but we also recommend that the dues be raised from 99 cents to \$1.66. This will enable you to send The Bulletin to every member of the Order. We don't want to say "here is a man who doesn't want The Bulletin," but we want to make him take it, because we think it is a good thing for him to have in his office. We also figured the matter over, and we feel positive that \$1.66 a year will pay the additional expense of The Bulletin for some time to come. The committee's report was intended to recommend that The Bulletin be sent to every member of the Order who pays the \$1.66.

MR. LIPPMAN (14748):—It is possible that I do not understand the proposition correctly, but is it possible that The Bulletin may be sent to every member of the Order and at the same time pay the proper amount of postage? This Order is for social intercourse and for our happiness, and The Bulletin is a pleasure to us who live at the saw-mills, and when it comes we have a bright day. I don't want it suspended or curtailed at all. I feel about it like the old gentlemen whose son brought in some whiskey to him and said, "Father, that is the best whiskey I ever tasted; I want you to try it." The old man did try it, and was rapidly gurgling down the whole bottle full, when the son said: "Father, that pint of whiskey cost \$2. His father replied, "My son, it is worth every cent of it." (Laughter and applause.)

MR. JOHN D. OXENFORD (1346):—I understand from Mr. Baird that the cost of The Bulletin at present is about what the 66 cents will amount to. As fast as new members are taken in they will receive The Bulletin, and more copies will have to be printed. I would recommend that the dues be \$1.99 in place of \$1.66, to cover the expense arising from increased membership.

SNARK:—Do you make that as an amendment to the suggestion?

MR. OXENFORD:—Yes, sir.

SNARK:—The amendment to the suggestion is that it be \$1.99 instead of \$1.66.

MR. JOHN S. BONNER (5294):—I would like to make an amendment to the motion that instead of the receipt reading \$1.66 or \$1.99, that the receipt read 99 cents for dues and 66 cents for The Bulletin, or 99 cents, whichever it may be.

SNARK:—If there is no objection the suggestion will be received.

MR. WALKER (48):—In fear of repeating I will speak to this suggestion. These figures, \$1.66, will produce \$8,000. That is going to be sufficient to pay the expenses of The Bulletin and any other expenses we are likely to incur and leave a handsome balance. We who go to the annual meetings year after year and study this thing know that the Order is conducted economically and honestly, but when you get out into the far Northwest where some of the cool, calculating people use a pencil, they will ask some pretty embarrassing questions. They will say: "Here we have so much money on hand. You have increased it

this year. Now you are going to add \$12,000 more to your net income without improving the service or rendering any further good to the Order." While a surplus is a good thing to have, we don't need more than \$8,000. Why not wait until next year and if there are more demands to defray we can increase it 33 cents.

MR. THOMAS H. RYAN (9632):—I think it is well to keep this subscription to \$1.66 even if it does not cover it. Next year, if we have not enough money, we can make it \$1.99, and it will bring up another discussion like this. Then we all will have a chance to talk on it, and we like to hear ourselves talk whether others do or not. This is the only subject that has given us a chance to speak. I will not make a motion, but I would like to see it carried at \$1.66.

MR. BARNES:—I want to call your attention to one fact. I don't know that all of us have analyzed these reports as carefully as some of the others have. We collected something like \$5,000 for our Imminent Distress Fund last year. We have a balance that apparently shows an increase, whereas that is not true. A very considerable part of this balance, as shown in the report, really belongs to the Imminent Distress Fund.

SCRIVENOTER:—There was also a balance to the Distress Fund accumulating by reason of that Christmas call. Of the \$8,000 balance shown in my report, in the general fund, more than \$3,000 of it properly belongs to the Distress Fund of Hoo-Hoo. Without having much to say, whether the increase should be \$1.66 or \$1.99, I would like to say, if I am to send out a card to each member it will increase the expenses of my office considerably. It will also double the expense of postage. It will require a 2-cent stamp to carry the card out, whereas we have heretofore acknowledged the dues by postal card. I merely suggest this to be borne in mind when the Committee on Constitution and By-laws come to fix the amount in their report.

MR. CHARLES P. IVES (447):—In relation to The Bulletin I want to say I think every man in this house takes The Bulletin and reads it. I want all the members of the association to have The Bulletin. I don't want to think of getting up a subscription list for it, because I might neglect it some day. If I owed you \$66 or \$166 I might pay it, but it would be hard for me to pay 66 cents. We want this Bulletin sent to every member. I want to express my appreciation to the editor for the great pleasure I take in reading it, and I want to say that Mrs. Ives takes great pleasure in reading The Bulletin; and so she comes along to the annual with me with all the pleasure imaginable.

MR. DUNCAN (8150):—It strikes me that the principal meat of this discussion is the matter of raising an additional fund, whether you set that fund aside for The Bulletin or anything else. I may be mistaken, but my understanding is that the funds we have on hand can be used for anything that the Supreme Nine desire it to be used for. If that is correct I think that instead of collecting \$9.99 initiation fee and 99 cents for a year's dues, we should pile on another 99 cents to be used for any fund the Supreme Nine want to use it for, and I don't believe there will be any objection on the part of anyone if the Order puts on an extra 99 cents.

MR. ROGERS (485):—I wish to announce that there will be another roping contest at the park this afternoon in addition to the polo game. A purse has been raised and a number of the polo players will join in the roping contest.

SCRIVENOTER:—We have been discussing the matter of Mr. Carmichael's motion at some length. I would be glad to see what the sense of the meeting is. His motion

Elkins, W. Va., Sept. 4, 1906.—We extend you greeting from the concatenation at Elkins, and trust the coming year may be prosperous both to the order and to Hoo-Hoo individually.

With best regards for a successful meeting at Oklahoma City, we are,

K. H. GLOVER (No. 12644), Elkins, Va.  
J. M. PARIS (No. 14185), Elkins, W. Va.  
ALF A. RUDY (No. 13139), Elkins, W. Va.  
H. H. SUTTON (No. 13140), Elkins, W. Va.  
M. N. WILSON (No. 13141), Elkins, W. Va.  
N. J. PATTERSON (No. 15135), Grafton, W. Va.  
E. D. HUDKIN (No. 10397), Weston, W. Va.  
J. S. DENISON (No. 14843), Elkins, W. Va.  
GEO. W. WILSON (No. 14862), Wildell, W. Va.  
R. T. HOLDEN (No. 7873), Elkins, W. Va.  
D. L. ARNOLD (No. 15685), Huntington, W. Va.  
H. K. WANAMAKER (No. 15393), Philadelphia.  
R. L. HUGHES (No. 14848), New York City.  
GEO. R. FOREMAN (No. 11030), Elkins, W. Va.  
C. E. HINES (No. 15812), Overhill, W. Va.  
J. A. DRENNAN (No. 15806), Fairmont, W. Va.  
W. C. GREER (No. 15809), Elkins, W. Va.  
JNO. F. NYDEGGER (No. 14183), Elkins, W. Va.  
A. C. PIPER (No. 15819), Oneto, W. Va.  
JNO. HAMILTON (No. 14172), Elkins, W. Va.  
J. D. MEWEN (13137), Gladys, W. Va.  
S. S. STEELE (No. 12643), Elkins, W. Va.  
JOHN TROVEL (No. 15809), Davis, W. Va.  
W. H. MASON (No. 14851), Elkins, W. Va.  
J. S. BYTH (No. 14169), Winterton, W. Va.  
R. M. WOODSON, Marriell, W. Va.

SNARK:—The next order of business is the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

MR. COBB (22):—I thought we were discharged. We have no further resolutions.

SNARK:—The next business is the report of the Auditing Committee.

MR. E. H. HABIGHORST (2393):—The Auditing Committee are ready to report.

#### Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee appointed to audit the account of the Scrivenoter submit report that we have examined the report presented by the Scrivenoter, verified by the sworn statement of Joe Edwards, accountant, and have seen bank statement verifying balance on hand.

We are satisfied his accounts are correct, and that he has vouchers signed by the proper officers for all moneys paid out.

We have not, however, been able to verify the Scrivenoter's very complete report of property on hand owned by the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, owing to the fact that he did not bring with him the safe, furniture, etc., enumerated therein.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. HABIGHORST,  
O. H. RECTANUS,  
CHAS. A. GLORE.

MR. JENKINSON (12010):—I move that the report be adopted.

(The motion was seconded and the report of the Auditing Committee was adopted.)

SNARK:—The next matter is the report of the Committee on Good of the Order.

MR. WALKER (48):—The Committee on the Good of the Order presented a report yesterday making certain suggestions, which have already been brought to your attention. At that time it was announced that if any member had anything to submit, we would be glad to consider it. Evidently they all thought the Order was doing well enough, and the policy of letting well enough alone is good enough for us.

SNARK:—We will take up the piece of next meeting.

MR. ENGLISH (2220):—I want to make a motion, as the time will be somewhat limited to-day, that every speaker be limited to ten minutes.

MR. ROURKE:—I move to amend by making it five minutes.

(Motion was seconded and carried.)

was, that it is the sense of this meeting that the dues of Hoo-Hoo be fixed at \$1.66 per annum and that The Bulletin be sent to every member in the Order. That is merely an expression of the sense of this particular session.

SNARK:—With the permission of the gentleman who made the motion we will vote upon this question as stated by the Scrivenoter. The question is upon the amendment to the motion changing the amount from \$1.66 to \$1.99.

MR. CARMICHAEL:—It has been suggested that we change the amount to \$1.99 and that amendment would take precedence over my motion. My motion was that the dues, including The Bulletin, should be \$1.66.

MR. BARNES:—I do not see how you can make any division of the amounts. The whole proposition is, shall we increase our annual dues to \$1.66 or \$1.99.

(The amendment to the motion to increase the dues to \$1.99 was put and a rising vote was taken, the result being 30 votes for the amendment, the Scrivenoter stating that he had counted enough votes to defeat the amendment.)

(A vote was then taken on the original motion to increase the dues to \$1.66, and a viva voce vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.)

(At 1 p. m. an adjournment was taken until 7 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, September 12, 1906.)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

(The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock a. m. by the Scrivenoter. Upon motion by Mr. Rourke (421), seconded by Mr. Ramsey (233), and carried, the meeting adjourned until 8 a. m. The meeting was called to order at 8 a. m. by the Snark. Upon motion of Mr. W. R. Anderson (14472), seconded by Mr. Boggess (7197) and carried, an adjournment was taken until 9 a. m.)

At 9 o'clock a. m. the meeting was called to order by the Snark.)

SNARK:—Mr. Scrivenoter, have you any communications you wish to bring before the convention?

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, sir, I have some communications I wish to read.

Thereupon the Scrivenoter read the following letters and telegrams:

#### More Greetings From the Absent.

Denver, Col., Sept. 8, 1906.—Mr. Jas. Baird, Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, care Osirian Banquet: Our hearts are with you. A jolly good time to all.

MRS. R. W. ENGLISH AND DAUGHTER.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 9, 1906.—J. D. Inman, Snark, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Oklahoma City, Okla.—My personal absence not true, in spirit with all love.

BOLLING ARTHUR JOHNSON.

Chicago, Aug. 30, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.—Just returning from my wedding tour (golden anniversary) to the scenes of a half century ago. I find the Bulletin for August, and am reminded that Sept. 9 is not far away, and that all good kittens should slick up their fur and present their cards. I inclose the customary dollar, with regret that I shall be unable to concatenate with the Toms at Oklahoma. The many, many friends who have honored my good wife and myself with their congratulations during the past two weeks seem strongly united in the opinion that a Hoo-Hoo cat may live for seventy-five years and not be so very old at that, and I can only hope that I may be able a year (or years) hence to "new" with the rest of the kittens on the roof; but I've had enough excitement for the present in the celebration amid the congratulations of a mighty host of friends of fifty happy years of wedded life, and must forego the pleasures of the annual concatenation.

Sincerely yours,  
GEO. W. HOTCHKISS (363).



MR. WILLIAM J. WOODWARD (8447):—Does that mean that in reading these communications our time will be limited to five minutes?

SNARK:—That simply applies to debate.

MR. ROURKE:—Every question as I understand.

SNARK:—Every question of debate.

Mr. S. H. Bolinger (93) then read the report of the Committee on Place of Next Meeting as follows:

#### Report of Committee on Place of Next Meeting.

We, your committee, have to report applications as follows:

Atlantic City.  
Norfolk.  
Baltimore.  
Little Rock, Ark.

Each of these applicants are backed up by strong points favoring each of them. We, as a committee, feel safe in only recommending our report for consideration of the Committee on Constitution as that seems to be the natural course of fate of committee reports at this session.

We, therefore, have nothing to recommend except that the location be decided in open meeting, after hearing from the gentlemen making application for the several locations. The committee, personally, would suggest that the location be at some point on the Atlantic coast, for the 1907 annual. Our reason for this is the same as that which caused the meeting at Portland in 1906, and in St. Louis in 1904, on account of the expositions. In 1907 an exposition will be held at Jamestown, which will insure low rates from all parts of the United States and Canada, which will naturally have a tendency to draw a good attendance in that direction.

GEO. E. YOULE,  
E. S. BOGGESS,  
S. H. BOLINGER.

#### Discussion on Place of Next Meeting.

SNARK:—Brothers, you have heard the reading of the report of the Committee on Next Meeting Place. What is your pleasure?

MR. WALKER (48):—I move that the report be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Oxenford (1346).

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—I suppose that puts the matter properly before us for discussion. As I understand the report, and by the way, the committee tried to get it in without signing it—I don't blame them for being somewhat ashamed of it.—In speaking of the Atlantic Coast, they shut out Little Rock. It is the purpose of this Order to gather together for fraternal relations people engaged in the lumber trade. On yesterday I suggested that between one-half or two-thirds of the membership is situated within a circle of 500 miles, with Little Rock as a center. It is true the sky comes down the same distance on all sides around Little Rock. I want to suggest to the manufacturers, to my friend Gladding and others, that my understanding is that they don't get their business and their patronage from Atlantic City or Norfolk or anywhere on the Atlantic Coast. My understanding is that their customers are down here in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Missouri and Oklahoma. It will be noticed that Arkansas is one of the largest States in point of membership, Texas leading, then Missouri and Arkansas. All we ask is that we receive fair consideration. Some have suggested that we could not have sufficient hotel accommodations. Why, gentlemen, we have entertained a Democratic convention in their usual condition and had plenty room. (Laughter and applause.) As far as locality is concerned, our altitude is so high that we are above the mosquito line, so that you will have no fear of yellow fever. Again, in a district concatenation at Little Rock, judging by the registration there and the registration

here, there was only a difference of 100 in attendance. We had seated at our banquet table about 300. Counting those coming and going, there were about 400. We have invitations from our Governor, one of the most unique and interesting politicians of the twentieth century. Also an invitation from our Mayor, from the Board of Trade and from the Business Men's League. We certainly will appreciate your votes, if you vote with us to send it to Little Rock, and if we decide it is better for the Order to run off and get some sea breezes, we may do so another year. There is one trouble about Atlantic City. They have a board walk along there and a great many people that time of the year are taking sponge baths, and I am afraid we wouldn't have many members at the business meetings. As I understand the vote will be taken by States, each delegate casting that portion of the votes he represents, and States not having delegates here will not be entitled to vote. What we ask is a fair consideration of the general interest of the members. I believe my Brother Walker suggested that he was in favor of benefiting the greatest number of Hoo-Hoo. That strikes me as being the correct idea, that it is better to increase interest rather than membership. While we like numbers, we would rather increase interests. In order to get more interested, I think we ought to hold the concatenation where the greatest number will attend. If it is a burden let us pass it around from shoulder to shoulder and let it be shared by all. If it is a benefit and an honor, let us pass it around and let each one feel proud of it. My understanding is, however, that some members of the Order have attended the annuals without missing any—Mr. Walker said he has attended them for ten years—it seems to me there is enough brain and ability represented here so that the offices may be scattered and we can go to different places so that each one will feel he is about a 1-13000 on the inside in the Order. Whatever you do will be accepted by us kindly and in the genuine Hoo-Hoo spirit for which our State is noted. (Applause.)

MR. COBB (32):—Five minutes seems an awful short time, but I want to say that two years ago I voted and worked for Oklahoma, and it was for one purpose as much as anything else, to show the members of this Order that a place of this kind is not really the proper place to hold the annual meeting of Hoo-Hoo. I don't think there is much difference between this place and Little Rock, with the exception that this place has the best hotels. I think the traveling man going through the Middle West usually finds good hotels, but I have been at Little Rock a good many times, and under pressure it is pretty bad. The Threadgill is one of the nicest little hotels I was ever in, but when you put an extra 400 people in a town, it is difficult to take care of them. We want to go to a place big enough so that we will not have to be crowded, and we don't want to go anywhere where anybody is going to do anything for us. Let us do what we want ourselves. There is no particular attraction in the inland towns. You can go anywhere on the Atlantic or on the Pacific Coast and sit by the side of the old ocean and let your feet hang over into the water and enjoy yourself. We have tried going to dozens of places, where we were welcome, and they did the best they could, but they couldn't do what we want. We want to have a free rein and to go and pay our own bills. We all know that in September, at Atlantic City, a great many of the guests of the hotels leave. We can go there a few weeks before the 1st of September and engage one of these hotels. They will give us the use of their dance-room for our meetings and we will not have to pay any more there than anywhere else. We can get accommodations there that we cannot get anywhere else, and it will not cost us

a cent more. I have not a great deal of choice between Atlantic City and Norfolk, but we have been to Norfolk once and we don't want to go to any more cramped quarters. I was at the Lee Hotel the other day and they were telling me about a dog that didn't have room to wag his tail. They said: "We have been keeping him out here in the lobby because he had no chance to wag his tail anywhere else. We cannot afford to go where we haven't got room. I know that Little Rock may be the center of where we have a great many members. We have been told that we should go where we could build up the membership, and we haven't got as many members in the Far East as we have in the vicinity of Little Rock. But Little Rock will be too much like coming here, and I don't want to be used, as somebody said yesterday, for the benefit of any town. I don't want this Order to be used for the benefit of any town. We want to go somewhere where we can have our business meetings without being interfered with by the entertainment. We have had hard work to get together here to do the business. That must be the first thing, and let the pleasure come afterwards.

MR. BONNER (5294):—Isn't it necessary for one of these towns to be nominated formally?

SNARK:—After the disposition of the report of the committee.

MR. WOODWARD (8447):—I rise, sir, to speak for Norfolk and the Jamestown Exposition. We have, sir, an invitation here from our town, and we think it necessary for the advancement of the Order of Hoo-Hoo in that section to hold a meeting there. As your Scrivener and all of you are aware, our membership in Virginia is small, and it is merely for the lack of attention. Now I hope you will give them some attention and go down there and enjoy, among other things, the bath in the ocean. We have the great expanse of ocean running from Cape Henry to Virginia Beach, six miles, a good beach for strong men. For those who are weaker we have ocean view. In behalf of the Norfolk members and others, I extend an invitation to you to hold the next annual meeting at Norfolk during the Jamestown Exposition. I have here communications from the Board of Trade and the Business Men's League, the Yellow Pine Association and others, extending a hearty invitation to this Order to meet there. Our natural advantages are many. Unfortunately, early in the Order, in our State, a great many people dropped into Hoo-Hoo who were not desirable, and it is hoped that they will be dropped out some day and better material come in.

MR. JOHN L. ALCOCK (11026):—As I understand, this is the question on the selection of the next meeting place.

SNARK:—No, I think we would better dispose of the report.

(Upon motion, seconded and carried, the report of the committee was adopted.)

SNARK:—Now the Chair will entertain motions of the various candidates for the next meeting place.

MR. L. LIPPMANN (14748):—Yesterday I mentioned that I had about fifty reasons to advance for the selection of Little Rock. One gentleman said to me that he was ready to throw up the fight since the time was limited, but I will address myself to the subject in hand. Arkansas has been maligned as no other State in the Union. Why, Mr. Cobb doesn't know anything more about Little Rock than the man in the moon, and Mr. Barns said that he got a room there that was no good. At the concatenation there in June I had a \$1.50 room, as good as any man wants. If they had let them know what kind of room they wanted they would have got it there. It is

not my purpose to undertake to institute invidious comparisons between other places nor to asperse the motives of anyone advocating this place or that place, but the time has come, if you want to subserve Hoo-Hoolism, you should go back to the state of its nativity. Of course I don't blame these gentlemen personally, because they don't know anything about the hospitality of the great State of Arkansas. Forty-two years ago I was there as a soldier in the Federal Army, and I marched through the timber, and I know there was lots of it. I got into politics—I happened to be a Republican in those days—and in going through that country I found its hospitality as broad and wide as the great domain of Oklahoma. While Little Rock can't give you all that you get here, yet Little Rock will be able to give you facilities for holding that meeting. I want to tell Brother Cobb that the New Marion cannot be beat to-day on the basis of prices. Most of us in the sawmill business cannot spend five or six or ten dollars a day for a room. We have got to take a \$1.50 room, and some of us put up very readily with a dollar room. The nativity of Hoo-Hoolism in the State of Arkansas deserves better treatment. My dear friend wants to go to Atlantic City. Well, he knows how he is going to get there—also Brother Barns. I want to caution you you are on the wrong road. We have sworn by you, but now we may swear at you. (Laughter and applause.) We have had many hard hills to climb in putting our lumber on the market, and if you will come back (pointing to Mr. Barns) you will still be Billy Barns. Everybody in Arkansas knows we call him "Billy," notwithstanding that bald head—(laughter)—but if you don't come with us now you will be "Old Blu. Barns" as long as you live. (Laughter and applause.) My time is pretty near gone now. There is this much about it—it is very irksome to a man to sit and listen to another talk about himself when you want to talk about yourself. I want to say if you will come to Arkansas, or Little Rock, you will get as fine riding over the lines in Little Rock as in any State of the Union. The hotels will accommodate 1,000 people. We will see that Mr. Cobb and Mr. Barns have good rooms. We will chip in and give them good rooms. And we will give you an old-fashioned barbecue. I don't know how you folks from the Coast are on barbecues, but we think it is the only way to cook meat. I know you will relish it. We will give you all the entertainment you want. Brother Cobb does not want any community to do anything for Hoo-Hoo, but I will tell you Hoo-Hoo wants everything it can get to be done for it. It is an order based on the fun and pleasure we have in it. If you come back to the commonality of Hoo-Hoo, you will be all right. If you go to Atlantic City, a great many will think, "They will go next to some foreign point," and I am afraid if you do, Hoo-Hoo will be banished from this land. Taking the resolution of yesterday, and taking this throttling order of yours, I don't think you have given us a fair chance. (Applause.)

MR. BARNES (3):—I rise to a matter of personal privilege. I have not uttered a word on the floor against any place. I believe I am the only member of the Order who has attended every annual, commencing with St. Louis, where we had eleven members present, up to the present time. Personally it does not make a particle of difference to me where you go. If I live I will be there, that is all. (Applause.)

MR. COBB (32):—I want to make a motion—and I rise to a point of order, because we have been talking without a motion.

SNARK:—We are now having the nominations of various places.

MR. COBB:—Would the motion be that we vote by States and let the nominations come afterwards? I want to give all a fair chance, as Brother Barns says, no matter where it is, I will be there. I would move that we vote on the question by States, and that nominations be in order.

SCRIVENOTER:—Nominations are being received now.

MR. COBB:—We have got to have a motion on how we will vote, have we not?

SCRIVENOTER:—The Constitution provides for that.

SNARK:—Any further nominations?

MR. JOHN L. ALCOCK (11026):—I wish to second the nomination of Norfolk, and join with my Brother Woodward in extending you an invitation to hold the next annual at that place. We have come some 1,500 miles to this great new State to bring greetings from one of the oldest States to the youngest State in the Union, Oklahoma. All Virginians take a just pride in this great country, for the reason that they have played such a conspicuous part in its early history. It was at Jamestown, Virginia, 300 years ago where the first settlement was made, at Jamestown Island, by the settlers sent out that year by King James, to hew a place for civilization out of the forests of the new world. It is planned to hold a historical exposition at Hampton Roads next year, within easy access to Old Point Comfort and the various other cities on the coast. Jamestown Island is up the James River a few miles, easy of access by boats running several times a day, where the heroic exploits of Pocahontas and other notables of early times occurred. Jamestown is likewise rich in things connected with the Revolution, being the birthplace of Washington, Marshall, Patrick Henry and others, and it is but a short distance from Norfolk to the scene of the last revolution because of British oppression. The particular feature of the exposition that is to be emphasized is the novel feature of all the neighbors of the world being gathered there, and we will witness drills of the torpedo boats, submarines, a representation of the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac for the edification and pleasure of the visitors. There seems to be a general sentiment of going east next year on account of the Order having met in Portland last year and here this year. Aside from my very earnest desire to see this meeting at Norfolk for the good of the Order, I feel it would be a great mistake to meet at Atlantic City. Atlantic City is simply a summer resort and there is no one sufficiently interested to come here from that place and present the claims of that city. The Order held an annual at Norfolk when it was in comparative infancy, but we are to-day basing our claims for the next annual upon the great exposition that is to be held there. In our vicinity Hoo-Hoo has never yet gotten the hold it needs, simply because it did not get started right originally. In Norfolk we have great manufacturing industries and our manufacturers are vitally interested in getting you there. We want a Hoo-Hoo building at the Jamestown Exposition. We are in a position to invite everyone of 6,000 dealers in the Eastern States to meet with us. We promise you the greatest meeting ever held.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I desire to place in nomination for our next annual meeting the city of Atlantic City. We have heard talk from Arkansas. We love them; we have heard talks from Norfolk; we have been there. We have heard discussion of the hotel accommodations of Little Rock. I think there are other places. I think I have a better room at Oklahoma City than I had in the city of Norfolk. We went down to Norfolk some years ago. The gentleman said they wanted a chance to show

the calibre of the Order. That does not speak very well of us who went down there before. We did the best we could. I think we all kept sober. They have had a chance to grow. We want to go to a place where we can all be together, where we can have a good time. We have had a good time here, but have not had time for our business. We have not had time for our business for the last three years. If we go to Atlantic City we can have time for business. I have been in Little Rock and have had a good time. The room and hotel were all right, but the heat was there. Speaking of the mill men, they would like to go to Atlantic City, I think, better than they would to Norfolk or Little Rock. Everybody from Norfolk and in that vicinity could go to Atlantic City.

MR. COBB:—In seconding the nomination of Atlantic City I want to say I believe that is the proper place to go, but I am glad to see men here from Arkansas; I am glad to heed their good advice. I am a good loser, and if they vote to go to Arkansas I will do all I can to make the meeting a success.

MR. THOMAS H. RYAN (9632):—I would like to urge the acceptance of Norfolk, in behalf of South Carolina. There is a great deal to be said in favor of Atlantic City for those who are able to go to those places. This is the first time I have been able to attend an annual, and I have had to come 1,200 miles to do that. There are many in our section of the country who would like to attend the meetings, but we have not time to come so far. Of course the wealthy mill men can go to these places like Atlantic City and can come to the West. They claim Arkansas has most of the members, but we have room for conversions in the Carolinas and Virginias. There is no use wasting your light where it is already shining. The only way to make Hoo-Hoo is to scatter the good work.

MR. W. R. ANDERSON (14472):—I am from the first State east of the Mississippi River—Tennessee—and I wish to second the nomination of Little Rock for the next annual convention. (Applause.) We of Western Tennessee and Northern Mississippi like to get at these annuals, and if you want to do the Order the most good, I am of the opinion that you should hold the annual at the place where you can get most people to come. If you should go to the eastern cities you could not get the genuine bone of the Order that you would get within a radius of 400 miles of Little Rock. If there are 13,000 or 14,000 members of this Order, the majority of them should be given an opportunity occasionally to see these annuals, and as the South has produced from 50 to 75 per cent of the membership of this order, and as we have only had two annuals, I believe it is up to us to give Little Rock the next annual. (Applause.)

MR. IVES (447):—It seems to me that I look at this proposition from some of you people. I have been to seven of these annuals. I have found plenty of room at the hotels. I am not very big and I found plenty of room at all the hotels, but I am sure if I was going to Little Rock I could get a better reserved room than at any other place, because it has windows on three sides and a door on the other, and my daughter is the housekeeper. The best place on the continent next year is circled around the Jamestown Exposition. Take the map and look at Hampton Roads and look at Chesapeake Bay and look for Old Point Comfort, Newport News and for the Portsmouth Navy Yard. There is a wonderful place, and if we want a place for entertainment or to go in swimming or in bathing, or eat oysters, clams and fish, we can have it there. I will get to Atlantic City. I am like Mr. Barns. I live in Kansas, the center of the continent—pretty near the center—Oklahoma is the place now. (Applause.) I want to go somewhere next time. It is the purpose and

have come down here 400 miles, and I don't think that I have come hardly anywhere. I am so close to home I intend of this Order to change the place of meeting annually. This has been discussed in times past. We want to change the place of meeting and give the other parts of the United States a chance, and as we have been to all the expositions, we might go to this exposition and see what they have. They will show us something brand new. I am in favor of the Atlantic Seaboard. If this were the last meeting that Hoo-Hoo was to hold, there might be a great deal of contention, but unless Little Rock is swallowed up by an earthquake it will be there two or three years from now or six years from now. My idea is to go to a different part of the country and extend the influence of Hoo-Hoo everywhere we can. Norfolk will accommodate the whole of the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Those people will go by boats. I sailed around from Norfolk once 325 miles to New York. I recommend to Mr. Cobb to go down there and get aboard of one of those boats. They will feed you to the finish.

MR. ROURKE (421):—They have talked about these mill men being the rich men that go to the meetings. I am nothing but a retailer, but I can cut across the country 5,000 miles to an annual, and I can come to Oklahoma and change collars three times a day—but I don't like it. In behalf of those who have a vacation at this time of the year and take their vacation at the time of the Hoo-Hoo annual, I want to urge that we go to some place where we can have some pleasure as well as business. We have had meetings at expositions and you know the size of the meetings we have had. We have had a good time at those places, but you know what the attendance was at St. Louis and at Portland. In behalf of the great class who can afford but one vacation a year, I second the nomination of Atlantic City.

MR. CLAY:—I have lived in Little Rock and I think the discussion here about the hotels is very uncalled for. The people of Little Rock have made up their minds that they are going to entertain this convention. I heard a gentleman say yesterday that he was going to vote against Little Rock for the reason that he thought possibly he might be short while there. I asked him why. He said, "Well, I took my grip out of the hotel there at one time without settling, and I might be arrested when I get back there." I am assured that all Hoo-Hoo who want to go back to Little Rock during the convention will be immune from arrest. (Laughter.)

MR. GLADDING (99):—I rise to second the nomination of Atlantic City, and I have only a few words to say. I am not an orator, and I will not make a spread-eagle speech. I have noted some of the points made by some of the orators who have preceded me. Brother Carmichael spoke of distributing the burden of entertaining Hoo-Hoo and all that sort of thing. We have been to different sections of the country. This Order knows no North nor South nor East nor West. We know the whole country and we want every section to take an interest in the Order. We were at Norfolk a few years ago, and as Brother Stephenson said, if we did not make a good impression it is hardly worth while to go back next year and try to make another impression upon them. Better wait until they have nothing else to think about. Atlantic City has been spoken of as a place for rich people to go. There are probably more people of the class we call poor people who go to Atlantic City every year than probably any other place under the sun. You can get all kinds of hotels there, at any price you want to pay. There are hundreds of them, and the cheapest rates on earth. You

can have more for your money than any other place I have seen. One more point is that the saw mill men from Arkansas, Louisiana and every other place like just as well to get away and have a smell of the sea breeze as any other fellow, and I believe they will enjoy it, especially in September, and after they have had a smell of the sea breeze they will be glad to get back to Arkansas. The hospitality of the people of Arkansas is well known. We don't need to enlarge upon that at all. We know what we will get down there a year or two from now. (Applause.)

MR. BOLINGER (93):—My neighbor, Brother Carmichael, of Arkansas, suggests that it is the aroma of corn the people like more in his section of the country than sea breezes. I believe the majority of those in Louisiana I have talked to are in favor of Atlantic City. I would like to ask my brother from Arkansas to explain how Louisiana and, possibly Texas, and Alabama, all three of those States having a great number of very loyal Hoo-Hoo, feel about this proposition. Last year an arrangement was made whereby we were to have special trains. You will remember how despised the people of Louisiana were last fall on account of the trouble we had with mosquitoes. I worked for two weeks with the Chairman of the Board of Health of Arkansas, deposited with him \$2, was assured I would have protection getting through the State and going to Colorado, and from there to Portland, but after spending my \$2 I was prohibited to go through Arkansas. All places in the North would receive me. If that situation should arrive again the people of Louisiana and other Gulf States do not want such trouble.

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—Will the place be selected by a plurality vote or will the lower place fall out and the others be voted on?

SCRIVENOTER:—The vote will be by States represented, and the place receiving the largest vote will be the successful candidate.

MR. CARMICHAEL:—I think my friend Bolinger is getting frightened too early like the old maid who was crying, upon being asked what was the matter, she said if she got married and should have a child, and there was an old tree up there, and the boy should happen to climb a limb and should fall and hit the curb and break his leg, how sad it would be. (Laughter.) There are too many "ifs" in this thing about Little Rock. I want to reply to my cordial friend from South Carolina. You know diseases are known by germs. Everything now comes by germs. There is a happiness germ, a love germ, a jealous germ. Now, Hoo-Hoo is a germ, and he suggests that a germ will spread faster and further in a new country where it is not infected than in an old one. If the Hoo-Hoo germ will spread as fast as the yellow fever germ or any other well-known germ that increases about three million an hour, like Arkansas, the more germs you have to spread out the faster the Order will grow on the germ theory.

MR. BARNES:—It does seem to me we are wasting a great deal of valuable time in this unnecessary discussion. At 2 o'clock it is necessary for a considerable number of us to go through a rehearsal for the entertainment to-night. We have invited the people of Oklahoma to that entertainment. I think we ought to go ahead with the vote. The members should be separated into different States and be prepared to cast their votes.

MR. JOHN B. MENDENHALL (8499):—I did not intend to say a word on this subject, but as a former resident of Atlantic City, I believe you will make a mistake in going there. The season ends the first of September. They are a born set of grafters there. You cannot get a good hotel at reasonable rates. A room costs \$3.50 a day



and that does not include a bath. Take away the board walk and what is there in Atlantic City? I doubt whether there is a hotel there that will devote its dance-room for your purposes. Their hospitality is measured purely and simply by the amount of money you have. It is different with Little Rock and Jamestown. The Hotel Chamberlain at Fortres Monroe will house the entire delegation and all its friends. There are all kinds of hotels there and you cannot find any greater hospitality anywhere than in Virginia. But I do not wish to say that Little Rock's hospitality is not of a high order.

MR. IVES (447):—Can't we have the representatives of the different States get together?

MR. DUNCAN (8150):—I want to place in nomination another city, and I believe all its people would like to have us go there. That city is Mexico City, Mexico.

**Atlantic City Wins.**

SNARK:—The Chair will appoint Mr. R. W. Pope, Mr. John R. Walker and N. A. Gladding, together with the official stenographer, as tellers.

SCRIVENOTER:—If the various State delegations will give attention I will read the vote of each State. If the State is represented let the Chairman of the delegation answer "present," and I will strike from my roll all States not represented.

(The Scrivenoter then called the names of the States and those represented at the meeting responded to the call. A vote was then taken upon the cities placed in nomination as candidates for the annual of 1907, resulting as follows:

	Atlantic City.	Little Rock.	Norfolk.
Arkansas	...	693	...
California	446	...	...
Colorado	236	236	...
Florida	242	...	...
Illinois	513	...	...
Indiana	227	...	...
Kansas	...	...	363
Louisiana	...	190 1-3	476 2-3
Maryland	150	...	...
Minnesota	213	...	...
Missouri	320	260	260
New Mexico	...	...	22
Oklahoma	...	...	414
Oregon	320	...	...
Pennsylvania	379	...	...
South Carolina	...	...	85
Tennessee	...	470	...
Texas	718	359	...
Virginia	...	...	71
Washington	715	...	...
West Virginia	181	...	181
Canada	427	...	...
Total	5087	2208 1-3	1872 2-3

SCRIVENOTER:—I will announce the vote, which is as follows: Atlantic City, 5087; Little Rock, 2208 1-3, and Norfolk, 1872 2-3, a majority for Atlantic City of 1006 votes

SNARK:—Atlantic City having received the greater number of votes for the meeting place of Hoo-Hoo for 1907, I therefore declare Atlantic City the choice of this convention. (Applause.)

MR. CARMICHAEL:—I move that it be made unanimous.

**Mr. Darling in a Hot Come-Back.**

MR. N. S. DARLING (3022):—Brother Snark, I ask for the privilege of saying a word on behalf of the committees of Oklahoma City, who have spent sleepless nights and done all they can to make this occasion all they could from a business standpoint and in every other way. We

realize our disadvantages and know our limitations. We have not the damnable hills of Kansas City nor the cool refrigerator of the place that made Milwaukee famous, but in entertaining you we have gone to a great deal of trouble; we have taken a great many risks. Several years ago a law was passed by the Legislature of Oklahoma making it a penal offense to offer for sale cigarettes, and during the entire meeting of this Order I have allowed myself, as well as others, to become liable to imprisonment and fine in order that the Supreme Nine might have the necessary amount of cigarettes to smoke, and I want to say to you that wherever this meeting might go, even though Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo should be taken to the lower regions and his Satanic Majesty should be made Vicegerent Snark, and though I should be put on the gridiron and fried during the entire meeting, I would take his Satanic Majesty by the hand and say, "Brother, you have done well and we are proud that we came here." (Laughter and prolonged applause, followed by the Hoo-Hoo yell.) I was born in Indiana, I sojourned for a while in the State of Wisconsin, and I lived for a time in the great State of Kansas, and I came to Oklahoma, where I learned to love the Southerners. I don't know where Cobb came from; but I want to tell you I haven't any of that spirit in my breast—and I love you, Brother Cobb, just the same. (Applause and prolonged cheers.)

SNARK:—Brother Everett has a few remarks he wishes to make under a special order.

**From Our California Brethren.**

MR. W. W. EVERETT (5938):—Brother Hoo-Hoo and Ladies: My trip from California on this occasion has been the consummation of two of the greatest elements of pleasure that I have ever had, for it has been a pleasure to meet you again, as I met you in Portland, with more pleasure, possibly, and the other greatest pleasure is to bring to you greetings from the city of San Francisco. In the middle of last April we had a tremendous shock, followed by a more tremendous fire, a fire that started in the early morning of the 18th and swept along through the city which all of us love, both those who live there and those who have been there; the fire swept from the water front for 453 city blocks, burning with terrific blast furnace force one city building a minute, and the total loss figured over half a billion dollars. As I came there in the morning of the 19th and saw the poor straggling people rushing for any exit, no matter what it was, carrying on their heads bundles of clothing, pushing along the streets with the rattle of casters of their bed lounge, with some crockery or any other household stock that they could get—as I saw those poor people of all nationalities, for San Francisco is cosmopolitan, the tears struggled to the surface, for nobody knows what such a calamity means unless he has gone through it. The third day broke with a pall of night covering the entire city. Coming across the bay you couldn't see it, but you could see here and there flashes and flames, and hearing the explosion of dynamite, which meant that some great building had gone. On the fourth day a few Hoo-Hoo met together to see what could be done.

Led by one of the most sterling young men that ever joined the Order of Hoo-Hoo, Brother Frank Trower, Vicegerent of California, they started to find out, as he expressed it, "What the devil has become of the lumbermen," he in his automobile, and he journeyed from one end of the city over piles of brick, six, ten, twelve, sometimes twenty feet high, the automobile jumping from crags of brick to crags of cement and mortar, he looking for the victims, who, he felt, required aid. From one corner

of the city to another the rest of us went about on foot, doing all we could. Then there came from the sun-blessed country that floats the white flag with a red center in it, Japan; from the land of the Chinese Emperor, from Australia, with its common people and government so strong; from England, Germany, South America, and all over the world a great burst, "What can we do for you? What do you need?" The first word that we received was from one of the most beautiful cities of the Coast, Portland, Ore., coming out with a statement, "You can have anything and everything," and it came through Brother Inman to us in California, and the first question they asked themselves was, "What would we need were we in the same predicament?" And the first thought, knowing the banks were closed, was money, and the second was clothes, and later came the tremendous donation of lumber to rebuild the city, and that came from our dearly beloved sister city of Portland, Ore. From all parts of the world came the succor to the friendless, to the homeless in San Francisco; but over the wire came a piece of information and the glad-some tidings to us who knew not where we stood temporarily, the offer of this great beloved fraternity of Hoo-Hoo, saying, "We have sent you \$2,000 to use for the benefit of our Order and its members in your stricken city." And thus there came to all of us in San Francisco, all the members of Hoo-Hoo, the feeling that while we are wandering through the gardens of mirth, still the greater motto of Hoo-Hoo is "Health, Happiness and Long Life," and with the sending of that aid came all three.

California helped through Hoo-Hoo reverses the Order and its members more than the Hoo-Hoo of the country will ever know, for it was the feeling one receives when a hearty grasp is given to the hand, and a burst of brotherly love strikes you on the back and says, "We will help."

San Francisco Hoo-Hoo began to find that they had been fortunate; that while many had lost their homes and business, all had lost our business locations, but we found every one of our members and there were no deaths. One man came to us after Brother Trower had appointed the Hoo-Hoo Relief Committee—ex-Vicegerents Templeman, Niehaus and myself; Brothers R. W. Neighbor, M. W. Davis, Keogh, J. C. Ward, J. P. Muller and J. C. Ellis—one young fellow came with tears in his eyes and said, "I was married last week; I have lost everything except my wife; can you help us?" We went down into the fund that Hoo-Hoo had given us and used a little mite that helped him along to buy his household utensils, a cook stove, bedding and a place to put his head.

Brother Hoo-Hoo, we have in that city a tremendous force of energy that cannot be realized unless you journey there. The lumbermen pulled together. We did what we could, and with the aid of Portland, Salt Lake City and the coast cities we managed to get together all the strength we needed, and today I am the proud and happy bearer of a draft for \$2,000, returning, with deepest gratitude, the fund which accomplished so much, and which placed the Order of Hoo-Hoo on a pedestal of California worship. I am bearer also of a letter which I will read:

San Francisco, Cal., August 31, 1906.—To the Members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Assembled in Annual Meeting at Oklahoma City. Dear Brother: It gives me great pleasure to commission Wallace W. Everett, of San Francisco, as the special representative of the Northern District of California at your meeting, to charge him with the pleasant duty of returning to you for the Imminent Distress Fund of the Order the \$2,000 which was so generously sent us immediately after the great disaster of April 18.

