# FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

### Washington Birthday Celebration

Two hundred delegates from fraternal and patriotic societies met at 1414 Arch street Saturday evening last to further plans for the Washington Birthday celebration, to be held Saturday afternoon, February 20. There will be a street parade on Broad street from Spring Garden street south to City Hall, east on Market street to 6th, south to Independence Square, where, upon a platform erected for the purpose, the exercises will be held. Addresses will be given by Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh and other prominent men. The music and singing by 500 schoolchildren will be under the direction of Prof. Enoch W. Pierson.

The committee has adopted an official pennant of neat design in city colors, with a facsimile of the Liberty Bell and the inscription, "Washington's Birthday Celebration, 1915." The first 1000 were distributed, and each person not in uniform in the parade will carry one of them. The committee to wait upon Commandant Benson reported that a detachment of marines with their band will be in line. T. L. Tierney, of the Boy Scouts, reported that the scouts would be out in full force. Eleven camps in the 13th District, P. O. S. of A., with 2000 men, will parade with music; 800 men from Camp 50, Roxborough, also with music; 1000 men from the Commandery General in dress uniform. All organizations had good reports.

Charles H. Davis, the president of the General Committee and commander-in-chief of the P. O. S. of A., was chosen as grand marshal and will have for his aides one representative from each organization. A marshal for each organization will be selected. Meetings will be held each Saturday until the 20th, to which all lodges of patriotic societies are invited to send a delegate. An effort will be made to have the business places along the route display "Old Glory" liberally on that day. The following is a list of the committees: Charles H. Davis, president; William E. Bloom, vice president; Gilbert Hamilton, treasurer; Harry S. Opdyke, secretary, General Committee; Earl P. Sallada, William Bloom, William Blair and G. Hamilton, Committee on Pennants; William Gretzinger, William Clark and G. B. Gill, Committee on Parade; T. V. Bungard, O. Black and James E. Sanborn, Decorations; H. S. Opdyke, A. H. Shaw and E. A. Nopple, Publicity Committee; James H. Hoyt, J. H. Shaw and E. A. Nopple, Committee on Speakers.

### Independent Order Odd Fellows

Mille Lodge had a big night on January 28. The degree team conferred the degree of truth in amplified form upon an exceptionally fine class of novitiates before an immense attendance of members and visitors and delighted the "big guns" of the order. The distinguished visitors were the Hon. Paul A. Benson, grand master of Pennsylvania; Hon. Emory A. Walling, Judge Benson's associate on the judicial bench of Erie County (otherwise known as the junior past grand of the largest lodge in this grand jurisdiction); J. P. Hale Jenkins, deputy grand master, and Usher A. Hall, grand secretary. Grand Master Benson thrilled his hearers by a scholarly address on the principles of Odd Fellowship. Judge Walling held the undivided attention of all by his stirring appeal, which seemed to touch deeply the fraternal sentiment. Brothers Jenkins and Hall gave appropriate talks on the work of the lodge, and effect. Altogether it was an evening of inspiration and joy long to be remembered by the fortunate attendants. P. G. Blair N. Reiley acted as personal escort of the Grand Lodge officers.

Spring Garden Lodge held one of its most enjoyable entertainments January 28 in celebration of its 70th anniversary. A very select coterie of talent made up a delightful program, which was heartily enjoyed by a big crowd. The faithful attendants of the degree team were presented by the lodge with gold badges for their efficiency. There are several other brothers who will get these badges if they will renew their attention to the work. Refreshments were served. The Entertainment Committee deserves special commendation for its efforts. There are seven new candidates for next meeting night. Each brother is urged by the officers to become a booster to make the lodge a success, to subscribe to the Evening Ledger for all the news of the lodge and the order, and to keep Secretary Macdonald busy on the increase of membership, because he loves to be on the job of making this the banner year.

