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**THE VICEGERENTS.**

The new Snark will proceed with the appointment of the Vicegerents as rapidly as possible. Probably a number of last years' officers will be reappointed, as experience is of great value in carrying on the work of Hoo-Hoo. In the meantime, the old Vicegerents understand that they hold office till their successors are appointed.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.**

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo was called to order promptly at 9:09 a. m., by the Snark, Ed. M. Vietmeier, in Texas Pavilion, the use of which was tendered Hoo-Hoo by the Texas Commissioners.

SNARK:—The meeting will come to order, and as our Jabberwock is absent I will appoint Mr. S. S. May to net as Jabberwock and to take up the numbers and see whether we have a quorum.

**Those Present at the Opening Session.**

The following are the numbers of those present at the opening of the convention:

5294	7863	2177	233	932-A	9198
1157-A	4459	1923-A	2012-A	3019-A	336
932	9178	7353	408	612	184
930-A	5086	6153	2756-A	6932	2626
93	5896	247	119	1795	2714
173-A	4193	2	476-A	1026-A	68
805	2302	9172	6912	8744	642
1628-A	1008-A	9841	2352	728	5909
5331	5101	1892	4741	3	8756
309-A	2220	102	683		

The following came in during the first session:

1650	2	3116-A	3913	3691	5439
8973	9945	7949	8992	1431	2770
1351-A	7840	2934	9518	8951	458
9476	473	747-A	5202	642	1784
8752	9191	6668	3677	5810	1357
8736	7086	8885	2670-A	6315	6486
145-A	607-A	963	4778	150-A	5777
1916	8773	2354	8377	34-A	9726
3081-A	2288-A	2248	1284	2280-A	2911
752	7060	8732	485	421	5549
2849-A	2388-A	738	5569	32	8323
113-A	9447	2897-A	1694-A	403	7941
8759	8662	357-A	2204-A	8677	907
2865-A	54	1653	5611	1016-A	447
3485	1713	524	1560	7824	6006
1286-A	1988-A	3140	2130	5989	100
1193	7015	2411	1180	2671	8312
189	3877	1841-A	8430	161	8560
Life 9	8742	8677	2373	2960	7987
1688	8443	571	3089	4	6375
9848	98	6869	4857	8776	3140
613	1111	8078	8748	1161-A	2123
3387	Life 17	6643	1698-A	4161	6708
7304	1346	6376	380	8246	3308
1734-A	81	350	8001	8741	4318
2400	8308	2675	9197	2672	9013
3954	9154	94	141	1529	4911
6809	2273-A	590	124	1740-A	3156
4503					

The following are the numbers of those who arrived during the second session:

6486	1286-A	6932	7738	2678-A	5102
1284	369	7530	134-A	6446	931
5637	5123	9248	912	3099-A	776
94	99	100	1613-A	2283-A	7086
7840	3881	4796	1959	2960	5810
8830	5549	1923-A	2388-A	9198	9067
473	2868-A	93	55	8293	3691
8039	1688	6570	9322	179-A	2256
8430	8745	3168	2651	9674	7633
7160	144-A	5476	8885	7861	4271
403	3079	5982	8166	1631-A	1657
3638	7949	3317	9248	2867-A	5779
8734	5515	1536	2380-A	180-A	1711
2467-A	1618-A	3794	357-A	2284-A	2121
1740-A					

SNARK:—We find we have a quorum present and we are ready for business. The next was to have been the tender of the Fair Grounds by President David R. Francis, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Mr. Francis is not here. I would like to ask Mr. Ramsey if he knows anything about any arrangements made with Mr. Francis to be here.

MR. A. C. RAMSEY (233):—No, but I understand this is a pretty early hour for Mr. Francis to get up and it is doubtful whether he will be here. You are welcome, gentlemen. (Applause.)

SNARK:—I don't think it is wise for us to await the pleasure of President Francis. We have only two days in which to do our business and I think it would be better to go right ahead with it. The response to the tender of the grounds was to have been made by our Senior Hoo-Hoo, Mr. Frank N. Snell; but inasmuch as we have had no tender of the grounds, I suppose we will have to cut that out, and have it printed. The next is an address, "Come See My Lumber Yard and Yellow Pine Exhibit," by Doctor Tarleton H. Bean, Chief of the Department of Forestry, Fish and Game.

#### Dr. Bean's Address.

Brother Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: The Official Inventor of the program has made a slight mistake, but as mistakes are common, this does not cut much figure. It is not my lumber yard that I wish you to come and see, but it is your lumber yard; more than that, it is the world's lumber yard. We sometimes speak about things as belonging to ourselves. We say, "My goodness," "My heavens," and other things we don't mean really, and I don't think the inventor meant what he said when he put down our lumber yard as "my lumber yard." This is most emphatically the Hoo-Hoo lumber yard, or lumber exposition, for it is far more than a single yard. If we were to call it a "yard," we should have to divide it off into thirty broad avenues and twenty-two boulevards, because thirty foreign countries are represented in that building and its surroundings and twenty-two states, not to mention a large number of important associations, firms and individuals. It is this kind of lumber yard or lumber yards, as well as the entire structural features of the Exposition, which are dependent, as you know, chiefly, upon yellow pine. It is to the House of Hoo-Hoo and to the cottage of yellow pine we invite your attention, knowing that you will be pleased with the work you have done and will express your satisfaction at the successful outcome of what was at one time a very doubtful experiment, but which has now developed into a most glorious success. But, gentlemen, I don't want to tax your patience; I want you to look at your own work and go away satisfied that from Alaska to the Philippines and from New Zealand to Great Britain, over the Continent of Europe, down into South America we have drawn upon the sources of supply of the beautiful woods, hundreds upon hundreds of species, most of them of commercial importance, growing every day more and more in importance, and these are the things which you are called upon to examine. (Applause.) The juries are even now at work examining this embarrassment of riches. It was an embar-

assment of riches, gentlemen, and it was a very difficult thing to condense it into two acres of space; but I think you will find that almost without exception this has been done. We take no credit ourselves. The nations of the earth vied one with another to accomplish this magnificent result. The States were; the individuals, and Hoo-Hoo were here, and what more could you ask? What else could you expect than the magnificent success which you are invited to examine? Gentlemen, I thank you for the opportunity to meet you again. (Applause.)

SNARK:—Brother Hoo-Hoo, in the absence of President Francis, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, who was to address us this morning, I take pleasure in introducing to you brother James A. Freeman, No. 119, known as the Official Orator of the Yellow Pine Association.

#### Address by Mr. Freeman.

MR. JAMES A. FREEMAN:—Most worthy Snark and brother Hoo-Hoo: Have you called an ambulance? I don't know—I bow, of course, brethren, to the Snark. (Laughter.) I may sometimes, down in my inner consciousness, question his authority and his wisdom, but—what was it the girl said?—this is so sudden. (Laughter and Applause.) President Francis has got so in the habit of welcoming associations and all sorts of things, that I suppose it is a piece of ordinary work for him. I thought the other day when he was delivering his address of welcome to the Retail Dealers' Association and I had a few moments thereafter an appointment to welcome the Traveling Men's Association—I thought it would have been a nice thing to have had a shorthand reporter with me to take down a little of President Francis' talk to help me out.

I don't know any words that I could say to you, gentlemen, in welcoming you that would mean any more than you have heard already. We welcome you to a thing that you have just as large an interest in as we have; to the finest and grandest opportunity that has ever been presented to man for a study of the achievements and accomplishments of the ages; for the pursuit of discoveries which in my judgment are equal to at least a whole year's training in the best college of the United States. If I had a boy of anything like mature years I believe I would rather have him spend a month at the St. Louis Exposition than to spend a year at any of our universities. You do not need to be welcomed to this Exposition; it is a privilege, which you should be proud to enjoy. If we welcomed you specifically to the Hoo-Hoo grounds, we would but open the door to your own mansion and ask you to come in and make yourselves at home. There has been growing in my thoughts during these latter days a larger conception of the true use and benefit of the Hoo-Hoo order than I ever had before. I was at New Orleans when Hoo-Hoo was inaugurated, when the first concatenation, outside of the original one at Gurdon, Arkansas, was held. I was numbered down somewhere near the thirties. In my superior wisdom I concluded that it was a matter that some rough boys like "Billie" Barns and such a class of fellows were going into and that I had better keep out of the way. Happily, however, before we got up much beyond the first hundred my eyes were opened and I became a full grown kitten. There are many things connected with the Order that sober-minded people are not proud of. It was inevitable that in the gathering of so large and diverse a variety of men that a good deal should come in that would not be pleasing or profitable; but it is a happy thing to note that during the last few years there has been a strong tendency to build up the tone and character of the Order of Hoo-Hoo, until now none of us need to blush when it is mentioned. Its influence in bringing men of different minds together during all these years has been wonderfully good. I doubt if any of us would exchange the associations we have formed in lumberdom and Hoo-Hoo land for those we have made in any other walk in life.

You have come together to legislate, I know not how much, but you have come together to do the business for this Order, at a time when it seems to have grown into the real thing, and there is a responsibility resting upon you gentlemen here to carefully and wisely consider all you say and do. We regret that your stay with us is not going to be longer. We would like to prolong the sessions at least over to next week, but we have little doubt that most of you will continue your stay after the last session, not on the roof, but about these grounds, and while you are

here, we of St. Louis place ourselves at your disposal. If you see anything you don't want, just come to us and we will try to steer you clear of it. (Applause.) If the ambulance is ready, I believe I am ready to be carried off. (Laughter and Applause.)

#### Senior Hoo-Hoo Snell's Response.

MR. FRANK N. SNELL (1795), responded to the address by Mr. Freeman as follows:

Worthy Snark and brother Hoo-Hoo: As brother Freeman has so well put it, the Order of Hoo-Hoo has now reached a point where there is something besides what it was generally understood in its early days it was organized for. At that time it was generally thought that Hoo-Hoo was composed of a body of men who wanted to get together for fun and frivolity only. We have outgrown our swaddling clothes and at this Annual matters of vital interest to the Order will come up and largely influence its future welfare.

I can't refrain from saying a word or two in regard to our beautiful home right here, and I want to say that the Order of Hoo-Hoo, in my opinion, owes to our St. Louis brothers and those who have been instrumental and devoted so much of their time and effort to building this home for us a debt of gratitude we will never be able to repay. As I said, there will be matters of vital importance coming up at this meeting and I think it will be a crucial time in the Order. The future of the Order is dependent upon whether we legislate now wisely or otherwise.

It is related that at an annual meeting in Kansas City, when the 9th of September fell on Sunday, that they had a short session: simply called the meeting to order, adjourned and attended church; a strange thing for many of Hoo-Hoo to do, perhaps, but there are some who really go to church (laughter)—our wives, at least, if we don't. And it is also related that the minister took for his text the motto of our Order, "Health, Happiness and Long Life," and his discourse was so pleasing that when he had finished every member of the congregation, men, women and children wanted to join Hoo-Hoo.

We have beautiful grounds here. I understand it was the intention to make the House of Hoo-Hoo a permanent thing in the history of St. Louis. The World's Fair is certainly large enough to accommodate all who come, and no doubt every Hoo-Hoo will appreciate the welcome that has been extended to us and enjoy fully all the pleasures that have been extended to us. Gentlemen, I thank you. (Applause.)

SNARK:—Brother Hoo-Hoo, I take pleasure in introducing to you Doctor Pinchot, of the Forestry Department of the United States, who will deliver the next address.

#### Dr. Gifford Pinchot Speaks.

Gentlemen: I am very glad indeed to have a chance to say just a word to you this morning. I am one of the people who, a few years ago, were known as "Dean of—(?) and "Forestry Cranks" and a lot of similar names, which are gradually passing out of my head, and I hope, passing out of yours, one of the fellows who, it is getting to be understood, are not trying to interfere with the lumber trade, but who are trying to perpetuate it; and I want to say just a word for the Bureau of Forestry for what we are trying to do, and especially what we are trying to get along the lines which I think will help you. I don't want you to feel about the Bureau like an old fellow by the name of Curly Pete felt, who lived in Pike County, Pennsylvania—not Missouri. He had two curls that came down the front of his ears and he was a rather hard character. When he got a little disturbed he put one curl back of his ear and when he got good and mad he put the other curl back and everybody laughed. Curly lived to be about 45 years old and hadn't married. The sheriff, who was a good friend of his, finally got around to Curly one afternoon and reasoned with him on his single state, and after having talked the matter over a little while he suggested to Curly that he (the sheriff) had a sister who had reached middle life who would make him an exceedingly suitable wife. Curly thought it over and finally they married, and before long rumors began to go around the settlement that Curly had a change of heart, and finally the sheriff read that Curly had joined the church. So the sheriff inquired of Curly

whether this thing was so. Curly was leaning on his hoe in front of his door, and said: "Yes, sheriff, it is true; I have joined the church. I thought it was too much of a good thing to have Emeline for a wife and get hell, too." (Laughter.) I have sometimes thought that you fellows might, perhaps, think it was too much to run a lumber business, as I have sometimes, under adverse circumstances, and have the Bureau talk about the destruction of woods at the same time; but it looks to me now, and I hope it will so appear to you, the other way around. What we are trying to do is by no means to interfere with the lumber trade. We understand that this country cannot go on without lumber; that you cannot build homes without lumber; that you have got to have lumber for every use of civilization, and the thing we are after is not to interfere with your business. It is to promote your business; assist you in every way we can; give you the advantage of the trained experts we have; and I shall be very glad, indeed, to be called upon by any of you for any information that we have got; and in general, I should like to have you understand that the Bureau of Publicity is intended to assist your work and not prevent it. There are signs which none of you can afford to disregard. We all, who are looking ahead, know that white pine is largely gone; we know that the territory that was covered by white pine is now covered largely by yellow pine; we know that lumber from the coast is coming in over the yellow pine district, and taking the signs altogether, we know that lumber is being cut in this country very much faster than it is being produced. Now, that means trouble, and very serious trouble if the thing goes on, and what I should hope for would be that you and the Bureau should work together, with a long sight ahead, with the idea, not of injuring your business, but of continuing it; that you should work together to perpetuate the lumber business of the United States, for that is what the Bureau of Publicity is for. I thank you very much. (Applause.)

SNARK:—The next on our program is an address on "The House of Hoo-Hoo," the place that you have all enjoyed for the past few days and I hope have appreciated; the place that was built for our entertainment this year by Hoo-Hoo and lumbermen; a place, I understand, that is going to be made permanent. I take great pleasure in introducing to you a gentleman whom you all know, a gentleman, who, I think, has never missed an annual, one of the oldest of the old in the Order, brother William E. Barns.

#### Mr. Barns Speaks.

MR. WILLIAM E. BARNES:—Brother Hoo-Hoo: If you will examine the official program you will notice that brother Freeman is down for this stunt and I am a poor substitute for any official orator. I just want to say that when this House of Hoo-Hoo project was started, almost the first application that we received for membership in the House of Hoo-Hoo was from Gifford Pinchot, the head of the United States Forestry Department who has just spoken to you. I don't know any man who has taken a more intelligent interest in it and one or two speakers just ahead of me have brought up the idea of making the House of Hoo-Hoo something permanent. That is something, probably, that Doctor Pinchot has known very little about, and I know Doctor Bean has known very little about it up to this time. That is a matter that the members of the House of Hoo-Hoo will have to determine. Our notion of the matter was to make a permanent forestry museum; to secure from the foreign countries and from the states as many of their exhibits as possible, for the benefit, in an educational way, not only of the St. Louis schools and universities, but of the United States—of the world; to found a permanent forestry museum where professors and scholars and everybody can come and see the woods of America in their best possible form. Of course, under the natural order of circumstances, this house will have to be destroyed at the end of the fair; it will have to be taken down. Some of us have believed that it would be a very proper thing and a very nice thing to perpetuate this House of Hoo-Hoo, this Lumbermen's Club in the particular form of which I have spoken. This is a matter that will come up here for your consideration. I have talked much and written much about the House of Hoo-Hoo. You have seen it; you know what it is. You are interested in it, and you have taken as much interest, proportionately, as we

who have been on the grounds and have had to work for it. I hope you have all been pleased with it. It has been widely advertised among the lumber fraternity. The fact that it has been rebuilt in such a short time has brought it to the attention of the entire world. It shows that the lumbermen, when they really get interested in a matter, can do things well and do them quickly. You understand, those of you who didn't see the original building, that it was impossible to reproduce all of the rooms in exactly the shape they were before. Twenty-three days is a very short time to collect 150 to 200 different kinds of wood from various parts of the United States—commercial woods—and put them into place under the circumstances we have had here.

I want only to say, in behalf of the House of Hoo-Hoo, that it is yours, every one of you, and we hope you and your wives and whoever may be with you will enjoy it and enjoy the different features that are to come later on. While I am on my feet I want to say, while the concatenation is being held here tonight, all the ladies—and we mean all the ladies with you—are to be entertained at the Imperial Gardens of Japan at an entertainment, which, I think, they will always remember. I am very anxious that all the ladies should go to the entertainment where they will be received. The Imperial Gardens are theirs tonight absolutely. There are forty or fifty Japanese girls from the colleges of Japan who will entertain them. There will be features that the ladies will never see again—certainly not here. If the ladies will assemble at the House of Hoo-Hoo at 7:30 o'clock they will be taken in a body to the Imperial Gardens, where they will be entertained tonight. (Applause.)

#### Mr. Freeman in Rejoinder.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—Most Worthy Snark: I have a personal word concerning the House of Hoo-Hoo, and I think it is proper to say it right here. When the original plan or scheme of the House of Hoo-Hoo was devised it was on a very different scale and a different plan from the House that was finally built. I have tried to find out whose mind first originated the conception of the House of Hoo-Hoo on these grounds. I think that when that gentle spirit who once led the Order and whose thought and heart gave much of inspiration to you and who has left the scenes of earth and who is remembered with the gentleness of love, was the one who first thought of this idea of a fraternal home at the World's Exposition, Mr. Alson A. White, of Kansas City. Originally I had nothing to do with the planning or the erection of the House because of other very strenuous engagements of the gentleman who is now the President of the House of Hoo-Hoo, but I was called in and have been honored with the place as Chairman of the Building Committee and also of the House Committee later on. We have worked for nearly a year. While it has been a strain of work, yet I think the work has grown to be one so much of love for it and for those associated with it and for the wonderful support behind it, that we, none of us, would have it forgotten, but it is only to say a little word of recognition that I rise to my feet.

A Building Committee, who were as faithful as men ever could be, staid by us in the erection of the first building. There was then appointed a House Committee on whose shoulders fell the work of rebuilding. Those of you who were in St. Louis know the strain and work that we had to erect this building the second time on time. I don't think that five or six men were ever put together who worked more harmoniously, and I believe, as the head of that committee, I have the right to make acknowledgment of the wonderful service of all its members, but I want to go beyond that. In all the effort, in all the thinking and the planning that has been required, not only to erect this building but to secure the funds for it, there has been one master mind. We, whether Chairman or members of this committee, have been dominated all the way through by a man whose modesty will ever prevent his claiming any credit for it, and it has occurred to me that I could not permit this annual convocation to pass without placing plainly before you the true facts and let you know on whose shoulders rested the supreme responsibility for the work that has been done and whose untiring effort has made it a success. I want you all together, in recognition of his right to that recognition, to give the Hoo-Hoo response to Brother William Eddy Barns.

(All the members present then heartily joined in the Hoo-Hoo yell).

SEVERAL MEMBERS:—What's the matter with Barns?

OTHER MEMBERS:—He's all right.

Who's all right?

Billy Barns.

Who's Barns?

Billy.

The Snark, Mr. Ed. M. Vietmeler, then read his address as follows:

#### The Snark's Annual Address.

This annual meeting is, in more ways than one, the most important that has ever been held. In the first place, it occurs on the grounds of the greatest exposition the world has ever seen, and on the occasion of the celebration of the most momentous commercial transaction which history records—a negotiation so far-reaching in its ramifications and so fraught with importance to the nation that those whose statesmanship brought it about could scarce have fully grasped its magnitude. They builded better than they knew when they brought within the boundaries of the nation a territory greater in area than Continental Europe and more fertile than the Valley of the Nile. This unparalleled panorama of the exposition spread before us is a transcendently beautiful and appropriate form in which to show forth a nation's recognition of one of the greatest exploits of her sons—the peaceful conquest of a mighty empire. Surely just to gaze on this glorious scene were enough to make one's bosom swell with pride, more especially if he be a Hoo-Hoo and remembers that the order to which he belongs also symbolizes peaceful conquest—not war or devastation, but a vocation which gives employment to thousands and adds millions to the nation's wealth.

Standing before you to-day, in my official capacity as Snark of the Universe and representing this year's administration, I feel that I and my confreres on the Supreme Nine occupy a unique position. During our tenure of office the order has reached the limit of membership which the founders of Hoo-Hoo had in mind when twelve years ago they originated the magnificent idea of binding together in fraternal union the lumbermen of the world. The Supreme Nines who preceded us, by their energy and wisdom gave the order that momentum which helped it to bound forward to its triumphant consummation, but coming into power when we did, it is the distinguished honor of our administration to represent, as it were, the cap sheaf when the harvest is gathered. Now that the limit is reached, and Hoo-Hoo is the perfected embodiment of the ideal of its distinguished founders, what about the future of our beloved order? The little meeting down at Gurdon twelve years ago might be called the morning dawn of Hoo-Hoo, and this meeting at St. Louis is the evening of the long and glorious day.

"Watchman, tell us of the night—  
What its signs of promise are."

Shall the work go forward with added impetus to a still grander consummation? Of course it will, and plans for its future, wise plans, broad plans, will be evolved at this meeting. It is, therefore, probably the most important annual meeting ever held and many weighty questions are to come before us.

Our sessions are necessarily limited and there are many things to distract our attention. It is not my purpose then to inflict upon you a long address. We are here for business and pleasure—but business first and then the pleasure.

It is with no little personal pride that I am able to report to you that the year has been a most successful one. About 120 concatenations have been held, and nearly 1,000 new members have been added to our rolls. The concatenations that have been held cover more than forty states and territories, and nearly sixty vicegerencies, from the New England coast to the Pacific Ocean and from Canada to the City of Mexico. This wide distribution of the concatenations

held was made possible, of course, only by reason of the continued growth of the order in past years, but is due also in large part to the early-announced policy of this administration—that it is more desirable that all the vicegerents should hold one or two carefully worked up meetings, with classes of moderate size, than that a few vicegerents in limited territories where the interest runs high should make a too strenuous effort for many and large classes at the sacrifice of proper selection. I have personally attended a great many concatenations during the year, as have my confreres in office, and I feel safe in saying that the character of the men initiated has never been higher.

The Scrivenoter will submit other statistics of a gratifying nature, not least among which will be the statement of cash on hand. Despite a number of unusual disbursements during the year, it will be seen that we are in good financial shape and credit.

Another feature of the year's work which is a source of peculiar gratification to me is the number of old members, long delinquent, who have been reinstated. I have felt for many years that when a desirable man is dropped from our rolls, it has been in nearly every case a matter of pure neglect, and the year's work has convinced me that the results along the line of holding our members is to be measured only by the efforts we put forth.

The gratifying success of our administration has been made possible only through the faithful work of our Vicegerents, and to these men as well as to my brothers of the Nine, I tender my heartfelt thanks for their unflinching support.

But when I speak with pride of what we have accomplished, I would not have it thought that perfection has been reached in our work, even along the old lines of our efforts. Many improvements and changes are possible if not imperative, and a number of suggestions have come to me during the year. Feeling, however, that most of these suggestions will come up in our discussion, it is my purpose to touch upon them but briefly now.

The suggestion made by Brother Ramsey, of St. Louis, that a too great laxness exists in the matter of admission to our concatenations is a point well taken, and I have closely followed the discussion of the subject in The Bulletin by Brothers Price, Rourke and Hooper. In this connection I am reminded that at a concatenation in Ohio some months ago the matter of negligence in wearing the button came up for discussion, the matter being suggested by the Vicegerent's having collected 50 cents as a fine from each man who had presented himself without his button, announcing that the fund amounting to twelve or fifteen dollars, as I recall it now, would be passed to the Distress Fund. It is possible that there is the germ of an idea in this that might be made of great practical benefit. It has seemed to me probably a little too drastic to deny a brother admission to a concatenation unless he can produce a card showing their dues paid up, but it would be entirely proper in my judgment to collect from each man who can show no receipt, one dollar—not as a fine, but to be applied on his dues account for any year unpaid. Probably in the same way a small sum collected as a fine for absent buttons would work most beneficially, the fund arising to be passed to the Distress Fund.

These may seem but minor matters, but in my experience it has been the small details that have made or marred most enterprises. I hope all these suggestions will come in for a most careful consideration.

A matter of perhaps unusual import is the insurance proposition to be made us by Mr. William Edwin Nichols, of the New York Life Insurance Company. Mr. Nichols has presented his proposal to me in detail, as he has to many of you, but in the main it is new to those here. I regard the matter as worthy of the most careful consideration, and would strongly recommend that Mr. Nichols, who is here, be given an opportunity to address us at as early an hour as possible. It might be well to make his address a special order of business to follow immediately after the routine business of this morning's session.

At the risk of appearing to impose too much of my own views on you, I cannot close without reverting for a moment to the matter of membership limit—the which limit as you will learn from the Scrivenoter, has about been reached. It is a question to which I have given much thought. It is a vital question, and I have considered it not only in a specific way as applied to Hoo-Hoo, but from the point of general application. If Hoo-Hoo is the thing we claim for it, I am unable to see upon what grounds we can deny its blessings to the worthy man who craves them. It does not seem to me that the idea of numerical limitation is in consonance with the spirit of Hoo-Hoo or in keeping with modern methods.

The idea of limiting a good thing to a favored few can hardly be said to spring from the conscious working of the intelligence of man—rather is it a functioning of the mind on the instinctive plane from whence come those automatic movements such as batting the eye or dodging a missile. Once upon a time, at a period far ante-dating even the childhood of humanity, those movements were premeditated and guided by the conscious will, but they have become automatic to us by transmission through uncounted generations. As motions of the body become sub-conscious and automatic, so also opinions and beliefs become fixed in our minds, and our tendency is to grip them with a strangle-hold, regardless of the fact that we can give no valid reason for the faith that is in us. Of all the moss-grown concepts that have burdened the minds of men for aeons, probably the one of exclusive good has the most genuine claim to antiquity. Away back in the twilight of history, in the infancy of the race, this belief was widely diffused. In fact, it constituted the only basis of ethics. "Every man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost" was the motto of the brute-man. The hairy cave-dweller stalked forth into the trackless forest and with his ponderous stone hammer smashed in the skull of a wild boar—and that particular family of savages had meat for a month. Nor did the horizon widen rapidly—lifting the lid off the mind is a painful process and slow. First the family came in for the good things, and then, after many centuries, the tribe. Still was there the idea of a limited beneficence—*limit*, always a *limit*. Truly that one word symbolizes the handcuffs of mankind. The wise men of the East followed the light of Bethlehem's Star, and fondly dreamed it led them to the cradle of Judea's king. In their consciousness the belief in a limited salvation was as immovable as a bee imbedded in lump of amber. And when the Great Teacher gave his followers the message to go forth into all the world and preach the gospel unto all men, his inspired words fell on ears dulled by age-long narrowness and bigotry. Not alone must the message be inspired—but the ears that hear it.

After all these weary ages, after the conflict and the struggle, and the stripes and bruises that the race has endured in learning wisdom, shall we, having ears, hear not the message, and having eyes see not beyond the narrow confines of the Valley of Stagnation? And what is this message that has thundered on unhearing ears since time began? It is the sublime tidings of man's universality—not his *individuality* nor the cramped idea of personalism, but his *limitless self*—the self which reaches out and touches every other self—like the waves of the ocean, which, farther and farther receding, close nearer and nearer together, till they blend into one continuous tide on the shores of the eternal! You hear men talk sometimes about preserving their individuality, even beyond the confines of this life, and we delude ourselves with the belief that this is our heart's supreme desire. And yet, with strange inconsistency and altogether unconsciously to ourselves, we bend every effort to become oblivious to our individuality. Why do you enjoy the society of congenial friends? Because in their company you forget yourself. Why does your soul delight in the strains of sweet music? Because your consciousness of individuality is temporarily in abeyance. This tendency to efface the individuality is what makes men gregarious, impelling them to flock together in

cities and societies. Most of us can appreciate the poet's feelings when, after describing the charm of forest, field and stream, he said: "The city calls me—I arise and go!" Amid the throng and in the activity of the streets, more lightly seems to press the burden of individual life that weights us down. An ideal city has been the dream of man for ages, and on these grounds to-day there stands a temporary realization of that dream. So likewise is Hoo-Hoo, in a sense, the realization of an ideal. As the human race progressed from barbarism, there grew and expanded the idea of universality as opposed to individualism. All orders, fraternities and societies are the materialization of that thought. Hoo-Hoo is far more than simply a band of 9,999 men—it represents in concrete form, a stage of mankind's growth. Shall we then engraft on Hoo-Hoo the antediluvian ideas and methods that typify the long-clothes period of infancy? If the mere fact of the existence of Hoo-Hoo is a stage of growth and an evidence of progress, will not the stopping of Hoo-Hoo's growth by reason of limiting the membership constitute a backward step? Will it not mean the turning back of the clock-hands on the dial? Would it not be far better to drop all thought of a limit as to numbers and concentrate our efforts in perfecting a plan for securing only the very best men? If we hold the standard high enough, the matter of numbers will take care of itself. I would recommend that we take off the limit as to the number of members, and make more stringent the requirements of admission.

SNARK:—Before proceeding with the Scrivenoter's report Brother Barns wishes to make an announcement.

MR. BARN'S (3):—There has been extended to you a courtesy that has been denied everybody else. The Shaw Botanical Garden is open two Sundays in the year. Doctor Crilly has telephoned that you and your ladies come to the Shaw Botanical Garden next Sunday between the hours of ten and twelve. This is a special courtesy extended to you and I hope you will appreciate it. (Applause.)

SNARK:—We will now have the Scrivenoter's report.

Scrivenoter's Report.

Following this came the address of the Supreme Scrivenoter J. H. Baird, which was as follows:

Our receipts and disbursements for the Hoo-Hoo year ending September 9, 1904 have been as follows, my books having been closed at the close of business Tuesday, September 6th:

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, 1. Balance on hand September 6, 1903, \$6658 02, 12. Grip-tags sold, 74 85, 15. Imminent Distress Fund, \$179 38, 20. Life Fees, \$46 68, 21. Concatenations, \$981 53, 22. Dues, \$106 39, 26. Merchandise (pins, buttons, etc., sold), \$281 81. Total, \$28248 36.

Table with columns: DISBURSEMENTS, 12. Grip-tags purchased, \$35 88, 15. Imminent Distress Fund, \$33 75, 19. Premium on Scrivenoter's Bond, \$50 00, 21. Snarks' rings, \$86 50, 26. Merchandise (pins, buttons, etc., bo't), \$342 19, 28. Petty Expense, \$241 01, 30. Postage and registered mail, \$178 58, 32. Stationery, \$92 05, 34. Printing Bulletin, \$260 80, 35. Printing Handbook and Supplements, \$2350 75, 36. Supreme Nine, \$72 90, 42. Scrivenoter's clerical help, \$2049 91, 44. Scrivenoter's salary, \$1333 32, 46. Express account, \$46 00, 48. Rent account, \$348 87, 50. Cuts and electro, \$147 99, 51. Telegraph account, \$275 40, 52. Trunk Equipment and Supplies, \$475 26, 54. Printing Material and Supplies, \$223 25, 56. Office fixtures, \$21 38, 58. Annual Meeting (Buffalo), \$308 87, 61. Refund account, \$55 72, 63. Snark's office, year 1903, \$300 00, 65. House of Ancients, \$55 75, 68. Insurance, \$27 00, 69. House of Hoo-Hoo, \$999 99, Balance on hand, \$6146 88—\$28248 36.

For the seventh consecutive time I have audited the books

and accounts of J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. My audit this year covers the business beginning September 10, 1903, and ending at close of business September 6, 1904.

It gives me pleasure to state that I have found the books in exact balance and that I have found on hand in the Merchants' National Bank of this city the cash called for by the books, the which cash balance is represented by certified check attached by me to this statement.

JOE EDWARDS, Accountant. Sworn to and subscribed before me this Sept. 6, 1904. JOS. A. JOHNSON, Notary Public.

Vouchers covering every cent of above disbursements are here with canceled check in each case attached.

Our cash balance is I think a gratifying one in view of the somewhat heavy unusual disbursements during the year, among which is our contribution of \$999 to the House of Hoo-Hoo and \$886.50 for special jewelry for the members of our House of Ancients. Our disbursements from the Imminent Distress Fund have also been unusually heavy, being \$533.75 against \$203 for last year and nothing for the year before. I can only say in reference to this account that each application for relief has had the most painstaking investigation by the Snark, Senior Hoo-Hoo and the Scrivenoter, and in each case I feel sure the action taken was a just and proper one.

Concatenations.

One hundred and seventeen concatenations have been held as follows, distributed with gratifying uniformity over the continent of North America from Toronto, Canada to the city of Mexico:

Table with columns: Number, Date, Place, No. of Initiates (Life, Hon., Reg.), Remitted (Life, Hon., Reg.), Scrivenoter. Lists concatenations from Buffalo, N.Y. to St. Louis, Mo.

Table with columns: Number, Date, Place, No. of Initiates (Life, Hon., Reg.), Remitted (Life, Hon., Reg.), Scrivenoter. Lists concatenations from Winnipeg, Man. to Sarnia, Ont.

It will be seen that the number of concatenations held and men initiated exceed that of any year in the history of the Order. A comparative statement for the years being as below.

Table with columns: Year, Concatenations, Men. Lists years 1892-1903 with corresponding counts.

Record of Work in Vicegerencies.

The year's record of work done in our Vicegerencies is as follows:

Table with columns: Vicegerency, Concatenations, No. of Initiates (Regular, Honorary, Life). Lists vicegerencies from Alabama to Florida.

Table with columns: Jurisdiction, Concatenations, Reg., Hon., Life. Lists jurisdictions from Georgia to Wisconsin.

It will be seen from the above that the American Flag will have to make a salute to the Cross of St. George, since the largest number of initiates falls to the credit of Vicegerent W. C. Laidlaw, of the Eastern District of Canada, being 6 concatenations with 133 initiates. Vicegerent T. A. Moore, of the Eastern District of Missouri, is a good second, with 4 concatenations and 108 initiates. Third on the roll of fame comes Vicegerent Williams, of the Southern District of Texas, with 4 concatenations and 98 men, followed by J. H. Parker, of Western District of Washington, with 3 concatenations and 93 men.

Record of Work in the Jurisdiction.

The record of work accomplished in the nine Jurisdictions apportioned to the different members of the Supreme Nine is as follows:

Table with columns: Jurisdiction, Concatenations, Reg., Hon., Life. Lists jurisdictions from Snark to Total.

It will be seen from the above that Jurisdiction No. 9, under Gurdon Clock, leads all others with 17 concatenations and 318 men initiated. Jurisdiction No. 4, under Bojum C. D. Rourke, is second with 14 concatenations and 302 regular initiates and one life member. Jurisdiction No. 3, under Junior Hoo-Hoo J. S. Bonner is third, with 17 concatenations and 286 men, closely followed by Jurisdiction No. 5 under the Scrivenoter, which has to its credit 17 concatenations and 251 initiates.

#### The Deceased.

We have had reported the death of 53 men, as follows:

191	R. H. Kinnear.	7031	J. A. Moore.
240	W. P. Merck.	7382	Jno. A. Haynes.
245	G. H. Johnson.	7928	M. E. Murphy.
681	Geo. F. Rich.	8045	Louis Glahe.
1105	B. F. Packard.	8410	P. B. Knowles.
1378	Harry M. Nixon.	8425	Jas. B. Curtis.
2183	E. G. Sewell.	8464	T. N. Hooper, Jr.
2357	Don Alexander.	8491	F. J. Reichmann.
2384	H. R. Whitmer.	8622	J. O. Heimberger.
2924	Fred J. Wiegrefse.	8684	J. W. Henderson.
3265	T. J. Penn.	9154	O. R. Biggs.
3406	L. S. Schimp.	9225	D. A. Sullivan.
3653	J. A. Doppes.	9255	Chas. T. Warfield.
3995	John Engelhaupt.	9433	L. E. Burdette.
4293	W. B. Pillow.	9487	J. H. Campbell.
4603	J. J. Kirby.	9501	Patrick H. O'Day.
4619	W. Lee Chandler.	9666	Wm. A. Tridle.
4729	R. F. Wells.	9676	E. L. Erwin.
4963	J. E. Robertson.	9742	R. F. Crawford.
5235	W. D. Simkins.	9803	Wm. C. Maxey.
5265	J. F. Rodgers.	239a	G. C. Norcross.
5352	B. M. Bunker.	1228a	A. D. Paulus.
5520	A. C. Brinson.	1369a	J. H. Cripps.
5750	J. S. Hill.	1668a	Memo Amstutz.
5940	W. B. Forman.	52	Hon. S. D. Beville.
8739	Sigmund Brinkman.	89	Hon. T. J. Mapes.
25	Hon. John Hill Eakin.		

#### Resigned and Expelled.

Resignations from twenty men have been accepted. One man has been expelled and final action on charges against another man will be taken by the Nine at this meeting.

#### Recommendations.

The distribution of Hoo-Hoo territory into Jurisdictions to be looked after personally by different members of the Supreme Nine, a plan which was instituted at the Norfolk Annual Meeting, has continued to work admirably and has amply demonstrated the wisdom of the man who suggested it. I think the time has come when the original idea may be expanded with the Order's increasing growth. One of my suggestions is, therefore, that next year there be appointed in each Vicegerency a complete nine—that the Vicegerent be required to select his nine with a view to a proper representation of the territory assigned to him; that when completed he report his district nine to the Supreme Scrivenoter; that they then be published in The Bulletin and that they be looked to as officers of the Order for the proper conduct of Hoo-Hoo matters and the conservation of the Order's interests. This will give, in addition to the Supreme officers and Vicegerents, many regularly constituted officers of the Order distributed over the country with authority second only to that of the Supreme Nine. I will not attempt to give the suggestion in detail, as new and valuable ideas are likely to grow out of an open discussion. I suggest the plan hoping the suggestion will result in a full discussion. My general idea is that the Order needs and should have a closer official surveillance, but that at the same time the old features of economy and local self government must be preserved. I believe the plan suggested when properly worked out in detail will be of peculiar advantage next year in carrying out the plans likely to be formulated at this meet-

ing. Our work in the collection of dues, and the reinstatement of those whose dues have lapsed through negligence, has convinced me, and, I believe, the other officers of the Supreme Nine, that results along this line of our work will be strictly measured by the efforts put forth. I do not imagine for a moment that it will be possible for every member of the district nine to attend all the concatenations held in any Vicegerency, but with nine men intelligently distributed over that Vicegerency, undoubtedly better work can be done.

#### Membership Limit.

One other suggestion I will take the liberty of making—in regard to membership limit. Like the Snark, I am convinced that if the Order is to continue its life and usefulness, all idea of membership limit will have to be abandoned. The Snark has so ably covered this whole proposition as to leave me but little to say. I will, however, briefly touch on some of the suggestions that have been offered in letters to The Bulletin or to me personally. In the minds of some people there has existed the idea that with the membership strictly limited to 9,999 men, we could build up a very valuable "waiting list." This seems to me to be utterly impracticable. We have men wanting to join the Order, with equal ardor, scattered over an immense territory—from the shores of Bering Sea to the Florida straits. I see no possibility of ever getting any considerable number of those waiting men at any one place for initiation, and if concatenations are to be held only at Annual Meetings or at big lumber conventions, as has been suggested, the waiting men initiated would be those who are there, to the obvious injustice of those who first went on the list. Aside from all this, however, a discontinuance of concatenations, which are the very life blood of Hoo-Hoo, will kill most of the interest that makes the Order possible.

The whole idea of a good thing held "for me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more," is contrary to the very fundamental principles of Hoo-Hoo as I see them, and to the democratic spirit of America. It is in line with that crude ambition which makes the illiterate parvenu pay a large sum for a book he never reads because his feeble mind has been fired by the top-hat book agent with the belief that there are only 99 people who can own that book. This idea of a limit, as the Snark has pointed out, is deeply imbedded in the mind of man, but it is deeply wrong. There would probably be but a paltry village where St. Louis stands to-day, and there would be no great Exposition to commemorate the admission into the Union of this vast empire of the middle west, if the idea of limit with which our commissioners went to France had ultimately prevailed; or if after their splendid deal with that giant Corsican, to whom there was no limit and for whom there was no precedent, had abrogated the terms after the fierce opposition that developed in our country. Our commissioners went to France with instructions to secure if possible the port of New Orleans and a limited right to navigate the Mississippi, and when they negotiated the purchase of this vast domain, compared to the untold wealth of which Aladdin's Valley of Diamonds was but a childish dream, they were made the subject of public denunciation and private revilings, and their effigies were burned in the Puritan villages of New England! How tight the hat-band fits upon the head! How massive is the chain that holds us! How heaped upon us the incinerated residuum of burnt-out dogma!

In an old church-yard this apparently flippant and certainly vary ungrammatical epitaph may be read:

"Here lies the body of Betsy Binn,  
Who was so very pure within,  
She bust this shell of mortal sin,  
And hatched herself a cherubim!"

Poor Betsy had to die before she could hatch. Shall not we learn a lesson here? A continuous

breaking of the shell is the condition of continuous life and growth and progress.

Build thee more stately mansions, O, my soul,

As the swift seasons roll;

Leave thy low-vaulted past.

Let each new temple, nobler than the last,

Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,

Till thou at last art free,

Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of September, 1904.

J. H. BAIRD, Scrivenoter.

MR. FRANK N. SNELL (1795):—Most Worthy Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: Referring to the Snark's address I see that he has brought up for our attention this insurance matter. It seems to me in the very nature of things, the membership at large will not be in a position with the distractions here, to give this matter the careful scrutiny and study that it should have, and with that object in view, I move you, Mr. Snark, that a special committee of seven be appointed by you to take up this matter and report at this afternoon's session.

MR. JOHN BONNER (5294):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—Before putting that motion, I would like to request every member, when he rises to his feet to address the Snark, to give his number so that the official stenographer can get it down. It is well to give your name, but always give your number. Gentlemen, it has been regularly moved and seconded that the Snark appoint a committee of seven to take under advisement the adoption of a plan of insurance by this organization. Are there any remarks?

MR. JAMES BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I would like to amend that motion by referring to that committee also to report upon the question: Which is preferable, life insurance or funeral benefits? We ought to have, if not life insurance, at least funeral benefits, so that while we protect our brothers through life's pathway, we will not abandon them at the edge of the grave. I desire to make that amendment.

MR. GEORGE GLADDING (102):—I second the amendment.

SNARK:—You have heard the amendment.

MR. SNELL (1795):—If there are no objections I will be very glad to accept the amendment offered by Brother Brizzolara. That will simplify the matter, and the committee can just as well take that into consideration and make their report accordingly.

(The Snark then put the motion to a vote and it was carried).

#### Appointment of Committees.

SNARK:—The next will be the appointment of the regular committees.

#### Constitution and By-laws.

W. E. Barns.  
W. M. Stephenson.  
C. D. Rourke.  
George W. Schwartz.  
Edward B. Martin.  
J. A. Alcock.

#### Auditing.

A. C. Ramsey.  
B. F. Cobb.  
C. S. Walker.

#### Good of the Order.

H. H. Hemenway.  
Edward F. Niehaus.  
I. T. McAllester.  
U. E. Yeager.  
George W. Lock.  
Sam Pine.  
George Guild.  
O. H. Rectanus.

#### Legislation.

F. N. Snell.  
R. W. English.  
George Denny.  
E. Stringer Boggs.  
James Brizzolara.

#### Resolutions.

J. A. Freeman.  
Bird Critchfield.  
L. E. Fuller.  
J. L. Lane.  
Reed Hayward.

#### The Press.

B. A. Johnson.  
J. C. Walker.  
Albert Cone.  
E. R. Cooledge.  
J. H. Baird.

#### Place of Next Meeting.

J. S. Bonner.  
H. L. Hart.  
E. H. Defebaugh.  
C. P. Ives.  
James Wilson, Jr.

#### Snark's and Scrivenoter's Recommendations.

N. A. Gladding.  
John Feist.  
Martin Amorous.  
J. E. Fitzwilson.  
Karl Isburgh.

#### Deceased Members.

S. D. Pine, Chairman.  
O. H. Rectanus.  
George Guild.

SNARK:—In regard to the Auditing Committee I want to make a few remarks. Our Constitution distinctly says that the Snark shall appoint an expert accountant to audit the books of the Scrivenoter, which has always been done and while there has always been an Auditing Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting I for one think it is superfluous; but we will follow in the steps of our predecessors and appoint an Auditing Committee.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—I listened with a great deal of interest to the report of the Scrivenoter, but I noticed a small discrepancy that I think should be explained at this juncture. In the reading of disbursements the Scrivenoter read the amount of his own salary, which I believe has been fixed by law, and I think a careful examination of it will show an error. I would like to know by what authority he puts down his salary at \$1,333.32.

SCRIVENOTER:—I drew \$1,333.34 cents last year. (Laughter.) With the Snark's permission I will make a little announcement and read a poem—not my own. The announcement is in regard to my office. I find a great many of the members want to pay dues or purchase ladies' pins. I have a first-class room at my disposal, just over the Secretary's office in House of Hoo-Hoo. A good many of our members, I find also, come to these meetings with good bank accounts but very little currency. Yesterday I did not have enough currency to accommodate all such, but now I have been down to the World's Fair Bank and have fixed the bank. (Laughter.) So if any of you have any paper that looks good to me I will do business with you. Here is a communication from our only member in Scotland, the good old city of Glasgow, with a bunch of heather bloom attached, which fairly smells of the windy heath. The poem is written by Brother James "Hoot-Mon" Lightbody.

## A Greeting from Old Scotia.

Glasgow, August 26, 1904.

When glancing over my Hoo-Hoo book  
On page 13 I chanced to look  
There article 4 and section 3  
Asks "on 9th September where will you be?"

I'll be in Glasgow, my native toon,  
Amongst the heather I'll sit doon,  
And think o' the time when once I sat  
On the dry kiln to be made a great black cat.

'Twas in the merry month o' May,  
I think it was the 27th day,  
That thro' the bed I tried to walk  
And to swallow the lather I was taught.

Walter C. Laidlaw was the Snark,  
And among others who did take part  
Were Clarence Ten Eyck and Jamie Cain—  
Oh, Lord, they nearly turned my brain.

At "Low Bidge" and "Step High" I did my best,  
Not a second would they let me rest  
Till I had kissed the cat on the sacred spot  
And found my eyesight I had got.

Let this be known both far and near,  
Hoo-Hoo has given me a prosperous year.  
Luck attend the Annual on 9th September  
Is the wish to all from the only Scotch Member.

I enclose a wee bit sprig o' heather,  
Let bonds of friendship never sever.  
Join Britain and America, president and king,  
"God bless them both," come let us sing.  
—Not Robert Burns.

SCRIVENOTER:—In a postscript to the letter this canny Scott says: "Give the bunch of heather to the handsomest woman at the meeting." I like a strenuous life, but I don't want to get mixed up in a thing like that. (Laughter and applause.) I will pass this up to my friend J. C. Walker, who is a bigger man than I.

(The bunch of heather was presented by Mr. Walker to Mrs. A. C. Ramsey amid a great burst of applause).

MR. SNELL (1795):—In relation to this Insurance Committee I was requested to announce that Mr. Nichols would like to have this committee take luncheon with him this noon as soon as we adjourn, so that we can canvass the situation and go into the matter in detail; and I would like to say you can find the committee in the House of Hoo-Hoo immediately after adjournment.

SNARK:—You have heard Brother Snell's announcement, and the members of the committee will act accordingly. The next order of business is resolutions received and referred. Has anyone any resolutions to offer?

MR. MARTIN F. AMOROUS (2354):—I wish to offer a resolution to the effect that our membership be limited to 99999.

SNARK:—If there is no objection this will be referred to the proper committee. Any other resolutions? Now is the time to present any amendments to the Constitution and By-laws. Hearing none, we will pass on to the next order of business—"Business held over from the Twelfth Annual." Was there any business held over from the Twelfth Annual, Scrivenoter?

## Laxity of Admission to Concatenations Discussed.

SCRIVENOTER:—I have nothing. Mr. Snark, as there seems to be nothing urgent now, I do not see why we may not profitably discuss the various ideas advanced from time to time with reference to the too great laxness in the admission of members to our concatenations. Let us start something along that line and get all the suggestions we can.

MR. SNELL (1795):—Worthy Snark: I think we all know that there has been too much laxity at practically every concatenation that has been held in the United States since the founding of this Order in regard to admissions to those concatenations. It seems to me, and as Brother Baird has said, we have talked it over, corresponded about it, and I think we are of one opinion, that some steps should be taken to remedy that apparent evil. A number of suggestions have been made. I have formulated no detailed plan of my own that I am prepared to recommend. I would like to hear many get up and express individual opinions as to the best method to be adopted to bring about this much-desired result. Some have advocated having an admission card, which would serve as a receipt for dues. Any member paying his dues would get one of those cards with him, otherwise he would not be admitted to a concatenation. Possibly that may be too drastic. A man is liable to forget this receipt or change his coat hurriedly and leave the card at home. There are a number of objections to that method. Another method is that he must always have his button on. Possibly the same objections apply to that as to the card. There certainly ought to be something done to bring about a change in this matter. I have no plan figured out in detail, and I think the only way to do is to have suggestions from different ones and adopt the one that seems best.

MR. BONNER (5294):—In regard to the laxity in concatenation, I will state that I think that is largely due to the Vicegerents as a class; not that they are not all right, but for instance, mill supply men. I am a mill supply man myself and I know what ordeals they have to go through. One will come to you and tell you he thinks he is eligible; that he practically runs this mill, but he is possibly a foreman or a pillar, and he does have something to do with it. Well, you turn him down. You make him sore at you; he gets mad and you feel if you can strain a point and get that man in you will make a friend of him. Well, that is wrong, and I believe if you will make a law that will cut out mill supply men as Vicegerents you will do well.

SNARK:—Brother Bonner, you are talking on a different subject than that under discussion—the laxness of admission of members into the concatenations.

MR. BONNER:—Excuse me.

SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Snark: With a view of confining the matter to the specific matter under discussion I will offer a resolution, not as representing my ideas, but merely to limit the discussion to the subject. Resolved, That the presentation of a card showing dues paid up, be made a requirement of admission to a concatenation duly assembled.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move you that the resolution just read be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

MR. J. O. G. OPPENHEIMER (1180):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—It has been regularly moved and seconded that the resolution just read by the Scrivenoter be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. Any remarks?

MR. JAMES A. CAMPBELL (7313):—I will say, with reference to this proposition, many other members like myself have been used to carrying a card of admission to other organizations and have never found it a hardship. Once in a long time you leave it in your other coat, but you can pass up that concatenation or go get the card.

