

mentioned in this issue of the FORESTER in the case of Companion Phoebe A. Allye. The men whose pulses are not quickened upon reading this simple account must have calloused hearts indeed.

It is the intention of the Supreme Chief Ranger to attend the High Court of Wisconsin, which is to be held on the 1st of February next at Hudson, Wisconsin, and the High Court of Michigan, which is to be held on the last Tuesday in February, at a place yet to be selected by the High Standing Committee.

We most heartily congratulate the Courts and the brethren who have directed their energies towards securing new members instead of towards formulating protests against the legislation adopted by the Supreme Court at its last session. 11,024 applications for November and December is a record of which every Forester may justly be proud.

One of the most cheery New Year's messages received by the Supreme Chief Ranger was from D.S.C.R.'s Mack and Duckworth, of San Francisco. It was as follows:

"SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 31, 1898.

"ORONHYATEKHA, M.D., TORONTO:

"Very Happy New Year. Obligated twenty-five new Foresters to-day.

"MACK AND DUCKWORTH."

The following is the honor roll for December:

Michigan,	1075	accepted,	132	rejected.
Illinois,	877	"	70	"
New York,	770	"	109	"
Quebec,	750	"	100	"
California,	356	"	55	"

Well done, Michigan! Who will be head for January?

The Supreme Chief Ranger, assisted by the Supreme Counsellor, had the pleasure and honor of initiating 153 candidates at a union meeting held at the I.O.F. Temple, Detroit, Michigan, on the evening of the 29th December. The greatest credit for this magnificent work is due to Brother J. W. Brenkert, D.S.C.R. The Brother had over 200 names on his List, but the balance were unable to come to the meeting for that night.

Congratulations to our 6,000 brethren who, by reason of having secured one new member during December last, are relieved from paying anything towards the extension of the Order tax for 1899. How many more thousands will relieve themselves of 11-12ths of this tax and confer a great benefit on every Forester in the Order at the same time, by securing one new member during January. Such is the law. It reduces the taxes of the working men of the I.O.F.

No doubt it will be gratifying to the members of the Fraternal Congress to learn that the movement initiated by our Supreme Chief Ranger in the State of Vermont has eventuated in opening up that State to the operations of fraternal benefit societies, the Legislature at its recent session having passed a law permitting fraternal benefit societies to do business in that State. The law goes into effect on the 1st of February next, and already preparations are being made for pushing the work of the I.O.F. vigorously in that State after that date.

The Royal Foresters' Minstrels, under the patronage of Oronhyatekha, M.D., S.C.R., and members of Temple Encampment, intend holding their first performance at the Pavilion, Toronto, on Thursday, January 26th, 1899. Judging from the talent advertised it promises to be one of the social events of the season. The Royals will appear in full uniform. Tickets have been placed at the low figure of 15, 25 and 35 cents. Plan of hall will be opened on January 23rd at Messrs. Ambrose Kent & Sons, Yonge St. The Foresters of Toronto should give the boys a grand house.

The Michigan Foresters have wisely determined to divide their State into three High Court jurisdictions. As mentioned elsewhere, the High Court of Northern Michigan was instituted by Brother Lee E. Joslyn, High Secretary of the High Court of Michigan, at Newberry, on the 22nd of December last. The High Court of Western Michigan was instituted by the Supreme Chief Ranger and Supreme Counsellor, Brother the Hon. E. G. Stevenson, assisted by the High Standing Committee of the High Court of Michigan, and by the High Chief Ranger of Illinois, Bro. A. E. Stevenson. Both the Supreme officers expressed themselves not only greatly surprised but gratified also at the very large attendance of delegates in view of the fact that each delegate had to pay his own expenses. The utmost harmony prevailed in the Convention, and the High Court of Western Michigan was started under most favorable auspices. Not only the officers installed but the delegates present expressed their intention of making their High Court the banner High Court for energy and zeal in the work of the Order.

Liberty Is Not License.

We believe in according to all Courts and to the individual Forester every possible liberty and latitude to express their own opinions concerning passing events, and to comment freely upon the actions of the officers or of The Supreme Court or of the High Courts. We do not presume to question the right of members to protest and to be discontented