The Snark of the Universe and our Supreme Scrivenoter have suggested that, as this money was raised particularly for the relief of the distressed in California, it might be

turned over to the General Relief Committee. But the said committee have sufficient funds on hand, and promised, to cover their requirements. And, besides, we feel the \$2,000 will mean more to the Order than it will to anyone else.

With the money we also wish to return our heartfelt thanks for this fraternal aid so promptly and generously offered at a time when it seemed that many Hoo-Hoo in this city would be in the deepest want. But the manhood of San Francisco Hoo-Hoo came through the fiery test in triumph, and the grit and resolution of our boys has put them once more on their feet, without the need of using any of your fund, which represents the magnanimous giving of every part of our beloved country.

We are now an important part of the forces which are restoring to the nation its gateway to the Pacific, and ere long the newer and more beautiful San Francisco will arise, Phoenix-like, from the ashes and desolation of the past.

But, brothers, we feel that words are entirely inadequate to express our very deep appreciation of your practical sympathy, and the memory of your noble action will ever live in our hearts as a true expression of that fraternal kindness which lies deep in the heart of Hoo-Hoo.

With best wishes for the most successful annual meeting ever held, I remain, Fraternally yours,

FRANK W. TROWER,

Vicegerent Snark, Northern Dist. of California.

For the Relief Committee of Nine.

(At the conclusion of Mr. Everett's remarks all the members present arose, and, standing, vigorously applauded the speaker and concluded with an enthusiastic rendition of the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

SNARK:—The next order of business is the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—Eleven o'clock was set for the election of officers.

SCRIVENOTER:—I move that the special order of business for the election of officers be postponed for one hour in order to give us an opportunity to discuss the forthcoming report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. The report will contain a number of important suggestions, more important right now, I think, than the election of officers.

Mr. Baird's motion was seconded and carried.

**Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.**

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommend to the members that in view of the fact, judging by contents of communication received, that many Hoo-Hoo do not know or understand what is in the Constitution and By-Laws, that it would be well for each and every member to read same carefully at least once each year.

ART. 3, Sec. 7.—Change to read: "The annual dues shall be one dollar and sixty-five cents (\$1.65), of which amount sixty-six cents shall be applied as an annual subscription to 'The Bulletin.'"

ART. 8, Sec. 1.—Add after the words "for the year ending ——" "The Scrivenoter shall issue as a receipt for dues a special post-card, and no member shall be admitted to any meeting or concatenation who does not present such certificate, after January 1st, 1907."

W. E. BARNES,  
N. A. GLADDING,  
C. D. HOURKIE,  
W. H. NORRIS,

MR. BARNES (3) (reading from report):—The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws have agreed on the following recommendations to the Order: We suggest that Article 3, Section 7, be so changed as to read as follows: "The annual dues shall be one dollar and sixty-five cents (\$1.65), of which amount sixty-six cents (66c) shall be applied as annual subscription to 'The Bulletin.'" I would suggest the desirability of taking up these different sections and disposing of them.

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—I move the adoption of the recommendation.

MR. BARNES (3):—The annual dues will be \$1.65,

and we simply apply sixty-six cents (66c) of that amount as subscription to The Bulletin, as was explained yesterday.

SNARK:—The question is upon the adoption of that portion of the report just read by Brother Barns.

(The motion to adopt (by Mr. Carmichael) was seconded and carried.)

MR. BARNES (still reading from report):—We recommend that Article 8, Section 1, be amended as follows: After the words "For the year ensuing," add "The Scrivener shall issue as a receipt for dues a special card, and no member shall be admitted to any meeting or concatenation who does not present such certificate, after January 1, 1907."

MR. ROGERS (485):—A move its adoption. (Motion seconded and carried.)

MR. MENDENHALL (8499):—Do I understand that cuts out the privilege the Vicegerent has of vouching for a member?

MR. BARNES:—We did not intend that you should do that, but in order to have a rule it must be exact.

MR. MENDENHALL:—The Vicegerent ought to be allowed to vouch for any member.

MR. BARNES:—The trouble is the Vicegerent may not know. There is only one man in the entire Order who knows when a man is in good standing, and that is the Scrivener. This was not intended to be a hard and fast rule, however. The Vicegerent must use his good judgment and sense. This is to prevent members who have been out of the Order four or five years partaking of the hospitality of other people and making a feedfest; that we may know a man is in good standing by his producing the postcard.

MR. MENDENHALL:—I would like to know how a man is to identify himself as being the rightful owner of that postcard. I object to the Vicegerent being allowed to vouch for any member, for more than one reason. It might put him in a very embarrassing position, and he should not be allowed to do it. They might lose the card and some one else find it and misuse it.

MR. BARNES:—I don't think there is any place in the country where anybody would undertake to pass for you, Mr. Mendenhall.

MR. GLADDING (99) (of the committee):—In regard to the postcard, the details of it are to be left to the Scrivener. He is to get it up in such form as he sees fit as to the size, the wording, etc. We could not stipulate all that, and we thought it best to leave it to the discretion of Mr. Baird, with his knowledge of how these things are done.

SCRIVENER:—Was it the idea that this should go into effect September 9th?

MR. BARNES:—I suppose we will have to make some exceptions. It was a matter we could not put into the Constitution. There are some members of the Order who have paid their dues some years in advance. Therefore, I would move you that it is the sense of this meeting, or our interpretation, that those who have paid their dues in advance shall have the advantage of that fact. I will make a motion to that effect, if necessary.

MR. BAIRD:—I do not think it is necessary to make a formal motion. There are a good many who have paid up three, four, five, six and ten years in advance. I do not think those men ought to be gone after again. There are a good many men who have only paid at this meeting. Shall we go back after them?

SEVERAL MEMBERS:—Yes, sure.

MR. BAIRD:—Wouldn't it be better to fix the date October 1st? Anybody whose dues are received by Octo-

ber 1st to be on the old basis, and after that every man's dues shall be \$1.65. Unless a date in the future is fixed I would be strenuously in favor of going back to September 9th—every man paid up to September 9th, who has paid \$1.00, owes 65 cents. You suggest a postcard, Mr. Barns?

MR. BARNES:—Yes.

MR. BAIRD:—It will be difficult to get one cent matter into the hands of our members. Wouldn't it be better to send the card out under a two-cent cover? We can get up a very neat card—something the man will be apt to keep. I have often noticed in sending out notices of dues under one-cent postage that the results are fully 50 per cent less than when we used two-cent stamps.

MR. BARNES:—All we had in mind was that a postcard would cost exactly one-half, and with 14,000 members it means quite an item each time. We thought a postcard would, in the majority of cases, reach them. This can be changed, however, by cutting out the word "post."

Mr. Barns then read the suggested amendment, omitting the word "post."

(A vote was taken on the suggestion of the committee and it was adopted.)

MR. BARNES:—The committee recommend to the members that in view of the fact, judging by contents of numerous communications received, that many Hoo-Hoo do not know or understand what is already in the Constitution and By-Laws, that it would be well for each and every member to read same carefully at least once each year. The trouble with our Constitution and By-Laws is not as it is on the books; but the trouble is we do not understand it. Many of us do not read it. I would suggest the desirability of having the Constitution and By-Laws printed in the first issue of The Bulletin after this meeting, in full as it is amended. The trouble this last year has been, as some of you know, that the Constitution and By-Laws adopted at Portland did not really appear in The Bulletin until last July. It seems to me, if we mean anything by this Order at all, if there is anything in our fundamental law and coming together year after year, we ought to observe the letter of the Constitution and By-Laws. They ought to be familiar to us. This is simply a recommendation, a suggestion that each member of the Order read the Constitution and By-Laws once a year. Scrivener Baird makes a good suggestion, that in view of the fact that the Constitution and By-Laws will only take up one page of The Bulletin, it be printed in every issue.

SNARK:—You have heard the suggestion of the committee. Are you ready for the question? The question is upon the printing of the Constitution and By-Laws in each issue of The Bulletin.

MR. BARNES:—I will put that in the form of a motion. (Motion seconded and carried.)

SCRIVENER:—Being a little apprehensive that, after the election of officers, we will scatter, I wish to say that my office in parlor D, in the Lee Hotel, is open and ready for business. You can pay your dues there and we will issue receipts. Remember, now, if you are paying your dues, it will be \$1.65. The price of the jewelry remains the same as heretofore.

MR. YOULE (614):—How about those who paid yesterday?

SCRIVENER:—Those who have paid at this meeting 99 cents or \$1.00, should come in and settle up the balance.

MR. MENDENHALL:—I believe in giving credit to whom credit is due, and it seems to me that the Committee on Resolutions have been somewhat derelict in extending votes of thanks. The newspapers of Oklahoma City

have certainly been very good in publishing the proceedings, giving individual notes and all that kind of thing, and I think they are entitled to a vote of thanks, also the Pioneer Telephone & Telegraph Company are entitled to a vote of thanks for courtesies extended.

(Motion seconded and a vote of thanks was extended the newspapers of Oklahoma City and the Pioneer Telephone & Telegraph Company.)

SNARK:—We are about up to the election of officers, but if the House would grant the Chair about four or five minutes to speak on a question, I would ask Brother Rourke to take the chair.

#### The Alaskan-Yukon International Exposition.

(Ex-Snark Mr. C. D. Rourke (421) took the chair.)

MR. INMAN (Snark):—The question that I wish to speak upon, brothers, is not to be passed upon here or anything of the kind; it is simply to bring it before Hoo-Hoo. As you all know, a movement was started to go to the Pacific Coast, at Buffalo, two years before the time to go there. We recognized the necessity of that, because it was so far away, and there were so many beautiful cities in the Eastern and Middle States likely to get ahead of us. Now, we will have another exposition, known as the Alaskan-Yukon International Exposition, to be held at Seattle in 1909. I have received a number of telegrams and letters in regard to that, but it is not necessary to read them here at all. I only want to bring it to your attention. I want you to think about the matter and talk about it, so when the proper time comes at the meeting prior to 1909, we will ask you to pass favorable resolutions endorsing the place, which is all you can do, and which was done at Buffalo for the annual at Portland. I want you to talk about it, think it over and see if you cannot, when the proper time comes, bring the annual to Seattle, Wash., in 1909. You will visit there one of the most beautiful cities in the West, and the loyalty of Hoo-Hoo there cannot be surpassed by any other city. We want you there at that time. (Applause.)

MR. P. B. WALKER (48):—Worthy Snark, the Committee on Good of the Order originated one matter which has not been appropriated by the Resolutions Committee, and which was referred to that very elastic and capable Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. I refer to the matter of the Order standing the expense of Hoo-Hoo band in attendance on these meetings. This is the fifth time they have honored us with their sweet music, and I think it is time that provision be made for paying their expenses. I move that at the next annual meeting this order appropriate sufficient funds to defray the expense of the Hoo-Hoo band in attendance on our annual.

MR. COBB (32):—I second the motion.

MR. BOLINGER (93):—In behalf of Louisiana I second the motion.

SNARK:—Gentlemen, you have heard the motion. I think it is important that we act favorably on it, for the reason that we have enjoyed the hospitality of the Texas brothers and have sponged on them long enough.

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—Brother Walker said the next annual. I want to amend that by saying that this convention make an appropriation to pay for the expenses of the band at the present meeting.

MR. WALKER:—I should have made it that way but for the fact that our Texas brothers have already provided for it.

MR. ROURKE:—Personally I want to be understood as in favor of that Hoo-Hoo band; at the same time I think the convention is going too far in appropriating money that far ahead. We don't know what is going to

happen, and it seems to me the proper thing to do is to instruct the Supreme Nine to pay the expenses of the Hoo-Hoo band at the next annual, provided we can. It may be things would happen so that we would have to take that band across the continent, which costs money. I am no "welder," or cheap fellow, but at the same time I think it would be better if the matter were left to the Supreme Nine.

MR. CARMICHAEL:—I will withdraw my amendment.

MR. ROURKE:—I move, as an amendment, that it is the sense of this meeting, that the expense of the Hoo-Hoo band be paid at future annuals, provided the Supreme Nine deems it fit.

(The amendment was seconded by Mr. Carmichael, and was carried.)

#### National Fraternal Sanitarium Matter.

SCRIVENER:—There is one matter that should have gone before the Committee on the Good of the Order, and rather an important one. I do not believe however, it would have been practical to pass on it at this meeting. It is a communication from the National Fraternal Sanitarium Association, endorsed by the societies of the United States and Canada. I have not had time to go through with the printed matter that they sent along. I referred it to Mr. Barns, and he went through it and wrote me that he was favorably impressed with it, and thought it might be well to discuss it at this meeting. I will ask Mr. Barns to tell us briefly what the thing is. Perhaps we might refer it to a special committee of the House of Ancients or some special committee and have it considered.

MR. BARNES:—This is a long document and ought to be given full consideration. In fact, I will make a motion that this whole matter be referred to the incoming Supreme Nine, so that they may look into it carefully and make some recommendation later on.

MR. MENDENHALL:—Give us an idea of it.

MR. BARNES:—All of the fraternal associations in the country have joined in the erection of a sanitarium at Las Vegas, New Mexico. Each of these organizations contributes a small amount, and for that amount you can send a member of the Order who has consumption and likely to die to that sanitarium. I would not want to pass on it favorably at all until the management was investigated. So far we have found it all right, but it is too big a subject to tackle at a time like this. I think if we can send a man in that condition to a sanitarium where they can take care of him, those who are afflicted by the white plague will be made more comfortable and will be well taken care of while there.

(Motion seconded and carried.)

MR. BARNES:—I suppose this is a matter which ought to be passed upon in a constitutional way, but simply to place this Order on record I will say that years ago, at our annual meeting at Detroit, there was a question as to the expenses attendant on that meeting—whether the Order itself should bear the expense of the hall, because the hall was used for concatenations, etc., and at that meeting the Supreme Nine decided that in view of the fact that we were entertained there, given the hall and so on, that the entire proceeds of the concatenation held at that time should be taken by the local committees and used in that way. This established a precedent, which has been followed, with the exception of St. Louis. At St. Louis we had our Hoo-Hoo home, so there was no reason for it and the entire amount collected from that concatenation was turned over to the Order. This, as you can imagine, will become quite a serious matter some day. I will speak very frankly and plainly for that reason. At



Portland we had some 200 members, and the amount that was due the Order would have been about \$1,000. Of course the Order had to provide buttons for the 200 members, which meant \$400 more. I simply want to move that it is the sense of the membership of the Order that all future annual concatenations should be treated exactly as they are in all other instances.

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

SNARK:—Is there any further new business before the election of officers is taken up?

(There being no further new business, the election of officers was the next order of business.)

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

#### Election of Snark.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will call the roll of States for nominations for Snark.

(The Scrivenoter first called Arkansas. Represented by Mr. Carmichael, Arkansas yielded to Missouri.)

MR. BARNES (3):—Missouri has a candidate for the office of Snark, and I am not going to talk about him very long. We have many other things to do. We have a candidate whose name is A. C. Ramsey. Missouri and Arkansas are jointly responsible for "Bigge." I think he was born in Arkansas. He has his mill interest in Arkansas, but he has lived in St. Louis a number of years. I think it is a wise provision on the part of the order or a sort of understanding that no man shall be elected to the Snarkship who has not previously occupied a responsible position on the Supreme Nine. In an Order like ours it is of the utmost importance that a man who becomes Snark, with all the dignity of the position and the work attached to it, should be thoroughly familiar with the work of the Order. During the last year Brother Ramsey has been our Senior Hoo-Hoo. He had previously been Junior Hoo-Hoo. He has been a Vicegerent, he has been a worker in the ranks. He is a safe, conservative, level-headed lumberman. This more than anything else is a lumberman's organization. I, therefore, take the greatest possible pleasure in suggesting the name of "Bigge" Ramsey, for the office of Snark. I do this because we know him, we love him, and because the Order knows and loves him. (Applause.)

SCRIVENOTER:—Unless a motion is made to the contrary, I will resume the call of the roll for other nominations.

MR. GLADDING (99):—I move that nominations be closed.

MR. ROURKE:—Well, that is what I was going to say.

MR. ENGLISH (2220):—Can't this election be by acclamation, with only one candidate in the field? If so, I move that it is the sense of this Order that Brother Ramsey be elected by a unanimous vote.

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—Brother Snark, there might be some technical ground there, and I would amend the motion in this way: That the Scrivenoter be authorized to pass the entire vote for Mr. A. C. Ramsey for the office of Snark.

MR. ENGLISH:—I will withdraw my motion and heartily second the other motion.

SNARK:—The motion has been made that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote of the Order here represented for Mr. Ramsey for the office of Snark for the ensuing year. Before this is voted on I will ask Mr. Rourke to take the chair. (Mr. Rourke took the chair.)

SNARK:—I am not going to say anything in regard to Brother Ramsey, except as to the sentiment on the Pacific Coast. You all know how "Bigge" stands here, and I fancy a god many of you know how he stands out West, but at the time of the convention at Portland, of course, the boys felt they would like to have a Snark out there. I told them, "Boys, it is not up to us. It is up to the Eastern Hoo-Hoo. If they want to give us this, they will do it; they have the votes." You went out there, and you brought with you that big stalwart from Missouri, and the moment that he clasped the hands of the boys there we felt the warmth of the spirit of his very soul. It was soon noised around that "Bigge" Ramsey had sufficient votes pledged to him to elect him Snark. Some of the other brothers came to me from the East, and said: "That is all right. When the proper time comes our 'Bigge' is going to step down and out and give the Snarkship to the Pacific Coast," and that is what Brother "Bigge" Ramsey did. Now, I want to tell you brothers, it is not every one of us that will do that. It is not every one of us that has a position of that kind within our grasp that would surrender it for a year. Of course, Brother Ramsey did not know what would happen to him in the course of a year, and he had an ambition to preside over a body like this. I have had numerous letters and telegrams since I came here from the Pacific Coast to vote for "Bigge" Ramsey, some saying, "If you don't elect "Bigge" Ramsey we will never forgive you." That is the sentiment we have for "Bigge" Ramsey on the Pacific Coast. I couldn't let this occasion pass without showing on the record that I had delivered the goods. (Great applause.)

(The motion that the Scrivenoter cast the entire vote represented at the meeting for Mr. A. C. Ramsey for the office of Snark, having received many seconds, was put to a vote by the Snark and unanimously carried with great applause. The Scrivenoter then declared that he cast the entire vote represented at the meeting for Mr. A. C. Ramsey as Supreme Snark.)

(The Snark appointed Messrs. Habighorst (2393) and W. W. Everett (5938) a committee to escort Mr. Ramsey to the platform. The committee having performed the duty assigned them, Mr. Ramsey said:

MR. RAMSEY:—Worthy Snark, Brother Hoo-Hoo and Ladies: After the eulogistic remarks you have heard, I am afraid you expected to see a different specimen of humanity stand up before you. For the third consecutive time you have honored me with a position on the Supreme Nine, this year placing me at the head. It is a mere idle waste of words for me to stand here and tell you I appreciate it. God knows all of you would appreciate it, and I hope you will all live to have the position tendered to you. I especially appreciate it because I am one of the young members of Hoo-Hoo—not a young member of Hoo-Hoo, but a young man (laughter and applause). I have been in Hoo-Hoo some fourteen years, and have worked for Hoo-Hoo. Perhaps I have not done all that I should have done, or will try to do in the future, but if we are to believe the words of Scripture—"By their works ye shall know them"—I believe every man in Hoo-Hoo will know me one year from now. There are plenty of words I might use to thank you, but they all seem inadequate except the old standby, "I thank you." (Applause.)

MR. L. LIPPMAN (14748):—I would be very glad to have Brother Ramsey's wishes come true, that every member have an opportunity to be Snark. I would like to be the last one. (Laughter.)

#### Election of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

(The Scrivenoter started the call of the roll of States, beginning with Arkansas.)

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—One thing Arkansas has to her credit. She stands at the front on the roll call. It might be a good place to say that we now renew our invitation for you to come to Little Rock in 1908. I rise, in behalf of Arkansas, to place in nomination a gentleman we all love, one who has honored us with his presence, has spoken kindly to us, has partaken of our hospitality in our rather warm climate without a grumble, although he comes from the far North; one who we think, from his conduct among us, is entitled to this high and responsible position. He is a man of fine disposition; he is brilliant and well-read; therefore, I take pleasure in presenting the name of W. M. Stephenson for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.)

(Mr. English (2220) responded to the call of Colorado and moved that nominations be closed. The Scrivenoter proceeded with the call of the roll of States. When Minnesota was called, Mr. Walker (48) responded and said:)

MR. WALKER:—It seems to be my individual fate to get superseded. As Chairman of the Committee on Good of the Order, they stole my thunder, and now the brilliant orator from Arkansas comes in and steals it again. Minnesota, as he has told you, has a candidate, and I doubt whether there is a man within the sound of my voice who does not know and honor and respect him. The North Star State is proud to claim him as a citizen. True, old Tennessee still keeps a watchful eye on her native son. I came into this hall well aware that my friend Stephenson would not accept this. We all know his enthusiasm, coupled with that warm-hearted good nature which is a boon when the dark clouds gather. I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. W. M. Stephenson.

(Mr. Stephenson then took the floor and was met with many cries of "Sit down," but finally he said:)

MR. STEPHENSON:—Minnesota has a candidate. Mr. Walker is a newspaper man and assumes a good deal. Minnesota appreciates the honor you have extended me, and I appreciate it personally, but I cannot accept the honor at this time. We have for Senior Hoo-Hoo a man we all love and admire, a man with sterling qualities and a man who will honor Hoo-Hoo as well as being honored. Minnesota desires to place in nomination for Senior Hoo-Hoo, Brother "Tom" Rogers, of Oklahoma.

(The Scrivenoter proceeded with the roll call.)

MR. N. S. DARLING (3022):—Mr. Snark, Minnesota has stolen a little thunder from Oklahoma. I wish to second the nomination of a young, middle-aged, old man; a man young in spirit, young in strength, young in mentality; a man middle-aged in years, old in experience, old in judgment, old in Hoo-Hoo—a lumber man—typical—and a worker. You know what he did out in Portland—brought you down to this hot, sizzling frying-pan against your very wishes (laughter and applause). Hoo-Hoo wants workers; it is a cinch he is one. Some call him "Colonel" when he is south of Mason and Dixon's line, some call him "Tom," and some call him "Mister." But all call him "Brother." I second the nomination of "Tom" Rogers. I did not know that Brother Stephenson was going to withdraw. If he had not, all I would have said is, "I love Brother Stephenson, but I love Brother Rogers better—because I have known him longer." (Applause.)

MR. WALKER (48):—Like the others, I want the privilege of calling "Tom" brother, but I want to correct the impression given by our good friend, Darling—our candidate, Stephenson, has not been withdrawn.

MR. STEPHENSON:—I withdraw my own name.

MR. DARLING:—Mr. Snark, I move you that this convention instruct the Scrivenoter to pass the entire vote of the Order for T. H. Rogers for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

MR. CARMICHAEL:—We will have to take a vote on it. The gentleman who nominated Brother Stephenson can ask a roll call.

(The Scrivenoter continued to call the roll of States until the end was reached, whereupon Snark Inman announced that it would be necessary to call the roll of States for a vote on the two candidates who had been placed in nomination.)

MR. STEPHENSON:—Mr. Snark, I ask that my name be withdrawn. I will ask Brother Carmichael please, in consideration for me, to withdraw my name as a personal favor to me.

MR. CARMICHAEL:—I would like personally to show my appreciation by staying with him. It will not take long to call the roll.

MR. STEPHENSON:—I ask it as a personal favor.

SNARK-ELECT RAMSEY:—I move an intermission of about one minute.

MR. ROURKE:—Second the motion.

(Motion carried and an intermission was had. After a few moments the meeting was again called to order by Snark Inman.)

MR. STEPHENSON:—I rise to a point of order, Mr. Snark. I have been nominated here without my consent. I demand the right to refuse the nomination on that ground, and I ask that my friends vote to make the election of Col. Rogers unanimous.

SNARK:—The gentleman is right on the point of order. You cannot compel a man to accept a position against his will. Therefore, Brother Stephenson's name may be withdrawn.

MR. ROURKE:—I don't know about this thing, but I think a man's wishes should be respected, and as one of the best friends Stephenson has got here, I move that the rules be suspended and the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of those present for Col. "Tom" Rogers, of Oklahoma, for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

(The motion by Mr. Rourke, receiving a number of seconds, was voted upon and carried unanimously.)

(The Scrivenoter declared that he cast the entire vote of the Order represented at the meeting for Mr. T. H. Rogers (485) for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo for the ensuing year. Snark Inman then appointed Mr. W. E. Barnes and Mr. C. D. Rourke a committee to escort Mr. Rogers to the platform. The committee proceeded to do so and Col. Rogers was greeted with many calls of "Put on your overcoat." He complied with the many demands of the members present and, with his overcoat snugly buttoned, he said:)

MR. ROGERS:—Worthy Snark, Brother Hoo-Hoo and Ladies: I want to assure you that I feel grateful for this honor. I will say it was unexpected. While several have spoken to me about it, and I saw some notice of it in the paper last night, I don't know what authority they had. I don't believe I am entitled to this. If you will excuse me I will lay this coat down. (Cries of "Keep it on.") I will just say, in this beautiful and pleasant climate of ours, it is only necessary at any season of the year to wear an overcoat in the morning until along about 9 or 10 o'clock, when it gets so pleasant, winter and summer, that we don't need it. I thank you for this honor and I assure you that I will be ever ready to do what I can at any time in furtherance of the interests of Hoo-Hoo and the good of the Order. I joined the Order when I was a very young man. I believe the Order is improv-

ing, and I think we should every one of us put forth every possible effort, not simply to increase our numbers, but to get the very best blood that there is among those who are eligible. I think quality should be considered and not numbers. I want to bespeak for our new Brother Snark the co-operation of the members, and I want also to ask you to put forth every effort possible to build this Order up into something that we will not be ashamed of. We are not ashamed of it now, but there was a time when I was almost ashamed of it, but I feel thankful that the Order has so improved that now we may all be proud of it. There was a time when the public thought that a concatenation was a kind of periodical drunk. You let Hoo-Hoo know that we have eliminated that class of people to a large extent and I believe we will be able to eliminate them entirely.

MR. BARNES:—I would suggest that, as the officers are elected they take their places in a row along here in the front, where we can see what we are getting. (Laughter.)

(The motion was seconded and carried. Snark-elect Ramsey and Senior Hoo-Hoo Rogers occupying two of nine chairs which were placed in a row.)

#### Election of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will call the roll for nominations for the office of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

(The Scrivenoter called "Arkansas.")

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—Arkansas sincerely hopes that she will not kick up a row this time, and she desires to place in nomination a brother who has taken a great interest in the Order, who has traveled a great distance to be with us, who has made a very acceptable and impressive speech, one who is a good loser as well as a good fighter, and although at his own request he has asked to be classed with the dead ones after all the resolutions offered by his committee had been killed, I take pleasure in placing before this convention our Junior Hoo-Hoo Brother W. W. Everett, of San Francisco. (Applause.)

MR. OXENFORD (1346):—I second the nomination of Brother Everett for Junior Hoo-Hoo.

(Responding for Colorado, Mr. English (2220) seconded the nomination of Mr. Everett.)

MR. ENGLISH:—How could anybody but be willing to cast their vote for him for this office after hearing the speech he made a few minutes ago. It simply shows the work in which he has assisted Vicegerent Trower for our suffering brothers in San Francisco, who did not take to the woods and attend to his own business, but spent his time among those who needed his attention, and more especially among the members of the Order. I am pleased to have the opportunity and most heartily second the nomination of Brother Everett for the office of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

The Scrivenoter continued the reading of the roll of States. Answering the call of Oregon, Mr. Habighorst said:

MR. HABIGHORST (2393):—I second the nomination of Mr. Everett, and I move that the nominations be now closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the entire vote represented at the meeting for Mr. W. W. Everett for the office of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

(The motion being seconded and carried, the Scrivenoter declared that he had cast the unanimous vote represented at the meeting for Mr. W. W. Everett for the office of Junior Hoo-Hoo.)

(Snark Inman appointed Messrs. English and Ramsey a committee to escort Mr. Everett to the row of seats assigned the new officers.)

MR. EVERETT—Gentlemen, a great deal comes into a young man's life, and I feel today that words cannot express my sentiments. I thank you. (Applause.)

#### Election of Bojum.

Mr. Carmichael (8041) answered to the call of "Arkansas" and yielded to California.)

MR. EVERETT (5938):—Brother Hoo-Hoo, it is one of the greatest pleasure of my life to put in nomination the name of a member who carries with him all the feelings that should permeate the entire corps of good Hoo-Hoo. We have thousands of them in the entire Order, but he is one of the most pre-eminent in the organization, and especially in his own district. To make it to the point I would like to quote Brother Darling, who says "We love him." I want to place in nomination Brother George M. Duncan, of Texas. (Great applause.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I will continue the roll call unless otherwise instructed.

(Mr. C. D. Rourke responded to the call of Illinois and said:)

MR. ROURKE:—Illinois wishes to second the nomination of Brother Duncan, and I move that nominations be closed and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote represented for Mr. George M. Duncan for the office of Bojum.

(The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.)

(The Scrivenoter declared he had cast the entire vote represented for Mr. George M. Duncan for the office of Bojum.)

MR. DUNCAN (8150):—I will come, you need not send after me. (Laughter.) Mr. Snark and gentlemen, for the honor you have done the Lone Star State I thank you. (Applause.)

MR. BARNES:—I would like to call the attention of the audience to the fact that two of these gentlemen (indicating the four new members of the Supreme Nine) carry their hair, and two of them carry the "parts." (Laughter.)

#### Election of Scrivenoter.

(The Scrivenoter called "Arkansas," but was interrupted by Mr. Stephenson (2676), who moved that all the rules be suspended and that the Snark cast the entire vote of the Order represented at the meeting for Mr. James H. Baird for the office of Scrivenoter for the ensuing term.)

(The motion was seconded by a large number of the members.)

SNARK:—All in favor of "our Jim" for Scrivenoter for the ensuing year will say "Aye."

(All the members present arose and voted aye, in the midst of great applause.)

MR. GLADDING (99):—Give us a new speech, Jim.

MR. ROURKE:—Give us the old one.

MR. JAMES H. BAIRD (408):—Gentlemen, I have no speech to make. I made a speech nine years ago and have made the same one eight consecutive times since. Last year I was given leave to print in The Bulletin. In other words, I was allowed to inflict that speech on only the new members. I have no speech to make now except that I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the honor you have conferred upon me, and for the evidences of your continued confidence and esteem. (Applause.)

#### Election of Jabberwock.

("Arkansas" being called by the Scrivenoter, yielded its place to Indiana.)

MR. GLADDING (99):—Indiana wishes to thank Arkansas for yielding its place to the old Hoosier State,

and we take pleasure in presenting a candidate for the office of Jabberwock, Mr. Charles Wolfen, of Evansville. I am not going to make any extended speech, and I wish the privilege of turning the speech-making over to Brother Rourke, of Illinois, who can tell you all about our candidate.

MR. ROURKE:—I presume the reason Brother Gladding has turned this over to me is that I have probably passed down the line more times with Charlie Wolfen than any man that ever lived. We have opened many old Hoo-Hoo trunks. Sometimes we used the axe, but we always got the trunk. In Wolfen there is a man that will go further and put up with more than many other fellows I know. Talk about your rooms in Oklahoma. He and I slept eight in a room and it was all right. We liked it, and the heat rolled up to the ceiling. I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Charles Wolfen, and I trust he will be the choice of the convention.

(The Scrivenoter proceeded with the call of the roll, Missouri, through Mr. Barnes, moved that the nomination be closed, and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote of the members present for Charles Wolfen, of Indiana, for the office of Jabberwock.)

(Motion seconded and carried and the Scrivenoter cast the entire vote represented at the meeting for Mr. Charles Wolfen for the office of Jabberwock for the ensuing year.)

MR. WOLFLIN (6460):—Worthy Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo and Ladies: I assure you it affords me great pleasure to receive this honor. Brother Rourke says I have always worked in the ranks, and I assure you that "Big" Ramsey and the remainder of the Supreme Nine can count on me. (Applause.)

#### Election of Custocatian.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will call Arkansas for the nomination for the office of Custocatian.

(Arkansas yielded to Oregon.)

MR. HABIGHORST (2393):—The Oregon delegation takes pleasure in nominating a member of the Order on the Pacific Coast, one who has been a member since 1893, No. 614, Mr. George E. Youle.

MR. BARNES:—I desire to second what nomination. I have known Mr. Youle since he was in the Southeast. I will move you that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote here represented for Mr. Youle for the office of Custocatian for the ensuing term, and I also move that the rules be suspended and the ladies be allowed to vote.

(Motion seconded and carried by rising vote, including the ladies present.)

The Scrivenoter declared that he had cast the entire vote represented at the meeting for Mr. George E. Youle for the office of Custocatian for the ensuing year.

MR. YOULE—Mr. Snark, Brother Hoo-Hoo and Ladies, I thank you.

(All the ladies present rose and beautifully rendered the Hoo-Hoo yell, with every indication that it was all intended for the newly elected Custocatian exclusively.)

#### Election of Arcanoper.

(The Scrivenoter called Arkansas, which responded through Mr. Carmichael, who said that Arkansas would yield her place "to any old State that wanted to nominate some one." The Scrivenoter proceeded with the call until Indiana was reached.)

MR. GLADDING (99):—Indiana wishes to present as a candidate for this office a gentleman from Maryland, Mr. John L. Alcock, one of the best Hoo-Hoo in the East, and those of you who have met him at this concatenation certainly must know that he is a level-headed first-

class business man, and a gentleman who will do honor to Hoo-Hoo. The East certainly should have a representative. (Applause.)

MR. STEPHENSON:—I don't want to make any remarks about the "blasted Englishman." Brother Alcock has lived in this country a good while; he is thoroughly Americanized; he is a man whom we all honor and love. I move that nominations be closed and the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote represented at this meeting for John Alcock, of Maryland, for the office of Arcanoper.

SNARK:—No objection.

(Motion seconded and carried unanimously.) (Applause.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I cast the entire vote, 13,443 votes, for John L. Alcock, of Baltimore, for the office of Arcanoper. (Applause.)

#### Election of Gurdon.

(Scrivenoter called Arkansas.)

MR. CARMICHAEL (8041):—For the office of Gurdon, which is pronounced by our esteemed Scrivenoter, Gurdon—and I wish to correct him, since the office is named after Gurdon—I wish to place in nomination Mr. R. W. Polk, of Arkansas.

SCRIVENOTER:—I thank the gentleman for his correction.

(The roll was called by the Scrivenoter to and including Louisiana.)

MR. BOLINGER:—Louisiana will second the nomination of Mr. R. W. Polk, and I move that the entire vote represented here be cast by the Scrivenoter for Mr. Polk for the office of Gurdon for the ensuing year.

SCRIVENOTER:—If there is no objection the Scrivenoter will cast the entire vote for Mr. R. W. Polk for the office of Gurdon for the ensuing year.

MR. N. S. DARLING:—I wish to announce that at 2 o'clock there will be an automobile ride over the city for the ladies and a trolley ride for the men. This does not include the gentlemen who are to take place in the rehearsal at the Opera House. We will work there from 1:30 until 7 o'clock, at which time we will take a glass of water.

(At 12:20 p. m. Mr. Stephenson (2676) moved that the convention adjourn.)

(Motion seconded by Mr. Rourke and carried.)

#### Scrivenoter's Supplemental Report.

(See page 15 for explanation of this part of the Scrivenoter's report not appearing at proper place.)

While the Snark has ably covered the general good of Hoo-Hoo, there is one specific recommendation I desire to make, and hope it will receive mature consideration with a view to its immediate adoption.

It is that The Bulletin be hereafter put upon a bona fide subscription basis of ninety-nine cents per year, and that the paper be sent only to those who pay.

I have given to this subject much careful thought, and will submit as briefly as possible the several considerations that have led me to the conclusion that such a change will be wise and helpful.

In the first place I think no man who has given thought to the Scrivenoter's financial reports from year to year can be ignorant of the fact that we have been living off the revenue derived from the initiation fee of new members, and that consequently our existence, in a sense, is, and has been all along, dependent upon a continued growth of membership. Not only are we dependent upon this continuous increase of membership, but we are, in my judgment, compelled to have, if we are to continue along past and present lines of work, a constantly accelerating growth of membership. I do not think this a healthful state of affairs for many reasons, and if an opportunity exists for correcting it without radical change in our organic plans and without friction of any sort, I think we



should avail ourselves thereof. I think such an opportunity exists.

While I am fully aware that much of our heaviest expense is inseparably incident to our rapid growth of membership, of which we are so justly proud, and that it is difficult if not impossible to absolutely differentiate this expense from that incurred in the service rendered to our "old" members, of whom we are still more proud, I am wholly convinced that the ninety-nine cents we receive yearly as dues from each member is not sufficient to cover the expense of the service rendered that member. To send him The Bulletin for twelve months in its present enlarged, and, I think, improved form, to send him the handbook with supplements each year, and then to add to this a just proportion of the general administrative expenses of conducting the Order's business, whatever that just proportion may be, more than absorbs the amount such member pays in.

The result is that the member, once his initiation fee is absorbed—and it must be remembered that one-half of this goes at once as expenses to the Vicegerent who initiates him, and that another \$2 goes immediately for the button which we send him, to say nothing of the handbook and the express charges on trunk and other inevitable expenses incurred in holding the concatenation—that member becomes a continuous source of expense and not of revenue, a burden to be borne and not a support to be leaned on—in short, a liability and not an asset from a financial standpoint.

In the early days of the Order when the number of these "old" members was small, and the percentage of increase per annum was high, the cross was not grievous and the burden was light. Now when the number of these "old" members from whom we derive no other revenue than the annual pittance of dues—the expenses of collecting which must always be higher than if the individual amounts were larger—the burden, if not already a heavy one, must inevitably soon become so. In an effort, perhaps needless, to make this still more clear to the man who has only given casual thought to the business end of Hoo-Hoo, I will cite some figures for comparison: Take the year ending September 9, 1897, the first year of my Scrivenership. At the beginning of this year we had a membership in good standing of approximately 4,000. During the year we took in 675 new members, giving a percentage of new initiates—from whose fees we derive a profit—to the old members—from whom we derive only dues—of 17 per cent. Take an earlier year—that ending September 9, 1895; at the beginning of this year, the old members numbered about 2,000, while the number of those initiated during the year—the revenue producers—numbered 1,575, or nearly 80 per cent.

Since those years, despite the fact that the actual number of new initiates has rapidly and nearly uniformly increased from year to year as Hoo-Hoo has spread over a larger and still larger territory, the percentage of "new" to "old"—of revenue producers to those carried at a loss—has steadily fallen, until during the Hoo-Hoo year ending September 9, 1905, during which we initiated the astonishing number of 2,184 new members (or six for every day in the year, including Sundays and all holidays), the ratio of those from whom we got a profit to those from whom we got a loss, had fallen to less than 16 per cent. During the year just closed, with a slightly larger number of initiates than last year, the percentage is still less, being below 15 per cent.

In the face of this proportionately decreasing revenue and increasing growth of expense beyond that covered by annual dues, the part of the initiation fee allowed the Vicegerent for expenses of initiation was increased four years ago from one-third of the fee to one-half the fee. I advocated this change at the time and fully approve of it now, as without it we could not possibly have made the progress we have scored.

I would now point out, however, that while I see no reason, with Hoo-Hoo firmly established in nearly every state and territory in the Union and in Mexico and the provinces of Canada, why its growth should not be continued and accelerated; some immediate and adequate steps should, in my judgment, be taken to guard against the great depletion of the substantial cash balance we have always been able to carry, and which we now have on hand, which would inevitably follow any marked decrease in the number of men initiated during the year.

This can be accomplished in any one of several ways:

First, by increasing the dues of all members.

Second, by abolishing The Bulletin entirely, or reducing it to a mere leaflet, chronicling the routine news of the Order.

Third, the plan suggested—briefly that of continuing to

make the paper worth the money, and then getting the money for it.

My reasons for favoring the last named plan are:

First, while I may be misled through ignorance or blinded by vanity, I firmly believe our little paper to be a welcome visitor to hundreds, if not thousands, of our members, and that it has been a potent force in keeping alive and spreading afar the interest in Hoo-Hoo and in building up its splendid membership. I believe the paper is read and appreciated by many hundred of our very best members—those taking the deepest interest in every feature of the Order's welfare. I also firmly believe, from hundreds of letters received, and particularly from the number of those received from members who volunteer to remit "for subscription to The Bulletin," under the assumption that there is a bona fide subscription price, that there are now enough men in Hoo-Hoo ready and willing to pay the small subscription price to quite relieve the Order of the heavy expense of the publication of the paper. If these surmises prove, upon trial, to be correct, I see no reason why still further improvements, adding to the value and interest of the paper, might not be made, that would now be unwise even to attempt.



N. S. ("NELS") DARLING,

Vicegerent for Oklahoma who endeared himself to every man, woman and child attending Fifteenth Annual Meeting and whose abilities are as varied as his energy is unflagging.

Second, to the man who from lack of interest in Hoo-Hoo or The Bulletin's intrinsic value—if it have any—does not read the paper, it appears clear to me that to continue sending it to him does him no good, does the Order no good, and is a useless and senseless waste of somebody's money.

Third, the publication of a paper such as The Bulletin, to be sent free to every member of Hoo-Hoo, was never contemplated until several years after the fees and dues of membership were fixed on the present basis, but grew out of the need for such a channel of communication between our members ably suggested in his annual report by my predecessor in the Scriveners office, Mr. George K. Smith, at the annual meeting at Minneapolis in 1895.

Fourth, to put the paper upon a bona fide subscription basis would eliminate several questions touching its admission to the mails as second-class matter that have often arisen to vex us, and which now in a most aggravated form will be up for discussion at this meeting.

Fifth, the change suggested is in no wise radical, and in no wise changes the organic plan of Hoo-Hoo. It can be easily, immediately and smoothly put into operation, and will, I believe, while giving a quid pro quo to every man, and imposing a burden upon no man, greatly operate to remove the Order from the anomalous position of having, per force, to go forward, lest it rapidly go backward, to one of good business sense and permanent solidity.

