FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

The Fraternal Society Department will hereafter appear on Monday and Thursday of each week, instead of Friday. Communications to the Fraternal Editor should be received at this office by Tuesday and Friday evenings. The organizations not represented today will be presented next Monday.

IMMIGRATION BILL VETOED

The President today vetoed the Immigration bill. The story of the veto is printed in another column.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Final arrangements for the opening of the new employment bureau for Od Fellows have been completed, and a call has been sent out for a meeting of delegates of all lodges in this city on February 2. At this meeting every lodge that approves of the bureau will be enrolled as a member, and the office will be opened at once in the Grand Lodge office, 1721 Arch street. This new bureau is unique in that no fees will be charged to either the employers of labor or to to persons seeking employment. For this reason it will be necessary to limit the applicants to members of those lodges that are members of the new bureaus. The cost of maintaining the bureau will be met by the lodges that approve of the enterprise. The project has been approved by Grand Secretary Usher A. Hall, as well as other grand officers, and it is expected that every one of the 106 lodges in this city will enrol in aid of the new venture. Philanthropic Lodge has been the recipient of many congratulations through having set this project on foot, and desires to say, through these columns, that it was the whole-hearted support of the sister lodges in this city that has brought the matter to a successful trial.

Philanthropic Lodge conferred the third degree upon two candidates last week. The previous degrees have been attended by many of the delegates to the employment bureau meetings, and they have expressed themselves as being much pleased at the manner the degree work was handled by the degree master, Past Grand William H. Nagle.

Grand Master Hon. Paul A. Benson, J. P. Hale Jenkins, D. G. M., and Hon. Emery A. Walling, Presiding Judge of Erie County, and other grand officers will attend the meeting of Mills Lodge tonight to witness the ceremony of the first degree.

The grand officers are expected also to pay a short visit to Spring Garden Lodge, which holds an anniversary celebration the same evening.

Mille Lodge's degree master, George Brazelman, keeps his staff on the go and cares to give very little time for speeches in the meeting. The Tonguetown Improvement Association anniversary in Baltimore is increasing in numbers. Secretary Arthur S. Parvin enjoys hard work.

The new Odd Fellows' hall of Upland Lodge, No. 253, will be dedicated on January 30 with full ritualistic ceremony by Grand Master Paul A. Benson, assisted by J. P. Hale Jenkins, D. G. M.; Usher A. Hall, G. S., and Wesley B. Heyer, grand marshal. A reminder of the children from the Orphans' Home in this city will be present to assist in the singing. The evening will be devoted to a reception and dance in the auditorium of the new building.

Walker Lodge will have initiation next Monday in their commodious rooms, Germantown and Chelten avenues. After the ceremonies a lunch will be served. Walker Lodge will hold one of its famous smokers on February 22. Brother William H. Bradford, the baritone singer and comedian, will be the drawing card for a large attendance. Admission will be by invitation through members of Walker Lodge. Chas. G. Maurice Patterson, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, is making preparations for an enjoyable evening.

The "high school graduates" of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship followed the trail to Independence Lodge, where several of the "freshmen" were present, and they explained the encampment branch at length. The lodge served refreshments. The trail led to Fidelity Lodge, at 3d and Brown streets, on Wednesday night, and goes to Mystic Lodge, at Holmesburg, on Saturday night. At this meeting Grand Patriarch S. H. Pope will be the leader, and a big attendance is expected.

American Star Lodge rendered the last service in their power to one of its older and most respected members, Brother William J. Milligan, who died suddenly in Harrisburg. The services were held in Bethany Presbyterian Church, and American Star Lodge had a large attendance there and service at the grave. Past Grands Thomas Slone and F. P. Sherry officiated as honorary bailbearers, and Noble Grand Harry F. Everline officiated at the interment.

Spring Garden Lodge had an overflow meeting last week and in honor of distant visitors, as follows: George E. Richardson, Quinsigmond Lodge, Worcester, Mass.; D. C. Clark, Advance Lodge, Advance, Ind.; Ray A. Beach, Metropolitan Lodge, New York city; Claude Johnson, Grafton Lodge, Portsmouth, Va.; Joseph W. Snow, Vandalia Lodge, Norfolk, Va.; William Stoll, Polar Lodge, New York; Edward J. Cook, Philadelphia Lodge, of this city. The visiting brothers and candidates were profuse in their praise of the work of the degree staff, several stating that the work could hardly have been done better. This, of course, pleased Degree Master W. Siegmann, who is worthy of praise, not only for this ceremony specially, but for his constant effort to make his staff one of the best. The lodge has five applications for next month, with prospect of five more. Big preparations have been made for the 70th anniversary tonight.