MR. WILLIAM E. BEAL (8736):—I desire to know if that resolution puts a stop to any suggestions that may be made now.

SNARK:—No, this refers it in a specific way to the

Committee on Constitution and By-laws. When the Committee on Constitution and By-laws reports favorably or unfavorably on this, it comes before the body for discussion at that time, and we can either adopt or reject the report as we see fit.

MR. BEAL (8736):—I have no objection to the matter being referred to the Committee on Constitution, but I was wondering why we couldn't have an annual password like other orders, that would save the trouble carrying a card in your pocket or of forgetting it. Our dues are very small, and I apprehend, if we live like we want to live, that we may need more money some time. Why wouldn't it be all right to charge a little fee for the password and get this money in that way?

SNARK:—I will have to say that the brother is speaking on lines that do not conform to the subject before us. In other words he is out of order.

MR. BEAL (8736):—The matter under discussion now is to adopt cards?

SNARK:—The matter under discussion is to refer this resolution to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

MR. BEAL (8736):—I asked if that precluded any suggestions at that time?

SNARK:—At this time you can offer any resolution you want to and it will be referred to the proper committee.

MR. JAMES C. WALKER (728):—Why shouldn't it be the duty of the Vicegerent holding the concatenation to pass upon the eligibility of any man paying his dues? I don't think the Order can keep any man out of a meeting except for non-payment of dues. He has a right to visit any lodge of Hoo-Hoo in the country.

MR. CURT M. TREAT (7353):—I believe a good deal of time and good ammunition is being wasted in this way. These matters will naturally have to be discussed when they are properly reported by the committees. I move you, Mr. Snark, that all resolutions be referred to the proper committees without discussion.

MR. WILLIAM BOWEN (2671):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—The motion is a little premature. The motion before the house which will have to be disposed of first is to refer this resolution to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

MR. CHARLES D. ROURKE (421):—I wish to say that this card business was probably first sprung in "The Bulletin" by myself and it is not the intention at all to make the card an absolute requisite for admission. I wish to explain. The card was to facilitate matters. If a man didn't have a card he would be looked up in the Hoo-Hoo handbook. If the man didn't have a card he would be let in the old way.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I desire to call attention of the brothers to the many suggestions made by them; that these suggestions ought to be submitted in the form of resolutions and referred to the proper committees. The Committee on Constitution and By-laws ought to pass upon these things and upon them will depend consideration of the utility and feasibility of carrying them out. It is true, when a resolution is adopted, under the rules of the Order it goes to the proper committee, which has just been appointed by the Snark, and as a matter of course the discussions are out of order; but I make these suggestions to the brothers because suggestions made by them are valuable and should receive due consideration and be rewarded according to the merits they may have, after being passed upon by the Committee on Constitution and By-laws to which they will have to be referred.

MR. SNELL (1795):—Judging from the remarks that have been made there seems to be some misunderstanding about what this means.

MR. JAMES C. WALKER (728):—I rise to a point of order. The gentleman is not speaking to the subject.

SNARK:—The point of order is well taken. (The motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws was then put to a vote and the same was carried).

MR. BOWEN (2671):—I move that all resolutions that are to be submitted to a regularly constituted committee be submitted without discussion. It will have to be thrashed out again. Robert's Rules of Order are our guide, and I move that we proceed in a businesslike manner.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—It is only through the courtesy of the Snark that this is all taking place.

SNARK:—We are under Robert's Manual and we will try to live up to it as close as we can without offending anybody; so all resolutions offered will be referred to the proper committees without discussion.

MR. B. A. JOHNSON (2):—I have had placed in my hands a proposition from the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company dated St. Louis, September 8, signed by Robert J. Williams, Manager, and I desire to ask the disposition of this proposition.

SNARK:—It will be referred together with the others.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will introduce one more resolution, again not committing myself to the support of it, though I will say a few words when the time comes. Resolved, That the actual expenses of the members of the Supreme Nine for attending the Annual Meeting be paid.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move that the rules be suspended and that the resolution be adopted.

MR. AMOROUS (2354):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—The question now before the house is on the suspension of the rules, not the adoption of this resolution. Are there any remarks?

MR. J. H. BAIRD (408):—I believe, as this involves a constitutional change, that the resolution ought to go before the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. They will discuss it very fully.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I will withdraw my motion.

SNARK:—It is referred to the committee.

MR. WILLIAM H. MATTHIAS (747-A):—Do I understand we are under new business now?

SNARK:—No, we are receiving resolutions. Any further resolutions to be offered? We don't want to pass this by hurriedly. It will save time in the future to do it now.

MR. BENJAMIN F. COBB (32):—I would like to know if this Committee on Constitution and By-laws has a right to take up any other thing besides these resolutions. Can't resolutions and suggestions be got before the committee if anything is thought of later?

SNARK:—They can. The committee will be glad to get them.

MR. COBB:—They can take up the resolutions and report favorably or unfavorably. They don't have to be brought before the house?

SNARK:—Except in this way: Any resolution that has not been offered in open meeting, if disapproved by the committee, would not be open for discussion. It is well to bear that in mind. I think that is parliamentary law.

MR. MATTHIAS (747-A):—Are we on new business?

SNARK:—We will now pass to new business.

MR. MATTHIAS:—As a comparatively new member of this Order I have been very much impressed during my visits throughout the different States in finding that a great many Hoo-Hoo do not wear their buttons. This is something that is plainly seen, and I took occasion to ask why this is so. One old member said, "That doesn't

amount to anything." As an enthusiastic member I think we should all wear our buttons, and in doing it make the fact known that we are proud to be members of Hoo-Hoo. During one of the concatenations at South Bend, Ind., this



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one of our St. Louis hosts.

question came up. A gentleman who has spent his life in the lumber business was asked to join the Order of Hoo-Hoo and he made this remark, which startled me. He said: "If in becoming a member of Hoo-Hoo I have got to be a hobo to be a Hoo-Hoo, which is equal to being a lush, I don't want to be a member." I drew back and said: "My friend, there have been honored names in Hoo-Hoo and they have been gentlemen in every sense of the word. I don't think we want you in Hoo-Hoo and I will advise others to keep you out." I think I did right, because I think the members of Hoo-Hoo are honorable gentlemen and I am proud to shake everyone by the hand.

SNARK:—You did perfectly right in advising him to keep out.

MR. BONNER (5294):—The Committee on Place of Next Meeting will meet in the Assembly Hall in the House of Hoo-Hoo tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. We would like to receive invitations from the different cities.

SNARK:—You have heard the announcement of the Chairman of the Committee on Next Annual Meeting. Any person who has arguments to lay before the committee as to the desirability of our going to a particular city will please go before that committee.

#### Misuse of the Emblem.

MR. R. W. ENGLISH (2220):—There is one matter, under the head of new business I would like to speak of. It is this: Have we any protection of our motto, "Hoo-Hoo," or the right to use it? I ask this question because in our city a manufacturer of cigars has recently put out a brand of cigars which he calls "Ho-Hoo," and he also puts on the box the Black Cat, exactly our Black Cat. Not only that, but he has wagons going over the city and on the outside of the wagons, on either side, he has pictures of the Black Cat 24 to 28 inches in diameter, so that it is very easy to see, and it has been drawn to my attention by outsiders.

They have said: "Why do you allow your sacred Black Cat to be carted around the city of Denver as an advertising medium?" I had this matter up with our Scrivenoter some time ago by letter, and not receiving any satisfactory reply I thought I would bring it up at this meeting. It does seem as though our Black Cat and our word "Hoo-Hoo," ought to be protected in some way so that outsiders not eligible to the Order of Hoo-Hoo cannot use it as an advertising medium and carry it on wagons or banners, decorate show windows, with our emblem.

SNARK:—That question has been discussed time and time again at our Annual Meetings. I think that Brother Johnson can give you all the light on that subject that anyone in the Order can give you.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—The emblem of Hoo-Hoo was originally granted as a trade mark, registered copyright, which means a grade nearer being patented than if it was simply copyrighted; which means that we have a legal right by a lawsuit any time we want to start one against anybody who uses that copyright, to prevent it. It does not give us the privilege of granting such a right as Brother English refers to, the right to use this emblem on his cigars. We thought it did in the first place and we granted it to sundry gentlemen and charged them \$9.99 a year for it, and in one case we granted it to a company, I believe for a term of 10 years for \$99.99 to use it exclusively, and we gave him the privilege, as we thought—we gave him all we had—and we look for it what we thought was right. It was turned into the treasury of the House of Ancients and used for purposes of stationery and things of that sort. It is utterly impossible under the law for us to control this matter without getting into a lot of legal difficulty. We can resolve that this fellow is an interloper and unworthy of confidence and trust and all that sort of thing, but we will have to prove it, and that is where our work may end.



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Supreme Junior Hoo-Hoo.

We would be buying more trouble than we could eradicate. That is all there is to be said about it.

SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Johnson has covered the case very fully now, and I feel some embarrassment in getting up. Mr. Barns and myself have had much discussion about

it. Our Constitution reads that the whole matter of copyright is in the hands of our House of Ancients, so that when these kicks have come in, in regard to our emblem being used for cigars—in one place for cigars, in another a laundry and a barber shop—I have referred them to Mr. Barns, because Mr. Barns is usually to be caught at St. Louis. Mr. Barns is under the impression that our copyright only protects us in the use of the emblem as a badge for a fraternal organization; that if John Smith wants to use it as a trade mark on belting or on his hotel or laundry we can't prevent him under our copyright, and I have had two different opinions on that by two different lawyers and I don't know just what our legal rights are. I believe, however, action taken by our Annual Meeting, condemning the use of our emblem and giving it to be understood that the Order of Hoo-Hoo will get back at anybody using our name and emblem contrary to our wishes would have its effect. We have had courteous letters from certain gentlemen asking if it would be proper to use our emblem, and when we have written back that it would be a serious error and would cause them to lose business instead of helping them, they have cheerfully withdrawn their requests. The sentiment of the organization is undoubtedly opposed to it and something should be done to check it.

MR. ROBERT P. VINCENT (932-A):—Being a member of the United Commercial Travelers, in the Oklahoma City Lodge, we had this thing come up in our own city. A saloon man put our emblem on his front windows, "U. C. T." At our meeting a committee was appointed and we waited on that gentleman and put the matter to him that we would take it up legally if he didn't remove it. That was done, and I believe if such action is taken in the future it will be effective.

MR. W. E. BARNES (3):—Gentlemen: This matter has

protect us in the use of it for our own Order. We can use it on our stationery and all that sort of thing, but we cannot prevent somebody else from going to the United States Government and getting the privilege of using it by paying



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who, during two years' service on the Supreme Nine made a record second to none as a loyal and efficient worker for Hoo-Hoo's welfare.

their money. And as a matter of fact, there is a concern making a Hoo-Hoo belting; there is a concern that makes Hoo-Hoo Babbitt belting. That is something we can't prevent, in the opinion of the best patent attorneys. Our copyright law does not apply to much anyhow.

MR. VINCENT:—How about the trade-mark feature?

MR. BARNES:—And the same thing about the trade-mark. You can understand if a man could register a thing for every purpose, probably the idea of the law would be much less. All we can do is to put up a bluff. Where a man uses it in a saloon, we can simply say, "If you persist in using that, we will boycott your place." You can use that argument and stop it, but you cannot prevent a man making Hoo-Hoo cigars or Hoo-Hoo shirts or Hoo-Hoo collars or anything he wants to, provided he goes through the legal forms necessary. A man wanted to make some Hoo-Hoo whiskey and he sent out a lot of circulars. We did stop him and through Mr. Baird and others we brought a lot of influence on him and said: "If you do that we will not use any of that stuff," and he stopped it. (Laughter.)

MR. EDWARD S. SCHWARTZ (613):—If I recollect correctly, some ten or eleven years ago, the firm of More, Jones & Co., through one of our deceased members, I. S. Weller, were the originators of "Hoo-Hoo Babbitt Metal." It was got out for our exclusive use, we paying considerable money to get the exclusive use of the words, "Hoo-Hoo Babbitt Metal," and I believe if Hoo-Hoo will take it upon themselves to see the firm of More, Jones & Co., or their attorneys, that they can get some valuable information in regard to trade-mark and the way it should be used. If I recollect right we spent some \$200 to get this from the United States Government, as well as the sanction of the Hoo-Hoo Order at that time, and I believe that the Order could go to work and have people who want to use it as an



C. J. MANSFIELD,  
of St. Louis, who helped to make everybody have a good time at the Annual.

been discussed and re-discussed a great deal. Originally I took up the matter with the very best patent attorneys and asked their opinions as to our rights and privileges under this copyright, and it simply resolved itself down into this: The United States Government will only pro-

advertising matter restrained from doing so by writing them that it is a registered trade-mark.

SCRIVENOTER:—I believe I am right in thinking that none of this criticism is directed to our members for using this emblem. We all know that a great many of our members use it on their stationery and some on their brand of goods. Some have acquired the actual right to use it from the Government, as the gentleman states on Babbitt metal. I think this objection comes chiefly to the use of our emblem by outsiders. I do not believe, except in exceptional cases, that these outside men have gone to the Government and secured a copyright, but use it simply because they think it is all right to use it. Do you know whether your man has it copyrighted or not? (The speaker had turned to Mr. English.)

MR. ENGLISH (2220):—No, I do not think so. We don't object so much to his calling this cigar Hoo-Hoo Cigar," but we do object to his using the Cat as an advertising medium. He could go ahead without any serious objection by the members in Colorado, and name his cigar "Hoo-Hoo;" we wouldn't object; but when he has fourteen or fifteen wagons going over the city with this emblem on them, we do object. For instance, if I should go down the street wearing my button, someone might say to me: "Are you interested in that cigar?"

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—If the emblem has been copyrighted or entered as a trade mark, in accordance with the laws of the United States and it is governed by the terms of the application for the trade-mark in accordance with the terms of the application, the use of the emblem can be enjoined and the use of it can and ought to be prevented. You cannot, as a matter of course, put a patent or a trade-mark upon the use of the word Hoo-Hoo. It is the emblem that governs, because there is not a State in the Union, with the exception of two or three, that does not punish criminally the wearing of a badge or an emblem adopted by an organization, by a person who is not a member thereof, and legally entitled to wear it. That is the law of Missouri. The law of Missouri prohibits wearing a Grand Army badge unless a man is entitled to it. The law of this State also protects the other secret societies in the use of their emblems, those patented as trade-marks by the United States Government, and why should we be left in this State under the conditions that we have to meet, as has been stated here by the brother? I think that an example ought to be made, and I think that we can find, in the broad land of Hoo-Hoodum, an attorney who will charge nothing to the Order for testing that question and bringing it to an issue.

MR. ALBERT B. CONE (7304):—I have had some little experience with trade-marks and registry, and I wish to say that I think the gentleman has made rather too broad a statement. We can secure a trade-mark upon the title and a registry upon the emblem, but only for use as a secret order, as has already been stated. We can secure protection for its use for cigars or for any other article, but we must make a separate application for its use for those purposes, if we think it is worth while, and that is the only way in which it can be done. Even in that way it is very difficult to do it. If it is a matter of a bluff I should think we ought to make the best bluff possible. I don't know whether the control of this matter by the House of Ancients would prevent our making a motion to prohibit its use. I should think a motion of that sort would put the matter in a definite form.

SCRIVENOTER:—Here is a resolution I will read: "Resolved, That the whole question of the use of our emblem by non-members of the Order be referred to a per-

manent committee, of which Mr. Brizzolara shall be Chairman, to work in conjunction with our House of Ancients."

MR. BARNES (3):—I should very much object to that. There is a constitutional provision on the subject. I take it that the House of Ancients who have been your superior officers for a number of years are as qualified to take care of this matter as anybody. As a matter of fact this whole question has been thrashed out by the very best attorneys we can get. We paid for that advice, and I think we understand our rights in the premises. It is not the use of the emblem we object to, but the misuse of it. In every case when it has been brought to our attention we have stopped its use. With all deference to any committee that may be appointed I want to say, you are wasting time putting it in that shape.

MR. CONE (7304):—I think Mr. Barnes misunderstood the purpose I had in mind. It was that a communication might go to that manufacturer of cigars that the entire Order was against the use of the emblem in that way and that the entire Order of Hoo-Hoo would refrain from buying his cigars.

MR. B. A. JOHNSON (2):—I heartily concur in everything that Mr. Barnes said.

MR. C. H. STANTON (3140):—What is the resolution? SCRIVENOTER:—Before re-reading the resolution I want to disavow any intention to reflect on the House of Ancients. (The Scrivenoter then again read the resolution.)

MR. STANTON (2140):—I move that the resolution be laid on the table.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

SNARK:—Any further new business?

MR. THOMAS E. POWE (113-A):—This question has been discussed, and I think we should do something. It may bring some good results. I think it should be the sense of the meeting that every member seeing a thing of that kind should refer it to the House of Ancients, so that they can properly take care of the matter.

SNARK:—At quite a number of Annual Meetings this matter has been thrashed out and hashed and rehashed. We have been up against this proposition, and we cannot overcome it. Mr. Barnes has stated that the most eminent lawyers have given their opinions on the matter and they have spent considerable money on it. I think the proper thing would be for Brother English to get several members to ther in Denver and go see this man and lay the matter before him and see if he will not desist.

MR. STANTON (3140):—My resolution to lay this on the table was passed.

SNARK:—Yes, that did away with it.

MR. CAMPBELL (1713):—I want to say a word. Brother Barnes and members of the House of Ancients have told us it was a bluff and that we can't do it, but I haven't heard of any real good bluff that they have made. If we are to call on the man in Denver let us have something besides moral suasion. Let us have a little backbone. And I make the motion that it be the sense of Hoo-Hoo assembled at this Annual Convention that the use of our emblem of our Order is to the detriment of our Order and that we respectfully ask him if he values our opinion to discontinue its use.

B. A. JOHNSON (2):—While that is going on, I would respectfully submit, as one of the trustees in charge of the copyright for the House of Ancients, that it would be well for the gentleman from Denver to inform us officially about this matter, and then we can take it up. I heard of it for the first time today upon this floor.

SNARK:—I think Brother Baird says he referred

## AFTERNOON SESSION, SEPTEMBER 9.

The meeting was called to order by the Snark at 1:09 o'clock.

SNARK:—We are still under the head of new business. The first order of business is the report of the Committee on Insurance.

MR. SNELL (1795):—Worthy Snark: As we were considerably hurried we have not prepared any written report. The Committee on Insurance met this noon at luncheon and three propositions were submitted to us; one from the New York Life Insurance Company of New York, one from the Equitable of New York and one from the Fidelity Mutual of Philadelphia. The committee went over these different propositions carefully, and if any of them is to be adopted by the Order of Hoo-Hoo the committee unanimously recommend the adoption of the New York Life Insurance Company's proposition. I think we have with us the Agent of the New York Life Insurance Company, and I request that he be called upon to explain his proposition in detail to the members of the Order.

SNARK:—Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, and in compliance with his request I will call upon Mr. Nichols to address you briefly in regard to the insurance proposition. For the next twenty minutes we will go on under the head of new business and then take up the insurance matter.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I am requested to announce that Mr. Zack Mohall, of Oklahoma, tenders the free use of all his horses, trick ponies, fast riding animals and every animal that he has in his wild west show, to appear in any procession or go out with any party. I think there are twenty-two or twenty-three of these horses and you are welcome to all of them.

SNARK:—Mr. Johnson, if that is a serious tender, I think it would be well to appoint you a committee of one to say to the gentleman that we will accept his offer at 8:30 this evening for our parade before the concatenation.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I am so instructed, am I?

SNARK:—Yes, sir. And to meet with the local Vicegerent at 8 o'clock sharp to complete the arrangements. Any further new business?

MR. BARNES (3):—While we are waiting, I found out awhile ago that I am on the Constitution and By-laws Committee. That is a most important committee and if any of you have any fault to find with the Constitution I wish you would put it in writing or appear before the Committee on Constitution and By-laws as soon as possible. This is a matter that has been thrashed over for twelve years. Personally I am of the opinion that our Constitution and By-laws are all right, unless we make a lot of changes. It is very long and cumbersome. Whether we can reduce the volume of it I don't know, but if you have any suggestions to make we want them in today. Don't come around tomorrow and say, "I have some suggestions to make in regard to changes in the Constitution and By-laws." Our committee will meet at 4:30.

MR. AMOROUS (2354):—Brother Barnes has just told us that our Constitution and By-laws are perfect.

MR. BARNES:—No, I did not.

MR. AMOROUS:—Then I will accept his apology. In your report, Mr. Snark, and also in the report of the Secretary, there was some reference to the qualifications of members, which struck me as a very important matter. It occurred to me in connection with it, as it was very explicit, that the Vicegerent Snarks were too lax in taking

Brother English's communication to Brother Barnes. Is that a fact?

MR. BARNES (3):—I don't know. If I don't get a letter every day about this matter I think there is something wrong. Someone wanted to know about our making a bluff. We have written to these people in every instance in a general way, saying we prefer that they do not use it and they will confer a favor upon us by not using it. They come back and say: "We have had our attorneys examine the case and they say we can use it." In that case the bluff doesn't go, but in many other cases they just use the black cat and there is no special objection to advertising the Order.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I would like to be enlightened on the question with regard to other organizations who have copyrighted their emblems. How do they prevent their emblems being used?

MR. BARNES (3):—You are wrong on that. A man can call a cigar the "Mason," and "Oddfellow" or anything he wants to.

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—But he has no right to use the emblem. You cannot prevent the use of "Hoo-Hoo" but you can prevent the use of the black cat.

MR. BARNES:—The brother differs with some very good authorities on the law.

MR. BAIRD (408):—Yes, lawyers will differ.

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—You cannot enjoin the use of the word but you can enjoin the use of the emblem.

MR. BARNES:—Our emblem, the Black Cat, and the words "Hoo-Hoo" are copyrighted at one and the same time. If Brother Brizzolara can give us any assistance in the matter we would be delighted to have it.

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—I will not only give you the assistance but I will give you the authorities.

MR. BARNES:—I will be very greatly pleased if you will take the matter up with our patent attorneys here. It will take off of our hands untold annoyance. You have got to put up a bluff all the time and in the end it does not go.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—If you desire a permanent committee to take charge of this matter of business that we have worked on eight or nine years, you can have my job any minute.

SNARK:—That has been laid on the table.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—An eminent United States Senator in the great State of Missouri created a commotion at one time which he afterwards described as "a tempest in a teapot." I think we have got a tempest in a teapot here. I do not think we should object to the use of our emblem and the name by a man engaged in a respectable business. I don't know what we have got the House of Ancients for anyway, but inasmuch as we have got them, let us keep them busy. I think it would be eminently proper that we exercise our authority and straighten that fellow out in Denver. I think it is only the offensive use of it that we ought to inveigh against. I simply suggest that we drop the whole matter.

MR. AMOROUS (2354):—The remarks of the gentleman about this being a tempest in a tea-pot reminds me of a story about a gentleman whose facts were correct and his conclusions were wrong.

(Mr. Amorous told a funny story illustrating how correct a man may be in his facts and yet how far off in his deductions, which was received with great laughter. Resuming he said:) And, to get at the conclusions here, I offer this and ask for an immediate vote on it: "Resolved, That the use of our emblem as a trade or business sign by non-members is offensive to our Order." It seems to me that would cover the whole thing.

MR. CONE (7304):—I second the motion.

MR. CAMPBELL (1713):—As a mover of the original I will accept the substitute, if you will include everybody. (The motion, as amended, was then put to a vote and was carried.)

SNARK:—As our time limit for the morning session is up, we'll adjourn until 1:09.

In members in the concatenations, and as there was a difference of opinion existing about what qualifications a man should have in order to become a member, I thought that it ought to be defined, and my reason for offering a few suggestions on the proper qualifications on membership is that in looking over the membership and in meeting them in various parts of the country, I am satisfied with every man that is in Hoo-Hoo today. For further guidance, however, of the Vicegerents so that they will keep up the same qualifications for those they take in hereafter, I have the qualifications I set out in this paper. There isn't a man in Hoo-Hoo that you can't find perfect according to these qualifications.

Resolved, That the membership in this Order shall be limited to white male persons over 21 years, of good moral character, who possess one or more of the following qualifications:

Section 2, Article 3, lumber newspaper men. By this term being meant only the publishers, proprietors or persons regularly connected with lumber newspapers.

Section 4, Article 3. Saw mill machinery men. By this term being meant persons engaged in the manufacture or sale to lumber manufacturers of saw mill or planing mill machinery.

SNARK:—This will be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. Any further new business?

SCRIVENOTER:—I understand there are some eloquent gentlemen here representing the rival cities which are candidates for next meeting.

SNARK:—You will remember I appointed a committee on place of next meeting, and when that committee reports you can take it up.

#### Once a Hoo-Hoo, Always a Hoo-Hoo.

MR. BARNES (3):—One feature that impressed me in connection with the work of the Constitution and By-laws Committee, a matter that involves our whole idea, is this: What standing a man should have after he leaves the lumber business or the business that made him legally entitled to membership in this Order? As you know, a man comes in legally entitled to membership. He afterwards engages in another business and follows it as his life vocation, and I would like to know what the Order should do in a case of that kind. Suppose a man is a shingle manufacturer, is initiated and becomes a member, and the next year engages in the drug business? Should he continue to be an active member in our Order?

SNARK:—There is food for thought, gentlemen.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—It seems to me a very simple principle ought to be laid down for that. There would be no objections to such a one as long as he is engaged in a respectable business attending the concatenations and meetings of the Order, but he ought not to have any voice in the legislation, nor be counted in the representation from any State. No man ought to be empowered to come into this meeting today, who has voluntarily left the business that brought him into it, and have authority to legislate for us. It is mischievous and liable to lead to bad results some time. Of course if he was denied a vote it would exclude the possibility of his ever holding an office in the Order. It seems to me we should have no difficulty in adopting a measure of that kind in the Constitution and By-laws.

A MEMBER:—There is a proviso that if a man voluntarily leaves the business—what if the sheriff gets him?

MR. WALKER (728):—I would like to say that a great many men in our country get out of business because they

are out of pine. They are looking for new territory. What are you going to do with them?

2354:—We have some of the most worthy members of this Order living in St. Louis. It is a fact that every Hoo-Hoo is all fur, a yard wide and all that sort of thing. There is a bare possibility that some worthy Hoo-Hoo in the city of St. Louis might become an alderman of the city of St. Louis.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—Never in St. Louis.

2354:—In thinking about this matter I took occasion to look up the word "alderman." I looked in Worcester and in another dictionary and didn't find anything about "alderman." I picked up another little dictionary and found that alderman is from the English word "all" and "derman" from the Latin word "durma," skin—all skin. (Laughter.)

MR. BONNER (5204):—I would like to know what you are going to do with a fellow that got in when you were accepting oil men? A man still in the oil business cannot become a member of Hoo-Hoo. Would you want to include these people, too, among the non-voters?

MR. FREEMAN (119):—I think the thing can be done by provision that no man shall be entitled to a vote at an annual concatenation or convention unless he be at that time in a business that would make him eligible to membership in the Order. That would settle the thing quick enough. If that man wished to retain his membership let it be a quiet membership. When he again steps in let his membership become active.

SNARK:—The idea would be this: That a man that retained the business that he was in, or followed the same pursuits that he was following at the time he was taken into the Order, would not be excluded. This wouldn't exclude the man Brother Bonner spoke about in the oil business.

MR. FREEMAN:—No, but I will tell you what I would do; if you have a traveling man, a lumber salesman, who leaves the lumber business and travels in some other line, I would say he is not an active member. The whole thing can be covered by a provision that a man must be engaged in a business entitling him to membership in order to have a voice in legislation. I believe we have one or two actors who are still members of the Order, at the same time actors are not now eligible.

MR. CHARLES C. CUTTS (3013):—Once a kitten always a kitten. (Applause.)

MR. STANTON (3140):—The gentleman has suggested exactly what I wanted to express—once a member always a member. That is recognized by all secret societies. You are always a member until you forfeit by non-payment of dues or some other thing. I am opposed to any such changes as have been suggested.

MR. COBB (32):—I can't see any reason why a man should change his status in an organization because he changes his business, even though it was got up in a particular business. I have heard some talk here to the effect that some men who belong to this Order should not have any voice in the Order simply because they were not lumbermen. I have seen men get up on the floor at regular meetings and say: "I won't vote for that man because he is not a lumberman, and the lumber men ought to have all the offices in the gift of this Order." That is all nonsense. When we joined this Order we joined it in good faith and if we are not eligible to all that is in the Order, those that are not should be sent out, but as long as we have complied with all the requirements of the Order there is no one better than the other. (Applause.)

MR. FREEMAN (119):—Then let us expunge from our

Constitution all that it says about qualifications for membership. Why do we say, in the first place, that the man must be related in some way to the lumber business? If that idea is no good, take in the world. This is a unique Order. It is one that you cannot measure by the standards of anything in the United States or anywhere else. We are without a home. We are a Bohemian order got up for a special purpose. If you are going to maintain that purpose you have got to cast about it something that is going to maintain its integrity along the lines originally intended. There is no offense given to any man that has divorced himself from the business after the requirements he had to have passed away. Once a Hoo-Hoo always a Hoo-Hoo. I say amen to that sentiment but I do not say amen to the sentiment, once a Hoo-Hoo a man can go into any kind of business, and still legislate for a peculiar class of people.

MR. H. H. HEMENWAY (184):—Mr. Cobb has voiced my sentiments as far as he went, but I would like to ask a question in connection with that. A man becomes a member of Hoo-Hoo, man of reputable character, and he changes his business, what do you do—he is a quiet member—does he pay his dues? You divest him of his rights when he went into Hoo-Hoo and you make him a quiet member. Does he pay his dues and become half a member? Either he is a whole hog or nothing. (Applause.)

SNARK:—The time allotted for this discussion has passed and we will now take up the regular order of business. We will now hear from Mr. William Edwin Nichols, of the New York Life Insurance Company.

#### The Insurance Proposal Explained.

Mr. William E. Nichols addressed the convention as follows:

MR. NICHOLS:—Mr. Snark and Gentlemen: Last month I was a very busy man, traveling long distances. I spent twenty-four nights in sleeping cars; so what I have got to say to you on the question of this insurance suggestion is, in a measure, chaotic. Yet I have crystallized it into a few thoughts, and with your indulgence I will read them to you, because I have not had time to commit them to memory. I am not a silver-tongued orator like the gentleman from St. Louis, Mr. Freeman, so I have got to read:

Life insurance is one of the broadest business propositions now before the public. In approaching the subject, we must be in a receptive frame of mind, and must treat the question as broadly as its merits demand. For the past sixty days, I have been brought in contact with a great many members of the Order of "Hoo-Hoo." It has never been my good fortune to have met broader-minded men. In looking into the faces that are before me, I see intelligence, worth, and honesty, the three foundation stones of American citizenship. I do not hesitate to call your attention to the subject of life insurance, because I feel it will have careful and intelligent consideration. We must approach this subject in an optimistic frame of mind. A purchaser of life insurance is pre-eminently an optimist. There are two sides to this question, the business and the sentimental. Sentiment is very much the same anywhere. In so far as a man feels it and yields to it, his dreams and longings are the dreams and longings of the whole world. Business is cold hard fact, and I desire first to appeal to the business faculty in all of you in considering what I have to suggest. It is proposed to insure the members of "Hoo-Hoo" for at least \$999.99 each. No medical examination to be required up to \$3,000, that is \$2,999.99, provided that enough applications are received to keep up the average of the risk; 70 per cent will do this. You fully understand that more than anything else, the law of averages governs the science of life insurance. While it would be impossible to take an individual without the scrutiny of a physician, or even to take a group of individuals, self selected, without careful examination, it is possible to waive this condition when dealing with a great number drawn from all sections of the country, who are engaged in a non-hazardous occupation. It is proposed to issue the regular standard accumulation policy of the New York

Life Insurance Company, giving the members of "Hoo-Hoo" all the advantages of being in the regular standard classification of the highest character. It is proposed to allow the Order of "Hoo-Hoo" as an order, and not as individuals, a brokerage of 40 per cent of the first year's premium, this money to be paid to the proper officer of the Order, he having been made a joint agent with me on the business, this money to be used by and for the sole benefit of the Order. Many suggestions have been made as to the disposition of this fund. The members present will have to decide this question, and I am sure it will be used in such manner as to lead to the greatest good. The money passes out of my possession and I accordingly lose all identity with it. I would suggest that the disposition of it be left to a committee, with power to act, appointed by the Snark. From among the very high class business men in your midst, an able committee can be named that would be sure to make a wise use of the funds. Any assistance I can give in the matter is gladly offered. If you decide to undertake this insurance proposition, you will have an opportunity to do your part before you leave this room. An envelope will be passed to you, containing a blank application, draft, and instructions. If you have a fountain pen or indelible pencil use same; if not, write the application with an ordinary lead pencil. In this connection I would say drafts will not be presented for payment until accompanied by policy. Having secured applications from at least 70 per cent of the membership, proper investigation will be made by the New York Life Insurance Company to establish the fact that no outsiders have leaked in and facts will be secured to establish the identity of each individual in event of death. All these facts and the proposition will go before the Board of Trustees of the company for final acceptance, and proper resolution introduced to fully legalize the transaction. This must be done to protect your interests. In considering this proposition I would have you bear in mind, that no man ever takes out life insurance but that some time in the history of the policy he requires the advice and assistance of an expert in the business. I am at your service today, tomorrow, and every day so long as I live. It will be my duty to see that the claims are promptly paid in event of death. It will be my duty to see that you do not lapse your policy for want of proper attention, or assistance. It will be my duty to see that when the policy has run its allotted span, you receive the greatest benefit accruing.

Right here I want to say a word about lapsing a policy. Do not lapse the payment of a premium on a policy you may have in any first-class company, it matters not the name or location of the company; nor allow the agent of any competing company to induce you to twist from another into his company; he is not serving your interests, and is not worthy your confidence. You are sure to lose in a transaction of this kind. First be certain you want the insurance, and then take only what you can afford to keep up; if you get into a pinch, the right kind of a policy will help you over it. I want to put this business this way for you, but prefer not to have it if there is any question about your lapsing future premiums. I desire to serve your best interests, and can only do so if you enter into the deal with the resolution to keep the policies in force.

The plans of insurance you should take are illustrated in the printed instructions. If you are using your funds in business and want the greatest protection at minimum cost, select the first plan. Under it you are fully insured for 20 years and in addition will have returned to you practically all the money you have paid in premiums. This is the best plan through which to establish a fund to protect your business in event of your death. You are the best asset in your business. A shrinkage in value is bound to take place if you die. We cannot replace the man, but we can do the next best thing to it, and that is to put cash in his place. Many enterprises have been and are being saved through a fund, established in this manner. I can give you names of a great many, illustrating such cases. This plan also provides a full paid up policy at the end of the term if you do not want the cash.

Plan No. 2 provides a full paid up policy for you at the end of the term and in addition gives you a cash dividend. This is a small investment feature, plus insurance.

Many men working on a salary are anxious about that time when their earning capacity has ceased and there is a possibility of their becoming dependents. If you want to save money at a safe rate of interest and in addition have your estate fully protected against death, select the third

plan. I have provided for you plans of insurance with two thoughts, the present and the future. You cannot afford to buy insurance that you must die to beat. You want to win either dead or living. There comes a time when a man wants to be relieved of the necessity of meeting an insurance premium, he wishes to be relieved of as many burdens as possible when he gets along in years; accordingly he should select a plan that will assuredly accomplish this. We are willing to deny ourselves in order to protect the families for which we are responsible, but from a selfish motive we are more willing to make self-denial in order to protect that period in our own lives when we are not as active as at present. No one of us would contemplate with satisfaction the possibility of ever becoming dependent upon our children, or friends, consequently whatever we do in the line of insurance should offer the privilege of receiving a cash benefit when the autumn of our lives comes and we want to gather the fruits of our labors.

I come before you, gentlemen, offering my best endeavors to secure all these things for you. I do not ask you to apply for a policy full of restrictions and conditions, but one that will fill all the requirements of a full mead of protection, one that is life insurance in its purest sense. But one condition is imposed upon you, namely, you to pay the premiums. Scrutinize carefully all that is embraced in this matter.

We must be sure that whatever plan is adopted the following guarantees must be made:

First: That the rate shall never increase.

Second: That the insurance will not cease when the member's working days are over.

Third: That the full amount of the policy will be paid in the event of death.

Fourth: That the money will be paid immediately upon receipt and approval of proofs of death.

Fifth: That the money will be paid, no matter where the member dies, when he dies, or how he dies.

Sixth: That the policy will continue to protect the family, no matter what occupation the member may hereafter find it necessary to follow.

Seventh: That the policy will provide the member a full paid certificate due at death on account of all payments that have been made in case the policy should lapse before the expiration of the period for which it was taken out.

Eighth: That the policy shall provide loans at 5 per cent interest after a certain number of years on the sole security of the certificate in case the member should get into a pinch and need funds.

Ninth: That the policy shall keep the member protected for a stipulated length of time, without action on his part in case he should be out of reach of the mails or forgets to pay.

Tenth: That the policy should have behind it sufficient funds as a guaranty that it will last as long as the member does, and be ready to pay when he dies.

This proposition I desire to put through for you does all this and seems to be worthy of your favor.

My knowledge of the business warrants me in making the statement that no other policy offered will do this. Remember, please, in making this statement I do not intend to shy a stone at my neighbor as he has my respect and best wishes, but I am alive to the fact that we have made an advance in this science as no others have.

Referring to the rate sheet you will note I have not given you rates on ages above 55. This is because I consider the rates at ages older than 55 prohibitive. A man who has passed this age has gone beyond the period he can afford to take on life insurance unless he has some especial reason for so doing. My experience has been that out of 500 applications, only one is over 55.

"Every action is measured by the depth of the sentiment from which it proceeds." In adding this material benefit to your order, you will have entered the broad field of sentiment. No doubt you have heard the question asked many times: "Did he leave any life insurance to his wife and children?" or "to his mother and sister" who have been dependent upon him? If the answer is "yes" you feel that a star has passed away. If the answer is "no" you say: "Was he devoid of sentiment?" The thing we do in thus making provision for that life we leave behind us in our wives and children, is counted by men as one of the noblest of acts. If you want light thrown upon any-

thing in connection with this scheme, kindly ask me questions. I want every phase of the subject made clear, and will gladly be of all assistance to you.

In closing I ask you to give me an opportunity of putting this matter through for you, promising to make your interests my own and to guard same sacredly at all times. Please feel that I am your insurance man and no one else's.

Do not delay action on this matter as time wasted is time gone, and if you waste the precious time, you will at last cry out as Richard II: "I wasted time and now time is wasting me."

MR. C. H. STANTON (3140):—In regard to this insurance proposition, I coincide thoroughly with every word the gentleman has said. There is not any question in the mind of a business man, or in the mind of any member of this association about the desirability of insurance. A few years ago a number of gentlemen met at Gurdon, Ark. and organized the Order of Hoo-Hoo, and the fundamental principle of that Order was the health, happiness and long life of the members. It seems to me that they thought that matter out thoroughly, and that the health, happiness and long life of the members is all that we have to consider. While I agree with the gentleman about the general principle of life insurance, I am unalterably opposed to this Order taking on any life insurance.

SNARK:—You are out of order for the reason that the thing to do to bring this matter before the house for discussion is to make a motion to adopt the report of the Insurance Committee.

MR. STANTON:—The question I am bringing up is a prelude to a resolution I am going to offer.

SNARK:—Go ahead.

MR. STANTON:—According to that proposition the New York Life Insurance Company is to take on our insurance. I wish I had \$5,000 or \$10,000 in the New York Life. There is no better company; but unfortunately, or fortunately, for me, I can't tell which, I have all my insurance in mutual life insurance companies; one, the Northwestern of Milwaukee, the other, the Mutual Life of New York; the other the Mutual of Detroit. Those insurance companies are bound to work for my own interest. Therefore, if I went into this scheme I would work against my own interests. I can't do it and I won't do it. It is an unfortunate thing; it is terribly unfortunate that a man has got to get beyond the age limit, but I am just as good a Hoo-hoo if I am 61 years old as I was when I was 47. I am at every meeting; I have always worked for it, but by this proposition you say to me I can't get insurance; neither can Mr. Felst, because he is 61 years old. Therefore I offer this resolution: That the whole proposition of insurance be laid on the table.

(The resolution was seconded.)

SNARK:—I consider you out of order, for the simple reason that the thing is not properly before the house. You can't lay something on the table that is not properly before the house. To bring this matter properly before the meeting a motion will be in order to accept the report of the Committee on Insurance.

MR. SNELL (1795):—In order to bring this matter up properly before the house I move the adoption of the committee's report.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I would like to hear that report of the committee again.

SNARK:—The official stenographer will read the report.

(The stenographer then read the report made by Mr. Snell given above.)

SNARK:—The motion is before you to adopt the report of the Committee on Life Insurance.

### Mr. Freeman Clears the Air.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—The thing for us to do in this matter is to get a clear idea of where we are "at" in the first place. I have been in the past unalterably opposed to making the Order of Hoo-Hoo an insurance order. As I stated a few moments ago, I consider it a unique order, in that it has not assumed to meddle with any of the things for which such orders are organized. I have not changed my mind a particle with reference to the Order meddling with insurance. However, there is another proposition immediately before you. I do not understand nor interpret the proposition offered here today as committing the Order of Hoo-Hoo to go into the insurance business, in any way, shape or manner. If I have rightly understood the reading of the paper that we have listened to, it is simply a proposition on the part of responsible parties to offer a special condition and favor to a body of men, and if there are 70 per cent of the Order of Hoo-Hoo, which would be 7,000 members, or thereabouts, that wish to avail themselves of this insurance and permit the Order of Hoo-Hoo to have a substantial return therefor, I don't think that the Order would be meddling with insurance in any shape or manner. I think I can speak dispassionately on this, because I happen to be just out of the pale of this provision. It can't do me any good, but if you can secure a good wholesome proposition of this kind on favorable terms—of course, I understand, at current rates—I am in favor of it. The only thing in it for the Order to consider is the question: Are there 7,000 people in the Order of Hoo-Hoo who are willing to take out insurance in the New York Life Insurance Company and permit the Order of Hoo-Hoo to have this substantial return on the first premium? There is no question of sentiment. The proposition for this convention to consider is: Are we willing to accept 40 per cent of what a man is going to offer us, provided he will get the requisite number to accomplish it? You may adopt it, you may recommend it here, and it then may fail. I can easily conceive that it is an immense proposition for any man to personally see and secure 70 per cent of the membership of this Order. You don't put any responsibility upon yourselves or your officials to get it, and if the gentleman can secure it, and give to you 40 per cent of the first premiums on it, I would say "amen, let us take it." (Applause.) And I will tell you frankly that under that proposition, if I was two years younger than I am today, I would take out \$2,999 of it.

MR. SNELL (1795):—I desire to correct the impression that seems to prevail that a man who is past 55 years of age is barred from getting any of this insurance. If I understand the proposition right, he is not barred unless the rate on account of his age will make it prohibitive as a business proposition. Am I right in that, Mr. Nichols?

MR. NICHOLS:—You are; yes, sir.

MR. SNELL (1795):—The age cuts no figure, except that the rate may be so high the man couldn't afford to carry the insurance. He couldn't do it on his own hook, any more than he could under this proposition.

SNARK:—A gentleman wants to know what the rate would be at age 55.

MR. NICHOLS:—Age 56 (the nearest age we quote), on the first plan, which is ordinary life, is \$63.68 per \$1,000. It goes up very rapidly after that.

MR. SNELL:—That is the regular rate of the New York Life Insurance Company. I heartily coincide with what Brother Freeman has said on this proposition. It is for the Order to determine whether they want anything of this kind. Personally, I am in favor of doing it, because I believe it would be a grand, good thing for the Order of

Hoo-Hoo. It would give us a large fund of money, this 40 per cent, which the Order can use in any way it sees fit. A number of suggestions have been made as to the best way of using that money, and no doubt there will be a general discussion as to what should be done with it. Some are in favor of leaving it to accumulate so that at the end of the twenty years period every policy holder would be entitled to his share in the increased accumulations over what they would be under the natural form of the policy. But I think it is only fair that the other gentlemen, representing the other propositions that were submitted, be permitted to address you, and I would ask the Snark to give them a chance to do it.

MR. STANTON (3140):—Mr. Snark: I have a motion here that the whole thing be laid on the table.

MR. COBB (39):—I second that motion.

SNARK:—In other words, your motion is to lay the report of the Insurance Committee on the table.

MR. STANTON:—If it is necessary to discuss that I will do so.

SNARK:—You cannot discuss a motion to lay the report on the table.

(The Snark then put the motion to lay the report of the Insurance Committee on the table, and the same was lost.)

MR. SNELL (1795):—I understand that Mr. Williams, representing the Equitable Life Insurance Company, is here and would like to be heard.

SCRIVENOTER:—A great many of you know Brother Williams. He is a brother Hoo-Hoo.

### Another Insurance Proposal.

(Mr. J. J. Williams then addressed the convention and spoke as follows):

MR. WILLIAMS:—Some time ago I picked up a lumber journal and saw an advertisement of insurance offered by the New York Life Insurance Society, and I thought, being a Hoo-Hoo, that I would offer a proposition also. We come to you as the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, one of the strongest companies in the world, with a proposition to write one or more or every member of the Order, \$1,000 or as many thousands as they see fit, with no limit up to the age of 65, and offer you the same rate. We offer you the latest improved policies, with the best features that are given by any company, and give you the same privilege, but we ask one thing, and that is a medical examination. We are willing to show the results of the policy; we are willing to give you the rate, which I think is just exactly the rate of the New York Life Insurance Company, in which I think my brother will bear me out; and we offer 50 per cent to the Order instead of 40 per cent. I hope you will take this matter up, as I think it is a good thing, and I think if you will consider it, that you will decide 50 per cent is better than 40 per cent; and as far as the company is concerned, I think every brother will bear me out in saying that it is as strong as any company in the world. I will not take up your time, because I know it is very valuable. I hope you will give this consideration.

MR. CHARLES D. ROURKE (421):—I think one of the most beautiful things in the paper of the gentleman representing the New York Life Insurance Company is that it gives some poor fellow with only one lung a chance to leave a few thousand dollars.

SNARK:—We will now hear from Mr. Williams, representing the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company.

### A Third Proposition by Another Mr. Williams.

(Mr. Robert D. Williams said):

Gentlemen of Hoo-Hoo: It affords me a great deal of pleasure, and I consider it a special compliment, to have the honor of meeting this body of gentlemen. I come to you today representing a company that is not the oldest, nor the youngest, the largest nor the smallest, but a company that presents to the policy holder the best proposition, I believe, that is offered by any company. I believe that you gentlemen have heard our proposition. It is this: That in the first place we will give to your organization 45 per cent of the first year's premium, that is, that each and every member of this organization shall have the privilege, without examination, of taking at least, say \$999—for some reason or another we got the impression that the nine appeal to you, but if you prefer \$1,000, we will say take \$1,000 of insurance, without examination. We further say to you that the limit that we put in this proposition is 60 per cent. We give you the privilege of taking any form of policy you may desire. You asked the rate a few moments ago, at age 56. I will ask the gentleman from the New York Life what rate he quoted at that age. Our rate at that age, on the straight, ordinary life policy is \$61.12.

A MEMBER:—What would it be for a 20-payment policy?

MR. WILLIAMS:—It would hardly be fair for an insurance man to offer you a 20-payment policy at 56. We will sell you a policy which, by leaving with the company its dividends, would become paid up at age 71 to 73. In that particular policy you will see that we offer you a limited, paid policy at the ordinary life rate.

The company puts in its contracts something I believe no other company does, and that is an expense limitation. They guarantee to the policy holders that the expense of the company shall not exceed the premium of the policy holders; in other words, in order to secure new business we do not go into the surplus or into the dividends of the policy holders.

Up to this point we have met and gone better than the New York Life proposition. We have offered you 50 per cent more. We say further that we only require, in order for this to take effect, that we secure 60 per cent of the membership, and I promise you gentlemen that there will be nothing left undone so far as the company is concerned that each and every man that wears your emblem shall have the opportunity of taking out this contract. We go one step further: We ask this, it is true, in this proposition, that a man be not blind, not deaf and is not at this time absolutely crippled. We say to you that we offer an insurance policy that absolutely insures; the only question that we do not insure against is a man's laziness. We say if he becomes disabled or incapacitated for work that the policy then and there becomes paid up for life, giving you the privilege of taking up this paid-up policy or else drawing an annuity on it as long as you live. In other words that clause in your policy pays your contract up at that time.

Gentlemen, I ask you as business men—and I am satisfied you are—I ask you to give this proposition careful consideration. I am representing the Fidelity. As I said it is not the largest in the world nor the smallest; it is a medium-size company. It is just about the size company that could take your business and give it the attention that it deserves. It is not a company of the size where your business would be lost; it is not the size company that, when your business is put in it, the company wouldn't realize it. The Fidelity Mutual is a company with only about \$105,000,000 insurance in force. If we should secure

this it would be \$10,000,000. It puts you in closer touch with the company, and we say to you we will put it in a class by itself if you wish and look after the business in that way.

I assure you that I appreciate this courtesy and I thank you. (Applause.)

SNARK:—The question before the meeting is the adoption of the report of the Committee on Insurance. Are there any further remarks?

MR. COBB (32):—As I understand it, if we adopt the report of the committee it cuts the last two gentlemen entirely out.

SNARK:—You are mistaken. The committee recommends that we take up life insurance, and if we do that, they recommend that we accept the New York Life's proposition. The adoption of the committee's report does not carry with it the idea that we necessarily accept the New York Life's proposition. Now the question before the house is to adopt or reject the report of the Committee on Insurance. Are you ready for the question?

(The motion was then put to a vote and the report of the committee was adopted.)

SNARK:—The next question is the selection of a company.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—I move that the Insurance Committee be continued for a further report on the matter. (Motion seconded.) I do not think it would be well, here, to discuss the merits of these several propositions. It is suggested, in fairness to the gentlemen, that a separate committee be appointed. I only want to be fair.

SNARK:—I assure you that that is all we want. We do not want any snap game at all.

MR. FREEMAN:—In order to assure the companies that we have a disposition to be fair I make that motion.

MR. W. S. PADEN (947):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—The motion now is to appoint a different committee to look into the merits of the three companies, and to report, when, at this annual or the next?

MR. FREEMAN:—At this annual.

MR. SNELL (1795):—I would like to amend that motion by incorporating in it that this committee be appointed by the Snark and shall consist of seven members who shall have power to act.

SNARK:—Do you want a vote on it?

MR. SNELL:—I made the motion in good faith, believing that a suitable committee, made up of members of the Order such as the Snark would appoint, would be able to act much better than the whole body. As far as I am concerned I am willing to leave it to such a committee. If it is not a practical thing I will withdraw the motion.

