

Notice.

The Executive Council at its last meeting, held on September 1st, proscribed all of the West Indies and the East Indies, and provided that all members going to either of these places after Sep. 1st must obtain a permit and pay extra hazardous rates.

Members going to Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines will govern themselves accordingly, and put their certificates on a safe and proper basis by obtaining a permit and paying the extra hazardous rates.

The Greatest Good.

It may be glorious to write

Thoughts that shall glad the two or three
High souls, like those far stars that come in sight
Once in a century ;

But better far it is to speak
One simple word which now and then
Shall waken their free nature in the weak
And friendless sons of men.

—J. R. LOWELL.

Among the Courts.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Sorry to Part With Him.

Vernon News, Aug. 3rd, '99.

Bro. Goulet, who for seven years has held the position of C.P.R. agent here, left this week to assume charge of the Kamloops station, and few residents of Vernon ever departed carrying with them more sincere wishes for future prosperity or a larger measure of public esteem from the people of this city. Deep regret has been expressed on all sides since it became known that Bro. Goulet was to leave us, and he has received many evidences of the depth of the respect entertained for him and his esteemed wife, who shares a full measure of the good wishes of our citizens. On Wednesday night the Foresters' Lodge presented Bro. Goulet with a handsome jewel and an address.

On Friday evening a deputation of the business men met him at the city hall, and there presented him with a most handsome and costly silver service of seven pieces, the presentation being made by Mr. G. A. Henderson, president of the Board of Trade, assisted by Mayor Megaw.

CALIFORNIA.

Sebastopol.

Tuesday evening, August 8th, will long be remembered by Court Sebastopol and their guests who were present and listened to the exercises of the evening.

Several weeks ago preparations were made by the local lodge for a banquet in honor of a visit from the High Chief Ranger, Col. G. A. McElfresh. Invitations were issued to quite a number of people, and in consequence there was a large attendance.

Col. McElfresh has been here on former occasions and it was probably the recollections of the past that induced many to come out last Tuesday evening.

Preceding the address a programme by local talent was rendered and consisted of the following pieces :

Instrumental solo, W. J. Meeker ; vocal solo, Miss Lillian Strobel ; recitation, Miss Minnie Worden ; vocal solo, F. N. Sheldon ; vocal duet, Messrs. D. J. Brooks and Chas. Wurdig.

Then followed the address by the High Chief Ranger and was devoted entirely to a description of the Independent Order of Foresters and the work it has accomplished. Col. McElfresh punctuated his remarks by several very good stories which were received with hearty applause from the audience.

The address was delivered in the speaker's usual interesting manner and was attentively listened to. At the close of his remarks the visiting members and guests were invited to the dining room where refreshments had been prepared. Following the spread the audience again assembled in the lodge room where a social time was enjoyed by all.

Miss Lillian Strobel and Miss Minnie Worden each received a hearty encore to their pieces which were well rendered.

Court Sebastopol is in a very flourishing state, having about seventy-four members in good standing.

ILLINOIS.

Gave a Stag Party.

COURT LAKE, NO. 477, ENTERTAINS FRIENDS.

Court Lake, No. 477, gave its first stag party at Corcoran's Hall, Forty-seventh street and Princeton avenue recently. The party was arranged by a committee appointed by the Court consisting of Peter Drautzburg, J. J. Winkleman, W. C. Collins, Thomas Kelly, Edwin Quinn, C. F. Lenning and C. T. Shearman.

The entertainment was a varied one, musical, literary and athletic. About two hundred invited guests attended and refreshments and cigars in unlimited quantities were done full justice to. The success of the entertainment was mainly due to the efforts of the chairman, Bro. Peter Drautzburg, who, since the institution of the court, has been indefatigable in promoting its interests. Such affairs as that given on Saturday night cannot have other than a beneficial effect on the members of the Court and is a social feature which other like organizations would do well to imitate.

C. S. Shearman, Chief Ranger of the Court, was the presiding officer, and in a felicitous manner performed his duties. Past High Chief Ranger, W. P. Clancy was the orator of the occasion and spoke at length on the merits of the Order and its claims to popular support. He was well received, and those who witnessed the ovation he got were more than ever convinced of his popularity amongst Foresters. Those who took part in the entertainment were : Professors Storer and Welch, pianists, who gave some beautiful musical selections. William Gelder, M. M. Stanton, Peter Tracey, Drautzburg brothers and R. H. Polasky, Chief Ranger of Court Daskan, recitations and songs. Court Lake quartette, which is comprised of Joseph Dempsey, William Conway, William Broderick and Harry Taylor, gave several selections and contributed