## The Entertainment Features at the Annual Meeting.

### The Osirian Cloister Banquet.

In the banquet hall of the beautiful Indian Club, on the evening of September 8, occurred the Osirian Cloister banquet. Covers were laid for 150 guests. The room was elaborately and artistically decorated, and during the evening an orchestra rendered some excellent selections. A male chorus of sixteen voices imparted an added charm to the musical programme and contributed greatly to the enjoyment of all present. The menu cards were unusually beautiful and appropriate in design, and called forth many expressions of admiration. All the details of the occasion were carried out with exquisite taste, and the entire affair was characterized by unusual elegance.

#### Menu.

Manhattan Cocktail Blue Point Cocktail  
Celery Radishes  
Cream of Chicken a la Reine  
Olives  
Olive Pimientos Salted Almonds  
St. Julien Claret  
Filet of Sole au Vin Blanc  
Cucumbers Allemande  
Sweetbread Croquette Supreme French Peas  
Hoo-Hoo Punch  
Virginia Spring Chicken, a la Augusta Victoria  
Moet and Chandon White Seal  
Vintage 1876  
New Potatoes Rissolo  
Stuffed Tomato en Surprise Tutti Frutti Ice Cream  
Fancy Assorted Cakes  
Fromage de Brie et Roquefort  
Toasted Bent's Crackers  
Assorted Fruits Nuts Raisins Bonbons  
Yellow Chartreuse  
Coffee Cigars

The toastmaster was the Chief Priest of the Osirian Cloister, W. M. Stephenson, who was in his happiest mood, and presided with unusual grace. The toasts and responses were as follows:

#### Toasts.

Our Absent Brothers.....Mr. A. H. Weir  
"Achilles absent, is Achilles still."  
—Iomer (The Iliad).  
Hoo-Hoo.....Mr. R. D. Inman  
"Of a truth men are mystically united—a mighty bond of brotherhood makes all men one."—Carlyle.  
The Osirian Cloister.....Mr. Platt B. Walker, Jr.  
"I am the morning: I know the gate."  
—Hymn to Osiris.  
The Ladies.....Mr. C. D. Rourke  
"Despite our bondage as we will,  
"Tis woman, woman rules us still."  
—Moore.  
The Southwest.....Mr. J. H. Baird  
"It is a goodly sight to see,  
What Heaven has done for this delightful land."  
—Byron (Childe Harold).  
Oklahoma.....Mr. N. S. Darling  
"Now hath the brave youth come to man's estate."  
—Shakespeare (Troilus and Cressida).

#### Our Absent Brothers.

Wallace W. Everett, of San Francisco, was the first to respond to a toast, "Our Absent Brothers." He took the place of A. H. Weir, who could not be present. In closing, Mr. Everett read a poem, which was well received:

I have been asked by an absent brother to respond to the toast, "Our Absent Brothers." I notice by the programme that it says "Achilles absent is Achilles still." Achilles present is not Achilles still. I will commence as they always do,

brother Osirians and preceptors of future Osirians, and apologize to the preceptors of future Osirians, but I will not apologize to brother Osirians, because they have afflicted the same kind of prepared speech on me in the past. I stood once on the outskirts of the Carnegie Temple of Music in Pittsburg and heard the master hand of Frederick Orcher bring forth from the fire-toned organ one of the most beautiful harmonies that man ever heard, and I saw on my right a young man in tears, and a moment later, at my left, another in smiles; and I realized then that the harmony of Frederick Orcher brought forth both tears and smiles. And so in the harmony of Hoo-Hoo—in the tremendous harmony that stretches from the pines of Maine to the mighty redwoods of California, and from the pines of the South to the firs of Washington, that great effort of Hoo-Hoo brings harmony to all; and whether we are absent or present, the same strong harmony unites us all on the basis of Happiness, Health and Long Life.

Gathered as we are around the Osirian banquet, we come to realize that there is an upper stop cementing and bringing us all together into greater harmony; for in the Osirian Cloister we find the hard workers; we find them both present and absent; those who are working each other and working for the general good. I can realize why some are absent, but I can realize even more strongly why we are present here, because as I look around the table I can see one strong reason, and that is the fact that the wives of the Osirians wanted to attend this banquet (applause), and the rest of us who are present without wives came because we wanted to see the other brothers' wives; and yet envy creepeth not into the heart of Hoo-Hoo, for some of us have been lucky enough to leave our wives at home.

I want to say a word about our absent brothers who have departed never to return, who have shed the luster of Hoo-Hoo and brought the Order to be honored by the temperature of Oklahoma City, and I will read just a few lines in order to give you the privilege of being bored by the other speakers.

And still on that evening, when pleasure fills up  
To the highest top sparkle each heart and each cup,  
Where'er my path lies, be it gloomy or bright,  
My soul, happy friends, shall be with you that night;  
Shall join in your revels, your sports, and your wiles,  
And return to me, beaming all o'er with your smiles—  
Too best, if it tells me that, 'mid the gay cheer,  
Some kind voice had murmur'd, "I wish he were here."

Let fate do her worst, there are relics of joy,  
Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot destroy;  
And which come in the night-time of sorrow and care  
To bring back the features that joy used to wear.  
Long, long be my heart with such memories fill'd!  
Like the vase in which roses have once been distill'd—  
You may break, may shatter the vase, if you will,  
But the scent of the roses will hang around it still.

#### Hoo-Hoo.

R. D. Inman, Snark of the Universe, paid the following tribute to the members of the Order in which he held the highest gift it could bestow:

Mr. Toastmaster, Brother Osirians and Ladies: I never expected to enjoy a pleasure like this in coming to an Osirian Cloister banquet and being accompanied by one of the fair daughters of Tennessee. (Miss Nancy of Nashville.) I am sure when I go home and tell my daughters—I don't know whether I will tell my wife or not—they will be highly elated. I have always had a warm spot in my heart for the South, as my mother's people came from the South; and God bless our mothers, we love them.

There are gentlemen here much more competent to respond to this toast than myself; but I say to everyone of the gentlemen who originated this Order, God bless them, and I believe every lady here will join me in that sentiment. This Order has accomplished something in the lumber business and its allied industries that was badly needed. I speak more particularly with reference to the West. Since the holding of the last annual at Portland there has been a feeling of good fellowship that has sprung up in the lumber business that had never existed before. Some time ago such a thing as two rival lumbermen taking a cigar or a drink (of lemonade) together was not heard of. (Laughter and applause.) Now it is a common thing to see three or four of them together in a social way. As we pass on through life we learn that there is something greater and grander than the almighty dollar. We learn to meet somebody else on a common ground and shake his hand and know that man thinks something of you for yourself and

not merely of your pocketbook. Every one of these ladies and gentlemen here tonight has a feeling of love and friendship and good fellowship for every other one. Those are the things that governments are made out of—love and truth. I say God bless the men who organized this fraternity; they will be remembered many years after they are laid away in the archives of the future. This Order has brought me in con-



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tact with others engaged in the business in which I am engaged, competitors in business. Nowhere have these things been felt as on the Pacific Coast; for there we have had to pass through hardships which are unknown in other parts of this country. When, in 1900, there is to be a Yukon-Alaskan exposition held at Seattle, we will ask you to come there again, and we will give you such a handshake as you have never had before.

#### The Osirian Cloister.

Platt B. Walker, Jr., introduced by the toastmaster as "once an honored Hoo-Hoo, but now an alderman in Minneapolis," gave a splendid address on the Cloister. His review, without notes, was one of the treats of the evening. He said:

Contemplating even briefly the career of the Osirian Cloister recalls vivid recollections of enchanting scenes from the four quarters of our fair land. These mental kaleidoscopic panoramas giving glimpses of boundless oceans, broad plains, towering mountains and charming cities, afford an ideal background on which memory brings out in bold relief the shadowy forms of a host of genial comrades who have played their part in our little social drama. To attempt with words to paint even fragmentary outlines of a constantly changing vision would tax the skill of a master and I am not equal to the task. So with apologies to our fair guests of this evening I shall recite how the Cloister came into existence, briefly review some of our pilgrimages and give a few of the achievements of our Order.

The history of the Osirian Cloister is intimately interwoven with that of Hoo-Hoo. Solely for the purpose of rewarding those zealous to the interests of the parent Order the Chamber of Horrors was created in 1894. Past Vicegerent Snarks were alone eligible to membership. For some time the Order had a tentative, not an active, existence, with James L. Lane, of Kansas City, the High Priest. No initiatory ceremonies were held but each new member upon being enrolled was consigned to a mythical cell designated by number.

The membership of Hoo-Hoo was rapidly increasing. Many of the initiatory ceremonies would have done credit to the Spanish Inquisition or a band of Apache Indians on the war path. Doubtless on the theory that misery loves company a sentiment crystallized at the annual meeting at Minneapolis that resulted in the Chamber of Horrors assuming the right to initiate some of the original founders of Hoo-Hoo. In order that the special victim of the occasion, William Eddy

Barns (No 3), of the Original Nine, should not be permitted to escape, a warrant was issued for his person and two robust policemen remained his constant companions until he was delivered over to his executioners. Before an admiring audience of ladies and gentlemen a hastily improvised drama was enacted in which various mythical gods and his Satanic Majesty appeared by proxy. The deadly hemlock cup of Socrates was presented to the retiring Snark Barns, who took a sip and fell back in the arms of an attendant. Around his elongated form his virtues and frailties were rudely canvassed. As a result of this tribunal neither the representative of the abode of the blessed nor the prime minister for "horns" would have anything to do with him. It was necessary to embalm the remains and store the relic away in the House of Ancients. In no gentle manner full half a hundred yards of brown muslin was wrapped around his body while the temperature was hovering near ninety. A great surprise awaited B. Arthur Johnson, the illustrious Seer of Hoo-Hoo. In gaudy array he strutted around while his friend was being tortured. Suddenly rude hands seized the monarch, his robes were torn from him and things done which can best be explained in Johnson's own language. I quote:

At Nashville, Tenn., one year later, the Chamber of Horrors duly and properly embalmed retiring Snark J. E. Defebaugh. Previous to the next annual meeting a committee consisting of W. I. Ewart and W. H. Ellis revised and reorganized the Chamber of Horrors. At Detroit, Mich., those eligible to membership were taken to Fire Island, in beautiful Lake St. Clair, where they were initiated into the new order, which has since been known as the Osirian Cloister. The first official duty of the Cloister was to embalm H. H. Hemenway, the retiring Snark of Hoo-Hoo. Papa, as he was known to all his boys, did not object to any part of the ceremony until the official barber proposed to mutilate his hirsute adornment on his chin. Against his prayers and entreaties, however, his locks were shorn and like fabled Humpty-Dumpty all the king's horses and all the king's men could not put it on again.

At Cleveland, Ohio, one year later, occurred the first formal Osirian Cloister banquet, to which the ladies have ever since been welcome guests. The spirit of fun and frolic was abroad that evening in the spacious parlors of Hotel Hollendon. I can well recall the toastmaster, W. I. Ewart, the universal favorite. Always a finished orator, on that occasion he was at his best. At his right was the distinguished military gentleman with the silvery locks, Col. A. D. McLeod. His eloquence has ever been the pride of the Cloister and in his tribute to the ladies did both himself and the subject justice. That genial gentleman, Cliff Walker, contributed his full quota of merriment. W. H. Ellis, he of the sun-kissed locks, was scintillating with wit, while opposite him Al G. Flournoy tried to



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The New Gurdon, Little Rock, Ark.

compete for popularity by giving some of his most finished recitations. N. A. Gladding, the newly elected Snark, was carrying most gracefully his honors. There were present besides many others, some of whom are with us tonight, while the great majority are scattered far and wide. Still others will ne'er again mingle with us here below. I will remember the

smiling face of dear old Tommy Edwards. In a sweet, clear tenor voice he sang us melodies that even now ring in my ear. He has left us, but I feel sure that in his earthly life he earned a place in the choir celestial. Near me sat noble Dick Vitmer. At Fire Island the year before he was the one who volunteered as a candidate to save his comrades and without a tremor submitted to a most trying ordeal. To rescue a life from the fearful flames that same heroic spirit prompted him to offer himself a martyr to his courage. In old romantic Mobile amid the magnolia blossoms reposes our friend, one of the sweetest characters I ever knew.

But I must hurry on, or I will exceed my time allowance. W. I. Ewart was elected Chief Priest at the Cleveland convocation to succeed James L. Lane, our first presiding officer. No embalment ceremony was performed that year.

At Denver, in the shadow of the woods, the Order presented a finished drama in which retiring Snark N. A. Gladding was embalmed, and A. A. White, who had escaped the ordeal the previous year, was adjudged to have remained uncared for too long and accordingly had to be cremated. This was done with the aid of realistic stage settings. Saddened with keen regret that he had been called to join the silent majority, I still remember him as he endeavored to suppress a broad smile at the mock ceremony which was followed all too soon by the solemn rites paid by sorrowing friends.

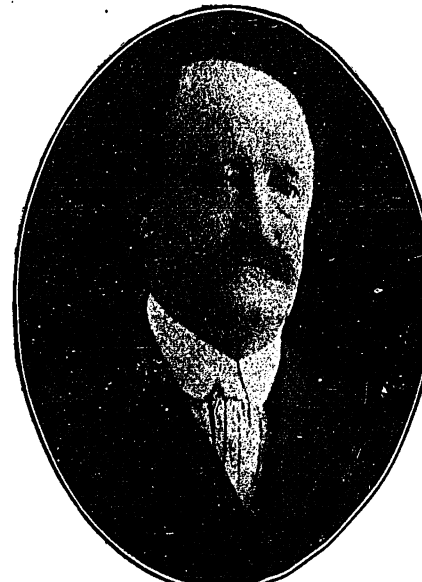
At the Brown Palace Hotel occurred the most elaborate banquet in the history of the Cloister.

Dallas, the gem of the Lone Star State, welcomed the Order next year. No public ceremony was performed by the Cloister but the regulation banquet occurred.

Our next pilgrimage was to Norfolk, Va., beside the blue waters of the Chesapeake. The retiring Snark W. B. Stillwell, who had sustained a painful injury in a falling elevator at the hotel. George P. Locke was cremated as a penalty for not being properly preserved the previous year. The indispensable banquet was not overlooked.

September 8, 1902, found the faithful Osirians in the city by the unsalted sea made famous by the amber fluid that cheers. The embalment ceremony was most effectually reproduced upon the person of Ed. Veltmeier. The annual Cloister banquet at Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, was an event long to be remembered.

At Buffalo the next year our annual banquet and initiatory were the only evidences of the continued prosperity of the Cloister. The Osirian Cloister, through the gates of the famous World's Fair at St. Louis, passed the Cloister's members when the appointed time for our gathering next came around. Of this assembly I know but little, it being the first



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The New Senior Hoo-Hoo, Oklahoma City, Okla.

and only one in the history of Hoo-Hoo and the Cloister that I was not privileged to attend.

A year ago in honor of the Lewis & Clark Exposition at Portland that city was selected as our place of meeting. The annual banquet occurred inside the grounds at the famous American Inn and was the largest attended of any in the his-

tory of our Order. Our present ruler, W. M. Stephenson, was paid a deserving tribute by being elected Chief Priest at this session.

This, ladies and gentlemen, in brief is the history of the Osirian Cloister. As an entertainment I was well aware that the prosy historian could not be considered in the same class as the creator of thrilling romances, the brilliant story teller,



GEORGE E. YOLE,  
The New Custodian, of Seattle, Wash., Vice President of S. A. Woods Machine Co., of Boston, Mass.

or the sentimental poet. Yet he who is privileged to recount some of the events of bygone days in which he has taken even a minor part feels a keen fascination in those real men that is lacking in the creations of vivid imagination.

In closing I might suggest that the Osirian Cloister could very appropriately claim origin from illustrious ancient ancestors. In the early dawn, amid a background of dense ignorance and superstition there dwelt in the far off land of Khen, the birthplace of the human race, a select band of priests the records of whose intimate knowledge of the arts, sciences and letters we are today slowly uncovering from mother earth, where it has lain for countless centuries preserved on engraven tablets of stone. Around the traditions of those high priests who officiated to mythical gods has been formed the Osirian Cloister. The Oriental splendor and pagan rites appeal to our aesthetic sense while we vaguely speculate as to whether these people of the almost forgotten past were better able than we to penetrate the one great mystery of life and death. While its teachings and precepts, taken from the musty past, inculcate the cardinal virtues, the Osirian Cloister encourages the pursuit of those harmless pleasures which smooth the wrinkles from the furrowed brow and lighten some of the burdens of stern existence.

Not the least among our ambitions is to gather once a year around the festive banquet board just such a happy genial company as is here assembled tonight. I thank you for your attention.

#### The Women.

"Next to God, I love the women," said C. D. Rourke, of Illinois, in closing his eulogy on the women. He changed his toast from "The Ladies," to "The Women." He spoke as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I never made a speech that I did not open with an apology. When Mr. Stephenson wrote me that our time would be limited to eight minutes I believed him, and with the noblest speech on the programme I knew that I could fill up the time without preparation. Some of the speakers have stolen my time and others have stolen some of my thunder. If you will trace the Order of Hoo-Hoo from the time of its inception up to the Cleveland meeting you will find what Hoo-Hoo was considered. Trace them from the Cleveland meeting and watch Hoo-Hoo since Cleveland. Egotistical man rises and thinks he is it, but way down where they don't say anything there is that little bubbling thing that



moves him on, and that is woman. Pardon me, my toast is "Ladies," but I like the word "Women" better. I love women, but I have seen ladies so-called, that I hate. If most men would drop that egotism of which all men are made and trace themselves back to the foundation, they will find there the little woman who does not say anything but "Are you tired tonight, dear?" and bid him take care of himself when he goes away in the morning. When God created man he recognized that egotism; he recognized the fact that he had created something that would run away with him if he did not have something to watch him; so he said, "Something has got to be made that will govern that creature and something that will not be regarded by future ages" as a talking machine; something to control that big hulk, and he made woman, the first lady. "Lady" dates from the time of Elizabeth, when a woman had to be the wife of an earl to be a lady. All gentle women are considered by us ladies. I have been regarded throughout my life as a jester, and this is the first time in my life that I have been given a subject that approaches so near the infinite that a jest would be a sacrilege. Women, next to God, I love them. (Applause.)

#### The Southwest.

"The Southwest" was the subject assigned to J. H. Baird, who spoke as follows:

The toast assigned to me is "The Southwest"—by inference meaning, I am sure, its history and development, past, present and to come in the future. It is a subject that interests me deeply. I was much in the Southwestern country some twenty years ago, and through this immediate section of Oklahoma about that time.

I feel that I can claim, therefore, along with your pioneers, to have some personal knowledge of the marvelously rapid development that has taken place, and to share with these pioneers, to some extent at least, in the joy of contemplating the splendor of the future that spreads out so fair before you.

When I first saw this valley of the Canadian, it was a far-reaching expanse of prairie and sky, tenantless except for scattered bands of squallid Indians, wandering herds of cattle, and an occasional straggler from the rear guard of that fast-vanishing army of the cowboys.

Since then everything has changed except, perhaps, the sky, and if I mistake not, even that, in the matter of amount and equable distribution of annual rainfall, has shown some improvement of recent years. Everything else has changed—has been rolled up as in a scroll which is now unfolding in a panorama of plenty and beauty, the final end of which no eye can see and no tongue put in prophecy.

When first began that long and bitter agitation for the opening to white settlers of this immense domain of Oklahoma, nearly as large as France and greater in its capacity for supporting population than the famous diked lands of the Zuyder Zee in Holland, it marked an epoch in our country's history second only in importance, in my judgment, to that other epoch when Bowie, Travis and Wyndham, and our own David Crockett and Sam Houston of Tennessee, took up the ravelled shreds of Aaron Burr's long discredited dream and added to the American Union Imperial Texas. The undertaking, now crowned with such glorious success, appeals with peculiar force to the people of my section. In a somewhat new and different aspect, it was a striking assertion of the principle for which our people of the South have so often and so cruelly misunderstood—the principle, Mr. Toastmaster, that this whole country, from end to end and side to side, one and indivisible—wrested by our Anglo-Saxon forefathers from savage nature, and defended in twenty wars, is a white man's country; to be by us transmitted as the mightiest heritage of all man's history, unstained by hybrid blood, undimmed in its splendor and unshorn of its glory, to our descendants forever.

We see in what you have done an endorsement of what we have done—and what we purpose, under God's providence, to make stay done—and we rejoice, as you surely must, that of your present population of nearly three-quarters of a million more than 85 per cent is made up of Americans, native-born.

Somewhere in this Southwestern country will some day be realized the highest type of life to which mortal man can climb. Starting on its westward course so many ages ago, the star of empire has reached the Golden Shore—the tide of civilization has swept around the globe—and somewhere here, gentlemen, pausing with no more worlds to conquer, will be born Time's offspring—his noblest and his last.

In the beautiful little verse that comes with my toast we have:

"It is a goodly sight to see what Heaven has done for this delightful land."

But, gentlemen, it is a goodly sight to see what man has done, and man can do, in such a land. For it is through man, at last, that God speaks—the voice of God is the voice of his people.

On your immediate land—of Oklahoma—I can pass no truer verdict than that of the first white man whose eyes beheld it three hundred years ago—Don Diego de Penalosa—one of the lieutenants of the great Cortez, and himself a gallant gentleman of Spain, from the city of old Cordova. In writing back to his king of this valley out here of the Canadian River, he said, "Es una tierra hermosa y productiva"—it is a fair and fruitful land.

#### Oklahoma.

"New State" Darling, the silver-tongued orator, splendid entertainer and all around good fellow, who Hoo-Hoo hopes will soon be a Senator from the New State, told of great and beautiful Oklahoma as follows:

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen: I will not detain you long. I am disappointed. I wrote the Secretary of Agriculture for the last report of Oklahoma's productiveness, having made up my mind to give you statistics closely typewritten on about thirty-one pages, which would take about two hours of your time, but the worthy secretary did not reply to my request. In the business of after-dinner speaking I am what might be called an office boy; but this goodly company of fair women and stalwart men, this evidence of good fellowship, gathering together of the Hoo-Hoo clan, ought to promote one in the short space of a few moments to the position of general manager. A few short months ago the political astronomers in Washington made a discovery. They found a new star. They scanned the national heavens, but such great political astronomers as Joe Cannon, of Illinois, could not be made to believe that this new light that had sprung up on the national canopy was worthy to be called a star; but they seemed to realize that down here in the great Southwest there existed a country called Oklahoma, peopled by a citizenship at least partially civilized and to some extent capable of self-government, and so Congress passed the enabling act, and we are permitted tonight to greet you, our guests, as visitors from sister states, realizing that in your short stay you have learned to view with pride the achievements of your fellow citizens and to look with admiration upon the achievements of seventeen years, for seventeen years ago, where Oklahoma City now stands, there was nothing but a waste of plains. Oklahoma land was advancing and the products of human industry were unprecedented. Oklahoma's strides in educational, moral and social development finds no parallel in the history of our country; it needs no eulogy here tonight. Nay, on the contrary, she sends to us a message; land of sunshine, she speaks of optimism, of cheerful hearts, people of bountiful character, undaunted by adversity, undismayed by privations of early days. We in Oklahoma involuntarily hold our heads a little high, our hearts filling with the faith of our forefathers who braved the hardships and dangers of New England and Valley Forge and died on the battlefield that this nation might be born. This is a cosmopolitan city; the people worship God according to the dictates of their conscience, and Oklahoma, trusting in God's goodness and wisdom, will soon rank high as a commonwealth of our great country. Here are men from the East and men from the West; men from the North and men from the South. Here the old Confederate soldier and the enfeebled Northern veteran love and pet the same grandchildren, and Oklahoma speaks of the forgiveness of brotherly love. May the beautiful prairie, watered by numerous streams and rivers, may her busy, bustling cities, her Northern push, her Eastern thrift, her Southern good cheer and hospitality, leave an impression upon our guests that can never be erased. We are proud to have you within our gates and to be your hosts. The people of the state of Oklahoma, the new star, a bright one in Uncle Sam's constellation of commonwealths, bids you tonight Long Life, Health and Happiness. I thank you. (Applause.)

#### Impromptu Remarks.

After the formal toast list had been completed Toastmaster Stephenson called on a number of prominent members present for remarks. John H. Kirby, the lumber king of Texas, was the first to respond, and having just been

initiated into the cloister, he paid that branch of Hoo-Hoo a glowing tribute. Mr. Kirby spoke at length of Hoo-Hoo and its relations to the lumber trade, and told several good stories. He was followed by Mr. B. F. Cobb, of Kansas City, whose speech in part was good-natured badinage directed to Col. Tom Rogers of the local entertainment committee, who, the speaker said, had amply made good when he promised the visitors a "hot time" when the annual meeting came to Oklahoma City. The speech-making was brought to a close by "Coal Oil Johnny" Bonner, of Houston, who endeavored to get off with a few brief remarks expressive of his pleasure at being present at the banquet. He failed in this, however, as the crowd vociferously called for one of his inimitable negro stories. He responded with a mimicry of an old negro preacher, interlarding the characterization with a number of old-time hymns which he "lined out," and in the singing of which the audience heartily joined.

A notice of this notable banquet of the cloister would be incomplete without a word of tribute to the excellence of Chief Priest W. M. Stephenson as a toastmaster. He surpassed even the sanguine expectations of his friends, who have seen him in that station before. Every speaker was introduced with graceful or witty remarks, and it is not likely that any of the set speeches were more enjoyable than these sallies from the head of the table.

#### Roping Contest.

The roping contest down for Tuesday afternoon occurred Monday afternoon. Quite a little trouble of one sort and another had been encountered, as was expected, with the local Humane Society, and an injunction obtained by these people had first to be set aside before the thing could happen. The change in the programme did not, however, materially lessen the attendance. Practically all the Hoo-Hoo were watching developments, and when it was announced that the contest would come off Monday afternoon, a hurried shift of several little matters was made so that some prominent members of the Order who were scheduled for a rehearsal of another sort of show could see the sport.

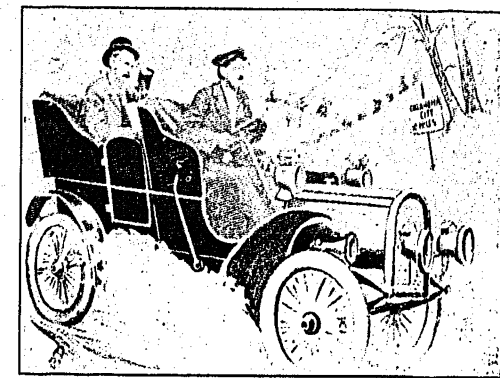
The thing came off at Colcord Park, the grandstand of which was crowded. As an overflow the crowd lined the little race track for something like a quarter of a mile, while a few of the more ardent sportsmen forced their way into the field. The Scribner did everything he said he would do in the August Bulletin. He was right out in the front pen at the roping pen, and saw that every steer was let out of the corral clean and square. He was tendered the honor of being one of the timekeepers, but having only an old twenty-five dollar watch which he has carried for twenty years, and which has not run any for two years past, he had perforce to let this honor go by him.

An inspection of the corral showed a lot of steers from the Hundred-and-One-Ranch of Miller Bros., some forty or fifty miles above Oklahoma City that looked good to Hoo-Hoo. They were both wild and woolly, and while not emaciated, they were far from fat. We judged them to be in first class running order—as they proved to be. They were not highly bred steers, and yet they were not the genuine long-horned so conspicuous in the southwest twenty-five years ago. They seemed a sort of cross between the old issue and the new.

There was the usual amount of backing and filling when any sort of a championship is to be decided in a contest. The deadline which the steer must pass before the roper can start his horse was duly measured out and marked. Somebody had forgot to bring along a white-wash bucket,

and the best they could do was to stretch a rope and pour a stream of corn-meal. This served first rate, and the official flagman who was to signal the roper when to start took his position. The three timekeepers—one for each contestant and a third as a sort of referee—were selected after some wrangling.

Carroll came to bat first and took up position near the exit of the corral on his best horse. The first steer out was a big brindle fellow, and he came like he was shot from a gun. Carroll gave him the fair start provided under the rules, and then set after him in a furious dash of speed. He made his throw as soon as he came alongside, and his horse, rapidly passing the steer, jerked him to his feet with a violet forward pull. We soon found out that this sort of a pull is not the best for time record breaking. No matter how vigorously the horse pulls the rope taut, as long as he is pulling directly ahead of the steer, there is imminent danger of the latter regaining his feet. Carroll seemed to know this, and, while anxious to make a quick tie, showed some doubt about his steer "staying down." He dismounted very quickly, but did not take his hand from the pommel of the saddle. He saw the steer would regain his feet, and quick as a flash he went back upon the horse. Circling around the now somewhat demoralized steer, the rope came taut with a terrible



CHARLES WOLFEN,  
The New Jabberwock, of Evansville, Ind., taking a look at the country near Oklahoma City. He is going home.

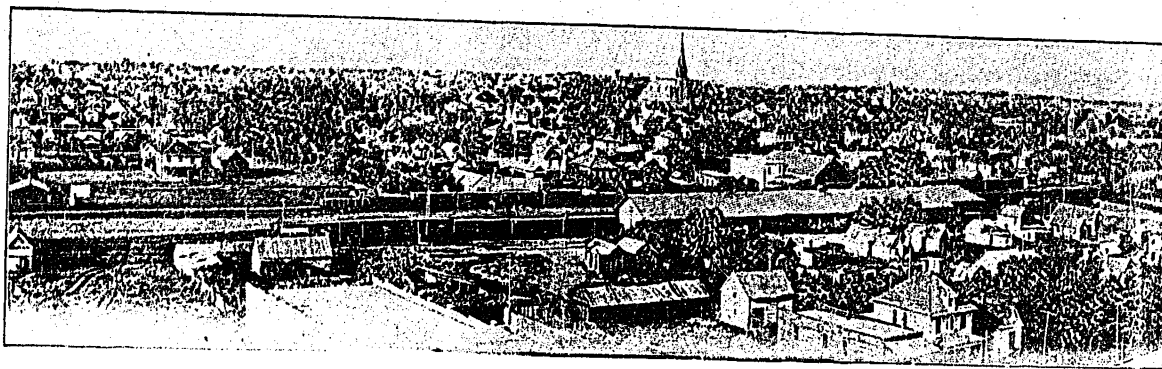
shock, and the steer was on his back with his feet in the air. Carroll again dismounted and made the "tie" in thirty-six and a quarter seconds, as announced by the man with the megaphone. This exactly accorded with the stop watches our party had been able to dig up from various sources, and was regarded as good time where two "tries" at tying have to be made.

With a little delay the next steer was released, and it was Clay McGonigill's turn. He too was mounted on a splendid horse. The steer was even wilder than the first, and made a lightning dash across the somewhat circumscribed area. McGonigill proved an even harder rider than Carroll, and was alongside his animal almost in a flash. His first throw was quite successful, but, like Carroll, he suffered the fate of throwing the steer down with a pull almost dead ahead. This steer never regained his feet, but before risking a dismount, McGonigill had several times to urge his horse to a strong pull to prevent the steer getting up. When he finally dismounted he gave the crowd something to shout over in the lightning-like quickness of his movement. He must have tied his steer within a second after getting to him, his handling of the tying rope being so rapid as to almost elude the eye. The man with the megaphone announced his time for roping and tying this steer as thirty-three and a half seconds—just a fraction more than our stop-watch indicated. This put McGonigill ahead by two and three-quarters seconds.

Then came an immense red steer several hundred pounds heavier than any of the others in the pen—and it was Carroll's time. Again he had bad luck in that the steer nearly regained his feet before he could dismount. When he finally brought him down the steer was dragged several feet. Carroll made the tie quicker than before, but his time with this animal was announced at fifty-six seconds.

Then came McGonigill for his second effort, and the steer released was a medium size, but vicious looking fellow. He proved a swift runner and quick on his feet. After being thrown he got up and rushed off at a tangent before McGonigill could remount his horse. McGonigill was close after him, but the steer, having approached the fence surrounding the enclosure, he was unable to make the necessary circuit for a good tripping-up. Two or three things of an unlucky nature occurred, and when his time was announced as ninety-five seconds, it looked short to most of us. Our stop-watches, however, indicated that the timer was about correct. It is astonishing how long a minute seems in watching quick action like this. This inning put McGonigill thirty-six and a quarter seconds to the bad, and Carroll's followers—many of whom I suspect had up considerable money—were in high feather.

But pride goes before a fall. Carroll's next steer proved to be a veritable race horse, and besides his speed, he had the intelligence to keep his eye on the pursuing horseman. Whenever the latter approached to within throwing dis-



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tance the steer would sharply change his course. Finally Carroll missed his first throw, and with evident exasperation, had to rein in and start anew. He gave a magnificent exhibition of horsemanship, and with his second throw caught the steer on the dead run and jerked him bottom up when the rope came taut. His time was seventy-nine and a half seconds, but it was the finest show of the contest so far, and the crowd applauded as he came back on the sweating horse.

Everybody now thought McGonigill was far ahead, and his adherents were shouting all sorts of encouragement, but his bad luck hung to him. He missed his first throw, and the steer reached the boundaries of the field, and broke through the fence and took to the bushes. Our party was strung out half across the field, and each man was wondering what would happen. We soon saw. Without waiting a second McGonigill forced his horse through another place in the fence almost at full speed and disappeared in the bushes near the river bank in a furious burst of speed. We lost sight of him in a few minutes, but when he emerged to view he had roped the steer and was in the act of throwing him. The men on horses, whose duty it was to inspect the tie and see that it was done exactly according to Hoyle, made a hard ride, but before they got there, McGonigill had thrown up his hands

to signal to the judges. If the inspectors ever passed judgment on this tie it was an ex post facto sort of proceeding. The time on this steer was announced at a hundred and five and a half seconds. It looked like fifteen minutes to me, and I again had recourse to our own stop-watch—only to be again impressed that time moves with leaden feet when there is something exciting going on. This put McGonigill sixty-two and a fourth seconds behind his competitor.

I now saw, as Mr. Inman remarked, that there is a wonderful element of luck and chance in a roping contest, but that nevertheless good judgment and a certain cool-headed caution was inevitably having its effect, and I felt convinced that no matter what happened, out of the ten steers to be roped by each man, Carroll would be an easy winner. He rode less recklessly than McGonigill and roped with greater caution. He was obviously slower, however, in tying the steer after throwing, and slower generally after dismounting from his horse. In one or two instances it seemed to me that McGonigill had lessened his chances for winning by being too frantically in a hurry. It appeared to me that he was out to break all previous records in roping a single steer. Indeed, later in the contest, I heard him say that when he despaired of winning this contest, he had determined to break Carroll's world record of seventeen and a half seconds for a single steer. This is the record made at El Paso some months ago, when Carroll defeated McGonigill in a famous contest.

Carroll's next steer was roped in seventy-one and a half seconds, while McGonigill made a splendid showing on his animal in fifty-two seconds. He broke this steer's leg, however, and he had to be shot. This was the first and only incident in the contest that gave to it any aspect of brutality.

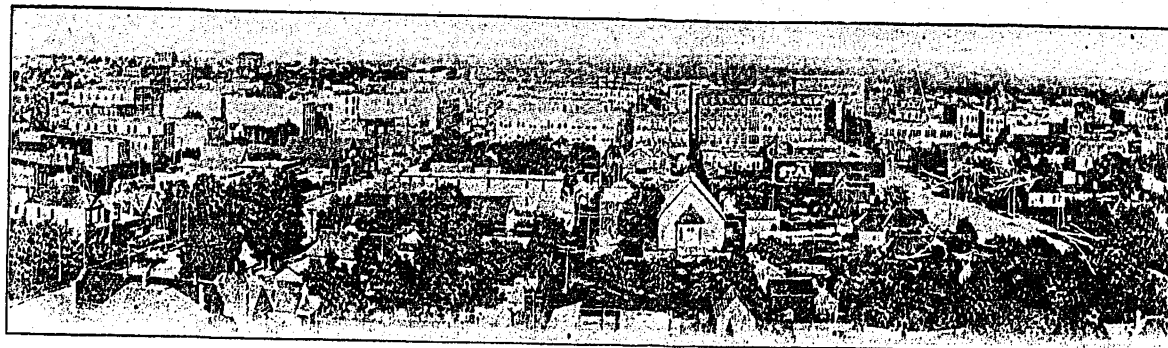
Carroll next roped a furiously wild steer in forty-four and a half seconds, but McGonigill beat him by handling one nearly as active in thirty-six and a half. McGonigill's chances took another boost when Carroll missed his next steer on the first throw, and consumed forty-nine and a half seconds in finally roping him, whereas McGonigill roped his sixth steer in thirty-two and a half seconds. This was the best time made, so far.

The chances swung the other way, however, on the next two steers—Carroll, fifty-seven and a fourth and McGonigill seventy-four and a half. Both men caught on the first throw, but both of them were troubled by the steer struggling to regain his feet. In this inning McGonigill treated the crowd to a sensational episode. After dismounting from his horse with his usual alacrity and running half-way to the steer, he observed that the latter was struggling to regain his feet and that the horse had allowed the rope to slacken. Hesitating apparently for a second, and deeming the chances equally good either way,

he rushed to the steer and endeavored to hold him on the ground by sheer strength and awkwardness. He finally fell breast-downward across the neck of the struggling animal, and with practically no assistance from the horse held the animal by the horns for several seconds in a magnificent exhibition of physical strength. The steer proved the better man, however, and finally regained his feet. McGonigill, hot, dusty and panting for breath, had to run the length of his rope, remount his horse, and make another try at throwing the steer. It looked to me like at least five minutes had been consumed in this struggle, but the stop-watches showed only seventy-four and a half seconds from start to finish.

Carroll forged far ahead on his eighth steer, breaking the record in this contest so far by roping and tying in twenty-eight and a quarter seconds. McGonigill again had bad luck, missing his first throw, and then allowing the steer to twice regain his feet after getting the rope firmly placed, and requiring ninety-seconds for his inning. Carroll now looked to everybody to be a sure winner. He was getting better all the time. He was riding much harder than with his first two or three steers and was noticeably faster on his feet.

The ninth steer—whose exit from the pen was greeted with a Hoo-Hoo salute by those members gathered around the gate—was roped by Carroll in twenty-three seconds. This was a magnificent exhibition and prolonged applause greeted the roper as he returned to the starting mark.



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McGonigill's accumulating bad luck reached a climax in this inning. He missed his first throw and was riding at such a furious pace when his second throw fetched taut that the rope parted. He was quickly supplied with new rope, but failed to catch up with the fleeing steer until he had cleared the enclosure. He went after him furiously, just as before, and finally caught him in a thick cluster of bushes out on the trolley track. When he emerged on his horse to a point where he could see the grandstand he pulled off his hat and threw it high in the air. We hardly knew the significance of this, but the Carroll adherents did, and set up a mighty shout, announcing that McGonigill had given up the fight. No time was ever announced on this last steer. As a matter of fact, he never was thrown and tied until Carroll, mounting his horse at the grandstand, went over and assisted McGonigill in hauling him out of the thick bushes.

On the return of the two men Carroll announced that the next four steers—two for each man—would be roped merely for exhibition—that McGonigill had conceded defeat. Many in the crowd appeared to lose interest, but it was not so with our immediate party. We would have stayed longer had there been more steers to rope. On his first "exhibition" steer Carroll again broke the record in this contest. He did a magnificent piece of work, and

his time was announced at twenty-three seconds. McGonigill in his turn did very poorly, again breaking his rope and missing a throw. His time was seventy-six seconds.

On his tenth and last steer, which he roped in forty-five seconds, Carroll again gave a splendid exhibition of horsemanship. Having failed on his first throw, and having a hard ride to catch up, he again came in throwing distance and roped the steer just as the latter broke through the fence of the enclosure. A quarter of a second later in making this throw would have lost Carroll this steer entirely. McGonigill in his turn on the tenth steer seemed to have quite lost interest, and if any time was ever announced for his last effort it was not recorded.

The papers at Oklahoma City very severely criticised the contest, and spoke of it as having the "usual number of sickening details." Well, it is not just the most refined sport in the world, but in my judgment it is far less calculated to degrade those who witness it than hundreds of other forms of amusement which are allowed full sway. I would rather see one of my boys on a good stout pony actually engaged in this sport of roping steers, even if he did occasionally break the neck of one of them, than to see him hanging around the usual type of "summer theatre" that constitutes so conspicuous a feature now of almost all our city parks. I talked with Carroll a little on this feature of the matter, and his remarks struck me as being just. "It would be different if these steers were being raised for ornaments, but they are being raised to

kill." While I suppose, of course, there is something wrong about a man who enjoys any sport that inflicts discomfort or pain on any living creature, I must confess that I did not feel particularly "sickened" by having taken a tolerably conspicuous front seat at this roping contest. And by the same token, if they ever hold another one anywhere in easy striking distance, I will be on hand.

#### The Three-Act Play at the Opera House.

The three-act drama at the Overholser Opera House Wednesday evening came as a fitting climax to the Fifteenth Annual Meeting. Elaborate preparations had been made and several careful rehearsals gone through with. The result of these rehearsals and the stage management of Mr. N. S. Darling, of Oklahoma City, who had exclusive charge of the staging and presentation of the whole show, was strikingly manifest in the smoothness with which the whole affair passed off.

Too much credit cannot be accorded Mr. Darling. Without his knowledge of stage matters and his unflagging energy the performance would not have been a success, as it is no easy matter to stage and present a show like this, when all the men who are to take part in it are absolutely ignorant of stage effects and deportment and without opportunities for any extended training.



Credit is also due in great measure to Mr. B. A. Johnson, to whom the text of the play owes its existence. Originally writing the play as it was presented at Denver, Norfolk and Milwaukee, he made a complete revision and enlargement of it for presentation at Oklahoma City, and gave up weeks of his personal time to seeing that scenery and stage fittings were properly constructed and duly on hand. It will be noted that Mr. Johnson and his wife were given a vote of thanks by the Osirian Cloister at one of its business sessions.

The audience at the theatre on Wednesday evening was large, many of the citizens of Oklahoma City, both men and women, having accepted the invitation to be present. It can be safely said that they never witnessed a show like this before and many of them, it is probable, will never see its like again.

The drama under Mr. Johnson's able revision falls into three acts, of one scene each, in the order named: "The Installation of New Officers," "The Embalment," "The Cremation."