MR. EDWARD S. SCHWARTZ (613):—Will it be compulsory for every member of Hoo-Hoo to take out insurance?

SNARK:—No, sir. Two of the gentlemen who have spoken here said that they would secure the requisite number themselves. The other made no mention as to securing them.

MR. J. J. WILLIAMS (1784):—Beg your pardon; I said we would do all the work necessary.

MR. JOHN J. COLLISTER (2878):—I second Mr. Snell's amendment.

SNARK:—Mr. Freeman, will you accept Mr. Snell's amendment without a vote?

MR. FREEMAN:—Yes, I will accept it.

SNARK:—The motion before the house is that the Chair appoint a committee of seven, with full power to act, Are you ready for the question?

MR. JACK P. RICHARDSON (141):—I simply rise on a question of information. Suppose they got only 25, 30 or 40 per cent; what does this Order get?

SNARK:—Nothing, and the insurance company does not get anything.

MR. RICHARDSON:—Who gets the 40 per cent?

SNARK:—If they don't secure the percentage set forth in their proposition no insurance is issued.

MR. WILLIAMS (1784):—I would like to say for the benefit of the member that we put no limit on the number. If the Association endorses the Equitable, we are willing to get out and get as many as we can. If we get 500, or 5,000 we will take them.

SNARK:—You require medical examination?

MR. WILLIAMS:—Yes, we require that.

MR. SCHWARTZ (613):—Is it not a fact, according to our Constitution, that our Order, one of these days, will be entirely filled up? Take the initiates, which amounted to 1,920 this year, which I presume is one of the largest increases in the Order that has ever taken place—is it not a fact that the success of any life insurance company is, first, mutually; that is, new members coming in; secondly, compound interest on their reserve fund; and thirdly, the lapses that take place? One of these days, according to our Constitution, we will have been entirely filled up; that is, we cannot take in any more members.

SNARK:—That has been put before the meeting in a resolution that has gone to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, to take the limit off or make it 99,999.

MR. SCHWARTZ (613):—It is hard to get new material today, under the eligibility clause, and unless we entirely broaden this I feel confident that any member that wants to take life insurance can get in any old-line company under as favorable conditions.

MR. SNELL (1795):—For the benefit of the gentleman who has just spoken I will say that my understanding is that the New York Life's proposition is perpetual; that it takes in all the new members who may join Hoo-Hoo and it doesn't make any difference how many there may be. The Hoo-Hoo insurance goes into the New York Life's general business, and the same guarantees apply on our policy that would apply on insurance any individual could get.

MR. SCHWARTZ (613):—In other words they don't give Hoo-Hoo a special rate?

MR. SNELL:—The special rate is the 40 per cent they give the Order.

SNARK:—We will vote on the motion as amended, and if the amendment carries, that will carry the whole motion. The amendment is that the Chair appoint a committee of seven to take under advisement the three insurance propositions submitted, with full power to act on them and report here tomorrow morning.

MR. ROURKE (421):—Are we to understand that the decision of that committee is to be binding on this Order?

SNARK:—That is what the motion means, that is the amendment. Are you ready for the question?

MR. SCHWARTZ (613):—I think this committee should report to this Order and that we then take a vote on it.

SNARK:—We will come to that finally.

MR. FREEMAN:—What you will come to finally, if you are going to adopt anything at all, will be the appointment of a committee to determine which one of the three propositions should be accepted. This body can never arrive at a conclusion by a promiscuous discussion of those three propositions.

(A viva voce vote was then taken on the amendment which was impossible for the Chair to decide. A division was called for and a rising vote was taken, resulting: aye 58, no 56.)

SNARK:—The amendment is carried. Are you ready for the question of the motion as amended?

(A rising vote was taken on the motion as amended, and the result was, aye 52, no 56.)

SNARK:—The motion as amended is lost.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—Everything is dead now, and I have another motion to make. I move that the whole matter of insurance as submitted by these gentlemen be referred to the Incoming Supreme Nine, with power to act.

MR. J. L. LANE (114):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—You have heard the motion. Any remarks?

MR. COBB (32):—I want to make a suggestion. We have mutual insurance companies all over this country; Mr. Baird hasn't much to do; he might take this up with the balance of the companies.

MR. BAIRD (408):—Mr. Snark: I am opposed to leaving this to the Incoming Supreme Nine. They will have lots of things to take up. Some of them, too, will be new to this discussion. Why not refer the whole matter to a committee, let them report to this meeting and leave



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it to this meeting to determine what to do? I will make the motion that the three propositions be referred to a committee of three, five or seven, to investigate fully, report to us in the morning, and we will determine which, if any, we will adopt.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I second the motion.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—I call the gentleman to order. In the first place, there is a motion before the house, and in the second place, that is the identical motion that has been voted down. (Cries of "no," "no.") The amendment was carried; then the whole matter, as amended, was put and lost.

EDWARD B. MARTIN (9841):—For once Mr. Freeman is wrong on parliamentary law. The original motion was to refer this whole matter to a committee for investigation and report. That motion was amended by Mr. Snell giving the committee power to act; this would put the whole decision in the hands of the committee. This amendment was declared adopted. Then the original motion as amended was put and was voted down. What this

assembly wants is this whole matter referred to a committee for a careful investigation and report, but this meeting wants to reserve to itself the power to act. Mr. Baird's motion is not out of order and is just what this meeting wants. (Loud applause.)

MR. BAIRD (408):—My motion is to appoint a committee of seven to take this matter under advisement and report at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (613):—I second the motion.

(The motion was put and carried unanimously.)

SNARK:—Is there any committee ready to report?

(There being nothing further before the meeting at this time (3:30 p. m.), a recess was taken until 4:30 o'clock p. m.)

(At 4:50 p. m. the meeting was again called to order by the Snark.)

SNARK:—Are any committees ready to report?

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—The Legislative Committee will be ready to report as soon as the Committee on Constitution and By-laws is ready. Our report depends in a great measure on its report.

SNARK:—Is the Auditing Committee ready to report?

MR. RAMSEY (233):—Your Auditing Committee begs to report as follows:

#### Report of Auditing Committee.

We, the Auditing Committee, have carefully examined the books of James H. Baird, Scrivenoter, and also the sworn statement of J. O. Edwards, accountant, and find same to be correct. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. RAMSEY,  
B. F. COBB,  
C. S. WALKER.

(It was moved that the report of the Auditing Committee be adopted and the Committee discharged. Motion seconded and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I have a report of the Committee on Deceased Members which I have been requested to read.

(Mr. Baird then read the following report):

#### Committee on Deceased Members.

During the past Hoo-Hoo year the black winged angel of death has been busy in our ranks and it is with untold regret that we learn of the decease of the following members:

191 R. H. Kinnear.	7031 J. A. Moore.
240 W. P. Merck.	7382 John A. Haynes.
246 G. H. Johnson.	7928 M. E. Murphy.
681 George F. Rich.	8045 Louis Glahe.
1105 B. F. Packard.	8410 P. B. Knowles.
1378 Harry M. Nixon.	8425 James B. Curtis.
2183 E. G. Sewell.	8464 T. N. Hooper Jr.
2357 Don Alexander.	8491 F. J. Reichmann.
2384 H. R. Whitmer.	8622 J. O. Heimberger.
2924 Fred J. Wiegroffe.	8684 J. W. Henderson.
3265 T. J. Penn.	9154 O. R. Biggs.
3406 L. S. Schimp.	9225 D. A. Sullivan.
3653 J. A. Doppes.	9255 Charles T. Warfield.
3905 John Engelhaupt.	9433 L. E. Burdette.
4293 W. B. Pillow.	9487 J. H. Campbell.
4603 J. J. Kirby.	9501 Patrick H. O'Day.
4619 W. Lee Chandler.	9606 William A. Tridle.
4729 R. F. Wells.	9676 E. L. Erwin.
4963 J. E. Robertson.	9742 R. F. Crawford.
5235 W. D. Simkins.	9803 William C. Maxey.
5265 J. F. Rodgers.	239-A C. C. Norcross.
5352 B. M. Bunker.	1228-A A. D. Paulus.
5520 A. C. Brinson.	1369-A J. H. Cripps.
5750 J. S. Hill.	1668-A Meno Amstutz.
5940 W. B. Forman.	52 Hon. S. D. Revill.
8739 Sigmund Brinkman.	89 Hon. T. J. Mapes.
25 Hon. John Hill Eakin.	

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Concatenated Order

of Hoo-Hoo has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of those brothers, and be it further

Resolved, That the Scrivenoter be instructed to convey to the members of the families of the deceased the deep and heartfelt sympathy of the Order in their bereavement.

S. D. PINE,  
O. H. RECTANUS,  
GEORGE GUILD.

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—I move that the report of the committee be adopted and the committee discharged; that the resolutions be adopted and spread upon the memorial page of the records.

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

(Seconded and carried.)

#### Insurance Committee Named.

SNARK:—At the former session the Snark was empowered to appoint a Committee on Insurance. I will appoint Frank N. Snell, Chairman; James A. Freeman, W. E. Barns, C. D. Rourke, N. A. Gladding, J. H. Baird and the Snark. Is there anything further?

#### Eligibility Again Discussed.

MR. COBB (32):—There has been considerable talk in regard to this Order not getting in the right percentage of lumbermen. The Order was gotten up primarily for lumbermen, and I now present the following: Resolved, That until the Annual Meeting in 1906 only bona-fide lumbermen be admitted to membership.

SNARK:—That will be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, as it would necessitate a change in our Constitution. Probably Mr. Baird would be glad to hear the views of some of you on that subject.

MR. HARLOWE L. HART (8732):—I would like to ask Mr. Cobb for his reasons for presenting that resolution.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—I suggest that Mr. Cobb add to that resolution, "and that all but bona-fide lumbermen, including newspaper men, be excluded from the Order."

SNARK:—The suggestion was that we hear the views of the members on this question, but that will have no bearing on the ruling that this must go to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

MR. COBB (32):—This Order was got up primarily for lumbermen and some have the idea that the percentage of lumbermen is not large enough. I thought that would be a good way to raise the percentage.

MR. WILLIAM H. MATTHIAS (747-A):—I would like to know what constitutes a "bona-fide" lumberman. A brother from Los Angeles told me that hardware dealers who were handling hardware for lumbermen were taken in. Are they eligible?

SNARK:—Certainly not.

MR. B. F. WILLIAMS (4932):—I don't believe it is policy to adopt such a resolution as that. I think the Constitution and By-laws are sufficient if they are followed by all of us. But I don't think a man should apply for membership under one head and be accepted under another head. The Constitution and By-laws are sufficient if they are followed by the Vicegerents.

SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Cobb mentioned to me in conversation a while ago a matter he didn't mention just now. From time to time we have changed our Constitution slightly in this matter of eligibility, making no radical change, but the tendency has been to restrict on the question of eligibility. These changes have not impressed themselves upon those who are not at the Annuals so vividly as it does upon those who do attend. The result is that some of our Vicegerents take in men who ought not

to be taken in. When I call them down they say: "Why, we used to take in that sort of men; there is this man in the handbook and there is that man in the handbook, etc., etc." Mr. Cobb was not sure but that it would be well to cut off all but actual lumbermen for a term of years, and then, if we find it advisable to open up things a little, we can do so. I am sure that Mr. Cobb agrees with me that the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo owes much of its prosperity to men who are not lumbermen. The newspaper men have helped somewhat, and I am sure the men handling machinery and supplies have done their fair share of the work. They have borne the brunt of the burdens, and I am sure it would be highly advisable in the future to admit those men, under very rigid requirements to be hereafter adopted.

MR. B. F. WILLIAMS (4932):—I suggest that there be a definition as to what a bona-fide lumberman is.

MR. HART (8732):—Personally I see many reasons for considering that a poor resolution to put before this meeting. A resolution has been referred to the committee to extend our membership to 99,999; at this session Mr. Cobb says "until 1906 limit the initiates to bona-fide lumbermen." It doesn't look consistent in the first place, and in the next place I don't see where you are going to draw the line on lumbermen. I held a concatenation at South Bend last month and the application of one of the initiates was made out "traveling salesman for Pittsburg Plate Glass Company." I noticed sometime before that there was a concatenation held and a plate glass man was taken in under that heading. I told him I didn't think we could accept a plate glass salesman and I turned him down. Just before the concatenation took place he came to me with a letter-head from some little mill in Northern Wisconsin showing him as vice president of a concern sawing hemlock lumber. He doesn't know an upper from a cull, but he is a lumberman according to our By-laws.

SNARK:—No, he is not. The lumber business must be his principal occupation.

SCRIVENOTER:—(Reading from Constitution:) "They shall be so engaged, either in the ownership or sale of timber 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."

MR. HART (8732):—Another case was that of a man who was on the road selling tobacco a month before the concatenation.

SCRIVENOTER:—What was his business at the time of the concatenation?

MR. HART:—He was selling lumber.

SCRIVENOTER:—You would have to let him in. We cannot undertake to say how good a salesman, or how good a lumberman the man must be.

MR. WILLIAMS (4932):—I had an application from a man connected with the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company which I turned down. He has some interests in lumber, but he is also a lawyer and I never could get him to say that the lumber business was his principal vocation. His application was brought back and was vouched for by members of the Order; they said he was a bona-fide lumberman. So what could the Vicegerent do?

SNARK:—The Vicegerent could have said to the man who endorsed the application: "If you insist on this man going through I will report the case to the Supreme Nine," and he would be liable to expulsion; and I will say to you, if a case of that kind should come to me, I would be in favor of expelling such a man.

SCRIVENOTER:—I submit that these are exceptional cases, and we cannot legislate for the exceptional cases. I suppose we have forty or fifty Vicegerents here, all of whom could relate instances where it is hard to decide, but in 99 cases out of 100 you have no trouble. We had a little trouble in Tennessee as to whether a spoke man could come in. He was a manufacturer of spokes and hubs. We have taken in many stove manufacturers and if they come in the spoke man, it would seem, can put up a pretty plausible case, but we turned him down, although he is a wealthy man and a high-class man, interested in two banks down there. It isn't within the possibilities of the language to make everything absolutely specific, and the Vicegerents will have to be depended upon to exercise good judgment and discretion, and where there is a doubt to give the Order the benefit of the doubt, and not the applicant.

MR. COBB (32):—I think the law governing applications or candidates for initiation should be printed on a separate slip and furnished to every Vicegerent, because I find in talking with the Vicegerents a good many of them do not know who are eligible and have not read that part of the Constitution.

SCRIVENOTER:—The Vicegerents are sent a book of instructions which sets forth who are eligible, and in nearly every case where a man is going to hold a concatenation we send him a printed statement as to who is eligible and pointing out who is not eligible.

MR. BONNER (5094):—I will offer this: Resolved, That until the Annual in 1905 none but bona-fide lumbermen, lumber salesmen or editors of newspapers be allowed to act as Vicegerent Snarks.

SNARK:—That will be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

MR. A. C. RAMSEY (233):—At almost every concatenation I have attended, when we were ready to open the ceremonies, four or five applications would come in, which were not scrutinized very closely by the Vicegerents. I think something should be done towards having the Vicegerents scrutinize applications more closely and decide whether the applicants are eligible. I think the Vicegerent should have the applications in hand 24 hours before the concatenation and there should be some ruling about the matter. I have been a Vicegerent and I know what it is to have a bunch of applications come in when you are in a hurry to get your robes on and get the work started.

SCRIVENOTER:—The applications ought to bear a date. Is that your idea?

MR. RAMSEY:—They should show the date, the date received, and the concatenation they are up for.

MR. JAMES C. WALKER (728):—A great many times a Vicegerent will hold a concatenation and say, "I have got this man and that man," and about the time of the concatenation the man doesn't show up, but some other man. I am not seeking the position of Vicegerent, but I would hate to be a Vicegerent and be controlled by the fact that a man could not be taken in in less than 24 hours. I think the member who signs the application should be held responsible and not the Vicegerent.

MR. RAMSEY:—I don't believe in making the Vicegerent responsible. If there is anything wrong let the Vicegerent have the application withdrawn. Mr. Moore, of the Eastern district, has had several very successful concatenations. He has sent out notices ten days to two weeks in advance. The people who are to attend know when they are to join and why should they wait until the last minute? I want it fixed so the Vicegerent will have a chance to look over the applications. We have twelve or fifteen candidates; the first thing we know some fellow jumps up and

moves that the Vicegerent cast the ballot for the entire lot. I believe they ought to be voted on under more stringent rules and restrictions. I believe there should be instructions to the Vicegerent to have the men voted on separately.

SNARK:—Does the Committee on Constitution and By-laws want to make a preliminary report?

#### Preliminary Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

MR. BARNES (3):—We can make a preliminary report. Of course you all have your handbooks. If you will refer to Article III of the Constitution, fourth item, you will find the place. It says: "Fourth: Saw mill machinery men. By this term being meant persons engaged in the manufacture or sale to lumber manufacturers of saw mill or planing mill machinery." This is the part we were going to suggest be left out: "This includes those persons engaged in the manufacture and sale of saws and belting, but does not include salesmen for oil concerns, nor men handling commissary goods." We didn't think the latter part lends anything to it; it is explanatory. The Snark sends the same sort of explanatory stuff to the Vicegerents every year when they come in, and we don't think it should go in the Constitution and By-laws. We have unanimously removed the limit and placed it at 99,999. We also recommend that a change be made in the matter of numbers. At Milwaukee we had a little scrap over that matter. Some of you overruled us and we had to adopt the series plan. If we do adopt the figures 99,999, it will be necessary to revise the "A" series and number consecutively, so that the man who is "A-1" becomes 10,000, and so on.

SCRIVENOTER:—I suppose your committee considered the matter of the buttons. The button is engraved. I take it, it will not be necessary to renumber them. He can retain his button with the "A" on it.

MR. BARNES (3):—That is enough if you want something discussed.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I brought up a little matter in the committee that was not acted on. If the committee does not report it I propose to introduce a resolution upon it. It is with regard to the trunk. I understand none of these matters will be passed on this afternoon.

MR. BONNER:—In regard to the revision of the Constitution, cutting out the reference to oil salesmen, I understand before that was inserted you admitted oil men. If you cut that out they will come back again.

MR. SNELL (1795):—If it is in order, to bring it up properly before the meeting, I move you that the recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, so far as the membership limited is concerned, be adopted.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I rise to a point of order. No report has been presented to be acted upon.

SNARK:—The point is well taken.

MR. BARNES:—We were at work over there and we understood something was doing over here. We are only your servants; we are not acting in any other capacity, and in order that this be properly acted upon, I, as chairman of the committee, will recommend that Section V, Article 3, be so changed as to read: "Membership shall be limited to 99,999 living members in good standing."

MR. SNELL (1795):—I second the motion.

(Unanimously carried amid great applause).

MR. HART (8732):—I don't think the Committee on Constitution and By-laws heard Mr. Cobb's resolution.

SNARK:—That has not been presented to them yet.

MR. HART:—He suggested that none but thoroughbred lumbermen be admitted to the Order between now and 1906. I doubt very much whether we could get up a concatenation with more than two or three present if none but lumbermen can be taken in.

MR. COBB:—When I presented that resolution I didn't suppose there would be any objection from a sash and door salesman. Neither did I expect any objection from a lumber salesman. When I was selling lumber on the road I considered myself a lumberman, and I meant by "bona-fide lumbermen" a man that either owned or ran a mill or sold lumber or sash and doors or ran a retail yard. I consider them lumbermen.

MR. E. H. DEFEBEAUGH (46):—I would like to know what you are going to do with our coopers; are they lumbermen?

SNARK:—They have always been considered so.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I heard a little discussion about passing on applications. A year or two ago when our friend, P. T. Langan, was Vicegerent, in Southern Illinois, we had a concatenation at Cairo. After the applications were all in and signed and the money paid in, Mr. Langan asked me, as supreme officer, to pass on those applications. Some of the applicants were not known to him, but I asked him to call in two members who lived in Cairo, and with those members we went over the applications, and by one simple question we could determine whether those applicants were eligible to membership, and that is all that is necessary in any concatenation.

MR. WALKER (728):—I see Mr. Tom Claffey is here, and I would like to hear from him about a trip he made in Idaho.

MR. T. H. CLAFFEY (5549):—I know men have been admitted to the Order who were not, in the strictest sense, eligible, but in many cases the Vicegerent is not to blame. On the coast the members who present the names of the candidates decide largely whether they are eligible. One man was put down as saw mill fireman. I turned it down. Inside of ten minutes that application came back to me changed to "superintendent of motor power." I investigated further and found that the mill he was connected with cut about 12,000 a day. It is a difficult matter for a Vicegerent, going into a strange section, to act intelligently upon a lot of applications. He says: "This man looks all right; what is his occupation?" He will tell you anything so long as it comports with the occupation stated.

SCRIVENOTER:—I think we might make an example of one or two and it would have the desired effect. These application blanks now read, just above where the applicant signs it: "I hereby certify upon my honor that the statements contained in this blank as true." Immediately over the lines where the men sign who endorse him, it says: "Caution: "The two men endorsing this application will be held responsible for any false or wilfully misleading statements it may contain." If the Vicegerents will report any wilfully misleading statements made to him the two men will have charges preferred against them. Merely report them to the Supreme Nine and they will do the rest. We have got to stop this endorsing the blank unless the applicant is eligible.

MR. CLAFFEY (5549):—In getting up concatenations there are a lot of belated members the Vicegerent looks up, and the members say: "He's all right, just as he says."

SCRIVENOTER:—Do you not think it would be a good idea to exclude all that printed matter on the blank and have lines there along which the man would have to write: "I certify on my honor that I have known this man for

six months and I believe every statement he has made in this blank is true?"

MR. CLAFFEY:—Yes, have that printed in type large enough so that he can see it without his glasses.

SCRIVENOTER:—My idea would be to have him write it.

MR. CLAFFEY:—Yes, have him write it out himself. The mere endorsing of the petition wouldn't have the desired effect.

SCRIVENOTER:—What do you think of that, Mr. Barnes?

MR. BARNES (3):—How are you going to get him to write it?

MR. CLAFFEY:—Just as you oblige them to sign their names. Let the endorsers answer certain questions just as the applicant does when he looks over his application.

Adjournment was then taken until 9:09 o'clock Saturday, September 10.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

The meeting was called to order by the Snark at 9:30 a. m.

SNARK:—You will come to order. Has anybody anything to offer?

MR. WILLIAM M. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move that 2:09 be set for the election of officers.

MR. ENGLISH (2220):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—Are there any remarks?

(Motion carried).

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move that 11 o'clock be set as the hour for the special order of business for selection of place of next meeting.

(Seconded by 2220 and carried).

SNARK:—Anything further? If not I will declare a recess until 10 o'clock, and the special order of business at 10 o'clock is the report of the Committee on Insurance. (A recess was then taken, and at 10:10 a. m. the meeting was called again to order by the Snark.)

SNARK:—Has the Press Committee anything to report?

MR. J. H. BAIRD (408):—There is no formal report expected from the Press Committee. Their duties are to give out to the various newspaper men such information as they want from time to time, and that has been well attended to as the meeting has progressed. We will continue to act in that capacity and see that the newspaper men have all they ought to have.

SNARK:—The next is the report of the Committee on the Snark's and Scrivenoter's reports.

(It was announced that Mr. Gladding, who had this report, was not present).

SNARK:—We will hear from that committee later. Mr. Snell, is your committee ready to report?

MR. SNELL (1795):—We are.

(The Snark had in recess appointed this committee as follows: F. N. Snell, Chairman; J. A. Freeman, C. D. Rourke, W. E. Barnes, E. M. Vietmeier, J. H. Baird and W. A. Gladding).

Mr. Snell, the Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, then read the report of the committee as follows:

#### Report of Committee on Insurance.

Your committee, to whom were referred the various insurance propositions submitted in open sessions yesterday, have taken the same under careful consideration. We have well weighed the respective merits of each proposal, and beg to report as follows:

We recommend the acceptance of the proposals made us by Mr. Nichols, of the New York Life Insurance Company, and the full indorsement of his efforts to secure the percentage requisite to making the plan effective.

The considerations that have impelled us to this selection are:

1. Mr. Nichols' proposal is one of the only two made us in which the medical examination of the insured is waived. We regard this as an essential, as it embodies, in our judgment, the sentiment which will impel many of our members to lend personal cooperation to the undertaking.

2. Mr. Nichols has come to us with what has seemed to us a feasible plan worked out in detail. He has evidently given to the matter the most painstaking investigation, and he has formulated and submitted to us the details of the plan by which he expects to secure the necessary percentage.

If favorable action on the matter be taken, your committee would suggest the creation of an insurance commission, or committee, to cooperate with Mr. Nichols in getting details of the proposal before our members, this committee to become, if the requisite percentage of insurance be secured, the custodian of the fund arising from the 40-per-cent brokerage and to handle the same under the direction of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. Your committee would also suggest that this commission be composed of five men, two of whom shall be the Snark and the Scrivenoter and the other three to be selected by the Supreme Nine, but from outside of its own members.

Respectfully submitted,

F. N. SNELL, Chairman;  
J. A. FREEMAN,  
C. D. ROURKE,  
W. E. BARNES,  
ED. M. VIETMEIER,  
J. H. BAIRD,  
N. A. GLADDING.

MR. SNELL (1795):—The report is unanimous, by the whole committee; and a little personal explanation with this that we did not deem best to embody in the report: That it was the unanimous judgment of this Insurance Committee that in selecting the three members to compose this commission, if it gets that far, they should be selected with a view to their being not too far distant from each other—in other words, not to have one on the Pacific Coast, another in New York, and another in the South—because that commission, if it is created, will have to get together perhaps not infrequently, and they should not have to travel 2,000 or 3,000 miles in order to have a meeting.

One other explanation in relation to this: The question came up in our meeting last evening, when a member asked Mr. Nichols: "If I should want to take out a policy of insurance and have it effective at once, can I do so, when the understanding is that the general policies will not become effective until 70 per cent has been obtained?" Mr. Nichols informed us that in case a man wanted to have his insurance become effective at once, if he would take the medical examination, he would not have to pay the premium; but if he passed the medical examination, then his policy would be issued at once. Quite a number have spoken about that, and they wanted some way to have that accomplished.

SNARK:—That would count in the 70 per cent?

MR. SNELL:—That would also count on the 70 per cent necessary when the time came.

SNARK:—Brothers, you have heard the report of the Committee on Insurance.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—For the purpose of getting the matter before the meeting I move you that the report of the committee be received and adopted.

MR. HENRY M. WISE (7967):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—It has been regularly moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Insurance be accepted. Any remarks?

MR. FREEMAN (119):—I have no disposition to make

a special argument for the acceptance of the report of the committee. After a considerable amount of thought given to it and looking at it from several standpoints, I can see how the committee arrived at its conclusions. I hardly think it is a matter that we need thoroughly discuss here, although every one should think well upon it. It is one of those things like the old doctor's medicine: "If I do you no good, I will do you no harm." That is the kind of a dose this is. It throws upon the gentleman who represents the insurance company the responsibility of securing this amount of insurance; and in return for our indorsement of the company, action we can easily give, because anybody will be willing to indorse the New York Life Insurance Company, as we would any of the other old-line companies—we can indorse the company, and in return for that it gives us this special privilege. It has a sentiment behind it. It is good, perhaps, for the insurance company. There is no doubt about that. It can well afford to waive a medical examination. The records of the Order and the fact of its being a selected lot of risks in a large body will make it a profitable thing for the company. At the same time it will be a nice thing for the people who want it. For the Order of Hoo-Hoo, as such, I do not as yet see any way in which it will be of any special benefit to the Order. Of course it would go without saying that this fund—which, by the way, after this thing is carried through, is a larger sum than most of us have thought—would make a commission possible into this organization of from \$150,000 to \$200,000. That fund, I think, could be put into proper securities and held as a trust fund for the insured themselves, under such attractions and such conditions as the Order might agree upon; but the only feasible and fair plan would be that, substantially, that fund should be for the benefit, eventually, in some way of the parties who participate in the trust fund. If a man does not want to come into it, he can let it alone; and if there are those who do want to come into it or if we are carrying members who at this time are not able to obtain insurance, it will be doing a favor to them and will not hurt any of the rest of us.

MR. COBB (32):—I wouldn't feel right if Mr. Freeman didn't get up and talk on the other side of a question I talk on.

MR. FREEMAN:—I wouldn't, either.

MR. COBB:—I think he is too old to talk about this question. He isn't going to get any of the benefits. I believe we are wasting time on the insurance proposition, because we will never get 70 per cent. I want to speak more particularly about the way Mr. Snell and Mr. Freeman have talked on this question. It reminds me of the old maid who was mourning about her children—as to how they should spend their money. That is the funny part of it to me.

MR. STANTON (3140):—I have been requested by several to explain still further the remarks I made yesterday on this question; I want to be set right about it; and I will do it briefly. In the first place, I claim that this Order was originated and organized for the Health, Happiness, and Long Life of its members. I claim that, being a member of three mutual insurance companies now, on the endowment plan, by which the interest, the accumulations, of those policies bind me to work for my own companies, you have no right to say to me that you will recognize any one company in preference to others. I hope my point is clear, and I protest against taking up this insurance business at all.

SNARK:—Any further remarks? Are you ready for the question? I will have the Scrivenoter to read that report, so that everybody will know what we are voting on.

(The Scrivenoter then again read the report of the Committee on Insurance.)

SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Snark, if no one else desires to speak, I do.

SNARK:—Mr. Baird has the floor.

MR. BAIRD (408):—The committee's views in the matter are pretty fully set forth in the report I have read. We discussed this matter in all its bearings; and I think, without exception, every member of that committee believes that this will be a good thing for the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo if this 70 per cent can be secured. I personally have a great deal of confidence in the ability of these gentlemen, in the effectiveness of the machinery they have, not only all over this country, but over all countries, to effect this tremendous undertaking. I recognize it is an enormous undertaking, but I believe they will effect it. I believe every member of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo assembled here will admit that insurance is a good thing; I believe he will also admit that the only insurance generally available to our members is old-line insurance. I don't believe there are half a dozen men in the Order who would favor any attempt to formulate a fraternal organization inside of Hoo-Hoo. Now, then, we are agreed on two points: that our members ought to have insurance; that it is a good thing. My life insurance is the only thing that enables me to sleep at night. This proposition gives us an opportunity to do what? To secure a policy in what is admitted to be one of the best companies in the world. At what price? The company's regular price. Gentlemen, we are not out shopping around for bargains. We want the best insurance that can be had, and we are willing and able to pay for it. Now, what does the company propose to us? It says: "If 70 per cent of you will come in and help us put this thing through, we will waive the medical examination. We can afford to do that. We are not inspired to do that out of any feeling of philanthropy. We can afford to take your risks; you are comparatively young men." Thirty-three years is our average age. We are active men, not cripples. We are carrying on an enormous business in this country, and we are preferred risks. The insurance company can well afford to waive medical examination, and it gives us the feeling that we are helping some unfortunate brothers in our ranks who cannot get old-line insurance. They are cut off. We know how our Distress Fund ran up \$500 last year, to take care of whom? Hardly ever the man, but to take care of the wife and the babies. How many of our men dying to-day would leave their wives and children unprovided for? There are some who would not have a chance to get insurance except under a waiver of medical examination. Therefore I trust that this assemblage will not only adopt this report we have made, but that it will do so with such an overwhelming majority that this proposition will go out from this meeting bearing the stamp of our very emphatic indorsement, and I trust that those present will help carry this through to a very successful end. It will help Hoo-Hoo in bringing them together; it will help decrease the cost of collecting dues. I believe any one holding the office of Scrivenoter can work with these insurance people to the advantage of Hoo-Hoo and this proposition. One other point, I believe, urged against this was that some of us hold insurance in other companies, some of which are called "mutual companies," and by indorsing this project we are, to some extent, going contrary to our own interests. I think that is so small a question it doesn't cut much figure, and I hope you will adopt this report with an almost unanimous vote.

MR. COBB (32):—I have been requested to ask this question: Isn't it a fact that this application that any member here would sign would be almost equal to a medical examination?

SCRIVENOTER:—I will let Mr. Nichols answer that question. I was going to bring that point up—that some of our members have stated that there would be some who could not get insurance, because the application they would have to sign would be such that they would have to be rejected. Mr. Nichols, will you answer that question?

MR. NICHOLS:—The application of the New York Life Insurance Company has in it things bearing upon the medical-examination clause, like all other companies. There is a question: "Have you or have you not at any time been rejected for insurance by any company? If so, when and by what company?" That is a condition in all applications of the various companies.

MR. COBB (32):—What would be the result?

#### Mr. Nichols in Explanation.

MR. NICHOLS:—That would have no bearing at all. The principal thing to be determined in this is: Can we secure enough of Hoo-Hoo to keep up the average of the risk? I will tell you very frankly that neither the New York Life Insurance Company nor any other company would take you unless the average was kept up. I went through the records very carefully with Mr. Baird; and after making a report upon the subject to our "scientific department" (so called)—our mathematicians who have figured life out to a minute and the earning capacity of money to the millionth part of a cent—they advised me that if I can secure the bona fide applications of 70 per cent of the Order, in their belief the average will not in any way be impaired. I am guided entirely by their judgment, because all of us are not actuaries, and that is a prerequisite condition.

As to the method of getting the applications, I told the worthy gentlemen of the committee what would be done in regard to that; but, of course, if you will not cooperate, it cannot be done. You are a power with the rest of them. You wield a mighty power; your judgment sways the whole Order. If you say it is a good thing, the rest of them are bound to believe you, and will be influenced accordingly. But you have got, if you please, to do a bit of personal work, in that your next-door neighbor, who is a member of this Order, has got to have it brought to his attention; and when he will receive from my office, or through such channels as we propose to operate, information on the subject, he probably will ask you some questions. You have been here and have heard this discussion, and you are in a position to tell him what has been said and what it is proposed to do; and I believe you will be able to say: "It is a good thing, John. Send in your application, because if you do not, the thing isn't effective." Now, then, in regard to the insurance going into force at once. This was suggested by a member of the committee; and, therefore, I feel at liberty to touch upon it. All of you who have life insurance—and I am satisfied that 99 and 99-100 per cent of you have some insurance—know that the rates of life insurance change with age. The rate is fixed for the birthday that is nearest within six months. For instance, for a man that is born on January 1 the rate for thirty-five will remain unchanged until July 1. On July 2 the rate changes for him. Now, it is going to take time to accomplish this and a great deal of work. I think a man can do anything he sets out to do; and, without throwing any bouquets at myself, I believe I can accomplish a whole lot. I have done so, and I will give it a great deal of hard work; but even with the assistance you will be kind enough to render it will be a difficult task. This worthy gentleman said he thought it would be impossible. It frequently has been said that something cannot be done, but somebody goes out and does it, and then we say, "It was easy, after all;"

and we wonder why we didn't do it. I am free to confess that it is a great, big wall; but it can be scaled if you will do your part.

Now, by the middle of January, or thereabouts, we will be able to determine whether it is possible to secure the requisite number. If not, all I can say, gentlemen, is that I thank you for the kindness with which you have treated the subject, then retire gracefully from the scene, because a thing long drawn out cannot be successful—a thing of this character—because the man that comes in first will get tired waiting, and perchance he may have died in the meantime, and he will have no interest in the question of life insurance; so there is a limit to which we can go. Those who may get tired and want life insurance—those whose rates will change in the next four months—have this privilege (Mr. Snell has touched upon it); that if you will take the requisite examination on your application, which is the regular application of the New York Life Insurance Company, your insurance will become effective at once, and you can draw a draft upon yourself or upon your firm or upon whomsoever you please. When the policy is issued, it will be sent to you with that draft. If you want to pay it then, you may do so and take the policy; or, if you like, the policy will be held until such time as you want it. You have the privilege of taking it or letting it alone. At age thirty-five the difference in rate to age thirty-six is not so great; still, it is something. With you gentlemen who are forty, forty-five, and fifty years old the difference in rate is considerable. From fifty to fifty-one years there is quite a jump. The rate increases with age.

In order, perhaps, to expedite this, to give it the stamp of approval, to make it a fact, because you have not voted on it or decided to take it—in order to make it a fact, I am prepared, while I am here in St. Louis, to take your applications and to take your draft for the amount of the premium. Understand, this is not a prerequisite condition. If you wish, you may have the medical examination here in St. Louis or at your own home. I don't care if you live in Alaska. It will go through the regular channel, and the policy will be at once forthcoming; but, mind you, applications that are put through in that manner will apply upon the required percentage. If the percentage is not secured and you do not want the insurance, you are at liberty to say so; if you want to keep it, you are at liberty to say so. But the same condition remains in regard to making the Scrivenoter joint agent, and he will receive for your Order the compensation of that joint agent. It will go into the general funds of your Order, to be done with as you may dictate. I lose all identity with it, and have nothing to do with it in any way whatsoever. If you decide to adopt this proposition, I have here in the House of Hoo-Hoo blank applications and blank drafts; and I would like very much to have the privilege, if it is your pleasure, to have passed among you these blanks. Before you leave this room, if you will please fill them out, you can hand them to me in the House of Hoo-Hoo, where I will be all day. If I may be allowed that privilege and there is nothing against it in your organic law governing the House—if I may be allowed that privilege, I should like to have you gentlemen say to those who are not here to listen to me speaking—there are a lot of them on the grounds and you will see them during the day—to tell them, if you will, to come to the House and consummate this thing. I ask that because it will be a help to me immeasurably. All I get now I will not have to get on the outside. This is a large country, and it is hard to get about. Even with a splendid system it is difficult to accomplish a thing of this kind. I, therefore, ask as a special favor that you do as much as you can before you leave the grounds to help this thing along.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—I would like, for our mutual interest, to ask Mr. Nichols if he would not be willing to waive in the application, or to cancel, those questions that pertain to medical matters. The reason I ask that is this: In nearly all policies that are written the application is made a part of the policy, and a good many people might question—if they have answered, for instance, the question as to whether they have been rejected and the question of their antecedents (as to parents, grandparents, etc.)—whether certain answers to those questions have not a bearing on the insurance. Might not such questions be eliminated?

MR. NICHOLS:—I am an agent, subject to the governing board of a large corporation. I have not the authority, nor would they give it to me, nor would they be justified in giving to me the privilege, of waiving anything; but to relieve your mind on the subject of the application I will tell you what the questions are. First, we ask your full name; secondly, your residence address; thirdly, your business address and the name of your firm (these are for means of identification); fourthly, to what address you wish the notices in relation to your policies sent; fifthly, your occupation, that it may be determined that you are not in a hazardous occupation, and then in connection with that question some little detail as to what that occupation may be. For instance, you are a wholesale lumberman; your duties are managerial or financial; or you are a salesman; or whatever function you may perform in carrying on your business. The next question is: "Are you married?" The next questions are: "Where were you born, and when? What is your nearest birthday?" The next question is: "Do you desire an accumulation policy in the New York Life Insurance Company?" That question must be answered "Yes," or the application is not effective. The next question is: "Do you want the policy, with [what we call] a premium return?" We have not touched upon that subject, and it probably will not interest you specially. We write a policy under which all the premiums are returned to the policy holder's estate after his death. There is little extra premium charged. If a man pays \$30 for insurance and it is a twenty-year accumulation and he happens to die in the twenty years, by paying an additional premium his estate will get \$1,000 instead of \$1,000. All the companies issue the same policy, charging an additional premium. You don't need that policy. We don't sell many of them, and I don't recommend you to take such a policy. The next question is: "To whom do you want this policy paid?" Whoever you want it payable to must have an insurable interest—either your estate or some member of your family; or if some of you gentlemen who are at the head of large enterprises, if you want to take out a policy of a large amount, of course you will be required to pass a medical examination beyond a certain amount; if you want the premium on that policy to be paid by your firm and the proceeds, in case of your death, payable to your firm, your firm will have an insurable interest under the law and you can make it payable to your firm. In regard to a rejection, the first question that is asked is: "Have you any insurance now? If so, in what companies?" Put down the amounts that you have in each company." If you don't get the amounts exactly correct, understand that it has no invalidating effect upon the policy. It is merely a guide to us that somebody else has considered you a good risk. The next question is: "Have you ever been refused a policy by any company? If so, when and for what reason?" That is a condition that is in the application, and I have no power to eliminate it. It would have no bearing, however, upon this proposition. The next question is: "Have you ever been offered a policy different from

the one for which you have applied?" Sometimes a man is not considered a good enough risk for a policy that carries a low premium like ordinary life, but he is a good enough risk for a policy that carries a high premium, and that must be stated in the application. Now in regard to the "fine printing." People have talked about the "small-type printing" on life-insurance policies. Mr. Baird told me one of the best stories I ever heard about this "little-type printing" on insurance policies. The "fine" printing on policies does amount to a whole lot. Read the "fine" printing that is on this application. It has nothing to do with the medical examination, but that you abide by the distribution of surplus made by the officers of the New York Life Insurance Company. The same thing would be true in the Equitable Life Insurance Company, as good a company as ever lived; the same thing would be true in the Mutual Life Insurance Company, as good a company as ever lived. They have identically the same conditions. There are lines in the application asking you to give references to three people who know you. We don't want that. I will tell you why we put that in. Life-insurance solicitors do not have an easy lot. They sometimes run short of prospects. By "prospects" we mean people who might be purchasers of insurance. When the solicitor insures a man, he asks for names of three references—not to learn if this man is financially able to carry the insurance, but to give him three people upon whom he can work. [Laughter.] I tell you that in order that you may not be confused by that request. It is not necessary for you to fill it in, because we know you, and we do not want any references. On the body of the application—pardon me for being so prolix, but I am inclined to answer Mr. Freeman's question fully—there is a receipt for a premium. If you pay the premium in cash, you make a declaration on this receipt that you have paid W. E. Nichols, if I am the agent, so much money; and W. E. Nichols, agent, gives you a receipt for that, with the qualification that if the policy is not issued as applied for, the money will be returned, and whatever policy may be issued will be canceled if it is not issued as applied for; in other words, it is up to the insured to reject or accept the policy as he may see fit.

One condition that must be imposed is that we have received applications of 70 per cent of the members, and the drafts are drawn to cover it. The drafts will accompany the policy. The man will be at liberty to examine the policy. But I know the policy will be issued as applied for, because all this has been discussed very thoroughly before I came here. That policy must be taken up, because we will not be in a position to take this good body of men unless we can get enough to keep up the average of mortality. We are not going to impair the risks in any manner whatsoever. If you apply for a policy and if you have proper information from your Committee on Insurance or from your Supreme Nine that 70 per cent has been secured, because they will be the ones to advise you that the thing is operative, then you must take the policy.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—Will there be upon the application a stamp of any kind to the effect that medical examination has been waived?

MR. NICHOLS:—None whatever.

MR. FREEMAN:—That will be in the agreement with this commission.

MR. NICHOLS:—That will be covered in this way: The Board of Directors of the New York Life Insurance Company are the supreme power. No proposition can come before them until it is crystallized into business shape. The duty of the executive officers is to get together these schemes, to get together this business. Of course there are certain fixed things that we do that the Board of Trustees pass upon. A policy of this kind is extraordi-

nary. I concede that. The executive officers will have to take the applications of 70 per cent of the membership, together with these drafts attached, and submit the proposition, with their recommendation, which will be forthcoming, to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will then have to pass a resolution. Being a mutual company, we cannot do anything that we would not do to another like body. Therefore the Board of Trustees have got to pass a resolution that they will accept Mr. A, Mr. B, Mr. C—going down the whole list of all the policies—without medical examination. That is spread upon the minutes of that meeting, and then becomes a legal fact.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—Let me ask—we assume from that that your appearance before us with this proposition—that you have had with that board the understanding that this will be done.

MR. NICHOLS:—The Board of Trustees cannot act upon any proposition until it is crystallized into shape. This cannot be crystallized into shape until it is a fact. I have in my office authority from the chief executive officer in which he says: "You can do thus and so." The executive officers make these recommendations to the Board of Trustees, and I have yet to know of a single instance where the Board of Trustees have turned them down.

MR. FREEMAN:—In the application you state that occupation has to be given, etc. To a limited extent there are members of the Order of Hoo-Hoo who are in somewhat hazardous occupations. Do I understand that you would be at liberty to void or eliminate everything of that character?

MR. NICHOLS:—No, because the Order, as a class, is in a nonhazardous occupation.

MR. FREEMAN:—We understand also, of course, in that that the simple fact of having been rejected by any other insurance company would not invalidate his application.

MR. NICHOLS:—It has no bearing upon this proposition at all. The prerequisite requirement is 70 per cent, and only that.

MR. FREEMAN:—Even if that 70 per cent were made up of the rag, tag, and bobtail of the Order, so far as the requisite number is concerned.

A MEMBER:—We haven't got any "rag, tag, and bobtail."

MR. NICHOLS:—No, you haven't any.

MR. FREEMAN:—If it means the applications will be received of the 70 per cent who come up and make the applications, that covers it.

MR. NICHOLS:—That covers it all. The application, however, is not a portion of the policy contract. Understand, you will receive a standard policy of the New York Life Insurance Company; and that policy is incontestable, nonforfeitable, and does not contain a copy of the application.

(Calls of "Question!")

SNARK:—Do you all understand what you are going to vote on?

MR. GEORGE B. MAEGLY (5101):—As I understand this, there are absolutely no conditions necessary to put this matter in force, except that we get 70 per cent of our members. Is that right?

MR. FREEMAN:—And that the applicant is a member in good standing.

(The motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Insurance was then put by the Snark, and was unanimously carried.) (Applause.)

MR. NICHOLS:—Will you allow me one privilege more? I asked you in regard to applications while you are here. Your meetings are bound to be delayed. I know you have got very important business before you, but will you do me this favor? I will be in the House of Hoo-Hoo. Will you come in there and get those application blanks and ask me any questions you wish on the matter of life insurance.

SNARK:—The special order of business for 11 o'clock is the next thing.

#### Place of Holding Next Meeting.

MR. BONNER (5294):—I will read the report of the Committee on Place of Holding Next Meeting:

"Worthy Snark, Officers, and Members of Hoo-Hoo.

"Brothers: Your Committee on Place of Holding Next Meeting begs leave to report.

"Answering to announced call therefor, representatives from Oklahoma City, O. T., and Portland, Ore., appeared before your committee, extended us their heartiest invitations, and advanced numerous arguments for their respective cities. We cannot arrive at any other conclusion than that both these aspiring cities are good and are deserving recognition from Hoo-Hoo; but after carefully weighing all conditions, considering most thoroughly those elements which will naturally result in the most good to our Order at the present time, we deem it our duty to render to you a unanimous report favoring, as our annual meeting place for 1905, the city of Portland, Ore.

"Briefly, our decision has been influenced by the following chief reasons: Heretofore our Annals have been held in either the Northeastern, Southeastern, Central, or Southwestern sections of our Union. Never have we thus recognized the great Northwest—a section where Hoo-Hoo has something like 2,000 loyal subjects and who have never been given the favored privilege of attending an Annual. Here also are the greatest undeveloped forests in Uncle Sam's domain, the forests which must soon command the attention and interest of our members. No time is better than the present one for us to become at least somewhat informed, by personal observation, as to the importance of this vast lumber reserve.

"Respectfully submitted,

"(Signed) J. H. BONNER, Chairman."

MR. TREAT (7353):—I move that the report be adopted.

MR. ENGLISH (2220):—I second the motion.

MR. THOMAS H. ROGERS (485):—I move you, sir, that the name of Oklahoma City, O. T., be substituted for that of Portland, Ore.

MR. W. J. WALLACE, Jr. (4479):—I second the amendment.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—As there is a comparatively small representation here to-day, I would call for a vote by States.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—It has been regularly moved and seconded that when we vote on this question it be by a call of the roll of States. That does not need to be put to the house, because that is our way of voting, if it is asked for, and the Chair so rules.

MR. NELSON A. GLADDING (99):—I move that the vote on this question be postponed until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

MR. W. R. GRIFFEN (1036):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—Understand, now, that No. 99's motion did not take in all of the previous motion that was put. That was your object, was it not, Mr. Gladding—to postpone action on the entire question?

MR. GLADDING:—To postpone consideration of the question of the selection of the place of the next meeting until this afternoon. I withdraw the motion.

(The second to the motion was also withdrawn.)

SNARK:—The amendment is that we substitute Oklahoma City, O. T., for Portland, Ore., in the report of the Committee on Place of Holding Next Meeting. Are there any further remarks on that?

MR. T. H. CLAFFEY (5549):—I would like to ask: Is it the proper thing to offer an amendment to the report of the committee before the action of the committee has been voted on?

SNARK:—There is a motion made to accept the report of the committee. That motion has been amended that we accept the report of the committee, but substitute the name of Oklahoma City, O. T., for Portland, Ore.

MR. R. P. VINCENT (932-A):—Oklahoma City would like to make a few remarks. We have a representative

here from our Chamber of Commerce, but I would like to make a few remarks on Oklahoma Territory.

SNARK:—Brother Vincent, everybody was requested to go before the Committee on Place of Holding Next Meeting and make statements, and that committee has rendered its report. That was to facilitate matters. If we are to open up this thing again, I cannot see why it was necessary to appoint the committee. Did the committee say to you that you would have the right to discuss the matter here?

MR. ROGERS (485):—I will say that they did; that they so stated to me.

SNARK:—The gentleman from Oklahoma Territory has the floor.

MR. ROGERS (485):—Brother Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo, I take pleasure in introducing to you Mr. C. Porter Johnson, of our Chamber of Commerce.

#### Mr. Johnson's Eloquent Speech.

(Mr. C. Porter Johnson then addressed the convention as follows:)

Gentlemen and Members of the Organization of Hoo-Hoo: I am not a member of this association, though I would like to be. To be candid and truthful, I am not entitled to membership. I do not desire this meeting to understand that because I have registered or visited with you I belong to the organization. Some of the interests that I represent and in which I have a small interest do belong and are here represented. Neither is it my intention, gentlemen, to consume more than three or four minutes of your time; and I am perfectly willing for the chairman to time me. I further think that it is unnecessary for me to tell you about the location—the geographical location of Oklahoma City. You know where it is. Sixteen years of splendid history have written her place upon the permanent map of the American Union. She belongs neither to the North, to the South, to the East, nor to the West. She is the product of the best manhood and the best womanhood from all the States, from all the sections of the American Union. In sixteen short summers she has grown from a city of tents to a magnificent metropolis of 35,000 people. She has twenty miles of asphalt, built there by her people in the past twenty-four months; she has twenty miles of electric street-car line, as good as are to be found in the metropolitan cities in the oldest sections of the country. Above all, Brother Hoo-Hoo, we have there as cultured, as refined, and as elevated a community of men and women as are to be found in any section of our blessed country. We come to you upon our honor as men and citizens of that community, and I am commissioned to say to you that the people of Oklahoma City think so much of you and feel that your presence will be such an honor to them that they will contribute \$15,000 to a fund to entertain Hoo-Hoo. [Great applause.] We say to you, in addition to that, that our hotel facilities surpass those of any city of its size in the Union, and our rates will not be upon an exposition plan. They will be the average commercial rates, good rooms and good eating for \$2 a day. [Applause.] We say, in addition to that, that we have railroads from all sections of the country; and if we do not get you rates as good as you will get to any other place, we will raise the money and refund to Hoo-Hoo the excess you have to pay. [Applause.]

