

SECRET AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

INDEPENDENT ORDER FORESTERS.

Dr. Oronhyateka, the supreme chief ranger, has left for Ottawa to push forward the negotiations with the insurance department of the Supreme Court of this I. O. F., and will this evening address a public meeting at Court St. at 7 o'clock.

An interesting gathering of the members of the I. O. F. is anticipated at the meeting. The following new courts have been instituted: Court Crampton, No. 723, at Crampton, Ont., with 19 charter members; Court Crampton, No. 724, at Duluth, Minn., with 17 charter members; Kansas City, No. 725, at Kansas City, Mo., with 18 charter members.

NATIONAL UNION.

The report from the Secretary J. W. Myers of the National Union is truly interesting to the large membership of that order in this city. The National Union had a record of over 6,000 members during the last year and paid to the families of 141 members "who passed to the land beyond" the sum of \$466,000. Since the organization of that order, May 1, 1881, the families of 483 deceased members have received benefits amounting to \$1,527,000, the production of 91 acres of land spread through the nine and one-half years of the order's existence.

MACGABEES.

A lodge of Lady Macabees will be organized at Thornton. The late W. L. Anderson, of Port Huron, formerly of this city, was a member of Huron Tent, K. O. T. M.

CHOSEN FRIENDS.

A pleasant departure from the customary routine was witnessed at the last meeting of the South London Council, C. O. F. E., when the friends of R. Dunn took occasion to present him with a handsome gold pin, bearing the monogram of the order, and the words, "To Friend R. Dunn as a slight recognition of his services in the council during the past two years."

CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS.

London has added another to the long list of courts of the C. O. F. E. The new court, which is one of the most promising in the Province, will be known as the Court Lockley, No. 291.

It was instituted by High Ranger Edward Towe, of this city, assisted by High Secretary T. White, of Brantford; D. H. C. R. Brown, of Brantford; Corrie H. W. McEwing, of Palmerston; Clayton, of Listowel; Clarke, of Granby; J. Jolliffe, of Mitchell; Treblelock, of London; H. J. B. Doe, of R. Elliott, member of the Executive Committee; J. McEwing, of D. D. London, and a number of brethren from the several city courts. After the court was instituted considerable interest was manifested in naming the court. It was made to call the court "F. B. C." meaning the finest being question, but Bro. Woolverton Thomas moved in amendment that the court be named "The Robin Hood." This name was finally decided upon. The following officers have been elected: Bro. F. Butler, P. C. R.; Bro. J. S. Ashplant, C. R.; O. R. Talbot, V. C. R.; John Rone, F. S.; John McCrimmon, treasurer; W. H. Rourke, S. W.; John McCumbe, J. W. L. Hunt, S. R.; J. Wm. Deane, J. J. Logan, secretary; John Wm. Deane, J. J. Logan, secretary; John Wm. Deane, J. J. Logan, secretary.

SONS OF CANADA.

Sons of Canada Supreme Secretary D. Blain, of Toronto, and D. D. Supreme Secretary P. G. Vestlake, of this city, paid an official visit Tuesday night to the Sons of Canada, No. 37, S. O. C. E. Thomas, and installed the officers for the ensuing term.

ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS.

The meeting of Court Brighton on Tuesday evening promises to be unusually interesting, as considerably the business of the order is to be disposed of. The entertainment tendered by the adult court to the juveniles will take place, and in order that the session may be terminated at a reasonable hour business will be commenced half an hour earlier. The balance sheet to be presented to the court on Tuesday shows that despite a large amount of sickness during the year the funds are in good condition. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$1,745 07, of which \$1,621 48 was expended in various ways, largely in sick pay, leaving a balance on hand of \$124 10. The number of members is 180. The preparation of the balance sheet is always a heavy task, and the fact that it is completed so early is a credit to the officers.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

There are now 107 divisions of uniform rank in Ohio.

FOR A DISORDERED LIVER TRY BEECHAM'S PILLS.

The records of the past year show that Court Forest Queen has been very prosperous during that period. After paying \$615 98 to sick brothers the court has on hand a balance of \$1,026 42, start the year 1891 with 102 members good on the books. Discontinued by P. H. C. Treasurer Bro. James Wilkins, installed the following officers at the last regular meeting: R. Whitton, chief ranger; A. O. Jeffrey, chief ranger; S. T. Gale, S. C. R.; E. W. J. Smales, S. W.; S. Fraser, J. W.; W. Boyce, senior beadle; W. Progers, junior beadle; W. J. Mitchell, surgeon; R. H. Brock, agent of endowment fund; W. Longhrey, Edwin Lee and Edward Pearce, auditors; G. Mortimore, T. R. Howard and A. O. Jeffrey, trustees. Bro. Wilkins, on behalf of the court, presented Bro. Whitton, the retiring chief ranger, with a P. C. R. ribbon, also a certificate, beautifully framed.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

Tuesday evening last about 50 of the Companions of the Forest of this city paid a visit to the Forest of St. Thomas. On the arrival of the visitors Comp. Brown requested G. C. W. F. Ball to occupy the chair and initiate a candidate. He was assisted by Comp. S. Smith, of Victoria Circle, as V. C. C.; Comp. Cripps, as J. P. C.; Comp. Mrs. Cripps, as R. G.; Comp. Norris, as L. G.; and Comp. Young, as L. G. After the initiatory ceremony and other business was concluded the St. Thomas companions served refreshments, which were enjoyed by all. Owing to the short time allowed by the railroad time-table the programme which followed had to be shortened somewhat. G. C. W. F. Ball opened it by giving an address, and was followed by Dr. Dunne in a recitation. Comp. M. Jones with a song, and Comp. Nichol in his presentation of the "Awkward Squad." Votes of thanks being passed, the London companions departed, and the train arrived safely home, feeling well pleased with the way in which they had been treated.

