

Ave., who will be pleased to give you information as you may request.

What are they doing in Alliance? Why, all Ohio revolves around this city. Court Alliance, No. 1516, with 67 standard I.O.F. men, and our H.C.R., D. E. Rogers, at their helm, sways with dignity and despatch all matters connected with I.O.F. in this state, whether great or small. Whichever our H.C.R. goes crowds are eager to hear him outline the benefits and privileges of our Order. This is not chat, as many who have been converted can and will testify. He it was who inaugurated the "annual memorial service" at our High Court sessions. This is one of the best innovations that has ever taken place in fraternal gatherings. All jurisdictions should follow.

Court Epworth, No. 1253, Cleveland, O — January 1st, 1898, 54 members. Our good Bro. D. Gleason, D.D.S.C.R., has gained us \$13,000 insurance in July and February, and the best of men immoral as well as physical risks. Mr. Henry Ward Picord, D.D., Dr. E. Jewett, Geo. C. Johnson, attorney, are among the number, and such men as these will surely gain us members. The outlook for our future is charming.

Our estimable Bro. F. A. A. Dean, F. Sec., has gone into business for himself. Our best and long wishes are for our good brother.

Dr. Stoner, our Treasurer and Physician, looks out for our money that none gets away, and all good men are admitted who apply. May success attend all the efforts of the Doctor.

After many a long day of sickness and stay in hospital, our estimable Bro. John Switzenisk, of Court Banner, No. 360, Cleveland, O., is able to be out again, and everyone is grateful and pleased to see him in our midst. I met him on the car one day, and I cannot say who was pleased the most — Bro. S. or myself. At least the clasp of the hand and the genial smiles were mutual.

Pennsylvania.

Court Pennsylvania, for a long time the banner court of the state, has at last lost her place and gives way to Court Mountain City, but the latter court will have to hustle to keep ahead, for the Pennsylvania warriors have put on their war-paint and intend to recapture their former position.

Court Mountain City won the set of officers' badges in the recent contest, and Bro. A. J. Price, the Court Deputy of Court Glass City, took the cash prize, having secured 15 new members.

A very interesting meeting was held by Court Mountain City on Feb. 17th, when several applicants were initiated. At 10 o'clock the meeting adjourned to the Climax café, where the committee had a sumptuous repast spread for the fifty members in attendance. Having given the inner man proper attention, a number of excellent speeches were listened to. The Chief Ranger of the court, Bro. J. H. Hogue, presiding, called upon the following brothers, who responded in good style: Dr. H. E. Crumbaker, "The Head of the Order"; A. S. Fisher, High Councillor, "The High Court"; H. L. Smith, High Vice-Chief Ranger, "Our Court"; Dr. E. S. Miller, "Rigid Medical Examinations"; Dr. J. M. Sheedy, "Our Families"; A. P. McLeod, Court Deputy, "Ruler and their Observance"; Dr. Charles Long, "Our host."

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OFFICE OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER, I.O.F.,
TACOMA, WASH., Mar. 21, 1898.

To all Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts of the High Court of Washington.

BRETHREN — I desire at this time to call your attention to the grand and splendid growth of our noble Order, and in doing so feel that the record is one of which each and every one of us may feel proud. I assure you it is one that has far exceeded the expectations of the most of us.

Our surplus on January 1st, 1898, was \$2,611.15 24; our membership at same date, 124,685.

Now, brothers, it is the desire that our membership should, on September 1st next, be 150,000. I am eager that the jurisdiction of Washington should do its part during the next few months. There are, no doubt, many of you who could secure a new member during that time, and I earnestly ask you to put forward your best efforts in so doing, that our grand young State of Washington may not be behind, but take its place among sister jurisdictions.

I desire once more to bring before your notice the matter of the Bronze Statue to our noble Supreme Chief Ranger, and I feel it is one that should receive the hearty support of us all.

I am pleased to say that a majority of courts have already responded, but there are some yet who have not done so, and I would ask those who have not to send without delay ten cents per member to the Rev. Alex. Macgillivray, secretary of the fund, Temple Building, Toronto, Canada.

In conclusion, do not rest until you have secured your member, and when the poll is taken, we can all exclaim, "Washington, my Washington."

Wishing each of you continued success and prosperity,

I am faithfully,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

JOHN A. FORSYTH,

High Chief Ranger.

Attest: OLIVER CRUSE,
High Secretary.

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May all the brothers who are seeking municipal honors be elected; so say all of us.

Washington will do its share to place our membership at 150,000 and our surplus at \$3,000,000 by Sept. 1st next.

Court Klamath, at Spokane, is making steady progress, and will give a good report of itself. Bro. Ike Marlow is a rustler, and while the High Chief Ranger was there Bro. Ike made a good record.

Court Destiny, No. 598, is still creeping up to the 200 mark. Read the circular of the H.C.R., act accordingly and make it 250. It can be done, and will be done by the brothers of Destiny. "Bring them in."

Court Alturus, at Fairfield, is all right. During March. They held an entertainment, also a ball. Both proved a great success, and no doubt applications will now pour in. Brothers, you are on the right track; success to you.

State Organizer Forsyth is now in North Yakima and Ellensburg in the interests of the Order, and