

ing was a very pleasant gathering, filling the hall to its full seating capacity.

The programme was well received. The address, by High Chief Ranger, McElfresh, was well received, eliciting prolonged applause. After partaking of candies and other delicacies the audience was dismissed by a few well-timed remarks from E. A. Mack, D.S.C.R.

The evening of March 25th will long be remembered in the social circles of Rocklin as one of the most pleasant evening's entertainment that has ever fallen to the lot of our people to enjoy.

It was the occasion of an open meeting and banquet given by Court Faber, No. 1051.

The court met at Masonic Hall in secret session at 6.30 o'clock, and we understand that thirty-one names were proposed for membership in the Order. About 7.30 o'clock, having transacted the business of the meeting, the court proceeded in a body to the old Congregational Church, where they found a crowd already awaiting them. High Chief Ranger G. A. McElfresh delivered an interesting, instructive and eloquent address on the benefits and advantages to be derived from membership in the Order and held the close attention of his audience for almost an hour, when the invited ones repaired to the Masonic Hall, and there enjoyed one of the finest spreads ever prepared to tempt the indulgence of the inner man.

Court Redondo, No. 525, Independent Order of Foresters, celebrated Saturday evening, March 14th, the sixth anniversary of the founding of the court. The exercises were held at Foresters' Hall, and there was a large attendance. W. H. Perry, of Los Angeles, High Secretary of State, was present and made an appropriate speech. An excellent literary and musical programme was rendered.

Court Gridley, No. 706.

This court was organized in 1892, and its growth has been steady and satisfactory ever since. Its membership is constantly increasing, there being five applications for admission to be acted upon at the next meeting. During the years of its existence there have been no deaths in the local court, but a large amount in sick benefits has been distributed for the benefit of members. As showing one of the benefits of the Order, it may be stated that Court Gridley has one member who has become permanently disabled. He will within a few months receive from the Order one half his insurance money, or \$1,500, the remaining \$1,500 being payable to his heirs at death.

On Tuesday evening, March 17th, Court Gridley received an official visit from High Chief Ranger of the State, G. A. McElfresh, of Los Angeles. After the regular meeting of the court, the members adjourned to Stone's Hall where they extended greeting to a large number of invited guests, who had assembled to hear a lecture on the Order by Mr. McElfresh. The gentleman made an extended address touching upon fraternal organizations in general, and comparing their beneficial features with those of the

Independent Order of Foresters. His remarks were greeted with frequent applause and laughter, as he intermingled humor with solid facts.

At his conclusion substantial and elegant refreshments were served.

Court Alcoyne, of Woodland, at a recent meeting, arranged to give a series of social entertainments to its members and their friends.

The opening entertainment will be in the nature of a "smoking concert," for gentlemen only, to be held in old Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Second Street.

J. R. Price, of Sacramento, High Vice-Chief Ranger of California, will be present and deliver a short address on the principles of Forestry.

E. A. Mack, D.S.C.R., will also give a history of the Order of Forestry from its formation, in 1731, down to the present time.

An enjoyable musical programme will be furnished, and our inimitable District Attorney, R. E. Hopkins, as chairman, will see that no wall flowers are left to their own devices.

NOTES.

California is going to add 2,000 to its membership during the present Forestry year.

High Chief McElfresh has held a public meeting every lawful night for a month back.

Bro. McElfresh, H. C.R., hopes to visit every court in his jurisdiction before the close of the present term.

California has the banner Court of the Order. Court Los Angeles leads the world with a membership of 495.

The brethren of the Golden State claim, and that rightly, that they have the best society. They are bound to make it the strongest.

New Hampshire.

The Order is coming to the front in this state. During March, 31 applications for membership were accepted.

Manchester has now a second court. We clip the following from the Manchester Union of April 17th:—Court Merrimack, Independent Order of Foresters, the second court of the Order in this city, was installed in the American Mechanics' Hall, Thursday night, by George W. Allen, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, of West Stewartstown. The following officers were installed: C.D.H.C.R., James Kearns; C.R., R. E. Wilson; V.C.R., F. J. Stranger; R.S., F. P. Leavett; F.S., F. G. Fearson; Treasurer, W. H. Briggs; S.W., Chauncey H. Ingalls; J. W., Robert W. Alford; S.B., Arthur L. Ordway; J.B., Robert B. Hanelysule; P.C.R., James B. Newman; Chaplain, W. F. Bean; Physician, J. H. Gleason. The court starts off with a charter list of sixty-five. This is the strongest court instituted for some time.