Now, my friends, I understand that this is an organization somewhat known in Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory. Three or four years ago you had no Hoo-Hoo in that country; to-day you will find a Hoo-Hoo in every house, on every corner, in the middle of the block, and wherever you go in Oklahoma City. The organization down there is the strongest organization in our Territory. I do not mean strongest in its numerical character, but strongest in its moral and mental character; for in your organization in our city are to be found the best men, who have helped to convert the virgin soil of the last remnants of the Indian's possession into the next State, the star of which will equal that of any star that blazes upon the national emblem we all so love. I was asked by the Chamber of Commerce to come, because they said the Hoo-Hoo love youth and action. You are only thirteen years old, as an organization. As a city, we are but sixteen years of age; and we would love to see you united there under the blazing canopy of Hoo-Hoo and

the splendid fellowship of our citizens. We cannot take you to the ocean. The billows of the waters will not be round about you, but the billows of as noble a brotherhood as you ever felt or dreamed of will be there—cordial, as warm-hearted, as aggressive, and at the same time ever considerate of your interests. We are not a State. The privilege of exercising the rights you have to vote for the Chief Executive of the American republic is denied to me. It is denied to all our citizens. We labor under the disadvantages that belong to territorial subjugation; and I ask you, in the liberality and the breadth of the splendid manhood that has made America great and made our nation the master of all the nations—of the seas and the land—to come to the Territory and grasp the hand of the subjects of Uncle Sam. Give us encouragement, and we will make you recognize when you go home that the descendants of the pioneers who journeyed to that far-western country now live in Oklahoma Territory, and that they breathe the spirit, the courage, and the vigor of the American youth, of the American man, of the American woman. We bid you welcome, Hoo-Hoo, in the name of every man, woman, and child that lives in Oklahoma Territory. Our automobiles, our homes, our street cars, our theaters—all will be yours without cost. We will take care of that, because your coming will be the crowning honor paid to a struggling people—a struggling brotherhood that have built their homes in that citadel of wealth, of culture, and of splendid inspiration. My only regret is that it was an impossibility, arising purely from a physical disability, that prevented Oklahoma Territory's famous, well-known, and generous Hoo-Hoo from being here to-day. He is on his bed, sick—I fear, to never rise. He asked me to come here. He alone asked me to spend my time and my money to come and ask you men to come there, to come as a messenger from him and from all our people. I cannot do justice to him and to them, but I trust that you will accept my feeble and unworthy efforts as the honest, the manly, and the courageous efforts of a people that want you to come, not for what you might bring and leave with us, save that you bring and leave with us the inspiration of your presence—the energy that comes from mutual contact. If you do not say our girls are beautiful, our homes are cultured, our manhood is good, then, indeed, sir, you may write me down as the greatest liar living.

I have been in that magnificent city of the West—Portland, Ore. Living within her limits are some of the sweetest and best friendships that I have formed. I would not say aught of her, save in kindness. We are all Americans when it comes to that. I think as much of Portland, Ore., as I do of any other city on this continent, save Oklahoma City, O. T. Oklahoma City is yet in her infancy; and after ninety-nine years have rolled around, New York and Chicago may be the commercial centers of the coast, but Oklahoma City will be the metropolis of the interior of the republic. You will remember that within the last three weeks an Oklahoma City banker stepped to the relief of the American Union and took \$3,000,000 of her bonds after Wall street refused to buy. [Applause.] Yes, indeed, my friends, we have got money in Oklahoma City; we have men in Oklahoma City; we have cotton, lumber, corn, wheat, rye, potatoes, whisky—everything—in Oklahoma City [laughter and prolonged applause]; we have churches, schoolhouses, and all those things. Now, young men, again I thank you for having listened to me; and as truly and sincerely as I ever said a word, as truly as I have looked into the faces of men—and for twenty years I have been looking into the faces of juries, in the interests of those whose rights have been committed to my care—I now come to you as a young man from the West, and I would like to go home to that constituency and encourage them to hope you will visit them and that my appeal to you has been not in vain.

(At the conclusion of Mr. Johnson's address all the members joined in the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

#### Tom Claffey "All Right, Too."

MR. CLAFFEY (5549):—Well, Brother Hoo-Hoo, what is a man going to do against a storm like that? [Laughter.] We haven't anything like that to offer you. There is too much pyrotechnic display in it. We can't get that in Portland, but we do extend you a heartfelt invitation. Portland should be, whether it is or not, the Mecca, the shrine, to which every loyal Hoo-Hoo should want to journey once in his life. We cannot give you our big trees

unless you buy them; we cannot give you sawmills, but we can show them to you; and we can show you things that will interest every American citizen, from the Pacific to the Atlantic. You see, he talks so easy. [Laughter.] What do you think of a dub like me going up against a thing of that kind? [Applause.]

A VOICE:—You are all right, too.

MR. CLAFFEY:—Out there we don't cut our trees with that sort of stuff. We cut the logs and make lumber in the usual way. We possibly have not reached the advance in culture that has been reached in Oklahoma City, but we will give you a good time, entertain you with the best of Western hospitality, and all of you who have tasted that like it and know what it is.

SNARK:—We have with us this morning one of the fair daughters of Oregon, who is a member of the World's Fair Commission, who wishes to address you in behalf of Portland. I take great pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. E. T. Weatherred.

#### Mrs. Weatherred Talks for Portland.

Mr. President and Gentlemen: My mother taught me when I was very young that little people ought to be seen, and not heard; but I want to be seen a little, too, and heard a whole lot this morning.

I am not here to represent the fair daughters of Oregon, because if I had been sent here to represent the beauty of our Oregon women and their charming qualities, you gentlemen would all get your tickets home by way of Portland this time. I stepped in just in time to hear this lovely man speaking for Oklahoma City. Now if there is one place in the Union I like better than I do Oregon, it is Oklahoma Territory. I have some very charming and lovely friends there, and for my love for Oklahoma City during the National Editorial Association's meeting the Oklahoma City people gave me credit for having won for them the next meeting of the association. I stood on the floor and cast twenty-six votes for Oklahoma Territory against California, and the California people don't speak to me yet. [Applause.]

I didn't think there was any doubt about your going to Portland, Ore.; I didn't think we would have to invite you, because I know you all expect to go to heaven some time, if you think anything at all about it; and I know if you get up to heaven and St. Peter begins to question you about all these things, he will ask you: "Have you ever been out to Oregon?" If you tell him you never have been to the State that contains the largest timber belt in the world, I am sure he would send you all down to visit the still moldering timbers.

We have so many lovely things to offer you that I hardly know where to begin. In the first place, somebody will say: "It is a long distance." I can't imagine anything more charming than a four-days' trip for all your wives and the other man's wife, the other man's daughter, and the other man's sweetheart. Think of that lovely trip from here to Portland, Ore., and being entertained all along, passing through those lovely mountains! If there is one class of people more than another that favors the lumbermen coming to Portland, Ore., it is the railroad men of the West, and they have offered all sorts of inducements and say: "We will do more than they expect to get them to Portland, Ore." Their railroads run through some of the best-timbered belts in the West, and they want you. As far as hotel accommodations are concerned, we have some of the best hotels in America, and we can accommodate you just as well as any city in the United States and give you as good beds and as good a rate as any place you can get. Besides, none of you sleep, anyway. [Laughter.]

Now, I am going to tell you what we are going to do to you after your business meetings are over. I do not believe in mixing business meetings with pleasure; I do not believe in neglecting pleasure for business, neither do I believe the other way. But some of you have said: "We never want to go where there is another exposition." Our National Editorial Association, of which I am a member of the Executive Board, has said each time, "We will never go where there is an exposition;" but we always go, for some reason.

Our Exposition out there is a secondary matter, con-

sidering this Hoo-Hoo Association [laughter], because after Lewis and Clarke have been dead another hundred years we will have enough timber there to supply the face of the globe, and you people will have to handle it. [Laughter and applause.] We don't intend to have any business meetings on the Exposition Grounds; we don't intend to take you down the Pike; we will not have any Pike; but we will take you down the trail—the trail that runs through these forests—and you can go down into the forests, where you can take the cat along and make the "fir" fly to your heart's content. [Laughter.] I am here on behalf of the Editorial Association of the State of Oregon; I am here on behalf of the ladies of Portland, Ore., and of the whole State, and up in Washington, too, and all the other lovely Western States, to invite you to hold your meeting there. We want you out there for your own benefit. We don't expect to make any money out of it. We have money, too, Mr. Oklahoma man; and we have as good lemonade as you have in Oklahoma. [Laughter.] We have all sorts of good things to offer you. After your business meeting is over, we will take you down to the ocean; I know you like to bathe in the ocean. We will take you down to the Pacific Ocean; and, by the way, you don't have to pay your fare down there—no intramurals at all. This road was built by Ben. Holladay a long time ago, and it is free; and you don't have to drop a penny in the slot for a drink of water, if you drink water. [Laughter.] We will take you down to the mouth of the Columbia River and give you a big salmon fry. We are going to take you down where you will see all the big spruce trees, and we will take you up the Columbia River. We have some of the loveliest rivers out there that you ever heard of. We will have trips up the river, good hotels, and you can just enterwaul and enjoy yourselves, and just so you leave Oregon when you go away—that is all we ask.

Now, won't you come? I know there is not a man here, as I look into your faces, that will not come. We will be ready to receive you with open arms. [Laughter and applause.]

Now, my dear friends, we have got everything in the world to offer you; and don't you think it would be a shame not to come to the State where three towns have the largest timber belts in the world, and an agricultural State? Well, we have lovely men out there in Oregon. Of course you men don't care anything about that. But, now, we want you to come to Oregon. We are not inviting you to come to Oregon on account of any Exposition at all (I say that seriously); we are asking you out there because we have wanted you to come for the past few years, and we feel now is the opportune time for you to come, and we want you. We offer you a lovely trip across the continent. The hotel accommodations we offer you are the best. You can hold your meetings without interruption, and we offer to show you the timber that you want to see. That is what you deal in; that is what you are talking about when you are not talking about cars.

Now, on behalf of the ladies of Oregon, I extend to you a cordial invitation. I won't say how much money we will put up for you. If I did, this fellow would step in and raise it a few dollars. I thank you.

(Mrs. Weatherred's remarks were greeted with great applause, followed by a vociferous Hoo-Hoo yell.)

MR. GEORGE W. SCHWARTZ (4):—Mr. Snark: It is a matter of justice that a little explanation be made right here. I notice that the committee, in its report, did not touch on this matter that was brought up at Buffalo last year. Personally, my time is so valuable that I do not suppose that I could go to Portland, Ore.; as a matter of fact, I think the wheels of my company have all stopped while I am away this week; but I think it is a matter of justice to say, as the committee did not touch on this point, that at Buffalo last year there was a resolution introduced that our next Annual Meeting be held at Portland. It was decided that we were not in position, although the Constitution and By-laws do not prohibit it—we were not in position to decide the matter definitely; but this resolution was passed by each member simply voting for himself, but not as a final matter; and it was, I think, unanimous. I think that this explanation is due Portland as a matter of justice.

(Calls of "Question!")

MR. COBB (32):—It seems to me, if we are going to vote on this question by States, we ought to have a chance to get the States together. I think before we vote on this question we should think of what would be the best for the Order of Hoo-Hoo. Somebody states that we have given the Lake country two or three Annuals and we have given the far East an Annual; and if we have, that is no reason why we should go to any one particular place. As for myself, I will be at the Portland meeting. I would like to know how many there are here who would be at the Portland meeting. When we held the meeting at Norfolk, Va., we had very few people there. The next year we held our meeting in Wisconsin, and we had a pretty good representation; and I don't believe there were fifteen men there that were in Norfolk the year before. I don't think we ought to look to the good speeches we get from any section of the country. What we want is the best place for the Order of Hoo-Hoo. We know that Portland, Ore., deserves a whole lot; but let me ask you: How is it that Oregon, Washington, and California have gone so far ahead in Hoo-Hoo matters as they have? The reason is: Because they have had good men to represent the Nine, and they have had first-class men as Vicegerents. That is what has done the business; and if you will put that same thing in any part of the country, you will increase in that part of the country; and taking the Annual to either one place or the other or up to Canada or down to the Gulf will not make any difference with Hoo-Hoo. I don't believe, so far as I am concerned, if there were any other place that was nearer the center of the United States than either of the two places mentioned, I would vote for that; but I believe, of the two, that Oklahoma City has more claim than the other place simply because it is more available. [Applause.] The point is that we will not get a large representation on the Pacific Coast. A few of us will go there; the people who go to every convention will attend the next. I am not throwing any mud at any particular point. The place has not been named that I would like to go to, but I would like to have the people of the Pacific Coast to know that I am with them as hard as I can be; but, first, I am for the best interest of the Order. When you vote, vote for that.

MR. GLADDING (99):—May I have the privilege of saying a word on this question? It seems to me there are several strong reasons why we should go to the Pacific Coast. The first is that it is a great timber country; the next is that we have a strong representation of the lumbermen of the district as members of Hoo-Hoo on the Pacific Coast, as strong as there is in any other section of the country. If you go the entire length of the coast from British Columbia to Los Angeles, you will find the cream of the lumbermen are members of the Order of Hoo-Hoo and take a great interest in it. I was out there last year. They held a concatenation, and many prominent men left their business to attend that concatenation. That shows the interest they have taken. They have been enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo for years. Why shouldn't we recognize them by going there? There are about 10,000 members of Hoo-Hoo at present. Quite a number of us are present here to-day, but we are not 10,000. If you advertise this Annual for next year at Portland for several months in "The Bulletin," that there will be special rates, you will find a large number of the membership will be glad to take advantage of that opportunity of seeing the Pacific Coast—a country about which they have heard a great deal and about which they have read. They want to see it, and they know they will be entertained as bountifully by the Hoo-Hoo of Washington, Oregon, and California as they can be entertained by any set of men on earth. We see advertised all over the country different organizations going to the Pacific Coast. The Knights Templar have just met at San Francisco, and the Christian

Endeavorers go out there also. [Laughter and applause.] Every organization in the country has gone out there except the Order of Hoo-Hoo, and no other organization is better represented, has a stronger body of men or membership on the Pacific Coast, than the Order of Hoo-Hoo. I say, for one, let us give them recognition next year, and you will have one of the finest Annuals that has ever been held.

MR. ROGERS (485):—There is a point I think my brother here loses sight of. These wholesale manufacturing centers need the retailer. Without the retailer they will have no business. Oklahoma is not a manufacturing country; it is a consuming country. There is more lumber being used in Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory, both of which are practically one, and will be—there is more lumber used there at the present time than in any State in the Union outside of the large cities. The lumbermen of the South have their eyes on Oklahoma; they are watching the crops of Oklahoma. In making up their price lists they get reports from Oklahoma. If we have got good crops, they say: "We can advance our prices." Why? Because there are good prospects for trade in Oklahoma.

MR. CHARLES P. IVES (447):—One thing I want to speak about is the point raised by Mr. Cobb that we should hold this meeting in a central place. It is the policy of all organizations to put it in first one place and then another. If you want to hold it in a central place, take it to Kansas City and set it down in the center of the universe. I went down to Norfolk three years ago and had a splendid time and met a great many men; I went to Buffalo last year. Last year it was the sense of the people that met at Buffalo that in the year 1905 we should go to Portland. [Applause.] If this was the last meeting of Hoo-Hoo to be held, I can see how men might be tenaciously holding out for Oklahoma City or some other place, but we expect to live on. Won't it do Oklahoma City just as well for us to go there two years from now? These people have been importuning us to come to the Pacific Coast for several years, and I am for Portland. [Applause.]

MR. AMOROUS (2354):—After listening to the eloquent reasons why we should go to Oklahoma City and also the charming and gracious invitations we have had from Portland, I regret that we cannot adjust this matter by having Annuals at both places; but this is impractical. I believe, though, that I can carry a train load from Georgia to Portland. [Applause.] I believe we will all be benefited by going there.

MR. S. H. BOLLINGER (93):—Has it not been the policy of this Order to always change the Annuals from one place to another? We have never had two meetings in the same place.

SNARK:—Yes; St. Louis has had a meeting before this.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I have been requested by the chairman of the Tennessee delegation to ask that all the members from Tennessee will meet him over here by the organ. I have been requested also to make a motion that a final vote by States on this matter be deferred until immediately following the election of officers this afternoon.

MR. CLARENCE C. GRISSAM (8957):—I second the motion.

MR. BAIRD:—I know exactly where that suggestion came from and the intent back of it. A number of men interested are not represented here now. They only want an opportunity to consult with other men from the State.

(The motion to postpone action, having been duly seconded, was then put to a vote and lost.)

SNARK:—I will appoint Mr. B. F. Cobb and Mr. George V. Denny as tellers.

(Recess of ten minutes was then taken.)

(After the recess the meeting proceeded as follows:)

MR. ROGERS (485):—Oklahoma City wishes to withdraw, provided you will pass a resolution to meet with us in 1906.

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—I rise to a point of order. That cannot be done under our Constitution and By-laws.

SNARK:—The question has been called for. The Snark has declared that we will take a vote on the question. You will get together and consult on the question.

(The Scrivenoter then began to call the vote of the States.)

SNARK:—Mr. Rogers, did you make an amendment to substitute Oklahoma City?

MR. ROGERS (485):—I made the amendment. In behalf of the Oklahoma contingent and our friends, we want to withdraw from the contest. We certainly would feel very grateful if we could get the sense of this convention to meet with us two years hence, in 1906. At any rate, I withdraw the amendment; and I move you that the report of the committee be adopted unanimously for Portland, Ore.

(The second to the motion for Oklahoma City was then withdrawn.)

SNARK:—It has been regularly moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Place of Next Meeting be adopted.

(The motion was then put by the Snark, and was carried.)

MR. C. PORTER JOHNSON:—Gentlemen, on behalf of the gentlemen of Oklahoma City, I desire to return our thanks for the honor and the hearing you have accorded us. The fact that you have selected another city causes no feeling with us, save that of kindness on our part. I understand that under your By-laws you cannot commit yourselves finally to a meeting place two years hence, but you could say that you have a feeling of kindness toward us and a desire that two years hence you will meet with us in our imperial city, where I know you will be glad to go. I thank you for the courtesy you have granted me in permitting me, an outsider, to come before you. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the kind things you have said to me and the people of our country.

MRS. WEATHERED:—I wish to thank these gentlemen for voting for Portland, and I will promise the Oklahoma City people that next year I will endeavor to make as good a speech in their behalf as I have made here to-day.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—I move you, Mr. Snark, that it be declared as the sense of this meeting that the Annual Meeting for the year 1906 shall be held at Oklahoma City.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—Wouldn't you word that: "That this Annual Meeting recommend to the members attending the next Annual Meeting that the Annual of 1906 be held at Oklahoma City?"

MR. FREEMAN:—Yes, that is better.

(The motion was then put and carried.)

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

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

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—We would recommend that Section 1 of Article III. be changed to read as follows:

"It being the purpose of this Order to gather together in fraternal relations people engaged in and with the lumber trade. Membership in this Order shall be limited to white male persons over twenty-one years, of good moral character, who possess one or more of the following qualifications."

That Section 4 of Article III. be changed to read as follows:

"Newspaper Men.—By this term being meant only the publishers, proprietors, or persons regularly connected with lumber newspapers."

That Section 4 of Article III be changed to read as follows:

"Sawmill Machinery Men.—By this term being meant persons engaged in the manufacture or sale to lumber manufacturers of sawmill or planing-mill machinery."

MR. STEPHENSON (continuing):—We had referred to a resolution introduced by Brother Bonner, as follows:

"Resolved, That until the Annual in 1905 none but bona fide lumbermen, traveling lumber and sash and door salesmen, or editors of lumber newspapers be allowed to act as Vicegerent Snark."

The committee report the above resolution for rejection. These resolutions are also reported for rejection:

"Resolved, That the actual expenses of the Supreme Nine in attending the Annual Meeting be paid."

"Resolved, That until the Annual Meeting in 1906 only bona fide lumbermen be admitted to membership."

The Committee on Legislation recommended that Section 4 be so changed as to read:

"Each State having nine or more members shall be entitled to an executive officer, whose title shall be Vicegerent Snark of \_\_\_\_\_ State; and the said Vicegerent shall have eight assistants distributed as equally as possible throughout the State, and whose titles shall be Vice Senior Hoo-Hoo, Vice Junior Hoo-Hoo, etc., the same constituting a Nine for said State, and who shall look after the interests of Hoo-Hoo in their State. Said State Nine shall meet at least once each year, and their actions shall be subject to the approval of the Supreme Nine. The said Vicegerent shall have authority to delegate the right to each assistant to hold concatenations whenever he himself cannot be present."

The above we recommend for rejection.

SNARK:—You have heard the report of the committee. What is your pleasure?

MR. WIES (7987):—I move its adoption.

SNARK:—This changes the Constitution. We will have to take this up item by item.

SCRIVENOTER (preparing to read report section by section):—Now, gentlemen, refer to your handbook, Section 1, Article III. (reads proposed change).

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move the adoption of that section.

(The motion was seconded, and the section was adopted.) (The Scrivenoter then read Section 2, Article III.)

MR. EDWARD E. MARTIN (9841):—That is just to eliminate other than lumber newspaper men.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move the adoption of the amendment.

(The motion was seconded and adopted.)

(Upon motion, duly seconded, Section 3, Article IV., was adopted as amended.)

SCRIVENOTER:—A resolution that went before the Committee on Constitution and By-laws reads as follows: "Resolved, That until the Annual of 1905 none but bona fide lumbermen, traveling lumber and sash and door salesmen, or editors of lumber newspapers be allowed to act as Vicegerent Snark." The committee recommend this for rejection.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move it be laid upon the table.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move the adoption of the recommendation of the committee.

MR. IVES (447):—It appears to me that by the action we have taken we did reject all those covered by the report.

SNARK:—No; we are passing on them now.

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—I move that the committee's recommendation be concurred in.

(The motion was seconded and carried.)

(The Scrivenoter then read as follows:)

"Resolved, That the actual expenses of the Supreme Nine in attending the Annual Meeting be paid."

(The resolution was recommended for rejection.)

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move the recommendation of the committee be adopted.

(The latter motion was seconded and carried.)

(The Scrivenoter then read the following resolution:)

"Resolved, That until the Annual Meeting in 1906 only bona fide lumbermen be admitted to membership."

(This resolution was recommended for rejection.)

(It was moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee be concurred in. Carried.)

MR. BAIRD (408):—I have before me a recommendation that went before the committee, providing for the establishment in each Vicegerency of a complete Nine. You have recently heard this recommendation read in full. The committee recommend it for rejection.

MR. DENNY (6486):—I move the report of the committee be adopted.

MR. GLADDING (99):—In regard to that resolution, I wish to say it was in line with the recommendation made in the Scrivenoter's report.

(The motion was carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—I move you now, Mr. Snark, that the report of the committee be adopted as a whole.

(The motion was seconded, and the report was adopted as a whole.)

#### Elimination of the Trunks Discussed.

MR. GEORGE W. SCHWARTZ (4):—I notice in the Scrivenoter's report the following item: "Express account, \$778.73." I would like to ask the Scrivenoter if the great part of that account is not for expressage on trunks.

SCRIVENOTER:—Almost entirely. A reference to my books will show only \$15 or \$20 paid out for other express.

MR. SCHWARTZ:—I notice also an item: "Trunk equipment and supplies, \$475.26."

SCRIVENOTER:—That is for the purchase and equipment of four new trunks, the contents and fittings of which are rather expensive. The trunks have to be very substantially built. Those additional four trunks were put into commission after the last Annual Meeting, following a suggestion made there that if we had more trunks to leave in the hands of the Vicegerent—say, in Texas and out on the coast and at other far-off places—it would serve to decrease the expenditure for expressing trunks over the country.

MR. SCHWARTZ:—But at the same time by our action yesterday we extended the limit of membership to 99,999, which means that within the next year or two, or for an unlimited period, we will have a considerable increase in members, which will carry with it an increase in the number of trunks, an increase in the expenses for expressage, etc. These accounts for last year foot up \$1,253.99—which, it seems to me, could be eliminated entirely, and I offer the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the trunk be eliminated and Vicegerents be supplied only with the requisite number of rituals, robes, and proper receptacle"—that is, the nine rituals; the nine robes; the little square portfolio that contains application blanks, etc.; and the receptacle for stationery in the conduct of concatenations.

MR. STEPHENSON:—I move the adoption of the resolution.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I think that may be in the line of economy and good business judgment. If we are to do this, however, I regret that the action was not taken at the Buffalo Annual Meeting, so we could have saved the cost of those new trunks. I would like to ask the com-

mittee what discussion they had along the line of how the Vicegerents are to acquire these other little properties necessary.

MR. SCHWARTZ:—I think the Vicegerent could buy those. They will not amount to more than \$2 or \$3. He could buy them out of the funds of the Order. It should be in the hands of the local committee.

SCRIVENOTER:—How about the use of devices, machinery, etc., that we have discountenanced? I suppose, though, we have got to depend upon the Vicegerent about these things, anyway.

MR. SCHWARTZ:—This matter was not discussed in the committee. I introduce that resolution on my own account. In the matter of the Junior work, it is really a local matter. Each Junior has his own ideas as to how a concatenation ought to be conducted, and he conducts the work on those lines. There is nothing in the trunk, as far as I can see, that will suggest to a Vicegerent any of these little byplays; and, therefore, it can be entirely eliminated, and the matter can be made purely local for the Junior Hoo-Hoo. At any concatenation the Junior is known a few hours ahead, and he can outline the ideas he has regarding the manner in which he wants to conduct the work; and if he wants any of these appliances, they can be very quickly and easily obtained.

SCRIVENOTER:—The result of the resolution would be a big increase in the number of the black portfolios, rituals, and robes until a complete set of each could be sent each Vicegerent.

MR. SCHWARTZ:—The idea is that we have a set of rituals for each Vicegerent and a set of robes; and as new Vicegerents are appointed, that they be simply transmitted from one to another, and not forwarded by express from one State to another. With all this eliminated, the matter of a little expense at each concatenation can be very easily taken care of.

MR. A. H. WINCHESTER (931):—Most Worthy Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I want to rise to make an earnest protest against this resolution. There are none of us Hoo-Hoo for a cold matter of business. You get business enough in your office or in your sawmill, without bringing it into the Order. I don't think the question of \$700 or \$1,200, in a matter that would better the present order of things, cuts any figure. We are scattered all through the country and through foreign countries; and if there is anything that is going to make the Order more unified, it is better to retain it. I sincerely protest against anything that is going to decentralize this organization. There are sentiments that have grown up through this Order and cluster around these trunks and our methods of work that should be retained. The best thing is to leave things as they are. "We may build more costly habitations, we may fill our rooms with sculptured paintings; but we cannot buy with gold the old associations." Let us leave them as they are. [Applause.]

MR. STEVEN T. EDWARDS (5295):—This thing of holding a concatenation without a trunk may be all right, but I do not see how you are going to do it successfully. There are the cat and different things that you certainly have to have in concatenations, carried out according to instructions; and this thing of going around and borrowing and buying is not so easy. I am not in favor of it.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move you that the resolution be referred to the Incoming Supreme Nine.

(The motion was seconded.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I would like to ask why the Supreme Nine should be authorized to act on that.

SNARK:—The motion is that the resolution be referred to the Incoming Supreme Nine.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—With full power to act.

MR. BOLLINGER (93):—I would like to ask a question: Has the Order ever been financially embarrassed since we started?

SNARK:—Not to my knowledge; no, sir.

MR. BOLLINGER:—Then, why undertake to economize on the small matter of the trunks? The trunk is desirable. I am in favor of retaining it. If it is in order, I would like to make a motion to lay on the table.

(The motion to lay on the table was seconded, and, upon being put to a vote, was carried.)

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—There is a special order of business for 2 o'clock—the election of officers.

(On motion, an adjournment was then taken until 1:50 o'clock.)

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, SEPTEMBER 10.

(The meeting was again called to order at 2:15 o'clock.)

SNARK:—We were to meet at 1:50 o'clock. It is always 2 o'clock until it is 3 o'clock, and the first business that will come before the meeting will be the report of the Committee on Legislation.

#### Report of Committee on Legislation.

(Mr. Brizzolara then read the report of the committee, as follows:)

"Your Committee on Legislation respectfully report that no further or other legislation is advisable or deemed necessary for the good of the Order, provided that the Constitution and By-laws of the Order as now existing be faithfully adhered to, compiled with, and enforced.

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

"JAMES BRIZZOLARA, Chairman;  
"E. STRINGER BOGESS,  
"F. N. SNELL."

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—Worthy Snark: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Legislation and that the committee be discharged.

(The motion was seconded, and was carried.)

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

MR. H. H. HEMENWAY:—The report of the Committee on Good of the Order will be short. We cut out a good many things we would like to say. Brevity being the soul of wit, we have come right down to it.

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

(Mr. Hemenway read the report of the Committee on Good of the Order, as follows:)

"We, your committee, would most respectfully make the following report:

"1. We are pleased to note the increased attendance at the Annual this year—far greater than ever before.

"2. But we regret that so many of our members do not feel it their duty to be present at our business meetings and take part in the deliberations, and afterwards find fault and criticize the acts of those who were present and put in their time and best efforts to promote and advance the interests of Hoo-Hoo.

"3. We congratulate the Order on the excellent and admirable address of our Snark, which shows he has done his duty faithfully and well.

"4. All members of our Order are anxious to build up and perpetuate Hoo-Hoo in the years to come; and long after your present committee have 'turned their toes to the daises,' may our Order be stronger, more influential, and more beneficial to its members as the years pass by. To this end we should eliminate all objectionable features that have crept into our ritual work at concatenations; and while not claiming to be of purer or loftier ideas than the other members, we would unanimously recommend that the so-called 'degree of humility' be eliminated from the ritual work. In our opinion, it offends more than it pleases and tends to leave wrong impres-

sions on the minds of many as to the real intent and objects of Hoo-Hoo.

"5. As the present conditions exist, we recommend that a plan be formulated to legally extend our membership to 99,999, and that concatenations shall be held by Vicegerents as often as a sufficient number of representative men or heads of firms eligible under our Constitution and By-laws can be brought together; and as but few of our members can attend the annual concatenation, they would soon lose interest in the Order if they had not the privilege of attending concatenations of the Order.

"6. As a whole, we endorse the sentiments shown by the Snark's address. May we build wisely and well, may wise counsels prevail, and may our Order attain the high position of which we believe it possible.

"H. H. HEMENWAY,  
"E. F. NIEHAUS,  
"I. T. MALLISTER,  
"O. E. YEAGER,  
"G. W. LOCKE."

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

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move that the report of the committee be received and adopted.

(The motion was seconded and carried.)

SNARK:—The report of the Committee on Resolutions.

#### Report of Committee on Resolutions.

MR. FREEMAN (119):—Worthy Snark: The report of the Committee on Good of the Order has so far covered the general scope usually supposed to be within the province of the Committee on Resolutions that we have no formal report to make. In fact, we couldn't think of any nice pieces of poetic selections to give to you; but we do wish to offer one simple resolution; if we were going to offer more, we would start out with the prelude that we are all jolly good fellows. It is the proper thing that we should make acknowledgment of our appreciation of the use of the room that has been used by us, and we extend to Mrs. Campbell our grateful appreciation for her kindness in securing to us the use of this beautiful pavilion. [Applause.]

(It was then moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted and that Mr. Barns (3) be appointed a committee to tender to Mrs. Campbell thanks for her kindness. The motion was carried.)

SNARK:—Report of the Committee on Snark's and Scrivenoter's recommendations.

#### Report of Committee on Snark's and Scrivenoter's Recommendations.

MR. GLADDING (99):—The committee met with the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, went over the recommendations as given in the Snark's and Scrivenoter's reports, and presented our resolution to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, which they reported to the meeting this morning. We have nothing further to add.

SNARK:—Gentlemen: You have heard the report of the Committee on Snark's and Scrivenoter's Recommendations. What is your pleasure?

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—I move the report be received and adopted.

(The motion was seconded, and the report was adopted.)  
SNARK:—Has anybody anything further to offer before we go into the election of officers? If not, we will now proceed to the election of officers.

#### Election of Officers.

SNARK:—The Scrivenoter will call the roll of States, showing the number of votes to which each State is entitled. The chairmen of the different States will kindly make a memorandum of the number of votes, so that they can cast their votes intelligently when nominations are made.

MR. COBB (32):—I think it would be well to tell these gentlemen that unless they get into the section where their delegation is they will be deprived of their votes.

SNARK:—I requested some time ago that the delegates from the different States get together. I am also requested to announce to you that all Hoo-Hoo and their ladies are requested to assemble at the House of Hoo-Hoo not later than 7:45 o'clock this evening to "hike to the Pike," headed by the Hoo-Hoo Band. The Scrivenoter will now call the list of States.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will preface the calling of the vote by a statement that the list I have before me is official; only the Scrivenoter's office can determine the number of votes to which each State is entitled. Some gentlemen think they can take the handbook and, by adding recent initiatives, arrive at the vote. They have no record of the changes of address going on all the time. My figures are correct up to the time I left Nashville.

(The Scrivenoter then called the list of States, together with the number of votes each State is entitled to cast in the election of officers, showing the total vote to be 9,285; necessary to a choice, 4,643.)

SNARK:—We will now call the roll of States for nominations for Snark. The Scrivenoter will call the roll.

(The first State called was "Alabama," which waived the privilege of a nomination to Illinois. Illinois responded, through Mr. L. M. Bostwick, as follows:)

**Mr. Rourke Nominated.**

MR. L. M. BOSTWICK (161):—Brother Hoo-Hoo: Illinois desires to thank the grand old State of Alabama for the privilege accorded us. Illinois has a candidate for the office of Snark—one who is well known to you all; one who has a record for good work; one who is the connecting link between the manufacturers and the retailers (he is a traveling man); one who is sufficiently blessed with this world's goods to meet any demands that may be made on him in supporting the dignity of the office; one whom we in our own State call "our Charlie." I present the name of Charles D. Rourke, of Petersburg, Ill. [Prolonged applause.]

(The Scrivenoter called "Arkansas.")

**Mr. Snell Nominated.**

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—Most Worthy Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I desire to nominate a man whose energy and zeal make him fully capable of discharging the duties of this high office. He has labored in the vineyards of our Order as Senior Hoo-Hoo; he has been a dutiful and faithful servant for two years; he has devoted his time, his energies, his zeal, and his means to the promotion of the best interests of the Order, sacrificing self for its upbuilding—a man and a brother of whom it may be said that in his hands is ever borne gentle peace and silence; he is just; he jeers not; all the ends he aims at are his country, his God, and truth. I have the honor to nominate the ideal brother and friend, Frank N. Snell, of Milwaukee, Wis., for Snark of the Universe. [Great applause.]

(When the Scrivenoter reached "Colorado," Mr. R. W. English said:)

MR. ENGLISH:—I second the nomination of F. N. Snell, of Milwaukee. All of you who were fortunate enough to be in Milwaukee two years ago certainly ought to appreciate what he did for this Order—the services he rendered for weeks and weeks before the convention and while we were there. The arrangements were largely in his hands; the pleasures that our ladies received were largely proposed by him; and we must not forget the fact that in 1894 Frank N. Snell was made a Hoo-Hoo. He is not one of our late comers; he has been with us for years. In Buffalo last year this Order appreciated what he had done

the year before in Milwaukee and placed him next to the Snark of the Universe—Senior Hoo-Hoo. You will all bear in mind that only a short time ago—I think it was in Milwaukee—our Brother Norris, who had acted as Senior Hoo-Hoo, was elected Snark. Why was this? For the reason that he had done his work faithfully as Senior Hoo-Hoo. This is why I rise and say that we should elect Brother Snell as Snark of the Universe. He has faithfully performed his duty as Senior Hoo-Hoo during the last year, the same as he has performed his duty on committees and all places where he has been appointed to serve this Order. He is a man with a good record; no man can say aught against Frank N. Snell; and I hope, as we go along down the line, you will bear in mind that we have a man of whom you all will be proud if you give him the unanimous vote of this Order. [Applause.]

(On the call for nominations for Snark, when "Florida," "Georgia," and "Illinois" were reached, each of them "passed." The Indiana delegation, by its chairman, seconded the nomination of Mr. Rourke. Mr. Gladding requested that Indiana be called again, and said: "Part of the delegation have nothing against Mr. Rourke, but we want also to second the nomination of Mr. Snell." The chairman of the Iowa delegation seconded the nomination of Mr. Snell.)

(When "Kentucky" was called, Mr. C. S. Walker, acting as chairman, said:)

MR. CLIFF. S. WALKER (738):—Kentucky has no candidate. In England two or three hundred years ago they had a man named "Warwick," whom they called "the King Maker," because he went around making kings, more or less. Those who have followed the politics of Hoo-Hoo have recognized that we also have a "King Maker," who at every Annual has either made the Snark or tried to make him. I think now we should put an end to that work. I think the man himself should be recognized. I suggest that we now make the "King Maker" run and that we have no more of this "snake" politics, and I name Mr. E. R. Cooleedge for Snark.

MR. E. R. COOLEEDGE:—Nothing worse could happen to a man than a compliment from Cliff. S. Walker.

(The Scrivenoter resumes call of States—"Louisiana.")

(The chairman of the Louisiana delegation said: "The Louisiana delegation seems a little divided. We seconded the nomination of Mr. C. D. Rourke, of Illinois, and a portion of the Louisiana delegation would like to second the nomination of Mr. Snell." Maryland and Massachusetts seconded the nomination of Mr. Rourke.)

(The Scrivenoter calls—"Minnesota.")

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—Minnesota has a candidate for Snark. I have appeared several times before you gentlemen, and have used my best endeavors to put a man on the Supreme Nine as Snark. You have defeated my State. We have a name to present to-day for which we ask earnest consideration and your vote, because we believe him to be the man Minnesota needs. Minnesota seconds the nomination of C. D. Rourke. [Applause.]

(The chairmen of the Mississippi and Nebraska delegations seconded the nomination of Mr. Rourke; New York "passed;" North Carolina and Ohio had no candidate; Oklahoma Territory seconded Mr. Rourke's nomination; Oregon had no candidate; Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia "passed;" Mr. Winchester, of West Virginia, seconded Mr. Rourke's nomination; Wisconsin seconded Mr. Snell's nomination, amid applause.)

(The Snark having announced, "There are two men in nomination—C. D. Rourke, of Illinois, and Frank N. Snell, of Wisconsin," a vote was taken, resulting as is shown below.)

**The Vote for Snark.**

[The voting was very spirited, the announcement of each vote being greeted with applause from the friends of the respective candidates. At times this applause was so prolonged and noisy as to make it difficult to hear all that was said. Very frequently the chairmen of the State delegations cast the vote after preliminary remarks commendatory of the recipient of that vote. Mr. Amorous, from Georgia, announced that "the 'Cracker State' came up from the Southeast with its 369 votes solid for the man of destiny—Rourke." When Minnesota was reached, Mr. W. M. Stephenson said: "Minnesota brought down from the Canadian border the solid vote of her 188 members for Rourke, of Illinois." Canada, through her chairman, announced a solid vote for Snell. It was greeted with great applause. When West Virginia was reached, Mr. A. H. Winchester, of that State, said: "West Virginia comes, not like the mother of a litter of kittens, but fiercely, as a lioness, presenting her single cub—C. D. Rourke, of Petersburg." Other announcements of a similar tenor for both candidates were made, and never failed to evoke rounds of applause. When Kentucky was called, the chairman arose and asked that Kentucky be passed for the present. On a second call for Kentucky's vote Mr. Cliff. S. Walker, acting as chairman of the delegation, arose and said: "We have been trying to figure out one vote here for Mr. Cooleedge." A moment later, however, he cast the vote of the State—105 1-3 for Rourke and 131 2-3 for Snell—the vote being received with a prodigious burst of applause from the Rourke men.—Editor "Bulletin."]

	ROURKE.	SNELL.
Alabama . . . . .	177	...
Arkansas . . . . .	360	149
California . . . . .	...	243
Canada . . . . .	...	203
Colorado . . . . .	34	168
Florida . . . . .	137	...
Georgia . . . . .	369	...
Illinois . . . . .	385	51
Indiana . . . . .	174	16
Indian Territory . . . . .	73	...
Iowa . . . . .	...	298
Kansas . . . . .	120	120
Kentucky . . . . .	105 1-3	131 2-3
Louisiana . . . . .	492	101
Maryland . . . . .	44	...
Massachusetts . . . . .	115	...
Minnesota . . . . .	188	...
Mississippi . . . . .	371	...
Missouri . . . . .	326 1-2	326 1-2
Nebraska . . . . .	159	...
New York . . . . .	114 1-2	114 1-2
North Carolina . . . . .	79	...
Ohio . . . . .	295	147
Oklahoma Territory . . . . .	253	...
Oregon . . . . .	...	155
Pennsylvania . . . . .	307	...
South Carolina . . . . .	91	...
Tennessee . . . . .	313	...
Texas . . . . .	482 1-2	289 1-2
Washington . . . . .	194	383
West Virginia . . . . .	196	...
Wisconsin . . . . .	...	236

SCRIVENOTER:—I will announce the vote—Rourke, 5,954 5-6; Snell, 3,137 1-6.

MR. SNELL (2795):—I congratulate my dear friend, Charlie Rourke, on his election. I desire to move that his election be made unanimous. He is a long-time friend of mine, and he will have no more loyal supporter in anything that benefits the Order than Frank Snell and the Wisconsin Hoo-Hoo. [Prolonged applause.]

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—I second the motion.

(The motion was carried.)

(The Snark then appointed Mr. Snell and Mr. Brizzolara a committee to escort Mr. Rourke to the platform.)

MR. ROURKE:—Gentlemen: There comes some time in the life of every man a sensation that is akin to weeping. There is a time in every man's life when that little lump rises in his throat; and if he doesn't watch out, he will choke. That is the way I feel to-day. I can't express the gratification and the gratitude I feel when I look down on these faces of intelligence and think of the mammoth interest that you represent. A man in such a case might express the opinion privately, but not publicly, that he considers himself unworthy of the honor. In every election some bitterness occurs, but it is not my intention to make a speech. I will say this: that Rourke, of Illinois, will be a Snark for all Hoo-Hoo. [Applause.]

(All the members then joined in giving the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

(Upon motion, duly seconded, calling the roll of States for nominations to each of the offices was dispensed with.)

**Election of Senior Hoo-Hoo.**

EDWARD S. SCHWARTZ (613):—Mr. Snark and Gentlemen: You all heard the report of the Scrivenoter. It gave the vote of Texas as 772. There is a member present from the State of Texas whose name I want to offer as Senior Hoo-Hoo—Mr. John S. Bonner, of Houston.

(Upon motion, duly seconded, nominations for Senior Hoo-Hoo were closed; and thereupon it was moved that the Scrivenoter cast the entire vote of the Order for John S. Bonner as Senior Hoo-Hoo.)

(The Snark appointed Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Cobb a committee to bring Mr. Bonner forward.)

MR. BONNER:—Brother Snark and Gentlemen: This is twice that you have honored me, and to say that I appreciate it does not express it. I do not know that I have done any more than any other man could have done. Possibly I could have done more; but I have worked faithfully for Hoo-Hoo and I intend to work faithfully for Hoo-Hoo, because it is an Order of which I am very proud.

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—From the sunny Southland of grand old Arkansas there come a message and greetings, heralding to you a brother in our midst, who, though young in years, is the brightest, most efficient, zealous, and energetic of men; one whom to know is to honor and esteem; a Paladin of Paladins; a very prince of jolly, royal, good fellows; able, just, and upright; an enthusiast at the shrine of the Black Prince; the very flower of chivalry and of knighthood, by his kindnesses and courtesy commanding our admiration and friendship; one who belongs to this State by right of birth, while to you—O, Missouri!—only by right of adoption; one of whom it may be said: "An eye like Mars to threaten and command, a stature like the Herald Mercury, new lighted on a heaven-kissing hill; a combination and a form, indeed, where every god did seem to set his seal to give the world assurance of a man." Such a brother I desire to place in nomination for the office of Junior Hoo-Hoo—Brother Arthur C. Ramsey. [Applause.]

MR. FREEMAN (119):—Missouri claims a privilege. I am sorry that the brother who lives in Arkansas—as near to Missouri as he could get and not get there—does not also live in Missouri to make the seconding speech also. It gives me great pleasure, representing Missouri, to second this nomination. Mr. Ramsey—"Big," we call him—has been an energetic and hard worker for your entertainment. He is one of the best boys we have in the trade in St. Louis. So, on behalf of Hoo-Hoo in Missouri, I second his nomination.

SANFORD H. BOLLINGER (93):—I didn't mean to interrupt Brother Freeman's speech; I simply intended to second the nomination, representing Louisiana. Had it not been for the unfortunate sickness of our Dutchman,

Mr. Snyder, who makes Hoo-Hoo wagons, we would certainly have made a pretty lively fight for Mr. Snyder; but as he is not here, I want to second the nomination of the Missouri candidate.

MR. SNELL (1795):—If there are no further nominations, I desire to move you that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this convention for "Big" Ramsey for Junior Hoo-Hoo.

SNARK:—Are there any further nominations for Junior Hoo-Hoo? Hearing none, it has been moved and seconded that Mr. A. C. Ramsey be unanimously elected to the office of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

(Thereupon Mr. Ramsey was unanimously elected Junior Hoo-Hoo, the Scrivenoter casting the entire vote—9,092—for Mr. Ramsey.)

MR. A. C. RAMSEY:—Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I am not an orator. I am not going to stand up here long enough to prove it. I might be able to run a smoker at a pretty good gait, but I can't stand up here and make a speech. Brother Rourke spoke about a lump just now, and I can feel one coming. [Applause.]

#### Election of Bojum.

MR. AMOROUS (2354):—You will all recall the delightful invitation we had this morning from Portland, Ore., by a charming lady, who said that the principal entertainment would be by the ladies of Oregon. I think that in selecting the Supreme Nine we should send our handsomest men, who, when they are told the ladies of Oregon will receive them with open arms, will be worthy to embrace the opportunity. Georgia, therefore, presents as candidate for Supreme Bojum, George V. Denny of Savannah. [Applause.]

(It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote for Mr. George V. Denny, of Savannah, as Supreme Bojum.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with your instructions, I cast the entire vote of this meeting for George V. Denny, of Savannah, for Supreme Bojum.

(Mr. Amorous and Mr. Mace were appointed by the Snark to escort Mr. Denny to the front.)

GEORGE V. DENNY (6486):—Last April I attended a convention at Old Point, Va. When I returned home, the proceedings of the convention followed me, and my wife got hold of the book. She read it very carefully, and said to me afterwards: "If you ever go to another convention and make as many speeches, or make as many attempts to make speeches, as you did at Old Point, I will cut off your allowance and you cannot go." So, to get her consent to go to this convention, I had to promise I would not make any speeches but one; and she wrote that for me, and I delivered it at the banquet. I have no speech to make to-day, as I did not expect to be elected. I thank you all. I will do my best to fill this high office.

#### Election of Scrivenoter.

MR. E. STRINGER BOGCESS:—West Virginia rises to a point of inquiry. We supposed, of course, that Jim Baird, whom we have known from his youth up, favorably and continually, was going to continue, as a matter of course. If there is going to be any question about it, we would like to caucus a little and see if we can make the thing unanimous. [Laughter.]

MR. GLADDING (99):—I take great pleasure in nominating the present incumbent, James H. Baird, who probably has more friends than anybody else on earth. [Applause.]

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move to make the nomination unanimous and that the Snark cast the entire vote

of the association for Mr. James H. Baird as Scrivenoter.

SNARK:—I hereby cast the unanimous vote of this assembly for James H. Baird as Scrivenoter, and take pleasure in introducing him to you. He will make you that same speech that he has delivered for seven years.

MR. JAMES H. BAIRD (408):—I don't know why Mr. Vietmeler should slander me that way. I do know, too. He wanted to be re-elected, and I told him it could not be done; that we would have to put up a good man. The fact of the business is that this is the ninth time I have been unanimously elected Scrivenoter, and I can prove by Mr. Brizzolara that on each occasion I have made a good and a brilliant speech. Isn't that so, Mr. Brizzolara? [Mr. Brizzolara shouted, "No!" amid great laughter.] Every time I have been criticised for making too long a speech; this time I am not going to make any. Gentlemen, it goes without saying that I do esteem this very great honor, and I thank you for it. [Applause.]

#### Election of Jabberwock.

MR. CLAFFEY (5549):—I wish to put in nomination for the office of Jabberwock a man who is known to all Hoo-Hoo; a man who distinguished himself at Norfolk—Mr. A. H. Potter, of Portland, Ore.

MR. L. D. McDONALD (6200):—I will second the nomination of Mr. Potter.

(It was then moved that the nominations be closed and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire ballot of the association for Mr. Potter. He did so.)

SNARK:—Mr. Potter is out on the Pacific Coast, and cannot speak to us. The Scrivenoter will send him a telegram.

#### Election of Custodian.

MR. WINCHESTER (931):—I come from West Virginia. Written on the heart of every man of my State is that grand motto, "Ever Loyal;" and those of us that are not fatalists are Presbyterians. Away off there in our mountains we often feel that God is afar off and that he and the Czar are always busy; and we would like on this Supreme Nine a representative, so as to bring to our mountain wilds some knowledge of what is going on at court. We would like to nominate one whom we have learned to love and who has learned the dearest lesson in life—that there is nothing in this life to be dreaded, save sin and disgrace—and that one is E. Stringer Boggess, of Clarksburg, W. Va.

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—Minnesota has a candidate who is the equal of Boggess, probably the superior of Boggess, who has done all the work in the Order he can do. Mr. Boggess may be a good man in West Virginia, but Minnesota wants to nominate Boggess of the whole Order of Hoo-Hoo. [Applause.]

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—I move you that the nomination be closed and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote of this Order for E. Stringer Boggess as Custodian.

MR. BOGCESS:—Brother Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I thank you for the honor that has been conferred upon me. I do not do much talking now; but I have done some work, and I will keep on working for the Order, just as I have done.

SNARK:—The Scrivenoter will notify Brother Potter of his election by wire.

#### Election of Arcanoper.

KARL ISBURGH (8430):—Massachusetts has a candidate for the high office of Arcanoper on the Supreme Nine of Hoo-Hoo—Gardner I. Jones, one whom you probably all know. He has been in the lumber business a long while, and has been a hard worker in our State for the Order. He is a member of the Governing Board of the National

Hardwood Lumber Association, and I am sure it would be wise to put him on the board.