An enthusiastic gathering assembled in the hall of Ivy Lodge last Monday evening on the occasion of their famous social nights. More than 100 members and a number of visitors enjoyed the evening. The organization of the "Ivy Workers" was completed, and nearly 70 members signed the roll and pledged themselves to be present at at least one meeting each month and take part in the work. The following officers were elected: Joseph F. Calhoun, president; A. H. Wilson, vice president; William Moyer, secretary; Joseph L. Stinger, treasurer. After the election of officers, speeches were made by various members and visitors. A special song sheet was distributed, containing songs written for the occasion by members of the lodge: "Come Back to Ivy" and "It's Not so Far to Go to Ivy"; by S. S. Nower; "Rally Songs for 1915," by George Hill; "Song of the Ivy Workers," by W. G. Johnson. Among the visitors present were William G. Kennedy of Stella Lodge No. 125, Carleton Place, Ontario, Canada; C. L. Taylor, of Calumet Lodge, Binghamton, N. Y., and members from Minerva, Mills, Henry Disston, Kearsarge and other lodges. A supper was served. Next Monday evening the initiatory degree will be conferred. On Sunday this lodge joins those of the Tenth district in services at the Orphans' Home.

Bernard Brown Lodge has formed a degree team, and some good work will be seen in the near future. P. G. A. Weiss being degree master. On next Tuesday night the initiatory degree will be conferred on five candidates.

Divine services at the Orphans' Home next Sunday will be conducted under the auspices of the Tenth District Association of Lodges, composed of Henesota, Adelphon, Evening Star, Minerva, Cyprus Encampment, Venable Encampment, Kenderton, Ivy, Nicetown, Lady Meade and Lady Revere Rebekah. The committee acting for the day consists of W. S. Weaver, Nicetown Lodge, chairman; E. W. Voegberg, Henesota, Adelphon; W. A. Betseld, Evening Star; Alfred Burgin, Minerva; A. B. Wannop, Kenderton; George Hill, Ivy; Leslie Calkins, Nicetown; Charles Myers, Cyprus Encampment; George Reuert, Venable Encampment; Mrs. L. Kitchenman, Lady Meade; Mrs. Lizzie Geisler, Lady Revere. There will be an interesting program in which the children and the Junior Chief of Records take part. District Deputy Weaver presides and makes an address. President Richardson gives an attractive talk and the Rev. W. R. Greenway, pastor of Gaston Presbyterian Church and member of Ivy Lodge, gives an "Object Talk." Four little girls will present "The Three Lessons," with emblems and with an instrumental duet, recitations and singing, and a pleasant afternoon will be spent by all members of the order who care to be present.

Improved Order Red Men

On the sleep of the 25th, the committee to arrange the ticket for State officers, met in the offices of the Great Council and arranged the following ticket for nomination: Samuel H. Walker, No. 31, great sachem; John M. Coombe, No. 151, great senior sagamore; Charles E. Pass, No. 61, great prophet; Charles W. Lange, No. 541; Samuel F. Eldy, No. 61; [illegible], No. 381; R. O. Ford, No. 304; John T. [illegible], No. 455, great junior sagamore; Richard E. Tongue, No. 115; John E. Poore, No. 88; John C. Cornish, No. 30; Charles Schafer, No. 290; Joseph Farley, No. 328; H. O. Burtnett, No. 61; John Emsley, No. 72; Charles E. Pass, No. 61; Charles T. Davis, No. 530, great representatives. The election for these great chiefs will take place the last council sleep in Worn Moon.

Redmanship in South Philadelphia is speedily acquiring a prominent place in fraternity matters, due to the active work of the Dakotah Association. This organization, the outgrowth of the great demonstration of the Red Men last June, is composed of representatives from 10 tribes embraced in the 1st and 4th districts. Monthly meetings are held with one or the other of the tribes, at which matters of interest to the order in that section are discussed and active work planned. Their last meeting was held on January 19, at the wigwam of Yun We Ya Tribe, No. 49, and was regarded by those in attendance as one of the most inspiring yet held. In addition to the presence of a large crowd of No. 49's members the respective tribes were well represented, and the wigwam was comfortably filled. The great chiefs were represented by G. S. S. Samuel Walker, who was accompanied by Doctor Beswick, candidate for great junior. Both brothers participated in the deliberations, and in a remarkably spirited manner offered words of wisdom to the assembled Red Men. P. G. S. Doctor Turley also gave one of his talks, and Deputy Fire Minister Stevens was there with words of cheer and encouragement for his part of the work. He has called the degree team to assemble for next rehearsal at Sa's wigwam, 721 Clarton street, tonight. After a talkfest, participated in by Brothers Clark, Reich, McFarland, Sutton, Russell, Sweeny, Hurta and others, the hospitalities of the evening were extended to No. 49, and enjoyed by the entire assembly. The next meeting of the association will be held in the wigwam of Siona Tribe, No. 87, on the third Thursday in February. The younger members of Sioux are forming a mandolin club. It all helps.

