

Among the Courts.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A Land Office Business in Kootenay.

The local Forester Court is doing a great business in the way of taking in new members these days. About 30 applicants are now awaiting a trip through the forest.—*Kootenay Mail*

CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 13th, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If you will enquire of the S. Physician, Bro. Millman, you will no doubt observe that we are having a little boom out here in the way of securing new members. I am satisfied if you would continue the dispensation to initiate at charter rates during the month of December that it would no doubt permit of us adding three hundred new members to the lists in this State alone. I hope that you can see your way clear to do so.

Yours respectfully in L., B. and C.,

G. A. McELFRESH, H.C.R.

P.S.—My own Court, Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, tendered me a public reception in honor of my re-election as H.C.R. A splendid programme of music, song and declamation was rendered. I had the privilege of speaking for one hour, after which a banquet was served to all present. The hall was overcrowded after turning some two hundred people away. At the close of my address I invited all who desired to join the Order to come forward and sign applications, and the consequence was a regular old time Methodist revival; about twenty-five applicants secured, besides ten for the Companion Court.

Court Yerba Buena, of San Francisco, is making preparations to institute a Companion Court in connection with that Court, which will be the third Companion Court in the State, the other two being located in this city.

The Hinds Were There Too.

Court Glendora had the arrangements all perfected for a "stag" party for the members and their gentlemen friends Saturday evening, Nov. 4th, and were about ready to commence the programme when a delegation of ladies armed with refreshments swooped down upon the meeting and proceeded to take part in the enjoyment that followed. High Secretary W. H. Perry was present and delivered an address. As a result of the affair fourteen applications were taken that evening, and a number more have been filed since.

Court Mateo, No. 3343, initiated five candidates the week of Nov. 4th.—*L. A. Times*, Nov. 10, '99.

At the visit of Council El Ma'akiah, No. 880, Princes of the Orient, to Court Centinela, No. 3355, Inglewood, Los Angeles, Cal., Friday evening, Nov. 3, the work was conferred on thirty-two candidates. Visitors were present from Gardena, Compton and Los Angeles.

Companion Court Los Angeles, No. 18, received 10 applications at its last meeting, making a total of thirty in the last three weeks. A number of members were present from Companion Court Morris Vineyard.

Court Los Angeles, No. 422, is still the banner Court of the world, with a membership of 600. The next highest membership is Court Champlain, No. 603, of Quebec, with a membership of 454.—*L. A. Times*, Nov. 9, '99.

(From Los Angeles Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27th, 1899.

A special train of the Terminal conveyed the members of Kaaba Council, No. 422, G. O. of the Orient, and a large number of friends to San Pedro Saturday evening, November 24th, where the degree was conferred upon a large number of members of Court Palos Verdes. Refreshments were served and the train returned to this city in the early morning. Many new and startling features were added by the reorganized Council.

Companion Court Morris Vineyard, No. 152, initiated fifteen candidates and received fifteen applications at its meeting Wednesday afternoon. This Court will hold a social session next Wednesday evening.

Court Centinela, of Inglewood, tendered a public reception to High Chief Ranger G. A. McElfresh last Saturday evening. There was a large attendance, and the High Chief Ranger delivered an address on the aims and objects of the Order, the affair concluding with a banquet. During the evening seven applications for membership were taken.

High Chief Ranger McElfresh paid a visit to Monrovia, and addressed Court Monrovia this week, and at the conclusion of the meeting the Monrovia Band serenaded the assembly. This Court has ten applications on file.

The High Chief Ranger was the guest of a public reception under the auspices of Court Santa Barbara this evening and delivered an address. A musical programme was a feature of the affair.

High Secretary W. H. Perry will visit Court Covina and address a public meeting under its auspices next Monday evening.

The following General Deputy High Chief Rangers have been appointed and commissioned in the city by G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R.; W. J. O'Brien, Court University, No. 61; F. W. Wismer, Court Los Angeles, No. 422; A. J. Bradley, Court Occident, No. 467; G. W. Judkins, Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532; J. M. King, Court Temple, No. 510; W. C. Woodman, Court La Fiesta, No. 880; O. E. Grassie, Court Eucalyptus, No. 966; V. J. Jacques, Court Semi-Tropic, No. 1442; W. J. Scherer, Court Central Avenue, No. 1970; J. P. Lee, Court Mateo, No. 3343; J. W. Musselman, Court Palmetto, No. 3345; A. H. S. Perkins, Court Angelina, No. 3122; Frank Pinschower, Court La Gazelle, No. 3631. The following General Deputy High Chief Rangers at large have also been appointed in the city: A. Whitaker, C. L. Wilde, George Coulson, E. E. Wilson, E. W. Fox, C. H. Martin.

ILLINOIS.

COURT GIBBONS, No. 3852,

PEORIA, ILL., Nov. 20, 1899.

The Court prizes for securing 15 new members during the month of June last have been received, and as a token of our appreciation of the same, the Court, at its regular meeting held on the 17th inst., tendered to you a unanimous "vote of thanks" for so generous a prize as the one sent us; to say that we appreciate the different articles most high-