At a meeting of delegates from the various lodges, in the Penn Building on Friday night, the Employment Bureau for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs was more perfectly formed. W. A. W. Shaney was elected president. He is past grand of Philanthropic Lodge. J. Y. Loux, of Kenderton Lodge, was made vice president, and Dudley L. Tice, of Imperial Lodge, treasurer. A salaried secretary, who is to be the executive in charge, will be chosen later. Offices will be established in the Grand Lodge building, at 1723 Arch street. The new bureau will get into operation immediately, in order to serve many members out of employment. No fees will be collected from either the employer or the man he employs through the bureau. Grand Secretary Hall discussed the relief association of the order that has been in existence for some time, saying it had in a measure failed to fulfil expectations, mainly because it had no salaried secretary who could devote his entire time to the work. He suggested that this organization might either co-operate or combine with the new bureau, to the benefit of all concerned.

Arcturus Lodge gave a dance and entertainment to their ladies and friends at 249 South 60th street on January 29. The principal feature of the program consisted of recitations by Past Grands Ralston, Frederick Cooper, James Hollis and Brother C. S. Fredd. Past Grand Prof. J. Frank Bacon gave several comic recitations. John Dickson, violinist, and Charles J. Kienzlen, pianist, contributed some of their choicest selections. The speechmakers for the evening were Past Grands Edward H. Wiggins, Joshua Litchfield and James Hollis, whose interesting remarks made a hit. The Entertainment Committee served good things to eat and there was an interchange of compliments. The entertainment was largely attended and proved to be a social success. Two new candidates, having been elected to membership, will take the initiatory degree on February 5.

Ivy Lodge's degree master, Captain A. H. Wilson, at the last meeting hitched up some surprises in store for the lodge, and Past Grand Joseph F. Calhoun, president of the Ivy Workers, stated that the standing committees would soon be appointed to begin work. The first degree will be exemplified next Monday night, with some new scenery to be donated by the versatile and generous painter, John H. Burten, making the degree more beautiful than ever. Philip Baeder, one of the oldest members, who died a few weeks ago, left two sons to perpetuate the name on the rolls.

Chestnutgrove Lodge held its 53d anniversary January 25 and everybody had a royally good time. The minstrel portion of the entertainment was given by members of the lodge, and several prominent workers were made the humorous targets of the end men. Brothers Christine, Umstead, Roberts, McDowell, Gough, Prince and Chapman each received a generous round of applause. The "German Fifth," as rendered by Brothers Rhell, Mingle and Magan, created tremendous excitement and laughter. This number was a revival of a former feature. The numbers of the Faulkner trio—Wilhsimina, Lil and Betty—and Brothers Dettinger and Shiley were also good. This lodge did not fail any month last year to do degree work. The address of Brother Prof. Calvin O. Althouse gave an incentive to continue good work during this year.

There was a good delegation of the "trait-hitters" that traveled to Holmesburg Saturday night to talk Patriarchal Odd Fellowship to Mystic Lodge. The delegation was led by Grand Patriarch S. H. Pape and the talks were to the point, resulting in not only interesting the subordinate lodge members, but renewing the interest of the members of Mount Ararat Encampment, for whose benefit the visit was made.

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Captain F. F. Conway, of the "trait-hitters," has appointed Past Grand R. Ross Mawlver, of George W. Childs Lodge, first sergeant, as a reward for faithful service. The appointment is a popular one, as Sergeant MacIver is not only a faithful worker, but one that can most interestingly explain the branch of the order that this band is working hard to advance.

Penn Township Lodge, at 23d street and Ridge avenue, will be visited tonight by the "trait-hitters" to see that lodge confer the degrees, and also boost things for the encampment.

Commercial Lodge held a ladies' night on January 27, the features being a picnic supper and an interesting entertainment of a varied character, followed by a dance. Noble Grand Gustav Vass welcomed the visitors, and an address on Odd Fellowship was delivered by Secretary A. Macpherson in an efficient manner. The Entertainment Committee is composed of progressive members, and the success of the evening was largely due to their efforts.