MR. BARNES (3):—In the report of the Scrivenoter I noticed that next to Brother Bonner, of Texas, the man who did the best work as Vicegerent last year was Mr. Laidlaw, of Toronto. It seems to me that we should recognize that fact, and I take great pleasure in nominating Mr. W. C. Laidlaw for Arcanoper.

(The nomination was seconded by Mr. John F. Feist.)

(Thereupon Mr. Isburgh withdrew the nomination of Mr. Jones and moved that Mr. Laidlaw's nomination be made unanimous and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire ballot of the Order for Mr. Laidlaw. The motion was seconded, and the Scrivenoter cast the entire ballot of the Order for Mr. W. C. Laidlaw as Arcanoper.)

#### Election of Gurdon.

MR. BARNES (3):—I nominate Mr. Gardner I. Jones, of Massachusetts.

(The nomination was seconded by Mr. Isburgh.)

(It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed and that the Snark cast the ballot unanimously for Gardner I. Jones.)

(Thereupon the Snark cast the entire vote of the Order for Gardner I. Jones as Gurdon.)

SNARK:—Mr. Nichols will be in the House of Hoo-Hoo after adjournment of this meeting, prepared to receive applications. I would advise as many as possible to go there and take out applications.

SNARK:—Is there anything further to come before this convention?

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—I want to offer this resolution:

"Resolved, That the earnest thanks, highest praise, and sincere appreciation, individually and collectively, be, and the same are hereby, tendered to the members of the respective committees of our brother Hoo-Hoo of St. Louis, Mo., for the many courtesies shown and the right royal manner in which we have been received and entertained, and to the press for the courtesies extended."

(On motion, the resolution was adopted by a standing vote, amid much applause.)

MR. BRIZZOLARA:—As a question of personal privilege, I would like to know how much money the new incoming Nine have on hand.

SNARK:—About \$6,700.

(Thereupon a motion to adjourn, being duly seconded, was put by the Snark, and the convention adjourned *sine die*.)

#### The Snark Fled.

No sooner had the motion to adjourn *sine die* been put and voted on than ex-Snark Vietmeler threw the gavel on the table and executed a most precipitate retreat from the Texas pavilion. The Supreme Scrivenoter had arranged with Arkansas' eloquent son, Mr. James Brizzolara, to make a fitting speech in presenting to ex-Snark Vietmeler that symbol of his ex-ness—the House of Ancients' ring. Doubtless everyone in the Order by this time is familiar with these rings. They are beauties, the setting being a magnificent ruby in massive gold and on the gold is engraved many symbolical figures and legends. Mr. Vietmeler must have known what was coming. All efforts to find him in the pavilion were unavailing. He was finally run down near the Secretary's desk over in the House of Hoo-Hoo, but by the time Mr. Brizzolara got him cornered, several hundred men had joined in the chase and so dense was the crowd around the two central figures that the Scrivenoter, who had taken refuge in the bend of the staircase some twenty feet up, was utterly unable to distinguish what was said. From his gesticulations, however, it was easy to be seen that Mr. Brizzolara was speak-

ing with his usual fluency and that Mr. Vietmeler was covered with embarrassment. He kept backing away from Mr. Brizzolara and bumping into people behind him, but there was no escape and when finally he emerged from the crowd, somewhat heated from repeated slappings on the back, the ring had been firmly planted on his finger.

The Bulletin regrets being unable to report Mr. Brizzolara's speech, but we have no hesitancy in saying that he voiced in appropriate language the very great appreciation the entire Order feels for Mr. Vietmeler's conscientious and untiring work as Hoo-Hoo's highest officer.

#### Entertainment Features.

The entertainment features of the Thirteenth Annual were planned on a big scale, and were carried through with a degree of smoothness commensurate with the well known talents and ability of the St. Louis men composing the various committees. The first thing on the programme was the smoker and vaudeville for men only at the House of Hoo-Hoo Wednesday evening. Bros. A. C. Ramsey, T. A. Moore, George E. Watson and Harry Svartz, the Committee on Smoker and Vaudeville, had conceived the brilliant idea of securing the best of the Pike attractions, and so successful were they in developing this scheme that the evening of September 8 will linger long in the memory of those present at the entertainment. Never was vaudeville so unique and varied. It was truly an all-star performance.

The large stage during the course of the evening was occupied by Cliff Dwellers from Arizona, Hawaiians from the Sandwich Islands, Turkish dancers from Turkey, Egyptian conjurers from Egypt, fair singers and dancers from La Belle France, Sioux and Cheyenne Indians from the western plains.

Previous to the opening the World's Fair pipe and accompanying provender was passed around. The "World's Fair" pipe is essentially a pipe for a "smoker." It consists of an attachment to a "Missouri meerschaum" which enables the smoker to pin it to the lapel of his coat, and instead of the ordinary bamboo a rubber stem is attached, thus leaving the smoker free to eat, drink, encore and be merry.

The first number was the Hawaiian band, which played the plaintive Kanaka music of the South Sea, sandwiched in with rag time. The next was Al Fremont, of the Cummins' Wild West Show, who while waiting for the Indians to make their appearance entertained the guests with several recitations. At the conclusion he introduced a band of Sioux and Cheyenne Indians dressed in war paint and feathers, who gave an extremely graphic rendition of war and courting dances.

Lillie Reilly, of the Palais du Costume, of Paris, rendered several beautiful songs, in none of which she explained why a genuine Parisian should bear so palpably a Celtic name. But no matter. Music is the same in all languages, and the Irish have a way of getting high up in the band wagon in whatever country they chance to land.

La Mora, the premier danseuse from Kiralfy's Louisiana Purchase Spectacle, gave a superb exhibition of ballet dancing in which like the Spanish Gypsy in Longfellow's poem, each footstep "fell as lightly as the moonbeam on the water." La Mora was enthusiastically encored.

The next number was Said Mahgoub, an Egyptian conjurer from Cairo, who did some astonishing stunts with a handkerchief, two little chickens and a pack of cards.

The final numbers were typical Egyptian and Turkish dances.

It was indeed a great show and reflected much credit on the committee to whose executive ability the evening's pleasure was due. The entertainment concluded with a delightful luncheon of sandwiches and liquid refreshments.

While the members were enjoying the smoker and vaudeville, the ladies were escorted to the Odeon Theatre to witness Kralffy's "Louisiana Purchase Spectacle," a most gorgeous production. Few in the party had seen a spectacular on quite so magnificent a scale, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed.



W. C. LAIDLAW, Supreme Arcanoper,  
of Toronto, Canada.

The only man residing outside the United States ever  
elected to the Supreme Nine.

The Committee on Ladies' Entertainment, of which N. W. McLeod was Chairman, certainly fulfilled its duties and is entitled to the highest praise for the many and varied forms of entertainment it had prepared for the visiting ladies.

During the entire week the committee, which was composed of N. W. McLeod, C. D. Johnson, W. H. Wylie, A. J. Nelmyer, S. H. Fullerton, Louis Werner, H. P. Farrington, C. E. Neeley, and A. Strauss and their wives, was in attendance at the House of Hoo-Hoo and assisted materially in making things pleasant for the visitors.

On Thursday evening instead of the usual informal dance which has been one of the weekly features of the House of Hoo-Hoo during the fair, a reception was held in the pavilion so kindly tendered by Mrs. W. W. Cameron, of Waco, Tex., one of the Texas Building hostesses, who also acted as hostess on this occasion. During the evening music was furnished by the well-known Hoo-Hoo band of Lufkin, Tex., for dancing, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Friday evening the ladies were entertained at the Imperial Japanese Gardens, which on that occasion presented the appearance of fairyland. Hundreds of tiny red lanterns strung together in festoons or hanging singly to the limbs of every tree and shrub and reflected in the limpid waters of the miniature lake. lit up the grounds with a sheen of soft, warm color, making a scene of loveliness the witchery of which crept into the senses like the glow of rare old wine.

On entering this enchanted garden each lady was handed a Japanese fan furnished by the House of Hoo-Hoo, on which was the inscription, "Japanese Garden Party; Thirteenth Hoo-Hoo Annual." Later on she was also presented with another fan, of unique design, with the compliments of her Japanese hosts, and with a lantern, and finally with a package of the very finest brand of tea produced in the country of the Rising Sun. Inside the pavilion dainty cups of tea were served—genuine tea and not the left-over stuff usually sold in America. Later on the visitors partook of delicious ices and cakes. The principal

feature of the entertainment was the famous "Cherry Blossom" dance, performed by two fair and graceful Glesha girls who looked for all the world like pictures on a fan. The musicians, also maidens from the Sunrise Kingdom, sat flat on a cushion with their feet doubled under, and sang a sort of tender chant to the accompaniment of stringed instruments. The weird, oriental music, the slow and sinuous convolutions of the dancers, the waving branches of cherry blossoms, the glow of the myriad ruby-colored lights and the entrancing beauty of the starry night, made the occasion one of singular fascination, the memory of which will be long cherished by the delighted guests.

Mr. Frank C. Brewer was active manager of this affair for the House of Hoo-Hoo, and acquitted himself in his usual creditable way as an entertainer.

The last of the entertainments was the Hike to the Pike Saturday evening in which every Hoo-Hoo and all the ladies joined. At about 7 o'clock the hosts were marshalled by fours at the House of Hoo-Hoo and started on a triumphal march to the Pike. The sole armament consisted of horns and cowbells, which were used with deadly effect. To the top of Art hill they marched, down the Cascades walk and on through the gathered thousands of onlookers assembled to gaze upon the curious sight. The pikers themselves were paralyzed. Never had such a sight been seen or such sounds heard before. Nearly two thousand persons were in line, each making as much noise as possible. Their destination was the Cummins' Wild West, Indian Congress and Rough Riders of the World. Into the great amphitheatre the multitude marched with the Hoo-Hoo band of Lufkin, Tex., at its head, and there was room and to spare. There was enthusiasm too for all the performance: for the feats of riding, the brave costumes, the beautiful drill of the zouaves and all the rest of a varied



CHAS. H. ADAMS,  
Who gives The Bulletin many useful tips as he  
travels over the country, but who is  
now temporarily under a cloud  
for not attending the  
Annual.

and interesting performance. The head of this big show is Col. Fred T. Cummins, Hoo-Hoo No. 2855, formerly of Nashville, Tenn.

With the close of this performance the multitude went forth and dissolved into skirmishing parties, and the rest of the Pike was theirs for the rest of the evening.

## THOSE PRESENT.

The following is a list of those present at the meeting as nearly as we can present it. There were so many things to distract attention it was found impossible to secure an absolutely complete register of all in attendance. This list is probably very deficient in the matter of ladies present, it being well-nigh impossible to secure their names and addresses:

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| Adams, E. M., Mound City, Kan.        | Bowling, C. B., Columbia, Mo.          | Critchfield, Bird, Lincoln, Neb.     |
| Adams, F. C., Duluth, Minn.           | Bowman, C. A., St. Louis.              | Cronan, J. H., Cairo, Ill.           |
| Adams, G. H., Pine Bluff, Ark.        | Brandon, R. A., Little Rock, Ark.      | Cropper, J. E., Bon Ami, La.         |
| Adams, J. Miss, Pine Bluff, Ark.      | Brandon, J. A. Mrs., Little Rock, Ark. | Cropper, L. C. Miss, Bon Ami, La.    |
| Agner, J. C., Columbus, Ohio.         | Braun, J. A., St. Louis.               | Cross, C. L., Chicago.               |
| Ahrens, A. E., Madison, Wis.          | Brazill, J. P., St. Louis.             | Cross, P. Miss, Chicago.             |
| Ahrens, P. F., Chicago.               | Brewer, F. C., St. Louis.              | Crull, E. S., Sedalia, Mo.           |
| Alcock, J. L., Baltimore, Md.         | Brewster, O. F., Pine Bluff, Ark.      | Crull, S. Miss, Indianapolis, Ind.   |
| Alexander, W. C., Everest, Kan.       | Bright, C. W., St. Louis.              | Cummings, A. A., Mautachle, Miss.    |
| Allen, G. M., Middle Granville, N. Y. | Brizzolara, James, Fort Smith, Ark.    | Cummings, W. C., Mautachle, Miss.    |
| Allen, S. H., Carrollton, Mo.         | Bromley, G. A., Ferguson, Mo.          | Cummings, W. S., Monroe, La.         |
| Allen, H. P., Kansas City.            | Brown, A. E., Chicago.                 | Cummings, W. F., Monroe, La.         |
| Allen, W. H., Chicago.                | Brown, B. A., Colfax, Iowa.            | Cunningham, C. W., Lufkin, Texas.    |
| Amorous, M. F., Atlanta, Ga.          | Brown, C. S., St. Louis.               | Culver, Mrs., Glendale, Mo.          |
| Anderson, A. G., Dallas, Texas.       | Brown, E. M., Camden, Ark.             | Curley, C. C., Westlake, La.         |
| Anderson, Emil, Louisville, Ky.       | Brown, G. W., Nacogdoches, Texas.      | Curry, C. C., St. Louis.             |
| Anderson, H. W., Omaha, Neb.          | Brown, J. F., Anadarko, O. T.          | Curtis, N. L., Maumee, Ohio.         |
| Anderson, J. C., San Francisco, Cal.  | Brown, J. J., East St. Louis, Ill.     | Cutts, C. C., Cordele, Ga.           |
| Anderson, J. B., Chihuahua, Mex.      | Brown, J. T., Denver, Col.             | Darling, H. W., Wichita, Kan.        |
| Anson, Joe R., Kansas City, Mo.       | Brown, John F., Kansas City.           | Darnell, W. S., Memphis, Tenn.       |
| Anson, Mark, Muscatine, Ia.           | Buchanan, J. D., Gulfport, Miss.       | Davis, H. E., Oak Grove, Ala.        |
| Antrim, A. Miss, St. Louis.           | Buell, F. T., Dallas, Texas.           | Davis, W. C., Jr., Percy, Ill.       |
| Antrim, C. A., St. Louis.             | Bullard, W. C., Omaha, Neb.            | Day, James N., St. Louis.            |
| Antrim, E. Miss, St. Louis.           | Bullard, J. Miss, Omaha, Neb.          | De Bogory, E., Jacksonville, Fla.    |
| Ashford, W. M., Highball, Texas.      | Bullard, M. Miss, Omaha, Neb.          | Defebaugh, E. H., Louisville, Ky.    |
| Austin, Fred W., Mobile, Ala.         | Burdin, S. N., Martinsville, La.       | Denny, George V., Savannah, Ga.      |
| Austin, G. L., Pickering, Ia.         | Burgoyne, George W., Chicago.          | Dexter, H. W., Atlanta, Ga.          |
| Avery, H., New Orleans, La.           | Burk, W. P., Sardis, Miss.             | Dickinson, C. M., Paragould, Ark.    |
|                                       | Burkart, H. A., Orange, Texas.         | Dickson, J. W., Memphis, Tenn.       |
|                                       | Burkart, Mrs. H. A., Orange, Tex.      | Dickson, G. C., Prague, O. T.        |
|                                       | Burkholder, J. B., Minneapolis.        | Dicus, F. P., Edna, Kan.             |
|                                       | Busse, C. H., Troy, Ill.               | Diekroeger, G. F., St. Louis.        |
|                                       | Butt, E. A., Wynnewood, I. T.          | Dierks, H., De Queen, Ark.           |
|                                       | Byer, J. W., Coffeville, Kan.          | Dillman, A. J., Kennett, Mo.         |
|                                       | Byrne, F. T., St. Louis.               | Dixon, G. C., Prague, O. T.          |
|                                       | Byrnes, G. H., Shreveport, La.         | Doke, F. L., Corsicana, Tex.         |
|                                       | Byrnes, L. M., St. Louis.              | Donnelly, E. A., New Orleans, La.    |
|                                       |  | Donnelly, M. Miss, Cincinnati, Ohio. |
|                                       |  | Doppes, J. H., Cincinnati, Ohio.     |
|                                       |  | Doppes, J. C., Cincinnati, Ohio.     |
|                                       |  | Downman, R. H., New Orleans, La.     |
|                                       |  | Downs, W. F., Warren, Ark.           |
|                                       |  | Drake, W. A., Dayton, Ohio.          |
|                                       |  | Druhe, John, St. Louis.              |
|                                       |  | Dunne, E. J., Lufkin, Texas.         |
|                                       |  | Duncan, R. W., Roanoke, W. Va.       |
|                                       |  | Durham, F. J., Portland, Ore.        |
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|                                       |  | Eckhard, E. B., Cardondale, Ill.     |
|                                       |  | Edmonds, Roy M., St. Louis.          |
|                                       |  | Edwards, S. G., Terrell, Texas.      |
|                                       |  | Edwards, T. K., Chicago.             |
|                                       |  | Edwards, W. J., St. Louis, Mo.       |
|                                       |  | Elwell, J. K., Santiago de Cuba.     |
|                                       |  | Emig, I. C., St. Louis.              |
|                                       |  | Emmons, T. P., Thayer, Mo.           |
|                                       |  | English, R. W., Denver, Col.         |
|                                       |  | Essig, Louis, St. Louis.             |
|                                       |  | Evans, J. C., Jonesboro, La.         |
|                                       |  | Evans, M. Miss, De Soto, Mo.         |
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|                                       |  | Farrington, H. P., St. Louis.        |
|                                       |  | Feist, J., Buffalo, N. Y.            |
|                                       |  | Fellows, G. D., Racine, Wis.         |
|                                       |  | Ferguson, J. D., St. Louis.          |
|                                       |  | Ferguson, J. D. Mrs., St. Louis.     |
|                                       |  | Ferguson, W. B., Little Rock, Ark.   |
|                                       |  | Ferguson, W. T., St. Louis.          |
|                                       |  | Fetty, J. H., Kansas City, Mo.       |
|                                       |  | Fine, R. J., St. Louis.              |
|                                       |  | Fish, F. M., St. Paul, Minn.         |
|                                       |  | Fitzroy, D. R., St. Louis.           |
|                                       |  | Fitzwillson, J. E., New York.        |
|                                       |  | Forbes, C. W., De Queen, Ark.        |
|                                       |  | Forbes, J. A., De Queen, Ark.        |
|                                       |  | Foresman, J. H., Kansas City, Mo.    |
|                                       |  | Forgey, C. K., Bartesville, I. T.    |

- Forney, C. W., Cambridge, Ohio.  
 Fox, J. W., St. Louis.  
 Francis, A. G., St. Louis.  
 Franklin, W., Detroit, Mich.  
 Frantz, C. S., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Fraser, D., Milwaukee.  
 Freeman, J. A., St. Louis.  
 French, W. M., Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Frenger, G. W., Las Cruces, N. M.  
 Freret, James P., New Orleans, La.  
 Friant, John H., Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
 Friedlander, Joe, New York.  
 Friederichs, M. T., Rheyat-Neuss, Germany.  
 Frye, Thomas W., St. Louis.  
 Frye, Thomas W. Mrs., St. Louis.  
 Fuller, L. E., Chicago.  
 Funck, G. W., St. Louis.  
 Furlong, J. M., Keokuk, Iowa.
- Galle, W. F., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Ganahl, J. G., St. Louis.  
 Gardner, W. W., Perla, Ark.  
 Garland, M., Bay City, Mich.  
 Garner, G. S., Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Garner, G. T., Shabee, Okla.  
 Garrett, H. G., Winchester, Ky.  
 Gartside, A. L., Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Gatewood, J. E., St. Louis.  
 Gatewood, A. Miss, St. Louis.  
 Gassaway, J. M. Dr., St. Louis.  
 Gaylord, C. M., Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Gerber, F. A., St. Louis.  
 Gill, S. L., St. Paul, Ark.  
 Gillen, E. D., Texarkana, Ark.  
 Glens, T. R., Carthage, Mo.  
 Gladding, G. W., St. Louis.  
 Gladding, N. A., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Gleason, L. E., Van Wert, Ohio.  
 Glenn, W. S., Ellsville, Miss.  
 Gloor, G. R., St. Louis.  
 Glore, C. A., Centralia, Ill.  
 Godley, W. L., Dallas, Tex.  
 Good, J. M., Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 Good, J. W., Tanner, Mich.  
 Good, M. S., Chicago.  
 Goode, S. B., Beaumont, Texas.  
 Gorin, E. B., Louisiana, Mo.  
 Gorsuch, H. A., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Gross, G. C., St. Louis.  
 Graham, J. C., St. Louis.  
 Grayson, William, St. Louis.  
 Green, W. E., Tyler, Texas.  
 Gregg, E. R., Muncie, Ind.  
 Gregg, W. H. Jr., St. Louis.  
 Griddle, R. D., Houston, Texas.  
 Griddle, Adelaide Miss, Houston, Texas.  
 Griddle, Anna M. Miss, Houston, Texas.  
 Griffin, F. S., Louisville, Ky.  
 Griffin, George M., St. Louis.  
 Griffin, R., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Griffin, W. J., St. Louis.  
 Griffiths, T. W., Dallas, Texas.  
 Grunwaldt, J. A., Call, Texas.  
 Gulbor, C. R., Topeka, Kan.  
 Guild, George, New Orleans, La.  
 Gulsawite, Allen, Hosterman, W. Va.  
 Gundlach, A., St. Louis.
- Hank, E. Miss, Haakwood, Mich.  
 Haak, J. H., Haakwood, Mich.  
 Hafner, J. A., St. Louis.  
 Hafner, H. F., St. Louis.  
 Hagan, Fred, Century, Fla.  
 Hall, C. W., Sandoval, Ill.  
 Hall, L. Miss, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Hall, M. Miss, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Hamilton, J. A., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Hammond, C. F., Craigville, W. Va.  
 Hanford, Thomas H., Chicago.  
 Hanley, F. G., Decatur, Ill.  
 Hanson, E. A., Franklin, La.  
 Harris, I. R., St. Louis.  
 Harris, H. W., Houston, Texas.  
 Harrison, A. L. E., St. Louis.  
 Harrison, F. W., New Orleans, La.  
 Hart, E. J. Jr., St. Louis.
- Hart, E. Mrs., St. Louis.  
 Hart, Miss, St. Louis.  
 Hart, H. L., La Porte, Ind.  
 Hauts, C. A., E. St. Louis, Ill.  
 Hayes, A. J., Corydon, Iowa.  
 Hayward, M. A., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Hayward, Reed, Loveland, Col.  
 Hearn, F. P., St. Louis.  
 Heckard, L. A., Wichita, Kan.  
 Heiss, E. F., Centralia, Ill.  
 Heller, M. J., St. Louis.  
 Helvie, H. E., Fayette, Ark.  
 Hemeway, H. H., Colorado Springs.  
 Henderson, W. K., Jr., Shreveport, La.  
 Henderson, M. Miss, Shreveport, La.  
 Hennie, F. W., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Henry, H. D., Athens, O.  
 Henry L. Miss, Athens, Ohio.  
 Henry V. Miss, Athens, O.  
 Herrick, Leon, De Soto, Mo.  
 Herrick, B. Miss, De Soto, Mo.  
 Herrin, E. M., Mobile, Ala.  
 Hewes, H. B., Jeannerette, La.  
 Heyman, William, St. Louis.  
 Hildreth, E. A., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Himmelberger, J. H., Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
 Hinton, B. Miss, Lumberton, Miss.  
 Hinton, D. Miss, Lumberton, Miss.  
 Hinton, E. Miss, Lumberton, Miss.  
 Hinton, G. Miss, Lumberton, Miss.  
 Hinton, H. Miss, Lumberton, Miss.  
 Hinton, J. H., Lumberton, Miss.  
 Hinton, J. Miss, Lumberton, Miss.  
 Hinton, J. W., Lumberton, Miss.  
 Hinton, R. W., Lumberton, Miss.  
 Hinton, T. Miss, Lumberton, Miss.  
 Hodges, R. F., Milwaukee.  
 Hogg, G. R., St. Louis.  
 Hokekamp, C. H., St. Louis.  
 Hokekamp, M. Miss, Hameln, Germany.  
 Hokekamp, Robert A., St. Louis.  
 Hollis, W. G., Minneapolis.  
 Holloway, J. N., Philadelphia.  
 Holloway, J. T., St. Louis.  
 Holmes, A. L., Detroit, Mich.  
 Hoskins, George C., Kentwood, La.  
 Hotchkiss, George W., Chicago.  
 Houser, G. B., Portage La Prairie, Man.  
 Howard, C. T., Cowan, W. Va.  
 Hubbard, W. P., Brazil, Ind.  
 Humason, W. P., Lufkin, Texas.  
 Hummel, L., Springfield, Mo.  
 Hunter, R. W., Providence, Ky.  
 Hutchison, D. S., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Hutchison, F. Miss, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Hutchison, H. Miss, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Huthmacher, G. C., Murphysboro, Ill.  
 Hutson, H. G., St. Louis.  
 Huttig, C. H., St. Louis.  
 Hyde, J. W., Jacksonville, Fla.
- Iddings, C. F., North Platte, Neb.  
 Irvine, R. W., Coles, Ill.  
 Isburgh, Karl, Boston, Mass.  
 Ives, Charles P., Baldwin, Kan.  
 Ives, M. A. Mrs., Baldwin, Kan.
- Jackson, C. C., St. Louis.  
 Janney, A. A., Montgomery, Ala.  
 Jarboe, G. W., St. Louis.  
 Jenkins, C. C., Willoughby, Iowa.  
 Jenkins, D. Miss, Epps, Miss.  
 Jennings, C. M., St. Louis.  
 Jennings, L. Miss, St. Louis.  
 Jett, J. T., Mobile, Ala.  
 Johannig, E. H., St. Louis.  
 Johnson, B. A., Chicago.  
 Johnson, C. D., St. Louis.  
 Johnston, C. G., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Jones, A. Y., Brinson, Ga.  
 Jones, E. P., St. Louis.  
 Jones, E. Miss, St. Louis.  
 Jones, G. I., Boston, Mass.  
 Jones, J. H., Richmond, Va.  
 Jones, K., De Soto, Mo.  
 Jones, M. T., Jr., Houston, Tex.  
 Jones, W. E., Houston, Texas.
- Jurden, C. W., Klrkwood, Mo.  
 Jordan, E. A., Marion, Ind.  
 Judd, J. F., St. Louis.  
 Junod, E. L., Independence, Kan.
- Kauffeld, H. J., St. Louis.  
 Kauffeld, J. H. Mrs., Sr., St. Louis.  
 Keith, P. R., Tacoma, Wash.  
 Kellog, F. W., St. Louis.  
 Kerr, J. B., Senatobia, Miss.  
 Key, B. W., Woodward, Okla.  
 Keys, J., Ashland, Ky.  
 Kimball, C. V., Chicago.  
 King, S. Sedalla, Mo.  
 Knebel, J. G., St. Louis.  
 Knebel, J. S., St. Louis.  
 Knipstach, Henry, Torre Haute, Ind.  
 Kuchler, Henry, Louisville, Ky.  
 Kolf, J., St. Louis.  
 Krauss, A. J., Hattiesburg, Miss.  
 Krause, R., Westlake, La.
- Laidlaw, W. C., Toronto, Can.  
 Landers, C. C., St. Louis.  
 Lane, J. L., E. St. Louis, Ill.  
 Langau, P. T., Cairo, Ill.  
 Lanter, F. R., Olathe, Kan.  
 Lantz, C. W., Roosevelt, O. T.  
 Lapsley, J. B., Independence, Kan.  
 Lard, W. J., St. Louis.  
 Laufman, Jake, Marshall, Texas.  
 Launstein, W. S., New Orleans, La.  
 Lawrence, W. H., Elk City, O. T.  
 Lawrence, Miss, Robinson, Kan.  
 LeBrun, N. P., St. Louis.  
 Lee, John, Memphis, Tenn.  
 Lehrack, C. R., Cook, Neb.  
 Lillbridge, W. P., St. Charles, Ill.  
 Lillbridge, Miss, St. Charles, Ill.  
 Lindsey, B. Miss, Nashville, Tenn.  
 List, A. C., St. Louis.  
 Locke, George, Lake Charles, La.  
 Loggie, J. J., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Loggie, V. R. Miss, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Loggie, E. A. Miss, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Long, J. E., St. Louis.  
 Long, R. A., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Lowe, William, Warrensburg, Mo.  
 Lucas, C. F., Robinson, Kan.  
 Luehrmann, G. E. W., St. Louis.  
 Lyde, F. Miss, Lumberton, Miss.
- McAllister, I. T., Boulder, Col.  
 McAllister, I. T., Boulder, Col.  
 McBride, C. Miss, Ruston, La.  
 McBride, M. Miss, Ruston, La.  
 McBride, P. Miss, Ruston, La.  
 McCauley, I., Chicago.  
 McConnell, R. B., St. Louis.  
 McCormick, F. P., Montgomery, Ala.  
 McDaris, C. M., St. Louis.  
 McDaris, G. Miss, St. Louis.  
 McDonald, D. A., Portage La Prairie, Man.
- McDonald, M., Peru, Kan.  
 McGavic, H. S., St. Louis.  
 McGavis, F. L., Decatur, Ill.  
 McGeoy, T. J., Memphis, Tenn.  
 McGinty, H., Wyatt, La.  
 McGrath, J. C., Malvern, Ark.  
 McGowan, A., Madison, Wis.  
 McKoen, R. T., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 McKenzie, E. A., Sullivan, Ill.  
 McLaurin, J. R., Ellsworth, Kan.  
 McLachlin, J. C., St. Louis.  
 McLeod, N. W., St. Louis.  
 McLeod, G. Miss, St. Louis.  
 MacConnell, S. P., St. Louis.  
 MacDonald, L. D., San Francisco, Cal.  
 MacLea, D., Baltimore Md.  
 Madden, H. H., St. Louis.  
 Maegly, G. R., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Magness, J. C., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Mallam, G. H., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Mallam, S. Miss, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Mansfield, C. J., St. Louis.  
 Mansfield, H. Miss, St. Louis.
- Manuel, W. M., St. Louis.  
 Maphet, E. M., Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Marbury, E. L., Cordele, Ga.  
 Marshall, J. B., St. Louis.  
 Marshall, M. Miss, Guthrie, O. T.  
 Mart, Clara Miss, St. Louis.  
 Martin, E. B., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Martin, J. W., Yellow Pine, La.  
 Martin, G. Miss, Yellow Pine, La.  
 Martin, S. Miss, Yellow Pine, La.  
 Mason, V. M., Clarke, La.  
 Mather, J. H., Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Mathis, L. E., Princeton, Ill.  
 Mathews, C. E., Webb City, Mo.  
 Matthews, S. P., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Matthias, W. H., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 May, N. Mrs., Mammoth Springs, Ark.  
 May, S. S., St. Louis.  
 Mayhew, E. L., Springfield, Ill.  
 Mayhow, J. W., St. Louis.  
 Megginson, L. M., St. Louis.  
 Moll, George H., Kane, Pa.  
 Mellinger, A., Kalona, Iowa.  
 Menasco, D. S., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Mendenhall, J. B., St. Louis.  
 Mengel, V. H., California, Mo.  
 Mengel, Miss, California, Mo.  
 Mercer, Otis, Oklahoma City, O. T.  
 Merrill, J. W., Kansas City.  
 Merritt, J. B., Oklahoma City, O. T.  
 Metzger, Frank, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Meyer, A. F., St. Louis.  
 Mick, M. M. Mrs., Arnold, W. Va.  
 Mick, W. B., Arnold, W. Va.  
 Miles, G. F., Silsbee, Texas.  
 Miles, J. C., Mobile, Ala.  
 Miller, J. C., Huntington, W. Va.  
 Miller, Leo P., Danville, Ill.  
 Miller, William, Wellsville, Mo.  
 Milne, James, St. Louis.  
 Milne, W. W., St. Louis.  
 Mink, J. E., St. Louis.  
 Mitchell, J. C., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Moore, A. A., Marshalltown, Ia.  
 Moore, C. H., Galveston, Tex.  
 Moore, L., Cordele, Ga.  
 Moore, T. A., St. Louis.  
 Moorehead, J. R., Lexington, Mo.  
 Moorehead, L. Miss, Lexington, Mo.  
 Morgan, A. C., Hubbard City, Texas.  
 Morris, R. M., Shreveport, La.  
 Morton, D. T., Kansas City.  
 Morton, A. Miss, Kansas City.  
 Morton, E. Miss, Kansas City.  
 Morton, M. Miss, Washington, Iowa.  
 Mossman, J. J., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mullen, C. H., St. Louis.  
 Murphy, J. E., Milford Haven, Ont.  
 Myers, D. B., Hydro, Okla.
- Nalty, J. B., Brookhaven, Miss.  
 Nash, E. V., Burnside, Ky.  
 Neeley, C. E., St. Louis.  
 Neely, M., Helena, Ark.  
 Nef, A. T., Bellaire, O.  
 Neimeyer, A. J., St. Louis.  
 Nelson, French, St. Louis.  
 Nelson, M. B., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Nesbitt, W. A., Willard, Texas.  
 Nevill, G. W., Arlington, Ky.  
 Newell, T. H., St. Louis.  
 Newman, R. H., Richmond, Ind.  
 Niehaus, E. F., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Norris, W. H., Houston, Texas.  
 Nutting, Harr, Littleton, Col.
- Oleson, L. C., Minneapolis.  
 Oliver, S. R., Kansas City.  
 Oppenheimer, J., Chicago.  
 Oppenheimer, Miss, Chicago.  
 Orr, B. F., Dallas, Texas.  
 Owenford, John, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Paden, W. S., Chicago.  
 Paddock, R. T., Nokomis, Ill.  
 Page, Henry, Springfield, Ill.  
 Palmer, W. K., Cleveland, Ohio.
- Park, F. E., Seminary, Miss.  
 Park, Sam, Beaumont, Texas.  
 Parker, J. W., Eros, La.  
 Parkinson, A. F., Wagoner, I. T.  
 Pearson, F. R., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Peck, J. L., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Pelton, E. H., St. Louis.  
 Pendergrass, A. F., Maplewood, Mo.  
 Perry, W. B., Hattiesburg, Miss.  
 Peters, E. W., Mount Vernon, Ill.  
 Peyton, B. C., Lufkin, Texas.  
 Phillips, T. D., Sulphur, I. T.  
 Pickering, A. D., Hamilton, W. Va.  
 Pierce, F. R., St. Louis.  
 Pine, S. D., Chicago.  
 Plummer, Theo M., St. Louis.  
 Plummer, Theo, St. Louis.  
 Poland, A. A., St. Louis.  
 Pollock, B. H., St. Louis.  
 Polk, I. D., Beaumont, Texas.  
 Polk, J. Miss, Beaumont, Texas.  
 Polk, R. W., Little Rock, Ark.  
 Pond, H. S. Mrs., New Orleans, La.  
 Porter, M. S., Chicago.  
 Potter, J. W., Turon, Kan.  
 Powe, T. E., St. Louis.  
 Powell, G. C., Lake Charles, La.  
 Powell, J. G., Lake Charles, La.  
 Pratt, D. W., St. Louis.  
 Pratt, J. R., Ten Mile, Miss.  
 Pratt, Wallace Jr., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Prendergast, J., St. Louis.  
 Price, Charles, St. Louis.  
 Price, R. S., St. Louis.  
 Pride, J. O., St. Louis.  
 Pritchard, J. M., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Putnam, F. Mrs., St. Louis.  
 Putnam, J. W., St. Louis.  
 Putnam, L. R., Fayetteville, Ark.  
 Putnam, W. H., St. Louis.
- Radina, L. W., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Radina, E. J., Miss, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Ragon, R. B., Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Ragon, Miss, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Rahte, N. A., Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Ramsey, A. C., St. Louis.  
 Rand, Wilbur, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Rand, William, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Ransom, J. B., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Ransom, E. Miss, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Ransom, M. Miss, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Ransom, M., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Rathbun, W. W., St. Louis.  
 Ray, F. H. Mrs., Houston, Texas.  
 Reclanus, O. H., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Richards, H. A., St. Louis.  
 Richards, S. A. Mrs., St. Louis.  
 Richards, S. Miss, Chicago.  
 Richardson, D. W., Dover, N. C.  
 Richardson, J. P., St. Louis.  
 Richardson, W. H., St. Louis.  
 Riggs, C. A., Addyville, Ia.  
 Ritchie, G. W., Pine Bluff, Ark.  
 Rittenhouse, C. E., Springfield, Ill.  
 Robison, C. C., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Robinson, E. C., Lowellville, Ohio.  
 Robinson, E. C., St. Louis.  
 Robinson, John B., Decatur, Ill.  
 Rockwell, Fred W., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Roederer, E. L., St. Louis.  
 Rogers, T. H., Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Rohr, G. D., Kaw City, O. T.  
 Rose, C. C., Little Rock, Ark.  
 Rourke, C. D., Petersburg, Ill.  
 Rule, H. C., Wilmar, Ark.  
 Russell, Frank B., Louisville, Ky.  
 Russell, Grace Miss, Louisville, Ky.  
 Russell, Lela Miss, Louisville, Ky.  
 Russell, Luke, Paducah, Ky.  
 Russell, Luke Mrs., Paducah, Ky.  
 Russell, S. R., Louisville, Ky.
- Sachs, Hugo, Galveston, Texas.  
 Salberg, C. F., St. Louis.  
 Salyer, Met L., Chicago.  
 Sanborn, T. W., Kansas City, Mo.
- Sandberg, O. Mrs., Haakwood, Mich.  
 Sargent, H. G., St. Louis.  
 Sargent, L. Miss, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Schafer, W. A. L., Mexico City.  
 Scheek, A., St. Louis.  
 Scheu, A., St. Louis.  
 Schilling, F. P., St. Louis.  
 Schmidt, G. W., Louisville, Ky.  
 Schuelle, A. F., Jr., St. Louis.  
 Schulte, H. A., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Schulte, John, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Schussler, M. H., Floodwood, Minn.  
 Schuster, E. J., St. Louis.  
 Schwaner, F. C., St. Louis.  
 Schwartz, G. W., St. Louis.  
 Schwartz, Edward, New Orleans.  
 Scovell, C. C., Dallas, Tex.  
 Scruggs, J. H., Birmingham, Ala.  
 Servoss, H. L., St. Louis.  
 Sharpe, E. Tacoma, Wash.  
 Sheldon, F. E., St. Louis.  
 Sheldon, E. P., Oregon Forestry Exhibit, St. Louis.
- Shelly, C. A., Cedar Falls, Iowa.  
 Shoppard, C. C., Grandin, Mo.  
 Sherwood, Abbot Wilson, St. Louis.  
 Shields, F. J., St. Louis.  
 Shields, W. A., Greenville, Mo.  
 Shurter, G. L., Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Simon, John G., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Simonds, A. T., Chicago.  
 Simonds, E. F., Chicago.  
 Simonson, A. B., Springfield, Ill.  
 Singer, E., Guelph, Ont.  
 Skeon, T. C., St. Louis.  
 Skinner, F. A. C., St. Louis.  
 Skinner, George J. B., St. Louis.  
 Smith, A. Mrs., Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Smith, E., Summerville, Texas.  
 Smith, F. W., Highland, La.  
 Smith, George K., St. Louis.  
 Smith, M. D., Nashville, Ill.  
 Smith, S. B., Little Rock, Ark.  
 Snell, F. N., Milwaukee.  
 Snowden, C. B., Memphis, Tenn.  
 Snyder, F. E., Lodi, Ohio.  
 Snyder, M. Miss, Lodi, Ohio.  
 Spangler, F., Toledo, Ohio.  
 Spencer, B. F., St. Louis.  
 Sprigg, M. B., West, W. Va.  
 Spring, H. C., St. Louis.  
 Spring, Echo Miss, St. Louis.  
 Sprott, J. A., Davis Station, N. C.  
 Spurrier, S. L., Guthrie, O. T.  
 Stanton, C. H., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Steber, F. R., St. Louis.  
 Stephenson, W. M., St. Paul, Minn.  
 Sternenberg, G. A., Olive, Texas.  
 Stevens, Charles H., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Stevens, Hal G., Decatur, Ill.  
 Stevens, J. H., Eastabuchie, Miss.  
 Stevens, A., San Antonio, Texas.  
 Stewart, A., St. Louis.  
 Stewart, I. N., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Stolberg, C. F., St. Louis.  
 Stone, G. W., Chicago.  
 Storm, A. F., Morgan City, La.  
 Strauss, A., St. Louis.  
 Strauss, E. M., Malvern, Ark.  
 Strauss, M. Miss, St. Louis.  
 Strauss, P. Miss, St. Louis.  
 Strube, H. A., Dallas, Texas.  
 Sullivan, J. C., Decatur, Ill.  
 Summitt, C. O., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Suppinger, Fred B., Highland, I.  
 Surmeyer, George G. Mrs., St. Louis.  
 Swan, C. O., Stockport, Iowa.  
 Swartz, H. R., St. Louis.  
 Swayze, F. B., Muskogee, I. T.
- Talcott, C. A., Enid, Okla.  
 Tate, B. E., Ashland, Ky.  
 Tate, J. O., Ashland, Ky.  
 Tate, Robert, Ridgway, Ill.  
 Taylor, J. O., Rector, Ark.  
 Taylor, J. C., Louisville, Ky.  
 Taylor, J. H., St. Louis.

Taylor, S. M., Waukon, Iowa.  
 Taylor, J. T., Winchester, Tenn.  
 Teckmeyer, H. W., St. Louis.  
 Teckmeyer, George Mrs., St. Louis.  
 Teel, A. A., Green Bay, Wis.  
 Temple, J. B., St. Louis.  
 Thomas, C. B., Mangum, O. T.  
 Thomas, C. E., St. Louis.  
 Thomas, Delos, Winston, N. C.  
 Thomas, E. S., Ashland, Ky.  
 Thomas, James, Winchester, Tenn.  
 Thomas, J. B., Houston, Texas.  
 Thompson, J. L., Ralston, O. T.  
 Thompson, T. T., St. Louis.  
 Thornton, A. J., Morganfield, Ky.  
 Timpone, William L., New York.  
 Treat, Curt M., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Trueblood, H. T., Washington, Ind.  
 Trueblood, Miss, Washington, Ind.  
 Trump, H. E., St. Louis.  
 Turnbow, B. W., Beaumont, Texas.  
 Turner, W. Marshall, Mobile, Ala.  
 Tuxworth, F., Laurel, Miss.

Van Cleave, B. L., St. Louis.  
 Vansant, R. H., Ashland, Ky.  
 Van Winkle, Lee, Oklahoma City, O. T.  
 Vordenbaumer, E. H., Shreveport, La.  
 Vordenbaumer, R. W., Miss, Shreveport.  
 Vordenbaumer, R. Miss, Shreveport, La.  
 Vetter, F. W., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Vidor, C. S., Galveston, Texas.

#### The Osirian Cloister.

The Annual Assembly of the Osirian Cloister was called to order Thursday morning September 8, by Chief Priest N. A. Gladding, with the following members answering to roll call:

Anderson, A. G., Dallas, Texas.  
 Avery, Harvey, New Orleans, La.  
 Baird, J. H., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Barns, W. E., St. Louis.  
 Boggess, E. Stringer, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
 Bonner, J. S., Houston, Texas.  
 Brizzolara, James, Fort Smith, Ark.  
 Bullard, W. C., Omaha, Neb.  
 Cone, Albert Benjamin, Chicago.  
 Cooledge, E. R., Chicago.  
 Denny, George V., Savannah, Ga.  
 English, R. W., Denver.  
 Foist, John, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Fuller, L. E., Chicago.  
 Gladding, N. A., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Hayward, M. A., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Hemenway, H. H., Colorado Springs, Col.  
 Henry, H. D., Athens, Ohio.  
 Isburgh, Karl, Boston, Mass.  
 Jones, G. I., Boston, Mass.  
 Lane, J. L., East St. Louis, Ill.  
 Lock, George W., West Lake, La.  
 McAlloster, I. T., Boulder, Col.  
 Magness, J. C., Cincinnati.  
 Mansfield, C. J., St. Louis.  
 Maegly, George B., Kansas City.  
 Nalty, J. B., Brookhaven, Miss.  
 Oppenheimer, J., Chicago.  
 Pine, S. D., Chicago.  
 Ramsey, A. C., St. Louis.  
 Rourke, C. D., Petersburg, Ill.  
 Schwartz, George W., St. Louis.  
 Stewart, I. N., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Swartz, H. R., St. Louis.  
 Scruggs, J. H., Birmingham, Ala.  
 Stanton, C. H., Buffalo.  
 Snell, Frank, N., Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Stephenson, W. M., St. Paul, Wis.  
 Teel, A. A., Green Bay, Wis.  
 Treat, C. M., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Van Cleave, B. L., St. Louis.  
 Vietmeier, E. M., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Walker, Cliff S., Cincinnati.  
 Watson, George E., St. Louis, Ill.  
 Williams, B. F., Victoria, Texas.  
 Wilson, James, Jr., Wapakoneta, Ohio.  
 Wolfiin, Charles, Evansville, Ind.  
 Yeager, O. E., Buffalo, N. Y.

Vietmeier, Ed. M., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Vincent, R. P., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Wachsmith, H. K., St. Louis.  
 Waite, J. L., Jr., Parsons, Kan.  
 Wagon, H. W., St. Louis.  
 Walker, Cliff S., Covington, Ky.  
 Walker, H. W., Texarkana, Ark.  
 Walker, J. C., Minneapolis.  
 Walker, J. E., Ashland City, Ky.  
 Wallace, W. J., Jr., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Walton, C., Guthrie, O. T.  
 Walton, O. F., Terrill, Texas.  
 Warner, R. W., St. Louis.  
 Warner, J. E., New Orleans, La.  
 Warren, C. C., Brinson, Ga.  
 Waters, G. M., New Palestine, Ind.  
 Watson, George E., St. Louis.  
 Welhe, W. O., Nashville, Ill.  
 Werkman, A. W., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Weston, W. B., St. Louis.  
 White, B. Miss, McComb City, Miss.  
 White, J. J. Capt., McComb City, Miss.  
 White, J. M. S., St. Louis.  
 White, J. W., Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Whitehouse, J. H., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Whitmarsh, C. W. Mrs., Minden, La.  
 Whitmarsh, T. C., St. Louis.  
 Whiteselle, J. E., Corsicana, Texas.  
 Wiese, E. W., St. Louis.  
 Weiss, P. M., Beaumont, Texas.  
 Wilder, J. F., Epps, Miss.

Wilkin, Theo F., Milwaukee.  
 Wilks, E. S., Bentonville, Ark.  
 Willd. C. A., Hoffman, Minn.  
 Williams, B. F., Victoria, Texas.  
 Williams, C. H., Houston Heights, Tex.  
 Williams, J. J., Milwaukee.  
 Williamson, Miss, Tanner, Mich.  
 Willis, E. E., Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
 Wilson, H., Monett, Mo.  
 Wilson, J., Jr., Wapakoneta, Ohio.  
 Wilzin, B. M., Chicago.  
 Winchester, A. H., Buckhannon, W. Va.  
 Winn, C. H., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Wisdom, H. G., St. Louis.  
 Wise, H. M., Harmony, Pa.  
 Wolf, F. J., St. Louis.  
 Wolfiin, Charles, Evansville, Ind.  
 Wood, W. W., Wheeling, W. Va.  
 Worrall, F. M., St. Louis.  
 Wrape, H. J., St. Louis.  
 Wray, Thomas A., St. Louis.  
 Wright, E. W., Eldorado, Ark.  
 Wright, N. B., Atlanta, Ga.  
 Wright, T. B., Mt. Carmel, Ill.  
 Wunderlich, George H., Elmhurst, Wis.  
 Wylie, R. E., Halleyville, I. T.  
 Wylie, W. H., St. Louis.

Yeager, O. E., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Youle, George E., Seattle, Wash.

Zelnicker, James H., Mobile, Ala.  
 Zimmerman, B. W., E. St. Louis, Ill.

#### Scribe's Report.

Our receipts and disbursements for year ending at close of business September 6 have been as follows:

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance on hand September 9, 1903.....	\$617 15
Buffalo initiates .....	290 00
Dues, including Buffalo initiates.....	140 00
Merchandise .....	14 20—\$1,061 35
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Printing .....	\$ 37 30
Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo (wine).....	144 00
Scribe's salary for two years.....	199 98
Banquet invitations (Buffalo).....	21 00
Rebuilding Guillotine .....	27 00
Premium on Treasurer's bond.....	2 00
Painting knives .....	1 00
Two Guillotine knives.....	7 10
Postage for year.....	15 00
Balance on hand.....	606 97—\$1,061 35

Of above balance 306.97 is in my hands, and \$300 in the hands of our Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Stanton.

I have before me the roll book of the Cloister and can, if desired, read off the names of those who have and those who have not paid dues. Some of our members are considerably in arrears.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of September, 1904.  
 J. H. BAIRD, Scribe.

C. H. Stanton, Treasurer, reported \$304.36 in his hands, it being explained that a small sum had accrued from interest allowed.

A committee consisting of George V. Denny, Chairman; E. Stringer Boggess and John C. Magness was appointed to audit the report of the Scribe. The report of this committee to the effect that the report, books and vouchers of the Scribe had been found to be correct was adopted and the committee discharged.

There was a discussion upon the subject of new paraphernalia, which question was left in the hands of the priests of Osiris and Thoos and such committee as they might appoint.

It was also decided, upon motion of Cliff S. Walker, that an assemblage of the Cloister should be held next

April or May, date and place to be promulgated by Osiris, but under such conditions that there would be no outside attractions to distract the Osirians from the business of the meeting.

The following resolutions of respect were drafted by the committee appointed for the purpose and were, upon motion, ordered engraved upon the tablets:

Your Committee on Resolutions beg to respectfully submit the following resolutions of respect, suggesting that the Scribe be instructed to have same properly engrossed and a copy mailed to the family of our deceased brother.

Resolved, That in the death of our brother, B. M. Bunker, of Altoona, Pa., who departed this life January 27, 1904, the Osirian Cloister has lost a loyal and enthusiastic member, and that the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo has lost one of its earliest, wisest and most beloved workers. We of the Osirian Cloister learned with peculiar regret of our brother's illness and death. He had been an influential and wise counselor in the Cloister since its inception. His worth and wisdom were recognized at our last annual assemblage in his election to our high priesthood and the officers of the Cloister feel his loss most deeply. Brother B. M. Bunker was a high type of man, a business man having the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact; and he was a man who died as he had lived, a Christian gentleman.

Resolved further, that the Scribe of the Osirian Cloister be instructed to have these resolutions suitably engrossed and that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

Upon motion of A. C. Ramsey, Section III of the Tablets was so changed as to require that lay candidates for the Cloister shall have been members in good standing of Hoo-Hoo for at least two years. There was also a suggestion that it be required that Vicegerents shall have served for at least six months before becoming eligible as officers, but this was not engraven on the tablets. The list of eligibles who have been elected but have not presented themselves for initiation was, however, dispensed with, and another ballot upon such candidates will be required at the time of their initiation.