Hepanna Tribe held one of the largest meetings in the history of Redmanship on last Thursday's sleep. It was the occasion of a visit of Hepanna Tribe by Pauiaxet Tribe and Selocta Tribe, the meeting room being crowded by the members of these three tribes, and also of other tribes. Long talks were given by Great Prophet Richard Tongue, Great Senior Sagamore Samuel Walker, Great Keeper of Records Thomas K. Donnelley, Deputy Great Sachems John E. Poore, Doctor Rodgers and many others. Among the tribes represented were Pauiaxet, Selocta, Lenni Lenape, Hiawatha, Poucmah, Navajo, Minnehaha, Dawanda, Mingo, Powhatan, Pocahontas, Utah, Pequod, Preconta, Joka and Winschocken. Corn and venison were served by the Jollification and Visitation Committee, but the main feature of the meeting was the excellent selections which were played by the full brass band of Hepanna Tribe, and also the encores played by the brass band's quartet, composed of Brothers Theel, Whiteley, Hensch and Smith. Deputy Great Sachem Mentleth, of Hepanna Tribe, was so filled with joyful emotion that when called upon for speeches and their rendition. Songs and speech-making made up what was pronounced a most enjoyable evening. John L. Vantine was the toastmaster, and announcements made by Past State President S. C. Wolf, E. Kendall, Commander-in-chief Charles H. Davis, both of whom are members of this commandery, and E. J. Cattell, city statistician, kept the large audience spellbound. Rev. Dr. Wilcott, of Siloam M. E. Church, also spoke. Music, which was furnished from Reading for the occasion, entertained with recitations and vocal solos. Keystone Commandery is now the largest uniformed body in the commandery general, having a membership of 550. Past Commander-in-chief Willard C. Clark, Colonel Wolf, E. Kendall, Commander-in-chief Charles H. Davis, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief S. J. MacGonigle, Chaplain-in-chief Walter S. Smack, Inspector-in-chief J. H. Cumberland and several officers of the order were in attendance. The commanderies of the fifth Philadelphia district, comprising Frankford, Quaker City, Kensington and Penn Treaty, had a reunion in the rooms of Frankford, 1604 Frankford avenue, January 22. Commander-in-chief Charles H. Davis and staff were present.

Camp No. 525, at 4207 Market street, had its officers installed as follows: Thursday evenings being conducted by the sixth district president, Howard S. Welker, assisted by Russell Sloan, of Camp 309: James G. Heywood, past president; Charles H. Weisgerber, president; C. L. Heberle, vice president; George W. Williams, master of forms; H. D. Greene, conductor; R. C. Eckman, inspector; William Broadhent, guard; W. H. Mitchell, financial secretary; Alfred O. Githens, recording secretary; Manuel Segosa, assistant recording secretary; Harry Blackburn, treasurer; William C. Sloan, chaplain; William Sturges and Joseph Blackburn, sentries; Samuel Sturges, George Starr and James G. Heywood, trustees.

The Roisterers' association of the P. O. of A. met January 18 with Camp 88 at Watts Hall, 1701 North 20th street. They are making preparations for the largest class initiation ever held by the order, to be held in the early spring. Already several camps have pledged 50 candidates. It is hoped that each camp of the order will do its share to make the class initiation a decided success. There will be prizes awarded, and eager competition is expected. As the P. O. of A is the only recognized auxiliary of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, they look forward to many propositions through the solicitations of the members of that order. A delegation from Camp 89 visited their brother Camp 555 January 19 at 814 North Broad street, and a very delightful evening was enjoyed by all present. The latter camp is noted for its enthusiasm. The sister camp was introduced to the new members of 555, and the result was the pledge of help from the entire camp, which brought forth propositions for No. 89. Both camps are looking forward to a friendly rivalry in initiation between the two camps in the near future. This camp has installed the following officers: Margaretta G. Fox, president; Elizabeth Galbraith, vice president; Allie B. Clokey, assistant vice president; George L. Falkenstein, assistant conductor; Ida Strode, treasurer; W. J. Strode, recording secretary; H. A. Alden, financial secretary; Ida Strode, chaplain; Mary Van Sciver and Allie B. Clokey, trustees.

Foresters of America

The 25th anniversary of the institution of Court Federal, No. 66, was celebrated on January 18, at Broad and Federal streets, by an entertainment and banquet which was a success in numbers and merit. The financial secretary, Brother William J. McKee, read his 100th quarterly report, showing that the court has 185 members on the roll, $14,000 in its treasury, and has expended over $18,000 for sick and funeral benefits during the quarter of a century of its existence. During the evening a large number of officers and past officers were the recipients of presents of various kinds for services rendered to the court, among them being a handsome chair presented to Chief Ranger John S. Duffy, a fountain pen given to Treasurer John C. Schreiber, and silver spoons received by Financial Secretary William J. McKee, Physician John S. Pearson and Apothecary George B. Scheehle, the three brothers last named having served continuously in their respective positions since the institution of the court, all of them being charter members.