ODDELOWSHIP.

The officers-elect of the Elgin Encampment, I. O. O. F., St. Thomas, were installed on Monday night by D. D. G. P. Every of this city, assisted by Messrs. Disell, Blackwell and Grant, also of London. The visitors were entertained at the Elgin House.

CANADIAN HOME CIRCLES.

A circle of the Order of Canadian Home Circles has been instituted at Belmont, No. 151, with the following first officers: P. L. McNeill; L. J. McGrath; V. L. McNeill; Sec. S. Strachan; T. A. Allison; Fia. Sec. J. H. Strachan; C. N. Beattie; M. J. Collins; W. M. Taylor; G. A. Stewart; Sen. J. Evans; Mod. Ex. Dr. C. A. Cline.

ORANGE ORDER.

At the annual meeting of the Orange Order, held at the Elgin Hotel, the following officers were elected for the current year and installed by Bro. Turner, P. C. R.; Bro. J. J. Logan, secretary; John Wm. Deane, J. J. Logan, secretary; John Wm. Deane, J. J. Logan, secretary.

FRATERNAL ALLIANCE.

Among the most interesting society events of the week was the organization of the International Fraternal Alliance in this city. The branch was its inception to the efforts of Mr. J. C. Thompson, the attorney at the city, who has been at work in the city several days. The following is a list of the officers elected: Francis Whitaker, speaker; C. E. Keene, vice-speaker; J. B. Spence, secretary; E. Barnett, treasurer; W. F. Brown, chaplain; Wm. J. Holmes and Geo. Stevens, doorkeepers. Addresses were given by speakers on the advantages of the order's system. Bro. J. C. Thompson, attorney general of the order, also spoke a few words of commendation. Bro. Thompson is a pleasant speaker and his explanations of the workings of the order were greatly enjoyed. The members of the new branch are confident of their success in the fraternal world, believing that their order is equal to any other. The future meetings will be held in Sherwood Hall the first and third Monday of each month.

MASONIC.

Elwood H. Thorne, past grand of the Grand Lodge of New York, is dead. This announcement has given rise to a very interesting reminiscence of Masonic life in the Empire State and the fraternity of craft in that State and the United States are mourning the loss of an excellent man and an excellent Mason.

HOW SAVAGES EAT.

Curious Customs of Semi-Civilized and Barbarous Peoples.

In all thoroughly civilized countries the members of a family and their guests partake of meals while collected around a central board, but this is not so with the natives of the South Sea Islands. The natives of these islands dine alone, retiring to the most secret parts of their huts for the purpose of eating their food. This custom proved of great interest to an early party of explorers in their history for fear, perhaps, that another with equally sharp an appetite and more hotly strength would devour the food with the left hand.

The inhabitants of the interior of the same islands will not partake of food while the cloud is in sight, especially if the cloud lies in the west, fearing that the "Great Air Whale," whose belching (thunder) is often heard in that country, will pounce upon and utterly annihilate them for such irreverence.

Unlike the Malaysians the natives of the Philippines are so-called to an extraordinary degree. Whenever one of these finds himself without a companion to partake of his meal he runs till he meets with one; and I am assured that however keen his own appetite may be he will not venture to satisfy it without a companion.

The natives of Sakaria never partake of food while on the ground, but siting the food into a woven grass bag and mount to the thick foliage at the top of some high tree, where the meal is eaten in solitary silence.

The Chabellians, although great lovers of society and very gentle in their manners, feed separately from each other, each particular member of the family taking his or her basket and turning with back to all the others in the room.

The Dyaks divide in pairs when the hour arrives for taking food; the father and mother at one table, two sisters at another, and still two brothers at another. When the family is not equally divided as to sex, a brother and sister may be the guests; but this must always be the youngest and oldest of the family.—[St. Louis Republic.]

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The only perfect one of these dwellings now known to be in existence is in the park section of the French Government, and is kept in the Jardin des Plantes in Paris.—[St. Nicholas.]

A Well-Known Government Official in Ontario Gives His Experience.

A popular and well-known Government official, whose office is by no means a sinecure, was two years ago afflicted with nervousness, which resulted in partial paralysis of the right hand and part of the arm. The mind and fingers, however, were able to continue his office work, as it was impossible for him to write. The best medical aid was consulted without any good result. He was advised to consult a specialist in New York, and while this move was being considered he was strongly recommended to try the Colony Compound, which he did instead of taking the trip to New York. After using three bottles he found a feeling of life returning to the hand which was numb before, and today this official rejoices that he is made whole again. All feelings of nervousness are banished, and the hand and arm are restored to perfect and natural condition. This is another convincing proof of the great value and efficacy of the Colony Compound, as a remedy for all nervous troubles, as well as for paralysis.

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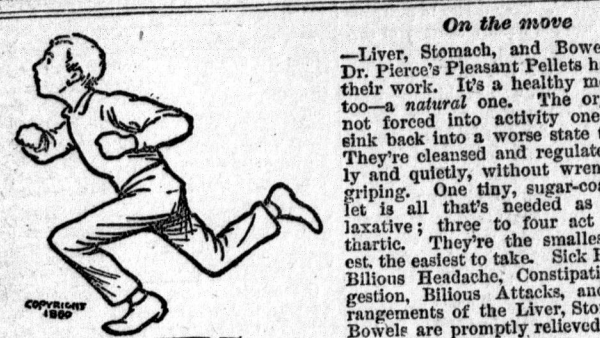
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