Protection Lodge gave a banquet, in conjunction with the monthly social, in honor of Brother Thomas Burrows, who has been a member of this lodge for 50 years. He was presented with a gold chain and a charm by Brother Mendham, with effective remarks on behalf of the members. The addresses were full of praise for his 50 years of continued membership and loyalty. Brother Wiggins, of Keystone Lodge, voiced the general sentiment toward Brother Burrows as a man and member of the order. Several humorous monologues and recitations of exceptional merit were rendered. Every one joined with Bobby Williams in singing the "Long Trail." The room was filled to its capacity, and levity and good cheer reigned during the evening.

### Patriotic Order Sons of America

The meeting of the camps of the 11th District was very productive. Delegations from all of the camps in the district were present and committees were appointed to forward the work in the district. The members are particularly interested in the fraternal and educational committees, and everything indicates that they will prove a valuable adjunct to the order. The meeting was addressed by Brothers Parker, of 455; Keyser, of 498; Lynd, of 871; Spire, of 3, and a host of others connected with the work of the organization. The next district meeting will be held next month, at Camp 93.

Camp 703 had the following officers installed by D. D. William C. Demmer, assisted by Brother Presser, of Camp 688; V. P. Printerer, of 867, and M. of F. J. Adam Senseman, of 703: Frederick G. Tecklinburg, past president; Edward Almeda, president; Paul V. Green, vice president; R. Brenton Smith, master of forms; Mod. Raphun, conductor; D. Charles Vogan, recording secretary; Charles Crosscup, financial secretary; Harry Eberhardt, treasurer; Charles Aidre, inspector; James McCullough, guard; William G. McNeill, trustee. There were visitors from Camps 77, 576, 688 and 867, and all enjoyed a pleasant and instructive meeting. The inactive members of 703 are urged to see the new meeting rooms at 1917 North Broad street.

At a class initiation performed by Camp 533, of Northwest Philadelphia, Camp 236 had the pleasure of meeting delegates from Camps 93, 96, 101, 553, 481, 483, 558, 566 and members from out of town. The degree team of 533 was met at Kensington avenue and Cambria street by the Aquilla Fife and Drum Corps, of which William McCarthy is leader and instructor. District President Hughes, of the 10th district, made an address on the Immigration bill. There were solos by Mr. Green, accompanied on the piano by Brother William M. Weber; selections by the Aquilla Band and quartet, and card manipulations by Gus Behen. The company then retired to the banquet room. The degree team officers are A. B. Meyers, past president; Burton Solly, president; H. W. Dimkelburger, vice president; R. Solly, master of forms and ceremonies; M. L. Cramer, conductor; R. G. Thomson, inspector; George Powell and William Greener, sentinels; G. G. Dimkelburger, chaplain.

Camp 326 had a banquet January 25 under the auspices of the losing membership team. Brother Samuel R. Krout, the worthy president, who is always in the midst of anything doing for the camp, was toastmaster. Commendation and thanks were expressed to the orchestra, composed of several members of the United States Navy Band, who rendered the music for the evening, and to the several ladies of Camp 202, P. O. of A., who prepared the table. Two new members were admitted to-night and were welcomed into the lodge. Those present were Brother George Kóch, State assistant secretary; W. Y. Cunningham, secretary of the P. O. S. of A. Home; M. M. Haas, district president of the 14th district, and members of the noted degree team of Camp 291. An invitation is given to visit the home at 15th and Dauphin streets, which is considered one of the best in the order, and also to join the side degree.

Camp 383 at the last meeting initiated 10 and dropped two. President Wilson was given some hard knocks for his veto of the immigration bill. The Entertainment Committee expects to have something of interest every meeting. Brother Bonawitz, who was appointed pianist, is an excellent player, and Brothers Brown, Eicholz and Van Artzdalen are hard to beat at recitations. Brother William Neely saw the motion pictures of Paul Revere's ride and gave an excellent description of them.

The annual banquet of the Philadelphia-Bucks district will be held on February 27. As the accommodations are limited, members and friends are urged to make reservations.