The committee in charge of the celebration was composed of Chairman George P. Scheehle, William J. McKee, John S. Schreiber, James Miles, Rudolph Uebele, John H. Simpson and Frank Johnson, and among others present and taking part in the exercises were Brothers A. C. Holland and J. E. Scheehle, M. D., in addition to the following invited guests: Grand Chief Ranger Michael J. Seymour, Deputy Grand Chief Ranger Stuart V. Runkle, M. D., and Grand Secretary Robert Comber. The past achievements, present condition and future prospects of the court were the subject of favorable comment by numerous speakers, and all present united in expressing good wishes for the future prosperity and welfare of the court.

Court Hamilton is to be complimented on the visit of Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Lawrence J. Plum, assisted by D. G. C. R. William J. Kiessling, of Court West Park, installed the following officers: Charles McCree, past chief ranger; D. Greenwalt, chief ranger; Joseph Doyle, sub chief ranger; James J. Noon, financial secretary; James R. Luttrell, treasurer; A. H. Gittings, recording secretary; Joseph White, senior woodward; William McGuire, junior woodward; F. W. Habig, senior beadle; W. Goslin, junior beadle; W. H. Williams, trustee; F. J. Coughlin, lecturer; A. N. Tomlin, doctor; A. S. Wickham, druggist. The court has offered prizes for new members. Brother Pilot offered a gold button and Brother Magee, of Court Schuylkill, offered a useful prize for the chief ranger to compete. Brothers Kiessling, Foley and Noon made suggestions of what they thought would be beneficial to the court and order. Brothers Pilot and Kiessling were given a rising vote of thanks for the able manner in which the installation ceremonies were conducted. The catchstring is out for more visitors.

Court John Paul Jones held an interesting meeting last Friday evening. C. R. Claude Smith presiding, assisted by Brother Sir Fadden as sub chief ranger. The degree team conferred the degrees on candidates Welsner and Shubert. Among those who spoke on the good of the order were Horace T. Peers, Harry Goodman, John Kelly and many others. The banquet committee requested members to apply at once to the committee in order to fix the number of plates at tables. Past C. R. Max Lahl is convalescent and expects to attend the meeting tomorrow.

Chief Ranger William H. Street, of Court Schuylkill, has appointed a campaign committee to further the candidacy of Dr. Walter J. Ivy for grand treasurer at the next grand court convention. Eighteen of the twenty-one members of the committee are past chief rangers. Judging by the attendance at the meetings since New Year's Day, the officers were so ably aided by D. S. C. R. Lawrence Pilot, of Court Passyunk, his appeal to the members to assist the officers has not been in vain. The court meets on Tuesday evening at 24th and Carlton streets.

The Combination Excursion Committee held its initial meeting of the year at Court Thomas B. Reed, January 15, and from the eagerness which the delegates from the various courts displayed, the 1915 excursion will eclipse all previous efforts. The committee has not yet decided where the outing shall be, but that will probably be settled at the meeting tonight, at Court Olive Branch, Sepviva and Norris streets. Any court may enter and no entrance fee is required. Every court entering is entitled to three delegates, and the meetings are open to all Foresters.

Court Seymour's physician, Dr. C. H. McDevitt, has repeated his offer of $1 to members for each candidate initiated during the next six months. This, with the previous offer of the court, makes a bonus of $2 for each candidate. Brother Kline last three months the court had the unusual experience of paying a total of only $15 for sick benefits, and no death benefits.

Court Americus held its smoker and musicale last Friday evening, and it was a fine affair. Brother Samuel A. Ross, always enthusiastic in good and welfare, presided. The Americus String Band, together with Brothers Allan H. Whitaker, John Johnston and Harry Graham, contributed much to the pleasure of the evening. A stirring address was delivered by Past Chief Ranger Charles P. Bradley on the application of the Golden Rule in the conduct of everyday affairs. Supper was served. The next event will come on February 19. Court Americus has a membership of 314, and assets of $8554, and is one of the beacon lights of forestry.

Court Glenwood's Degree Team Association has elected the following officers: Joseph Tressel, captain; Leonard Jackson, chief ranger; Charles Yaeger, subchief ranger; S. Mesure, J. P. C. ranger; John Wickert, lecturer; Otto Memplerd, senior woodward; Edward Hempfer, junior woodward; John F. Tressel, captain of Indians; William Head, junior good samaritan; Joseph Tressel, captain of guards; John Roth, sergeant of guards; P. Cramer, corporal of guards; Edward Sauerwald, sentinel; Kendall Ed. Dobrick, Jr., Joseph Wagner, F. Presso, Louis Messing, William Newmeister, Christian Noller, Jr., guards. Degree Team Association officers are Jacob Sauerwald, chairman; Edward Sauerwald, subchairman; Samuel Mesure, secretary; William Niehardt, Sr., treasurer. The next meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of February. The next drill will be held next Sunday at 2 p. m. Refreshments will be served at Glenwood Hall smoker on Tuesday evening.