At this meeting there were two Snarks to dispose of. In the future where there is only one Snark only the "Installation" and the "Embalment" will be given. Each act had a different cast of characters for the Installation as follows:

#### Installation—Cast.

The Seer—W. E. Barns.  
The Talking Sphinx—W. W. Everett.  
Spirit of Good-fellowship—O. H. Rectanus.  
House of Ancients No. 1—N. A. Gladding.  
House of Ancients No. 2—W. H. Norris.  
House of Ancients No. 3—C. D. Rourke.  
Old Snark—R. D. Inman.  
Old Senior Hoo-Hoo—C. J. Mansfield (proxy).  
Old Junior Hoo-Hoo—A. G. Anderson (proxy).  
Old Bojum—B. F. Cobb.  
Old Scrivenoter—O. H. Rectanus.  
Old Jabberwock—E. Stringer Boggess.  
Old Custocatian—J. H. Carmichael (proxy).  
Old Arcanoper—John Oxenford (proxy).  
Old Gurdon—Robert Etikel (proxy).  
New Snark—A. C. Ramsey.  
New Senior Hoo-Hoo—T. H. Rogers.  
New Junior Hoo-Hoo—John S. Bonner (proxy).  
New Bojum—George M. Duncan.  
New Scrivenoter—J. H. Baird.  
New Jabberwock—Charles Wolfm.  
New Custocatian—George E. Youle.  
New Arcanoper—John L. Alcock.  
New Gurdon—R. W. Polk.

The cast for the embalment was as follows:

#### The Embalment—Cast.

High Priest of Osiris—W. M. Stephenson.  
High Priest of Ra—A. C. Ramsey.  
High Priest of Thoth—O. H. Rectanus.  
High Priest of Sed—W. W. Everett.  
High Priest of Anubis—N. A. Gladding.  
High Priest of Hathor—John Oxenford.  
High Priest of Isis—George M. Duncan.  
High Priest of Shu—C. D. Rourke.  
High Priest of Ptah—P. B. Walker, Jr.  
First Pallbearer—C. J. Mansfield.  
Second Pallbearer—J. H. Carmichael.  
Third Pallbearer—B. F. Cobb.  
Fourth Pallbearer—E. Stringer Boggess.  
Fifth Pallbearer—John S. Bonner.  
Sixth Pallbearer—Charles Wolfm.  
Snark to be Embalmed—W. H. Norris.

Following is the cast for the cremation. It will be observed that ex-Snark Vietmeier, not being present in the flesh, was represented by proxy, Mr. George E. Youle, of Seattle, having volunteered for the ordeal.

#### The Cremation—Cast.

High Priest of Osiris—W. M. Stephenson.  
High Priest of Ra—A. C. Ramsey.  
High Priest of Thoth—O. H. Rectanus.  
High Priest of Sed—W. W. Everett.  
High Priest of Anubis—N. A. Gladding.  
High Priest of Hathor—John Oxenford.  
High Priest of Isis—George M. Duncan.  
High Priest of Shu—C. D. Rourke.  
High Priest of Ptah—Platt B. Walker, Jr.  
First Pallbearer—C. J. Mansfield.  
Second Pallbearer—J. H. Carmichael.  
Third Pallbearer—B. F. Cobb.  
Fourth Pallbearer—E. Stringer Boggess.  
Fifth Pallbearer—John S. Bonner.  
Sixth Pallbearer—Charles Wolfm.  
Snark to be Embalmed—W. W. Norris.  
Snark to be Cremated—Ed M. Vietmeier (by proxy George E. Youle).

Where every man taking part in the performance acquitted himself so perfectly, to cite single instances of excellence would be ungracious, but Mr. Wallace Everett, who furnished the sonorous tones of the "Speaking Sphinx," and Mr. O. H. Rectanus, of Pittsburg, who impersonated the "Spirit of Goodfellowship," deserves special mention. In the embalment and cremation ceremonies the priests of the Osirian Cloister, whose names are given above, all acquitted themselves of a good example of elocution and an impressive stage presence.

One of the most delightful features of the evening's entertainment was Mr. N. S. Darling "in repertory." As a high class vaudeville artist and raconteur, Mr. Darling is unsurpassed. Indeed it is not too much to say that a great actor was lost to the world when Mr. Darling embarked on the business career in which he has been so eminently successful. Possessed of a commanding presence and an unusual degree of personal magnetism, he holds the audience in breathless attention from the moment he steps upon the stage. Upon this occasion his efforts were mainly in humorous vein. In impersonating "Old Uncle Billy," a quaint character from real life, Mr. Darling "made up" in full view of the audience, in a few moments changing his appearance from a virile man in the flush of youth and health to that of a wrinkled and toothless dotard. All Mr. Darling's stories and impersonations were received with delighted applause.

The vocal selections rendered by the young men of the Apollo Club also constituted a pleasing feature of the miscellaneous programme which preceded the three-act play, and added very greatly to the enjoyment of those present.

#### The Annual Concatenation.

The annual concatenation was held exactly in accordance with the plans announced by Vicegerent N. S. Darling. Foreseeing that he would have a class of something like seventy-five or a hundred, and knowing that such a number could not be handled so as to properly exemplify the work, he had planned to put through all but twelve selected candidates at an afternoon session, these twelve selected candidates to be initiated in due and ancient form with all the impressive attendant circumstances that could be thrown around the ceremony in the evening, this evening concatenation to be held on the stage of the Overholser Opera House, while the members would be seated in the large auditorium. This was carried out and worked so impressively as to suggest a similar plan for all future annual concatenations. Eighty-five men were initiated at the concatenation, the following officers officiating:

Snark of the Universe, R. D. Inman; Senior Hoo-Hoo, A. C. Ramsey; Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. D. Rourke; Bojum, W. E. Barns; Scrivenoter, J. H. Baird; Jabberwock, E. Stringer Boggess; Custocatian, N. S. Darling; Arcanoper, B. F. Cobb; Gurdon, N. A. Gladding.

#### OTHER ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES.

The various entertainments planned for the visitors at the annual meeting were thoroughly enjoyable and delightful. The ladies of Oklahoma City were uniting in their attentions to the visiting ladies, and every hour in the day was filled with some form of amusement. All the women, as well as the men, attended the polo game at Colcord Park, and the cattle-roping contest was an interesting feature of the entertainment programme. In addition to these, there were various functions for the ladies while the men were engaged at the business sessions.

#### Mrs. Roger's Reception.

Tuesday afternoon a large reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Rogers, the hours being from 3 to 6. The handsome residence was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The porches and windows were hung with the national colors and flags fluttered from the columns of the verandah. Big black cats were wreathed in red, white and blue, and were everywhere in evidence.

Inside the house the large reception hall was hung with flags and wreathed in green vines. Big clusters of dark red dahlias were placed in the window ledges and massed on the mantel. The stair railing was twined with greens and flowers. In a corner of the hallway a punch table was placed under a canopy of flags and flowers. In the parlor, where the receiving line stood, the decorations were of yellow cannas, and green ferns and vines, blending most harmoniously with the mahogany furnishings and the green coloring of the room. In the dining-room, where ices and cakes were served buffet fashion, the decoration was most artistic.

Tall sheafs of red canna lilies back-grounded with greenery, occupied the sideboard and buffet, while the big chandelier above a round dining-table was wreathed in green asparagus fern tied with broad red satin ribbon, which fell to the table in four great bows. In the center of the table, which was bare save for some handsome lace pieces, stood a tall cut glass vase, holding more of the tall vivid lilies.

In the receiving line were Mrs. T. H. Rogers, Mrs. Nelson Darling, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee; Mrs. J. Ernest Crawford, Mrs. R. B. Ragon, Mrs. John N. Graves and Mrs. Robert Finley. Assisting in the parlor and reception hall were Mesdames Blanchard, McKay, Leeper and John Foresman. The ladies in the dining-room included Mesdames Thornton, Bissell and J. L. Bell. Misses Mabel Rogers, Bess Howell and Lois Brooks presided at the punch table, and assisting the hostesses were also Misses Mabel Crawford, Pearl Atwood and Ethel Todd. During the afternoon some delightful music was played on mandolin and guitar. Each guest was presented a souvenir—a Hoo-Hoo cushion-cover, having upon it a picture of the Hoo-Hoo cat and the date with Oklahoma City in black. During the afternoon 250 guests called, including, besides visiting ladies, a number of the visiting gentlemen.

#### At Delmar Garden.

Tuesday evening the entire Hoo-Hoo crowd, including all the ladies, attended the entertainment at Delmar Garden, a delightful pleasure resort in the suburbs. High-class vaudeville was the programme for the evening. The visitors were in a jolly mood and enthusiastically applauded every number.

#### Automobile Ride for Ladies.

Wednesday afternoon all the visiting ladies were taken for an automobile trip. The party started from the Thread-

gill Hotel at 4 o'clock, and two hours were happily spent in viewing the sights of the city and vicinity.

In addition to the set programme of entertainment, many informal affairs were given. Always at the annual meeting there is a certain number of people who attend regularly, and who have many friends whom they never meet except at a Hoo-Hoo annual. These folks naturally get together and entertain each other. There were many private automobile parties, dinner parties, etc. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stephenson gave a luncheon Thursday at Hammond's, on which occasion ten congenial friends enjoyed a delicious menu and many pleasant reminiscences of former trips.

The Osirian Cloister banquet is written up in detail in the regular report of the proceedings of the meeting.

#### ECHOES OF THE ANNUAL.

In addition to the messages of greeting which are printed in this issue, there were a few souvenir postal cards, which cannot be reproduced, and also several telegrams which were so badly bulled in transmission as to be unintelligible.

Several prominent members were heard to express the hope that the Order will accept Seattle's invitation to hold the annual meeting there in 1909. A side trip to Alaska would hit a great many people just right.

At the Delmar Garden entertainment, which was attended by all the visitors, several small parties were given by resident lumbermen for their guests. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Rogers had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, of Bristow, and Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Oktoho, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves Leeper entertained their large house party and a number of additional guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John DuMars had for their guests Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Richardson, of Amarylla, and Mr. Will Richardson, of Sayre.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Darling, to whom much credit is due for the success of the convention, had a large party of friends, though their own house guests were unable to join the party on account of another engagement.

John H. Kirby, of Houston, Texas, has returned home after seeing the Hoo-Hoo Convention well under way. He expressed himself as greatly delighted with the convention city, and the people he met here. A prominent Texan, in referring to Mr. Kirby, said of him: "The man represents a big portion of the brains and energy of the Lone Star State. He is identified with every movement that is promotive of the interests of Texas, and is beloved by the people of the State as no other man." Mr. Kirby, when interviewed by an Oklahoman representative, expressed the hope and belief that the new State of Oklahoma will be Democratic. "We of Texas are watching you with interest," he declared. "Start the new State off on the right foot. Send honest and able men to your constitutional convention and elect men of character, strength and ability to your State offices." Mr. Kirby also referred enthusiastically to the new movement in his State with which George L. Rockwell, formerly of this city, is identified. The purpose of the formation of a "Five Million Club for Texas," to promote an earnest movement to secure a population of 5,000,000 for the State by 1910. Mr. Kirby is leading this movement which purposes advertising the Lone Star State on an extensive scale.—Daily Oklahoman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Ives, of Baldwin, Kas., were on hand early, and, as usual, had more fun than anybody else in the whole push.

William Jenkinson, of Dallas, Tex., representing the Craven Lumber Company, stopped over to attend the convention. Mr. Jenkinson says that he is an Englishman by birth, a Texan by adoption, but has a distinctly tender feeling for Oklahoma.

Wallace Everett, of San Francisco, says he was agreeably surprised in finding a metropolitan city in Oklahoma, and will go away with a kindly feeling for Oklahoma City. Referring to the recent earthquake at San Francisco, he says most of the damage sustained in the way of collapsing buildings was in that part of the city built upon "made" ground. Little damage to buildings occurred where the structures were standing on solid earth.

William Stephenson, of St. Paul, retiring Chief Priest of the Osirian Cloister, is general agent for the Wisconsin Central Railroad, which, he gravely declares, is "not as long as some roads, but of standard breadth."—Daily Oklahoman.

The following editorial appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, September 15:

The election of an esteemed, but before uncelebrated citizen of St. Louis, as Supreme Snark of the Universe by the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, may have two far-reaching results.

It may induce us to give more profound and effective attention to the wisdom of "The Hunting of the Snark," a great literary and economic masterpiece written by a professor of Integral calculus, to illustrate what happens to us when we try to wake up and find exactly where we are before moving to the front. It is then that

"Every night after dark we engage with the Snark  
In a dreamy, delirious fight,  
And we serve him with greens in those shadowy scenes,  
And we use him for striking a light."

Having the Supreme Snark in our midst, the second far-reaching result may become immediately visible if we can "use him for striking a light."

What we need now in trying to get to the front is light on the question of what is the matter with the price of lumber? When we try to build more houses to house our million population, the price of lumber climbs and climbs until the ordinary citizen who goes to buy a wheelbarrow load of it to repair his coal shed is staggered by the price, as he never is by the size of the load he gets for it.

The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is supposed to devote its concatenated intellect to grasping the mystery of this condition of things in the lumber trade, as it belongs to our hunting of the Snark. So it is evident that having the Supreme Snark with us, we have only to use him for striking a light on this question. Then we can move to the front as far as the light carries us.

The Oklahoma City people are certainly filled with the joy of living—especially the joy-of-living-in-Oklahoma-City. They are tickled to death with the town—which indeed is natural enough. They have reason to be proud of the push and progress of the place and of the many attractive features of the new southwest.

"I think my daughters would like this town," remarked one of the women visitors.

"Good gracious!" replied a young lady resident; "how could anybody help liking Oklahoma City! I wouldn't live anywhere else in the world." And she meant it, too. No doubt the young folks have a good time there.

"Where would you live if you had the whole world to choose from?" asked an inquisitive woman of Mr. George Youle. "Seattle, Washington," was his prompt reply.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ryan, of Columbia, S. C., expressed themselves as perfectly delighted with Oklahoma City.

W. H. Pumphrey, of the Arkansas Lumber Company, Warren, Ark., was so impressed with Oklahoma City that he made a considerable investment in real estate before leaving for his home.

R. P. Webb, of Nashville, Tenn., attended the annual, accompanied by Mrs. Webb and her sister, Miss Alice Haynie. Mr. Webb was delighted with Oklahoma City and declared his intention of returning there soon for a more lengthy stay.

O. E. Hodge and W. E. Heard, of Winfield, Kas., were busy showing the good fellowship of Kansas.

J. D. Ferguson, of St. Louis, a member of the Ferguson-McDavis Lumber Company, of that city, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crawford, at their home, during the convention. "Oklahoma City is simply the best ever," he said.

H. A. Richards, of the Grand Trunk Railway System, St. Louis, was among those who enjoyed the annual.

L. R. Putnam, of the Northwest Arkansas Lumber Company, Fayetteville, Ark., was present at the annual. Mr. Putnam is a loyal and enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo.

In Oklahoma City one meets people from all over the world. Some sections, of course, are better represented than others. It is a strange coincidence, yet a fact, that there are eighty-seven lumbermen in Oklahoma and Texas who were born and reared in Chillicothe, Mo.

Brother George E. Waters, of Baltimore, Md., accompanied by his wife and son, attended the annual meeting. Mr. Waters, in addition to being a prominent Hoo-Hoo, is a successful amateur gardener. He is the owner of the remarkable garden recently described in The Bulletin, and makes a specialty of tulips.

Brother George E. Youle, of Seattle, Wash., Vice President of the S. A. Woods Machine Company, of Boston, was one of the most popular men at the meeting. Mr. Youle has a happy faculty of helping everybody to have a good time.

R. W. English, of Denver, was in attendance at the convention and he took an active part in its proceedings. He is a member of the Cloister, and he never misses a meeting of Hoo-Hoo. Mr. English is quite a widely known lumberman, being the owner of the R. W. English Lumber Company, of Denver, with thirty or more local yards. He is one of the leading capitalists in his State, being worth several millions. Speaking of the Order, he said: "I never miss a meeting of the Hoo-Hoo. It is an order that is growing rapidly. Being one of the early boys, I have seen it grow from a membership of 1,600 to 18,000, while the membership increase during the past year has been greater than was ever known in its history. One thing that is lending so much life and enthusiasm is the fact that young men are getting into the Osirian Cloister."

Brother W. M. Stephenson, of St. Paul, distinguished himself as toastmaster at the Osirian Cloister banquet. His spontaneous wit added much to the enjoyment of those present.

Many souvenirs were given away at the meeting. J. A. Fay & Egan Company had a unique watch fob. It was a large button with appropriate inscriptions relative to the Hoo-Hoo annual; a huge black cat with "benine" tail and on the reverse side a star with Old Glory background, the star containing the number "46"—the number of the new State.

With the arrival Sunday night of N. A. Gladding and Harvey Avery, of E. C. Atkins & Co., came another flood of souvenirs. Saws, files, watches, playing cards, etc., were distributed.

The newspapers of Oklahoma City are characterized by a breeziness of style that is very refreshing. Here is a paragraph concerning the polo game:

The creme de la creme and the skim de la skim attended the polo game at Colcord Park yesterday afternoon. There were tally-ho parties, automobile parties and a big street car push.

The following paragraphs from the Oklahoman express the Oklahoma view of Hoo-Hoo:

As the public generally understands it, the Hoo-Hoo have been one of the main factors in building up the county. They furnish the building material. They came to Oklahoma City this year because they could thereby have an opportunity to see the biggest thing that has ever been built in the shortest time. Oklahoma and Oklahoma City must be encouraging to the Hoo-Hoo. No man is ever happier than when building something. That is why the Hoo-Hoo are always happy. It is natural for man to build, and has been ever since the mound builders, who were the first Hoo-Hoo. Since their time there have been several improvements, both in material and architecture; but the black cat still stands as the symbol of progress and curvature of the spine.

Mrs. C. D. Rourke was present, to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. R. W. English, of Denver, and daughter, Mrs. Wallace, were unable to be present, and were greatly missed.

Brother E. Stringer Boggess, of Clarksburg, W. Va., took in all the festivities, including the dance at Elks' Hall.

Mrs. W. M. Stephenson, of St. Paul, was one of the most popular of the women visitors.

"Oklahoma City Welcomes Hoo-Hoo" was the legend displayed in nearly every window and door in the city, and it was not at all a puzzle to see that this demonstration represented true hospitality and interest in the Hoo-Hoo Concatenation. Oklahoma City made every visiting Hoo-Hoo her friend.

Clyde Reed and William Duecker, of the mill supply house of Memphis, Tenn., and R. T. Bates, their representative in a part of Arkansas and Louisiana, made a good Hoo-Hoo trio at the annual.

Among a number of railroad men present were the following: Wm. Bowen, of the Frisco; D. W. Champlain, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Arthur I. Willecken, of the Wabash, and R. W. Polk, commercial agent of the Rock Island.

John R. Walker, Secretary of the North Carolina Pine Association, and special representative of the Jamestown Exposition, was in attendance.

O. H. Rectanus, of the A. M. Turner Lumber Company, Pittsburg, Pa., rendered valuable assistance in the Osirian Cloister entertainment. Before returning to Pittsburg, Mr. Rectanus visited Picaune, Miss., where his company operates a mill.

The society editor of the Oklahoman thus poked good-natured fun at the visitors and at the citizens, in an article in the Sunday issue:

Society is being Hoo-Hoed. We are not only cutting our best foot foremost to entertain our visitors, but are borrowing our neighbor's auto—not to mention his silver spoons and cut glass.

Ever since ridicule was cast at Oklahoma City upon the occasion of its serving dinner forks with the olives, on the memorable event of a certain other gathering of strangers,

and the great of the land conversant with the social ways of the effete east, in our midst, we have quaked inwardly, although, like Josiah Allen's wife, "retainin' a calm and unruffled exterior" every time we have had strangers to tea.

However, it would not be so delicate a situation, requiring only white kid glove treatment (and with the eighteen button variety called for at \$5 per pair), to be worn with every lop sleeved 38c bargain waist, reduced from \$1.50 (this is truly an alarming condition) if only our western "sistern" were with us—"brethern" do not count—men are not so apt to forget when their "mornin' bath" consisted of breaking the ice on the pump trough and filling a dented and leaky tin pan for a desultory splash, followed by a rub on the roller towel in the kitchen. Not only do they remember it, but they have a habit of recalling it at inopportune times and seasons, much to the horror of their bediamonded, befrilled and bepowdered wives. No, but it is our eastern sister in our midst that is creating the secret panic in our bosoms. For—"lest we forget"—recall that other time, when other wayfarers from the east, dwellers even in historic Boston, penetrated our unsophisticated wilds and returning ruthlessly tore the compassionate veil of oblivion from our cradles with various and sundry magazine and newspaper articles. To be sure, they were newspaper scribes, but we welcomed them like the salt of the earth, and in our ignorance and joy showed them the best we had. They did not let truth and actualities hinder or bar, but where surprise and diffidence were not sufficiently manifest did not hesitate to fill in the discrepancies with a vivid imagination and a laudable endeavor to present what, according to the east, they should have seen, instead of what they actually witnessed. To the easterner visiting the west, we are a distinct shock, and it is comparable with the first visit of the plainsman to the Garagnation if you wish to picture the marvels you are expected not exactly disciples and followers of one of our foremost citizens—the distinguished Carric—we may yet hear of wonderful and unappreciated things from returned visitors.

It is only recently that a proud Sunday-school teacher in our midst was gratified to get a notice from an eastern member of her class had been awarded a certain prize for the best letter descriptive of her home city. The publication of the epistle was awaited with joy and high expectation. It came. The letter was truly a marvel and held really blood-stirring pictures of the gaily painted Indians (we have them, but they are of the white variety) that daily paraded the streets. Booted and spurred cowboys swaggered about and life held the merry swing and dashing devilry of a Nick Carter romance.

If a Sunday-school pupil would spin a yarn like that, what may we expect from a Hoo-Hoo? How old is Ann? Why is a cat? Who hit Billy Patterson? !!! So good peoples all, we crave your indulgence and your mercy. We are westerners—born of the west—bred of the west—proud of the west. A few of us have folding beds in the parlor and the silver is plated, but the hospitality is sterling and the welcome the equal of any stately drawing-room formally ever uttered. Remember that we don't come to your dinner party and go home and talk about our hostess. Give us the benefit of the truth.

The visit to Oklahoma City of the National Lumbermen's Association has made the lumber industry the principal theme of conversation during the presence of that intelligent and progressive body of men. Last evening a coterie of lumbermen and a group of citizens were sitting in the lobby of a local hotel discussing the lumber trade, forestry and kindred topics, when an uninformed layman offered the observation that within a score more years the lumber supply of the United States will be practically exhausted. A Pacific coast visitor replied: "The western coast states' timber supply will not be exhausted in that time. When it is gone we will be supplied for a hundred years by Alaska, after which we may turn to the vast and almost limitless virgin forests of South America."—Oklahoma Post.

Brother Cliff Mansfield's stage walk was a source of wonder and admiration to all who attended the ceremony of the embalming of the Snark.

Just before leaving for Oklahoma City, the Supreme Scrivenor received a letter from Brother James Hoot-Mon Lightbody, of Glasgow, Scotland, enclosing a spray of white heather to be presented to the prettiest woman present at the annual meeting. The Scrivenor, distrusting his own taste, and being unable to decide in a case where there were so many pretty women, passed the matter up to the Chief Priest of the Osirian Cloister. The lucky emblem was presented to Mrs. Nels. Darling, of Oklahoma City.

One of the handsomest souvenirs ever given away at an annual meeting is the spoon presented by Brother N. A. Gladding, of the E. C. Atkins Company. It is truly artistic and beautiful and will be always greatly prized by the fortunate recipients.



# MESSAGES FROM THE ABSENT ONES.

## Telegrams.

Ft. Smith, Ark., Sept. 9, 1906.—Regret cannot get away. Give Arkansas next convention. A. W. PARKE.

Mexico City, Mex., Sept. 9.—J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.: From a stray kitten in a foreign land, greeting to all and a hurrah for Ramsey. JAMES E. LONG.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 8, 1906.—J. H. Baird: Make papa English Snark all same we were there. HANNAH and PRESTON.

Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 8, 1906.—J. H. Baird, care Hoo-Hoo Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Sorry cannot be with you. Best regards to all boys. EDW. SUPPLY SCHWARTZ.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 11, 1906.—Mr. Jno. R. Walker, Secretary, care Hoo-Hoo Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Alabama association in meeting assembled endorse your plan to secure next Hoo-Hoo meeting for Jamestown Exposition and also club house project. J. H. EDDY, Secy.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 7, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, care Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Greetings from Pennsylvania Hoo-Hoo. Atlantic City best place for annual. Have written to-day. J. H. SHEP, V. S.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 10, 1906.—The President and Members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Jamestown Exposition, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, Business Men's Association and Retail Merchants' Association extend greetings to Order of Hoo-Hoo and cordial invitation to hold next annual meeting in Norfolk. Free Hall will be furnished on exposition grounds. "Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo" at exposition should be great event.  
C. BROOKS JOHNSTON,  
Chairman Board of Governors;  
W. W. MOSS,  
Pres. Chamber of Commerce;  
B. W. McCARRICK,  
Pres. Board of Trade and Business Men's Association;  
M. UMSTADEL,  
Pres. Retail Merchants Association.

Belleplaine, Iowa, Sept. 9, 1906.—Greetings to brother Hoo-Hoo. Best fellows on earth. F. N. HENRY.

Lake Charles, La., Sept. 9, 1906.—James H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Greetings from Hoo-Hoo. Sixteen six seven on dues follow by mail. DONALD HERBERT McLEOD.

Esbon, Kans., Sept. 9, 1906.—Would like to be with you, but can't pass up business here. W. H. EVANS (13554).

Marianna, Ark., Sept. 9, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, care Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Marianna cats all well. Remember this is our annual meeting day, to which all good Hoo-Hoo their respects to pay. Health, happiness and long life to all who are this day assembled by the Grand Mice's call.  
MAX D. MILLER,  
M. P. PULTON,  
CHAS. NEDHOUCK,  
J. V. PORTER,  
J. A. PLUMMER,  
P. T. PLUMMER,  
S. E. BLAIR,  
GEO. J. MOSELY,  
A. T. MARTIN.

Gulfport, Miss., Sept. 9, 1906.—J. H. Baird, care Hoo-Hoo, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Sorry we can't be with you. Show the kittens a good time.  
D. W. ROFFIN (15956),  
D. R. McINNIS (11752),  
C. E. CULLINANE (13788).

Keene, New Hampshire, Sept. 9, 1906.—J. H. Baird, care Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Am in old New Hampshire, having a good time. Sorry can't be with you. HOWELL A. DAVIS (14397).

Lake Charles, La., Sept. 8, 1906.—Grand Snark of Unifers, Oklahoma City, Okla.: No. 30 Life, on deck. S. A. KNAPP.

Coleman, Texas, Sept. 8, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Wishing all the good times Hoo-Hoo are entitled to, which should always be the best. JAS. P. DELLENY.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 9, 1906.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition extends congratulations and hopes to have you here at ninth minute of ninth hour of ninth day of ninth month of 1906. HENRY E. REED,  
Director of Exposition.

Kirkwood, Mo., Sept. 8, 1906.—With recollections of the day, we send you our regards. No. 9253 No. 10299  
No. 12283 No. 12384.

Brunswick, Ga., Sept. 8, 1906.—Enjoy yourselves, but remember those who cannot be with you. No. 6436.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 8, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Sorry I can't be with you. Best wishes to yourself and all members. C. H. HOBBS.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 11, 1906.—J. H. Baird, care Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Best wishes for a prosperous New Year to all Hoo-Hoo. B. F. JONES.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 11, 1906.—J. H. Baird: Sorry business engagements prevent my attending, but I am with you in spirit. Best regards from No. 6334. W. F. McCLURE.

Port Arthur, Texas, Sept. 8, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Here I am back in the sticks. Can't be with you in nineteen six, but nothing short of hell or heaven can keep me away in nineteen seven. S. B. MOORE.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sept. 10, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Greetings to all Hoo-Hoo. STYMEST STEVENSON,  
HARRY T. BLACK

Calro, Ill., Sept. 10, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Sorry I cannot be with you. Hoping you will keep on top with long life to the Black Cat. P. T. LANGAN.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 10, 1906.—Am still scratching. Very busy. Unable to attend. Success to annual. R. L. FRYE.

Newport, Ark., Sept. 10, 1906.—Regret very much cannot be with you. Very busy. Impossible to get away. V. E. PIERSON.

Lufkin, Tex., Sept. 10, 1906.—Best wishes to Hoo-Hoo. We are too busy to be with you. No. 1415.  
No. 9476.  
No. 15927.  
No. 11055.

Westlake, La., Sept. 10, 1906.—We send greetings. Sixteen six eighty-two, sixteen six fifty-eight, sixteen six fifty-one, nine-four twelve, forty-five thirty-three, sixteen fifty-eight, eighty-two, sixty twenty. LOCK. MOORE & CO., Ltd.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 10, 1906.—All O. K. Success to Hoo-Hoo meeting. No. 15952.

Alexandria, La., Sept. 10, 1906.—We regret our inability to attend. Best wishes for meeting. W. H. JONES (No. 17387).  
I. P. WATT (No. 15408).

Paonia, Col., Sept. 8, 1906.—Too busy eating peaches to be present. C. P. B. SEYBER.

Alexandria, La., Sept. 8, 1906.—May all Hoo-Hoo reign supreme and enjoyment be the feature of this meeting is the heartfelt wish of these three black cats. ARCH W. LOWNEY,  
J. A. CAMPBELL,  
F. F. ROGERS.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9, 1906.—Regret can't be with you. Regards to all old cats. No. 576.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 10, 1906.—Regret inability to be with you to-day. Sincerely hope unanimous vote is cast for our Bigge for Supreme Snark of the Universe for 1907. Fraternally and with you in spirit. HARRY R. SWARTZ.

Waco, Tex., Sept. 9, 1906.—Sorry can't be with you. Too busy to scratch. TOMCAT. (No. 10658).

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

Alexandria, La., Sept. 9, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, care Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Greeting to Snark of the Universe. Long life, health and happiness to all Hoo-Hoo.

H. E. HOYT,  
W. W. ALEXANDER,  
F. H. FURLEY,  
G. E. BAIN,  
J. J. WORBURN,  
T. J. STONE,  
L. S. NORTHERN,  
R. P. WATTS,  
C. A. WARD,  
W. C. WHATLEY,  
H. I. CLARK,  
CHAS. CLARK,  
MILTON H. CLARK,  
D. F. CLARK,  
J. A. BENTLY,  
PAUL E. LISSO,  
H. T. RAND,  
ED. RAND,  
TOM L. OWENS,  
B. C. WEIL,  
E. BEUHLER,  
JNO. C. BEUHLER,  
H. H. WHITE,  
A. F. SHARP.

PARAGOULD, Ark., Sept. 9, 1906.—Greeting great Hoo-Hoo. I regret my absence. Come to Little Rock 1907. C. M. DICKINSON.

Georgetown, La., Sept. 8, 1906.—A. C. Ramsey, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Extend to Hoo-Hoo my best wishes for successful meeting. C. G. ATKINSON (No. 6912).

Toledo, O., Sept. 10, 1906.—Am with you in spirit. Well and happy. Long live Hoo-Hoo. FRANK SPANGLER.

Rockdale, Mass., Sept. 1906.—Am alive and well. Trust all Hoo-Hoo are same. No. 12253.

Lake Charles, Sept. 9, 1906.—Best wishes of life member No. 29. E. R. HENRY.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 10, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, in session, Oklahoma City, Okla.—My profound greetings to yourself, officers and members of Hoo-Hoo. Chicago patiently awaits the honor of being awarded an annual. Don't make her wait too long. CURT M. TREAT.

Holcomb, W. Va., Sept. 11, 1906.—Secretary Hoo-Hoo Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Greeting from 6159. Change address Weston, W. Va. C. M. HAWKINS.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 10, 1906.—Warmest felicitations to brothers in Hoo-Hoo. Be good. JAMES HAYES QUARLES.

Thomasville, Ga., Sept. 10, 1906.—Am with you in spirit. Sorry important business prevents my being present personally. Am well and happy. Best wishes to all. J. L. PHILLIPS.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 8, 1906.—Grand Snark of Hoo-Hoo, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Am with you in heart if not in person. I wish you continued happiness, prosperity and long life. D. G. SAUNDERS (No. 12.)

Longview, Tex., Sept. 10, 1906.—Too busy to attend, but with you in spirit, and wish you prosperity and long life.

No. 13416	No. 15756	No. 8142
No. 1166	No. 15758	No. 15759
No. 15760	No. 15762	No. 15765
No. 15768	No. 7266	No. 12548

Lutcher, La., Sept. 9, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Greetings to all Hoo-Hoo and to our Oklahoma friends all hall, to the great black prince congratulations for past growth and prosperity of his kingdom—may it ever continue—and health, happiness and long life be the portion of his subjects. R. A. ATKINSON,  
Vicegerent Snark Southern District of Louisiana.

Norfield, Miss., Sept. 9, 1906.—Wish you a pleasant meeting. No. 7632 No. 13159 No. 16739

Kentwood, La., Sept. 8, 1906.—All well. Am living at same place. Regrets and well wishes for a good time. No. 13049 No. 13048  
No. 13159 No. 6118  
No. 172 No. 13165  
No. 14917 No. 1304

Ouray, Col., Sept. 8, 1906.—By the tail of the big black cat greetings all. G. W. GLADDING.

Waco, Tex., Sept. 10, 1906.—Wm. Cameron & Co.'s Hoo-Hoo fine regret we can only send Hoo-Hoo No. 4740 to represent us at this annual.

W. W. CAMERON,  
E. R. BOLTON,  
D. D. FAIRCHILD,  
E. P. HUNTER,  
C. E. GILLET,  
J. F. FARMER,  
W. J. ODELL,  
F. A. BRUNSON,  
C. M. DEWEY.

Chicago, Sept. 10, 1906.—R. D. Inman, care Hoo-Hoo Convention, Oklahoma City, O. T.—Sickness of a friend who died to-day made it impossible to separate myself from my environment and come to Oklahoma City. Deeply regret it, but must be at funeral in Kentucky to-morrow. However, I wish all Hoo-Hoo assembled a grand and glorious reunion. J. E. DEFEBAUGH.

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 8, 1906.—Compliments of all South Florida push. All well. C. B. TUFTS.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 10, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Our hearts and chief are with you.

No. 80	No. 411	No. 515
No. 561	No. 6370	No. 6961
No. 7778	No. 10921	No. 11641
No. 12896	No. 13417	No. 13418
No. 13419	No. 13422	No. 13425
No. 13427	No. 15717	No. 15735
No. 15728	No. 15733	No. 15735
No. 15736	No. 15742	No. 15745
No. 15754	No. 15755	

KIRBY LUMBER CO. "BUNCH."

Eldorado, Okla., Sept. 10, 1906.—Regret cannot be with you. H. W. MORRIS.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 10, 1906.—Health, happiness, long life to all. Our hearts are with you.

L. E. FULLER,  
DOUGLASS MALLOCH,  
M. M. MARSH,  
W. T. CHRISTINE,  
JOHN D. PEASE,  
LEONARD BRONSON,  
A. B. CONE.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1906.—James Hades Baird, Supreme Scrivenoter, Oklahoma City, Okla.: Best wishes to you and the faithful. Regret we can't be with you at church. Nos. 2009, 2424, 7292, 7299.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 7, 1906.—James H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, Oklahoma City: Health, Happiness and Long Life to all Hoo-Hoo. D. L. HUTCHINSON.

Shreveport, La., Sept. 10, 1906.—Glad to report 86 and 16804 busy as a bee; also associates. Good luck to all Hoo-Hoo.

Douglass, Ariz., Sept. 8, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Hoo-Hoo in Arizona send greetings from the biggest smelter city in the West, and wish you a successful convention and a prosperous year. We are few, but modestly think we make up in quality what we lack in quantity. Yours, R. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,  
W. G. McDONALD, Vicegerent;  
C. A. OVERLOCK,  
ALBERT STACY,  
S. G. DRWELL,  
C. B. BIGNALL,  
FRANK SIVELEY,  
J. L. BROWN.

Corsicana, Tex., Sept. 7, 1906.—J. H. Baird, care Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Sickness prevents coming. Best wish for every Hoo-Hoo. W. D. CHRISTIE.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 8, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Best wishes for successful meeting. Health, happiness and long life to all. No. 6832 No. 17406 No. 176  
No. 407 No. 709 No. 1505  
No. 796 No. 142 No. 165  
No. 9115 No. 589  
A. H. POTTER.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 9, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Greetings. The eyes of fourteen kittens were opened at Hinton Saturday night. Vote of thanks to Vicegerent Matthews. We are loyal to Boggers. CATS IN ATTENDANCE.

Bangor, Me., Sept. 10, 1906—Greetings to Hoo-Hoo. I am unable to attend annual. W. E. JEANNOT.

Jasper, Fla., Sept. 10, 1906—Success to all living Hoo-Hoo and peace to all dead. C. E. GRIEVE (No. 5985).

Lufkin, Tex., Sept. 9, 1906—J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.—We are unable to be with you in person, but our hearts are right. Extend greetings to all members present, including the Hoo-Hoo band boys. Lufkin Hoo-Hoo nominate Jno. S. Bonner for Snark.

P. J. DURNIE (No. 9518),  
E. D. SMITH (No. 11066),  
R. D. COLLINS (No. 15085),  
G. A. KELLY (No. 6208),  
N. BELK (No. 9511),  
W. M. GLENN (No. 11052),  
C. H. HARRELL (No. 11054),  
J. B. MCCONNICO (No. 9524),  
W. J. BONNER (No. 9514),  
J. W. PRESTRIDGE (No. 11064),  
C. M. MCCONNICO (No. 11059),  
C. G. GRIBBLE (No. 9521),  
G. S. PRESTRIDGE (No. 5168),  
J. H. RUCHANAN (No. 9515),  
J. J. BONNER (No. 9054),  
W. A. COLMORGAN (No. 13465),  
C. L. BONNER (No. 9512),  
C. L. BONNER (No. 9513).

#### Letters.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 8, 1906—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Oklahoma City: Have just arrived from a trip through the States of Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and Utah, and find that the Hoo-Hoo are prospering in all of these states as much or more than ever. The Washington Lumber Dealers meet here in February next, and it has been suggested here and in Idaho that we save all material and have one of the largest conventions that was ever held. The Western association comprises all the lumber dealers in Western Idaho and Utah, and we expect a very large attendance. I wish you success at your meeting, and am very sorry not to be able to attend personally. Very truly yours,  
W. M. ELLIOTT,  
Vicegerent Snark.

Lake Charles, La., Sept. 8, 1906—This is to advise you that everything is O. K. as far as I am concerned personally. Yours very truly,  
H. F. ADEY (No. 16642).

Brinkley, Ark., Sept. 7, 1906—I regret very much that I owing to pressure of business, will be unable to attend. I am still secretary and treasurer of Fort Lumber Co., and am thus entitled to still be a member of the great order. With best wishes to all attending Hoo-Hoo, I am fraternally yours,  
D. S. COLEMAN.

Dustin, I. T., Sept. 7, 1906—J. H. Baird, Esq., Oklahoma, O. T.—My Very Dear Sir and Friends of the Concatenate Feline Tribe: It is with pangs and pains akin to a six-year-old that has been eating green apples, that I announce my inability to be with the tribe on this grand and momentous occasion; in fact, it fairly brings tears to my eyes to make the announcement.

Natural modesty and grief incapacitate me for rendering my real sentiments for the lasting good and uplifting of the order, but as I see that my boss, Col. T. H. Rogers, and others have been "engineered" against holding the bull-roping contest, I would suggest, in order that the boys from "back yander" may not be deprived of all true Western entertainment, and in case the Entertainment Committee have overlooked the matter, that you appoint Graves Leeper, or some other of the old-time Texas contingent, to get up a genuine old badger fight. The Humane Society may make some kick about even a badger being brought into the bloody lists, but I think Leeper, with his magnificent presence and persuasive eloquence, can convince them of the harmlessness of the sport.

Again expressing my deep regret at not being able to be mixed up in so much hilarity, I am  
Very truly, etc.,  
No. 16455.

Leonard, Tex., Sept. 7, 1906—I wanted very much to attend the annual meeting of the Hoo-Hoo at Oklahoma City, but have no one to work in my place, and business is such that I cannot leave. Hope to be present at the next annual meeting. Yours truly,  
E. L. READY (No. 17187).

Baltimore, Sept. 5, 1906—My Dear Bro. Baird: In accordance with my obligation, I write to let you know that I am still amongst the living Hoo-Hoo. Very sorry that business engagements preclude the possibility of my attending the annual convention. I trust that next year same will be held in the East, and look forward to attending such a convention with a great deal of pleasure. With sincerest personal felicitations, I am,  
Fraternally yours,  
MAURICE W. WILEY (No. 12810).

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 6, 1906—Brother Baird: Please express my disappointment and sorrow at not being with you on this gathering, and to hear and appreciate the good things said and done by Hoo-Hoo. One has to attend the annuals to appreciate the value of his membership more fully.

I wish you all a good time. Fraternally,  
S. A. SIZER.

Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 6, 1906—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, care Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Jim: Regret that we cannot be with you at the annual on the 9th inst., but will try to do better next time. Wishing success to you and all Hoo-Hoo, we remain, Yours truly,  
ANSIEL I. HOWLAND, (No. 12839),  
J. P. JONES (No. 15904).

Bainbridge, Ga., Sept. 1, 1906—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, care Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Sir: Health, happiness and prosperity to all Hoo-Hoo. We wish you a happy and successful meeting. We are not repining because we cannot be there, but rejoicing that others can.

Fraternally and eternally yours,  
A. M. RAMSEY (No. 6590),  
W. A. WHEELER (No. 7314).

Ouray, Col., Sept. 5, 1906—J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Bro. Baird: You see I'm still located in the old place. Had hoped to be with you this year, but circumstances have arisen which make my presence necessary here. Nevertheless, the time is not far off when I'll be with you in person as well as in spirit.

With very best wishes for the success of the annual and the continued prosperity and advancement of the order, I remain,  
Fraternally yours,  
FRANK A. RICE (No. 12161).

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 3, 1906—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Oklahoma City, Okla.: I will not be able to attend your convention next week, but trust that the friends of Atlantic City will do all in their power to land their meeting here for 1907.

If we should be favored with next year's convention, will you kindly advise me? GEORGE S. LENHART,  
Director.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Sept. 7, 1906—Dear Hoo-Hoo assembled for a good time: Accept, most noble Hoo-Hoo, your servant's regrets for non-attendance. Filthy lucre and the furniture installment business, with niggers jumping present location for the cotton patch compel me to keep my seat. Best wishes for "on the roof."

