

Rituals from \$1.00 to 50 cents each. Some of the other supplies have likewise been reduced in price. The price on Constitutions remains the same, 20 cents.

You will please note that I have changed the usual way in sending out supplies by prepaying all express charges and charging same to the Courts in their account. This is done to save the Courts from exorbitant express charges, as I get book rates by prepaying.

A few days ago I sent each Court a lot of cards, like the one enclosed, and trust same may prove good canvassing documents. This first lot was sent free of charge; the price on future orders will be 40 cents per hundred.

The High Chief Ranger is enjoying the beautiful weather of Eastern Washington.

Bro. A. D. Richardson, of Court Seattle, visited Court Destiny February 3rd.

Court Destiny had a delightful "smoker" January 13th, and has now challenged Court Tacoma for a whist tournament. Next we may expect a challenge to some Court on getting new members. If any other Court will make the challenge, no doubt Court Destiny will accept.

Not having received any news items from other Courts I am not able to give them any mention.

If Courts that have initiated members since January 1st will please inform me how many, then I will so form my next letter as to show membership January 1st, 1899, and March 1st, 1899.

Hoping that all brethren will get out and hustle, so that we may be able to report at least 1,000 members in the State July 1st, I remain,

Fraternally yours in L., B. & C.,
L. N. HANSEN, H.S.

HIGH COURT OF WISCONSIN.

The third biennial session of the High Court of Wisconsin met at Odd Fellows' hall in the city of Hudson, Wednesday forenoon, Feb. 1st, and was called to order by High Chief Ranger B. F. Parker.

Major John A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, presided at the opening of the session. About 100 members of the Order took the High Court degree, which completed the work of the morning. This was the largest initial session of the Order ever held in the State.

Owing to illness Dr. Oronhya'ekha, S.C.R., was unable to be present, but he was happily represented by Bro. McGillivray, who is a good speaker, and well posted in the tenets of Forestry.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

A session of the High Court at Odd Fellows' hall took up nearly all of the afternoon time, at which business details of the organization were carefully considered and legislated upon.

FEASTING, TALKING, MUSIC.

The grand social feature of the occasion came Wednesday evening, when St. Croix Court, No. 408, had an opportunity to give the friends from abroad a fair chance to taste Hudson's hospitality to their hearts' content. An excellent banquet was spread, which was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mellon, Mr. and Mrs. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Meyer, Mrs. G. E. McPherson and Mr. Lindquist, all assisted by Judge Alex. Ross. This was sufficient guarantee that all details would be effectively executed. Dania Hall was appropriately trimmed, the tables were adorned with picturesque

dishes and viands, and last but not least, the chairs were occupied by a bright, merry lot of guests and hosts, who made the welkin ring with good cheer.

At the conclusion of the feast Toastmaster Frear took charge of ceremonies and proved himself fully equal to the occasion.

The speeches were all sparkling and appropriate for the time. The music was of an especially high order and reflected great credit upon our local talent.

OPERA HALL GATHERING.

Later in the evening the Foresters repaired to Opera hall, where the general public joined them in listening to appropriate addresses by hosts and guests.

The *Star Times* says: "The following was the program:

Welcome to visitors, James A. Frear.

Address, John A. McGillivray, S.S.

Vocal numbers by Schubert and Foresters' Quartettes.

The welcome by Mr. Frear was cordial, eloquent and well prepared.

Secretary McGillivray's address was timely, fascinating and a lofty exposition of Forestry.

All the musical numbers were fine.

A large, brilliant and merry party of ladies and gentlemen assembled at Dania Hall to participate in the grand ball, which closed the festivities. Music furnished by Crane & Christoph's popular home orchestra was all that could be desired, and the party throughout a glittering success."

"A vigorous remonstrance was registered against the peculiar action of the thermometer. The motion as amended accepted the city's warm welcome as an acceptable offset.

High Chief Ranger Parker was lieutenant-colonel of the Third Wisconsin Regiment, and all the Company C boys were glad to see him. He was a popular officer as he is a good Ranger.

The fraternity have reason to be proud of Secretary McGillivray. He is a gentleman of handsome, imposing presence, noble impulses and charming conversation and platform manners."

Among the Courts.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Court Armstrong, No. 3429, Armstrong, B.C., held a special meeting, recently, to install the officers elect for the current year. After the installation the Brethren sat down to an oyster supper in the Court-room, which was enjoyed very much, after which toasts, songs and selections by the Armstrong Silver Band helped to pass away a very pleasant evening. The selections rendered by the band were enthusiastically received and it is hoped that we shall have the pleasure of hearing from them again. The Court held its second annual ball, which was attended by over 175 people, and as stated by the local press it was the best dance ever held in Armstrong. Everybody enjoyed himself to the utmost. We are looking forward to the institution of the High Court in B.C., and if possible would like to have a visit from our Supreme Chief. A public meeting in the Town Hall here would give us a great lift and help to swell our membership, although with only a small country round us we feel proud in being the second largest Court in the Province.