

a week ago, I am sure that it shows a promptness characteristic of a good business institution. I feel that many thanks are also due to the officers and members of Court LaTour for their extreme kindness and sympathy to me at this very trying time.

May your Order have continued prosperity in the great work of benevolence it is so successfully carrying on.

Yours sincerely, ABBIE LOGAN GOLDING.

### NEW JERSEY.

#### Foresters' Ball at Morristown.

Court Ridgedale, No. 1564, did itself proud recently in its second annual ball. There was a large company in attendance, the music was excellent, the floor in fine condition, and the dancers took advantage of all these combinations to have a fine time.

Fifty-six couples participated in the grand march, led by Chris. Ambrose and Miss Mary Ryan, and the enthusiasm lasted throughout the thirty numbers on the program.

The music was by Sharrette, and Piper furnished the supper. The affair was managed by the following Foresters:—

Ed. J. Connors, President; John A. Dodd, Vice-President; Thos. F. Dunn, Secretary; J. B. King, Treasurer. Floor Managers—Chris. Ambrose, John A. Dodd, Andrew Gibbons, Vincent Corcoran, Gus. Schleth. Reception Committee—T. Connors, Ald. J. T. Lines, F. M. Burke, J. B. King, P. J. Howard, Dan. S. Voorhees, Hon. T. J. O'Brien, J. B. Holley, E. S. Schureman, Richard Connell, James King, E. S. Parke. Committee of Arrangements—J. T. Lines, Chairman; E. J. Connors, F. M. Burke, J. B. King, J. A. Dodd, A. Gibbons, T. F. Dunn, Thos. Connors.

#### Doctor's Pleasant Prescription.

##### COURT LAFAYETTE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

The members of Court Lafayette, No. 344, of Elizabeth, N.J., were entertained on Dec. 12th at a banquet in Quien's Hall, tendered them by their court physician, Dr. A. Q. Donovan.

The members, to the number of about 60, first met at their lodge rooms in Mitchell's Hall, and after transacting routine business, they formed in line and marched to Quien's Hall, where they were received by Dr. Donovan, who had everything in readiness for them.

After justice had been done to the banquet, which had been prepared by Caterer George Quien, C. J. Regan acted as master of ceremonies.

Addresses were made by Chief Ranger A. Mercier, P.C.R. John Ohrenberger, V.C.R. William Sheridan, Court Physician Dr. Donovan and Fred Hillier, a veteran of the Civil War, and one of the oldest members of the court.

Songs were sung by John Bartlett, Leo. Schuler, Peter Scully, Daniel Duffy and A. Corriell. Oliver Conlon also made a few remarks, and M. F. Gannon delighted all with his witticisms and songs.

The court had as guests members of almost every court in the city. A feature of the evening was Mr. Hillier's address and the honor paid to him by the Court in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the close of his speech. The event was most delightful, and it will long be remembered by all.

### NEW YORK.

#### Signs of Life in Ancient Carthage.

At a special meeting of Court Wetumpka, No. 1580, Carthage, N. Y., held Nov. 28th, our Court officers, assisted by Bro. M. J. Jewett, D. D. of Redwood, N. Y., initiated 12 candidates. After the initiation Bro. Jewett made some very appropriate remarks on Forestry laws, after which we had a smoker and a grand old time. Bro. Jewett is an easy, fluent speaker and well posted on all matters pertaining to Forestry.

T. J. QUINN, Rec. Sec.

#### The Ritual Exemplified at Silver Creek.

A recent meeting of Court Silver Creek, No. 3328, was the occasion of an event which will be long remembered by the members of the Order who were present. Having candidates to initiate we determined to make the occasion a social as well as a business affair, so we invited the members of Court Dunkirk (our nearest neighbors) to be with us, and they responded a dozen strong. They came prepared to confer the initiation, District Deputy Ellis presiding. Their work is very fine, and the candidates seem to realize that they have *joined something*. After the work was done, a splendid supper was served by the wives of local members, and all of the boys proved themselves willing workers. After supper some of the brothers favored us with appropriate addresses, songs and recitations, and all agreed that it was good to be there.

C. G. CARR, C. R.

The members of Court Wayne Co., No. 3541, held their first annual ball Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 29th, and a very enjoyable time was had by all, about sixty couple being present, and dancing continued into the wee small hours of the morning. Being our first venture in the fantastic line, am pleased to say it was a complete success. Brothers Coyle and Bishop are to be complimented on the artistic way they acted the gallant towards the ladies, and their judgment in the floral line.

J. W. COUGHLIN, R. S.

Bro. A. B. Parker, editor of the Watertown Lodge Record, has been elected Financial Secretary of Court Watertown, and also Supervisor of his town. Served him right; his sentence in both cases ought to have been for two years.

P.S.C.R. Col. Caldwell, at Syracuse, writes that he has "two hens, on which will cackle in January—one at Solvay and the other at Oswego. It is hard for me to tread around as I used to, but I am a pretty tough old rooster yet." He adds, "I notice that a hunter in the wilds of Canada recently killed a moose which weighed over 1,000 pounds, and its broad antlers measured nearly six feet in length. As Dr. Oronhyatekha weighs 251 avoirdupois, we implore him to procure that moose head (our emblem) and place it at the upper end of Temple hall, and then our Order can boast of the biggest moose head and the greatest Supreme Chief Ranger head on earth."

The Syracuse Times, whose editor is a Forester, says: "High Secretary Fitzgerald is out with his tenth annual, which is larger and more beautiful than ever, large, nice type, clear print, well covered and the minutes full and well arranged. No Spanish flies on 'our Charlie.'"