We want Little Rock to have the next annual. Loosen up, boys, and give them a chance to fill that aching void and take the wrinkles out of your stomach.  
B T O T G S B C,  
HARRY T. OLCOTT (No. 6710),  
Manager Union Furniture Co.

Baltimore, Sept. 6, 1906—Dear Scrivenoter: I regret very much not being able to be with you at the annual Sept. 9, but hope to see you next year at Baltimore. Am enjoying good health, and trust same condition is general throughout the order. JOSIAH S. BOWEN, JR. (No. 17296).

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 7, 1906—My Dear Baird: I regret to advise you that it will be impossible for me to be at Oklahoma City next week, but I will have to be out in the woods instead. I have been especially anxious to be present at this annual for many reasons, not the least of which was to assist in the effort to bring the 1907 meeting to this city. Our citizens are thoroughly aroused and intensely in earnest in their endeavor to get it, and I can promise that if Little Rock is selected the membership will not regret their choice. Arkansas has shown her faith by her works, and her enthusiasm and growth as shown by the record of the past year's work in your office entitle her to this honor. I had hoped to plead her cause on the floor of the convention.

Give my regards to all the boys, and tell them how sorry I am that I cannot be with them. Fraternally,  
FARLEY PRICE.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 5, 1906—Scrivenoter J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, O. T.—Just a word to express my regrets for not being able to be with you, and to let you know I am in Oklahoma, while my body is in Portland writing speeches for the Grand Snark of the Universe, which I am mailing at this date, and when you hear him letting off some of his steam I want you all to think of me, No. 4331.

Inclosed please find a little poem dedicated to the Order of Hoo-Hoo by one of the Grand Snark's friends. He may be able to explain to you the time and cause of this dedication.

Wishing you all a drink with me at the expense of the Grand Snark, and a glorious and successful annual, I remain,  
Very truly yours,  
M. C. BANFIELD (No. 4331).

Ybor City, Fla., Sept. 5, 1906—It will be impossible for me to attend the annual meeting, as I am just from my vacation and I am crowded with my work at this season of the year. Yours truly,  
T. A. ZOUCKS (No. 15797).

#### To My Friends, the Hoo-Hoo.

I went for the train at 9:09,  
I still had nine minutes to dine—  
So I dined until 9, and indeed it was fine—  
But missed my train at 9:09.  
Fells Domesticus.

San Francisco, Sept. 5, 1906—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Oklahoma City.—I sincerely regret my inability to be with you after having trunks and grips packed, and tickets bought, but at the last moment my wife was taken sick and the doctor forbade her the trip for a few days, which would be too late. I trust, however, you will all have a grand good time, and hope in a year or two from now to bring the annual to rehabilitated San Francisco.  
HENRY TEMPLEMAN (No. 5866).

Pine Bluff, Ark., Sept. 7, 1906—My Dear Jim: I regret exceedingly not being able to be with you to help hang and bury the High Priest of Oram, as I wrote you some time ago that it was my intention to be with you in the annual assembly of Hoo-Hoo, but unforeseen business has to keep me at home, and, as much as I desire to be with you, it is a matter of impossibility for me to leave at this time. I sincerely trust that all things will move smoothly, and for the good of the order. At the general roll call, answer to the name of 9871 that he is well and prosperous.  
GEO. P. DARBY.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 8, 1906—J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Met here in 1907 or 1908. Plenty of room for an onion bed.  
P. H. SADLER (No. 11761).

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 6, 1906—Impossible for me to get away from business at this season of the year. I am well and happy. With best wishes for the prosperity and long life of the Hoo-Hoo.  
R. A. BURNETT (No. 9101).

Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 4, 1906—Here's hoping there will not be enough old boots and shoes in Oklahoma City to stop the howl of the Great Black Cat.  
Fraternally yours,  
E. G. KING (No. 15906).

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 28, 1906—Inclosed find check for dues and distress fund. Wish you a good time at Oklahoma City and the convention to be a success in every way. Wish could be with you. Next to Norfolk, would like to see the 1907 convention held in Baltimore.  
Yours fraternally,  
W. J. WOODWARD (No. 8447).

Avoca, W. Va., Sept. 5, 1906—My Dear Baird: It will be impossible to be with you on Sept. 8, as I have been in the hospital all summer, and have only just got back to work.  
ROLFE GERHARDT.

City of Mexico, Sept. 6, 1906—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Oklahoma City, Okla.—In accordance with the mandates of the Great Hoo-Hoo, I send my annual greeting to those assembled on the ninth day of the ninth month. During the past year Hoo-Hoo has been kind to me, for I have returned to the true realms of Hoo-Hoo—lumber. Come to Mexico in 1907, and we will introduce you to a brand of fleas that will make the "Oriental" brand run and hide, and our houses have splendid flat roofs that are especially adapted to the "session on the roof."

May Hoo-Hoo far and near prosper during the coming year. Yours truly,  
E. G. JARRETT (No. 12723).

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1906—Dear Brother Baird: Being unable to attend the annual meeting, as expected, I wish to comply with the custom and express my sincere regret, and to state that Hoo-Hoo has been a great source of comfort and pleasure to me in the past year. Although a young kitten, my fur is getting finer and my claws sharper as I age, and I have a great desire to grow to be a great big black cat, with a far-reaching paw, and to be able to be numbered among those present at some future annual.

With best wishes for a joyous time, which only Hoo-Hoo know how to enjoy, I beg to remain,  
Fraternally yours,  
F. D. TINDOLPH (No. 16041).

Baltimore, Sept. 7, 1906—We very much regret not to be able to be with the cats at the annual, but will be with you in thought. We hope this time next year we will be on our way to attend the annual at Atlantic City, as we think the East should have the annual in 1907, and we will all be there.

HALGER A. KOFFEL (No. 12804),  
E. C. COLLINS, (No. 10393).

De Lisle, Miss., Sept. 6, 1906—J. H. Baird: Sorry I can't be with the "bunch" at Oklahoma City, but business holds me here. With best wishes for the prosperity and long life of Hoo-Hoo, I am  
B T O T G S B C,  
LEWIS PICKETT HERRIN (No. 13000).

Wendling, Ore., Sept. 4, 1906—Hon. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter to His Most Worthy Majesty "Hoo-Hoo": I beg to report that I have the honor to still be on the face of the earth, and if the Worthy Black Cat so decrees, hope to be here next year.  
No. 17086.

Wendling, Ore., Sept. 4, 1906—I am pleased to inform you that I am still on this old earth, and in good health, and expect, if the Great Black Cat so orders, to remain at this place for the coming year.  
I am all yours for Hoo-Hoo,  
HORACE P. MATTHESON (No. 17094).

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 9, 1906—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Oklahoma City.—Dear Bro. Baird: Regret that am not with you in person, but had an urgent business call here. You gave my best wishes for a fine gathering of the Hoo-Hoo and a jolly good time.  
A. S. ATTWOOD (No. 9634).

Houston, Tex., Sept. 7, 1906—Please extend to all Hoo-Hoo my best greetings, and express my deep regret in not being able to be with you. I expected to enjoy this privilege and pleasure, but was prevented at the last hour, hence can only be with you all in spirit, and best of best wishes.  
Yours truly,  
R. D. BOWEN.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 7, 1906—Reporting under Hoo-Hoo rule hurriedly, and, unfortunately, after my stenographer has gone home. I have to say that I will be unable to attend the annual convention. What Hoo-Hoo may have done to or for me during the past year I have not had time to think of, let alone to write out. I am willing, however, to give the order and its principles credit for the circumstances that I am no worse than I am.

There is nothing in the rules requiring an expression of regret for inability to be present at the annual gathering, but this does not prevent the voluntary statement that I am extremely sorry I can't be with you and take part in the proceedings, which I know will be interesting and enjoyable. Attingled with the regrets are my best wishes for the order and the individual members thereof. A successful meeting, a happy selection of officers, including yourself, and a glorious old time generally.  
Yours fraternally,  
A. D. McLEOD (No. 737).

Pasadena, Cal., Sept. 4, 1906—Dear James: Am with you in thought, if not in the flesh. Would that I were in Oklahoma.  
SAMUEL D. PINE (No. 7863).

Stanton, Tenn., Sept. 4, 1906—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.—According to arrangements that I have made, it will be impossible for me to attend the annual meeting in Oklahoma City. It is a great disappointment to me, as I have been counting big on going, and I believe that I will miss one of the best meetings that the order has yet had. I am resting up a little for a few days, but will have to get back to business in a week or so. I can't say just where I will be on the day of the annual, but, wherever I am, my best wishes will be for the success of the Oklahoma annual, and that everyone will enjoy himself. I am,  
Yours fraternally,  
W. F. FITZGERALD.

Standish, Mass., Sept. 6, 1906—Mr. J. H. Baird, care Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: I am very sorry that I will be unable to attend the fifteenth annual meeting in Oklahoma City. I have planned this trip for a year, but have just been discharged from hospital after a successful appendicitis operation, and at the present time could not stand the trip.

Hope all will go well, and I shall look forward with great pleasure for the arrival of the October Bulletin. I have advised my brother, who is in Oklahoma City, to send me everything that appears in Oklahoma papers regarding the meeting.

With best wishes, I remain  
Yours  
J. B. GODDARD (No. 12597).

Felsenthal, Ark., Sept. 8, 1906—Circumstances to whose door is laid entirely too much blame for things not done which should be done will have to bear the responsibility for No. 16531's failure to be on the ground Hoo-Hoo Day, 1906, as much as he would desire to be and had intended.  
No. 16531.

Alexandria, La., Sept. 7, 1906—J. H. Baird, Supreme Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Sir and Brother: I regret very much my inability to attend the annual convention. As a new member, it would be more than a pleasure to be present, but the push of business prevents me from being with you.  
WALTER HUGH JONES (No. 17387).



Cape Girardeau, Mo., Sept. 7, 1906.—Sorry that I cannot be with you on the 9th. Am still amongst the living and doing fine.  
Respectfully,  
ALBERT KAECHELE.

Coalgate, I. T., Sept. 8, 1906.—I regret that, owing to illness in my family, I will be unable to be with you at the annual meeting. I know that I am missing a fine time. Trust that you will have a most pleasant and profitable meeting.  
W. E. GROOMER (No. 13557).

Timpson, Tex., Sept. 8, 1906.—As it is impossible for me to be present at this great gathering of Hoo-Hoo, please accept my regrets.  
With best wishes for health, happiness and long life,  
Fraternally yours,  
FRANK B. KILEY (No. 16096).

Wendling, Ore., Sept. 4, 1906.—Hear, hear, hear, oh, noble Hoo-Hoo, that your humble servant is still alive and kicking, and trusts to be doing the same thing during the coming year.  
With humble devotions,  
No. 17058.

Faith, Ark., Sept. 8, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Sir: All well with 6708, 6812 and 8046. Meet us at Little Rock, Ark., in 1907.

Binghamton, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1906.—I noted in the Bulletin that you would like some of the members of the Hoo-Hoo Tribe to write you at the annual, and at your request I send you my greeting, and trust that the meeting may be all that you hope for it and more. I also trust that the next annual will be held in the East, and if it is the undersigned will be there with both feet, for I am anxious to see what it is like.

The August number and September number of the Bulletin are filled with first-class reading, and are very interesting from cover to cover.

Let me go back to the cover once more on the August number. I note you have something in there between the two "porch columns." I cannot tell exactly what it is, because my artistic taste is not fully developed, but it looks a good deal like the end of a new street car rail that is being laid in the streets of Binghamton. It is a little top-heavy, and the base looks as though it was made up of wall board with wire filling. If this is a model you have just got out, I would suggest that you make the base heavier, unless you expect the concrete to hold up the top for heavy business. Let me suggest as an improvement that as the next paper comes out after the annual, that you insert on the front page your own photograph. I have never seen it, and I feel sure that if your face and figure correspond with the good sense and good taste of the reading matter inside it is well worth looking at.

Trusting that you may have a successful annual, a large bunch of kittens to initiate, a successful "on the roof" and a safe return home, and wishing success to all Hoo-Hoo attending the annual, I am,  
Yours truly,  
J. D. ROUNDS (No. 12173).

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1906.—Sorry could not be with you, but here's wishing Hoo-Hoo the same unbounded success in the future it has had in the past.  
E. H. DALREY (No. 9611).

Topeka, Kans., Sept. 8, 1906.—I regret very much to have to inform you that I am unable to attend this, the first, annual since becoming a member of the Hoo-Hoo, but as the little boy said, "I will try and do better next time."  
FRED A. KEMP (No. 17496).

Broadus, Tex., Sept. 9, 1906.—I regret very much that I will be unable to attend the annual at Oklahoma City, but my heart is with you and all of the boys, and wish you a most happy time.  
Yours fraternally,  
C. H. LA CROIX (No. 13480).

Lake Charles, La., Sept. 8, 1906.—Since joining the Hoo-Hoo company that I was with has sold out to the Calcasieu Long Leaf Lumber Co., with whom I am still located, holding the position of purchasing agent.

All Hoo-Hoo in this section of the country are having all kinds of prosperity. With kindest regards to yourself and all Hoo-Hoo, I beg to remain,  
Fraternally yours,  
ROY F. MORSE (No. 16674).

Colton, Wash., Sept. 4, 1906.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Brother: When I miss a Hoo-Hoo meeting, and especially an annual, I feel that I am losing the best times of my life, but business is so I am unable to leave. Nevertheless you will not be forgotten on September 8.

Trusting you will have a pleasant time, I am  
Fraternally yours,  
F. O. RUSSELL.

Orange, Tex., Sept. 6, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivener, Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Sir: I am thinking about Hoo-Hoo individually and collectively today, and I wish I could be with you all at the fifteenth annual, for I know I would enjoy it immensely. I am sorry to say that I cannot be present at this meeting. I have been away from home on a trip to New York City and back via steamer, going and coming from Galveston to New York and back to Galveston, and was gone twenty-three days, and I have to deny myself this time because I have only been back about two weeks.  
Fraternally yours,  
GEORGE ROLL CALL.

Everest, Kan., Sept. 6, 1906.—Hello, Bro. Baird, I expected to be with you, but one of my men is away on a vacation, and was to be home before this, but he has lost out, and so I must lose out also. Regards to all the boys. I know you will have the time of your life. Nothing short of that would suit our Brother Rogers or Sam Gloyd. With regrets that I cannot come, I am  
Yours truly,  
W. C. ALEXANDER (No. 7032).

Tronton, O., Aug. 6, 1906.—I am spending my vacation in Tronton, O., where I will be on Hoo-Hoo Day Sept. 9, 1906. With kind regards and very best wishes for the success of the order.  
Fraternally,  
No. 17443.

Bryson City, N. C., Sept. 5, 1906.—Trusting this will find you having a good time, and wishing Hoo-Hoo a successful annual, I remain,  
Fraternally yours,  
W. H. WOODBURY (No. 10116).

Woodville, Tyler County, Tex., Sept. 7, 1906.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener—My Dear Bro. Baird: I do hope this will find you and the brothers having a good time. For Texas give us Bro. G. M. Durcan. God bless every Hoo-Hoo in the land.  
Your brother,  
N. J. B. FRAZIER.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1906.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Oklahoma City, Okla.—I am located same as last year. Prospects good.  
With best wishes to all, I am  
Yours truly,  
JOHN F. KNOX (No. 11975).

Burlasa, La., Sept. 6, 1906.—I don't know of any words that will fitly convey my regrets in not being able to be in Oklahoma City on 9th inst. Everything here seems to be out of joint on account of a strike of saw mill employes. Again conveying to you my regrets.  
Yours truly,  
GEO. W. FORD (No. 16656).

Kahlotus, Wash., Sept. 5, 1906.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Your last issue of the Bulletin was received yesterday, and as it consisted principally of talks upon Oklahoma City and Territory, I must say that it was very interesting to me, as I at one time resided and worked in the city where our annual meeting will be held now in a few days. My only regret is that I cannot be with you. In your Bulletin I saw several faces that are very familiar to me, especially one—that is Mr. T. H. Rogers, as I used to work for him. While I lived in Oklahoma City I worked for the Minnetonka Lumber Co., No. 400 West Main street, so if you are around these people I will ask you to please give them my best regards.  
W. H. BEVANS (No. 14893).

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 6, 1906.—My Dear Bro. Baird: Replying to your telegram of yesterday:  
I forwarded by express on yesterday my Osirian robe, addressed to you care the Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City.  
I had deferred action in this matter, hoping to the last moment that I would be able to arrange to be present at the annual in Oklahoma City, but find now that it is simply impossible.

Market conditions you are, of course, acquainted with, and this was a difficult situation to get around. However, had concluded that it was probably good policy to be largely indifferent as to business, at least temporarily and until conditions improve. We have, however, had serious complications at the port of Jacksonville recently, owing to congestion of lumber shipments at that port. I have been making strenuous exertions to get this matter adjusted, and had every hope that it would be about the 1st to 4th of September. Unfortunately, new complications have arisen which make it simply imperative for me to be "on the spot."

I can assure you, this is a great disappointment to me—greater than I can express, and particularly in view of the fact that for several years now I have been denied the privilege and pleasure of attending the Hoo-Hoo annuals.

Hoping that the annuals of both the Hoo-Hoo and the Osirian Cloister may be successful and enjoyable in every respect, I am, with kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
WM. B. STILLWELL.

Toecane, N. C., Sept. 9, 1906.—Bro. J. H. Baird, Supreme Scrivener, and brothers of the Annual Hoo-Hoo Assembly, Oklahoma City, Okla.—In compliance with our benign order, we the undersigned cats send our annual greetings, and ask you to (at the season to-day) remember us back here in the mountains of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, and drink one cold one for us, and eat one of those Oklahoma watermelons that grow as long as a fence rail in memory of the undersigned.

I. T. WILLIAMS (No. 15251),  
TARP TURBYFILL (No. 17052),  
M. T. YOUNG (No. 17053).

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 6, 1906.—I regret that I will not be able to attend the annual. With best wishes to all,  
Yours truly,  
C. W. HILBERG (No. 12966).

Boerne, Tex., Sept. 7, 1906.—I am sorry I cannot attend annual meet of Sept. 9.  
L. W. KING (No. 17020).

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 7, 1906.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Lee Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Sir: I would like very much to have been with you at Oklahoma City, but find that I am cutting all the capers I can attend to trying to get this new factory started here at St. Louis.  
Wishing you a successful concatenation, I am  
Yours truly,  
W. O. SHILLINGTON (No. 16622).

Ford, Oklahoma, Sept. 6, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Sir: Impossible to attend annual meeting. Hope that you round up a goodly number of kittens, and that this meeting will be the grandest one of the order.  
With best wishes for the prosperity and long life of Hoo-Hoo, I am,  
Yours truly,  
FRANK SCHUYLER MARKS (No. 17105).

Columbia, Ill., Sept. 7, 1906.—I am pleased to advise you that I am O. K., and regret my inability to attend the annual. With best wishes.  
F. A. WEINEL (No. 16226).

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 6, 1906.—I am very sorry I cannot be with you to help celebrate our annual meeting.  
With kindest regards to the boys, I am  
Very truly yours,  
No. 5898.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 5, 1906.—The Bulletin sounds the summons to attend the annual convention—or offer an excuse to the officers of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. I simply cannot come. I send greeting and best wishes. Hoo-Hoo is good to me. While I wear a veteran's button, I do not wear glasses. Though I am not a man of family, my letter-head shows a picture of the steam tug "Lapwing," which I call my eldest daughter—the prettiest of the three. You will observe the black cat on her smoke-stack—a precious privilege granted by the order.  
With best wishes,  
Yours fraternally,  
THOS. DENNIS (No. 2640).

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1906.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dear Sir: As per the annual custom, once more we report to the Great Black Prince. Providence has been kind, and the past year has been a successful one, with a substantial advance in position, as well as being favored with health and happiness. What more can one ask?  
Yours in the faith,  
JNO. J. MOSSMAN (No. 5162).

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 7, 1906.—Dear Sir: Regret to advise I will not be able to attend annual, Sept. 8-12. Am sure all will be harmonious and that all Hoo-Hoo will have a most enjoyable time, but business before pleasure with me. I am with you in spirit.  
Fraternally,  
E. V. GODLEY (No. 7719).

Albert, Kan., Sept. 7, 1906.—It is with many sincere regrets that I am compelled to state that, owing to business duties, I will be unable to attend the annual meeting of Hoo-Hoo this year. Accept my heartfelt wishes for the biggest, best attended and mostly highly successful meeting in the annals of Hoo-Hoo history.  
HARRISON VAN AKEN (No. 13321).

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 9, 1906.—This kitten cannot go so far from home. When I grow to be a rowdy-towdy cat I hope to attend annual.  
With best wishes for all, and annual of 1906, I am,  
Yours fraternally,  
No. 16765.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 6, 1906.—I beg to report myself in good health and circumstances, and with best wishes for the success of Hoo-Hoo, I am  
No. 14722.

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 4, 1906.—Brother Baird and Hoo-Hoo: As the 9th of September is fast approaching, and we have attended the conventions annually, I feel as if we ought to pack our grip and start for Oklahoma City, and be with you all. But the earthquake and fire which laid our once beautiful city in ruins and ashes prevents me from doing so. As I am working hard to rebuild my mill, which is no easy task, under our present conditions, but am getting there slowly, and hope to saw the first logs on the 9th day of September, and in thought I will be with you at that time. Hoping you will have an enjoyable time, I remain,  
Yours respectfully,  
EDWARD F. NIERHAUS.

P. S.—We are back to old quarters, 537-570 Brannan St., San Francisco.

Governor's Island, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1906.—Dear Bro. Baird: I regret very much that I can't be with you on the 9th, but I assure you that my thoughts will be with you all on that sacred day. Though quite a young Hoo-Hoo, it has fared me well, and I have only words of praise for the great Sacred Black Cat. I am still with the Harris-Woodbury Lumber Co., of Bryson City, N. C., as manager and inspector. Would like to see the next annual at Jamestown, Va. You see, I am partial to Virginia, as it is my native State.  
CLYDE JENNINGS (No. 17418).

P. S.—My regards to "Cypress Bill."

Monroe, La., Sept. 6, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Oklahoma City, Okla.—The writer more than regrets that the requirements of his position make his presence at the annual meeting on 9th inst. an absolute impossibility. I have recently entered the employ of the Monroe Lumber Co., Ltd., as superintendent of yard, etc., and a rush of work at this time makes it impossible for me to attend. However, I shall be with you in spirit, and hope that everybody will have a royal good time.  
JOHN TIIGA CLARK.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Sept. 7, 1906.—J. H. Baird, Oklahoma City, Okla.—I am sorry I cannot be with you this annual. Getting my foot tangled up with set screws in the propeller shaft in a gasoline launch, the doctor said four months in bed is the least I can hope for.  
J. A. BRANDON (No. 350).



# THE ROSTER OF THOSE PRESENT.

Ash, Chas. S. (9676), Lathrop, Mo.  
 Adams, J. L. (initiate), Wynwood, I. T.  
 Allen, W. H. (10599), Chicago, Ill.  
 Acers, A. D. (16403), Norman, Okla.  
 Anderson, Frank (8580), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Alcock, J. L. (11026), Baltimore, Md.  
 Avery, H. S. (383), New Orleans, La.  
 Allen, Mrs. W. H., Chicago, Ill.  
 Abbott, A. M. (initiate), Morison, Okla.  
 Adams, F. L. (5869), Havana, Ark.  
 Adon, C. R. (17582), Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Allen, L. O. (9788), Peckham, Okla.  
 Anderson, A. G. (1653), Dallas, Texas.  
 Anderson P. B. (initiate), Hinton, Okla.  
 Anderson, R. S. (8646), Little Rock, Ark.  
 Anderson, W. R. (1472), Memphis, Tenn.  
 Anthony, G. W. (11706), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Ash, J. H. (initiate), Remona, I. T.  
 Ash, William (9679), Muskogee, I. T.  
 Atwood, W. (9680), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Ambrose, J. G. (initiate), Douglas, Okla.  
 Bailey, H. J. (16405), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Bonner, J. S. (5294), Houston, Texas.  
 Burgoyne, George W. (official reporter) Chicago, Ill.  
 Baird, Miss Anne Sherrill, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Baird, J. H. (408), Nashville, Tenn.  
 Bates, R. T. (10550), Memphis, Tenn.  
 Blaker, Alfred (458), Pleasanton, Kas.  
 Baker, Walter H., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Boogher, G. W. (9197), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Bell, J. E. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Bell, J. L. (11125), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Bennett, G. H. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Boston, G. H. (9686), Greenville, Texas.  
 Brown, James (9689), Edmond, Okla.  
 Blanchard, C. M. (8583), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Branin, R. (5871), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Barnes, W. E. (3), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Beavers, A. O. (14805), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Bullen, H. B. (2111), Stillwater, Okla.  
 Bedmar, Joe F. (Hoo-Hoo Band), Lufkin, Texas.  
 Bissell, A. (9897), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Belmont, D. A. (initiate), Lawton, Okla.  
 Roggers, E. S. (7197), Clarksburg, W. Va.  
 Buecker, C. E. (11163), Jefferson, Texas.  
 Boykin, H. S. (4459), Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Bower, M. H., Falls, Okla.  
 Barker, B. C. (initiate), Norman, Okla.  
 Baltimore, D. A. (11127), Granite, Okla.  
 Bowen, W. A. (2671), Georgetown, Texas.  
 Berry, Fred J. (11128), Snyder, Okla.  
 Buckley, H. A. (14565), Fort Worth, Tex.  
 Bose, John (6325), Beaumont, Texas.  
 Burlingame, H. P., Denison, Texas.  
 Baker, W. M. (11707), Okarche, Okla.  
 Bright, O. O. (13287), Little Rock, Ark.  
 Bacon, Geo. E. (9288), Capron, Okla.  
 Bollinger, S. H. (93), Shreveport, La.  
 Bollinger, B. A. (13459), Shreveport, La.  
 Blinnig, G. W. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Bollinger, A. A. (initiate), Redfield, Kas.  
 Boston, A. F. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Brown, J. F. (6348), Anadarko, Okla.  
 Butt, E. A. (8587), Wynwood, I. T.  
 Barker, W. W. (5870).  
 Blake, A. M. (11708), Harrah, Okla.  
 Block, G. H. (2135), Hennessey, Okla.  
 Balcock, Geo. T., Wichita, Kas.  
 Black, T. C. (5172), Chandler, Okla.  
 Brown, J. W. (13549), Hoffman, I. T.  
 Brown, G. W. (initiate), Hanna, I. T.  
 Bradley, M. C. (14632), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Bluh, J. M. (9174), Booneville, Ark.  
 Booth, B. (9686), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Cobb, R. F. (32), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Crawford, J. E. (8026), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Crawford, H. B. (9694), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Carroll, C. C. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Clay, W. B. A. (6389), Dallas, Texas.  
 Ciole, Geo. M. (15721), Houston, Texas.  
 Close, C. F. (16411), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Carothers, S. E. (3796), Waukegan, Tex.  
 Conner, A. B. (9739), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Chestnut, L. B. (16410), Foldenville, I. T.  
 Crowell, Geo. W. (9290), Alva, Okla.  
 Chiles, H. T. (8832), Caddo, I. T.  
 Chisman, J. R. (8867), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Curfman, R. J. C. (14864), Marysville, Mo.  
 Cooper, W. S. (13806), Parsons, Kas.  
 Cannaday, C. D. (9900), Mulvane, Kas.  
 Conway, J. E. (initiate), Norman, Okla.  
 Crockett, C. C., Denison, Texas.

Clark, M. E. (13376), Coalgate, I. T.  
 Champlin, R. F. (9902), Lawton, Okla.  
 Craven, J. H., Hydro, Okla.  
 Caster, J. W. (initiate), Hominy, Okla.  
 Carmichael, J. H. (8041), Little Rock, Ark.  
 Cardes, F. Jr. (16409), Pauls Valley, I. T.  
 Crow, C. W. (initiate), Vernon, Texas.  
 Conklin, R. D. (5788), Sulphur, I. T.  
 Choate, C. S. (8660), Magazine, Ark.  
 Constant, H. (8589) and wife, Wichita, Kas.  
 Cossett, C. M. (13377), Wichita, Kas.  
 Cole, A. N. (8796), Fayetteville, Ark.  
 Champlin, D. W. (13290), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Courtney, J. E. (initiate), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Craig, E. C. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Cragin, F. E. (8798), Tonkawa, Okla.  
 Crowell, Frank (initiate), Alva, Okla.  
 Dings, P. C. (initiate), Ardmore, I. T.  
 Davenport, Carey (9007), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Duecker, Wm. (14902), Memphis, Tenn.  
 Dolt, Wm. A. (initiate), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Duncan, G. M. (8180), Houston, Texas.  
 Darrah, F. K. (7403), Little Rock, Ark.  
 Drennan, R. H. (9292), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Davenport, S. P. (8042), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Dueker, W. A. (13076), Cherrystone, Kas.  
 Dillon, J. R. (6569), Galveston, Texas.  
 Darling, N. S. (3022), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Darling, H. W. (2117), Wichita, Kas.  
 Daugherty, D. O. (13552), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Duke, J. W. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Dunakin, C. W. (10276), Wichita, Kas.  
 Darnell, J. R. (14572), Fort Worth, Tex.  
 Default, E. (17276), Little Rock, Ark.  
 Davis, T. Biggs, I. T.  
 Davidson, Wm. (2818), Wichita, Kas.  
 Daniels, F. N. (8636), Kansas City, Mo.  
 De Roll, A. M. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Evans, R. R. (11714), El Reno, Okla.  
 Emig, J. C. (13102), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Edwards, R. L. (13553), Perry, Okla.  
 Ellis, N. M. (10429), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Evanson, T. W. (1855), Rockford, Ill.  
 Elder, D. H. (10278), Topeka, Kas.  
 Everett, A. D. (initiate), Stroud, Okla.  
 English, R. W. (2220), Denver, Colo.  
 Rilkel, Robert, (7481), Houston, Texas.  
 Everett, W. W. (5938), San Francisco, Cal.  
 Fuller, R. R. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Filson, K. J. (13556), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Fraley, C. E. (10280), Ardmore, I. T.  
 Foresman, J. H. (3267), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Flanagan, T. P. (16416), Pawhuska, Okla.  
 Felt, O. G. (13555), Apache, Okla.  
 Floyd, Chas. R. (16922), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Fortney, H. H. (14899), Jennings, Okla.  
 Ferguson, J. D. (12274), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Field, W. T. (initiate), El Reno, Okla.  
 Gebhart, R. G. (4740), Fort Worth, Tex.  
 Guild, G. (12467), New Orleans, La.  
 Gibson, J. M. (12050), Newport, Ark.  
 Gorsuch, H. A. (761), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Gore, C. A. (8742) and wife, Centralia, Ill.  
 Gray, I. V. (16419), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Gessert, Edw. (14581), Artesia, N. M.  
 Graves, W. T. (9701), Dallas, Texas.  
 Gartside, A. L. (9999), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Gilbert, Fred (initiate), McLoud, Okla.  
 Grant, L. B. (11716), Clinton, Okla.  
 Gorce, R. C. (11134), Rush Springs, I. T.  
 Gossett, R. C. (16418), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Grimes, T. J. (9800), Cleveland, Okla.  
 Guiley, F. O. (9182), Fayetteville, Ark.  
 Gaskell, H. J. (initiate), Verden, Okla.  
 Gilbert, O. C. (5874), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Gregg, C. L. (9181), Eureka Springs, Ark.  
 Garner, G. T. (8593), Shawnee, Okla.  
 Glyod, S. M. (5875), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Garrison, C. E. (16417), Tecumseh, Okla.  
 Graves, J. W. (11717), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Gilbert, H. (14900), Tulsa, I. T.  
 Gold, G. L. (16250), Moberly, Mo.  
 Gray, G. H. (initiate), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Grimes, W. E. (9702), Holdenville, I. T.  
 Gladding, N. A. (99), Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Goit, W. R. (8807), Oklahoma City, Okla.

Hartnett, J. J. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Hetsel, F. G. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Hill, W. O. (8595), Perry, Okla.  
 Hammer, A. O. (initiate), Winfield, Kas.  
 Hurd, E. O. (initiate), Watonga, Okla.  
 Huey, O. L. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Hill, J. A. (14591), Grand View, Texas.  
 Henderson, J. D. (1214), Amarillo, Texas.  
 Helbar, F. T. (2820), Wichita, Kas.  
 Hogg, T. B. (16421), Shawnee, Okla.  
 Hill, G. S. (8812), Caldwell, Kas.  
 Harris, J. S. (10635), Perry, Ark.  
 Hudson, K. (16423), Ardmore, I. T.  
 Huffaker, G. A. (initiate), Hinton, Okla.  
 Hallowell, R. M. (6331), Beaumont, Tex.  
 Huber, C. A. (9704), Weatherford, Okla.  
 Hunter, A. O. (13383), Norwick, Kas.  
 Huffbauer, J. F. (8597), Newkirk, Okla.  
 Harrison, Noble W. (10546), Ocala, Fla.  
 Hentze, W. W. (17158), Welch, W. Va.  
 Howell, C. L. (initiate), Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Humphrey, Dallas, Texas.  
 Humason, Thos. A. (Hoo-Hoo Band), Lufkin, Texas.  
 Huffman, D. E. (11723), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Hodge, O. E. (4514), Winfield, La.  
 Heard, W. E. (9872), Winfield, La.  
 Hill, A. M. (16205), Texarkana, Texas.  
 Harrelson S. H. (6288), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Hibbotts, J. D. (13558), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Hays, Geo. S. (13816), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Hendrick, R. C. (16420), Wheatland, Okla.  
 Hicks, L. G. (3017), Joplin, Mo.  
 Halloway, J. C. (5877), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Hackney, J. C. (Hoo-Hoo Band), Lufkin, Texas.  
 Hawley, A., Houston, Texas.  
 Habighorst, E. H. (2393), Portland, Ore.  
 Hawes, L. L. (14589), Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Harnett, James J. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Haynie, Miss Alice, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Hinkle, E. B. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Ingersoll, D. W. (7723), Madill, I. T.  
 Inman, R. D. (2186), Portland, Ore.  
 Ives, Mrs. M. A., Baldwin, Kas.  
 Ives, Chas. P. (447), Baldwin, Kas.  
 Johnston, O. H. (13384), Wichita, Kas.  
 Jamison, J. F. (13324), Kansas City, Mo.  
 James, Fred W. (8802), Lexington, Okla.  
 Jacobs, W. P. (1108) and wife, Bardsville, I. T.  
 Jenkinson, Wm. (12010), Dallas, Texas.  
 Jackson, Harry, Malvern, Ark.  
 Jacobs, J. W. (13561), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Judd, J. F. (94) and wife, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Kelley, U. G. (16697), Eureka Sprgs., Ark.  
 Kern, J. B. (16258), Enid, Okla.  
 Kirkpatrick, J. A. (12546), Chickasha, I. T.  
 Key, R. W. (9298), Woodward, Okla.  
 Kinney, C. M. (5917), Foraker, Okla.  
 Kinsella, John A. (11138), Thomas, Okla.  
 Kuder, W. H. (initiate), Goble, Okla.  
 Kennedy, Wm. (16425), Bristol, I. T.  
 Knapp, Jno. R. (13502), Wicketta, I. T.  
 Kerr, Sam H. (13474), Lufkin, Texas.  
 Kitcham, H. E., Muskogee, I. T.  
 Ketchum, Ed. N. (513), Galveston, Texas.  
 Lund, R. E. (16427), Newalla, Okla.  
 Lucas, J. E. (9709), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Luckey, E. (16700), Eureka Springs, Ark.  
 Landon, C. G. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Large, H. J. (7274), De Queen, Ark.  
 Lippman, L. (14748), Homan, Ark.  
 Lewis, A. W. (initiate), Dacoma, Okla.  
 Lefever, H. D. (8050), Little Rock, Ark.  
 Lund, C. H. (8599), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 McEvin, D. E. (3026), Choctaw City, Okla.  
 McCune, W. C. (5173), Perry, Okla.  
 McGregor, E. N. (271), Wichita, Kas.  
 McCreary, R. L. (6957), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 McClung, S. T. (12015), Parsons, Kas.  
 McClure, O. F. (initiate), Erick, Okla.  
 McLaughlin, H. C. (14904).  
 McCord, E. E. (initiate), Watonga, Okla.  
 McLure, A. B. (10407), Alberta, La.  
 McKinley, M. W. (16262), Perry, Okla.  
 McCarty, V. L. (5880), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 McGahan, Mrs. T. W., Oklahoma City, Okla.

McGahan, T. W. (9710), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Miles, W. E. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Miller, W. W. (597), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Martin, J. P. (13566), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Morgan, R. (initiate), Grand View, Tex.  
 Morgan, A. C. (9716), Clarendon, Texas.  
 Martin, Ira (initiate), Hicoria, I. T.  
 Mann, J. C. (14610), Dallas, Texas.  
 Mattison, G. E. (15282), Malvern, Ark.  
 Myers, D. D. (initiate), Wichita, Kas.  
 Myers, J. H. (4497), Tulsa, I. T.  
 Millan, S. F. (initiate), Amarita, Okla.  
 Manning, E. C. (initiate), Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Mackey, W. W. (16430), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Moore, J. V., Hlawatha, Kas.  
 Myers, D. B. (9718), Hydro, Okla.  
 Moore, T. A. (8309), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Managan, W. H. (8159), Westlake, La.  
 Mauk, F. P. (16431), Tecumseh, Okla.  
 Montgomery, R. O. (9713), Watonga, Okla.  
 Mense, L. F. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Molst, R. E. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Murphy, E. H. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Mercer, Ots (8501), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Marrs, J. E. (3268), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Mansfield, C. (2130) and wife, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Millerton, R., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Murphy, J. J. (initiate), Dallas, Texas.  
 Miles, C. D. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Manning, E. C. (initiate), Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Myer, R. A. (5851), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Markwell, Ed. W. (8600), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Mendenhall, J. B. (8499), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Montgomery, S. C. (initiate), Watonga, Okla.  
 Myers, I. W. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Noble, B. S. (3550), Ida Grove, Iowa.  
 Newland, J. F. (16272), Glencoe, Okla.  
 Newman, E. E. (1356), Watonga, Okla.  
 Newblock, E. I. (initiate), Sulphur, I. T.  
 Newman, H. B. (16432), Guthrie, Okla.  
 Newland, E. E. (16271), Tonkawa, Okla.  
 Nims, E. B. (596), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Nauck, A. (1719), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Napier, W. L. (8602), Dallas, Texas.  
 Niles, A. H. (9719), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Norris, W. H. (1660), Houston, Texas.  
 Odom, St. Elmo (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Olinger, J. F. (9805), Newton, Kas.  
 Oliver, F. W. (2824), Wichita, Kas.  
 Overholzer, M. P. (11144), Snyder, Okla.  
 Oxenford, John (1346) and wife, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 O'Neil, Geo. E. (initiate), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Parker, F. I. (initiate), Frederick, Okla.  
 Pumphrey, W. H. (13366), Warren, Ark.  
 Post, B. J. (initiate), Okema, I. T.  
 Polleys, E. H. (8175), Lincoln, Neb.  
 Peckham, G. Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Pooh, P., Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Pohl, R. W. (7539), Little Rock, Ark.  
 Page, T. B. (9910), Muskogee, I. T.  
 Primm, P. (16434), Mountain View, Okla.  
 Parsons, R. C. (initiate), Chickasha, I. T.  
 Pittman, Chas. (11732), Edmond, Okla.  
 Pittman, N. L. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Pound, A. M. (15766), Marshall, Texas.

Portel, Pat (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Phillips, J. M. (9720), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Payne, Charles W. (9911), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Putman, L. R. (9191), Fayetteville, Ark.  
 Petty, C. A. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Ragon, R. B. (2121), Oklahoma.  
 Reed, C. C. (2850), Memphis, Tenn.  
 Rourke, C. D. (421) and wife, Urbana, Ill.  
 Ramsey, A. C. (233) and wife, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Rectanus, O. H. (9248), Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Rogers, T. H. (485), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Richardson, T. M. (3035), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Rand, Wm. (11734), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Ruedy, J. S. (initiate), Spencer, Okla.  
 Rives, J. C. (7260), Montrose, La.  
 Ray, T. H. (11735), Luther, Okla.  
 Ruscoe, G. S. (16436), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Riley, E. N., Greenville, Texas.  
 Ryan, Thomas H. (9632) and wife, Columbia, S. C.  
 Richardson, D. C., Jr. (16807), Shreveport, La.  
 Richardson, W. C. (initiate), Elk City, Okla.  
 Robinson, W. S. (9912), Cleveland, Okla.  
 Ruth, A. H. (16437), Dover, Okla.  
 Ruth, A. C. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Richardson, G. E. (5882), Canadian, Ill.  
 Reeder, E. L. (9723), Tulsa, I. T.  
 Roe, A. J. (1683), Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Rankin, Jos. (17186), Dallas, Texas.  
 Richardson, D. B. (9724), Amarillo, Tex.  
 Richards, C. M. (initiate), Carlsbad, N.M.  
 Rogers, M. W. (initiate), Luther, Okla.  
 Rosencrans, S. C. (13394), Valley Center, Kas.  
 Raupp, W. A. (10301), Pierce City, Mo.  
 Reeder, E. L. (4679), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Richards, H. A. (5776), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Robinson, E. B., Scrivenoter's office.  
 Stippich, W. A. (13401), Wichita, Kas.  
 Sperry, H. B. (14632), Fort Worth, Tex.  
 Stephenson, W. M. (2676), St. Paul, Minn.  
 Springer, J. E. (16447), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Shippee, W. C. (8606), Fort Worth, Tex.  
 Storm, Bert (8608), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Schrock, John (14627), Artesia, N. M.  
 Solberg, G. G. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Sullivan, T. F. (1523), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Smith, T. J. C. (15874), Wichita, Kas.  
 Summers, E. J. (14638), Nacogdoches, Texas.  
 Schiff, H. F. Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Spies, Jas. (3027), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Storris, C. L. (4654), Jonesboro, Ark.  
 Spain, M. N.  
 Sage, T. N. (15400), De Queen, Ark.  
 Smith, F. M. (9893), Dallas, Texas.  
 Smith, W. R. (10342), Dallas, Texas.  
 Shelton, D. M. (16441), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Slocum, C. L. (initiate), Cleveland, Okla.  
 Sanders, R. L. (16440), Ardmore, I. T.  
 Snowell, F. D., Alva, Okla.  
 Scott, B. S. (13840), Orlando, Okla.  
 Scott, E. C. (initiate), Sumner, Okla.  
 Styan, Geo. H. (14492), Bobo, Miss.  
 Stuart, W. A. (5154), Larnessell, Mo.  
 Soward, J. D. (13843), Larnessell, Mo.  
 Stevens, F. J. (initiate), Fletcher, Okla.  
 Stephenson, B. L. (4870), Wichita, Kas.