#### The Election of Officers.

After some further and formal discussion of subjects related to the good of the order the election of officers was held, the names of the elected ones being as follows:

High Priest of Osiris—N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind. (re-elected).  
 High Priest of Ptah—Cliff S. Walker, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 High Priest of Anubis—Charles Wolfiin, Evansville, Ind.  
 High Priest of Thor—J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn. (re-elected).  
 High Priest of Hathor—C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 High Priest of Ra—W. M. Stephenson, St. Paul, Minn.  
 High Priest of Sed—John L. Lane, East St. Louis, Ill.  
 High Priest of Isis—J. B. Nalty, Brookhaven, Miss.  
 High Priest of Shu—E. Stringer Boggess, Clarksburg, W. Va. (re-elected).

#### Osirian Cloister Banquet.

In accordance with past custom the members of the Osirian Cloister held upon the evening of the 8th a banquet to which members of the Cloister and their lady friends were invited or rather invited themselves, bearing the expense of the repast. This banquet was served in the Assembly room of the House of Hoo-Hoo and that place of mirth and feasting has never seen a more goodly company of ladies and gentlemen sit down to a more sumptuous repast. The small adjoining room, which by courtesy is known as the newspaper room, was on this

occasion occupied by the orchestra; while the long double tables on either side led up to the speakers' table at the farther end where N. A. Gladding, Priest of Osiris, presided. The center of the room was banked with palms and the tables were strewn with white carnations.

Toastmaster Gladding, in his opening remarks with the coffee and cigars, paid a deserved compliment to the members of Hoo-Hoo who have been active in planning and constructing the original House of Hoo-Hoo and eulogized the climax of their faithful service in so rapidly replacing it after it had been destroyed by fire, so that it was set in complete order for the convening of the Annual. He mentioned several of the St. Louis gentlemen by name and then introduced W. E. Barns to respond to the toast "The House of Hoo-Hoo" which was drunk standing by the entire company.

Mr. Barns said:

This House of Hoo-Hoo speaks for itself, and the short time that was necessary in order to complete it is not due to any one person but it is due to everybody who is in the lumber business. It is due not merely to Bro. Freeman or to Bro. McLeod, nor to anybody else, but to the fact that we are all Americans and that when we start out to do a thing we are going to do it. (Applause.) We had a dance here on Thursday night before the fire, and about 4 o'clock in the morning I was awakened by the telephone in my room. The speaker was a newspaper man, who told me that the House of Hoo-Hoo had burned. I will not tell you here what I said in reply. He asked how much the insurance was and then he asked whether we would rebuild. I said "Of course." He asked how long it would take and I said I thought it would take about 30 days. Then he said something—he questioned the matter. I came out here about 5 o'clock in a heavy rain. Mr. Francis came along and asked how the fire caught and then said: "What are you going to do about it—are you going to rebuild?" "Yes, sir." "Good for you!" he said. He said it emphatically, not as nicely as I have said it. He used a good American word to emphasize the matter.

Mr. Barns then went on to announce some of the features of the entertainment program for the balance of the week.

The Toastmaster—There are only five speakers on the list and we have a written guarantee that none of them shall be over half an hour in delivering toasts (laughter). The only trouble there is likely to be is that they will all be too short in their remarks. I will therefore take it as a great favor if none of you leave for the dance until the speakers have concluded. We have with us a gentleman whom we all admire and honor, a man whom a year ago we placed in the position of Snark of the Universe, and I want you all to drink with me a toast to our great Snark, who will respond to the next toast, "A Dead One."

E. M. Vietmeier—When the toastmaster calls on me to respond to the toast "A Dead One" he makes a great mistake, for I am not dead yet and will not be for a couple of days and am not in a position to tell you anything about the dead ones; although I have helped to kill several of them in my time. If I had to go through with what our Snark did in Denver five years ago, I have reason for being grateful that I am not to be embalmed this year. They may cremate me next year. About a year ago our paraphernalia was destroyed in Buffalo and I feel that I have good reason to be thankful for it right now (laughter). We appropriated money to replace it, but it has been a dull year and everybody has had to hustle to make a living and we have had no time to get up new paraphernalia. But I notice that some of the younger folks among us are getting

anxious to go to the dance and I will not detain you further at this time.

The Toastmaster—As you all doubtless know, a great feature of the Osirian Cloister is the social feature. We have tried in the past and we shall endeavor in the future to increase our efforts to make the banquet the social feature of the Osirian Cloister and Mr. Brizzolara has consented to speak to this toast. He understands what it means to be a good fellow and to make everyone else feel that they would like to be one.

James Brizzolara, Fort Smith, Ark., responded to this toast in a happy vein, his flights of fervid eloquence being entirely beyond the pencils of all of the three shorthand writers who were present at the time.

George V. Denny was then introduced by the toastmaster to respond to a toast, "The Ladies," which he did in an eloquent tribute to her influence in every department of life.

The company then dispersed, most of them going over to the pavilion to the dance.

As the proceedings of the Cloister will soon be published in detail for the members of that body, it is not thought necessary to give in The Bulletin more than the foregoing summary.

#### Echoes of the Annual.

Among the familiar faces were those of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Ives, of Baldwin, Kas., who have attended a number of Annual Meetings during the past few years.

Some members of the old guard were not on hand and were sadly missed—among them Bros. A. H. Weir, of Lincoln, Neb., and Joseph Myics, of Detroit. Both these loyal brothers are in ill health, a fact which is greatly regretted by a large circle of friends.

Bro. E. H. Dalbey, of Shenandoah, Ia., was unable to be present, having recently undergone an operation for appendicitis from which he is slowly recovering. As Vicegerent for the Southern District of Iowa, Bro. Dalbey made an excellent record last year.

Pap Hemenway, of Colorado, was on deck as large as life, and is growing younger every year.

There were two proud fathers strutting around—Karl Isburgh and W. H. Norris. Each has a girl baby only a few weeks old.

Frank Riley Pearson, of the Commercial Sash & Door Company, Pittsburg, Pa., was made the recipient during the Annual of a large stuffed black cat appropriately mounted, which was shipped him by his friend, J. M. Diver, of the Cleveland-Sarnia Saw Mill Company, Sarnia, Ont. Mr. Pearson presented his gift to the House of Hoo-Hoo and it now occupies a conspicuous position on top of the telephone booth in the main reception room.

Thirteen is a lucky number for Hoo-Hoo. That is one reason why the Thirteenth Annual was the best ever held.

In addition to being elected Supreme Bojum, George V. Denny was also named the Official Beaut of Hoo-Hoo.

Ex-Vicegerent Charles Wolfson, of Evansville, Ind., was prominent in all the doings of the Annual. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wolfson.

Among the ladies who greatly enjoyed the Annual was Mrs. Ed. M. Vietmeier, of Pittsburg, wife of the retiring Snark.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad was ably represented at the Annual by Cliff S. Walker, general southern agent, and J. C. Magness, traveling freight agent, both of Cincinnati.

D. S. Hutchison, manager of the Nashville Hardwood

Flooring Company, Nashville, Tenn., was there, accompanied by his interesting family.

Manitoba was represented by G. B. Housser, of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, who is the Vicegerent Snark for that district.

If the weather had been made to order it could not have been more delightful—just cool enough to be pleasant and with plenty of sunshine to make everything look cheerful.

Bro. J. E. Cropper, the "swamp angel" from Louisiana, was present, accompanied by Mrs. Cropper.

Bro. M. H. Schussler (9999), of Floodwood, Minn., was among those present. Bro. Schussler is all right, though his number seems to indicate that he is the limit.

Colonel John Feist, Curt M. Treat, Orson E. Yeager, F. W. Votter and I. N. Stewart, of Buffalo, N. Y., were warmly greeted by their many friends among the Hoo-Hoo with whom they made acquaintance last year at the Buf-



BOGGESS,  
The only one who ever held a concatenated single handed.

falo Annual, the above gentlemen being prominent among the entertainers on that memorable occasion.

C. L. Cross, representative of the Southern Cypress Lumber Selling Company, Ltd., was present during the Annual, accompanied by Mrs. Cross and their daughter, Miss Phyllis.

T. K. Edwards, of the Illinois Central Railroad, of Chicago, the original No. 9 of the Hoo-Hoo Order and who is almost invariably in attendance at the annual gatherings, was present at this time, though feeling somewhat indisposed from a recent illness.

Ex Snark W. H. Norris, was a little late in getting started for the meeting. The cause was the arrival of an heiress at his home. After a due welcome extended the new woman, he packed his collar box and started for St. Louis. But alas, he was two minutes late in his efforts to catch the "Flyer" for St. Louis. It was then up to the ex-Snark. He promptly showed that he had lost none of his interest by being an ex officio. He got hold of the tele-

phone, chartered a special engine and coach and "lit out" up the road to catch the fast train. It took him about six hours to do it, but at 9:09 on the day of meeting he showed up as fresh as a daisy—and was accorded an ovation.

All sorts of souvenirs were handed out at the meeting, handsomer and more costly than ever before. The official



HEMENWAY,  
Youngest kitten of the bunch.

badge caught the eye of every man and woman present. It was furnished by the St. Louis office of the J. A. Fay & Egan Company, and consisted of a miniature band mill. These badges were supplied and handed out by "Big Hoo-Hoo" John B. Temple, and he was "dead easy" to work for an extra badge to send home to absent members and friends. Mr. Temple endeared himself in other ways, taking a very active part in making every visitor feel thoroughly at home.

Vicegerent T. A. Moore, of the Eastern District of Missouri, was treated to a genuine surprise at the concatenation. He was commanded to appear before W. E. Barns, of the House of Ancients, and did so, believing, we scarce know what—but trembling. In a few words he was presented with a magnificent diamond bejeweled watch charm, in behalf of the lumbermen and Hoo-Hoo of Missouri. He responded in a heartfelt way and faltering, being overcome with surprised emotion.

The E. C. Atkins Company, manufacturers of the saws that are "always ahead" was present with an apparently unlimited supply of beautiful cuff buttons, one pair of which was given out to every man registered. Several women, to our certain knowledge, got a pair or two without registering. The Atkins Company can always be depended on to do the handsome thing at any sort of a lumber meeting.

The National Lead Company was represented by our old friend J. B. Mendenhall, who had a souvenir disbursement office where three different souvenirs, all very handsome, were handed out. A splendid little pocket knife was what the men went after while the ladies were clamorous for the cute little package of court-plaster. Another souvenir was an identification tag. The firm came in for many flattering comments on all these souvenirs.

The Nestor of the Thirteenth Annual was Mr. J. A. Freeman, and he deserves to go down in the Hoo-Hoo history as a Nestor right. He was in the forefront of everything doing for the visitors' joy and comfort and lent his wise and kindly counsel at every business session. He balked a little at the proposition to lead 1,500 men and women who struck out for the Pike Saturday night, taking his position with wonted modesty in the rank and file. He will always be remembered by the people who attended this Annual.

The St. Louis lumber people simply quit business to look after the Hoo-Hoo. Where so many strove so ably, it is embarrassing to specify. "Cliff" Mansfield, "Jim" Lane, Tom Moore, "Big" Ramsey, Harry Swartz, George Schwartz, George E. Watson and Mr. J. A. Freeman were those to whom the stranger was most apt to turn when in doubt or trouble—and all doubt and trouble vanished.

More than 1,700 persons signed the register at the House of Hoo-Hoo, and there were hundreds of other lumbermen who visited the fair during the week.

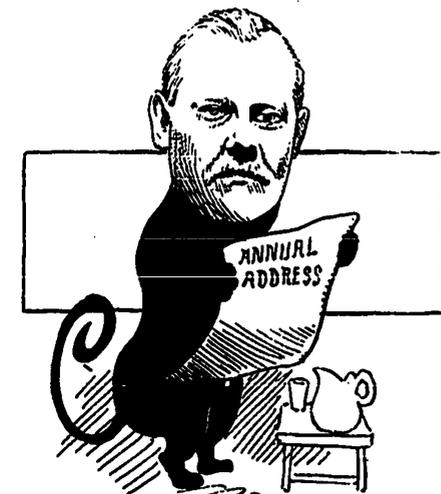
There were more ladies present than at any previous Annual Meeting.

Chief Priest N. A. Gladding acquitted himself with his usual grace and dignity as toastmaster at the Osirian Cloister banquet.

Bro. James Brizzolara, of Ft. Smith, Ark., was one of the most eloquent men present. He is a worker as well as a talker having served three terms as a faithful and efficient Vicegerent.

Percy Hubbard, who is domiciled at Brazil, Ind., and travels in northern Indiana territory for the Van Cleave Lumber Co., of St. Louis, came to the Hoo-Hoo Annual accompanied by his wife, and also a customer from Brazil and his wife.

Edward Simeon Wilkes, "Sim Wilkes," as he is known in his home town of Bentonville, Ark., who was one of the



VIETMEIER,  
A Snark with a record.

class of kittens at the Annual Concatenation, was practically born a Hoo-Hoo. He was born at 9 a. m., on the 9th day of September, and there are just 9 letters in the name, "Sim Wilkes," while in the full name, Edward Simeon Wilkes, you can count 18. And then he went in on the evening of September 9. Speaking of business, he says everything that costs money depends on the fruit crop with

them. Benton County, Ark., is one of the prominent ones in the Ozark apple belt, and it is to the apple and peach crops the natives there look for money; they grow corn and wheat, but fruit is the great commercial crop. This year they expect to gather one-half million barrels of apples in Benton County, which sounds like a very good wave of prosperity, and does augur a fair business, but it is only about 40 per cent of a full crop for that county.

J. P. Lapsley, of the Lapsley Lumber Co., Independence, Kan., says the retail business in his town is suffering from "too much Johnson." There are nine yards in his town, which number ought to sound lucky to a faithful Hoo-Hoo, and it would if the town were nine times larger, but as it is, they are so crowded for elbow room that they worry each other a little, and none of them have as much room to grow in as they would like.

C. E. Matthews, of Webb City, Mo., has been twenty-two



**NORRIS,**  
Leader of the banner state of Hoo-Hoo land, who, after missing fast train for St. Louis, chartered an engine and overtakes it, arriving for the opening session.

years in that land of zinc and lead, and has never yet become sufficiently excited with the mining fever to turn loose the retail lumber business and take to zinc exclusively.

Tommy Hoo-Hoo and his daddy were both there and they came early and stayed late. This is the breed of black cats furnished by the Walter A. Zelnicker Supply Company, in St. Louis, which comes in two sizes, both of which are great favorites already. Early in the game two editions of Tommy's daddy faced each other from the gate posts on each side of the entrance to the House of Hoo-Hoo, and later there came a great tribe of this same breed, making a row on each side of the walk approaching the House. Little Tommy made his appearance on the scene, too, and then along toward the wind-up the Zelnickers passed around cards to the delegates bidding them come to their store at Fourth and Locust streets and get a black cat. Tommy is a metal paper weight made with the benign

characteristics of the emblem of Hoo-Hoo, and is ordinarily to be had for 19 cents, but the visiting delegates got one each by calling at the store.

Mr. Henry McClure, of the B. H. Stief Jewelry Company, of Nashville, Tenn., made many friends among the members at the meeting. Mr. McClure's firm makes all the jewelry for Hoo-Hoo.

One of the most attractive features of the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, held at the House of Hoo-Hoo, World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, Mo., were the badges worn by members of the association. They were so unique, and at the same time so appropriate, as to attract general attention to their wearers in all parts of the fair grounds and the city of St. Louis as well. So judiciously and carefully were these distributed that every Hoo-Hoo stood out in bold relief to the throngs of pleasure seekers who filled the fair grounds, and the city of St. Louis.

The badges were of oxidized silver metal, about five inches long, and represented as the pin a band scroll saw of the latest and most modern type, the lower fly wheel of same having embossed therein the widely known Hoo-Hoo emblem.

The medallion of the badge gave an excellent reproduction of the House of Hoo-Hoo with the words "Thirteenth Annual, September 9, 1904, St. Louis, Mo.," engraved on convexed ivory celluloid and surrounded by an oxidized silver band. The medallion was suspended from the base of the scroll saw pin, making a most attractive and suggestive souvenir of the greatest convention ever held by Hoo-Hoo. The reverse of the medallion displayed in modest but artistic lettering the following:

"Compliments of J. A. Fay & Egan Company, manufacturers of woodworking machinery, Cincinnati and St. Louis."

There were many flattering expressions of appreciation by the members of Hoo-Hoo relative to the donation of these attractive badges by this famous woodworking machinery concern.—Southern Lumberman.

#### Hoo-Hoo Watch Charm.



This cut of the Hoo-Hoo Watch Charm does not really do it justice. In fact, it gives but a faint idea of the beauty of this exquisite piece of jewelry. The design embodies a wealth of Oriental symbolism, as set forth at length in the Special Jewelry Circular, and the workmanship is first-class. This Watch Charm can be worn as a fob, and, being alike on both sides, will never hang wrong side out. The price is \$7.50. Like all other articles of Hoo-Hoo jewelry, the Watch

Charm is sold for spot cash, and only to members whose dues are paid.

The Special Jewelry Circular shows cuts and description also of the Hoo-Hoo Souvenir Spoon and the various styles of Hoo-Hoo Brooches.

We make up on special order many beautiful things in the way of Hoo-Hoo jewelry. If you have any original ideas as to what you want, write same out and we will submit a special design with prices. The official jewelers have in their employ one of the finest designers in America.

Preserve this copy of The Bulletin. It is valuable for reference.

#### GREETINGS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS.

The Ritual requires that every member of Hoo-Hoo shall be present at the Annual Meeting or send a message stating why he cannot come and advising how Hoo-Hoo has served him during the year. A number of the absent brethren complied with this requirement, and their messages are printed herewith:

#### Telegrams.

Galveston, Texas, September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Congratulations, meditations, felicitations, and regrets of  
NO. 4923,  
NO. 8073.

Baltimore, Md., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, St. Louis: I regret to advise that I cannot be with you. Success to the Order.  
E. H. HANTZ (No. 549-A).

Trinity, Texas, September 9, 1904.—J. S. Bonner, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: On account of scarcity of time, we cannot be with you. Express our regrets. When you do the Pike, make it one for  
C. HAMMOND,  
NO. 4931,  
NO. 9089,  
NO. 9091,  
NO. 7776.

Jacksonville, Fla., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, St. Louis: Sorry we cannot be with you. Both well. We wish you all a good time.  
H. E. PLOOF,  
J. H. M'KINNEN (842-A).

Johnson City, Tenn., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Building, St. Louis: With best wishes for meeting.  
DAVID M. BUCK (954-A).

Memphis, Tenn., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo: Greetings. Wish I could be with you.  
NO. 1410.

Beaumont, Texas, September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo: Hoo-Hoo has used me well.  
NO. 7488.

Braddock, Pa., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Impossible to be present. Am well and happy as a kitten in the onion bed.  
WILLIAM HOGG (No. 1539-A).

Uniontown, Pa., September 9, 1904.—Ed. M. Veltmeier, Snark of the Universe, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Regretting I am not with you, I send best wishes.  
A. P. WATERFIELD (No. 947-A).

Fontanelle, Ia., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Greeting to all Hoo-Hoo. May Health, Happiness, and Long Life be ours.  
NO. 7181,  
NO. 5499.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1904.—James H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo: The great Pacific Northwest will give a five-million-dollar exposition here next year. Hoo-Hoo will make our happiness complete. PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Alberta, La., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo: Still making sawdust. Regret cannot be with you. Regards.  
NO. 407-A,  
NO. 1343-A,  
NO. 2393-A.

West Lake, La., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo: Greetings from  
NO. 8412,  
NO. 4533,  
NO. 1658,  
NO. 60,  
NO. 20.

Minneapolis, Minn., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Sorry we can't be with you.  
TWO MIRACLES.

Des Moines, Ia., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo: Sorry not to be there. Don't let cats tear down the house.  
NO. 9987.

New Orleans, Ia., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, care Hoo-Hoo: Am with you in spirit for Health, Happiness, and Long Life.  
JOS. B. CABELL.

Smith's Falls, Ontario, September 9, 1904.—Supreme Scrivener, Hoo-Hoo Building: Trade good. Glorious and long life to the knights of Hoo-Hoo. M. H. KINSILLA.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo: Sorry I cannot be with you, but wishing you success. Address the same.  
NO. 2269-A.

Kansas City, Mo., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo: Kansas City Hoo-Hoo send greetings and wish you Health, Happiness, and Long Life. Sorry could not be with you.  
NO. 480.

Duluth, Minn., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Supreme Scrivener of Hoo-Hoo: Hoo-Hoo has treated me well. May it live forever, and its members as long as it's an object. Sorry can't be with you. Best wishes to all.  
NO. 4666.

Seattle, Wash., September 7, 1904.—N. A. Gladding, Chief Priest, care House of Hoo-Hoo: Most cordial felicitations to yourself and assembled Osirians. Regret exceedingly impossible to be present.  
W. I. EWART (No. 137).

Savannah, Ga., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo: Health, Happiness, and Long Life to assembled Hoo-Hoo. We deplore our unavoidable absence—three "Wills" without a way. Success to the Annual and continued prosperity to the Order.  
WILLIAM B. STILLWELL,  
WILLIAM L. GIGNILLIAT,  
WILLIAM S. TYSON.

Dubuque, Ia., September 9, 1904.—James H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo: Northern Iowa cats strong for insurance feature. We all regret inability to attend "Meow."  
W. E. SEARS, V. S.

Cherokee, Kan., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Building, St. Louis: Hoo-Hoo has served me well. Posted new months.  
R. R. ROTH (No. 2024-A).

Atlanta, Ga., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: No. 1256-A reports entire satisfaction with Hoo-Hoo. With best wishes to all.  
J. W. STAUFFACHER.

Atlanta, Ga., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Building, St. Louis: Here's hoping you all have a Hoo-Hoo good time.  
H. VANDERPOOL (No. 1399-A).

Emporia, Kan., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: No. 1178-A on Los Angeles Times' special. Just had breakfast.  
CHARLES L. BATCHELLER.

Helena, Mont., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, St. Louis: Extend membership limit. Add optional insurance feature. My address unchanged.  
GEORGE B. HOPKINS (No. 8919).

Guthrie, O. T., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: 9078 in good condition. Everything working well.  
JOS. P. O'DONELL.

San Francisco, Cal., September 9, 1904.—Edward F. Niehaus, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Hoo-Hoo in Northern California send greetings and good wishes.

ABRAHAM MAYER,  
Secretary of Hoo-Hoo Club.

Hamilton, O., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: We are well and sober. Keep Jim Baird the same.

NO. 5189,  
NO. 7838,  
NO. 7288.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1904.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: I earnestly hope your association will do Portland and the Lewis and Clarke Exposition the honor of holding your next Annual Meeting in Portland, Ore., in 1905. A cordial welcome will be accorded you.

JOHN H. MITCHELL.

Guthrie, O. T., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: No. 7718. Everything fine and dandy in Oklahoma.

J. C. FINCH.

Beaumont, Texas, September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Hoo-Hoo treated me well. A new kitten on a rest. Cannot give permanent address at present.

F. E. SAGER (2908-A).

Baltimore, Md., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Practically no complaints. Best wishes.

NO. 5528.

Lamson, Ala., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: All is well with me. May it be so with all others.

NO. 9889.

Clarksburg, W. Va., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Regret we are unable to be with you.

NO. 394-A.

Bradford, Ark., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Regret very much cannot attend Annual, but trust something will be done of interest to Hoo-Hoo.

NO. 3027-A.

Denver, Col., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Annual greetings and best wishes.

JOHN M. LEAGUE (No. 6768).

Buckhannon, W. Va., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: I am well.

G. R. PROUDFOOT.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1904.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, care House of Hoo-Hoo: The Portland Board of Trade extends the glad hand, 1905 the superlative time.

I. B. HAMMOND, President.

Jacksonville, Fla., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Meeting, St. Louis: Both well. Wish all good Hoo-Hoo Health, Happiness, and Long Life.

NO. 7547,  
NO. 9364.

Sutton Station, W. Va., September 10, 1904.—J. H. Baird, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: We are still on earth. Sorry can't be with you. Success to Hoo-Hoo for 1905.

R. F. HOLDEN,  
E. A. DUNCAN.

Pierre, S. D., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Am prowling around on the roof, happy and content.

NO. 1982.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1904.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: On behalf of the people and the State of Oregon, I extend you a cordial invitation to meet here next year. A warm welcome is guaranteed by our citizens.

GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN.

Seattle, Wash., September 9, 1904.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Greetings to Hoo-Hoo, in thirteenth annual convention assembled, from kittens on shores of Puget Sound. Washington joins with Oregon in inviting Hoo-Hoo to Portland next year. Come and see the Pacific Coast and have the greatest of all conventions "Where Rolls the Columbia."

FRED. H. GILMAN,  
LEWIS SCHWAGER,  
WALTER B. NETTLETON,  
E. F. HEISSER,  
R. S. EDGERTON,  
J. D. BUTLER,  
JOHN A. HUGHES,  
FRANK B. COLE,  
FREDERICK W. ALEXANDER,  
GEORGE B. BLACKWELL.

Tacoma, Wash., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: All aboard for Portland next year!

WALTER CORNELIUS BARNHART (No. 7645).

Jacksonville, Fla., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.: My best wishes to you and all concerned. Would like to be with you, but walking is poor.

J. P. LYNCH.

Jacksonville, Fla., September 7, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.: Best wishes for each Hoo-Hoo. Nine lives to each.

ARTHUR S. HARRIS.

Cripple Creek, Col., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Greetings to the brothers. Regret cannot be with you. Best wishes for the meeting.

J. C. HILL, V. S.

Jeanerette, La., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Regretting we cannot be with you.

NO. 5694,  
NO. 7939,  
NO. 458-A,  
NO. 463-A.

Seattle, Wash., September 9, 1904.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, House of Hoo-Hoo, Exposition Grounds, St. Louis: One hundred and fifty black cats in concatenation extraordinary assembled send brotherly greetings, and ask that the concatenation of next year be held in Portland, Ore., and pledge our loyal support to make it the greatest of all concatenations ever held.

J. H. PARKER, V. S.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1904.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Hoo-Hoo Building: The Lewis and Clarke Centennial Exposition renews its cordial invitation to the Order of Hoo-Hoo to hold the 1905 Annual in the city of Portland. Both the city and the exposition will be most attractive at that period. A hearty welcome is assured.

IL. W. GOODE, President.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1904.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Portland is an ideal convention city always. Next year it will have as a special inducement a World's Fair that will be unique and distinctly Western in scope and attractiveness. Come, with your cats and kittens. A hearty welcome awaits you.

PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
Samuel Connell, Secretary.

Muscataine, Ia., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: We are up against it—not broke, but busy. Would like to be with you. Success to Hoo-Hoo.

JACK KNIGHT,  
BILLY JONES.

Murphy, N. C., September 11, 1904.—J. H. Baird, care House of Hoo-Hoo: Regret illness prevented attendance at Annual Meeting. Best wishes for success of Hoo-Hoo.

J. W. COOPER (No. 2509).

Rochelle, La., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Wish you success. Have nothing to kick about.

NO. 702-A.

Jacksonville, Fla., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Am well. Here's to the Great Black Cat.

NO. 1840-A.

London, England, September 7, 1904.—Jim Baird, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Health, Happiness, and Long Life to all Hoo-Hoo.

D. TRAMWAY CALL.

Nacogdoches, Texas, September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, care Hoo-Hoo Building, St. Louis: Sorry could not be with you. All dues in mail.

NORMAN BELK.

Philadelphia, Pa., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Impossible for me to attend meeting.

NO. 2258-A.

North Bend, Ore., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Hoo-Hoo has done more for me than money.

NO. 2525-A.

Brownwood, Texas, September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: We are still enjoying Hoo-Hoo. Prospects bright for concatenation here soon.

M. NEWMAN,  
J. S. PALMER.

Pittsburg, Pa., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo, World's Fair, St. Louis: Greeting to the prince and his loyal subjects. Am well and happy, and regret cannot be with you.

J. L. PHILLIPS.

Denver, Col., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Greeting. Nos. 51 and 7028 well and happy.

H. W. HANNA.

Philadelphia, Pa., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Impossible for me to attend meeting.

L. POWER & CO.

Lufkin, Texas, September 9, 1904.—James H. Baird, Scrivener, Hoo-Hoo Building, St. Louis: Our best wishes for glorious meeting. Sorry we cannot be with you. Tell Snyder we will take our coffee without cream.

NO. 6208,  
NO. 5168,  
NO. 9517,  
NO. 9521,  
NO. 9511,  
NO. 1055-A.

Columbia, S. C., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo: Well and happy, except the usual lumber troubles. Wish I were there.

W. B. DOZIER.

Singer, La., September 7, 1904.—James H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo: Health, Happiness, and Long Life to all. Sorry can't be with you.

BEN. COLLINS, JR. (849-A).

Los Angeles, Cal., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, World's Fair, St. Louis: Business excellent. Fruit, flowers, and sunshine galore. Come and see us.

NO. 7019-A,  
NO. 1493-A,  
NO. 2947-A,  
NO. 2945.

Ways, Ga., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Mailed dues to-day. Regret inability to participate in opening kittens' eyes. A good time to all. Will be there later.

H. L. BAILEY.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Alive and scratching. Sorry cannot attend Hoo-Hoo Annual.

NO. 546-A.

Houston, Texas, September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hoo-Hoo Building: Greetings. Sorry can't be with you. Don't damage the Pike. Be there later.

NO. 4-Life,  
NO. 11-Life,  
NO. 8045,  
NO. 3250,  
NO. 574,  
NO. 6320,  
NO. 6951,  
NO. 7778,  
NO. 8150,  
NO. 922-A,  
NO. 1541-A,  
NO. 2889-A,  
NO. 2895-A.

Baltimore, Md., September 7, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Hoo-Hoo Building: Maryland greets you at the Annual Meeting, with best wishes for the prosperity and success of our Order.

B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.

NO. 1464-A,  
NO. 2180,  
NO. 5468,  
NO. 5596,  
NO. 1487-A,  
NO. 2803-A,  
NO. 2807-A,  
NO. 2806-A,  
NO. 2802-A.

Waynesville, N. C., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Regret could not join chorus in Annual Caterwaul last night.

W. E. COOPER.

Orange, Texas, September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, care Hoo-Hoo Convention, St. Louis: Can't be with you, but wish you Health, Happiness, and Long Life.

NO. 1395,  
NO. 6330,  
NO. 9486,  
NO. 9486,  
NO. 5302,  
NO. 9491,  
NO. 9504,  
NO. 1553-A,  
NO. 2537-A,  
NO. 2550-A,  
NO. 1551.

Clearfield, Pa., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hoo-Hoo Building: Still chasing sawmills and kittens. Respects to Hoo-Hoo.

NO. 1082-A.

Florence, S. C., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo: Sorry could not be with you. Wish you much happiness.

B. D. BARGAN (No. 2243-A),  
CLYDE M'CALLUM (No. 843-A).

Webster Springs, W. Va., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Address unchanged. Am well. Sorry cannot be with you to-day.

W. T. LATHAM.

Duluth, Minn., September 8, 1904.—James H. Baird, Supreme Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo, Exposition Grounds, St. Louis: Hoo-Hoo has treated me well. May it live forever, and its members as long as it's an object. Sorry can't be with you. Best wishes to all.

NO. 4666.

Colorado Springs, Col., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo: All is well with me. Permanent address: Coffeyville, Kan.

E. E. WILSON.

Murphysboro, Ill., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Building, St. Louis: Hoo-Hoo has treated me well. My vote for Rourke.

E. L. BLEDSOE.

New Orleans, La., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: No. 9306 still with Payne & Joubert, New Orleans.

MORRIS B. DEPASS.

Toronto, Ont., September 9, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Am sorry that I am not with you. Good luck.  
E. J. RYAN.

Cincinnati, O., September 9, 1904.—James H. Baird, Scrivenor, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Health good. Regret inability to attend. Regards to all the brothers. A hearty good-by to the outgoing Nine, a warm welcome to the incoming Nine, "one of whom," my prophetic soul tells me, "you will be which."  
A. D. M'LECD.

Bell Plaine, Ia., September 9, 1904.—Supreme Scrivenor, Hoo-Hoo Building, St. Louis: Success to the Order. Enjoy yourselves. All is well with me.  
F. H. HENRY.

Buffalo, N. Y., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Supreme Scrivenor, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Very sorry we are unable to be with you. Kindest regards to all the boys.

HUGH A. STEWART (No. 9224),  
R. D. M'LEAN (No. 9222).

Wellboro, Pa., September 9, 1904.—James H. Baird, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Regret not being with you. Legislate for the good of all Hoo-Hoo.

CHARLES H. ADAMS.

Mineral, Kan., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Am in West Mineral, Kan., to-day.  
CHARLIE CASCADES SWITZER (No. 3117-A).

Message, via Western Union, received from "Dad" Stearns, proprietor of the New Decatur Hotel, Decatur, Ill.: Decatur, Ill., September 11, 1904.—C. D. Rourke, Petersburg, Ill:

Hail to you, Most Potent Snark!  
I bow to you and toe the mark.  
O, Mighty Chief of all Hoo-Hoos,  
Drink with me and name the booze.

F. B. STEARNS.

Coney Island, N. Y., September 9, 1904.—I. N. Stewart, Vicegerent Snark, care J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: Regret impossible to be with you. Regards to all the boys.  
EDWARD S. CHRISTIANSEN.

Hatton, Wash., September 10, 1904.—J. H. Baird, care House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis: It is well with the cat.  
B. F. BACON.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1904.—The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Hoo-Hoo House: You are cordially and earnestly invited to hold your Annual Meeting for 1905 in this city during the Lewis and Clarke Exposition.  
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, Mayor.

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Scrivenor: Congratulations to all Hoo-Hoo. If you value the nine lives of these two Toms, for Heaven's sake don't overlook us when it comes to the 1905 Annual. Westward ho with all Hoo-Hoo!

JAMES A. CLARK,  
R. D. INMAN,

Kentwood, La., September 9, 1904.—James H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo: We are well and send greeting and best wishes for a pleasant and profitable meeting.

NO. 172,  
NO. 1430,  
NO. 7621,  
NO. 3040-A,  
NO. 3048-A,  
NO. 3049,  
NO. 3059-A,  
NO. 3158-A,  
NO. 3155-A.

Dallas, Texas, September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo: By the Tail of the Great Black Cat, long may it wave.  
NO. 8682.

Jacksonville, Fla., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: I am all O.K. Trust you have a good time.  
NO. 6997.

New York, N. Y., September 9, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo: Best wishes for Hoo-Hoo coming year. Has served me well.  
NO. 1364-A.

San Francisco, Cal., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, Epworth Hotel, St. Louis: Health, Happiness, and Long Life to each member. Come to Portland next year.  
A. H. POTTER.

Kennard Mill, Texas, September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo: We missed connections, but our hearts are with you.

NO. 1045-A,  
NO. 1048-A,  
NO. 9490,  
OLD 90.

Letters.

Claremore, I. T., September 7, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, St. Louis—Dear Brother: It is next to the impossible for me to get away at this time, though I assure you there is nothing that would give me half the pleasure as to attend the Annual, for, as you know, I'm only a kitten, full of fun and frolic.

I don't think I've met one of the tribe since I had my eyes opened at Coffeyville, Kan., on the 9th ult.

With best wishes, I am,  
Yours fraternally,  
T. C. MOCK (No. 3085-A).

Atlantic City, N. J., September 4, 1904.—Mr. J. J. Rumbarger, Vicegerent Snark of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, is sick in bed, and will not be able to attend the Hoo-Hoo Annual Convention.  
Yours truly,  
VIRGINIA H. RUMBARGER.

Moline, Ill., September 8, 1904.—To-morrow is the day when many of the kittens will meet together in Annual Convention. O, that I could be there, too! But circumstances prevent. Hoo-Hoo has been good to me in the way of health and happiness the past year; but if he could deal out one of those jobs of running a yard somewhere or as traveling salesman, for which I am well fitted and have had experience, I would be happier. If anything of either kind is going around begging, I should like to know of it.  
Hope you will have a fine time, as I am sure you will.

Your brother,  
J. C. WAUGH (No. 1540).

Plymouth, N. C., September 7, 1904.—Dear Brother Baird: I am up with my dues, and I think it is a good thing for me and the Order that I paid them last year, for I haven't got money enough now to buy a ginger snap; but I am still sawing wood.

It will be impossible for me to attend the Annual at St. Louis, owing to a rush of business, but will go some time later. I am anxious to see what we have there in the way of a building and exhibits.

E. B. NORMAN (No. 6494).

Portland, Ore., September 9, 1904.—Dear Baird: I hope to see you here in 1905. Hoo-Hoo has treated me well.  
With regards, I am,  
Yours truly,  
C. C. NORTHERN (No. 2686-A).

Town of Union, N. J., September 9, 1904.—Dear Brother Baird: This is the first Hoo-Hoo Day that has rolled around since first the onion bed received me. Hoo-Hoo has been kind since first my eyes were opened. Brother Carr, Vicegerent Snark of the Eastern District of New York, opened them fully. Since that time health, wealth, etc., have increased (wealth very slightly, however). We should, and are trying to, get enough cats in New Jersey to establish a jurisdiction in New Jersey. Could you let us know how many of us there are in the State and where they are, so that we may push the cause along?  
Fraternally,  
CLARENCE G. MEEKS (No. 2411-A).

Baltimore, Md., September 7, 1904.—Complying with Article VI, Section 3, of the Book of Membership, Constitution, etc., of the Concatenated Order, I herewith tender my sincere regrets at not being able to attend the Annual Meeting on the 9th inst., at St. Louis. Hoo-Hoo has treated me well, and you may, therefore, put me on record as still being alive on this date and enjoying to the fullest extent the fruit from the garden of almighty Hoo-Hoo. With best wishes for the success of the day, believe me,  
Sincerely,  
THOMAS HUGHES.

Portland, Ore., September 6, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Supreme Scrivenor, Southern Lumberman, Willcox Building, Nashville, Tenn.—Illustrious Brother: The 9th approaches and our minds turn to the past with mingled feelings of pleasure—first, that we have been allowed by the great Power to live; second, that we are Hoo-Hoo and that we have been "barked" as little as we have by the all-too-confiding "partners" who reaped where they did not sow, grew fat where others grew lean, and in their exodus from town (between days)—thanks be to the great Hoo-Hoo!—forgot to take the blotter.

We have, however, fared well, earned and paid for the three requisite squares per diem, slept the sleep in chunks (as specified in the Good Book), awoke on the morn, looked the world in the face, and proceeded to do additional work for the organization and ourselves.

Many Hoo-Hoo from all up and down the land have graced (always graced) our balliwick, given us a smile, eaten our "grub" thankfully, and departed hence feeling they had been well received, and not "touched."

May the Great Black Cat grow and wax fat, may the House of Ancients dwell long with us, and may the Supreme Nine continue to discharge the functions of their office in the same discriminating manner as of yore, is the good wish of  
Very respectfully yours,  
ALBERT J. CAPRON (No. 1183-A).

City of Mexico, September 7, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis—Dear Scrivenor: In accordance with Article VI, Section 3, I advise you, with regret, that I shall be unable to be with the young and frisky kittens on the 9th inst., and consequently shall be unable to take advantage of the annual opportunity of observing the antics and behavior of the "Old Toms." I consider this an almost irretrievable loss, as I am one of the last litter of kittens having their eyes opened in this city. We have one or two frisky "Old Toms" down here—regular Angoras, with fur a yard long; and if all the kittens in the States are as well treated by the "Old Toms" as we are down here, they should be a happy lot.

Yours truly,  
H. LAWTON.

Detroit, Mich., September 2, 1904.—Although I have been for a while past anticipating the pleasure of again meeting you and all my old friends of Hoo-Hoo at the Annual, I regret exceedingly that my health will not permit me to enjoy the occasion this year. My severe siege in the hospital last May and June so reduced me that, while doing well, the recovery of strength has been slow. However, I will be with you in spirit on the 9th, and trust that your meeting will be not only pleasant, but beneficial to the Order.

With kindly remembrance to the brothers in the Cloister and House,  
Yours fraternally,  
JOSEPH M. MYLES.

Minneapolis, Minn., September 9, 1904.—I write to express regret that I shall be unable to attend the Annual this year and to state that the Hoo-Hoo have done me no harm during the past twelve months. I am still doing business at the old address and anxiously looking forward to burning the fur off a bunch of brindle kittens in January.  
Yours truly,  
C. P. EASTMAN (No. 1854-A).

Montgomery, Ala., September 7, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, St. Louis—Dear Sir and Brother: I assure you that it is with much regret that I cannot be at the Annual, as I anticipated. I am knocked out by my old enemy, hay fever.

I am opposed to insurance being added to our Order, as advocated by some of our brothers.

Our concatenations should be guarded as to quality and eligibility to membership, not quantity. Many do I see

wearing the Black Cat on the white button encircled in gold who are not entitled to it.

Concatenations where I have been present have caused some unpleasantness on account of objections that the candidate was ineligible.

The roughness participated in at some concatenations is humiliating to the candidate who is of refined feelings; and if participated in in the future, will ruin the Order.

Some protection should be adopted at concatenations to prevent a man's simply giving his number as a password when he cannot prove himself a Hoo-Hoo in good standing.

Fraternally yours,  
C. H. BEALE (No. 400).

Slayden, Tenn., September 7, 1904.—Dear Brother: I hoped all along to be with you on this occasion, but circumstances prevent. I have been well treated by Hoo-Hoo for the past year, and certainly hope every other member can say as much. I wish you all perfect success and happiness in all your undertakings for the next year. Remember to take one for me in your wanderings down on the Pike.

Yours truly,  
J. H. M'FALL (No. 40-A).

Independence, Kan., September 8, 1904.—I am very sorry that I will be compelled to miss the "Hike to the Pike," but cannot leave my business at this time. Hope you all will have a Hoo-Hoo time.  
Yours fraternally,  
J. H. RAMSAY (No. 474-A).

Independence, Kan., September 8, 1904.—Dear Brother: I am very sorry that I will not be with you on the 9th, but will say I am very much pleased with the way Hoo-Hoo has treated me the short time I have been a member. Wishing you a Hoo-Hoo time, I am,  
Yours respectfully,  
C. A. YOUNG (No. 3095-A).

Kansas City, Mo., September 9, 1904.—Dear Brother Baird: Having been served exceedingly well the past year by Hoo-Hoo, and hale and hearty I greet you and the great army of Hoo-Hoo this morning assembled. My only regret is that I am unable to attend the Annual. Anxiously awaiting the next copy of "The Bulletin," which I know will be enjoyed by every loyal Hoo-Hoo, I am,  
Yours very respectfully,  
E. H. CRAIN (No. 7402).

Lamona, Pa., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, St. Louis: Health, Happiness, and Long Life is our greeting to all Hoo-Hoo. With best wishes for a profitable and pleasant Annual Meeting about to be held,  
Fraternally yours,  
W. A. HASSINGER (No. 8226),  
J. H. HASSINGER (No. 8008).

City of Mexico, September 6, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenor, House of Hoo-Hoo, Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis—Dear Sir: Being as yet only a playful kitten sporting in the benignant rays of Hoo-Hoo, I can make a report for only a part of the year. I take pleasure in being able to say that those benignant rays are encouraging a soft, but luxurious, hair, which will ultimately develop into a beautiful furry coat that will not only warm and cheer me, but will be a delight to all who may have the pleasure of gazing upon it.  
Yours truly,  
F. L. WEMPLE (No. 2727-A).

Birmingham, Ala., September 6, 1904.—Dear Jim: I regret being unable to attend the Annual, and wish you all a big time. I have changed and am now with this firm as "chief order chaser." This is a very important place—second to office boy. With best regards to Hoo-Hoo, I am,  
Yours truly,  
JOHN R. WALLS (No. 7827).

Toronto, Ont., September 8, 1904.—I am sorry I cannot be in St. Louis, but it affords me much pleasure to send greetings to the bunch, and hope you will have a good, hot time. If you have a chance to "lay close" to Walter Laidlaw and Fred Walton, give them a hug for me.  
Fraternally yours,  
W. J. MACBETH (No. 972-A).

Johnson City, Tenn., September 7, 1904.—Dear Brother: Hoo-Hoo has served me very well since I kissed the big book on April 8; but I must say that for a few minutes before I kissed the book I was very dubious. I regret very much that I cannot be with you on the 9th, as I still feel like a kitten and would like to see how the old cats act when they get together.

Fraternally,  
W. L. CLARK (No. 2490-A).  
These are my sentiments. J. B. THOMAS (No. 207).

Baltimore, O., September 5, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, St. Louis—Dear Brother Baird: It will be impossible for me to attend this coming thirteenth Annual, and I am much disappointed, I assure you; but business before pleasure always, consequently will stick to business. I find that Hoo-Hoo is the real thing, and I am well pleased—yes, extremely glad—I hold a place in this organization; and as it has been some time since I have had the privilege of being on the roof, I keenly feel the missing sociability and frolicsome good time enjoyed by all good cats and kittens. A good time to you all!

B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C. Hoo-Hoo,  
SERENO W. KELLER (No. 125-A).

New Berlin, O., September 7, 1904.—Am sorry for being unable to attend the Annual. Hoo-Hoo has served me well. Thanks.

NO. 1821-A.

Decatur, Ill., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, St. Louis—Dear Sir: Regret that I will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting to-morrow. Hoo-Hoo has used me well, and wishing you a good meeting, I beg to remain, Yours very truly,

EDW. E. ELLIOTT (No. 2751-A).

City of Mexico, September 6, 1904.—In compliance with my duty, I would beg to advise that I am one of the "Tom Cats" whose eyes were recently opened at the first concatenation held in Mexico under Vicegerent J. E. Meginn. I am well and happy and trust the meeting on the 9th will be harmonious, and that something may be decided upon to keep up the interest in our worthy Order, in case it is decided to limit the membership to 9999.

Fraternally yours, H. C. DINKINS (No. 2147-A).

Baltimore, Md., September 7, 1904.—I had hoped to be able to join the rest of the band at the Annual on Friday next, but it being impossible to do so, I adopt this means to let you know that, as one of the new kittens, I am able to sit up and take nourishment, and only wish that some of said nourishment could be consumed in St. Louis. Will see some of the boys from this section who have attended the meeting, and will be very glad when they arrive home, so they can tell me all about the good time they have had. With kindest regards,

Fraternally yours,  
MAURICE W. WILEY (No. 2810-A).

Atlanta, Ga., September 7, 1904.—Dear Brother Baird: Happy greetings and best wishes for our great and grand Order. May Hoo-Hoo ever live and prosper. May Hoo-Hoo love for one another

Never fail  
As long as the kitten has a tail.  
Fraternally yours, J. H. BARFIELD (No. 4816).

Saron, Texas, September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Esq., House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis—Dear Sir and Brother: Hoo-Hoo has served me all O.K. I am a little disfigured, but still in the ring. Good luck to the Order and all brother Hoo-Hoo.

E. S. HALSALL (No. 1053-A).

New Orleans, La., September 9, 1904.—No. 9306 still with Payne & Joubert, New Orleans.

MORRIS B. DEPASS.

Beverly, Mass., September 6, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird—Dear Sir and Brother: I should very much like to be with you this year, but it is impossible for me to do so. I will send my best wishes, and I hope this will find all of my brother Hoo-Hoo as much interested and enthusiastic about the Order as I am.

With many regrets at not being able to attend, I remain,  
Yours very truly, J. B. HARPER (No. 2397-A).

Lexington, Miss., September 9, 1904.—Dear Brother Baird: I wish the Order a long life and a happy one. May each member prosper and increase. My lines are laid in pleasant places.

Yours very truly,  
NO. 9607.

Bracebridge, Ont., September 8, 1904.—I am very sorry I cannot be present at St. Louis, but trust you will all have a good time.

Fraternally yours,  
C. C. WALLACE (No. 1117-A).

Mineral Hill, N. M., September 6, 1904.—Brother Baird: It is with profound regret that I remain away from the Annual Meeting this year, and I assure you that my thoughts will stray away to St. Louis on the 9th inst. Getting health at a mountain sawmill is rather a tame avocation. However, it is a very beneficial one, and I must confess I am thoroughly satisfied, for the present, with the conditions. With best hopes for a thoroughly enjoyable meeting and a profitable one, I am,

Yours sincerely,  
LOUIS B. RAPP (No. 8751).

Kelty, Texas, September 6, 1904.—With the advent of the mystic date, 9-9, we desire to state that we are still alive and kicking. We are sorry that we cannot be with you, but know that those who are there will do the thing properly.

Wishing that all Hoo-Hoo may have their full nine lives and that they may be successful and happy in each one of them, we are,  
By the Tail of the Great Black Cat,  
ELI WIEVER (No. 1071-A),  
J. H. KURTH, JR. (No. 1057-A),  
J. H. KURTH (No. 8154).

Hobart, O. T., September 7, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, St. Louis—Dear Sir: Health good. Well pleased with Hoo-Hoo. My address next year will be: Hobart, O. T., with the J. S. Mayfield Lumber Company.

With best wishes for the Annual and Order in general, I am,  
Yours truly,  
A. D. HOWELL (No. 9906).

Moyock, N. C., September 7, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Supreme Scrivener, St. Louis—Dear Sir: I take this means of letting you know that I am still located at Moyock, N. C., and that we are still doing a little business in both pine and poplar. This leaves me feeling first-rate and enjoying good health. Trusting that the Annual Meeting this year will be a grand success, wishing you all a merry good time, and regretting that I am not able to be with you, I remain,

Yours very truly, A. B. LUKENS (No. 1533-A).

P.S.—I also notify you that Brother H. C. Hostler (No. 1531-A) is absent in California at the present time, and the chances are that he will neglect writing you at this time. I will say that he was all right when he left home some three weeks ago, and we have no doubt but what he is enjoying himself on his trip with the Knights Templar to San Francisco.

Portland, Ore., September 5, 1904.—Dear Jim: Regret very much I cannot attend the Annual in St. Louis, but Hoo-Hoo has my best wishes for a continuation of the years of prosperity it has enjoyed. I trust the action of this meeting will redound to the lasting benefit of the Order.

Above all, I hope Portland, Ore., secures the Annual for 1905. It is necessary for the good of the Order on the Pacific Coast that an Annual be held here. There are hundreds of loyal Hoo-Hoo here that feel they are entitled to an Annual, and such a meeting will do much to cheer and encourage them in their work, and will result in lasting good to Hoo-Hoo in the West.

The Western States stand united for Portland in 1905, and I would like to assure all Hoo-Hoo that if next year's Annual Convention is given to Portland, those who attend will have the finest time they will ever have in all their nine lives. A royal reception will be given by one of the fairest and most beautiful cities of the West; the grandest scenery will be enjoyed, and hundreds of Hoo-Hoo of the Coast States will have an opportunity to meet their brothers from the East and endeavor to give them a practical demonstration of Western hospitality.

Hoo-Hoo must come to Portland in 1905.  
Fraternally,  
FRED. H. GILMAN (No. 268).