Court Mt. Pleasant held its sixth anniversary at 5219 Market street, January 20. The hall was decorated with flags, bunting and Chinese lanterns. Members and visitors were delighted, one candidate was initiated, a supper was provided, which included a birthday cake with six candles, a present from Mrs. Robert Edward. Addresses were made by Supreme Trustee John P. Donohue, Past Grand Chief Ranger Charles P. Bradley, Grand Trustee Harry Young, Deputy Joseph M. Kelly, P. C. R. William Pierce and P. S. R. William E. Leaming. Financial Secretary Robert Edward reviewed the year's work and the court's steady progress and recited one of his original poems on the duty of members to their court, which was applauded to the echo. Brother Charles P. Bradley presented, on behalf of the court, a framed P. C. R. certificate to Brother John De Autrakey, the court's treasurer, who fittingly acknowledged the gift.

Court Phil Sheridan held its quarterly smoker January 22. Two hundred members were present. G. P. C. R. Bradley gave a short but interesting talk on forestry. An exceptionally good program was carried out. P. C. R. John Vandenberg and William C. Hell, C. R. F. Keyser, P. S. George Reinhart, Trustee J. Herre and H. Wuest sprang asurprise by giving a minstrel show, which was hugely enjoyed. It was novel and unexpected to even the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, William C. Hell was interlocutor and G. Reinhart, F. Keyser and H. Wuest and John Vandenberg rendered solos. The hit of the evening was the vocal solos by John Herre. The Entertainment Committee tendered a rising vote of thanks to the minstrel troupe for its splendid performance.

Court Pelham celebrated its eighteenth anniversary January 18 at Maennerchor Hall, Germantown avenue above Price street, with a banquet and dance, which was hugely enjoyed by a large number of the members and their ladies, among the guests being Brothers James V. Dougherty, Edward J. Croke and James Huffington.

Jr. Order United American Mechanics

Monday evening last opened the contest for honors between the degree teams of Martin Council, No. 29, and John E. Armstrong Council, No. 130, in the council room of No. 130. Over 500 members of the order were present, representing nearly every council in the eastern district. A large class of candidates were present for initiation and the degree team of John R. Martin Council was in excellent trim. Many new features were introduced which were effective and pleasing. The members of the team were as follows: Junior past councilor, John W. B. Gray; councilor and degreee master, Henry Wellenmann; vice councilor, Joseph Ferguson; chaplain, Monroe E. Voigtsberger; conductor, Elmer Cross; warden, William Lewis; inside sentinel, John F. Rue, Jr.; outside sentinel, Frederick Holgate; captain of the guard, Walter Young; tribunal, Henry Wellenmann, John O. Wilson, William Gray, Clifford Shinn and Isaac K. Stead; pianist, Linford S. Walters. The judges of the contest are national secretary, Martin M. Woods; State treasurer, Charles Kaufmann and Val D. Martin. The degree work was followed by interesting remarks by National Secretary Martin M. Woods; State Vice Council L. G. Scott; State Secretary Charles H. Hall; State Treasurer Charles Kaufmann; National Representative R. A. Magill; Past State Councilor Thomas H. Walters, Brothers Val. D. Martin, David H. Thompson, Henry Wellenmann and William Piercy. Past National Representative E. E. Leatherman, on behalf of Armstrong Council, presented Martin Council with a pair of silver mounted gavels, which were received by the councilor of Martin Council, Josch H. Ferguson. Cigars and refreshments closed a very enjoyable evening. Armstrong Council's team will close the contest this evening in the hall of Martin Council, corner of 5th and Huntingdon streets.

Benjamin Harrison Council will present a silk American flag to the Woodland Avenue United Presbyterian Church, corner 60th and street and Woodland avenue, on Sunday evening next. The flag will be presented on behalf of the council, by Frederick J. Shoyer, and received by Rev. H. K. Galloway. An interesting program has been arranged and all members of the order are invited.

The Past Councilors and Willing Workers' Association of the eastern district will hold its quarterly business meeting on Saturday evening next in the office of the State Council, 727 Stephen Girard Building. The visitation meetings of the association for February are as follows: Colonel Fred Taylor Council, corner Amber and Norris streets, Tuesday evening, February 9; Benjamin Franklin Council, 278 South 52d street, Friday evening, February 26.

Tone Council presented a handsome silk American flag to the Presbyterian Church of Llanerch on Sunday evening, January 24. In spite of the bad weather, the seating capacity of the church was taxed to its fullest by a thoroughly patriotic audience. About 150 members of Tone Council and visiting councils were in attendance. The program included a solo by Miss Corinne B. Lobb, which was beautifully rendered. The flag was presented by State Secretary Charles H. Hall and accepted by Rev. Dr. Otto C. S. Richardson. Colonel Horace D. Gaw spoke enthusiastically of the movement of presenting American flags to churches, stating that it was the ambition of his life to see the Stars and Stripes waving from every pulpit of every church in Pennsylvania.