Camp No. 56, P. O. of A., gave a package party at 1411 Kensington avenue January 28 and a public installation of the following officers by the district president, who was also the retiring president of the camp: Anna Barraclitte, president; J. W. E. Boettner, assistant president; Ida Peck, vice president; Alonza M. Potter, assistant vice president; Ella J. Brunhouse, recording secretary; Sallie E. Ehrman, financial secretary; Frederick C. Brunhouse, treasurer; Kate Parker, conductor; May Bartholomew, assistant conductor; Laura Winn, guard; Anna Beck, sentinel; Minnie Baumann, chaplain. Past President Ada Hipple acted as the assistant installing officer. Brother Boettner presented the retiring president, Grace McAllister, with a past president's gold jewel and Alice, with a beautiful past president's regalia of a new and original design. He presented the recording secretary, Ella J. Brunhouse, who served the camp in that capacity since its institution, seven years ago, with exact duplicates of both jewel and regalia. Both sisters expressed their sentiments for the gifts. Brother Boettner then auctioned off the lunches and other packages which had been donated. Delegations were present from Camps 202, 149, 140 and 119, and from the men's camps 187, 326 and 461.

The following officers of Camp 108, P. O. A., were installed: Rose F. Corday, past president; Carrie B. Gunback, assistant past president; Sallie Mears, president; Sallie Fingerf, assistant president; Rose Ernst, vice president; Edward Fitzgerald assistant vice president; Lillie Fitzgerald, conductor; E. King, assistant conductor; Milton D. Delp, recording secretary; Florence Paton, assistant recording secretary; Clara H. Hily, financial secretary; Maggie Young, treasurer; Georgia Carlson, guardian; Tillie Rase, sentinel; Rose F. Corday, Sallie Mears and Carrie B. Gunback, trustees; Nancy P. Dobson, chaplain.

On Sunday evening, February 14, Camp 108 will present a large silk American flag to the Fifth Reformed Church, East Susquehanna avenue. Judge John M. Patterson will make the presentation. The flag will be on view in Mr. Snyder's window, on Frankford avenue above Norris street.

### Improved Order of Red Men

The Dakotah Association degree team is making steady progress, as their rehearsal at Sioux's wigwam amply demonstrated. "I come," seems to be their watchword. Degree Master Stevens should feel encouragement by the support he is receiving and the splendid material he has to work up. Captain J. J. McGinnis, of No. 8, and R. Burke, of No. 231, are right men in the right place. Sachem George Phillips and Prophet Walter Butterworth, both of 81, will get over their "stage fright." Others worthy of special note are Sanpaps Fisher, of 328, and Fitz-Joyner, of No. 7; Junior George Dean, of 73, and Prophet Gallagher, of No. 7. Mystery men, runners, warriors and braves have plenty to do in this work, and much of the hope of success depends on them. The last rehearsal was at Idaho's wigwam. Broad and Federal streets, and the next will be on the sleep of the 10th sun, show moon, with Plute, No. 231, Passyunk avenue and Moore street.

Chicopee Tribe held its annual donation, dance and entertainment, under the direction of the adoption committee, and it was one of the best affairs in the history of the tribe. A large delegation from Chicopee Council, D. of P., several visitors and pale faces enlivened the affair and all were well pleased. George Beader, Kensington's German comedian; Miss Hunes, Doctor Gurnett, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Farries and several others entertained the audience to the best of their ability and were applauded to the echo. In April the tribe will adopt at least three pale faces. All members are invited.

Hero Tribe had a big smoker and reception to the big chief on Monday night, with an attendance of about 300. The great sachem and good of great chiefs were present and gave short talks. Choctaw Tribe, of Bryn Mawr, and other visitors helped to swell the enthusiasm.

Monetta Tribe held its ladies' night on the sleep of the 25th sun, and it was a success. They were highly honored by the presence of Great Sachem Sagamore Samuel R. Walker, who talked with force and effect on the good work of the order. Monetta Tribe meets every Monday's sleep at 20th and Carlton streets. The tribe has set aside the last meeting night of each moon for "lady" night, and invites all members and their friends to come.