Louisville, Ky., September 7, 1904.—William C. Ballard, of this city, would make an efficient Vicegerent; and as I am satisfied that Brother Ballard will accept the office, will cheerfully recommend him for appointment. The writer will no doubt see you Friday morning at the meeting, provided nothing prevents my attendance.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,  
Fraternally yours, GEORGE W. SCHMIDT.

Powhattan, Kan., September 9, 1904.—I herewith tender my regrets, as I cannot possibly be with you at your Annual Meeting, but hope that you all will thoroughly enjoy a good time and profitable meeting. I am as well as usual, and still at Powhattan, Kan., Lock Box J.

Yours fraternally, C. H. SIMMONS (No. 7070).

Minden, La., September 8, 1904.—I have accepted the position as superintendent of the sawmill department of the Minden Lumber Company. I took charge on September 7. We are running night and day after a short shut down for repairs. I am well and hope this will find you the same. Send my mail to Minden, La., care of Minden Lumber Co.

Wishing you a happy and successful new year, I am,  
Yours fraternally, P. N. ANGER (No. 776-A).

Pine Bluff, Ark., September 6, 1904.—I beg to say I have been treated rough this year. In June the Arkansas River flooded my shops; in fact, I was forced into the natatorium business for about seventeen days. I could do no work during this time, as the average boiler-maker does not wear diving suits. The union would not allow it, anyway. I had contemplated going to the great Fair and enjoy the great conveniences of the House of Hoo-Hoo. By the way, I had a share in that building. No wonder it burned down, I'm so completely knocked out. I can't see any way to be with you on the 9th. I would love to meet some of the old guard I used to mingle with—W. E. Barns, W. I. Ewart, G. W. Swartz, and George K. Smith. I sometimes see their names in the papers, and their "phiz's" also. I believe their friends are using the old cuts, for they look as young as ever. I wish you and all the kittens a grand and glorious time, and my thoughts will be with you on that day.

Yours truly, A. A. LELAURIN (No. 583).

Hattiesburg, Miss., September 9, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, St. Louis—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: It has been a custom of mine for the past eight years to do some writing on September 9, and every other year previous to this one I have been fortunate enough to join other brothers and send a telegram, but this particular Annual catches me almost financially embarrassed and scrambling around two hand mills trying to get orders filled, and I have been too busy to-day to hardly think of what could be on the string in St. Louis. However, I guess what will be doing to-night will be a plenty.

Hoo-Hoo has served me well for the past year. May Health, Happiness, and Long Life maintain its existence with all Hoo-Hoo.

Yours fraternally,  
JOHN W. CONNELL (No. 5950).

Nashville, Tenn., September 7, 1904.—I find that it will be impossible to be with you on Hoo-Hoo Day at St. Louis, and regret it very much. When in the lumber business, I found it no trouble to buy stock and raise the grade, and in that way was fairly prosperous. Since going into the hardwood flooring business, where I have to buy on grade and sell the stock clear, I find it impossible to make enough money to attend.

My home address is 227 Russell street, and my business address is in care of the Nashville Hardwood Flooring Company, this city.

Wishing you Health, Happiness, and Long Life, I remain,  
Yours very truly, C. L. M'CONNELL (No. 2849).

Prescott, Ark., September 8, 1904.—To all Hoo-Hoo Gathered in St. Louis—Greeting: One man from our concern in St. Louis is enough, therefore I have to stay at home.

When I was initiated, I did many foolish things. I also promised to be in St. Louis or write to the head "Tom Cats" there on September 9, to let them know that I am still living.

Well, I do not live, but I board at the Parker House, Prescott, Ark., and will most likely stay there until the landlord gets enough of me, which might be soon, because I am slow pay; and I eat a lot, especially bread and milk, the best food for nice, sleek kittens, and grown cats, too.

Hoping that you will all have a howling good time and requesting the cat who gets this letter to kiss Johnnie Bonner, of Texas, for me, I am,  
Yours fraternally,  
A. D. BEAUFORT (No. 2890-A).

Milwaukee, Wis., September 7, 1904.—Dear Brother Baird: I am still at the same old stand and enjoying good health. Regret very much that I cannot be with you, but hope to see our Milwaukee brother, Frank N. Snell, elected Snark of the Universe. Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
A. G. G. LAUDER (No. 381-A).

Burlington, Ia., September 7, 1904.—For a young cat, I am well and happy.

Sincerely yours,  
W. F. GILMAN (No. 3031-A).

Slocumb, Ala., September 7, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis—Dear Brother Baird: I am still doing business at the same old stand. Am living on the Black Cat train to high life, which all Hoo-Hoo necessarily enjoy. Am very sorry that I cannot join my happy fellows on the 9th, and here's to the Health, Happiness, and Long Life of every member of the grand Order of Hoo-Hoo.

Yours fraternally, C. K. C. AUSLEY (No. 680-A).

Lester, Wash., September 3, 1904.—Friend Baird: Hoo-Hoo has used us well during the past year. Wish we could be with you on September 9, but will have to be content with sending best wishes.

We of this Coast hope for the next Annual to be held at Portland, Ore. Come out and see our onion patch.

Yours in H., H., and H.,  
D. F. THOMSON (No. 8729),  
W. W. CLOBAUGH (No. 2768-A).

Columbus, O., September 7, 1904.—Brother Hoo-Hoo: Though circumstances environ the body far from the hosts gathered in honor of Hoo-Hoo, yet the spirit joins you all in the "feast of reason and flow of the soul." Great Hoo-Hoo has brought an abundance of health, happiness, and prosperity to this scarce-year-old kitten, who longs for a sight and taste of the fragrant onion bed so invitingly spread before you. May you all drink of its joys to the full.

Fraternally,  
F. P. ROGERS (No. 1827-A).

Wells, Texas, September 6, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird and Boss Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis—Dear Sirs: On account of special business, I can't be with you this Annual. Put it in for 19,999. I would like to see more Black Cats. Hoo-Hoo has served me O.K. the past year.

Yours for Hoo-Hoo,  
JOHN THOMAS SIMPSON.

Vinton, La., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, St. Louis—Dear Brother: As you will see by this letter, I am still in the land of living.

Have enjoyed good health and prosperity since joining the Order of Hoo-Hoo.

There are now three members of the Great Black Cat in our family—my father, my brother, and myself.

With best wishes to the Order, I am,  
LEE W. WARNER (No. 2565-A).

Keokuk, Ia., September 8, 1904.—J. H. Baird, St. Louis—Dear Sir: I wish to say that I am well and happy, but regret exceedingly not being able to be present at the Annual Meeting.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous meeting, I am,  
Yours truly, C. D. STREETER (No. 1884-A).

Salt Lake City, Utah, September 7, 1904.—Still at the old stand. Wholesale only. Expect to visit House of Hoo-Hoo some time in October.

Regret being unable to attend Annual Meeting.  
Yours,  
A. E. PAYNE (No. 1381-A).

Bland, Mo., September 7, 1904.—Brother Baird: Nothing preventing, I will be at the Annual Meeting, but we are short on office help just now.

Hoo-Hoo has been most gracious to me, and I trust he will have his wish fulfilled (wanting us all at the Annual) by permitting me to have a whiff at the onions when the kittens are astray on the 9th.

A. F. AUFDERHEIDER (No. 1991-A).  
Per NO. 1992-A.

Brunswick, Ga., September 5, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis—Dear Brother Baird: Here is my tribute to great Hoo-Hoo and my best wishes and regards to all Hoo-Hoo assembled at his home. Be merry and enjoy yourselves and sympathize with all who, like myself, cannot, for some reason or other, attend the great Annual.

Yours fraternally,  
KARL FRIES (No. 6436).

Minneapolis, Minn., September 5, 1904.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: I am pleased to report being in fair health, and sorry I cannot be with you. Will be there in spirit. In regard to extending the numbers—what is the matter with going to 99,999? Then you will not have to bother about making any other extension for some time.

Yours for Health, Happiness, and Long Life,  
NO. 954.

K. K. K.  
Kitty Kan't Kome  
to Hoo-Hoo  
Meeting.

NO. 1704.

Jacksonville, Fla., September 6, 1904.—I regret exceedingly that business prevents my attending the brothers' Hoo-Hoo in St. Louis on the 9th inst., but wish to hereby express my regards to all cats and little kittens. May the curl in the tail of the Black Cat never grow less.

Yours fraternally,  
H. A. GRANT (No. 2876-A).

St. John, N. B., Can., September 6, 1904.—Please accept my hearty wishes for a pleasant outing at the St. Louis Exposition on September 8, 1904. Would like very much to be with you, but do not see much prospect of such taking place. The news of such an event would be too good to be true. I would appreciate it very much if you would have one of the Annual badges sent me at St. John.

Cordially yours,  
THEOPHILUS CUSHING.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., September 8, 1904.—This kitten is well and busy, and my address is the same as last year.

C. EVERETT KELSEY (No. 1284-A).

N.B.—Does our Constitution allow of members of furniture companies being admitted to membership, as was done at Buffalo lately? Would like to be informed regarding this.

Fort Smith, Ark., September 9, 1904.—According to my obligation and for your information, I wish to say I am with the Ballman & Cummings Furniture Company, of this city—the best furniture factory in the Southwest; makes the best and sells the most.

I regret very much that I cannot be with you all, but my best wishes are with you.

Very truly yours,  
LEE ELLIOTT (No. 8969).

Dodson, La., September 7, 1904.—Here I am away down here in the pine woods, looking after my friends, the mill men, while you fellows are having a fine time up there on the Pike, and seeing other sights. Wish I was with you. I am fine in all respects, except dry in this prohibition country. Please answer to my name at the roll call.

Yours truly,  
GEORGE P. DARBY (No. 9871).

Parsons, W. Va., September 9, 1904.—J. H. Baird, St. Louis: In accordance with Hoo-Hoo obligations and complying with that ancient and revered custom, and while only a kitten, having been a member of our Order less than one year, and have not had an opportunity of attending a concatenation since my initiation, I am, never-

theless, very much impressed with the good work that has come under my observation. Hoping the new year will be as prosperous for the Great Black Cat as the one that closes to-day, I am,

Fraternally,  
G. A. M'DERMOTT (No. 1472-A).

Milwaukee, Wis., September 7, 1904.—Dear Brother Baird: Am awful sorry I am not able to attend the Annual. I am still traveling for R. Connor Company, of Marshfield, Wis., trying to sell lumber, with residence in Milwaukee, 1110 Wells street.

Yours fraternally,  
G. H. BULGRIN (No. 2326-A).

Kenyon, Ark., September 7, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird—Sir and Brother: I am sorry to say that I can't be with you in St. Louis on September 9 on account of sickness. You will find me at Kenyon, Ark.

Yours respectfully,  
S. E. MARION.

Shenandoah, Ia., September 8, 1904.—Brother J. H. Baird, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis—Dear Sir: In response to your call, as a brother Hoo-Hoo, I beg to advise that I am still selling lumber in the good, old-fashioned way, and am proud to exhibit my button on any occasion. I think there should be a fine imposed on members for not wearing their cat, and on the right side. Occasionally a traveling salesman calls on us, and, seeing my button, says he is also a Hoo-Hoo, and perhaps gives his number, but he does not wear his button. Why?

Trusting that the Great Black Cat will grow in the coming year as in the last, I beg to remain,  
Yours most respectfully,  
F. W. HENDERSON (No. 1659-A).

South McAlester, I. T., September 8, 1904.—Great Hoo-Hoo: I am a young kitten, and am sick in bed with slow fever, where I have been for the last six weeks.

The doctors have ordered a change of climate, so I start for Long Beach (249 E. 3d street), Cal., next Thursday. Yours with best wishes for the success and greatness of Hoo-Hoo.

M. W. WIXSON (No. 2850-A).

Toronto, Canada, September 7, 1904.—Regret inability to attend the great Annual gathering. With best wishes for a good time,

Yours truly,  
RICHARD LOCKE (No. 970-A).

Doniphan, Mo., September 6, 1904.—Please extend my greeting to all Hoo-Hoo. Am sorry that I cannot be with you in person, but, however, I will be with you in mind. Please record me as being in favor of life insurance. Wishing you a successful concatenation and a prosperous year in Hoo-Hoo, I remain,

Yours,  
D. A. HILTON (No. 6124).

Ragley, Texas, September 7, 1904.—Dear Brother Baird: Wish very much I could be with you and the boys, but impossible.

Trusting all of you will enjoy the Annual very much, I remain,  
Fraternally yours,  
M. J. RAGLEY (No. 9578).

St. Louis, September 8, 1904.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: I regret very much that a case of typhoid fever will prevent my being with you to-morrow.

I had looked forward with pleasant anticipation of meeting many Hoo-Hoo from out of town, and wanted to attend the thirteenth Annual by all means. Especially was I anxious to meet our Supreme Scrivener.

I hope you will all have a high old time, enjoy the Annual at the Fair, and be so well pleased that most of the Hoo-Hoo will stay over or come back before the first of December.

With kindest regards, I am,  
Fraternally,  
NO. 2275-A.

Auburn, Neb., September 8, 1904.—Health, Happiness, and Long Life to Scrivener and all Hoo-Hoo.

B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,  
NO. 3061.

Boise, Idaho, September 2, 1904.—Dear Brother Baird: I had thought I could meet with Hoo-Hoo this year, but have found complications have arisen, so it is impossible to be present; but you can count on me at Portland next year. You may look for another concatenation at Boise this fall, as we have a good prospect now of a good class, also one at Pocatello. Watch our smokes. Long may the Hoo-Hoo banner wave!

Yours fraternally,  
F. E. GLAZIER, V. S. (No. 3418).

Philadelphia, Pa., September 3, 1904.—I shall be unable to attend the Annual to be held in St. Louis on September 9, but desire to say that I am well pleased with Hoo-Hoo so far, having been one of the victims to be put through the Order on June 29, 1904, at Baltimore. My address you will please change from 409, 410 Crozer Building, Philadelphia, to 310 St. Paul street, Baltimore, Md., and oblige.

Very respectfully,  
OSCAR M. HANSCOM.

Murphy, N. C., September 5, 1904.—Hope you are having a good time, and am very sorry I cannot be with you at this Annual Meeting. Hoo-Hoo boys are scarce in this neighborhood, but we "whooper" up once in a while.

Yours truly,  
W. H. WOODBERRY (No. 117-A).

Murphy, N. C., August 5, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, St. Louis—Dear Sir: Well, you see I'm still alive and able to rob the mill man. Hope you're having lots of fun. Stay off the Pike.

CHARLES D. MAYFIELD (No. 2519-A).

South McAlester, I. T., September 8, 1904.—Dear Brother Baird: I regret that I can't be present at the Annual concatenation. Wishing all present a pleasant and profitable time, I am,

Fraternally,  
WILLIAM NOBLE (No. 5430).

Ouray, Col., September 6, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, St. Louis—Dear Sir: I am pleasantly located here in Ouray—the only representative of our Order. Such being the case, I can't experience as many benefits as some of the brethren; but when a Hoo-Hoo does stray into our town, I am more than repaid for my membership by the sense of fellowship experienced. Have only had my eyes opened since February, but have not regretted the step, even during the opening process. Am with you in spirit, although unable to attend the Annual in person. With best wishes for the continued welfare and prosperity of the Order, I remain,

Very truly yours,  
FRANK A. RICE.

Detroit, Mich., September 7, 1904.—

To the members of our Order, great Hoo-Hoo—  
As fine a lot of men as ever I know:  
I send greetings to the Annual in St. Lou,  
Where last year's work will be up in review.

I deeply regret that I'm not able to be with you,  
As I regard myself one of the old-time crew;  
But as my doctor says, "It would never do"  
(For I've Bright's disease), now you have the clew.

So at home I stay, feeling rather blue;  
At same time I've no desire to sleep 'neath a yew,  
Although I know my Hoo-Hoo friends—they're not a few—  
Would keep it well watered, even with mountain dew.

Next year I hope, if I get out of this stew  
And the D-1 doesn't claim what is justly his due,  
That I shall be with you; say, "How do you do?"  
Shake; smile; and say, "God bless every loyal Hoo-Hoo."

Fraternally,  
NO. 2100.

P.S.—  
Pardon me, but at election, if you choose officers new,  
Just keep our old friend, Jim, who ever is true—  
One of "God's noblemen," if any ever grew;  
A credit to the Order and each one of you.

NO. 2100.

Belington, W. Va., September 5, 1904.—I will not get to the Annual this year. I hope you may all enjoy yourselves.

Fraternally yours,  
L. L. BENNETT.

Crosby, Texas, September 9, 1904.—I hoped up until the last moment that I would be permitted to enjoy this year the extreme pleasure of meeting with our fellow Hoo-Hoo in St. Louis, but I find it will be impossible; so I wish to extend through you my best greetings for all those assembled. I trust that the coming years will yield a bountiful harvest of prosperity to all Hoo-Hoo, and wish each and all of you every pleasure during your sojourn in the World's Fair City. I hope to be able to send you greetings on the 9th by DeForest wireless telegraph.

Yours fraternally,  
R. D. BOWEN (No. 2947).

Yazoo City, Miss., September 6, 1904.—We are extremely sorry that we shall be unable to report at the Annual this year, and beg that you express our regrets to the Snark. We lost our yard here during the great fire in May, and have been kept busy rebuilding our city. We hope that you will enjoy a big meeting and that you will have a big crowd. Sorry that we cannot be with you.

Fraternally yours,  
W. G. HARLOW (No. 6400),  
W. S. DALTON (No. 8416).

Sarnia, Ont., Can., September 7, 1904.—I regret that I am unable to be with you at the Annual. Pressing business will keep me here. Inclosed find 99 cents, being my annual dues. Kindly remember me to Senator Riley Pearson.

Yours very truly,  
GEORGE H. BELTON (No. 1573-A).

Beaumont, Texas, September 6, 1904.—I regret that it will not be in my power to be present at the Annual Concatenation this year. I sincerely hope that all Hoo-Hoo members will have a most pleasant time this year, and will say that I am in the best of health and spirit, with but one exception, and that is not being able to attend the meeting.

Wishing all true Hoo-Hoo a happy, prosperous, and healthy year, I am,  
Yours fraternally,  
FRED. M. LEGER, JR. (No. 2901-A).

Asthesby, Ont., Can., September 5, 1904.—Dear Friend and Brother: Yours of August 24 to hand and contents noted. On account of not being in Sudbury, my late address, it was impossible for me to attend the concatenation at Sarnia on September 2, much to my sorrow. I would very much liked to have been there. It will be impossible for me to go to St. Louis; but you have my best wishes, and I hope you will have one of those good times that always happens at the New Year of Hoo-Hoo. Inclosed find my fees, and may good luck attend you always. I am,  
Your affectionate brother,

J. P. REGAN (No. 2930-A).

Flatwoods, W. Va., September 6, 1904.—I am sorry that I will not get to be with you at the Annual this year, as I had intended to be. Hope you will have a great and good time. I am proud that I am numbered with such a glorious Order, and hope it may grow until we will number all that we are allotted and on if possible. I send my best regards to all Hoo-Hoo.

Yours very truly,  
W. D. FLOYD (No. 9244).

Whitby, Ont., Can., September 7, 1904.—I regret very much my inability to be present at the Annual this year, but trust the Order will be well represented from this section and that you will have a most enthusiastic and successful gathering of the kittens.

Fraternally yours,  
GEORGE CORMACK (No. 1579-A).

Toronto, Ont., Can., September 7, 1904.—I regret exceedingly that I cannot be with you on the 9th of this month, but shall certainly be with you in spirit if not in person. We were in hopes of getting up a good delegation from Toronto and surrounding country to attend the grand concatenation in St. Louis. The scheme seems to have fallen through, however, as I have heard of only one brother who is attending.

Kindly convey my respects and regards to the Grand Snark and brothers, and believe me, as ever,  
Yours fraternally,  
C. D. TEN BYCK (No. 2055-A).

Columbia, S. C., September 5, 1904.—I am sorry I can't be with you all on September 9, but will send my dues to keep me in and help the Order along. Wishing you all a pleasant time and a successful meeting, I am,  
Yours truly,  
G. P. CAUGHMAN (No. 8681).

Imogene, Ia., September 8, 1904.—It is with a good deal of regret that I am compelled to send this to you instead of being with you in person, but circumstances beyond my control compelled me to send to you my regrets at not being able to leave my kittens at this time of the year. However, I hope there will be a good showing of "Old Toms" to help make the night hideous with their on-the-roof musicale. Inclosed you will find a draft for \$1 to square my dues for the year beginning on September 9, 1904, and ending on September 9, 1905. By the way, Brother E. H. Dalbey is lying very low with appendicitis (I guess that is the way to spell it); but I understand he is improving some.  
Yours very truly,  
W. D. CRONE (No. 1657-A).

City of Mexico, Mex., September 3, 1904.—I beg to advise that I am located in the City of Mexico, Box 322, as assistant general passenger agent of the National Lines of Mexico, and that I can make no complaint as to the manner in which the year ending on September 9, 1904, has treated me.  
Yours very truly,  
F. E. YOUNG (No. 2728-A).

Toronto, Ont., Can., September 7, 1904.—It is impossible for me to attend the concatenation on account of pressing business and my intention of visiting in the South next month, at which time I will be pleased to call on you.  
Yours very truly,  
H. S. MUNRO (No. 974-A).

Toronto, Ont., Can., September 8, 1904.—Deeply regretting my inability to be with you on September 9 and wishing a long life to the House of Hoo-Hoo, I am,  
Yours very sincerely,  
E. D. MACKENZIE (No. 2704-A).

Weston, W. Va., September 6, 1904.—I regret very much that I cannot be with you on the 9th, but we had a son to come to our home on the 3d; and, of course, I must stay with him. I hope he will be a Hoo-Hoo some day. All are doing nicely. I hope you will all have a good time. My address is the same.  
Yours very truly,  
E. I. HUDKINS (No. 397-A).

St. Louis, Mo., September 9, 1904.—When the clock struck twelve on the night of the 9th, I turned over in my bed and said to myself, "My dues are due;" and, in accordance with my obligations, I inclose herewith my check for \$1.

I am pleased to inform you that I am still doing business at the old stand, and I think you have served me a dirty Irish trick by not coming in to see me.

Long live the Order of Hoo-Hoo! May it prosper as the green-bay tree I have read about somewhere, but do not know now.  
Yours fraternally,  
E. R. STAPLETON (No. 308-A).

London, Ont., Can., September 7, 1904.—I had fully intended to deliver my dues to you in person, and regret exceedingly that I was unable to go with the bunch. I was concatenated at the Annual at Buffalo last year, and have not missed a concatenation in Eastern Canada since. The Hoo-Hoo bunch is good enough for me. I had been building on going to St. Louis for the past months, and am very disappointed. I am with you all in heart, and wish all Hoo-Hoo and their friends a pleasant and profitable time at the Annual.  
Very fraternally,  
DONALD H. FERGUSON (No. 1280-A).

Lumberton, Miss., September 7, 1904.—I have just received your last Hoo-Hoo "Bulletin." It is all right. I suppose you will be in St. Louis at the meeting. I will be there in heart and spirit, but—alas!—not in body.  
Yours,  
J. M. MAGERNY (No. 237-A).

St. Louis, Mo., September 8, 1904.—Herewith inclosed please find check to cover my dues for the coming year, and also the cost of one ladies' pin, which I would like you to send me by return mail if possible. This is for a "perfect dream," of course, and I want to get the pin before I wake up. It will enable us to appear properly on the Pike next Saturday night, when there will be things doing, if last evening is any criterion of what choice spirits are capable of. I hope the lurid description necessary to give a truthful version of happenings last night will not burn up the type around "The Bulletin" office.

Hustle the pin along, and put me under obligation to you for all time to come. Awaiting your early acknowledgment, I remain,  
Yours truly,  
D. R. FITZROY (No. 8300).

Almadane, La., September 5, 1904.—Your invitation was received. I would like very much to attend your grand meeting, but owing to previous facts I am bound to say I cannot attend. Hoping all you brothers a joyous time, I am, as ever,  
Yours truly,  
C. L. SMITH (No. 927-A).

Katy, Texas, September 8, 1904.—Herewith find check for \$1 to apply on my dues. I almost forgot it in the rush of the rice harvest field.  
Yours sincerely,  
J. E. CABANISS (No. 6944).

Lester, Wash., August 31, 1904.—Friend Jim: We are going to have a "blow out" in Seattle on September 9. I wish you could be with us and have a good time. We all hope to see you in Portland on September 9, 1905.  
Yours in H., H., and H.,  
D. F. THOMSON (No. 8729).

Shawnee, O. T., September 3, 1904.—I will leave to-day, with my folks, for the St. Louis Fair, and expect to enjoy an occasional visit at the House of Hoo-Hoo, to which I contributed a shingle. All the brethren in Shawnee are prospering.

With best wishes, I am,  
CHARLES F. BARRETT (No. 2107).

Guerneville, Cal., September 6, 1904.—I send you herewith a money order for \$2, to be applied on my dues and the Distress Fund. The world is, and has been, kind to me this past year, and I am making lumber every day.  
With kindest regards to you and all brother Hoo-Hoo, I am,  
Yours,  
C. HANSEN (No. 5376).

Los Angeles, Cal., September 5, 1904.—I am just in receipt of the August number of "The Bulletin," and wish to say I am in full sympathy with the insurance movement as therein outlined, and should be very glad to avail myself of the opportunity it affords. I certainly trust that the offer of the New York Life Insurance Company will be accepted.

I regret my inability to be present with you, as I had hoped earlier in the year. I have no cause for complaint with my condition or surroundings, and extend a hearty greeting to all old friends, as well as the new ones I have not had the pleasure of meeting.  
Sincerely yours,  
H. J. ROGERS (No. 9328).

Lisbon, O., September 13, 1904.—Find inclosed \$1 for my dues for 1905 and a penny for a stogy (or a stick of candy for the little one). I am a young Hoo-Hoo—played in the onion bed only last January at Columbus, with forty-five other kittens, and have not entirely recovered from the shock I received in kissing the Ritual. I hope I may be fortunate enough to see a concatenation before another time for dues comes around.  
Yours fraternally,  
W. W. HENRY (No. 1810-A).

Hillsdale, O., September 9, 1904.—I am sorry I cannot attend the meeting, as business detains me here.  
Hoping you will have a well-attended meeting, I remain,  
W. C. COOK (No. 2915-A).

Danville, Ark., September 13, 1904.—I am always glad to get "The Bulletin," but am sorry I was not able to attend the Annual at St. Louis.  
Wishing you success in your great work, I am,  
Yours truly,  
C. T. MEADOWS (No. 444-A).

Timpson, Texas, September 6, 1904.—I was so busy building my new mill I liked to have forgot you and the 99 cents, and am out of town, too. I hope it will reach you in time; but if it fails to get to you on the 9th and if I were left off the list, I should ever be a Hoo-Hoo, just the same. May the Hoo-Hoo live long and may we bring many kittens to light the coming year and have many happy meetings, as the only one I ever attended was the time that I was a blind kitten a greater part of the time.  
Wishing you a long and prosperous life, I am,  
Your brother Hoo-Hoo,  
J. J. HARRIS (No. 1511-A).

Amarillo, Texas, September 8, 1904.—I am a young cat, and trust as I grow older I may grow wiser in cat lore. The articles in "The Bulletin" from the "Old Toms" are much enjoyed by me.  
I am sorry that I cannot be at the Annual this time. I will begin now to make arrangements to be present in 1905.  
J. D. ANDERSON (No. 1412-A).

Kendrick, O. T., September 1, 1904.—I will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting at St. Louis, but my best wishes are that upon that date the black cats who have longer tails and longer heads than mine will figure some means by which our full membership of black cats will enjoy their nine lives in fraternal fellowship, and may those nine lives be graced with success and happiness. I guess it is about time I was "coming across" with about 99 cents. I inclose check for \$2. Kindly credit me with 99 cents dues and 99 cents to Distress Fund, and oblige.  
Yours truly,  
J. W. SOUTHMAYD (No. 1736-A).

Hopedale, Ill., September 9, 1904.—On this, the great day of Hoo-Hoo, I regret being unable to worship at the shrine; but I assure you that in spirit I am with you.  
Trade is good, and we are kept "on the run;" hence the inability to attend our Annual.  
With the very best wishes, I am,  
Yours B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,  
C. M. MUNGER (No. 26-A).

Atlanta, Ga., September 2, 1904.—Hoo-Hoo has used me well this past year, and I trust all my brother Hoo-Hoo have also fared well.  
May the Order live long and prosper.  
Yours truly,  
J. W. SAUFFACHER (No. 1256-A).

Philadelphia, Pa., August 30, 1904.—In accordance with Article VI., Section 1, I inclose my dues for the year 1905, payable on or after September 9 next; and as it is impossible for me to be present on Hoo-Hoo Day, this letter is sent, and with it my best wishes for all Hoo-Hoo; and may the thirteenth Annual be a great "go." As far as it is given to us mortals to know the future, I will be in Philadelphia on Hoo-Hoo Day.  
Hoo-Hooly yours,  
A. B. EWER (No. 1463-A).

Oakdale, La., September 8, 1904.—Please give me credit for another year's dues, which amount you will find inclosed; also one ladies' stick pin, No. 9405. By your records you will see that I have heretofore purchased a pin; but when we agreed to disagree, the lady in question refused to give up the Black Cat. After prowling around, I have found another one of the fair sex that wishes to wear one. So you see I am still loser.  
With best wishes and wishing Hoo-Hoo another successful year, I beg to remain,  
Yours truly,  
C. W. PATTERSON (No. 9405).

Redondo Beach, Cal., September 5, 1904.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir and Brother: Everything is prosperous out here on the Pacific Coast.  
Yours,  
JOSEPH C. GILLESPIE (No. 1492-A).

Harrah, O. T., September 3, 1904.—Inclosed find check for \$2, dues for No. 1708-A. Use the remainder for the good of the black cat.  
I am here in a small place and do not often see a black cat, but it may not always be this way.  
"The Bulletin" is the most welcome paper in our office.  
With best wishes, I am,  
Very truly yours,  
A. M. BLAKE (No. 1708-A).

Austin, Texas, September 8, 1904.—I trust that you may have a most pleasant and satisfactory meeting.  
Fraternally yours,  
CARL A. DRAKE.

Benton Harbor, Mich., September 4, 1904.—I am exceedingly sorry that I cannot be with you during the meeting of the Osirian Clolster and Hoo-Hoo. I feel as if I were losing a Fourth of July, and my earnest wish for you and others present is that you will have the very best time of your lives, D. V.

Be sure to put E. Stringer Boggess on the Nine, for it is largely due to his earnest, hard work that West Virginia has her large number of Hoo-Hoo; and when it comes to reward of merit for work done, I think that Brother Snyder, of Shreveport, La., should be on the Nine. Both Boggess and Snyder are good business men, and are work horses in the ranks of Hoo-Hoo. "Honor to whom honor is due."

May all that is good come to Hoo-Hoo and his followers.  
Fraternally yours,  
CHARLES H. ADAMS.

Salamanca, N. Y., September 7, 1904.—As I am a young cat and have never been able to find out the exact date that dues are due, I will take a shot at you with this \$2 check. If it takes effect, please let me know. In the future you may address me at Pee Dee, S. C.—that is, after October 1. I am very sorry that I cannot attend the Annual and meet the old cats in St. Louis. I beg to remain,  
Yours very respectfully,  
J. R. LAWRENCE (No. 1081-A).

Seattle, Wash., September 10, 1904.—I am recovering slowly from the effects of the concatenation held at Ballard last night, when twenty-six kittens romped through the onion patch and had their eyes opened.  
I trust that we will have the pleasure of welcoming the Great Black Cat at Portland next year.  
Fraternally yours,  
FRED. W. ALEXANDER (No. 2588-A).

Bon Ami, La., September 2, 1904.—I am anxiously awaiting the new "Bulletin." It will be full of interesting news, I am sure. Mr. J. E. Cropper has been telling me of the good times and also of meeting the editor of "The Bulletin." Yours in haste,  
W. R. HOLLAND (No. 8813).

Jonesboro, La., September 5, 1904.—On account of sickness it will be impossible for me to attend the Annual Meeting.  
Fraternally yours,  
E. L. FROST (No. 2395-A).

Toronto, Ont., Can., September 7, 1904.—I send you Hoo-Hoo greetings, and trust you will have a successful concatenation. I am sorry I cannot be with you.  
Again I wish you good luck.  
Yours truly,  
JAMES G. CANE.

Dodson, La., September 13, 1904.—I wish I could have been with you in St. Louis, but I could not go; I had too many kittens to look after at home. I know you all had a good time. Brother A. McGinty (No. 9145) wanted me to go with him, but my reason for not going is stated above.  
Yours for the progressive Hoo-Hoo,  
W. H. MANN (No. 9146).

Chicago, Ill., September 8, 1904.—I hope to be with you on the 9th, but I am not sure. May the Hoo-Hoo have the best convention in its history, and may all the kittens have the best cream and the best time St. Louis affords.  
Yours,  
M. A. HAYS (No. 2875).

Orilla, Ont., Can., September 7, 1904.—I am very sorry that I cannot be with you on the 9th, as I am sure all will have a pleasant time. Yours very truly,  
ALEX. V. LEISHMAN (No. 1592-A).

Spokane, Wash., September 3, 1904.—I wish I could be with you in St. Louis and meet the members and friends. The very best wishes of all the Spokane Hoo-Hoo will be with you. Yours very truly,  
WILLIAM R. ROY.

Eau Claire, Wis., September 9, 1904.—I have the honor to report.  
MARSHALL COUSINS (No. 1577).

Beaver Falls, Pa., September 5, 1904.—Though absent in person, I am with you in spirit. I can only say that I hope all present at the thirteenth Annual will return home safe and satisfied that they have had a run for their money.

I am glad to note the practical part of Hoo-Hoo is coming to the front in the proposed life-insurance feature.

With kindest regards and well-wishes to all who are enjoying the meeting, I am,  
Yours truly,  
W. D. OSBORNE.

Clarksburg, Pa., September 5, 1904.—I am laboring up here in the coal-mining district; and, as far as I can figure out, I will be here a month longer.

I would like very much to go to the Annual, but it is impossible.

Wishing you the best of Health, Happiness, and Long Life, I am,  
Yours truly,  
HOWARD ANDERSON.

Galt, Ont., Can., September 8, 1904.—Wishing Hoo-Hoo continued success and regretting my inability to spend a few days at the House of Hoo-Hoo, I remain,  
Yours sincerely,  
D. W. SUTHERLAND (No. 2709-A).

Waynesville, N. C., September 8, 1904.—The benign tail of the bow-backed black cat stands at the proper perpendicular in the left lapel of my week-day coat and also in my Sunday coat, consistently unconscious of the gaze of the curious seven days in the week.

I regret that I cannot attend the annual convention, but trust that some brother cat will scale the garden wall and rustle the currant bushes for me. If there should be a vacant shingle on the roof, please mark it.

Very respectfully,  
B. B. EDWARDS (No. 2515-A).

New York, N. Y., September 7, 1904.—I happened to think that I had just time enough to get under cover before dawn, so inclose you herewith my check for \$1.98 for two years' dues.

The cats in this vicinity are very quiet just now; very seldom one is in evidence. They let their light hide under a bushel. They are of the modest variety, apparently. About the only time one sees a button is at a concatenation; at other times it is worn in the pocket.

Our great cat, "Carr," was going to have a big gathering of cats at Coney Island this summer; but he must have taken an overdose of catnip tea, as he still sleeps.

I am sorry not to be able to get among and in the great cat tribe at St. Louis. I wish all the big and little cats unlimited strength for a great big howl.

Fraternally yours,  
C. B. THOMSON (No. 2413).

Statesville, N. C., September 7, 1904.—I am still living and putting in sixteen hours a day. I do not know much about our Order, being only a kitten, but will do anything I can to advance its interests.

With kind regards, believe me,  
Sincerely yours,  
C. H. HOBBS (No. 2518-A).

Lake Village, Ark., September 10, 1904.—I was expecting to attend the meeting at St. Louis this week, but was unable to go, having been sick all summer.

Wishing the Order another prosperous year, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
F. B. PALMER.

Buffalo, N. Y., September 9, 1904.—Mr. O. Yeager, House of Hoo-Hoo, St. Louis—Dear Yeager: I wish I were with you, and hope you will have a nice time. Give my regards to all Hoo-Hoo who know me, especially to Ike and the ball players. Yours truly,  
JOHN S. TYLER.

Bland, Mo., September 7, 1904.—I am sorry that I am compelled to write you this letter, not only because you are getting so many of this kind, but also because I cannot attend the Annual Meeting. We are short of office help. Hoo-Hoo has been good to me in several ways. I have been sick two months, and am now trying to recover lost ground. There are but few cats here; but when I meet a cat occasionally, I notice his activity. Yours truly,  
G. F. AUFDER-HEIDE (No. 1992-A).

Kansas City, Mo., September 7, 1904.—Please find inclosed \$9 cents in payment for dues for this year. I am sorry I have not attended to this before, but this year has been a tough one for me. I do not blame it on the Black Cat, but I have had hard luck, just the same. Everything seems to go backward; but, still, I live in hopes that the coming year will bring much enjoyment and success to the Order and its members. I am,  
Yours truly,  
B. H. FRICK (No. 507-A).

P.S.—I cannot attend the meeting, but whoop her up.

Mount Pleasant, Ia., September 6, 1904.—I am still on the roof at Mount Pleasant, Ia., and am always glad to meet any of the cats of the proper color who carry the tail well erect and show the proper symbol. It grieves me much that I cannot be in St. Louis this week, but it is impossible at this time.  
M. C. HALL (No. 2224-A).

Chatham, Ont., Can., September 2, 1904.—I take this opportunity to inform you that I will be unable to attend the St. Louis Fair, as business affairs are of such a nature as will not afford my personal absence.

Wishing the Order every success in its undertaking and trusting that there will not be many of the Hoo-Hoo people in the same predicament as I am in, not being able to attend the Fair, I am,  
Respectfully yours,  
BENJAMIN BLONDE (No. 2038-A).

Bon Ami, La., September 5, 1904.—I had counted on being in St. Louis for the concatenation, but was called home earlier, so took my vacation in July and cannot come now. Hoo-Hoo has been kind to me this past year, permitting me to meet some fellows and also to help in the eye opening of some splendid kittens in the City of Mexico last January, and I see they have not been idle since we left them.

With the kindest regards for all Hoo-Hoo and best wishes for a successful meeting, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
W. R. HOLLAND (No. 8813).

Houston, Texas, August 30, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Hoo-Hoo: I can't be there. I would so much like to be there, for you are going to have a grand old time and see the Fair also. Fraternaly,  
NO. 546.

Baltimore, Md., September 1, 1904.—I beg to say that it will be impossible for me to attend the Annual Meeting of the Order on the 9th instant at St. Louis. I have been a member of the Order only a short time. I am, therefore, not very well into harness as yet.

While you are attending the meeting and enjoying the association of its members, I will be pursuing the even tenor of my way at my home.

Hoping that there will be a very successful meeting, I beg to remain,  
Yours B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,  
E. E. PRICE.

Cumberland, Md., September 1, 1904.—J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir and Brother: I find it will be impossible for me to attend our Annual Meeting on September 9 at St. Louis.

While I am not able to attend, I trust you may all have a pleasant and successful meeting. Your brother,  
W. C. WHITE.

## Comments on Concatenations



San Francisco, Cal.

Those present at Vicegerent Edward F. Niehaus' concatenation at San Francisco, August 17, voted the occasion "the best ever." There were thirteen candidates, and a large attendance of members.

Elkins, W. Va.

A class of ten went in at Elkins, W. Va., which town is situated in the largest lumber producing section of the state. There is still some good material for Hoo-Hoo over in that part of the country. The concatenation was a very successful one and was followed by a particularly enjoyable Session on the Roof, at which several good speeches were made. Bro. E. Stringer Bogges, who acted as Snark at the concatenation, expressed his satisfaction that so representative a class of men had joined the Order, and his pleasure that Hoo-Hoo is on so good a footing in his state. Bro. Charles Adams was toastmaster, and gave an interesting talk on matters concerning Hoo-Hoo, which called forth several able and interesting speeches, especially one from Bro. Rightmire on the beauties of Hoo-Hoo. Short talks also were made by Bros. Stover, Clifford, Eaton and others.

In a letter to the Supreme Scrivenor, Bro. Bogges says:

"The old cats enjoyed themselves, and the kittens were much pleased. The Nine was a good one, especially Bro. I. K. Dye as Junior, assisted by Bro. J. F. Lewis, of Charleston, and as Jabbawock I have never seen a better than Bro. Stover. There is no use in making any comments to you about Bro. Adams and Bro. Linehan. They are too old and well known. Just say what they can do when they are turned loose.

"I want to say right here that the missionary work done a few weeks since by Bros. Adams and John O. Tate was quite effective."

Buffalo, N. Y.

Thirteen kittens had their eyes opened to the light at Vicegerent I. N. Stewart's concatenation at Buffalo, August 29, completing an excellent record for the Empire State.

Kentwood, La.

The number thirteen seems to have become extremely prominent in Hoo-Hoo recently. Just that many kittens was the result of the concatenation at Kentwood, August 27, presided over by Bro. John Mason in the absence of Vicegerent Edward Schwartz, and which was an extremely enjoyable affair.

Mobile, Ala.

Vicegerent Cary W. Butt closed a very successful year's work with his concatenation at Mobile, August 31. This makes the second year Bro. Butt has served as Vicegerent, and his efforts have redounded greatly to the good of Hoo-Hoo. The following resolution was adopted at the meeting at Mobile:

Resolved, that we, the undersigned members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, at a concatenation held at

Pasadena, Cal., September 13, 1904.—Dear Baird: I am going to ask you to pardon me for not wiring you at St. Louis; but on that day I was down at Santa Monica, mingling with the sad sea waves, and got my eyes full of the salt water which grows in the Pacific Ocean. Besides, a telegram would have cost me one "buck," and "bucks" don't come to "tenderfeet" who are sojourning in the "Golden State." By the way, I never thought how appropriate that name was till I got here and mingled with the good people, who "lay for" "tenderfeet" and tourists. Their business is chiefly separating them from their dollars, and they "know how."

I hope you had a good, full meeting, but hope none of Hoo-Hoo got "full," or any fuller than usual, at any rate.

With kind personal regards,  
Yours B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,  
SAM. R. GUYTHER (No. 4916).

Welsh, La., September 2, 1904.—Inclosed find \$3.60 for dues, pin, and Distress Fund. I don't know how the Distress Fund is distributed, but know I am somewhat distressed by not being able to be with you in St. Louis on the 9th. However, I will not put in a claim this time. I hope you will have a good time and will adopt something in the way of insurance that will be to the benefit of Hoo-Hoo in general. Yours truly,  
W. E. FAUGHT (No. 783-A).

Brantford, Ont., Can., September 2, 1904.—I will not be able to be present with you all at the Annual Hoo-Hoo in St. Louis. I will certainly think of you all as having a good time, and know where there is such a crowd of kittens they will all agree; yet I can remember being in a crowd of them last January, when they almost got into quite a "scrap."

Wishing the Order every success, I remain,  
Yours as a kitten,  
ROSS A. RASTALL.

Cumberland, Md., September 2, 1904.—Complying with Article VI., Section 3, of the Constitution, I write you to say that it is with very much reluctance that I will not be able to join in the Annual Meeting this year, owing to matters of importance that will not permit my leaving home at that time.

I have not had much opportunity to know what good is to be derived from the Order, but think it will be a good thing if conducted on proper lines.

With best wishes for a good time and success of the Order, I beg to remain,  
Fraternally yours,  
THOMAS F. SMOUSE (No. 2808-A).

### Contributors to the Imminent Distress Fund.

The following are the names of the contributors to the Imminent Distress Fund since the last issue of The Bulletin. Some sent more than the \$9 cents asked for, and each man is credited on the books with the exact amount contributed:

9486	A. Bischoff.	6332	J. H. Hill.
7304	Albert Cone.	9912	W. S. Robinson.
7136	W. J. Hodgins.	5376	C. E. Hansen.
1117-A	J. A. Allen.	2875	M. A. Hays.
8418	E. F. Jones.	1173-A	F. L. Mundy.
6496	Charles A. Owens.	9029	A. A. Janney.
1509-A	J. B. Edwards.	5992	W. L. Jones.
5195	A. A. Teel.	403-A	J. G. Bond.
1039-A	W. B. Mick.	5330	L. J. Higgins.
7197	E. Stringer Bogges.	3057-A	J. D. Stewart.
5202	E. F. Niehaus.	1707-A	W. M. Baker.
932-A	R. P. Vincent.	5579	C. A. Steinweg.
3140	C. H. Stanton.	6820	C. E. Buck.
2676	W. M. Stephenson.	783-A	W. E. Faught.
403	F. W. Austin.	1736-A	J. W. Southmayd.
6027	W. F. Downs.	2416	M. F. Morris.
2402-A	H. T. Fye.	7757	W. F. Train.
9327	H. Riddiford.	1708-A	A. M. Blake.
46-A	Frank Corbin.	9550	C. E. Yates.
44-A	C. A. Black.	2589	Howard Anderson.
8358	J. C. Stone.	1427-A	J. W. Romine.

Mobile, Ala., on Wednesday evening, August 31, 1904, do heartily endorse to the members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo assembled in concatenation in St. Louis, the Hon. Cary W. Butt, now Vicegerent Snark of the Southern District of Alabama for some position among the Supreme Nine. Mr. Butt has served for two years as Vicegerent Snark in the Southern District of Alabama, and during that time he has exerted his every effort towards the uplifting and upbuilding of the Order. He has succeeded in securing a great number of very efficient members for the Order, and we believe if elevated to some position on the Supreme Nine he would use his every effort for the upbuilding and increasing of the Order, and would make the Order a most efficient supreme officer.

(Signed):

MARK LYONS (8846).  
W. ASHLEY (197-A).  
A. B. CHANDLER (1950-A).  
R. W. CHILDS (7509).  
O. P. DURANT (21).  
W. E. ENGLAND (6243).  
E. FITZGERALD, JR. (7531).  
B. F. FLIPPIN (7172).  
F. G. FOUNTAIN (201-A).  
T. A. GAMEY (354-A).  
E. M. HERRIN (357-A).  
D. E. JETT (1263-A).  
J. T. JETT (1264-A).  
J. B. JOSLYN (1961-A).  
W. J. KILDUFF (406).  
J. B. RAWLS, JR. (1956-A).  
E. H. ROBERTSON (364-A).  
W. M. TURNER (5515).  
C. C. YOUNGE (3619).  
JAS. H. ZELNICKER (4906).  
W. D. McMEANS (7375).  
W. A. SHIPMAN (365-A).  
M. J. McLENDON (1266-A).  
J. M. KENNEDY (1952-A).  
R. G. BORDEN (198-A).  
C. D. HARRIS (203-A).  
J. F. DAVIS (4408).  
L. E. LULL (2212-A).  
E. B. CURTIS (384).

The following account of the occasion appeared in one of the Mobile papers:

The roof garden of the Blenville Hotel was the scene of a gathering of cats and kittens of various degrees last night, for the Hoo-Hoo were holding a concatenation, and the kittens were put through a weird and thrilling experience in the onion patch. Vicegerent Snark Cary W. Butt was the master hand in putting through eight new candidates, who, after the ceremony, when all had assembled "On the Roof," unfolded wondrous tales of mystic experiences.

The cats and kittens indulged in a delightful repast "On the Roof," served by Mr. Charles Herve, an old Hoo-Hoo, and eloquence was as plentiful as the bristling hair on the back of a new candidate seeking honors in the Hoo-Hoo band.

The following were the candidates: Dennis Burns, Jr., Gulfport; Mirrell Bunker, Yellow Pine; J. H. Kohler, Bexley, Miss.; M. D. Thompson, Brushy, Miss.; L. D. King, Hurricane, Ala.; C. A. Sanborn, G. D. Hulbert, A. L. Wilcox, Mobile.

The conferring of degrees on the candidates was in the hands of the following officers: Snark, C. W. Butt; Senior Hoo-Hoo, R. W. Childs; Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. D. Harris; Bojum, J. F. Davis; Scrivenoter, Mark Lyons; Jabberwock, E. B. Curtis; Custodian, N. D. McMeans; Arcanoper, C. C. Yonge; Gurdon, L. E. Lull.

At the national convention, which meets September 9, in St. Louis, it is stated that Snark C. W. Butt will be recommended for the Supreme Nine.

With this concatenation Vicegerent Snark Butt concludes a most successful term of two years, during which time he has done much to popularize Hoo-Hoo in this city, as well as to add largely to the membership. His work for the Order entitles him to higher honors at the Annual Meeting at St. Louis, and the entire membership in Alabama should rise as one man and support him for a place on the Supreme Nine, "for he's a jolly good fellow" and will do to tie to.

#### Sarnia, Ont.

A concatenation was held by Vicegerent W. C. Laidlaw in Sarnia, Ontario, on Friday night, September 2, when eighteen timid kittens had their eyes opened to the genial light of Hoo-Hoo.

The visitors were met on their arrival by the Hoo-Hoo cab especially constructed for the occasion with a stick of white pine timber "20x20-42 feet long. The Sarnia committee had made complete arrangements for the entertainment of their guests and the gathering was a huge success. After the initiation a banquet was served in the Vendome Hotel when speech and story beguiled the hours away. There were sixty members present.

#### Ballard, Wash.

A very largely attended concatenation occurred at Ballard, Wash., September 9, under the auspices of Vicegerent J. H. Parker. Twenty-six candidates were on hand, and the initiation was followed by the usual "Session on the Roof."

The Bulletin regrets not having fuller details of this happy occasion.

#### St. Louis, Mo.

The "Annual Concatenation" was held by Bro. T. A. Moore, "The World's Fair Vicegerent."

The Annual Concatenation of the Hoo-Hoo is without exception the most important event of the Hoo-Hoo year aside from the Annual Meeting. It is invariably held on the ninth day of the ninth month, at 9 o'clock and 9 minutes in the evening. It is hardly necessary to state that at this concatenation there was assembled a mighty host of Hoo-Hoo from all over the United States, aggregating several hundred in number. The concatenation was held in the Texas pavilion, which had been generously donated for the use of the Order by Mrs. William Cameron, of Waco, Tex. Vicegerent Snark Thomas A. Moore, of St. Louis, presided and had most capable assistance in his interpretation of the work of the Order.