Stephen Girard Council, the baby council of Philadelphia, paid a fraternal visit to John R. Martin Council on January 21. The visitors arrived in 14 automobiles amid rather disturbing weather. They brought forth 35 candidates, who were initiated into the mysteries of the order by the crack degree team of Martin Council. There were more than 200 members present, and it was a wonderful meeting. Stephen Girard Council served notice on Martin Council that they were going to be the largest council in the State of Pennsylvania, and issued a challenge.

Martin Council is planning a large class initiation for the meeting of April, and fully expects to get 150 candidates.

General Grant Council, of Norristown, will have a large class initiation on April 9. The degree team from Spring City Council will put on the work. Deputy State Councilor A. Zimmer installed the officers at Grant Council January 20. Past State Councilor Walters and District H. Wellenmann attended the meeting.

Order Independent Americans

State Councilor Frank L. Thomas and State Council Secretary William A. Pike were present at the hearing upon the Burnett restrictive immigration bill held by President Wilson in Washington on Friday last. Secretary Pike said: "This bill has many splendid restrictive features to keep out undesirable immigrants. Eight out of nine members of the Immigration Commission, who expended $1,000,000, after five years' research and filed a report of 42 volumes, found that the reading and writing test is the most feasible method of restricting undesirable immigration.' Also, 'that illiteracy among immigrants accounted for increased mine explosions, increased industrial accidents, lower standards of living, congestion of the labor market, pauperism and increase in pauperism, lunacy and crime. Almost 37 per cent. of the immigrants above 14 years of age who come to this country cannot read and write.' Philander C. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, says: 'Illiteracy is costing this country something like $300,000,000 a year, to say nothing of its menace to representative government. He also says: 'There are nearly 5,000,000 adult illiterates in the United States. They cannot be reached by our public schools or night schools.'

"Illiteracy among adults is on the increase, caused mainly by the admission of 400,000 additional adult illiterate immigrants each year. We compel our children to be educated. Why do we allow ignorant foreigners to land upon our shores? Education is the basic principle upon which the intelligent administration of a government is based and which lifts the mass of humanity and the betterment of its people depend. This order believes in the illiteracy test.

The State officers will present to Wharton Council on February 10 a flag for having the greatest gain in membership in the Eastern district, the number of members reaching a gain of more than 80 per cent. At the same time medals from the State council will be presented to all members who brought in seven or more new members during the year. The list of speakers and prize-winners will be published prior to the occasion. At the last meeting the resignation of Councilor-elect P. MacAnally was received and accepted with regrets. New election and installation of officers for Past Councilor P. D. Boyle resulted as follows: W. E. Clark, councilor; H. Cross, vice councilor; T. W. Woodcock, assistant recording secretary.

Fourth Estate Council, No. 170, is making arrangements for a donation party early in April. Part of the proceeds will be used for the baseball team, which will be under the management of Brother James Jobe, who made such a success of it last year. At the last meeting Brothers J. H. Byram, Harry Goettel and Clarence Crawford were welcomed. The Northwest Quoit League is progressing nicely, the William McKinley Council in the lead, having won 25 games and lost 5. The next game at Fourth Estate will be January 28, with American City.

Fraternal Patriotic Americans

The following appointments have been made by Gustav Priess, councilor of Loyal Council, 26th and Columbia avenue: L. J. Herre, chairman; William White, Theodore O. Schwartz, U. H. Reiff, William Blankenhorn, Samuel Rose, Jr., William J. Bubeck, Ways and Means Committee; Theodore O. Schwartz, William White, E. James, Press Committee; Parker McMaster, Walter Brown, William White, Baseball Committee; U. H. Reiff, delinquent collector. Acting upon the recommendation of the committee appointed to secure a physical examiner, Dr. H. Hunter Lott, a member of the council, was selected to act in that capacity. Karl Goessler, Adolph Rothenhofer and Frank Meyers will present themselves for initiation at Lu Lu Temple, along with a large number of other candidates from Loyal Council.

P. G. Brother Christian Filberg is responsible for the formation of a Past Councilors' Association, which will no doubt be the means of awakening interest in the older members eligible to admission.

Integrity Council is working hard to have at least 25 candidates for that class initiation at Lu Lu Temple on February 22. Following are the officers for the ensuing term: John O. Kurtz, councilor; Kenneth D. Johnston, vice councilor; Thomas Hartzke, recording secretary; Edward Anderson, assistant recording secretary; William E. Owens, financial secretary; Robert Turner, treasurer; John L. Price, warden; Charles McMahon, conductor; Thomas P. Proctor, inside sentinel; Theodore H. Gordon, outside sentinel; Joseph W. Price, chaplain; Charles McMahon, pianist; Fayette E. Sinex, Jr., past councilor; Robert G. Hollingsworth, representative to P. B. A.; Joseph W. Price, alternate to State Council; Francis Airey, Calvin W. Morrow and William D. Coulter, trustees. Initiations are held the first and third Thursday evenings of the month at Odd Fellows' Hall, Broad and Federal streets. Visitors are always welcome.