Scamans, P. E. (10341), Vernon, Texas.  
 Shentley, C. H., Ardmore, I. T.  
 Shelton, T. J. (15298) and wife, Ruston, La.  
 Swayze, F. B. (8616), Muskogee, I. T.  
 Saller, A. L. (12846) and wife, El Reno, Okla.  
 Stolz, W. M. (initiate), El Reno, Okla.  
 Shiller, F. C. (16443), Foraker, Okla.  
 Strong, W. T. (10994), Dallas, Texas.  
 Spurrer, S. L. (9729), Guthrie, Okla.  
 Spurrer, S. C. (16449), Okmulgee, I. T.  
 Spurrer, J. E. (13448), Sapulpa, I. T.  
 Smith, O. N. (13293), Wichita, Kas.  
 Smith, S. S. (5885), So. McAlester, I. T.  
 Stevens, C. H. (6153), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Stapleton, E. R. (16308), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Sanford, W. A. (6401), Joplin, Mo.  
 Smiley, J. R. (16444), El Reno, Okla.  
 Tompkins, J. G. (2125), El Reno, Okla.  
 Trickett, P. D. (2126), Enid, Okla.  
 Traxler, R. A. (initiate), Sayre, Okla.  
 Thornton, B. B. (482), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Tilton, C. W. (16453), Tecumseh, Okla.  
 Thomas, R. W. (initiate), Pond Creek, Okla.  
 Tedford, C. E. (initiate), Lawton, Okla.  
 Thorp, G. E. (13572), Cement, Okla.  
 Trowbridge, E. B. (16454).  
 Townsend, Roy (14641), Clifton, Texas.  
 Talcott, C. A. (5909), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Turnbow, B. W. (10930), Beaumont, Tex.  
 Townsley, L. E. (4806), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Todd, G. A. (8611), Granite, Okla.  
 Vandervoort, E. R., Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Van Paton, E. C. (10481), Ralston, Okla.  
 Van Winkle, Lee (2125), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Wilson, B. M. (10668), Chicago, Ill.  
 Wilson, Mrs. B. M., Chicago, Ill.  
 Walker, P. B. (48), Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Walte, J. J. Jr. (8830), Cherrystone, Kas.  
 Willocken, A. D. (initiate), St. Louis, Mo.  
 Williams, J. D., Dallas, Texas.  
 Woodward, W. J. (8447), Norfolk, Va.  
 Wolfen, Chas. (6460), Evansville, Ind.  
 Walker, Chas. P. (8606), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Williams, Roy (9733), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Whitton, George (8613), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Waters, Geo. E. (12962), Baltimore, Md.  
 Whitmarsh, A. H. (13852), Texarkana, Ark.  
 Woodson, C. J. (16457), Okarche, Okla.  
 Webb, R. P. (Hon. 28), Nashville, Tenn.  
 Webb, Mrs. R. P., Nashville, Tenn.  
 White, F. E. (475) and wife, Kanawa, I. T.  
 Wells, J. R. (3030), Purcell, I. T.  
 Wellman, I. N. (8612), Mangum, Okla.  
 Wass, J. F. (16456), Apache, Okla.  
 Woods, O. E. (3415), Oswege, Kas.  
 Warren, Bud (9731), Thomas, Okla.  
 Woods, R. C. (initiate), Chelsea, I. T.  
 Walton, P. T. (6807), Guthrie, Okla.  
 Walton, E. D. (10484), Guthrie, Okla.  
 Wilson, P. D. (2194), Kansas City, Mo.  
 Wimpey, P. H. (8904), Alva, Okla.  
 Walker, John R. (initiate), Norfolk, Va.  
 Walters, C. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Ward, W. H. (initiate), Memphis, Tenn.  
 West, J. R. (14910), Mounds, I. T.  
 Wepfer, John G. (16413), Winona, La.  
 Wenger, J. W. (2409), Cairo, Ill.  
 Wenner, C. L. (8608), Perry, Okla.  
 Waldoek, A. J. (initiate), Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Youle, Geo. E. (614), Seattle, Wash.

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

A Seattleite and a Spokaner were talking of their towns. The Spokaner told of new banks, new factories and new buildings, saying: "Why, man, you have no idea how we are progressing. We have the best little city in the United States. Our real estate has doubled in value within the past ten years, and \$10,000,000 worth of it changed hands in 1905. We have the best school buildings in the West.

"We have twenty-two in our town of 80,000, and they cost us all together more than \$1,000,000. You ought to see our High School. That building alone cost more than \$175,000. Our new Masonic Temple cost \$100,000, and we have an athletic club which cost \$25,000 more than that. Spokane is now building a convention hall, which will attract people from all parts of the United States, and make it a greater convention city than Washington. We are

raising a fund of \$50,000 to advertise us; and if we keep on in this way it won't be long before Seattle will have to take a back seat."

"Yes," said the Seattle man. "I have heard that you were doing something. We have clubs and schools, too, and we are putting up single business blocks which would hold all your business men and leave room to spare. You ought to see our Alaska building. It is fourteen stories high and it cost \$4,000,000. I wonder if you have ever been in Seattle?"

"Yes," said the somewhat subdued Spokaner. "I have been there."

"But when, but when?" asked the Seattleite.

"I was there two weeks ago," was the reply.

"Two weeks! Why, man, you ought to see Seattle now!"



# MINUTES OF THE OSIRIAN CLOISTER ASSEMBLIES.

The Osirian Cloister held two business sessions during the annual meeting, the first one being called to order by Chief Priest Stephenson at 10 a. m., Saturday morning, September 8, exactly in accordance with announced programme. There being but relatively few of the members in attendance, however, and quite a large number expected on the afternoon and evening trains, it was decided to defer all important business until the second business session.

High Priest of Thoth J. H. Baird moved that this first business session consist only of informal discussion and the appointment of working committees, after which an adjournment should be taken until 2 p. m., when the first initiatory session was scheduled. In discussing the matter, he suggested that if it be found desirable a short business session might immediately precede the initiatory work.

High Priest Stephenson named the following committees:

On Banquet—J. H. Baird, George E. Youle and B. F. Cobb.

On Resolutions—P. B. Walker, W. W. Everett and R. W. English.

Good of the Order—W. E. Barns, A. C. Ramsey and John Oxenford.

Auditing—A. G. Anderson, Charles P. Ives and R. P. Webb.

Tablets of Law—W. H. Norris, C. D. Rourke and John S. Bonner.

After an hour or so spent in informal discussion and in going over the new tablets of law informally with the committee appointed as above, the assembly, upon motion duly seconded, adjourned to 2 p. m.

## Second Business Session.

The second business session was called to order at 2 p. m., Sunday, September 9, with the following Osirians responding to roll call:

W. M. Stephenson, James H. Baird, G. M. Duncan, Robert Elkel, John Oxenford, L. R. Putnam, A. G. Anderson, P. B. Walker, George E. Youle, W. E. Barns, John S. Bonner, W. H. Norris, Charles Wolfen, B. F. Cobb, W. A. Stippich, R. P. Webb, W. H. Allen, J. M. Gibson, A. F. Ketchum, R. W. English, W. W. Everett, E. Stringer Boggess, C. A. Gore, N. S. Darling.

Report of the Scribe being called for, Mr. Baird stated that on October 9, shortly after his return from the annual meeting at Portland, he had made a detailed statement to Chief Priest Stephenson and Treasurer Oxenford, showing a balance of \$713.27 according to his books, of which balance \$408.89 was in his hands and \$304.38 in the hands of C. H. Stanton, of Buffalo, who preceded Mr. Oxenford in the office of Treasurer; that subsequently he had remitted to Mr. Oxenford the total balance in his hands as above and that ex-Treasurer Stanton had also, on instructions of the Chief Priest, turned over to Mr. Oxenford so much of the balance as was in his hands; and also that subsequently the Scribe had remitted to Mr. Oxenford successively to cover the money coming into his hands from dues, collections, initiation fees, merchandise sales, etc.; that these remittances to the Treasurer tallied with the receipt from the Scribe which the Treasurer would report, with the exception of \$29 now in the possession of the Scribe and ready for remittance to the Treasurer.

The Scribe stated that he was unable to make report at this business session in detail of the collections made,

and could not say offhand just how much money had come into his hands from dues, how much from merchandise, and how much for initiation fees; that his Osirian Cloister books and papers were all in one of the trunks, which had been delayed in transit, but the arrival of which was promised for Monday morning.

Later, on the arrival of the trunk containing his books and papers, Scribe Baird submitted to Chief Priest Stephenson the following formal statement of money handled by him, the report covering business up to and including September 6, 1906, the day he left Nashville:

## RECEIPTS.

Balance October 9, 1905.....	\$408 89
Dues collected .....	190 08
Merchandise .....	4 00
Fees, Little Rock, 17 men.....	170 00
Fees, Memphis, 1 man.....	10 00
	<u>\$782 97</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Remitted Treasurer December 2, 1905.....	\$455 88
Donated Little Rock meeting.....	50 00
Remitted Treasurer July 7, 1906.....	137 00
Remitted Treasurer August 21, 1906.....	111 09
Balance on hand.....	29 00
	<u>\$782 97</u>

The Scribe also submitted the following schedule of property of the Cloister now on hand and paid for:

1 large trunk.
1 guillotine.
9 Prier robes (new robes).
48 robes for novitiates (new).
1 copy "Book of the Dead."
10 copies of Revised Ritual, bound in leather.
90 copies of Revised Ritual, bound in paper.
18 bronze medals.
4 Ladies' pins.
9 Lapel buttons.

## Report of Treasurer.

Treasurer Oxenford reported total receipts from all sources of \$1,008.35, with total disbursements to September 5, of \$822, leaving a balance in the treasury on September 5, of \$186.35. The Treasurer's report upon motion was referred to the Auditing Committee. Following in detail are receipts and disbursements down to August 29, 1906:

## RECEIPTS.

Total receipts for Scribe during year... \$1,008 35

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1905.	
Dec. 4.	American Surety Co. bond.....\$ 5 00
Dec. 16.	J. H. Baird for B. H. Stief Jewelry Company .....
	288 75
1906.	
Jan. 20.	George S. Haskell, insurance.....
	7 91
Feb. 26.	Foster, Webb & Parkes, engrossing resolutions .....
	42 50
March 7.	Richard Guthmann Transfer Co., storage .....
	10 00
March 7.	J. H. Baird, bill of B. A. Johnson, November 22, 1905.....
	7 30
March 8.	J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, by order of Stephenson .....
	17 00
April 18.	Foster, Webb & Parkes, embossed letter heads .....
	39 50
June 8.	J. H. Baird, for bill Foster, Webb & Parkes, May 30.....
	30 00
July 10.	J. H. Baird, for Haywood Norman bill .....
	10 00

## Report of Committee on Banquet.

Mr. Baird, chairman, stated that a total of sixty-six tickets had been sold, from which \$165 was realized, and that he had the money for the tickets. Mr. Baird moved that the Treasurer, or Scribe, or some proper official be instructed to use this money in hand in settling for the banquet, and that the balance, if there be one, be settled by check out of Cloister funds. Motion duly put and carried and committee continued to make final settlement of the banquet matter.

This committee duly discharged the duties assigned, reporting finally to Chief Priest Stephenson that the banquet bill rendered was \$445.63; that the amount derived from sale of tickets, \$165, had been applied on this bill, and that the balance, \$280.63, had been paid with check of Treasurer Oxenford.

## Report of Committee on Tablets of Law.

The new tablets of law were taken up and very carefully gone over by the committee, which recommended several minor changes. In the open meeting these tablets of law were taken up section by section and adopted in every case with the recommendation made by the committee.

As these tablets of law are to be printed in a few days in the handbook to be issued to all Osirians, it is not deemed necessary to print them in this issue of The Bulletin.

## The New Ritual.

Upon motion of Mr. B. F. Cobb, duly seconded, the new Ritual as revised by W. I. Ewart and W. M. Stephenson, and which was used yesterday at the initiatory session, was adopted without change. In this connection Chief Priest Stephenson spoke of the work done on the new Ritual by W. I. Ewart, and a vote of thanks to that distinguished member of the Cloister was adopted.

Chief Priest Stephenson called attention to the handsome character of the new robes for the High Priests of the Cloister used at yesterday's initiatory ceremony, and explained that these robes had been supplied under his supervision, and that in getting them up he had been greatly assisted by Miss Anne Sherrill Baird of the Scrivenoter's office, whose taste in such matters and advice on many points had been of great value. He suggested that a vote of thanks should be extended Miss Baird, which upon motion was done.

Chief Priest Stephenson also spoke at some length of the splendid work that had been done for Hoo-Hoo and the Osirian Cloister by Mr. B. A. Johnson in revising the text of the Embalment Ceremony and in having constructed the new and splendid scenery which will be used for the first time at the public ceremony Wednesday night. Mr. Stephenson said that Mr. Johnson had worked in this connection for several months, during much of the time giving up almost his entire time and attention to the matter. He stated also that Mrs. Johnson had rendered Hoo-Hoo and the Cloister signal service in securing the splendid results attained, and that he thought it fitting that her name should be coupled with that of Mr. Johnson's in a vote expressive of the appreciation and deep gratitude of all Osirians.

Chief Priest Stephenson also spoke gratefully of the loyal support he had received from all the priests of the Cloister, and especially expressed his thanks for the intelligent and faithful assistance rendered him by Treasurer John Oxenford and Scribe J. H. Baird, saying that these men had been most prompt in responding to every call made upon them. He also expressed his thanks for

July 14.	J. H. Baird, for McEwen Steam Laundry .....	3 60
July 14.	J. H. Baird, for Miss Maud Miller, robes .....	150 00
July 14.	Miss Anne Sherrill Baird.....	14 00
July 14.	Balley, Banks & Biddle Co., ladies' pins .....	24 10
July 14.	Richard Guthmann Transfer Company, storage .....	10 00
Aug. 19.	J. H. Baird, for McEwen Laundry..	3 60
Aug. 19.	American Paper Co., 9 cloth boxes for robes .....	7 20
Aug. 19.	Foster, Webb & Parkes, bills of July 24, and July 27.....	7 50
Aug. 24.	J. H. Baird, salary, 1906.....	99 00
Aug. 24.	J. H. Baird, C. P. Publishing House bill of August 15.....	4 75
Aug. 29.	J. H. Baird, invoice August 22, expressage .....	10 20
	Balance on hand Aug. 29, 1906. 186 35—	\$ 1,008 35

## Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Chairman P. B. Walker stated that his committee was not prepared to make any report at this time; that the committee understood that they were to prepare suitable resolutions of respect to deceased Osirians, but that they had not been able to obtain from the Scribe a list of these men, and that report would be made later.

Mr. Baird moved that the committee be continued with instructions to record the names of these deceased members and to prepare suitable resolutions to be adopted and sent to the families of the deceased members. Motion carried.

Chief Priest Stephenson appointed the following to continue as this committee: P. B. Walker, R. W. English and W. W. Everett.

This committee brought in the following report, which was adopted:

"Your committee finds that the only death among members of the Osirian Cloister during the year just closed is that of Brother Joseph Myles, of Detroit, Mich., which occurred on June 14, last. Brother Myles was a member of the Cloister almost from its inception, and was among the earliest members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, serving a term on the Supreme Nine of the latter organization in 1898-1899. Your committee submits:

"WHEREAS, In the death of Joseph Myles, the Osirian Cloister has lost one of its earliest and most beloved members, and the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo one of its staunchest and most loyal supporters, and

"WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Myles, the lumber trade of the United States has had taken from its ranks a man who was an ornament and an honor, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Osirian Cloister, in annual assembly convened, hereby makes acknowledgment of its great loss, and pays this brief tribute to one whose upright and lovable character, and Christian acts in life, endeared him to thousands of friends and associates who enshrine him in a loving memory.

"Resolved, further, That these resolutions be printed in the official minutes of this annual assembly, and that a copy hereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

## Report of Auditing Committee.

The report of the Auditing Committee was adopted as follows:

"We, your committee appointed to audit the accounts of John Oxenford, Treasurer of the Osirian Cloister, hereby report that we have made a careful examination and audit of the year's work, and that we find his statements of receipts and disbursements correct in every particular, and that he holds vouchers for every disbursement made."

(Signed) A. G. ANDERSON,  
CHAS. P. IVES,  
R. P. WEBB.

valuable assistance received from Col. A. D. McLeod, of Cincinnati, and expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of that gentleman from this meeting.

#### The Election of New Officers.

There being no further new business to come before the meeting a motion was adopted that the assembly go into election of officers. This was immediately done, and resulted as follows:

High Priest of Ptah, A. D. McLeod; High Priest of Anubis, Jay Hamilton; High Priest of Thoth, J. H. Baird; High Priest of Hathor, John Oxenford; High Priest of Osiris, W. M. Stephenson; High Priest of Ra, N. S. Darling; High Priest of Isis, G. M. Duncan; High Priest of Shu, J. E. Long; High Priest of Sed, O. H. Rectanus.

#### The Initiatory Sessions.

Two initiatory sessions of the Cloister were found to be necessary to accommodate those desiring membership. The first session was held beginning at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, September 8. At this session the following were initiated:

N. S. Darling, Harry A. Gorsuch, J. E. Myers, G. M. Duncan, R. A. Myer, John H. Kirby, R. H. Drennan, W. B. A. Clay, H. W. Darling, Charles A. Glone, W. A. Stippich, B. M. Wilzin, W. H. Allen, George W. Boogher, Edwin Nesbitt Ketchum, Robert Eikel.

At this session the official stations were filled as follows:

High Priest of Ptah, P. B. Walker, Jr.; High Priest of Anubis, Charles Wolfelin; High Priest of Thoth, J. H. Baird; High Priest of Hathor, John Oxenford; High Priest of Osiris, W. M. Stephenson; High Priest of Ra, A. C. Ramsey; High Priest of Isis, R. W. English; High Priest of Shu, C. D. Rourke; High Priest of Sed, W. W. Everett.

The second initiatory session was held Monday evening at 7:30, just preceding the annual concatenation. At this session the following were initiated:

S. H. Bollinger, J. D. Ferguson, Lee Van Winkle, J. E. Crawford, George E. Waters, W. B. Woodward, Weston Atwood, B. W. Turnbow, J. C. Rives, V. L. McCarty, Walter F. Strong, John L. Alcock.

At this session the following officers officiated:

High Priest of Ptah, P. B. Walker; High Priest of Anubis, E. S. Boggess; High Priest of Thoth, J. H. Baird; High Priest of Hathor, John Oxenford; High Priest of Osiris, W. M. Stephenson; High Priest of Ra, A. C. Ramsey; High Priest of Isis, W. W. Everett; High Priest of Shu, C. D. Rourke; High Priest of Sed, G. M. Duncan.

#### The Annual Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Osirian Cloister occurred on the evening of September 8, and was a more than usually brilliant and enjoyable affair. Detailed report of this banquet and stenographic report of speeches made will appear on another page of this issue of The Bulletin.

#### Called Meeting of the Supreme Nine.

At a special called meeting of the Supreme Nine at Oklahoma City, September 12, 1906, and at which were present Snark R. D. Inman, Senior Hoo-Hoo A. C. Ramsey, Bojum B. F. Cobb, Scrivenor J. H. Baird and Arcanoper Donald Ferguson, formal charges preferred by the Scrivenor ex officio against Fred L. Fuller (No. 15069), of W. Va., were considered. Upon full hearing Mr. Fuller was expelled from the Order.

Lewis H. Bell No. 6834, has been expelled from the Order for conduct unbecoming a Hoo Hoo, calculated to bring shame and discredit on the Order.

#### Lost the Annual, but Loyal Still.

Little Rock, Ark., September 24:—While Little Rock did not get the next annual, Hoo-Hoo of this city and throughout the state feel that Arkansas made a gallant fight for this convention, and that if the 1906 annual had been held in any other section than the West, the 1907 annual would surely have come here. Too much praise cannot be given to the Hoo-Hoo of Arkansas and neighboring states for the effort they made at Oklahoma City. Foremost in the fight were Judge J. H. Carmichael and R. W. Folk, of Little Rock; Judge Lippman, of Homan and Tupelo; Mayor Jim Gibson, of Newport, and W. R. Anderson, of Memphis. These men worked hard, day and night, trying to line up votes, and the fact that Little Rock pulled up rather a strong second, is due primarily to the efforts of these men.

Judge Carmichael, Judge Lippman and Mr. Anderson all made speeches which knocked sky high an apparent attempt to gag and shut off full debate when the question of the next convention city would come up. Mr. Anderson, who was a member of the Committee on Resolutions, was not aware of the resolution in the report which was objected to by the Arkansas delegation, as he had not seen the report before it was submitted. When Judge Carmichael offered an amendment to the resolution, which gave all the debate necessary, Mr. Anderson spoke in favor of the amendment, and urged its adoption. The amendment was passed by unanimous vote. Later on when the vote was taken on the next convention city, Chairman Anderson, of the Tennessee delegation, handed over 470 votes, the whole vote of the state of Tennessee, which was the only state east of the Mississippi River which threw its strength to Arkansas.

Much interest centers in who the new Snark will appoint as Vicegerents in Arkansas. Up around Newport Hoo-Hoo do not want anyone but Jim Gibson. There are many good men around Newport, but Mayor Jim went to Oklahoma City and did everything he could for the good of the Order, and suggestions are made to several of the Supremo Nine that Gib be appointed.

Arkansas expects much for Hoo-Hoo during the next year. While the members generally over the state wanted the next annual here, nobody is crying from disappointment, and there will be doings all over the state this next year, just the same as if the next annual would come here, and when the next September rolls around, old Arkansas will send to Atlantic City as many delegates as can get away.—*Southern Lumberman.*

#### Dunbar's Resignation.

Paul Laurence Dunbar, the negro poet, is dead. Incomparable in his presentation of his race's language and thoughts, he occupied a unique position in the literary world. W. D. Howells called him the only man of pure African blood and of American civilization to feel the negro life esthetically and express it lyrically. Last year, while he was dying of consumption, he contributed to Lippincott's this verse-sermon of resignation:

Because I had loved so deeply,  
Because I had loved so long,  
God in his great compassion  
Gave me the gift of song.  
Because I had loved so vainly  
And sung with such faltering breath,  
The Master in infinite mercy  
Offers the boon of Death.

## NOTES & COMMENTS.



"In looking down upon any great city," says a writer in the September Atlantic Monthly, "one is impressed with the truth of Belloc's belief that cities have souls."

I don't know anything about Belloc, but I discovered long ago that each city has an individuality peculiar to itself—an identity, a spirit and an attitude of mind belonging to itself alone. There are some cities that I like from the moment I step from the car, and there are others to which I take an instantaneous aversion. Away up in the mountains of a Southern state is a beautiful little college town. The streets are shaded with stately old trees and on the velvety lawns tiger lilies bloom, and other old-time flowers. The college buildings are mainly of the English style of architecture, and the song of the mockingbird trills out from many an ivy-covered tower. It is a quaint place, and people from surrounding states go there to spend the summer. The climate is fine and from the standpoint of some folks, the spot is ideal. But not for me. The soul of the little town is atrophied—squeezed so hard it has ceased to live. There is an air of self-righteousness about the whole place—a sort of smugness, which almost seemed to slap me in the face. The soul of the town is filled with intolerance. The college is one of those "denominational" schools, where they turn out preachers who have no more individuality than chair legs or porch columns made by a machine in a factory, and who go forth into the world to propagate the doctrine that there is but one narrow little path to Heaven and that their church is it. Cramped—pinched and tight—the soul of the town needs spiritual massage! The mountain air is pure and healthful—but I breathed better when I left there.

Some cities seem to exhale an atmosphere of avarice. A mercenary spirit is back of all—a griping money-lust. Others have a chill air of intellectual culture. Some cities seem to hold out arms to you and others beckon you away.

Oh, yes, there is just as much difference in cities as there is in people. They all have souls.

The writer in the Atlantic Monthly to whose article I referred, compares Paris to other cities in Europe, pointing out the difference:

Of the ancient cities—for it has an age of almost twenty centuries—Paris seems to be the phoenix, the one city that has the power of rising young and virile from its own dead ashes. It is not sunken in sleep, as Florence; it is not dying, as Venice;

it has not fallen into playing with masks in which itself does not believe, as Rome; it is not suffering from arrested spiritual and mental development, as London; it has not resigned itself to the stupor of sensuality, as Tunis, but it has kept pace with the march of the centuries, it has itself often led the march, and it stands today, despite its hoary age and its ancient traditions, as the most modern city in the modern world; as the newest city in the new century. And its thought is new and modern, and its philosophy—drawn from the old—becomes new again in modern applications. It scans well the pages of history, so that, knowing the pitfalls that have been, it can avoid those to be. It scans well the future, and moves forward with great caution—but it always moves.

Nevertheless, it is not the past nor the future that Paris loves best. It knows that the past has gone, and that the future is not yet; and without grieving for the one or fearing the advent of the other, it enjoys to the full the priceless Now. It enjoys it tranquilly, sanely, and soberly, and in many ways. To develop in all ways is to be able to enjoy all things; so love, money, art, science, philosophy, literature, nature, beauty and work are all revered by this wise city, which believes that each in its proper place is good.

Surely this man is in love with Paris. He declares it to be the "greatest city in the world," but adds that he knows this statement will be challenged, "for the pride of more than one great metropolis is concerned." "Let us," he says, "examine slightly a few other cities."

First he tackles London:

London is very great, ponderous in its mighty bulk, mighty with its millions of humans and of gold pieces, the capital and metropolis of the English people. But after all, it is but an English city; it is English in its every feature, and English in its soul. It is bound by the same inflexible laws of caste that are choking the people whose capital it is; it is fettered by the same iron traditions that at first upbudded and are now smothering its nation; and above all it is forbidding, and gloomy, and unlovely, and its treasures of architecture and its lovely places are not enough in number to offset the sombreness of its dreary miles upon miles of dreary red brick houses inhabited by dreary people who live out their dreary lives under its leaden and dreary skies. Yet under its grim exterior it hides a genial nature, and to those who know the way to its heart it is a city to love. But all the time, if one will enjoy London, he must close his eyes to the human misery that hedges him about in almost every quarter, to the human wrecks that litter its streets, and to the great gloomy districts—populous cities in themselves—where only poverty and vice and ignorance and misery have their abodes.

Never having been abroad I have no knowledge of my own concerning things over there. All I know is what I have read. England's sky is not always leaden. If you have read "Martin Chuzzlewit," you will recall Tom Pinch's journey to London. He went in a stage-coach from Salisbury, and he had a very nice trip indeed. Also the weather was fine:

It was a charming evening, mild and bright, and even with the weight upon his mind which arose out of the immensity and uncertainty of London, Tom could not resist the captivating sense of rapid motion through the pleasant air. The four grays skimmed along, as if they liked it quite as well as Tom did; the bugle was in as high spirits as the grays; the coachman chimed in sometimes with his voice; the wheels hummed cheerfully in unison; the brass work on the harness was an orchestra of little bells; and thus, as they went clinking, jingling, rattling, smoothly on the whole concern, from the buckles of the leaders' coupling reins to the handle of the hind boot, was one great instrument of music.

Yoho, past hedges, gates and trees; past cottages and barns and people going home from work. Yoho, by churches dropped down by themselves in quiet nooks, with rustic burial-grounds about them, where the graves are green, and daises sleep—for it is evening—on the bosoms of the dead. Yoho, past streams, in which the cattle cool their feet, and where the rushes grow; past last year's stacks, cut, silce by silce, away and showing, in the waning light like ruined gables, old and brown. Yoho, down the pebbly dip and through the merry water-splash, and up at a canter to the level road again. Yoho! Yoho!

Sounds cheerful, doesn't it? I have lived in England a good deal—in my mind, with Dickens. I have shivered



on the Ghost Walk at Chesney Wold and shrunk back with horror from the spot near the churchyard, where the lifeless body of poor Lady Dedlock was found. I got an early start in reading those fascinating stories. It seems to me that almost the very first thing I can remember is being with Pip, when the escaped convict, with a chain on his leg, rose up out of the grass and commanded the little boy to run home and fetch a file. Do you recollect how the story starts off?

My father's family name being Pirrip, and my Christian name Phillip, my infant tongue could make of both names nothing longer or more explicit than Pip. So I called myself Pip and came to be called Pip.

Ours was the marsh country, down by the river, within, as the river wound, twenty miles of the sea. My first most vivid and broad impression of the identity of things seems to me to have been gained on a memorable raw afternoon towards evening. At such a time I found out for certain that this bleak place overgrown with nettles was the churchyard, and that Phillip Pirrip, late of this parish, and also Georgiana, wife of the above, were dead and buried; and that Alexander, Bartholomew, Abraham and Roger, infant children of the aforesaid, were also dead and buried; and that the dark, flat wilderness beyond the churchyard, intersected with dykes and mounds and gates, with scattered cattle feeding on it, was the marshes; that the low, leaden line beyond was the river, and that the distant savage lair from which the wind was rushing was the sea; and that the small bundle of shivers, growing afraid of it all and beginning to cry, was Pip.

"Hold your noise," cried a terrible voice, as a man started up from among the graves at the side of the church porch. "Keep still, you little devil, or I'll cut your throat."

A fearful man, all in coarse gray, with a great iron on his leg; a man with no hat, and with broken shoes, and with an old rag tied around his head; a man who had been soaked in water and smothered in mud, and lamed by stones and cut by flints, and stung by nettles and torn by briars, who limped and shivered, and glared and growled, and whose teeth chattered in his head as he seized me by the chin.

Whoop! You can just bet I was scared! But I went with Pip and got the file, and fixed the convict so he could run away, and I stuck to Pip all through his ups and downs till he was grown up and I reached the very last. I was ten years old when I read "Great Expectations," and I can recall the closing sentence now—I don't have to look it up:

I took her hand in mine, and we went out of the ruined place. And as the morning mists had risen long ago when I first left the forge, so the evening mists were rising now, and in all the broad expanse of light they showed to me I saw no shadow of another parting from her.

I have always considered "Great Expectations" an almost ideal story. In the first place, it starts well, gripping the reader's interest right from the jump, for of course anybody would want to know what became of that convict and all about what Pip did afterwards. In the second place, the story ends right. I hate a book that turns out wrong—I like to leave the young man and his girl standing where the mists have rolled away and shown to them "a broad expanse of light."

Where was I before I drifted off to the marsh country and fell in with Pip and the convict?

Oh, yes, I was talking about souls and cities. I will continue:

It seems that the editor of The Bookman has lately been to Springfield, Mass. The Bookman is a good magazine and the editor has a gentle and kindly sense of humor. He is rather dignified, and always says "we" instead of "I"—which is considered the proper thing for an editor to do. "I" is deemed a bit freakish and iconoclastic. I like The Bookman, and I enjoyed the trip to Springfield:

We lately spent a few hours in Springfield, Mass., having to wait there between two trains; for trains do not always make close connection in Springfield, Mass. This circumstance can have no real interest for our readers, and we owe them an apology. Before this little visit we had no special knowledge of the place except the fact that from it issues the Springfield Republican, one of the very best newspapers in the whole United States. Also it is, or was, the site of the Arsenal about which Longfellow wrote his well-known poem, beginning:

"This is the Arsenal. From floor to ceiling,  
Like a great organ, rise the burnished arms."

We have always felt that these opening lines were rather weak on the part of Longfellow. If the burnished arms really rose from floor to ceiling, surely it wasn't necessary for him to say, "This is the Arsenal." Any one with half an eye could see it was an arsenal. Nobody would suppose that it was a delicatessen shop. Well, as we were saying, that is all we previously knew about the town; so we took a stroll. Not to the Arsenal, for arsenals are not to our taste; nor to the Republican office, because we might not be to the taste of the editors. But we went down a long street parallel to the railway station and presently came to a drug store, where two rather pretty girls were eating chocolate sandwiches (that is the way we spell the word). All the girls that we had ever before seen eating sandwiches had used little spoons with long handles. But these girls were employing small silver spikes like miniature ice-picks. How they did it without impaling their tongues we couldn't imagine. It was a terrible and yet alluring sight, and we watched it so long that the druggist's assistant came out and asked us to go away. We went. Presently we came upon the Massasoit House. Back in the early seventies we once heard an old gentleman say that when he was a youth, the finest waffles in the world were to be had at the Massasoit House in Springfield, Mass. But that was a long while ago, and now they may have doughnuts for breakfast there. You never can tell.

Fearing to get lost, we went back to the railway station, where a surprising number of people were sitting around eating out of brown paper bags, just as they do at Battersea Park and the Fete de Neuilly and Coney Island. As no other diversion was provided, we read a copy of the Springfield Republican—editorials, dramatic and musical criticism, local news, advertisements and all. The musical criticism was rather good. An operatic company had been presenting "Lohengrin" in Springfield, and the musical critic, who evidently was accustomed to prepare "write-ups" for the Springfield merchants, dealt rather gingerly and unwillingly with the technique of the various artists. "Madame-So-and-So has a good, loud voice," was his usual form of commendation. But he came out strong at the end.

"When Lohengrin came on drawn by his swans," he wrote, "it was as though a large base-burner was being hauled in on a stone-boat. But this only shows that German opera is a hard thing to negotiate in a common theatre."

That word "negotiate" was really clinical, diagnostic, chromatic—everything that would have delighted Sainte-Beuve and Mr. Huneker. The suburban news was also edifying. We read about the dog-license law in Westfield and what had lately been decreed by the aediles of Agawam. But after all, the advertising columns were the best; though we were shocked at first by reading the words: "Go to Mt. Tom!" We took this for an imprecation, but it really wasn't. Then we saw in large black letters: "This is the Last Week for Free Pants!" It pleased us to know that the people of Springfield were to be endowed with free pants, and that henceforth no citizen need go trouserless to his daily task. Another column led us to infer that some members of the feminine aristocracy of Springfield are of possibly African lineage and that they are wont to express their wishes and preferences through the medium of the daily press. We noted, for instance, the following:

A COLORED LADY wishes to travel. — Bridge St.

Now in other cities, when a lady wishes to travel, she usually tells her immediate acquaintance, but she hardly confides this aspiration to the public in a newspaper. Still, there was something artless and attractive about the Springfield custom, and we trust that this colored lady ultimately did travel and that she traveled far. Another notice ran:

A COLORED LADY wishes refined washing. — Mattoon St.

We pondered over this for some time, meditating on the general ambiguity of the naive announcement. But while we mused, our train came in; and now we shall perhaps never learn just what refined washing is. This is all we know about Springfield, Mass.

## Lombardy Poplars.

Straight-boled and slim they poise and pierce the skies,  
Yon trees whose every branch bespeaks desire  
To spurn the earth and heavenward to aspire.  
Their fingers point above the sunset dyes—  
As if their mission were to dumbly plead  
For lofty thought and man's immortal need.



Here is a sample of the alleged "reform spelling." The man who wrote the letter probably has the same opinion as I have concerning the "simpletonized" methods advocated by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Carnegie:

Sheffield, Pa., September 21, 1906—Mr. Baird, Dear Sir: I enclos ml check fur \$1 akount dooz du September 9, 1906. I hop I am not suspenddd az I tak grat dellt reeding about the konkatenashunz that ar held in the differunt partz uv the U. S. and the letterz from the boyz. Ml residenz fur 1906 wil be az usual, unles I take the feeld fur Mister Briun. I hav alwaz ben an ardent admirur uv Mister Roosevelt, but sinz he haz advokated sutch spelng I suppoz I ot tu suport Mister Briun and hiz thery uv government onership uv ralerodsz, alho I o Mister Jonz haz told him not to rid that horz so much, but az he haz so meny reformz tu atend tu he ma not oba ordz. If you get very uv him send him bak north. Urz,

A. H. BAILEY.

It is not necessary, I hope, for me to explain the cover design this time—you can easily see that it represents "Blge" in bloom. If those buds at the top look to you like street lamps, it doesn't matter—Brother Ramsey will no doubt make a brilliant record as Snark, and a lamp is not out of line as an embellishment to his picture.

## Autumn Days.

Yellow, mellow, ripened days,  
Sheltered in a golden coating;  
O'er the dreaming, listless page,  
White and dainty clouds are floating—  
Winking at the blushing trees,  
And the somber, furrowed fallow;  
Smiling at the airy ease  
Of the southward flying swallow.  
Sweet and smiling are thy ways  
Beauteous, golden, autumn days.

—Will Carleton.



Ixtlahuaca, Mexico, August 31, 1906— . . . Everything is booming in the sawmill business here and modern mills are being erected to replace the old time "pecker-wood mills," and whip saws which formerly furnished the output of Mexican lumber.

G. H. COPELAND.

Vancouver, B. C., September 14, 1906— . . . I read with a great deal of interest and pleasure The Bulletin, which is so ably edited that it seems each month you do yourself prouder than the preceding one. Yours very truly,  
JOHN E. BOTTRELL (No. 16958).

You can unlock a man's whole life if you watch what words he uses most. We have each a small set of words which, though we are scarcely aware of it, we always work with, and which really express all that we mean by life or have found out of it.—Henry Drummond.

## Two Standards.

So President Roosevelt is fighting the Standard dictionary as well as the Standard Oil Company.—Kansas City Star.

In one way and another I have told you a great deal about Oklahoma City, but I feel that I have not yet done the subject justice. I like that place immensely, not only the town but the country around about. One day I went out in an automobile (the editor of The Bookman would say motor car. It is supposed to be more metropolitan) with Mr. Inman and Mr. Habighorst, of Oregon. Mr. Inman said he wanted to see the country and I said I did too. The driver (you mustn't say chauffeur any more, because it isn't a bit stylish) remarked that he feared the roads were not very good. "What's wrong with them?" I asked, "Isn't this a prairie country and isn't a prairie road dry and level in the summer time?" "Yes," was the reply, "but the going may be bumpy." "All right," I said. "Bump along for a few miles and let us see how we like it." So we went—but we didn't bump at all. I felt sure we wouldn't, for I had figured it out in my mind and I didn't see where any bumps would come in. We rode forty-five miles through a beautiful and fertile country, past big fields and orchards and gardens. Everything looked fresh and green—more like spring than the beginning of autumn. There was a delightful breeze and no dust, although the road was dry. I asked the driver why it was that the machine wasn't leaving a cloud of dust behind, as is usual with automobiles. He said it was because of the way the cylinders were arranged in that particular make of car. I know very little about automobiles, but Mr. Inman knows a great deal. Last year he spent \$1,600 in repairs on his machine, and of course that much money will buy a whole lot of practical knowledge. He is going to purchase two more machines, and next year he will know even more than he does now.

As we went along, we were all very much impressed with the agricultural wealth of the country, and Mr. Inman said that in his opinion Oklahoma City before so very many years will have a population of 150,000. "There is," he said "a limit to minerals and a limit to timber—saw-mills do eventually cut out and move away, but there need be no end to corn and oats, potatoes, fruit, melons and the like. A fine agricultural country is bound to make a good town."

One thing that impressed me particularly about Oklahoma City was a general air of joyousness—all the citizens seemed so glad they were living there. I asked one of them (a lady) what there was about the place that she liked most. I always want to know what people think. She answered with a beaming smile, "Oh, I just love everything about it—it's a glorious place!" I agree with her—Oklahoma City is all right. Some day I hope to go there again.



"I could listen to that man all day" said one of the members at the annual, as the audience left the opera house after hearing the sermon by Dr. Henry Alford Porter. It was indeed a most excellent sermon. The text, taken from the Book of Kings, was peculiarly appropriate: "Solomon spake of trees." Happier had Solomon been and wiser too if he had listened always to the voices of the trees instead of sometimes hearkening to the siren's song! Dr. Porter spoke of the message of the trees—trees speak of utility, power, strength. I think they also speak of aspiration. I don't remember that I ever saw a tree trying to grow downward. I have seen some men who apparently were making fierce efforts in that direction. Trees always grow up. I recall a beautiful poem inspired by those straight, tall trees called Lombardy Poplars. I have forgotten who wrote the poem:

## Alkali Ike on Art.

I have jest been lookin' over a ten-cent magazine  
And the western picters in it are the best I ever seen;  
The cowboys don't ride broncos, but are ridin' thorough-  
breeds,  
And halos of long ringlets surround their handsome heads.

Their guns are long and heavy—the kind I'd hate to drag—  
And their belts are loaded proper, till with lead and brass  
they sag;

And these boys ain't ever happy 'less they're shooting' up  
a town,  
Or puttin' some poor tenderfoot through dances like a  
clown.

Now the cowboys that I savvy are a harmless, gunless lot,  
And they never use gunpowder when they open a jackpot;  
They never shoot at winders, 'cause they spend the hull  
blamed day

A-mendin' wire fences, or a-gettin' in the hay.

But these artists never draw scenes that will show such  
meek, tame boys;  
They've got to make 'em savage, and a-stirrin' up of noise;  
I guess the hull blame trouble—and this ain't no playful  
jest—

Is the fact that western artists ain't never seen the west.  
—*Denver Republican.*

## Doesn't Know a Lucky Sign When He Sees It.

A guest from Pittsburg jumped out of an auto at the west  
entrance to the Southern Hotel yesterday and started through  
the corridor. As he approached the desk a big black cat sprang  
out from under the stairway and ran directly across the Pitts-  
burger's path. With a cry of dismay the man from the city  
of mushroom millionaires deliberately backed out of the hotel  
corridor and went around to the north entrance, a walk of  
half a block.

When asked the reason for his unusual tactics, the Pitts-  
burger said: "I learned early in life that to allow a black cat  
to cross my path meant bad luck. I would have walked around  
the block half a dozen times, if necessary, to avoid it."

The cat is a walf which arrived at the hotel about the  
time William Jennings Bryan reached New York. W. V. Cash-  
ion, the night clerk, made a pet of the animal and has named  
him "Bryan." The feline changes his sleeping places about  
every other night, but aside from frightening the superstitious  
guests has shown no other radical tendencies.

(Newspaper clipping sent by Hoo-Hoo No. 1472.)

Marietta, Ga., September 1, 1906—Dear Baird: I enclose  
\$1 for dues. Am ashamed that I have waited until the last  
chance. Have been trying to dig a living out of the red hills  
of Georgia and find it rather slow. However, things will come  
my way as soon as I have plowed under enough cowpeas. Your  
bluegrass country is far better land, naturally, than we have  
here, but I think we have you beat a little on the climate and  
water. I mean to come to Nashville and make you take me  
to your farm, which I know is right up to snuff, judging only  
from the character of the editor of The Bulletin, which latter  
I read with as much pleasure as when I "peddled boards." I  
know these are busy times and I should have better sense than  
to talk farming until after September 9.