During the early part of the ceremonies, Vicegerent Snark Moore was summoned to the station of the Junior Hoo-Hoo, John L. Lane, where he was presented with a handsome testimonial in the shape of a watch fob, to which was attached a diamond studded locket. Accompanying the testimonial was a letter which explained the gift. It was a tribute to which every Hoo-Hoo present contributed in thought if not in deed. The letter was as follows:

Tom Moore: You have done very clever work as Vicegerent during your term of office. Your work has been earnestly and conscientiously carried out. We are, all of us, in for a testimonial of our appreciation of same:

[Signed]

George E. Watson,  
A. C. Ramsey,  
H. R. Swartz,  
C. J. Mansfield,  
E. C. Robinson,  
Alcee Stewart,  
J. D. Ferguson,  
R. E. McConnell,  
F. M. Worrall,  
C. W. Bright,  
B. L. Van Cleave,  
M. J. Heller,  
J. A. Brandon,  
H. B. Barnes,  
W. W. Rathbun,  
S. P. MacConnell,  
J. L. Lane,  
C. D. Johnson,  
U. S. Musick,  
R. S. Price,  
E. L. Roederer,

J. E. Long,  
J. C. Graham,  
R. J. Fine,  
F. G. Henley,  
G. C. Goss,  
W. M. Manuel,  
C. G. Atchison,  
J. A. Freeman,  
F. E. Sheldon,  
W. E. Barnes,  
J. F. Siefeders,  
G. R. Hogg,  
J. E. Mink,  
John W. Fox,  
J. W. Putman,  
George Surrmeyer,  
S. S. May,  
George K. Smith,  
A. J. Neimeyer,  
J. P. Brazill,  
W. G. Bright,

F. M. Strickland,  
J. E. Gatewood,  
C. A. Bowman,  
F. C. Brewer,  
R. W. Warner,  
G. W. Schwartz,

W. B. Weston,  
W. F. Biederman,  
T. C. Bledsoe,  
H. W. Clark,  
James Milne,  
Alf Bennett,

The concatenation lasted until shortly after 11 o'clock, after which a bountiful "On the Roof" was spread on the porch, comprising all the delicacies of the season. The concatenation itself was one of the most enjoyable that was ever held. Although there were forty initiates, the work was performed on only a few of them and Junior Hoo-Hoo Lane acquitted himself most admirably in the onerous task assigned to him.

#### Obituary.

##### Mrs. Cyrus F. Johnson.

After an illness of three weeks, stricken with heart failure, passed away at the residence of her son, 4806 St. Lawrence avenue, Chicago, Ill., on Thursday, September 1, a "mother in Israel," whose demise, aside from the sorrow it will cause her immediate friends, will inspire the sincere sympathy and insure the heartfelt condolence of the great number of friends of her only living son—Bolling Arthur Johnson, of the editorial staff of the "American Lumberman," Mrs. Johnson (Clarinda Tivus Adams) was born in Harrison County, Ky., on August 26, 1828. Married in 1857, she was the honored mother of three children, two of whom survive her. Her father, William Adams, was famous as one of the earliest settlers of Kentucky, being almost a contemporary of Daniel Boone; and the daughter bore many of the hardships and acquired many of the graces of mind and person that have made famous the women of the "Blue Grass State." Her Christian character and her charitable inclinations were proverbial in all communities in which she lived. Perhaps the most notable individual distinction which she enjoyed was her sixty years of staunch adherence to the Methodist Episcopal Church and her prominence in practical church work. At the time of her death she was probably the oldest active member of St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, at the corner of Ellis avenue and Forty-sixth street. Her first-born, a son named "William," died in infancy; her surviving children, who lived with their mother at the family residence, are Mrs. Lily Johnson Craig, a widow, and Bolling Arthur Johnson.

Funeral services were held at Boydston Brothers' Chapel, 4227 Cottage Grove avenue, at 9:30 o'clock, on September 3, conducted by Rev. Camden M. Cobern and Rev. W. H. Head, respectively, pastor and assistant pastor of St. James Church. Later services for interment were held at North Henderson, Ill., the former home of the Johnson family, to which the body was taken on a Burlington train, leaving Chicago at 11:30 on Sunday, September 4.

The surviving son and daughter are the recipients of the heartfelt condolence of a host of friends. To the former will be extended the friendly sympathy of the vast army of lumbermen who know and appreciate a stalwart, loving, and lovable son and brother.

##### S. F. Donaldson.

Brother Samuel Fremont Donaldson (No. 8590), of Coweta, I. T., died on August 26, leaving a wife, a daughter, two brothers, and a sister, besides a host of friends in Iowa, Oklahoma Territory, Indian Territory, and Colorado, to mourn their loss. Brother Donaldson's nature was genial and kind, and he won easily the regard of all whom he met.

1905 dues became payable 9-9-'04.

#### Notes and Comments



##### Happy New Year!

For this is the new year in Hoo-Hoo, beginning with September 9, and I trust it will prove as prosperous for the Order as the year just closed. Most of the members have by this time, no doubt, returned from their vacations and are back again in harness. If you are in the habit of making New Year resolutions, I hope you will make one now to the effect that you will keep your eyes open for any items that you think will be of interest to the readers of The Bulletin. The letters from the members constitute human documents of peculiar interest, and in my opinion, are the most entertaining feature of the paper. My feelings were greatly hurt the other day when some one remarked that of course the letters in The Bulletin were of my own manufacture! It seems incredible that any one should take up so absurd an idea as this. Surely the letters show on the face of them that they are absolutely genuine. They ring true, and besides they are nearly always signed with both the number and name of the writer. Would I have the nerve to sign somebody else's name to a letter I had written myself in this office? Any one of ordinary astuteness ought to know that such a thing would be ridiculous. It is the manifest genuineness of the communications that makes them interesting.

This issue of the Bulletin will probably be more closely read than any other during the year, since it contains the proceedings of the Annual Meeting and other matter of unusual interest. For this reason I am going to publish some facts which have been set forth in these columns several times before, but which do not yet seem to be thoroughly understood. First, there is the matter of advertising. Not a day passes but that a letter is received from some member desiring to know the advertising rates of The Bulletin, and stating that he desires to advertise a saw mill for sale, or something of that sort. The Bulletin carries no paid advertising and will not insert commercial advertising at any price. Advertisements of members desiring positions are inserted free of charge. This sounds like a cinch doesn't it? But I say unto you there is no such thing as having a cinch. The only thing is to be a cinch—and behold all these other things will be added unto you. Once before I said that whereas all replies will be forwarded to men advertising under fictitious names whether the advertiser encloses

stamps or not, I have observed that an advertiser who encloses stamps is apt to get a job quicker and hold it longer than one who does not send stamps. This may sound like a cranky idea, but it isn't. The mere fact that a man is willing to do all he can to make it easy for others to help him shows that he possesses some of the elements of success. Some of the men who advertise do not even take the trouble to write out the advertisement. They fire in a long, rambling letter asking to have the advertisement written at this office. Frequently the letter is so vague and ambiguous that it is impossible to tell whether the writer wants to get a job or hire a man. We always do the best we can in such cases, but I know as well as I know I'm alive that such an advertiser will not hold a position when he gets one, and I am doubtful about recommending him. You see everything comes from the inside—including success, happiness and wealth. Whatever there is in your innermost soul, whether it be incompetence or the reverse, will break out like the measles. It cannot be hidden if it is there. Neither can anything be plastered on from the outside. Consider the trees of the forest. In the spring the sap rises and the leaves put forth—forced out by the life within. If the tree is dead, it will do no good to tie a lot of green leaves to the lifeless branches. A man who cannot make shift to set forth in intelligible language just what he wants can not expect to impress any one with an idea of his capability. On the other hand, a business-like letter enclosing a brief and pointed "ad," is in itself an earnest of the success which will come to the advertiser. When such a letter comes—and of course, we get a great many of this sort, it is placed on file and everybody in the office is instructed to keep an eye out for letters from men desiring the services of such a man.

I want to say, too, a word about the right way to write to one of our advertisers. Suppose you see an advertisement from a concern desiring to employ a traveling salesman and signed "A. B. C., care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn." How would you address your reply, if you wanted the position? Doubtless you will say instantly, "I would address my letter to 'A. B. C.,' care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn." Well, if you did that, your letter would be immediately forwarded to the proper party. But you have no idea how many persons, instead of pursuing this sensible plan, sit down and write as follows: "Mr. J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn. I see you are advertising in The Bulletin and I would like to get the position. I have had ten years' experience and I believe I can give satisfaction. I am now employed, but on account of my health, I would like to get out of Arkansas. What salary will you pay? Let me hear from you at once. I refer to Blank & Company as to honesty, capability, etc."

Now, will you tell me how we are to determine for which advertiser this is intended? I don't know any way except to write the would-be applicant and ask him what sort of situation he is after and which advertiser he was trying to answer. By the time his reply comes, some other man (who is a clinch) has secured the place.

I believe there is a great deal of truth in these lines of Emerson:

"Whate'er in nature is thine own,  
Floating in air or pent in stone,  
Will rive the hills and swim the sea,  
And like thy shadow follow thee."

In other words our own comes to us, which means that whatever has come to us is "our own," whether it be wealth or poverty or sorrow or joy. If we don't like our own, now that it has come, the thing to do is to make the change in ourselves and not wear out our strength slamming up against things outside—to begin at the center instead of

at the circumference. I reckon the main thing that ails us all is that instead of living life at the center, we are just simply roosting on the rim.

There is another thing you should bear in mind, and that is that the Order has grown so large that no one person can handle all the mail at this office. Therefore in writing about dues, pins, or other matters, do not sign your letter simply "Jones" or "Smith" without giving initials or number. I might recognize your hand-of-write myself, but the bookkeeper mightn't, and the remittance would likely get credited to the wrong man. Besides, that sort of thing isn't business. Jokes are all right in their place, but keeping things straight at this office is a serious matter. Help us out all you can, and we'll remember you in our prayers.

A recent issue of the Chicago Chronicle contains a news item concerning a school for wives or rather for prospective wives, which has just been established in Chicago. It is called the American Training School and it is the only college in the world where a girl possessing only her physical attractions may enter and come forth a woman educated in all the arts that are supposed to retain the affections of a man. The studies for the day begin with the rising bell. The girls are taught to dress themselves neatly in the morning. Wrappers are barred and soiled shirtwaists will not be tolerated. "She is wise who appeals to her husband through his taste. But she is doubly wise who appeals through his taste and his sight," is one of the rules that hang in every room. The next study is the preparing of breakfast. The girls alternate and the professor of domestic science is the instructor. Food is prepared in a scientific way. The rest of the pupils offer suggestions when it reaches the table. Then comes physical culture. "Retain your beauty," is another rule that is suspended on the wall. After breakfast comes a short lesson in art. China-painting is one of the accomplishments that are taught the girls. Then comes music. "Every wife should know how to play and sing. Music can be made to take the place of the club," is one of the beliefs of the managers of the school.

Then comes a lesson in caring for the sick. "Many patients have fallen in love with their nurses. All men enjoy being well nursed," is the claim of the instructor who teaches them how to care for the sick.

Sewing is another art that receives much attention. "Some of them may be unable to have another do it. Then it is well for every girl to know how to sew," is the argument of the instructor in the needle.

It requires two years to become mistress of all the arts taught at the school.

At first blush the whole project appears rather ludicrous, and it will probably furnish the comic papers as much amusement as the bizarre theories and antics of that aggregation of freaks composing the faculty of the Chicago University. But when you come to think of it there is much good sense in educating girls for a career which nearly every one of them will enter upon anyway, training or no training. What worries me is the thought that when these charming girls are graduated, there will be no men of their acquaintance sufficiently well trained for husbandhood to be worthy of them. There seems to be a crying need for a school of matrimony for men. The course in such a school should by all means include physical culture. It is very awkward for a spindle-legged weak man to have to tote a big century plant or an oleander tub down cellar when his

wife puts away the flowers in the autumn, and he is also at a disadvantage when it comes to putting up the stove or hanging heavy pictures. Then, too, every prospective husband should study carpentry. It is very expensive to hire a man every time the gate happens to be off the hinges or a board needs to be nailed on. No man has a right to go goo-gooing around unless he is handy with hammer and saw. He isn't fitted for domestic life. It won't do to trust to Providence in these matters and imagine that a flash of inspiration will come at the right time. Pope says:

"True grace in writing comes from art, not chance,  
As those move easiest who have learned to dance."

It is the same way with nailing a shingle on the roof. It has to be studied. Then there are some moral qualities that ought to be carefully inculcated, such as patience, faith and charity. Above all, each pupil should have impressed upon him the necessity of cultivating a great many small virtues. The big virtues are all right in their place, but the small virtues make people comfortable to live with. It is not often a woman needs to have a man die for her, but she frequently has occasion to devoutly wish his mother had taught him not to slam the door. As it is now, there seems to be only two kinds of men in the world—the man who is comfortable to live with and has nothing to live on; and the man who has plenty to live on and is worse than Satan himself to live with. The same thing that impels a man to jump in and make a fortune also causes him to bang things around in the house till his wife almost wishes she had married poor Willie Sissyboy, with whom she might at least have lived in peace even if she had to eat a dinner of herbs. Willie Sissyboy's unfortunate spouse however spends her days bewailing that she didn't marry a man who could pay the butcher's bill even if he had to swear a blue streak from the rising to the setting of the sun. And so it goes. This school I am talking about would aim to somewhat abate the too-strenuous temperament of the money-maker and to tone up the courage of the weak-kneed brother and put sand in his craw. In other words, the unquiet soul pitched in too high a key would come down to about A-flat and the other would be tuned up a notch, so that complete harmony would result, and life with either would be one grand sweet song. Doubtless it would be found necessary at this school to form a class in the art-of-minding-your-own-business. Many an otherwise happy marriage has been marred by the husband's exasperating habit of poking his nose into all the details of kitchen management and by his mania for giving advice on all sorts of household topics. It requires a great deal of the grace of God to enable a woman to endure the constant presence of a hen-hussy, and any plan or device that would tend to lift him to a higher plane or nip him in the bud would be a priceless boon. At this school also the students should be kindly but firmly taught to keep their mouths shut. Nothing is so provoking to a woman as to find herself tied to a man who incessantly babbles and who is always trying to say something smart. It is not the province of man to shine. It is his place to maintain a certain degree of obscurity and let his wife do the shining for the family. It is about the only way domestic peace can be conserved.

There are lots of other things that might be embraced in the curriculum of this model school but I haven't time to think of them all just now.

The Atlanta Constitution recently contained an editorial on the "Salad Garden"—an article redolent of the garden with its kale and lettuce and shellots, its radishes and

beets, cabbage and pole beans, spinach and cauliflower, green peas and okra, and the long line of vegetables, old but ever new. Suggestive, also, of the hedgerow, fence corner and roadside where the wild salad grows. Only in the country they call it "sallet" and not salad.

I remember all about it when I was a child. It was a joyous event when the time of year rolled around when all hands and the cook could go "sallet" hunting, and I never expect to relish anything as much as the poke-stalk pickles we used to make or the peppergrass and sheep-sorrel we used to munch on whilst hunting for other greens for dinner. That is why I am tempted to quote at length from the Constitution editorial, which bears indisputable evidence of its author—Uncle Remus.

It reads like Joel Chandler in earlier days when he discoursed on homely topics in a manner to entertain those who had the good fortune to be raised in the country away down South in Dixie. If there is any reader who is more interested in pressed meat and canned goods and adulterated grocery truck than in a glorious garden with its appetizing contents let that reader, poor ignorant wretch, skip this article and search the market report for the price of blue beef and liver:

We have so far civilized ourselves away from old things and old customs, from the old meaning of words, and the old wisdom that was grounded on the prophecies, that we have become a new people in many disagreeable and disastrous ways. We dare not regret the fact too loudly for fear of offending some of the more fastidious; but it has been brought home to us by some remarks from a writer who lives in the dreary winter latitudes to the north of us. Sighing for some tokens of a spring that will not reach him until the sparrows have hatched four broods, he is led to speak of the salad days that are supposed to be at hand. The phrase being an ancient one he becomes reminiscent, as is natural with one who gets his memories from the books, and declares that the salad is a homely dish.

From this, it is but the span of a leaf of sparrow grass to the statement that the ancients employed salad as a dressing. Perhaps they did, and, perhaps, not, but the salad that belongs to old times was not a dressing, any more than the various sauces employed to give piquancy to the herbs served at table were salads. The phrase, "a salad garden," still holds good, and we have among us to this day many who make no bones of asking if they can gather a mess of salad for dinner; and they would feel hurt, and rightly so, if one or all of the various confections that are now called salads should be dished out to them.

It is a red-letter day with all right-minded people when they can boast of gathering from their own gardens the first salad of spring; and some will go so far as to search the woods for lambs' quarter and dandelion tops, and they will be glad to secure the first fresh leaves of poke. Tender poke leaves have a most delicious flavor, and make a highly esteemed substitute for the later products of the garden. In their place and season, spinach is not a more delicate or a more toothsome salad than the first tender leaves of the poke-bush.

What is now called salad has a very warm place in the estimation of the various women's clubs, where they play various games, such as whist, hearts, flinch, trail and pit, or where they crush their finger nails thumping at crokinole. When a member of a club, returning from the foray, and, perhaps, bearing the consolation prize, is asked what the club had for refreshments, the reply, almost invariably, is, "Oh, some kind of salad; I don't know what it was." But you may be sure there was no salad

in sight. In fact, real salad is going out of fashion, except among those who persist in retaining the tastes and habits of their youth. It is relished only by those who have vague dreams of returning to the freedom of country life, where the wild cry of "The chickens are in the garden!" is almost as terrifying as the bombardment of Port Arthur.

You can have a country garden in town if you are willing to pay for it, but it comes high, the reason being that the tax assessor passes by when the salad is at its greenest. Gazing at it his mouth begins to dribble; he becomes envious; he thinks about the good times you are having, and straightway he marks down the modest plot as improved property, and his estimate goes.

Meanwhile, let us not confuse real salad with the various conglomerations, decoctions and dressings that have become fashionable as substitutes for the real things. The real dressing for salad is composed of dumplings and pot liquor, but since the advent of steam-ground meal, the making of dumplings has become a lost art save in those



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families that remain true to the traditions that are deposited in their archives. When these things are mentioned, silence speaks the loudest; to be really and sympathetically eloquent is to smack your mouth and say nothing.

Rankin, Ill., September 15, 1904.

Brother Baird:—I am sending you a couple of pictures of my famous Hoo-Hoo basket ball team. We played a good many games this season at home and at other towns. We had lots of fun out of it and made the girls some money. Everybody seemed to think Hoo-Hoo a funny name and there was a great deal of talk about it and wondering what the Black Cat meant. We have quit playing for this season as some of the girls are teachers and some of the others had to go away to school. The girls gave me a nice locket watch charm, with Hoo-Hoo engraved on it, which I'm very proud of. They are a fine lot of girls and good players—every one of them. I think they are the best looking girls in the State.

Those pictures are not as good as they might be. I took them myself and I'm not an expert at the business. That fellow in one of the pictures is a Hoo-Hoo No. 256-A. Most every one calls the girls, Johnstons Hoo-Hoo.

SCOTT JOHNSTON (256-A)

I shall have to take Bro. Johnston's word for it as to the skill of the players, but anybody can see at a glance that the girls are extremely pretty. Can you see the black kitten—evidently the mascot of the team?

Omaha, Neb., August 30, 1904.

Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.: Dear Brother Baird:—I notice in the August Bulletin that you are arranging to have a great time in St. Louis at the Annual Meeting. I regret very much that it will be impossible for me to be there, but hope that you will all have a nice time.

I am quite interested in the various letters published

in reference to increasing the Hoo-Hoo, and am strictly in favor of it. There are surely a large number of good lumbermen that are not members of the Hoo-Hoo, but should be, and it would not look right to me to shut these out. The Hoo-Hoo meetings that I have attended would have been rather dull, had it not been for the initiation ceremony of new members.

The past year has been a very prosperous one for me, and according to reports has been very prosperous also to the Hoo-Hoo. With best wishes for a large meeting at St. Louis, I remain

Fraternally yours,  
GEORGE RASMUSSEN (8876).

Timpson, Tex., September 19, 1904.

I enclose herewith check for \$1, for which please allow me to remain a pious Hoo-Hoo for another 12 months. That dern pin I ordered made a married man of me, so I

No. 1041. Mobile, Ala., August 31, 1904.

Snark, Cary W. Butt.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, R. W. Child.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, Charles D. Harris.  
Bojum, J. F. Davis.  
Scrivenoter, Mark Lyons.  
Jabberwock, E. B. Curtis.  
Custocatian, W. D. McMeans.  
Arcanoper, C. C. Younge.  
Gurdon, L. E. Lull.

3168-A Mellville "Iowa" Bunker, Yellow Pine, Ala., secretary and treasurer W. E. Gates Lumber Co.

3169-A Dennis "Gulfport" Burns, Jr., Mobile, Ala., buyer Bay City Lumber Co.

3170-A George Delbert Hulbert, Mobile, Ala., superintendent Alabama Mfg. Co.

3171-A Laurence Deron King, Hurricane, Ala., manager Hand Export Co.

3172-A Joseph Henry Kohler, Bexley, Miss., superintendent Green County Lumber Co.

3173-A Cummings Avery Sanborn, Mobile, Ala., partner Sanborn Bros. Lumber Co.

3174-A Mathew DeWitt Thomason, Brushy, Miss., assistant secretary D. C. Bacon Co.

3175-A Albert Lordard Wilcox, Mobile, Ala., secretary and treasurer Alabama Mfg. Co.

No. 1042. Sarnia, Ont., Canada, September 2, 1904.

Snark, W. C. Laidlaw.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. M. Diver.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, D. H. Ferguson.  
Bojum, Charles Hadley.  
Scrivenoter, E. C. Barre.  
Jabberwock, George H. Belton.  
Custocatian, W. J. MacBeth.  
Arcanoper, W. A. Saurwein.  
Gurdon, F. J. Klingensmith.

3176-A Walter Frederick Cameron, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, manager Sarnia Bay Lbr., Timber & Salt Co.

3177-A James Irvin Carter, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, president Empire Salt Co.

3178-A S. Percy Cooke, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, salesman Sarnia Bay Lumber, Timber & Salt Co.

3179-A Allan Francis Hale, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, stockholder Sarnia Bay Lumber, Timber & Salt Co.

3180-A Andrew "Sailor" Heinkelmann, Marine City, Mich., superintendent M. Sichen.

3181-A William Mitchell Hood, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, freight agent Pere Marquette R. R.

3182-A Donald A. Leitch, Ridgeway, Ont., Canada, A. Leitch & Son.

3183-A Kell George Lathern, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, The Cleveland-Sarnia Saw Mills Co.

3184-A Charles "Saws" MacKenzie, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, MacKenzie-Miller Co., Ltd.

3185-A John Andrew McCarty, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, Cleveland-Sarnia Saw Mills Co.

3186-A Allan "Oil" McPherson, Petrolia, Ont., Canada, partner J. J. Kerr Co.

3187-A Alfred D. Morrow, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, assistant manager Sarnia Bay Lbr., Timber & Salt Co.

3188-A James "Spruce" Murdock, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, asst. mgr. Sarnia Bay Lbr., Timber & Salt Co.

3189-A Percival LeMessieur Paterson, Sarnia, Ont., Can., secretary Sarnia Bay Lbr., Timber & Salt Co.

3190-A John James Shortreed, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, secretary R. Laidlaw Lumber Co.

3191-A Edgar Ivan Sifton, London, Ont., Canada, manager The Electrical Construction Co.

3192-A Charles Edward Stody, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, agent The Cleveland-Sarnia Saw Mills Co., Ltd.

3193-A Alexander Knighton Wanless, Sarnia, Ont., Can., local editor Sarnia Observer.

No. 1043. Ballard, Wash., September 9, 1904.

Snark, J. H. Parker.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. G. Startup.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. B. Cole, Ben Miller and Jerry Startup.  
Bojum, E. R. Ingersoll.  
Scrivenoter, George M. Cornwell.  
Jabberwock, W. J. Corbin.  
Custocatian, Cal Wellbon.  
Arcanoper, William Peltier.  
Gurdon, Thomas Sanders.

13194 Edson A. Abbott, Seattle, Wash., timber dealer Erlich-Harrison Co.

13195 Clarence William Bandy, Mukilteo, Wash., salesman Mukilteo Lumber Co.

13196 Frank Maurice Baum, Seattle, Wash., salesman Pacific Coast Pipe Co.

13197 Charles Oscar Bosse, Tacoma, Wash., Washington Machinery Department.

13198 Ferdinand Tancred Boullet, Port Blakely, Wash., salesman Blakely Mill Co.

13199 Arthur J. Bourgett, Ballard, Wash., Motor Shingle Company.

13200 Albert Jay Burrows, Seattle, Wash., secretary and treasurer Arthur Morton Co.

13201 Joseph Allen Castello, Seattle, Wash., Pacific Lumber Trade Journal.

13202 Melvin Theodore Clark, Seattle, Wash., manager Interstate Red Cedar Shingle Co.

13203 William Henry Cooper, Ballard, Wash., superintendent McVay-Bolsom Lbr. Co.

13204 John Mike Cramer, Bethel, Wash., manager Silver Lake Shingle & Lbr. Co.

13205 Elmer Frederick Crosby, Seattle, Wash., Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co., San Francisco, Cal.

13206 William Herbert Curtis, Portland, Ore., manager W. G. McPherson Co.

13207 Dudley Husey Doe, Ballard, Wash., owner Sobey Mfg. Co.

13208 Collins A. Donoghue, Ballard, Wash., superintendent Stinson Mill.

13209 A. V. Gray, Seattle, Wash., owner Gray Lumber Co.

13210 Alfred Emerson Knoff, Seattle, Wash., manager American Steel-& Wire Co.

13211 Leondo "Lobster" Ladd, Seattle, Wash., Pacific Coast Lumber Mfg. Association.

13212 Frank S. Loeb, Seattle, Wash., Lumberman, Loob-Cutter Mill Co.

13213 J. A. McDonald, Ballard, Wash., mill owner Motor Shingle Co.

13214 Tom "Kanoodle" McLaughlin, Ballard, Wash., Sobey Mfg. Co.

13215 Edward Hetzel Schafer, Seattle, Wash., salesman Atlas Lumber & Shingle Co.

13216 Albert August Schram, Ballard, Wash., Schram & Gordon.

13217 Andrew D. Touke, Ballard, Wash., secretary Salmon Bay Shingle Co.

13218 J. H. Uttley, Deming, Wash., superintendent United Shingle Co.

13219 Maurice Lea Walker, Seattle, Wash., traveling man Pacific Steel & Wire Co., San Francisco, Cal.

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Snark, T. A. Moore.  
Senior Hoo-Hoo, C. J. Mansfield.  
Junior Hoo-Hoo, James L. Lane.  
Bojum, J. E. Long.  
Scrivenoter, A. C. Ramsey.  
Jabberwock, Harry R. Swartz.  
Custocatian, E. L. Roederer.  
Arcanoper, E. J. Fine.  
Gurdon, T. C. Bledsoe.

13220 George Leroy Austin, Pickering, La., assistant superintendent W. R. Pickering Lumber Co.

- 13221 William Patterson Barr, Dubach, La., manager Fred B. Dubach Lumber Co.
- 13222 William Peter Bergs, St. Louis, Mo., freight agent C. P. & St. L. R. R.
- 13223 John Franklin Carmack, Villa Grove, Ill., president Frisco Hardware Lumber Co.
- 13224 Silas Herbert Corbett, Saginaw, Mich., salesman Morley Brothers.
- 13225 Eugene Samuel Crull, Sedalia, Mo., salesman Grays Harbor Commercial Co., Cosmopolis, Wash.
- 13226 James Nelson Day, St. Louis, Mo., secretary St. Louis Lumberman.
- 13227 George Clark Dixon, Prague, O. T., manager Minnetonka Lumber Co.
- 13228 William Thomas Ferguson, St. Louis, Mo., president W. T. Ferguson Lumber Co.
- 13229 Frank Miner Fish, St. Paul, Minn., salesman American Hoist & Derrick Co.
- 13230 Charles William Forney, Cambridge, Ohio, owner Charles W. Forney.
- 13231 Max "Tyroleanna" Friederichs, Jr., Lumberton, Miss., owner Max Friederichs.
- 13232 John George Ganahl, St. Louis, Mo., manager Fidel-Ganahl Lumber Co.
- 13233 Fred Allen Gerber, St. Louis, Mo., salesman Fidel-Ganahl Lumber Co.
- 13234 James Willard Good, Tanner, Mich., agent Dudley & Daniels Lumber Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
- 13235 Macy Starbuck Good, St. Louis, Mo., southwestern manager Fitz-Hugh Luther Co., Chicago, Ill.
- 13236 Ernest Bart Gorin, Louisiana, Mo., salesman Big Four Lumber Co.
- 13237 William Grayson, St. Louis, Mo., president Grayson-McLeod Lumber Co.
- 13238 Elias Robert Gregg, Muncie, Ind., partner E. A. Jordan Lumber Co.
- 13239 William Henry Gregg, Jr., St. Louis, Mo., partner Banner Lumber Co.
- 13240 John White Hinton, Lumberton, Miss., assistant manager Camp & Hinton Co.
- 13241 Raymond Ward Irvine, Cairo, Ill., salesman Cairo Mill & Lumber Co.
- 13242 William Henry Laurence, Elk City (P. O. Busch), O. T., manager White Lumber & Coal Co.
- 13243 Nicholas "Pike" LeBrun, St. Louis, Mo., secretary Fidel-Ganahl Lumber Co.
- 13244 James Edward Murphy, Milford Haven, Ont., Can., Pres. and Mgr. J. E. Murphy Lumber Co., Ltd.
- 13245 Louis Carroll Oleson, Minneapolis, Minn., salesman George J. Backus Lumber Co.
- 13246 Amos Fred Parkinson, Wagoner, I. T., owner Wagoner Lumber Co.
- 13247 Casper Frederick Saitberg, St. Louis, Mo., bookkeeper Fred B. Dubach Lumber Co.
- 13248 Abbot Wilson Sherwood, Upper Alton, Ill., freight agent Chicago Burlington & Quincy Ry. Co.
- 13249 Alvan Tracy Simonds, Chicago, Ill., partner Simonds Mfg. Co.
- 13250 Sidney Byron Smith, Little Rock, Ark., salesman Ferguson Lumber Co.
- 13251 Frederick Richard Steber, St. Louis, Mo., salesman John J. Ganahl Lumber Co.
- 13252 Evan Stephen Thomas Welch, W. Va., manager Keys-Fannin Lumber Co., Ashland, Ky.
- 13253 Thomas "Texas" Thomsen, St. Louis, Mo., president Thomsen Planing Mill Co.
- 13254 Adolphus James Thornton, Morganfield, Ky., partner Thornton Bros.
- 13255 Edward Simeon Wilkes, Bentonville, Ark., owner E. S. Wilkes.
- 13256 Francis Joseph Wolf, St. Louis, Mo., salesman George M. Griffin Lumber Co.
- 13257 Thomas "Atlas" Wray, St. Louis, Mo., clerk Frisco-System.

Is Your Address Correct?

Is your address exactly correct in our handbook? Is it correct on mailing list? Do you get your "Bulletin" promptly and regularly? If you cannot say "yes" to all these questions you should at once fill out and send in the following blank. Don't depend on postscript requests appended to letters enclosing dues. The information we want in this blank is:

First—Your full name and Hoo-Hoo number. "Full name" means all the name you've got—thus: "William Henry Harrison."

Second—"Your business address." This means the place where I could find you if I wanted to talk with you in person.

Third—Your "mail address." This means the address to which you want The Bulletin, dues notices and other mail from this office sent. Usually a man's "business address" and his "mail address" are the same, but not always. Sometimes a man can be found at the office of the concern for which he works, while he wants his mail sent somewhere else—his residence, for instance.

Fourth—The name and address of the firm or company with which you are connected or for which you work. Sometimes a man is located at one place but works for a firm or a corporation that is located somewhere else.

Fifth—Give "business signature." This means your name just as you sign it to notes, drafts, deeds, etc.

Sixth—The above is what I want and all I want. I do not want your residence unless that is the place to which you want your mail sent. I think the following blank will cover the case, and I want you to use it in asking change of address.

My Hoo-Hoo Number is.....

My business address (the place where I should be put down in the "states and cities" list in the handbook—the place where I can be found is):

Street Number .....

Town and State .....

My mail address is (on the lines below write "I am as above," unless you want your mail sent to some other place):

Street Number or P. O. Box.....

Town or State.....

The firm or company with which I am connected, or for which I work is:

Name .....

Town and State.....

My business signature is:

(If your firm name is something like "Pauling & Harnischfeger," or is located at "Youghloheny," please attach printed letter head to blank).

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.

WANTED—Position as general manager. Southern position desired by live man competent to handle the largest lumber operation. Also thoroughly familiar with Northern trade. Address T., care of J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as buyer of yellow pine lumber in the South. Salary or commission. Address R. C., care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—A thorough accountant, practically experienced in the manufacture and sale of hardwood lumber and dimension stock, who will render exceptionally useful services, wants a position with a future, and is willing to start on a moderate salary with any good firm. Address "Lumberman," care J. V. Ridgway, Room 416, 167 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—After the first of the year position in retail lumber company yard as manager. Have had long experience. Can give first-class references. Would like a good yard in a favored town in Oklahoma, Kansas or Indian Territory. Address 9768, care of J. H. Baird, Wilcox Building, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as bookkeeper that will pay from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year. Address R. F. H., care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—By an experienced lumber salesman, a good stock of yellow pine flooring, lining, partition, etc., to sell in Philadelphia, Pa., and vicinity, either on commission or salary. Address Hoo-Hoo No. 273, 2732 North 8th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Position as bookkeeper with a large lumber concern. Have been with that sort of concern for several years. Am familiar with lumber export business in all its details. I can make good with any concern no matter what the volume of business is. Can furnish testimonials to convince you. Want a job and want it quick. Address "Export," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as planing mill foreman by man who is competent and familiar with yellow pine, or would take charge of patent and mill of four or five machine capacity. Have had years of experience as planing mill man. Best of references furnished. Address No. 513-A, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position with some lumber company as office manager. South preferred. Best of references as to ability. Six years' experience. Address "H., No. 6800," Higginsville, Mo.

WANTED—Position as shipping clerk or yard foreman in yellow pine mill. Also have experience on mill floor in looking after manufacture and bill generally. Familiar with dry kilns; have five and one-half years' continuous experience in mill with an actual capacity of 30,000 feet per annum. Would like to connect with some large firm with chance of promotion. Twenty-eight years of age. Best of references. Address "6223," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as planing mill man. Fifteen years' experience. Can furnish first-class references. Address A. C. C., care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as bookkeeper, traveling salesman or retail yard manager. Practical experience in all the above capacities. Six years in the lumber business; 24 years of age; married. I can furnish edge references. Address "Gilt Edge," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—A position as retail yard manager; have had 16 years experience in that position, also 12 years experience with yards in city as collector, solicitor and estimator. Best of references. "J. P. D.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as planing mill foreman. Have had 25 years experience; can furnish best of reference. Address Hoo-Hoo No. 6229, care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as sawyer, superintendent or anything at saw mill paying good wages. Can do anything in a Georgia mill. Address "B. W. U.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED Position filling band saws. Can come at once and guarantee strictly first-class results under reasonable conditions or ask no pay. Would prefer double mill. J. G. Granbery, Apalachicola, Fla. Reference: The Cypress Lumber Co.

WANTED—A W. P. lumber, sash and door salesman with acquaintance in Iowa, Northern Illinois and Missouri, would like to represent some good yellow pine concern in this territory. Address "W.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—A man of experience and large and favorable acquaintance with saw mill and planing mill operators throughout Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia is open for an engagement to sell machinery and mill supplies in this territory. References from the people who buy the goods. Address "B.," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as manager. Now managing yellow pine planing mill. Wholesale and retail trade. Reason for change health of family. B. A. C., care Bulletin.

WANTED—Position on Pacific Coast as lumber buyer. Intend to locate on the Pacific Coast and offer my services at a reasonable price to anyone having such a position to offer. Good references. Address Lock Box No. 22, Frankfort, Mich.

WANTED—Young man (23), married, and who can give the best of references, desires a position as clerk or stenographer. Have had four years' experience, and am thoroughly conversant with all office work pertaining to the lumber business. Now in Bennington, Texas; future location no object; no objection to being located at saw-mill. Address "Stenographer," care J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Correspondence solicited from any one needing an experienced local manager or bookkeeper. Free after September 1, 1904. Until then address W. C. Shippee, Hoo-Hoo No. 5600, Watonga, O. T.

WANTED—Position by first-class lumber stenographer and office manager with some wholesale yellow pine lumber concern. Have had several years' experience. Best of references furnished. Reason for leaving to make change. Firm with whom I am now connected is going out of business. Address "Lumber Stenographer," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as inspector, mill foreman, yard foreman or buyer on the road; have had fifteen years' experience in the above positions. First-class reference. "Woodland," care of J. H. Baird, Scrivener.

WANTED—By sober, hustling man, 34 years of age, either as salesman, manager or bookkeeper of mill or yard, either wholesale or retail, locally no object. Have formerly been secretary, treasurer and general manager of wholesale and retail yard and planing mill; and have recently disposed of my interests and desire to change. Satisfaction guaranteed or no pay. Address No. 2468-A, care of J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

LOST—Hoo-Hoo button No. 630-A. If found please forward to P. E. Gilbert, care Jas. H. Stark & Co., Memphis, Tenn.

WANTED—Practical boxmaker familiar with dovetail box machinery, to take charge of our box making department. Good salary offered man of experience who can furnish satisfactory references. Eagle Manufacturing Co., Savannah, Ga.

WANTED—Position by man who is thoroughly experienced in sash, door and blind business, taking off special work from plans, etc. Address Box 550, Birmingham, Ala.

WANTED—A change of location by a competent and all round experienced lumberman and mill manager. Open for engagement after Dec. 15. Now employed. Can handle office, mill, or railroad, and furnish gilt edge guarantee. Write me 318 State St., Texarkana, Ark., Wm. A. Barry.

WANTED—Position as tie inspector on the road. Five years' experience. Can furnish first class references. Address "C. A. D.," Lombard, Ky.

WANTED—Position as logging superintendent or by contract. Do not care how large the plant is. Have had years of experience. Address L. B. McEwen, 15 University Building, San Antonio, Texas.

WANTED—Experienced hardwood inspector wishes position with reliable company. References furnished. Address G. B. Jones, 632 E. 50th St., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—Position on road with some good white pine firm, or with a west coast concern, either on road or in office. Have had a good deal of experience in office work. In all branches of the lumber business except bookkeeping. Address 102-A, care of J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as planing mill foreman. Can give best of references. Have had thirty-five years' experience in that line of business. Address, Hoo-Hoo No. 6229, 2516 Osage St., St. Louis, Mo.

WANTED—Position as Manager of Yard. Have had eight years' experience and can give best of references. Address Lock Box 204, Geary, O. T.

WANTED—Position by a practical railroad man of 17 years experience on trunk lines, log roads and small lines; am experienced in the following departments: Engine train service, traffic and accounting departments; can do anything you have to offer in these services rendered in any liquor, and can give the best of references for services rendered in the above departments. Not proud, and will accept anywhere to start with. Address Railroad, care of J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as superintendent or manager of good planing mill, sash and door factory in good healthy location. Can handle men successfully and get good results. Thoroughly practical in all its branches. Good draughtsman and estimator. Understand office as well as factory end of business. At references. Address "Practical Business," care of J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position by young man; 25 years' experience in wholesale lumber business; first-class salesman, a hustler, good appearance. Would like to locate preferably with yellow pine concern and learn it thoroughly. New England experience. A worker and a salesman who can go out and get the business. Address "New England," care of J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.

LOST—Hoo-Hoo button No. 632. If found please return to Reed Hayward, Loveland, Colo.

**WANTED**—Planing mill foreman with fifteen years' experience in the large wholesale lumber trade wants position. First-class mechanic and up to date in my line. "Mechanic" care Bulletin.

**WANTED**—Position as assistant superintendent or shipping clerk. Have been in the mill business for the past nine years. Best references. Address Whit, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—Experienced lumber bookkeeper, employed at present, desires to make change as quickly as possible. Can furnish best of references. Box No. 899, Birmingham, Ala.

**WANTED**—Position by a competent and experienced saw-mill machinery salesman and draftsman or would accept position as superintendent of a good mill in a healthy location. Address D. P. O. Box 91, Covington, Tenn.

**WANTED**—A young man who has had several years' experience as salesman and manager of yard, handling long leaf yellow pine lumber, desires position with retail or wholesale concern which could be filled satisfactorily by one of above experience. Am 25 years of age, single, good address, and not afraid of work. Can furnish A-1 references. Address "Quick," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—A situation by a man of long experience in the lumber business, and a large and favorable acquaintance with the mill men in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, to buy lumber and represent a good firm in this territory, either in the domestic or export trade. Address "B," care The Bulletin, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—A combination stenographer, bookkeeper and all-round good office man. We need a good man in our office who can assist in making things go, both in retail and wholesale lumber. This is a "work" shop and we do not want a fellow who would not find such an atmosphere congenial. Address "Worker" care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—Position as foreman, superintendent or assistant superintendent by steady sober man 31 years old. Have had fifteen years' experience in all branches of the saw mill business; know how to handle labor to best advantage and get full capacity of mill. Would like a position where there is a chance for competent man and a hustler to get interest in the business. Address "Hustler" care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

**WANTED**—The advertiser would like to connect himself with the sales department of some concern on the Pacific Coast. Eighteen years' experience, the last three as manager of one of the largest concerns in the middle west. Capable of holding any position. Excellent references. Address "No. 2780", Room 519 Hiale Building, San Francisco, California.

**WANTED**—Young man (26) with best of references desires position as estimator or traveling salesman with good cash and Door House. Have had six years' experience. E. C. Simpson, No. 1568-A, 722 West Seventh Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

### The House of Hoo-Hoo.

Some of our members seem to confuse the House of Hoo-Hoo with the executive office of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, and frequently the Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo receives remittances intended to cover the cost of shares in the House of Hoo-Hoo. To make the matter clear this little notice is published and will appear in The Bulletin from time to time for the next several months:

J. H. Baird is the Supreme Scrivenoter of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. He keeps all the records and handles all the money. Remittances for dues to Hoo-Hoo should be sent to him at 513 Wilcox Building, Nashville, Tennessee.

The House of Hoo-Hoo is an enterprise recently incorporated and having for its object the erection of a club house for lumbermen at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. The office of the House of Hoo-Hoo is 1200 Fullerton Building, St. Louis, Mo. The officers are as follows: President, Nelson Wesley McLeod, St. Louis; Vice President, Benjamin LaFon Winchell, St. Louis; Treasurer, William Ashley Rule, Kansas City; Secretary, William Eddy Barns, St. Louis; Assistant Secretary, George Edward Watson, St. Louis.

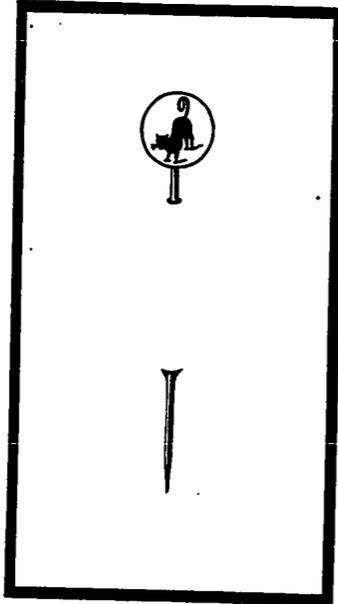
This enterprise is worthy of your support. Its field of usefulness is broad and it is receiving the enthusiastic support of many of the most prominent business men in the country.

A share of stock in the House of Hoo-Hoo costs \$9.99.

Detailed information can be secured from Mr. Geo. M. Watson, Assistant Secretary, 1200 Fullerton Building, St. Louis, Missouri.

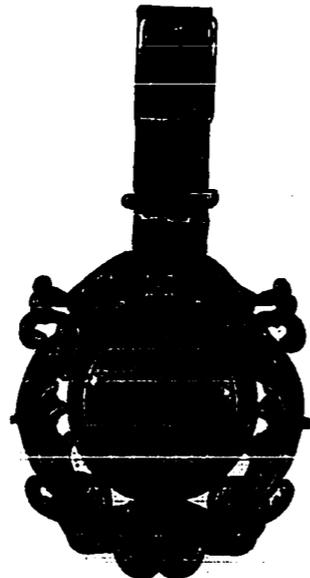
### The Ladies' Pin.

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 Scrivenoter, 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.

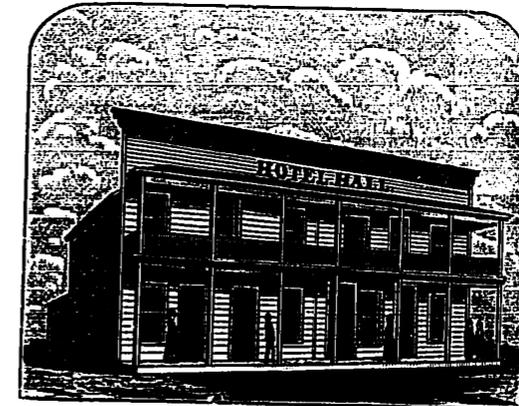


### The Hoo-Hoo Grip Tag.

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 Scrivenoter, and will be sold only to members in good standing. The price is 99 cents cash.

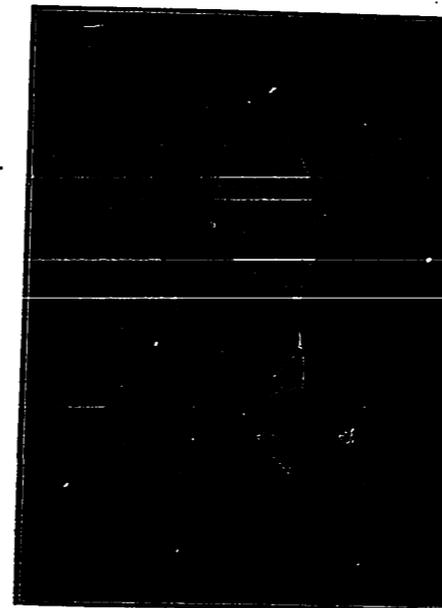


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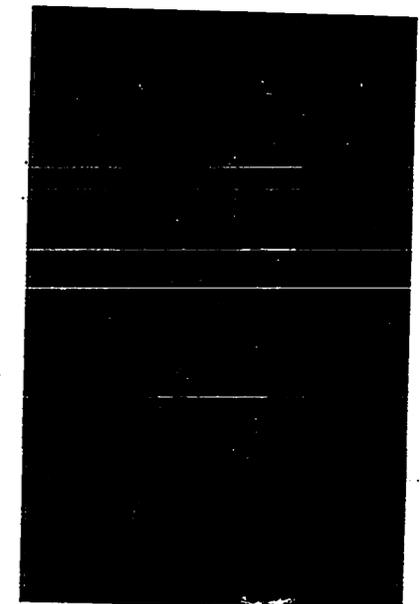


HOTEL HALL, GURDON, ARK.

### TWO PROMINENT HOO-HOO.



E. STINSON ROGERS,  
Supreme Custodian.



LUCIUS E. FULLER, of Chicago,  
One of last year's faithful Vicegerents.

**Engagement Announced.**

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wise, of Jefferson, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter Mabel Louise, to Mr. Martia J. Ragley (9578), the wedding to take place October 12.

The great Northwest will doubtless be much in evidence in Hoo-Hoo this year. The fact that the next Annual will



A. H. POTTER,  
Supreme Jabberwock.

be held in Portland will naturally incite the members out that way to make a great record for their section, and the Lewis & Clarke Exposition management will disseminate widely all sorts of general data concerning the country and its resources. Already quite a number of our members have signified their intention of attending the Portland Annual.

The work of appointing the new Vicegerents is proceeding as rapidly as is consistent with a careful discrimination in the selection of good men. It is not something that can be done in a few days, for the welfare of the Order depends to a very large extent on the work done by the Vicegerents and the appointment of the wrong sort of man means the practical knock-out of the Order for the time being in his locality. In the meantime each of the old Vicegerents continues in office until his successor is appointed.

**What to Talk.**

Talk Happiness; the world is sad enough  
Without your woes. No path is wholly rough.  
Look for the places that are smooth and clear,  
And speak of those to rest the weary ear  
Of earth, so hurt by one continuous strain  
Of human discontent, and grief, and pain.

Talk Faith; the world is better off without  
Your uttered ignorance and doubt.  
If you have faith in God, or man, or self,  
Say so; if not, push back upon the shelf,  
Of silence all your thoughts till faith shall come,  
No one will grieve because your lips are dumb.

Talk Health; the dreary, never-changing tale  
Of fatal maladies is worn and stale.  
You cannot charm, nor interest, nor please,  
By harping on that minor chord—disease.  
Say you are well, or, all is well with you,  
And God will hear your words and make them true.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

All Hoo-Hoo jewelry is sold for spot cash and in no other way.

**Prices of Hoo-Hoo Jewelry.**

Hoo-Hoo lapel button .....	\$2.10
Osirian Cloister lapel button.....	5.10
Ladies' stick pin .....	1.60
Hoo-Hoo watch charm.....	7.50
Hoo-Hoo cuff links.....	7.50

For prices and description of Hoo-Hoo brooches, souvenir spoon, and grip tag, send for "Special Jewelry Circular."

**At the St. Louis Fair.**

Bridegroom—Sweetheart, don't you wish to go to the Fine Arts Building?

Bride—Do you?

Bridegroom—If you do, I do.

Bride—I do, if you do, dear.

Bridegroom—Well, just as you like.

Bride—No, no; just as you like. If you wish to go, then I wish to go. If you don't wish to go, then I don't wish to go.

Bridegroom—Well, I don't wish to unless you wish to.

Bride—I don't wish to unless you wish to. Do you wish to?

Bridegroom—If you wish to, dearest.

Bride (timidly)—Well, let's go.

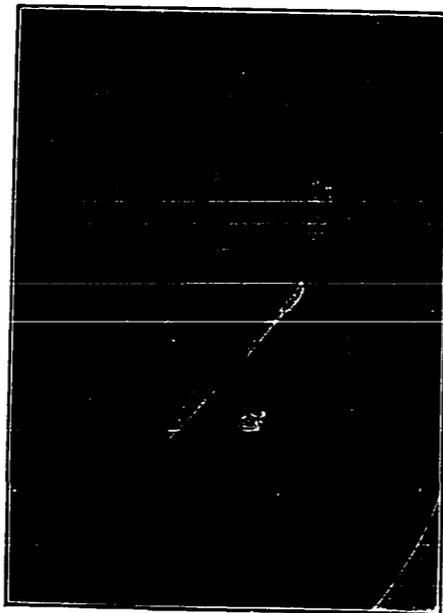
Bridegroom—Are you certain that you wish to go?

Don't go unless you wish to.

Bride—If you wish to, I wish to.

Bridegroom—(timidly)—Well, let's go.

And when they had finished this little dialogue they sauntered absent-mindedly in the direction of the Pike.—October Lippincott's Magazine.



J. S. BONNER,  
Supreme Senior Hoo-Hoo.

Which is more demoralizing on the visitor, to spend the Sunday in the World's Fair or in St. Louis?—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

In remitting for dues, remember the Distress Fund.