State Vice Councilor William H. Sheneman attended the Wharton council meeting in Washington last Friday, to urge upon President Wilson the wisdom of signing the Burnett immigration bill.

Fidelity Council, No. 21, of Bristol, last Sunday afternoon presented to the Union Church, of Newportville, a silk national flag for the altar. The same council will present a flag to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Tullytown next Sunday evening. Members will leave on trolley from Bristol at 1:30 p. m. The State vice counselor was selected to present both flags in behalf of the council.

A large meeting of various deputies and members, in conjunction with P. C. Secretary George S. Ford and State Vice Councilor Sheneman, was held last Monday evening, at Frankford Council, No. 178. Warden McKenty, of the Eastern Penitentiary, delivered an interesting address on American life and character.

A union meeting was held at Star of the Union Council, No. 77, Broad and Moore streets, last Tuesday evening, where there was a large attendance of deputies, members and secretary of P. B. A. Charles L. Cadwallader and State Vice Councilor Sheneman.

An official visitation of the State vice councilor, accompanied by the deputies and members of various councils, will be made to Ivy Council, No. 18, 1604 North 20th street, tomorrow evening. All members are requested to attend the various visitations. There is always something good to be heard.

The second rehearsal of the general class initiation team will be held at Frankford Council, 4310 Frankford avenue, Monday evening next. No one should fail to be present.

KAISER EATS SPARINGLY TO TEACH FRUGALITY

Imperial Household Bars All Kinds of Luxuries.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 28.—The Kaiser and Kaiserin are cutting down the expenses of the imperial household and teaching the German people a lesson in frugality. The standard of meals at court appears to be no higher than that of many private families in the West End of Berlin. This, at any rate, is the statement published in the German papers and given out officially.

The Kaiser's breakfast, when he eats it in Berlin, is simple, consisting of an egg, tea or coffee and war bread. Soup is served at 1 o'clock, and this is followed by a plate of meat or vegetables, but nothing else. The evening meal is less frugal. Potatoes are served in their skins, which are also eaten, says the Vossieche Zeitung, and the Kaiser permits both meat and vegetables to be taken at this meal. The Kaiserin's choice is generally a slice of cold meat.

Both at the front and in the palace in Berlin the Kaiser lives with Spartan simplicity. His choice is restricted to thick soup, containing chopped meat.

The Kaiserin visits the kitchen every day, giving orders and superintending the cooking.

Cakes, whipped cream and other luxuries are forbidden at court. When the children of the Crown Prince and other members of the imperial family are invited to afternoon tea a few crackers appear on the table, and even if the Crown Princess or the Duchess of Brunswick is a guest at dinner no extra dish is added to the simple menu.

OBITUARIES

MRS. LYDIA MECRAY-SICKLER

Mrs. Lydia Mecray-Sickler, wife of Dr. William E. Sickler, a Camden physician, who died Tuesday at the Cooper Hospital, will be buried tomorrow from the home of her eldest daughter, Mrs. Eugene Harry Hill, at Maple Shade. She never fully recovered from the effects of a fractured hip suffered in a fall at her Maple Shade home some time ago. Mrs. Mecray-Sickler was the widow of Dr. Alexander Mecray before her second marriage. For many years she was a resident of Camden and had been active in the First Presbyterian Church. A son and two daughters survive.

KATHERINE F. SCOLLON

Miss Katherine F. Scollon, for many years a teacher of the James F. Wilson School, 12th and Wharton streets, died yesterday at the home of her sister, Mrs. William J. Doyle, 906 South Broad street. Miss Scollon, who was the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Scollon and the late James Scollon, was a graduate of the Girls' High and Normal Schools and was a member of the Browning Society. She is also survived by a brother, James J. Scollon, a real estate broker. The funeral will be held from the residence of Mrs. Doyle, Saturday morning, with services conducted at St. Teresa's Church, from Reed and Catharine streets.

A. T. HUNTINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Andrew Tyler Huntington, for 25 years chief of the Division of Loans and Currency for the Treasury Department, died at his home here yesterday. He was 73 years old, a veteran of the Civil War, and had been connected with the Treasury Department for 36 years.

Deaths

BEALE.—On January 26, 1915, at her late residence, Norwood, Delaware County, Pa., PARTHENIA A., widow of Robert Beale, formerly of Ashbourne, Pa. Due notice of the funeral will be given.

BISBING.—On January 26, 1915, ELMIRA B., widow of J. Maurice Bisbing (nee Roberts). Funeral services on Saturday, at 2 p. m., at 7006 Germantown ave., Chestnut Hill. Interment private.