Sincerely yours,

OLIN A. SPENCER (No. 4752).

An editorial in the September Ladies' Home Journal  
begins with this sentence: "Fifty years ago on the same  
day a boy child was born in two adjoining houses." As-  
tonishing feat! wonderful boy child!

## The Cost Small and the Benefits Large.

Sago, W. Va., September 3, 1906—Enclosed find my check  
for \$2, which please place to my credit on dues, and send proper  
receipt. Excuse the delay, but the fact is the dues are so  
small and the benefits so large that in looking at the latter  
I have forgotten the lubricator.

D. L. BURNER (No. 10393).

## Pioneers.

Forget not yet, forget not yet  
That once we were your peers;  
Remember, though the world forget,  
We were the pioneers.

We braved the fever-swamps by night,  
The desert's heat at noon;  
We wandered, lost to all men's sight,  
Beneath the wan white moon.

When, in the burning noon of day,  
The forest wind blows sweet,  
Forget not us, who made the way  
Smooth ground beneath your feet.

We dug the wells we may not drink,  
The gold that buys not life;  
Spent, in the forest's heart we sink,  
Forgotten of the strife.

Though we be old in dearth and toll,  
Fallen and faint with thirst,  
While ye shall reap the easy spoil  
Ye shall not be the first.

Ye shall come after but no less,  
No man can take our pride;  
The first that broke the wilderness,  
For that gain's sake we died.

The pacan of our triumph yet  
Runs ringing down the years;  
Ye have the fame, but ye forget  
We were the pioneers.

—*Indianapolis Sun.*

Hobart, Okla., September 1, 1906—I take great pleasure in  
reading The Bulletin and watch every issue with interest.

R. A. CHAMPLIN (No. 11042).

Buffalo, New York, September 3, 1906— . . . I wish to  
compliment you on the fine edition of The Bulletin for August.  
W. J. CROWELL (No. 11276).

One of our members in Mexico requests that The Bul-  
letin publish a denial of the reported uprising in Mexico  
against the Americans, September 16. "There is," he says,  
"absolutely no truth in it."

## Nothing Too High for the Cats.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the noted American clubwoman,  
has been received abroad by royalty, and some of the foreign  
papers have the temerity to declare that she has a proverbial  
right to look at a king.

(Newspaper clipping sent in by Hoo-Hoo No. 14000.)

## Provincial New York.

A large delegation of Nebraskans have just reached New  
York, where it seems to be their purpose to participate in a  
greeting planned for a fellow-citizen. Doubtless they will learn  
much in the metropolis, but if the New Yorkers keep their  
own eyes open they may learn something from their visitors.  
These men are direct from the wild west. They are supposed  
by the resident of Gotham to be provincial. They have grown  
up far from the blare and clamor and self-confidence that  
hedge the New Yorker about or are part of him. They are not  
familiar with an East Side. Of yellow journalism they know  
only that which they may have read in respectable papers.  
They do not think their own ballwick the only place on earth.  
In many ways the New Yorker will find them "different." He  
will think this to their disadvantage.

As a beginning, the local press has expressed surprise that  
the delegation did not come swathed in whiskers. It was ex-  
pected that as the party crossed the ferry the populistic beards

would trail far abaft. Inspection revealed the fact that the  
visitors used razors, that they wore good clothes, that their  
footgear was shiny and their linen speckless. There was in  
their aspect and conduct not the slightest encouragement to  
the gold-brick operator. They were absolutely hayseedless.  
They looked after their baggage in a businesslike fashion,  
and had it sent to a first class hotel, where they had secured  
rooms in advance, and for which they are competent to pay.

All this would be accepted as a matter of course by any-  
body having any knowledge of the west, and there would have  
been an assurance in advance that when the Nebraskans ap-  
peared they would not be wearing "chaps" and clinking spurs.  
But to the genuine New Yorker, who regards Buffalo as "out  
west," they constituted a wholesome and instructive object  
lesson.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

Oklahoma City, Okla., September 22, 1906—Mr. J. H. Baird,  
Nashville, Tenn.; Dear Sir and Brother: \* \* \* On my re-  
turn home I will write you and let you know what I think of  
Oklahoma. I have covered a good part of it since the annual  
and to tell the truth I am "stuck" on it.

Will leave here Monday for a few days trip through the  
Indian Territory and expect to reach Memphis, Tenn., about  
Wednesday or Thursday. Fraternally yours,

CHARLES WOLFLIN,  
Jabberwock.

The foregoing letter from Supreme Jabberwock Wolflin  
contains a promise which I trust he will not fail to fulfill.  
There were many others besides Brother Wolflin who, visit-  
ing Oklahoma for the first time upon the occasion of the  
annual, fell completely in love with the country. If Brother  
Wolflin sends in his "views" before we go to press, the  
article will appear in this issue.

In addition to the spray of white heather which Brother  
James Hoot Mon Lightbody, of Glasgow, Scotland, always  
sends to be presented to the prettiest woman at the annual  
meeting, he sent this year a collection of souvenir postal  
cards, each card having on the back, printed in colors, the  
plaid, or tartan, of some Highland clan. Brother Light-  
body suggested that one of these cards be presented to  
whatever person was present whose name corresponded to  
the tartan represented on the card. No doubt there  
were numbers of people at the annual who are of Scotch  
descent, but they didn't get any of the cards. I kept them  
all myself! They hit me just right. I never knew a great  
deal about the colors of the different tartans, and these  
cards are very interesting. I find that the MacGregor plaid  
is the ugliest of all—and the most distinctive and easily  
recognized. It is just plain red and black, in square checks  
about half an inch wide. I imagine a gang of Highlanders  
arrayed in this tartan would be a fierce sight. And they  
could be recognized a long way off. The MacDonald plaid  
is red and very dark green, in large, long checks. The  
Campbell tartan is many-colored—dark blue, dark green,  
black and yellow. It is very much more pleasing to the  
eye than the MacGregor tartan, but it isn't so very differ-  
ent from the Colquhoun tartan. If I were to see a lot of  
Colquhouns and Campbells coming down the road, I could  
scarcely tell which was which. But no doubt I could  
have done so all right enough if I had lived in the old  
days when the Campbells were the enemies of my Mac-  
Gregor ancestors and when my life might have depended  
on my ability to distinguish between friend and foe. The  
Buchanan tartan shows a rather light shade of red and  
a good deal of yellow. The MacLachlan tartan is per-  
haps the best looking of all. The colors are red, dark blue,  
black and brown. All the colors in these plaids are, of  
course, more or less crude, as there were no soft aesthetic  
hues known to the Highlanders. Many improvements have

been made in the art of dyeing since the Children of The  
Mist led the followers of Montrose through the secret pass  
in the mountains and helped to defeat Argyle. In those  
brave days "pastel colors" were unknown. All the tints  
were decided—blue was blue and green was green. I won-  
der if there were any color-blind folks in those days? If  
so, they probably died young—bumped into a gang of  
Highlanders of the wrong clan.

In Oklahoma City there is a publication printed in  
"Esperanto," the new ready-made language. I intended to  
go around and hunt up the publisher, but didn't have time.  
I wanted to see what he looks like. Although I didn't get  
to see him, I think I can see his finish, but of course,  
I may be mistaken. The advocates of "Esperanto" are  
enthusiastic concerning the advantages of this new and  
easy "world-language"—a language "we all may speak,"  
as they describe it. But I know something about the cost  
of printing a paper. My knowledge along this line was not  
so easily acquired as a knowledge of Esperanto is said to  
be, but I have an idea that it's worth more to me! I don't  
happen to know any Esperanto enthusiasts and I don't  
believe there are enough of them in this country to keep  
any sort of publication going. Of course it would be very  
nice to be able to converse with people of all nationalities  
in a language which they could understand, but if I ever  
have time and money to globe-trot, I believe I'll be able  
to make my way around with such scraps of language as I  
can pick up as I go. When I get plenty of money, I won't  
need so much language any way. Money talks—it speaks  
a universal language. This sort of "world-language" is  
not easy to acquire—that's the only drawback it has. But  
when you do get it clinched, it speaks out mighty clear and  
plain, and you never run across anybody who doesn't un-  
derstand it, not even if you fly to the uttermost parts of  
the earth. According to a recent magazine, the head mas-  
ter of a certain English school insists that his pupils shall  
learn to speak English with the "American accent and in  
the American style." The article goes on to say:

We don't know exactly what the American style and accent  
are, but in the opinion of this head-master, if he exists, they  
have a distinct money and business value. If a man has them,  
persons who hear him talk will think that he is "an American  
and consequently enormously rich" and do much for him;  
"do" him much, it might be more correct to say. On the other  
hand, if they know that he is an Englishman, yet they will  
assume from his accent and style that he has been in America,  
and, therefore, is "shrewd, energetic, and resourceful" and  
"far more experienced, intelligent, and reasonable" than if  
he had had his business training in England. In short, boys that  
want to "get on" will acquire the American tongue. This is  
very ingenious and has a certain basis of sense; but American-  
speaking Englishmen will find that their hotel bills will be  
mighty large and long.

President Roosevelt's edict establishing a catch-as-catch-  
can system of spelling ought to have gone a little further  
and given the authority of the Government of the United  
States to the go-as-you-please system of pronunciation  
which prevails on the American stage. One confusion is  
as much entitled to a Presidential decree as the other.—  
*Life.*

Any Hoo-Hoo that says "Hoo-Hoos" should be called a  
Hoodoo. The letter s should never be added.—*West Coast Lum-  
berman.*

True. The singular is the same as the plural—one Hoo-  
Hoo, a thousand Hoo-Hoo. It is very difficult to keep some  
people from adding the letter s—even some of the lumber  
papers persist in saying "Hoo-Hoos."



## Each in His Own Tongue.

A fire mist and a planet,  
A crystal and a cell,  
A jelly-fish and a saurian,  
And a cave where the cave-men dwell;  
Then a sense of law and beauty,  
A face turned from the clod—  
Some call it Evolution  
And others call it God.

A haze on the far horizon,  
The infinite, tender sky,  
The ripe, rich tint of the corn-fields,  
And the wild geese sailing high.  
And all over upland and lowland  
The sign of the golden-rod—  
Some of us call it Autumn  
And others call it God.

Like tides on a crescent sea-beach,  
When the moon is new and thin,  
Into our hearts high yearnings  
Come welling and surging in—  
Come from the mystic ocean,  
Whose rim no foot has trod—  
Some of us call it Longing  
And others call it God.

A pluck frozen on duty,  
A mother starved for her brood,  
Socrates drinking the hemlock,  
And Jesus on the rood;  
And millions who, humble and nameless,  
The straight, hard pathway trod—  
Some call it Consecration  
And others call it God.

—William Hubert Carruth.

We cannot forbear to express again our horror and detestation of the brutal murder of the Jews in Russia. In Siedlce the other day (a little city of some thirty thousand inhabitants, near Warsaw) an attack—real or alleged—upon the police by certain bomb throwers turned loose upon the hapless Jews a tide of brutal persecution by both police and soldiers at which the world stands aghast. In view of the censorship of the news sent out (though the Associated Press insists that its telegrams are not censored), and in view of the terror of refugees who dare not tell the whole truth, the exact facts of this massacre have not yet been made known. Yet enough is known—more than enough. Men and women were shot down on the streets. Flying volleys of rifle bullets and even the missiles of artillery made the streets unsafe for two days and kept the terrorized people imprisoned within their houses, often without food or water; stores and residences of Jews were broken into and looted, and men and women were beaten to death under circumstances of the utmost indignity. All this was done by soldiers in uniform. It was the Czar's cartridges and rifles which caused the carnage, and there seems little doubt that the officers in command of the troops connived at, if they did not order, the murder and pillage. Christians were notified beforehand to hang in their windows ikons or other symbols, so that their houses might be passed by. The jewelry and trinkets of murdered Jews were brought by the common soldiers to passing trains and offered for sale to the passengers. Wine shops were among the first looted, and the fumes of alcohol were added to the wild passions of race hatred.

It is a moving story. Will nobody stand up for the ordinary human rights of Polish Jews? "Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections? If you prick

him, does he not bleed? If you poison him, does he not die?" If the life of a black outlaw is snuffed out by the sudden fury of a mob, in the South of our own country, defenders and protestants are not wanting. The press rings with it. But public officers and armed soldiers in Russia may butcher by the score innocent women and children whose only crime is that they are of a hated race, and Cousin William of Germany and Uncle Edward of England and Editor John Smith of the world at large and Reformer William Garrison Jones of New England, though gaping at the sight, all maintain a discreet silence.

It is intolerable. It is a monstrous wickedness. For our part the sympathy which we have hitherto cherished for the Czar of Russia is rapidly filtering away, leaving only a residuum of bitter contempt. We begin to understand the anarchists. Not many of them, we fancy, are Jews—much as the Jews are taxed with their excesses. But it surely would not be strange if they were.—*Christian Advocate.*

## He Bided His Time.

There lived, one time, a shiftless chap, who wasn't satisfied;

To settle down and plug along he never could abide.  
He felt the fire of greatness burn within his eager breast,  
And knew himself cut out for deeds the highest and the best.

His spirit fairly fumed and frothed at cruel Fate's restraint;

Of favorless environment he ever made complaint.  
"But some fine day," he used to say, "I'll set the world afire;

It's not for me unknown to be when I do so aspire."

Each day our hero might have found some labor to pursue.  
On every side stood waiting work for willing hands to do;  
The neighborhood wherein he dwelt had crying need of men

To mow the lawns, for instance, and to beat the rugs—but then

A man so keenly conscious of his real inward worth  
Could hardly care to tackle toil so tainted of the earth.  
And so, to pass the time away until his chance should come,

He boarded with his mother when he wasn't drinking rum.

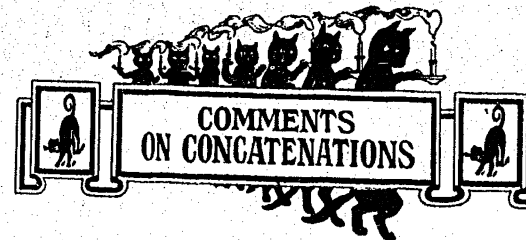
No doubt, good-natured reader, you opine and apprehend  
That this vain, shiftless person met a mean and sorry end.  
The facts are these: He waited till the time, for us so sad,  
When wagons run with gasoline became the reigning fad.  
A sudden, wild demand arose for drivers, men with cheek,  
And Shifty got a handsome job at fifty bones a week,  
The people stare where'er he goes; he's gained his great desire—

And every day he sets the world, or part of it, afire!



## SWAMPY ADVICE.

"T was the head of the fam'ly who spoke:  
"It is far, very far, from a joke,  
When I caution you boys,  
If you'd sample life's joys,  
To be sure, very sure, not to croak."



## Hoo-Hoo Standing on the Ruins.

Vicegerent Frank W. Trower sends The Bulletin the following account of the splendid concatenation which he held in San Francisco on August 25, just four months after the great disaster which swept over that city:

On Saturday night, August 23, the Hoo-Hoo of San Francisco and vicinity held a most successful concatenation, just four months and one week after the greatest disaster and fire which has overtaken any city in the history of the world.

The boys were out in force, and with the same old spirit we used to have at our meetings before the events of April 18, brought to the fore that spirit of optimism which challenged the admiration of the whole world.

The fifteen kittens were brought into the onion bed with a vigor and enthusiasm which was perspiring, and they were first class candidates. Most of the old cats were singed all right, but their tails were high in the air. Junior Davis looked



## SOME SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERS.

Vicegerent Frank W. Trower on right; on left John H. Prideaux, newly appointed as Vicegerent for Northern District of California; in the background can be discerned another enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo, W. A. Hammond, of McKay & Co. The imposing structure in front of which these gentlemen are standing is the new Lumberman's Building, hurriedly run up to meet the exigencies arising just after the fire.

like the devil, as he was rigged up like his Satanic Majesty, and the kittens he took in thought they were certainly going to get a hot time rather early. They were not disappointed.

The brand new trunk which Brother Baird sent us from Nashville was duly christened and initiated into a long career of usefulness. But, Brother Jim, how could you have the nerve to send us such a lean and sorry looking cat? Our California climate can do much for weak invalids but we fear that Tennessee cat is past all hops.

The concatenation was held in Franklin Hall and the "On-

the-Roof" session in the Epicure Cafe around the corner. The Snark acted as toastmaster. Speeches were listened to from the following members: Henry Templeman, Gus Russell, Billy Davis and R. W. Neighbor.

The announcement of the Vicegerent that the \$2,000 so generously donated for needy Hoo-Hoo would be returned to the Order at the annual meeting was received with hearty applause.

One of the new kittens was Albert H. Elliott, manager of the California State Retailers' Association. His speech was the hit of the evening, his topic being, "The Value of Unity in Business." We find we have brought into the Order in Brother Elliott a star orator.

During the supper the Berkeley Male Quartette, under the chaperonage of Jabberwock Fred Foss, discoursed some beautiful music.

About one hundred men were present at the concatenation, and it came to a close just four hours before the street railway strike tied up San Francisco transportation.

There was the old time vim and go about this concatenation, and those present voted it one of the very best in the history of the Order. It showed that Hoo-Hoo in San Francisco was very much alive and ready for much vigorous work in the future.

Snark, Frank W. Trower; Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. G. Newmyer; Junior Hoo-Hoo, M. W. Davis; Bofum, A. J. Russell; Scrivenoter, John P. Muller; Jabberwock, F. W. Foss; Custocattian, H. W. Templeman; Arcanoper, A. E. Trower; Gurdon, Hugh W. Hogan.

- 17602 Martin Cady Bolts, San Francisco, Cal.; assistant manager Russell & Rogers Co.
  - 17603 Clark Elliott Burris, San Francisco, Cal.; president Mission Lumber Company.
  - 17604 Albert Howell Elliott, Oakland, Cal.; manager California Retail Lumber Dealers' Association.
  - 17605 Marvin Louis Euphrat, San Francisco, Cal.; salesman Cross Lumber Co.
  - 17606 Edward T. Harms, San Francisco, Cal.; office manager and salesman Excelsior Redwood Co.
  - 17607 William Augustus McGrill, San Francisco, Cal.; salesman The Charles Nelson Co.
  - 17608 Eugene Blake McIntyre, San Francisco, Cal.; salesman and cashier Christenson Lumber Co.
  - 17609 Hugh Joseph McPhee, San Francisco, Cal.; assistant manager Charles A. McPhee.
  - 17610 Frederick Spencer Palmer, San Francisco, Cal.; secretary Phoenix Lumber Co.
  - 17611 James Howard Price, San Francisco, Cal.; principal J. H. Price & Co.
  - 17612 Guy Duncan Reynolds, San Francisco, Cal.; salesman Harron, Richard & McCono.
  - 17613 John Webster Shattuck, Oakland, Cal.; acting manager Bishop & Hildecker Lumber Co.
  - 17614 Frank Ethan Slutman, San Francisco, Cal.; proprietor F. E. Slutman.
  - 17615 William Hatfield Sperry, San Francisco, Cal.; treasurer Phoenix Lumber Co.
  - 17616 Arthur Matthew Thomson, San Francisco, Cal.; salesman Phoenix Lumber Co.
- Concatenation No. 1284, San Francisco, Cal., August 25, 1908.

## Thirteen but not Unlucky.

Vicegerent James G. Cane closed the Hoo-Hoo year with a fine concatenation at Toronto, Ont., on the evening of August 31. Thirteen men were initiated and the evening was a most enjoyable one in every particular, the number of initiates giving full opportunities to do justice to each.

Snark, James G. Cane; Senior Hoo-Hoo, William J. Hetherington, Junior Hoo-Hoo, W. C. Laddlaw; Bofum, H. T. Whaley; Scrivenoter, C. C. Wallace; Jabberwock, Hugh Munro; Custocattian, W. J. McBeth; Arcanoper, N. S. Fleischauer; Gurdon, A. R. Riches.

- 17617 John James Anderson, Novar, Ont., Can.; manager J. J. Anderson & Co.
- 17618 Vincent Arm Barnett, Toronto, Ont., Can.; manager Gold Medal Furniture Mfg. Co., Ltd.
- 17619 Robert Ignatius Clarkson, Toronto, Ont., Can.; salesman Parry Sound Lumber Co., Parry Sound, Ont., Can.
- 17620 George Albert Coatsworth, Toronto, Ont., Can.; partner William Williamson.
- 17621 Albert Edward Gordon, Toronto, Ont., Can.; salesman Johns & Eyer.
- 17622 David Jacobs, Stratford, Ont., Can.; owner David Jacobs.
- 17623 Samuel Johnson, Toronto, Ont., Can.; head of firm Fox & Co.

- 17624 John Amos Leatherby, Midland, Ont., Can.; proprietor J. A. Leatherby.  
 17625 Andrew Dixon McLean, Toronto, Ont., Can.; partner D. C. McLean.  
 17626 Duncan James McLean, Toronto, Ont., Can.; owner D. J. McLean.  
 17627 William Simpson, Toronto, Ont., Can.; owner William Simpson.  
 17628 Thomas P. Steele, Stratford, Ont., Can.; office superintendent Thomas M. Ruston.  
 17629 Harry Purvis Whiteside, Toronto, Ont., Can.; proprietor H. P. Whiteside.  
 Concatenation No. 1285, Toronto, Ont., Can., August 31, 1906.

#### Double Header in Oregon.

There were two Snarks of the Universe running the concatenation held at Eugene, Ore., on September 1, for Vicegerent George H. Kelly divided honors with Brother W. D. Mackay, Vicegerent for the Northern District of Oregon by calling him to the chair to assist in the initiation ceremonies. This concatenation rounded off well the year for Vicegerent Kelly. Eighteen were initiated. Frank B. Cole, that merry old soul, was in the roll of Junior, and this insures the fact that at least the novices did not think the evening a dull one. As shown in the annual report of the Scrivenor, the Western coast made a fine record under the leadership of Snark Inman.

Snark, W. B. Mackay and George H. Kelly; Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. S. Maglady; Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. B. Cole; Bojum, F. H. Rosenberg; Scrivenor, George W. Cornwall; Jabberwock, T. A. Chinnoek; Custocatlun, E. J. McDonald; Arcanoper, H. A. Dumbar; Gurdon, Jos. Knapp.

- 17630 Frank Augustus Anderson, Goldson, Ore.; partner Anderson & Warner Bros.  
 17631 John "Buzsaw" Brookmayer, Springfield, Ore.; owner John Brookmayer Lumber Co.  
 17632 Willis Edgar Brown, Cottage Grove, Ore.; president Brown Lumber Co., Eugene, Ore.  
 17633 McGarvey "Dragsaw" Cline, Washington, D. C.; engineer of timber tests forest service.  
 17634 Henry "Tomcat" Fischer, Cottage Grove, Ore.; manager Brown Lumber Co.  
 17635 John Herman Hammitt, Springfield, Ore.; member Hammitt Bros., Mohawk, Ore.  
 17636 Dwight Bower Hopkins, Eugene, Ore.; salesman Eugene Lumber Co.  
 17637 Ernest E. Hyland, Mabel, Ore.; manager Hyland Lumber Co.  
 17638 Thomas Beverly Keim, Jr., Portland, Ore.; assistant engineer of tests U. S. Forest Service.  
 17639 Harvey Edward Lounsbury, Portland, Ore.; district freight agent Southern Pacific Co.  
 17640 Arthur "Pretty" McCarty, Portland, Ore.; traveling salesman Tatam & Bowen.  
 17641 Frank "Jehaw" Miller, Albany, Ore.; secretary and treasurer Albany Iron Works.  
 17642 Frank Wayne Osburn, Eugene, Ore.; secretary Brown Lumber Company.  
 17643 Samuel Asa Pease, Jefferson, Ore.; partner Jefferson Mill Co.  
 17644 Robert Scott Shaw, Mill City, Ore.; manager The Curtiss Lumber Co.  
 17645 Lee Moxom Travis, Eugene, Ore.; I. M. Travis.  
 17646 Fred Cecil Walters, Elmira, Ore.; proprietor Walters & Son.  
 17647 Thomas "Roustabout" Yerger, Mabel, Ore.; manager Hyland Lumber Co.  
 Concatenation No. 1286, Eugene, Ore., September 1, 1906.

#### Orthodox in Every Particular.

It is not often that the Scrivenor takes advantage of private correspondence, but Vicegerent James B. Hall has written such a bright and sprightly letter that some of it at least will have to be published. In writing of his concatenation he spoke as follows:

Last night was Friday night, but I am not just certain what today is. We pulled off the concatenation at Winchester last night and this morning pulled all the old cats off the roof. To say to you that it was a great meeting does not do it justice. The Winchester boys headed by George Hon and George Tomlinson, two of the greatest Georges that ever lived and a team themselves, along with the aid of all the other good Hoo-Hoo in that neck of the woods, and with the assistance of Col.

Roger D. Williams, who is the greatest Junior in the United States, it was no trouble to make the meeting a success in every detail.

A coincidence of this meeting is the fact that the mysteries were given as the first day of the ninth month was ushered in, and ninety-nine people partook of the banquet at the Brown-Proctoria Hotel. The good old Kentucky viands were suitable for a king.

I want to call your attention especially to two of the kittens of last night. These two parties were Judge William M. Beckner and Mr. J. E. Garner, two of Kentucky's most distinguished sons. The initiation of these two added dignity to the personnel of the Order, and their initiation alone insures a meeting long to be remembered in this section.

Of this concatenation Brother George E. Tomlinson writes the following account:

Great Hoo-Hoo has had numerous sessions of note with the playful kittens of the bluegrass gardens of Kentucky, but Friday night, August 31, was a red letter date even for the famous bluegrass gardens. On that night, which ushered in the Hoo-Hoo month of the year, great Hoo-Hoo in the person of James B. Hall beamed brightly on twenty-five purblind kittens which were seeking the light. It was a goodly number, and if you will go back through history you will find that they always round up a goodly number of kittens at these Eastern Kentucky concatenations, but this time they let the secret of how they do it out. To make sure that none of the playful ones escape, after they had gathered them in from the hedges and byways they put them in cages for safekeeping, and escorting them to the operating room where their eyes were to be opened. At least they put them in cages that night. There were four mammoth cages mounted on four lumber wagons down at the Reliance Manufacturing Company at the edge of town. The place had been profusely sprinkled with catnip and other refreshing things that appeal to Hoo-Hoo so as to draw out a full attendance, and then Col. Perry of the Sun-Sentinel on the day before published the following warning in his paper:

"There will sure be trouble in this town tomorrow night. The Hoo-Hoo are coming. Hoo-Hoo are cats—tom cats. They come from the north, the south, the east, the west, and from intermediate points. At nine minutes past nine tomorrow night the concatenation will begin under the roof of McEldowney Hall. Near midnight the cats (about one hundred), will sneak around to the Brown-Proctoria where they will be fed. There will be several wild cats from the mountains. There is no real danger so long as the citizens keep well within doors."

As a result of this notice and the efforts of the local Hoo-Hoo, when the kittens were escorted through town properly guarded by those who had already seen the light, and headed by a brass band and officers in uniform, the whole town and half the county turned out to see the sights, and they saw enough to make it worth while coming out, too.

The work in the lodge room reflected credit on Vicegerent James B. Hall, who takes a pride in seeing things well done, and searched local Hoo-Hoo land thoroughly to get the best officers that could be had to assist him in the work. That he got them the list given below is of itself ample proof to those who know about the Junior work of Col. Roger Williams, and the active pace that the other members of the nine officials are able to set on occasions of this kind.

There was a brand new fountain of youth, and it was kept running freely under the management of little Willie Ballard, and there were some pretty close shaves for some of the politicians, and others that were too fresh and green were properly dried out, and all were given an eye opening that they will never forget. Many of them entered with fear and trembling, but lots of them had been prepared for the operation by Frank Griffin, who is an adept at the work of instilling a due feeling of solemnity and humility in those who come seeking the light of Hoo-Hoo. In short, it was great, even for Hoo-Hoo, and it was past midnight and the Hoo-Hoo month had been ushered in before the assembled followers of Hoo-Hoo were ready to go "On-the-Roof."

"On-the-Roof" Col. Perry was master of ceremonies, and and in this capacity he said so many pertinent and funny things and inspired others to say so many other funny things that about fifteen of the gang just rolled around in the corridors and rooms of the hotel all the balance of the night so that they could catch up with their laughter.

Talks were made by George W. Schmidt, Louisville; O. H. Pollard, Jackson; James R. Davidson, Cincinnati, Ohio; James B. Hall, Lexington; ex-Mayor J. E. Garner, and Judge William

Beckner, Winchester. In these talks it not only developed that Winchester could furnish the greatest of all concatenations, but also some great orators, and Brother Pollard demonstrated the fact that Breathitt County is very much alive and ready to toe the mark on any occasion. Jim Hall, who was accused of being responsible for all the trouble, was given two minutes to make excuses. He employed them well, thus winding up the year's work for the Vicegerent that the next man will have to do some tall hustling to equal.

Snark, James B. Hall; Senior Hoo-Hoo, F. S. Griffin; Junior Hoo-Hoo, Roger D. Williams; Bojum, O. H. Pollard; Scrivenor, J. C. Rash; Jabberwock, William C. Ballard; Custocatlun, G. E. Tomlinson; Arcanoper, Sam R. Russell; Gurdon, C. L. McClure.

- 17648 William Morgan Beckner, Winchester, Ky.; secretary Clairfield Lumber Co., Clairfield, Tenn.  
 17649 Caswell Brewitt Bedford, Winchester, Ky.; lumber inspector Reliance Manufacturing Co.  
 17650 Zachery Taylor Conner, Winchester, Ky.; one of managers Conner & Horton.  
 17651 William Henry Courtney, Browne, Ky.; general manager Center Lumber Co.  
 17652 Edmund "Parrot" Dunathan, Huntington, Ind.; chief inspector and buyer Erie Railroad.  
 17653 Frank Finley Flanery, Winchester, Ky.; general manager Flanery Lumber Co.  
 17654 John William Ford, Winchester, Ky.; local manager Ohio Valley Tie Company, Louisville, Ky.  
 17655 Charles Franklin Garinger, Lee City, Ky.; C. F. Garinger.  
 17656 John Edwin Garner, Winchester, Ky.; president Winchester Lumber & Mfg. Co.  
 17657 Alvin Duvall Jett, Frankfort, Ky.; traveling salesman E. L. Hughes Co., Louisville, Ky.  
 17658 Fred G. Jones, Louisville, Ky.; traveling salesman W. J. Hughes & Sons Co.  
 17659 Simpson M. Karrick, Yale, Ky.; Yale Lumber Co.  
 17660 William Klah Kilbourn, Line Fork, Ky.; buyer Melvin Kilbourn & Co.  
 17661 James Terrell King, Lee City, Ky.; local buyer E. E. Beck Lumber Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 17662 Rufus Lisle, Winchester, Ky.; manager Garrett & Co.  
 17663 Luther Loving, Clay City, Ky.; assistant salesman Swann-Day Lumber Co.  
 17664 Iljalmar Lundberg, Winchester, Ky.; stockholder and mill foreman Reliance Mfg. Co.  
 17665 Miles Henry Nickell, Cannel City, Ky.; buyer Maple & Hardwick, Clay City, Ky.  
 17666 John Samuel Pemberton, Jackson, Ky.; tie inspector Lake Shore Railroad.  
 17667 John Calvin Proffitt, Rogers, Ky.; member of firm Proffitt Bros.  
 17668 Wilbert Hugh Roman, Jackson, Ky.; tie inspector Big Four Railroad.  
 17669 Rice Pendleton Seabee, Winchester, Ky.; president R. P. Seabee & Son.  
 17670 Charles Edward Smith, Winchester, Ky.; C. E. Smith.  
 17671 Frank Learning Whitaker, Huntington, W. Va.; president Continental Realty Co., Jackson, Ky.  
 17672 James Silas Williams, Neola, Ky.; buyer Maple & Hardwick, Clay City, Ky.  
 Concatenation No. 1287, Winchester, Ky., August 31, 1906.

#### Raising the Raisin Raisers.

Before the enthusiasm of the San Francisco concatenation had died out Vicegerent Frank W. Trower gathered the boys together for the invasion of Fresno, and the following interesting letter tells of what transpired there:

Not content with the big success of the San Francisco concatenation our boys resolved to close the Hoo-Hoo year in this district by adding another fine class of initiates. So on Friday evening, August 31, an excellent band of fifteen Hoo-Hoo started on our long promised trip to Fresno, 209 miles distant from San Francisco. Following are the members who made up this jolly expedition: Frank W. Trower, John P. Muller, R. W. Neighbor, F. W. Foss, H. W. Hogan, J. C. Ellis, O. C. Shaw, L. A. Ganahl, A. E. Trower, G. M. Christenson, A. W. Shaw, A. C. Fiege, I. C. Fuller, W. G. Newmyer, W. H. Newell, C. E. Burris and A. S. Coats, of Aberdeen, Wash.

Fresno is the metropolis of the great San Joaquin Valley, a thriving, well kept city of 25,000 population, and is the center of the raisin and fig industry in this state.

This was the first Hoo-Hoo gathering ever held in that part of the state. Brother Chester E. Priest was the only Hoo-Hoo living there and found it up-hill work to get candidates signed up. So bright and early Saturday morning, September 1, our little band started to make the rounds of

the lumber yards and offices, and every one of us agree that we had as good a time securing kittens as we had initiating them in the evening.

Fred Foss was chosen yell leader, and first the delegation would give the nine calls, by the Tail of the Great Black Cat, then all hands were introduced. The Snark pulled forth an application blank; Brother Shaw stated we were for the \$3.50, and there was nothing to do for the eligible candidate but to surrender, and this every one did most amiably.

We were fortunate in getting next to the newspapers of Fresno, and they entered into the spirit of the whole affair, which was a great assistance to us in getting candidates. We felt that Hoo-Hoo had certainly captured Fresno.

By evening, when we met in the Donohue-Emmons Hall, twenty-two kittens were ready for admission into the onion bed, and we firmly believe that no better class of men, as to personal character, eligibility and high standing in the trade was ever taken into the Order.

With the three Hoo-Hoo from points around Fresno there were just eighteen of us to handle the twenty-two kittens. But the ceremonies were never conducted better. The candidates listened most carefully to all that was said and done and the ritual work commanded the careful hearing of every one present.

An enjoyable feature was the rendering of the report of the entertainment committee, which was received with volleys of—well, say applause.



NINE LINED UP FOR A KITTEN HUNT AT FRESNO.  
 No. 1, F. W. Foss; 2, F. W. Trower, Vicegerent; 3, C. E. Priest;  
 4, J. C. Ellis; 5, H. W. Hogan; 6, R. W. Neighbor;  
 7, A. E. Trower; 8, O. C. Shaw; 9, C. E. Burris.

The Junior work was performed under the able direction of Brother Shaw, and while every minute was crowded with good fun there was not an objectionable word or action.

The "On-the-Roof" session was held at the headquarters of the visitors, the Sequoia Hotel. The Snark acted as toastmaster. Some good music was sandwiched in between the speeches, which were all good. The old cats and visitors vied with the young kittens in expressing their pleasure over the concatenation and the new members congratulated themselves on being admitted into the Order and were anxious to have another concatenation as soon as possible.

There were some specially enjoyable incidents of this excursion which ought to be mentioned. Fred Foss and some of the boys tried to teach the Hoo-Hoo yell, or salute, to a parrot in front of the Hughes Hotel; finally polly did say, "Hoo-Hoo."

Brother Shaw was the life of the party and those who saw his stories without words in the Rathskellar of the Sequoia Hotel will never forget them, nor his "too late" story.

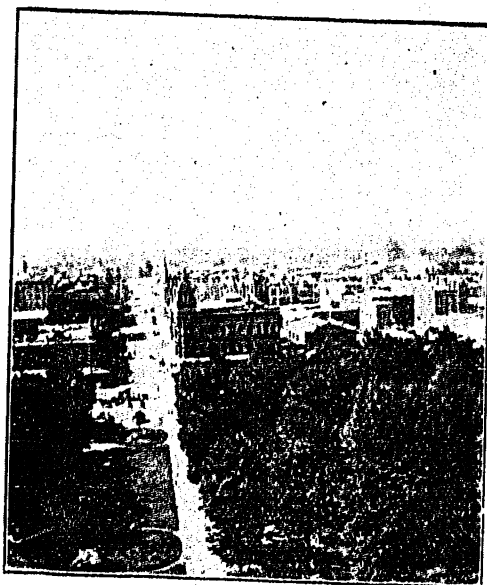
Candidate Van Valkenburgh, although a thirty-third degree Mason, was so impressed by the ceremonies of saluting the ritual under the Bojum's direction, that he immediately drew a clove from his pocket and hastily swallowed it.

After the hard labors of Saturday the visitors thoroughly enjoyed the tullyho ride Sunday morning to Kearney Park,



eight miles west of Fresno along palm bordered avenues and through the beautiful residence section of Fresno. This magnificent estate of 1,000 acres was recently willed to the State University for an agricultural experiment station by the late M. Theodore Kearney.

Sunday afternoon a trolley ride was taken to the vineyards, orchards and wineries to the east of the city. This



FRESNO, FROM THE COURTHOUSE DOME.

drive was along well oiled roads which were lined for miles on both sides with fig trees in bearing. We only had to reach out our hands to secure the luscious fruit. This is a wonderfully rich country for producing grapes, figs, oranges and melons. We visited, by special invitation, the magnificent country home of Colonel Forsyth. His beautiful house is built on the colonial style with imposing white columns in front. The colonel received us most cordially and invited us to the dining room, where refreshments were served.

The San Francisco Hoo-Hoo returned home on Monday enthusiastic over the good time in Fresno, and the Snark thanked them for their assistance in making it the best concatenation, in all respects, which any of us ever witnessed.

Much credit is due Brother Priest for his handling of the local arrangements.

Snark, Frank W. Trower; Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. H. Newell; Junior Hoo-Hoo, O. C. Shaw; Bojum, C. E. Priest; Scrivenor, John P. Muller; Jabberwock, F. W. Foss; Custocatlan, W. G. Newmyer; Arcanoper, John C. Ellis; Gurdon, Hugh W. Hogan.

17673 William Fraser Baird, Fresno, Cal.; salesman Valley Lumber Co.

17674 Charles Micky Burkhalter, Fresno, Cal.; district freight and passenger agent Southern Pacific Co.

17675 George Carter Burnett, Tulare, Cal.; manager Tulare Lumber Co.

17676 George Atkinson Paris, Fresno, Cal.; salesman Madary Planing Mill.

17677 Warren Fairman Fersey, Fresno, Cal.; agent California Pine Box & Lumber Co., San Francisco, Cal.

17678 Hans Anderson Hansen, Selma, Cal.; agent Valley Lumber Co.

17679 John Marshall Hicks, Fresno, Cal.; salesman Fresno Lumber Co.

17680 Julian Wiley Hudson, Selma, Cal.; managing agent Fassett Lumber Co.

17681 Ben "Forge" Hunt, Fresno, Cal.; president and general manager Valley Fdy. & Machine Works.

17682 Charles Thompson Jackson, Modesto, Cal.; principal Stanislaus Lumber Co.

17683 Arthur Buchanan Long, Fresno, Cal.; vice president Fresno Flume & Irrigation Co.

17684 Joseph George Martin, Fresno, Cal.; manager Fresno Lumber Co.

17685 Frank "Flitgrain" Minard, Fresno, Cal.; salesman C. S. Pierce Lumber Co.

17686 Roy Harold Palmer, Fowler, Cal.; salesman Valley Lumber Co.

17687 Charles Sheldon Pierce, Fresno, Cal.; president C. S. Pierce Lumber Co.

17688 Sidney Lawrence Platt, Fresno, Cal.; secretary and treasurer Madary's Planing Mill.

17689 Edwin "Mike" Prescott, Fresno, Cal.; salesman Valley Lumber Co.

17690 Fred Dean Prescott, Fresno, Cal.; general manager Valley Lumber Co.

17691 Samuel Shirley Small, Fresno, Cal.; salesman Valley Lumber Co.

17692 James Edmund Trewitt, Fresno, Cal.; salesman C. S. Pierce Lumber Co.

17693 Charles "Cat" Van Valkenburgh, Fresno, Cal.; salesman and director Fassett Lumber Co.

17694 Edmund Ellsworth Young, Fresno, Cal.; agent Valley Lumber Co., Kingsbury, Cal.

Concatenation No. 1288, Fresno, Cal., September 1, 1906.

#### Fitting Tribute to Vicegerent Stover.

The record year for Hoo-Hoo in West Virginia was closed by the concatenation of Vicegerent K. H. Stover at Elkins, W. Va., on September 4, and the one held by Vicegerent Matthews at Hinton, W. Va., on September 8. "While this concatenation," writes Brother J. M. Paris, who was Scrivenor on that occasion, "was the smallest in number of candidates and attendance, being only eight candidates and thirty old cats, it was not lacking in either enthusiasm or good cheer." Continuing Brother Paris says:

Owing to the small number of candidates the team could spare considerable time on each one and they were royally received and piloted through the gardens in a most satisfactory manner. That their eyes were fully opened was attested by the looks of pleased surprise on every face when they were shown into the banquet hall. The tables were handsomely decorated with roses, carnations and ferns, and the ears of the members were greeted by delightful music rendered by Rowland's Orchestra. The menu was one of which the Randolph Hotel should feel proud, and that the Hoo-Hoo assembled appreciated it to the fullest extent was evidenced by the late, or I should say early hour, the Hoo-Hoo yell was given and we all retired to untroubled dreams.

R. L. Hughes was toastmaster and performed his duties most excellently. He gave everybody present an opportunity to speak, and we were highly entertained by some very sprightly speeches. Particular mention should be made of the masterful farewell address of Vicegerent K. H. Stover, in which he thanked the members for their brotherly aid in making this a record year in the Hoo-Hoo of Northern West Virginia. Others who prominently engaged in the talkfeast were M. H. Haw-



COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT FRESNO, CAL.

kins, G. W. Wilson and H. K. Nonamaker and S. S. Steele. That this was the most successful meeting from a social standpoint is without question and we eagerly look forward to the next concatenation.

