

### A Would-Be Fraternal Buzzard.

When in California, Brother H. Roland Lee and the officers and members of Court Santa Monica gave the Supreme Chief Ranger a great treat by driving him around to the various points of interest in and about that beautiful place. Among other points of interest visited was an ostrich farm lying near Santa Monica. In the establishment besides ostriches were kept a few animals and birds. Among the latter was one that looked like a turkey. The Supreme Chief Ranger was told that it was a "buzzard" and that there was a penalty of *ten dollars* attached to killing the bird. On enquiry it was learned that the reason of the penalty was that this bird fed and fattened on *carion*, and thus was a valued

#### SCAVENGER FOR THE STATE.

There is a society in Canada called the "Home Circle," whose official organ is called the "Home Circle Leader," which has proved itself a veritable fraternal "buzzard." From this official organ we learn that the "Rev. John Kay, of Brantford, is Supreme Leader," whom we know to be an honorable man, and therefore have reason to believe that he will condemn the utterances of his organ so far as the I. O. F. is concerned. In the issue of this official organ of July appears an article intended to be damaging to the I. O. F., and which is conspicuous chiefly by the absence of that "Charity which thinketh no evil." Indeed the chief characteristic of the article is its mixture of

#### IGNORANCE, MALICE AND STUPIDITY.

Be it said to the credit of the leaders of all the great Fraternal Orders that not one has attempted to make capital for his Order out of the idiotic attacks which the *Monetary Times* periodically makes upon the I. O. F.

Just as well might the Canadian Skunk say, "We cannot say we have much sympathy with the Moose, the king of its species, because the hunter pursues it with his hounds to destroy it," as for the Canadian Home Circle organ to say, "We cannot say we have much sympathy with the I. O. of Foresters." In the one case the hunter pursues the moose because the game is worth it, and he and his hounds pass by the skunk because—well because it's not worth it, and in the other case the

#### MONETARY TIMES IS PAID

to attack the I. O. F., because the Order is

getting too popular and cuts into the business of the Old Line Insurance Companies too seriously, while the Canadian Home Circle is yet too insignificant to require any attention at the hands of the *Monetary Times*.

To show the calibre of this Pecksniff of the Fraternal Orders we cheerfully reproduce below, *in extenso*, the article referred to, so that our thousands of readers may see for themselves the utter stupidity thereof. It will be remembered the *Monetary Times* stated in June that *the surplus of the I. O. F. had been reduced on the 1st of April last to \$168,879.35*, whereat the Canadian Home Circle organ gloats over the supposed corpse as follows:

Its (the I. C. F.) \$8.00 of yearly charges shows the weakness of the plan upon which it is built, especially so as it has already begun to eat away its boasted reserve.

But the I. O. F. refuses to be a corpse, even to satisfy this would-be fraternal buzzard, and presents on the 1st of July its boasted surplus of

**\$204,814.86.**

an increase, if the figures of the *Monetary Times* be true, of the surplus of the Order of no less than \$35,935.51 within three months.

Here is another specimen:

The *Monetary Times* must not flatter itself that it has done anything but hunt from its hiding place a thing (*sic*) which is a poor make-shift for an Insurance Company and a miserable apologetic failure for a mutual benefit organization.

Could "buzzard" journalism further go? Could any honorable man believe that the above paragraph was intended to apply to THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS, which, in the three months ending with June, had no less than

**2,854 APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP,**

among them being honored judges of the land, eminent divines, lawyers and doctors, distinguished educationists and public men, shrewd insurance and other business men, journalists of note, the most intelligent workingmen, and the very cream of the yeomanry of the country. An Order that not only paid, within the aforesaid three months,

**\$45,975.22**

to the widows and orphan children of deceased brethren and to those of the Order who had been taken ill, but furnished them free medical attendance and the watchful care of sympathizing brethren, and where necessary,