BLACK.—On January 26, 1915, LOTTIE, wife of Edward B. Black and daughter of Charlotte and the late William Aldridge. Funeral on Friday, at 2 p. m., from her late residence, 2074 East Allegheny ave. Interment at Belvue Cemetery.

BLUMENTHAL.—MINNIE BLUMENTHAL, 1929 Wallace st.

BUCHANAN.—Suddenly, on January 25, 1915, WILLIAM R. BUCHANAN. Funeral on Friday, at 2 p. m., from 5835 Christian st. Interment Fernwood Cemetery.

CASHORE.—On January 26, 1915, ARTHUR, son of William and Elizabeth Cashore. Funeral on Saturday, at 2 p. m., from his parents' residence, 1913 E. Albert st. Solemn Requiem Mass at Church of Our Lady of Visitation, at 9 a. m. Interment at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

COTTMAN.—On January 26, 1915, AMELIA COTTMAN, widow of George W. Cottman. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday, January 31, at 1:30 p. m., from her late residence, 3635 Old York road. Interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

CONAHAN.—Suddenly, on January 25, 1915, WILLIAM J. CONAHAN, husband of Catharine Conahan. Funeral on Saturday, at 8:30 a. m., from 2532 Amber st., corner of Sergeant st. Solemn Requiem Mass at the Church of the Lady of Visitation, at 10 a. m. Interment at New Cathedral Cemetery.

COPLIS.—On January 27, 1915, ANN, widow of Samuel Coplin. Funeral services on Friday, at 2 p. m., private, at the Chapel of Kirk & Nice, 6301 Main st., Germantown. Interment private.

COX.—ANNA COX, 3225 Wallace st.

CRUMMER.—On January 26, 1915, at East Orange, N. J., SARAH, widow of William Crummer. Funeral services Friday, at 1 p. m., at 7105 N. Broad st., Phila. Interment at Fernwood Cemetery.

DEATHS

DEVINE.—On January 26, 1915, EDWARD F., husband of Annie E. Devine (nee Owens). Funeral on Saturday, at 8 a. m., from 2312 S. Front st. Solemn High Mass of Requiem at Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, at 9:30 a. m. precisely. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

DITZIO.—FRANK DITZIO, 1234 South Sheridan st.

FISHER.—EUGENE FISHER, 1718 Naudain street.

GARNER.—On January 27, 1915, Rev. HARRISON B. GARNER, D. D., aged 74 years. Services will be held on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the home of his son, Dr. Albert Howland Garner, 628 De Kalb st., Norristown, Pa. Interment will take place the following day at Lewisburg, Pa.

HALFPENNY.—Suddenly, at Portland, Me., on January 26, 1915, JOSEPH F., son of Michael and Sallie Halfpenny, Clifton Heights, Delaware Co., Pa. Due notice of funeral will be given.

HAMPTON.—On January 26, 1915, DAVID A. HAMPTON. Funeral services at his late residence, 1935 Parrish st., on Saturday, January 30, at 1:30 p. m. precisely. Interment private.

HOFFMAN.—On January 26, 1915, RUSSELL, Esq., son of the late Elijah and Margaret A. Hoffman, in his 61st year. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, January 29, at 2 p. m. precisely, from his late residence, 2405 North 17th st. Interment at North Cedar Hill Cemetery.

JEFFRAS.—On January 25, 1915, JOSEPH JEFFRAS, husband of the late Elizabeth Jeffras. Funeral on Friday, at 1 p. m., from 5003 W. Susquehanna ave. Interment private. Northwood Cemetery.

KELLY.—On January 26, 1915, ANNA, wife of Harry J. Kelly. Due notice of funeral will be given from her late residence, 1418 Horie ave., Tioga.

KING.—On January 26, 1915, ISAAC P. H. KING, SR., husband of the late Sarah A. King. Funeral services on Saturday, at 1:30 p. m., at 1242 Marlborough st. Interment Magnolia Cemetery.

KRAUSER.—On January 25, 1915, ANNIE, widow of Samuel M. Krauser. Funeral services on Friday, at 2:30 p. m., at her late residence, 3038 Wharton st. Interment at Fernwood Cemetery.

LEAKINS.—NELLIE LEAKINS, 1422 South 18th st.

LIDDICK.—MARTHA LIDDICK, 4238 North Hicks st.

LUTES.—ANNA LUTES, 5345 August st.

MACK.—At his residence at Torresdale, on the 26th inst., 1915, JOHN M. MACK. Relatives and friends are invited to funeral. Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Dominic's Church, Holmesburg, Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock. Interment St. Dominic's Cemetery.

McCOY.—On January 26, 1915, JOHN C., husband of Frances L. McCoy. Funeral on Saturday, at 8 a. m., from 1713 East Moyamensing ave. Solemn High Mass of Requiem at the Church of the Sacred Heart, at 9:30 a. m. precisely. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery.

MEAGHAN.—Suddenly, on January 25, 1915, EDWARD B., husband of Elizabeth Meaghan. Fune