Snark, C. L. Kenyon; Senior Hoo-Hoo, R. L. Hughes; Junior Hoo-Hoo, K. H. Stover; Bojum, H. K. Nonamaker; Scrivenor, J. M. Paris; Jabberwock, A. A. Rudy; Custocatlan, H. H. Sutton; Arcanoper, John N. Nydeggen; Gurdon, W. H. Mason.

17695 James Henderson Campbell, Burner, W. Va.; assistant superintendent Pocahontas Lumber Co.

17696 Henry Black Chandler, Elkins, W. Va.; treasurer Baldwin-Chandler Supply Co.

17697 Milton Hysar Hawkins, Elkins, W. Va.; traveling salesman Baldwin-Chandler Supply Co.

17698 William Henry Hyatt, Elkins, W. Va.; buyer and shipper Schofield Bros., Philadelphia, Pa.



FIVE MILES OF PALMS ON THE OILED ROAD TO KEARNEY PARK, FRESNO CALIFORNIA.

17699 Clyde Frederick Koch, Bemis, W. Va.; assistant manager J. M. Bemis & Son.

17700 David Moody Lower, Bayard, W. Va.; proprietor D. M. Lower.

17701 Glendon E. Martin, Beverly, W. Va.; owner G. E. Martin.

17702 John Roby Sutton, Beverly, W. Va.; buyer and shipper J. D. W. Snowden Co., Johnstown, Pa.

Concatenation No. 1289, Elkins, W. Va., September 4, 1906.

#### An Annual Meeting of Their Own.

The Hoo-Hoo of the Northwest, remembering the delightful occasion when the Hoo-Hoo Annual was held at Portland, Ore., decided that those members of the Order who could not journey to Oklahoma City should hold at Seattle, Wash., an annual of their own. So on the evening of September 8 they gathered in large numbers, all sections of the North Pacific Coast being represented. This concatenation was held under the Vicegerency of Brother W. C. Miles. There were present at this meeting the following officials: Brothers E. Clark Evans, Supreme Gurdon; W. B. Mackay, Vicegerent for the Northern District of Oregon; George H. Kelly, Vicegerent for the Southern District of Oregon; J. D. Moody, Vicegerent for British Columbia, and S. J. Hamilton, ex-Vicegerent Snark for the Northern District of Oregon.

The "Session-on-the-Roof" was a sumptuous affair, and there were fireworks and oratory in the post-prandial talks. Brother Frank B. Cole acted as toastmaster and referee for this part of the evening's ceremonies. The responses to the toasts were unusually brilliant, and the Northwestern annual was a decided success; the meeting representing the entire body of Hoo-Hoo by its endorsement of A. C. Ramsey for Snark of the Universe. A beautiful tribute was also paid to the retiring Snark, R. D. Inman.

Snark, W. C. Miles; Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. P. Lockwood; Junior Hoo-Hoo, T. H. Claffey; Bojum, J. D. Moody; Scrivenor, L. W. Brundage; Jabberwock, Cal. Welton; Custocatlan, W. M. Peltier; Arcanoper, W. O. Yeomans; Gurdon, E. A. Rupert.

17703 Earl Gilbert Bussufield, Seattle, Wash.; secretary and treasurer American Lumber Co.

17704 Fred Earl Campbell, Seattle, Wash.; assistant purchaser of lumber Wallace-Bullard Lbr. Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

17705 Frank Irving Carbary, Seattle, Wash.; salesman California Saw Works.

17706 Edward Jewell Clark, Cleero, Wash.; partner O. M. Robertson Shingle Co.

17707 Stanley Holmes Carthwaite, Ballard, Wash.; manager West Coast Iron Works.

17708 Harry Donald Cowles, Tacoma, Wash.; Vice President and salesman Hunt & Mottet.

17709 Howard Watson Craig, Buckley, Wash.; superintendent Boise Creek Mill Co.

17710 Edward Bliss Day, Seattle, Wash.; assistant purchasing agent H. B. Waite Lumber Co.

17711 Mathias Elias, Seattle, Wash.; buyer Schwager & Nettleton.

17712 Charles Chamberlain Finn, Seattle, Wash.; secretary and treasurer John Finn Metal Works.

17713 George Irving Fischer, Seattle, Wash.; traveling salesman California Saw Works.

17714 Frederick West Hicks, Seattle, Wash.; member and salesman S. B. Hicks & Sons Co.

17715 Glenn Clarence Hupp, Seattle, Wash.; member and salesman S. B. Hicks & Sons Co.

17716 Henry John Idema, Sultan, Wash.; part owner Robinson & Idema.

17717 John Judson Jennelle, Jr., Seattle, Wash.; secretary and buyer W. W. Herron Lumber Co.

17718 Charles Franklin Johnson, Bothell, Wash.; manager Cooperative Shingle Co.

17719 Harry Edger King, Seattle, Wash.; manager Schuake Machine Works.

17720 Benjamin Franklin Krefter, Seattle, Wash.; salesman Berlin Machine Works, Beloit, Wis.

17721 Frederick Howarth Merrill, Chehalis, Wash.; material agent Portland & Seattle Railway Company.

17722 William Taylor Metter, Montera, Wash.; salesman A. A. Schram, Ballard, Wash.

17723 James Kenneth Llewellyn Mitchell, Olympia, Wash.; proprietor James Mitchell.

17724 Cary Clay Mottinger, Ballard, Wash.; superintendent of mill Ballard Mfg. Co.

17725 Albert Southworth Nash, Tacoma, Wash.; traveling agent Northeastern Linc.

17726 Charles Henry Noble, Anacortes, Wash.; manager Anacortes Lumber & Box Co.

17727 Joseph Manning O'Brien, Seattle, Wash.; secretary John O'Brien.

17728 George W. Osgood, Seattle, Wash.; purchasing agent C. & M. & St. F. Ry.

17729 Michael Jackson Pigott, Seattle, Wash.; partner Railway & Steel Supply Co.

17730 Roger Daniel Pinneo, Seattle, Wash.; freight agent Pacific Coast Steamship Co.

17731 Wilmer William Riggs, Seattle, Wash.; salesman Garham Rubber Co.

17732 Fred Barnabas Roberts, Centralia, Wash.; assistant manager Salzer Valley Lumber Co.

17733 Hugh Harrison Sanford, Seattle, Wash.; contracting freight agent Pacific Coast Steamship Co.

17734 William Jay Schuster, Duluth, Minn.; timber buyer Duluth M. & N. Ry. and Duluth & Iron Range Ry.

17735 Mons Joseph Seabrook, Seattle, Wash.; general agent Mutual Transit Co.

17736 George Barnard Smith, Tacoma, Wash.; traveling freight and passenger agent Wisconsin Central Ry.

17737 Joseph Guy Thatcher, Portland, Ore.; salesman John A. Roebbing Sons Co.

17738 Sydney Hutchinson Walker, Seattle, Wash.; salesman S. B. Hicks & Sons Co.

Concatenation No. 1290, Seattle, Wash., September 8, 1906.

#### "Pap" Hemenway Again in the Saddle.

A meeting of the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association of Mississippi and Louisiana at Shreveport on September 18 was the occasion of a splendid concatenation held there under the Vicegerency of Brother J. B. Chipman. Ex-Snark of the Universe H. H. Hemenway, of Colorado Springs, Col., who was one of the honor-guests of the retail association meeting, acted as Snark, and the evening throughout was a delightful one. Twenty-three were initiated.

Snark, H. H. Hemenway; Senior Hoo-Hoo, Ernest R. Bernstein; Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. G. Snyder; Bojum, George A. Snuer; Scrivenor, W. K. Henderson, Jr.; Jabberwock, W. A. McKennon; Custocatlan, W. E. Wheelers; Arcanoper, L. P. Butler, Jr.; Gurdon, J. B. Chipman.

- 17730 Robert Freeman Britton, Shreveport, La.; soliciting freight agent St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co.
- 17740 Otto Monroe Burkholder, Shreveport, La.; city passenger and ticket agent and soliciting freight agent Cotton Belt and H. E. & W. T. Ry.
- 17741 Edward Park Huss, Chicago, Ill.; sales manager Berlin Machine Works, Beloit, Wis.
- 17742 Harry Lee Crichton, Shreveport, La.; manager of Collection department Shreveport Lumber Exchange.
- 17743 Louis Napoleon Crisp, Shreveport, La.; general salesman and manager Cado Lumber Co.
- 17744 Joseph Leonidas Dalton, Shreveport, La.; president and manager Dalton Lumber Co., Arcadia, La.
- 17745 Walter Scott Fechter, New Orleans, La.; salesman Southern Belting Co.
- 17746 Henry Byron Hildreth, Allentown, La.; assistant general manager Allen Bros. & Wadley.
- 17747 Tom Green Hodge, Shreveport, La.; freight department K. C. Southern Railroad.
- 17748 Williams Oscar Hood, Allentown, La.; planing mill foreman Allen Bros. & Wadley.
- 17749 James Jackson Kilpatrick, Shreveport, La.; Louisiana Statistical Representative Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association, St. Louis, Mo.
- 17750 William Cummins Lay, Noble, La.; timber representative Noble Lumber Co.
- 17751 Donald Findlay McCullough, Shreveport, La.; owner McCullough Lumber Co. and president Cleburne Lbr. Co.
- 17752 John Sheral McLean, Shreveport, La.; manager Gulf States Belting & Hose Co.
- 17753 Chauncey Ives Martin, Shreveport, La.; traveling freight agent St. L. S. W. Ry. Co.
- 17754 Wate Larford Moore, Shreveport, La.; salesman Henderson Iron Works.
- 17755 Edward John Nixon, Shreveport, La.; lumber buyer D. C. Richardson.
- 17756 James William Paul, Center, Texas; president Paul & Wheeler.
- 17757 Louis Alexander Paulk, Shreveport, La.; stockholder Frost-Trigg Lumber Co.
- 17758 Baylus Earl Pool, Memphis, Tenn.; special representative Austin Western Co., Chicago, Ill.
- 17759 Emil Charles Roehl, New Orleans, La.; manager Central Mfg. & Lumber Co.
- 17760 Marshall Monroe Shamberger, Shreveport, La.; owner and manager P. M. Shambarger & Sons.
- 17761 Charles William Smith, Greenwood, Miss.; manager Delta Lumber Co.

Concatenation No. 1291, Shreveport, La., September 18, 1906.

#### Under the Wire as the Bell Taps.

Vicegerent D. E. Matthews held at Hinton, W. Va., the last concatenation to be held in the East for last Hoo-Hoo year on the evening of September 8. This concatenation, together with the concatenation at Elkins, W. Va., added twenty-two men to the Hoo-Hoo list for last year. Fourteen were initiated at Hinton. Brother D. E. Matthews himself took the role of Junlor, while Brother F. D. Bodman most admirably filled the Snark's chair. The Hinton Daily News had a humorous article on what happened within the concatenation hall that night, and says: "Judging from the woe-begone look on the faces of the initiates who had been log rolling in Hoo-Hoo land the ceremonies must be composed of the rites of every lodge under the sun, from the 'Sun Worshipers' to the 'Eagles.'"

Snark, F. D. Bodman; Senior Hoo-Hoo, O. F. Payne; Junlor Hoo-Hoo, D. E. Matthews; Bojum, J. C. Walker; Scribe-noter, M. S. Satterfield; Jabberwock, George A. Zelgler; Custodian, E. W. Lilly; Arcanoper, G. M. Freer; Gurdon O. C. Sheaffer.

- 17762 James Grutlin Calfee, Beckley, W. Va.; manager J. G. Calfee & Co.
- 17763 Jason William Campbell, Divide, W. Va.; member of firm J. W. Campbell & Bro.
- 17764 Frank Cummings, Weston, W. Va.; lumber buyer Ralph H. Ely, Alderson, W. Va.
- 17765 Frank Felter, Blue Jay, W. Va.; Blue Jay Lumber Co.
- 17766 Andrew Gwinn Flanagan, Hinton, W. Va.; stockholder Lilly Lumber Co.
- 17767 Thomas "Stubborn" Grafton, Clifton, W. Va.; owner T. Grafton.
- 17768 Ulysses Grant Lilly, Hinton, W. Va.; lumber buyer Lilly Lumber Co.
- 17769 Patrick Chester Lynch, Blue Jay, W. Va.; superintendent Blue Jay Lumber Co.
- 17770 Joseph Elmer McGinnis, Marshes, W. Va.; J. E. McGinnis.

- 17771 Thomas George Mann, Hinton, W. Va.; stockholder Lilly Lumber Co.
- 17772 George Luther Richardson, Pittman, W. Va.; manager G. L. Richardson.
- 17773 Thomas Guy Satterfield, Alderson, W. Va.; lumber buyer Ralph H. Ely.
- 17774 James Francis Smith, Alderson, W. Va.; buyer R. H. Ely.
- 17775 Jeff Clay Tyree, Roseville, W. Va.; member of firm Livery & Tyree.

Concatenation No. 1292, Hinton, W. Va., September 8, 1906.

#### The Annual Concatenation.

The Annual Concatenation was held in Oklahoma City following exactly the plans of Vicegerent N. S. Darling. Mr. Darling realized that he would have a class of some eighty members and so arranged his programme that the majority could be carried through in large classes while one special class was singled for the administrations of all for the teachings of Hoo-Hoo. At this time eighty-five men were initiated and a full account of what happened there is found elsewhere in this issue of The Bulletin in connection with the story of Hoo-Hoo as carried out at Oklahoma City.

Snark, R. D. Inman; Senior Hoo-Hoo, A. C. Ramsey; Junlor Hoo-Hoo, C. D. Rourke; Bojum, W. E. Barnes; Scribe-noter, J. H. Baird; Jabberwock, E. stringer Bogges; Custodian, N. S. Darling; Arcanoper, B. F. Cobb; Gurdon, N. A. Gladding.

- 17776 Arthur Marsh Abbott, Morrison, Okla.; yard manager Rounds & Porter, Wichita, Kas.
- 17777 Joseph Leddie Adams, Wynnewood, I. T.; manager J. L. Adams Lumber Co.
- 17778 John Garrett Ambrose, Douglas, Okla.; manager Long-Bell Lumber Co.
- 17779 Pearl Benjamin Anderson, Hinton, Okla.; yard manager White Lumber & C. Co., Westford, Okla.
- 17780 John Harper Ash, Remona, I. T.; manager W. O. Whitney G. & L. Co.
- 17781 George Thomas Babcock, Wichita, Kas.; traveling salesman Thomas Whitmarsh, St. Louis, Mo.
- 17782 Bland Charles Barker, Norman, Okla.; secretary and manager Barker Lumber Co.
- 17783 James Earl Bell, Oklahoma City, Okla.; division freight agent C. R. I. P. R.
- 17784 David Albert Belmore, Granite, Okla.; owner and manager D. A. Belmore.
- 17785 George Henry Bennett, Oklahoma City, Okla.; division freight agent Frisco Railway.
- 17786 George Wallace Binning, Oklahoma City, Okla.; president and general manager Oklahoma Lbr. & Mfg. Co.
- 17787 Albert Alexander Bolinger, Redfield, Kas.; owner Bolinger Lumber Co.
- 17788 Andrew Ferguson Boston, Oklahoma City, Okla.; secretary and manager K. R. McKee Lumber Co.
- 17789 Guy William Brown, Janna, I. T.; manager Hanna Lumber Co.
- 17790 Carl Chandler Carroll, Oklahoma City, Okla.; manager Newell-Carroll Lumber Co.
- 17791 James Wallace Castor, Jominy, Okla.; manager Hominy Lumber Co.
- 17792 James Edward Conway, Bessmay, Texas; yard manager Kirby Lumber Co., Houston, Texas.
- 17793 John Edward Courtney, Kansas City, Mo.; traveling freight agent D. & B. G.
- 17794 Edward Challen Craig, Oklahoma City, Okla.; estimator and salesman Curtis & Gartside Co.
- 17795 Charles Washington Crow, Vernon, Texas; auditor C. T. Herring Lumber Co.
- 17796 Frank Daylight Crowell, Alva, Okla.; office man Crowell Bros.
- 17797 Albert Maywood DeBolt, Oklahoma City, Okla.; owner A. M. DeBolt, Arcadia, Okla.
- 17798 Peter Conrad Dings, Ardmore, I. T.; board of directors and stockholder Kansas City-Chocataw Timber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- 17799 William Anthony Dolt, St. Louis, Mo.; traveling salesman J. A. Fay & Egan Co.
- 17800 John Wesley Duke, Oklahoma City, Okla.; superintendent and treasurer Oklahoma Lumber & Mfg. Co.
- 17801 Albert "Dowell" Everett, Stroud, Okla.; agent Long-Bell Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- 17802 William Thomas Field, El Reno, Okla.; treasurer Cragin Lumber Co., Tonkawa, Okla.
- 17803 Robert Ross Fuller, Oklahoma City, Okla.; partner Fuller Bros., Charleston, Ill.
- 17804 Hosea Joshua Gaskill, Verden, Okla.; yard manager Stephenson-Brown Lumber Co., Chickasha, I. T.
- 17805 Fred "McLoud" Gilbert, McLoud, Okla.; manager S. M. Gloyd, Oklahoma City, Okla.

- 17806 Gustavus Henry Gray, Kansas City, Mo.; traveling freight agent C. B. & Q. Ry.
- 17807 Albert Aristo Hammer, Winfield, Kas.; auditor Long-Bell Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- 17808 James Joseph Hartnett, Oklahoma City, Okla.; traveling freight agent M. K. & T. Ry.
- 17809 Frank Gilbert Hetsel, Oklahoma City, Okla.; assistant manager Weston Atwood.
- 17810 Emmett Beaumont Hinkle, Oklahoma City, Okla.; traveling salesman Lee Van Winkle.
- 17811 Charles Leroy Howell, Cleveland, Okla.; yard manager Long-Bell Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- 17812 Oscar Lealand Huey, Oklahoma City, Okla.; salesman T. H. Garrett Lumber Co., St. Louis, Ill.
- 17813 George Alfred Huffaker, Hinton, Okla.; owner G. A. Huffaker Lumber Co.
- 17814 Edward Olaf Hurd, Watonga, Okla.; sales agent Drennan Lumber Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 17815 William Hall Kuder, Gotebo, Okla.; mgr. M. D. Canaday.
- 17816 Columbus Grant Landon, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 17817 Albert Wesley Lewis, Decoma, Okla.; yard manager Crowell Bros., Alva, Okla.
- 17818 Orin W. McClure, Erick, Okla.; manager T. J. Stewart Lumber Co., El Reno, Okla.
- 17819 Edgar Eugene McCord, Watonga, Okla.; yard manager Long-Bell Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- 17820 E. Claude Manning, Fort Worth, Texas; owner and manager Manning Lumber Co.
- 17821 Ira Martin, Henryetta, I. T.; manager and secretary Henryetta Lumber Co.
- 17822 Leo Fred Mense, Oklahoma City, Okla.; traveling salesman R. H. Drennan Lumber Co.
- 17823 Solomon Fields Milam, Amorita, Okla.; yard manager Bond Lumber Co.
- 17824 Charles Dwight Miles, Oklahoma City, Okla.; secretary J. W. Graves Co.
- 17825 William Edward Miles, Okemah, I. T.; manager Hastings Lumber Co., Hugo, I. T.
- 17826 Rogers Elbert Moist, Oklahoma City, Okla.; president Wise-Moist Coal & Lumber Co.
- 17827 Sam Colton Montgomery, Watonga, Okla.; traveling salesman Orient Cement P. Co.
- 17828 Randolph Morgan, Grandview, Texas; partner Grandview Lumber Co.
- 17829 Edwin Hewins Murphy, Oklahoma City, Okla.; assistant manager Davidson & Case Lbr. Co., Wichita, Kas.
- 17830 John Joseph Murphy, Dallas, Texas; traveling salesman Southern Mill Co.
- 17831 Daniel Dixon Myers, Wichita, Kas.; traveling salesman Jackson-Walker.
- 17832 Oscar Warren Myers, Oklahoma City, Okla.; assistant manager Minnetonka Lumber Co.
- 17833 Edward Isadore Newblock, Sulphur, I. T.; yard manager Carey-Lombard Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill.
- 17834 St. Elmo Odum, Oklahoma City, Okla.; traveling salesman Plasas Lee Co., Louisville, Ky.
- 17835 George Edwin O'Neil, St. Louis, Mo.; salesman National Lead Co.
- 17836 Frank Louis Parker, Frederick, Okla.; manager Dascumb-Danleis Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- 17837 Rollin Clifford Parsons, Chickasha, I. T.; general manager Stephenson Browne Lumber Co.
- 17838 Clarence Arthur Petty, Oklahoma City, Okla.; assistant manager Weston Atwood.
- 17839 Nathan Lemuel Pittman, Oklahoma City, Okla.; assistant manager Guall Lumber Co.
- 17840 Pat "Pickup" Portel, Oklahoma City, Okla.; traveling freight agent C. R. I. & P.
- 17841 Burton Jay Post, Okemah, I. T.; owner P. Wilson Lumber Co.
- 17842 Clarence Morgan Richards, Carlisbad, N. M.; manager Richards Lumber Co.
- 17843 William Chapman Richardson, Elk City, Okla.; general manager Western Lumber Co.
- 17844 Martin William Rogers, Luther, Okla.; partner Dawson & Rogers.
- 17845 John Sebastian Ruedy, Spencer, Okla.; owner J. S. Ruedy
- 17846 Adolph Criss Ruth, Okemah, Okla.; manager of yard Long-Bell Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- 17847 Earl Calvin Scott, Sumner, Okla.; manager Von Denberg & Scott.
- 17848 Charles Lewis Slocum, Cleveland, Okla.; yard manager P. T. Walton Lumber Co., Guthrie, Okla.
- 17849 George Gustav Sohberg, Oklahoma City, Okla.; president Pine Tree Lumber Co.
- 17850 Frank Fletcher Stevens, Jr., Fletcher, Okla.; yard manager G. H. Block, Hennessey, Okla.
- 17851 William Milton Stolz, El Reno, Okla.; assistant manager Davidson & Case, Wichita, Kas.
- 17852 Charles Ernest Tedford, Lawton, Okla.; yard man Badger Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- 17853 Roy Wilfred Thomas, Pond Creek, Okla.; manager P. T. Walton Lumber Co.
- 17854 Rolla Austin Troxel, Sayre, Okla.; manager T. J. Stewart Lumber Co., El Reno, Okla.
- 17855 Arthur John Waldoek, Oklahoma City, Okla.; stockholder A. J. Waldoek & Co.

- 17856 John Reed Walker, Norfolk, Va.; secretary North Carolina Pine Association.
- 17857 Clarence Walters, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Oklahoma Daily Post.
- 17858 William Henry Ward, Memphis, Tenn.; traveling salesman Riechman-Crosby Co.
- 17859 Roy Charles Woods, Chelsea, I. T.; manager O. E. Woods Lumber Co., Oswego, Kas.
- 17860 Arthur David Wilkeken, St. Louis, Mo.; traveling freight agent Washash Railroad.

Concatenation No. 1293, Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 10, 1906.

#### A Case From Georgia.

Below is a lengthy list of contributions made by Georgia and Florida members to the relief of a distressed brother, who from impaired health was absolutely helpless. The fund was raised for sending him to a sanitarium at Atlanta, where he received several months' treatment, and from which he has just been dismissed to the end that he may go back to work and support his family.

The whole matter of raising this fund and disbursing it in a way to accomplish the very best result was voluntarily assumed by Vicegerent J. L. Phillips, of the Southwestern District of Georgia. The list of contributors is not published for ostentatiousness or to show that the quality of mercy may be some times strained, but merely to show the prompt and liberal response, and to encourage the principle which Hoo-Hoo has sought to instill in its members. This Georgia case is also a strict illustration of what may be accomplished in the way of each locality, where the membership is large, taking care of its own distressed brethren. Vicegerent Phillips seemed to recognize the existence of this local obligation and, without conference with or instructions from any one, sent out the notice which resulted in the creation of this fund. The fund is as below:

C. M. Killian, Cordale, Ga.....	2 00
M. M. Jetton, Tampa, Fla.....	1 00
Arthur Krikland, Tampa, Fla.....	2 50
Lon Dickey, Fitzgerald, Ga.....	2 50
F. L. Millikin, Tampa, Fla.....	2 00
A. A. Kind, Jacksonville, Fla.....	1 00
M. V. Gress, Jacksonville, Fla.....	5 00
Jesse H. Dunne, Jacksonville, Fla.....	1 00
E. A. Hyde, care Gress Mfg. Co., Hattiesburg, Miss.....	2 00
C. P. Brown, Waynesboro, Ga.....	5 00
P. K. Tornoe, Pensacola, Fla.....	1 00
D. E. Williams, Jr., 225 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.....	1 00
W. B. Stillwell, care Southern Pine Co., Savannah, Ga.....	5 00
N. P. Borden, Fernandina, Fla.....	5 00
H. W. Savage, Jacksonville, Fla.....	1 00
W. A. Hammond, Tallahassee, Fla.....	1 00
Robert A. Hudson, Donaldsonville, Ga.....	5 00
E. Brobson, Jacksonville, Fla.....	1 00
H. T. Culver, Mobile, Ala.....	1 00
George W. Hyde, Crystal River, Fla.....	1 00
Nathan L. Hutton, Wiscow, Fla.....	2 00
William S. Tyson, Savannah, Ga.....	2 00
E. E. West, Jacksonville, Fla.....	1 00
William J. Harty, Savannah, Ga.....	1 00
J. O. Acree, Andalusia, Ala.....	10 00
M. T. Brogan, Live Oak, Fla.....	5 00
Macon Lumber Co., Thomasville, Ga.....	5 00
Suwanee Sawmill Co., Live Oak, Fla.....	5 00
Southern Lumber Co., Tifton, Ga.....	1 00
J. D. Stokes, Tifton, Ga.....	1 00
T. H. Parry, Lakeland, Fla.....	2 00
John J. McDonough, Jr., Savannah, Ga.....	1 00
John R. Walls, Delko, Fla.....	1 00
E. L. Marbury, Gordon, Ala.....	10 00
M. W. Garbutt, Wright, Ga.....	5 00
John A. Culhoun, Savannah, Ga.....	5 00
John J. McDonough, Savannah, Ga.....	5 00
John F. White, Eufaula, Ala.....	1 00
William L. Gignilliat, Savannah, Ga.....	1 00
R. M. Williamson, Montgomery, Ala.....	1 00
C. B. Stillwell, Silver Springs, Fla.....	1 00



G. M. Shearouse, Sherwood, Ga.....	1 00
J. S. Taylor, Mobile, Ala.....	1 00
C. E. Schofield, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.....	1 00
L. A. Baker, Columbia, S. C.....	1 50
W. W. Herron, Mobile, Ala.....	5 00
Francis C. Miller, Jacksonville, Fla.....	1 00
J. O. Lynch, Fairbanks, Fla.....	1 00
F. J. O'Hara, Buffalo Bluff, Fla.....	10 00
J. J. L. Phillips, Tifton, Ga.....	2 00
E. T. Murphy, Tifton, Ga.....	2 00
O. E. Paradise, Sunset, Ga.....	5 00
C. D. Fish, Tifton, Ga.....	5 00
D. F. M. McCoy, Statesboro, Ga.....	2 00
E. L. Wight, Atlanta, Ga.....	1 00
E. E. Slack, Tifton, Ga.....	5 00
M. J. Amorus, Atlanta, Ga.....	5 00
R. A. Barnett, 574 Marietta St., Atlanta, Ga.....	1 00
W. F. Graves, care Big Four Railway, Birmingham, Ala.....	2 00
E. F. Hartfelder, Savannah, Ga.....	1 00
H. M. Graham, Brinson, Ga.....	10 00
Wm. Anderson, Sou. Pine Co., Brunswick, Ga.....	50
A. C. Banks, Sou. Pine Co., Brunswick, Ga.....	50
C. S. Roper, Macon, Ga.....	1 00
W. M. Wakefield, Adel, Ga.....	3 00
M. H. Meadows, of S. A. L. Ry., Atlanta, Ga.....	1 00
L. Moore, Jacksonville, Fla.....	5 00
John W. Zuber, Atlanta, Ga.....	5 00
J. E. Frank, Savannah, Ga.....	1 00
C. E. Melton, Micanopy, Fla.....	2 00
F. F. Lovell, Jr., Savannah, Ga.....	5 00
A. B. Palmer, Savannah, Ga.....	1 00
E. E. Davis, Savannah, Ga.....	1 00
B. P. O'Neal, Cordele, Ga.....	5 00
Harvey Granger, Savannah, Ga.....	5 00
C. A. Coles, N. & W. R. R., Atlanta, Ga.....	5 00
George V. Denny, Savannah, Ga.....	5 00
G. S. H. Ceredith, care Charles S. Hirsch & Co., Savannah, Ga.....	2 00
B. F. Hall, care Graton & Knight Mfg. Co., Atlanta, Ga.....	5 00
W. O. McGowan, Waycross, Ga.....	2 00
W. F. Baker, Savannah, Ga.....	5 00
E. C. Peiz, Atlanta, Ga.....	1 00
Ray Knight, Atlanta, Ga.....	1 00
J. H. O'Neill, Rome, Ga.....	2 50
J. F. Weisinger, Atlanta, Ga.....	2 00
T. C. Wanniman, Bainbridge, Ga.....	5 00
C. D. Nessmith, Atlanta, Ga.....	1 00
M. A. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.....	1 00
J. B. Chisolm, Kinderlou, Ga.....	1 00
G. T. McRee, Kinderlou, Ga.....	1 00
W. I. McRee, Kinderlou, Ga.....	1 00
C. H. Caldwell, Bainbridge, Ga.....	2 00
M. Bedingsfield, Macon, Ga.....	1 00
A. D. Schofield, Macon, Ga.....	1 00
D. A. Denmark, Valdosta, Ga.....	3 00
P. D. Phillips, Fender, Ga.....	5 00
J. L. Phillips, Thomasville, Ga.....	5 00
Total.....	\$268 00

### Coming Concatenations.

#### A Great Time in Store at Grand Rapids.

Vicegerent E. G. Shorrey announces a concatenation to be held at Grand Rapids, Mich., October 26, for which there is in sight a class of thirty good men. The members in that section are looking forward to the occasion with much pleasure.

The prospects are that this year will be quite a record breaker so far as Michigan is concerned. Vicegerent Shorrey has various plans on foot for the furtherance of the Order's interest and has promised "the boys" that he will hold at least seven concatenations during the year.

#### Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Brother Chas. L. Harrison is working up a concatenation to be held at Cape Girardeau, Mo., October 9. On October 9-14 will also be celebrated the centennial of the city of Cape

Girardeau, and there will be held a sectional meeting of the Hardwood Manufacturers' Association there on the 9th. For this reason Brother Harrison thought October 9 would be an ideal night to hold a big Hoo-Hoo concatenation. Some prominent St. Louis Hoo-Hoo will go up and assist Brother Harrison in holding this concatenation.

#### Waldron, Ark.

Brother M. L. Harris, of Waldron, Ark., recently appointed Vicegerent for the Western District of Arkansas, will hold a concatenation at Waldron October 13. Formal announcements of this concatenation have been sent out.

#### Hymeneal.

On Thursday, September 6, at Clarksburg, W. Va., Miss Mary Evelyn Boggess, the beautiful daughter of Brother E. Stringer Boggess, was united in marriage to Dr. James Edward Wilson. Dr. Wilson is one of the leading physicians of Clarksburg, W. Va., and his bride has been a social favorite in West Virginia during her entire young ladyhood.

The bride's father is well known to Hoo-Hoo in all sections of the country. His welcome presence has been, almost without exception, at every Hoo-Hoo Annual. Twice he has filled positions on the Supreme Nine, while there are now ominous rumblings in the East as to his future Hoo-Hoo record.

#### Obituary.

##### Asa P. Guy (No. 3430).

Brother Asa P. Guy of the Illinois Central Railroad Company died at his home in St. Louis on September 18. Brother Guy was one of the most popular railroad representatives in that section of the country. He had been traveling freight agent for the Illinois Central Railroad for fifteen years, and in 1901 received a medal from the company for his long and excellent services. Brother Guy was with the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway for nine years previous to his connection with the Illinois Central.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1862 and removed to St. Louis when nine years of age and has resided there ever since. His death occurred after a lingering illness. He is survived by a wife, two daughters and one son.

#### The Practical Side.

**WANTED**—Position as bookkeeper or office man for some good lumber firm. Have had experience with one of the best concerns in the Southwest, who will recommend me. Am 22 years old and unmarried. Can please any man who employs me. Address "Paris," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—Position as bookkeeper, stenographer or bill clerk by young man of six years' experience in wholesale lumber office. At present employed, but good reason for making change. A-1 references. Single, sober and a worker. Address "Hoo-Hoo," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—Position as buyer for some eastern lumber firm. References given. Address "Buyer," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—Lumber salesman located in Philadelphia, would represent out of town wholesale concern. Best of reference. Address "W. B.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—First-class traveling salesman to sell Tennessee red cedar posts and poles and oak lumber on commission basis. Territory open: Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Northern Illinois, Central and Southern Indiana and Ohio. For particulars address, "Neb.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—Experienced hardwood salesman for Cleveland and Eastern Ohio territory. Address "T. H.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

At every annual meeting the discussion in the business sessions has developed the fact that a very large percentage of the members of the Order are entirely unfamiliar with the Constitution and By-laws. At the Oklahoma City Annual Meeting consideration of this fact led to the adoption of a suggestion that hereafter the Constitution and By-laws of the Order be printed in every issue of The Bulletin.

### CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.

##### Name.

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo.

#### ARTICLE II.

##### Object.

Section 1. The object of the Order is the promotion of the Health, Happiness and Long Life of its members.

#### ARTICLE III.

##### Membership.

Section 1. It being the purpose of this Order to gather together in fraternal relations people engaged in lumber trade, membership in this Order shall be limited to white male persons over the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, who possess one or more of the following qualifications:

First—They shall be so engaged, either in the ownership or sale of lumber lands, timber or logs, or the manufacture or sale of lumber at wholesale or retail as that it shall be their main or principal occupation, and that it shall be the business which is recognized in the community in which they reside as their vocation. There shall not be admitted under this paragraph bookkeepers, stenographers, clerks, inspectors, sawyers, filers, foremen, nor the ordinary laborers of lumber enterprises. It is the intent and meaning of this section that every application from a person who does not come clearly and without question within the provisions of the first paragraph of this limitation, must be referred by the Vicegerent Snark to the Snark and Scrivenoter with a full statement of all facts bearing on the case before any action shall be taken thereon.

Second—Newspaper men. By this term being meant only the publishers, proprietors, or persons regularly connected with lumber newspapers.

Third—Railroad men. By this term being meant only general officers, general and assistant freight, passenger and claim agents, purchasing agents, commercial traveling, soliciting and contracting freight (not station agents). This means the officials of railroads who come in contact with the patrons of the road. It does not mean office assistants, clerks, secretaries or collectors.

Fourth—Sawmill machinery men. By this term being meant persons engaged in the manufacture or sale to lumber manufacturers of sawmill or planing mill machinery.

Fifth—Only such persons as come strictly within the limitations above made are eligible for membership in the Order, and such persons may be initiated under proper application, payment of initiation fee and election to membership and initiation as provided by the ritual of the Order. Membership shall be limited to 99,999 living members in good standing.

Sec. 2. Each applicant for membership shall fully fill out the final application blank. This application must not be voted on until a certificate thereon has been indorsed by two members of the Order in good standing. The applications shall be balloted on collectively. In case the ballot is not clear a second ballot shall be had, and if two or more black balls be cast the ballot shall be had by sections until a final result. In case two black balls be cast the applicant shall be rejected. Any applicant rejected shall not be balloted on again within six months of the date of his rejection.

Sec. 3. If any Vicegerent shall knowingly or by culpable negligence admit to the initiatory ceremonies of the Order any person not legally entitled to same under the provisions of this article, he shall, upon due proof thereof to the Snark and Scrivenoter, be removed from his office by the Snark, and, in the discretion of the Supreme Nine, if the violation be flagrant, be expelled from the Order; and any member of the Order who shall sign the certificate on any application herein referred to, if the facts stated in such application with reference to the present business interests of the applicant are not true, shall upon due proof thereof submitted to the Scrivenoter, be expelled by the Supreme Nine. It shall be no defense that the member was deceived into signing the certificate. Any member endorsing certificate on an application for membership must know of his own personal knowledge the truth of the facts to which he certifies.

Sec. 4. Whenever a removal or suspension shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this article, the Scrivenoter shall immediately bulletin the fact to every member of the Order in good standing.

Sec. 5. This Order retains the ownership of every handbook and button issued to its members, such being furnished only for the proper and legitimate use of the members in accordance with the Constitution, By-laws and Ritual of the Order. Whenever any member, to whom such property is furnished, ceases, either by suspension or expulsion, to be entitled to the benefits and privileges of the Order, the right is hereby reserved to demand and enforce the return of the same to the Scrivenoter.

Sec. 6. The handbook shall be issued between the first of February and the first of April each year and shall be sent only to members who have paid dues for the preceding year.

Sec. 7. The initiation fee shall be \$9.99, which, together with the current year's dues, must accompany the application.

The annual dues shall be one dollar and sixty-five cents (\$1.65), of which amount sixty-six cents (66 cents) shall be applied as an annual subscription to The Bulletin.

Sec. 8. Honorary membership in this Order may be granted upon application filed with the Scrivenoter by the Vicegerent of the State within which the applicant resides; provided, that such application shall be endorsed by nine members of the Order in good standing; the honorary membership fee shall be \$99.99, and shall accompany the application; and no further fees, dues, or assessments of any nature shall be levied on such membership. The honorary members shall be required to take the first obligation in the Ritual, but no further initiatory ceremonies shall be necessary.

Sec. 9. Life membership in this Order may be granted upon application by any one eligible under the Constitution at a regular meeting, upon payment of \$33.33, and no further dues or assessments of any nature shall be levied on such member. Life members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of Hoo-Hoo. They shall be required to take the first obligation in the Ritual, but no further initiatory ceremonies shall be necessary.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### Officers.

Section 1. The elective executive officers of the Order shall be Snark of the Universe, Senior Hoo-Hoo, Junior Hoo-Hoo, Bo-Jum, Scrivenoter, Jabberwock, Custodian, Arcanoper, Arcanodon. The above named officers shall constitute the Supreme Nine, and shall perform such duties as are prescribed in the Ritual and Constitution and By-laws of the Order.

Sec. 2. The above named officers shall be annually elected by a majority of the votes cast at the Hoo-Hoo Annual, by roll call of states, as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. In case of the death or resignation of an elective executive officer the Supreme Nine shall have power to appoint a successor who shall fill the unexpired term caused by such a vacancy.

Sec. 4. The appointive executive officers of the Order shall consist solely of Vicegerent Snarks. Each state of the United States or similar political grand division of any other civilized country having nine or more members shall be entitled to a Vicegerent Snark, the particular title of this officer to be Vicegerent Snark plus the name of the foreign country or political grand division of this country which he represents.

Second—When in the judgment of the Supreme Nine the interests of the Order demand they may appoint two or more Vicegerent Snarks for any state, dividing the territory equitably for such purpose.

Third—Except as may be hereinafter provided, the jurisdiction of Vicegerent Snarks shall be limited to the territory to which they are appointed, and to the conduct of the work of initiation (in the absence of the Snark) and for those purposes which may be necessary to the proper initiation of candidates to exercise all the powers and execute all the duties of the Snark of the Universe.

Fourth—For the purpose of extending the growth of the Order the Supreme Nine shall attach to the territory of Vicegerent Snarks such contiguous territory as may be without the requisite number of Hoo-Hoo to entitle it to a Vicegerent Snark; provided that, when there shall be nine Hoo-Hoo within any such attached territory, they may petition the Supreme Nine for the appointment of a Vicegerent Snark. That officer having been chosen and installed by legal appointment, the authority of the first Vicegerent Snark shall cease by limitation, and without further provision than an official notification, thus acquired shall be subject to redivision thereafter, as provided in Section 4 of this article.

Fifth—The Vicegerent Snark shall be appointed by the Snark of the Universe, by and with the consent and approval of the Supreme Nine, and shall serve until the next Hoo-Hoo day succeeding his appointment, or until his successor shall be appointed, unless removed for cause.

Sixth—The Supreme Nine shall cause to be issued to each Vicegerent Snark by the Snark of the Universe and Scrivenoter a warrant of authority, which shall explicitly define his powers and jurisdiction, this warrant to be accompanied by such instructions for the conduct of concatenations, initiations and admissions as it may deem wise. The Supreme Nine, through the same agency, shall have power to revoke such authority, and appoint such successor to fill the unexpired term.

Sec. 5. The judicial and advisory officers of the Order shall consist of the House of Ancients, a body originally instituted at the annual meeting of 1893, and made up of former Snarks of the Universe; each Snark, upon the successful termination of his office in the Supreme Nine, to be given the title of "Past Snark," and to become a member of the House of Ancients. It being the duty of the Order to invest the Past Snark at that time with an emblematic ring, as a token of regard from the Order and the badge of authority within the scope of these provisions.

Second—The chief officer of this body shall be entitled the "Seer of the House of Ancients," this office to be held by Bo-Jum Arthur Johnson, founder of the Order, his badge of rank—the Emblem of Revelation—a nine-pointed diamond star, to be worn by him until his death, and then transmitted as a legacy from him to the "House of Ancients." This emblem shall thereafter be worn by that member of the body who is chronologically the next living "Past Snark," the title of "The Seer of the House of Ancients" to descend, with the "Emblem of Revelation," in perpetuity—the emblem to be ever worn by succeeding Seers as a perpetual token of esteem for him through whom was transmitted the secret legends and traditions upon which the Order is founded; and there shall be neither fashioned or import in Hoo-Hoo another emblem of like form, design or import.

Third—It shall be the duty of the House of Ancients to act as a standing committee on Constitution and By-laws to digest and consider any proposed changes in the laws of Hoo-Hoo which may seem wise, may originate from that body or from any other source, it being the privilege of every active member of the Order to file with the House of Ancients any suggestions which may seem wise to him, it being the duty of









## Important Notice!

Dues for the Hoo-Hoo year ending September 9, 1907, became payable at one-ninth of one minute past midnight on September 9th last. Are you paid up for the year September 9, 1907? Are you sure? If you are not, you had better send \$1.65. Every man who pays up without waiting to be sent one notice will help that much to offset the expense caused the Order by the man who waits until he is sent three notices. To which class do you belong? Are you an "early bird" sort of man, or are you an "eleventh hour" man?

The annual dues were changed at the Oklahoma City Annual Meeting from 99 cents to \$1.65 per year, the increase—66 cents—being to cover annual subscription to The Bulletin.

