

for class of members, general enthusiasm and size of membership, taking into consideration the size of our town.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

GEO. W. MINCHIN, C. T.

Taken from letter of Wm. H. Sparling, H. Treas. for High Court of Michigan:

"Everything coming our way very nicely, Bagley, 517, Detroit, Mich., in the lead. Initiations 71 to date and over 60 applications on their Secretary's desk."

#### Circular Issued by Court Waupakisco, I.O.F.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Court Waupakisco, 807, will initiate a large class on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6, 1899. The local Court are making extensive preparations for the event. Arrangements have been made to secure the Jackson Degree Team to confer the work of Forestry. Hon. Elliott G. Stevenson, Supreme Counsellor of Detroit, Hon. John A. McGilivray, Supreme Sec. of Toronto, R. J. MacDonald, of Muskegon, High Chief Ranger, of Western Mich., M. M. Callaghan, High Sec. of Reed City, W. J. Sampson, of Hillsdale, High Counsellor. Dr. A. J. Patterson, of Grand Rapids, H.V.C.R., will be in attendance. The meeting will be very interesting to Forestry in Battle Creek. All members are requested to be present, and invite friends for the open meeting to be held at Auditorium.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

W. A. CROUCH, JR., G. H. SHARP,  
D.S.C.R. High Treasurer.

#### NEW JERSEY.

Court Plainfield, No. 1144, Plainfield, N.J., at its meeting on the 24th ult. initiated six candidates; the work was admirably done, and all the applicants said they had their money's worth. Visitors were present from Courts Dunellen and South Plainfield. A smoker was enjoyed after the ceremony, and a general good time in the good and well-kept followed. A special meeting on the 30th will add four more to our membership, now 132.

JAMES PATTERSON,

Rec. Sec. Court Plainfield, 1144.

#### NEW YORK.

Bro. James K. McGuire, a member of Court Fire Brigade, No. 1799, Syracuse, was recently elected Mayor of Syracuse, N.Y., for the third time, receiving 2,000 majority.

Colonel A. B. Caldwell, of Syracuse, P.S.C.R., and founder of the Independent Order of Foresters, instituted, in Royal Arcanum Hall, Court Binghamton, I.O.F. He was assisted by Supreme Marshal John H. McOmber, of Black River.

This is the first branch of the Order in Binghamton and the second in Broome County, the other being Court Cokose, No. 3593, at Deposit. The Court begins work with a large membership.

The officers of the new Court are:

Chas. E. Bennett, C.D.H.C.R.; Orval R. Bacon, P.C.R.; Eugene S. Everett, C.R.; David J. O'Neil,

V.C.R.; Edward F. Day, C. Phys.; James A. Orr, Rec. Sec.; Martin P. Congdon, Fin. Sec.; Martin Holdrich, Treas.; Joseph C. Murray, Orator; Albert W. Thomas, Sup. Juvenile Court; Thos. J. Congdon, S.W.; Andrew J. Sweeney, J.W.; Timothy C. Sheehan, S.B.; and Daniel W. Wilson, J.B.

Illustrious Commander John Dillon, of Columbia Encampment, No. 79, resigned at the last convocation, and Ill. Knight George A. Ford was unanimously elected to fill the position. Bro. Dillon accepted the captaincy, and Capt. George Sheehan accepted the lieutenantcy, in order to give special attention to drilling the Encampment.

#### Court Ruth.

Companion Court Ruth, No. 95, did not hold a meeting on Friday evening, but generously turned over their rooms, at Welch's Hall, for a church entertainment, and the Society was greatly benefited not only fraternally but financially.

P.S.C.R., Col. Caldwell has returned home from a six weeks' visiting tour in the 'southern tier.' He instituted Court Binghamton, Nov. 15th, and now the I.O.F. is firmly planted in the southern part of the State. Court Cokose at Deposit, Court Binghamton at Binghamton, Court Steuben at Hornellsville, Court Allegany at Friendship, and Court Chemung Valley at Elmira, and other large towns will soon awaken to the trumpet sound of the best insurance society known in two hemispheres.

Bro. Caldwell's trip gained him thirteen pounds avoirdupois, but a very lame leg which may both him for life.

#### Court Kruger, No. 3922.

At the regular meeting of Court Kruger, No. 3922, a very enjoyable time was had by all. One candidate passed over the rough and rugged road into the mysteries of Forestry. Four applications were received and more are coming. Among the visitors present were Chief Ranger Chapin of Court Central, New York, and several brothers from Court Dana.

Our first meeting in December is nomination and election of officers. All brothers are requested to be present.

The select ball is progressing finely. A general invitation has been extended to all Courts to attend, the majority of whom have signified their intention of being present. The ladies of Court Martha Washington will furnish refreshments on that evening.

#### This Means Business.

The Foresters of Brooklyn, ever with an eye to the idea of advancing fraternity, have organized an association known as the "Associated Courts of I.O.F. of Brooklyn."

The Association consists of Court Deputies, Chief Rangers, all Past Chief Rangers and delegates to the High Court, and though in its infancy has already begun to make its influence felt.

One of its objects is visitations to the different Courts and a schedule has been made of all the Courts to be visited at least once a year.