Crow Tribe had a gala night and a visit by Agawan Tribe, of Ambler, Pa., on January 28. The "old war horse," Sergeant Charles F. Charlton, one of the organizers of Crow Tribe, accompanied the visitors, the success of the visitation being due to his effort. Although getting on in years, the sergeant is as active as ever in capturing palefaces and planning visitations to bring the brothers closer together in the bonds of fraternity. Speeches, songs and recitations were the order of the meeting, after which the company retired to partake of the good things, especially to Red Men. Thanks and best wishes were expressed for the enjoyable evening.

On the evening of the 31st sun, cold moon, the Caw Caw Association, composed of brothers of Crow Tribe, gave their annual banquet at 9th and Greenwich streets. The talent consisted of the brightest of the association, who furnished a pleasing program. Brother Stutzke kept the music going, Brother Beecher sang the old song, "The Preacher and the Bear," Brother Gillan, the Yankee member, aroused the spirit of '76, Brother Tompter sang "Sweet Night That Murphy Died" and other songs of which he is the composer. At the table of good things to eat, President Cooney made a comical speech. The brothers that had something to do on the day were O. Cooney, E. Stutzke, R. Silcer, G. Metzler, I. Donaghy, J. Beecher, F. Cooney, D. Myers, H. Tyson, C. Orsatto, I. Evans, E. Gillan, T. MacNamee, F. Tompkins, G. Wallbaum, E. Lynch, D. Wakelee, Brothers Taylor, Warren and Valinotal.

### Foresters of America

The Past Chief Rangers' Association will hold the next monthly meeting at Kessler's Hall, 3d and Buttonwood streets, next Wednesday evening. The election of a financial secretary will be the principle order of business. The Past Chief Rangers' Association is a society of past officers of the order, no one being eligible who has not gone through the chairs of a subordinate court. It is composed of men active in the management of the order. Among the roll of 230 are Past Supreme Ranger Harry W. Nace, Past Supreme Treasurer John Guerin, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger L. W. Pilot, Supreme Trustee John Donahue, Grand Chief Ranger M. J. Reynolds, Grand Secretary Robert Comber, State Senator Richard V. Farby, P. G. C. R. John McCann, Joseph Foley, Louis Emerick, Samuel Levy, George Kelly and John J. Farrell, jr.

There was an overflowing meeting of Court Schuylkill on January 26 at the annual smoker given by Doctor Daly, the court physician, and Paul L. McConomy, the court druggist. Several members entertained with singing, recitations and boxing. Past Supreme Chief Ranger Harry Mace complimented the court on its activity, and offered a prize to the member getting the largest number of initiates in the next six months. D. S. C. R. Lawrence Pilot, of Court Passyunk, also spoke of the achievements of the court, and he, too, offered a prize for new members during the next three months. Brothers Maguire and Foley, of Court Hamilton, also helped to entertain the members. Professor Grant, of Court Standard, rendered excellent selections on the concertina. P. G. C. R. Kirk, of Court Schuylkill, spoke on the beneficial effects of visiting members to the court.

Court Northeast have all their officers installed, and everything is going along in full swing. All inactive members are urged to take interest in the 10th anniversary of the court, and get into line with the officers to make this the banner year. Cabin North East Woodchoppers will hold their annual package party and dance on April 9 at St. Ames Hall, Lehigh avenue and Miller street, to which all members of the order are invited.

Court Phil Kearney gave a reception to their physician, Edward H. Thompson, January 28, and 80 per cent. of their members were present. Brother Charles Fisher installed the full line of officers. They have had 12 propositions and obligated 8 new members during January. Visitors are welcome at their meetings at Union Hall, Paul and Kinsey streets, Frankford.

Court Fairmount's membership contest, now in progress, no doubt accounts for the large attendances. This is an annual feature in the court, and is being watched by all the courts in the Northwest. Team No. 1, captained by Edward Kinslow, and Team No. 2, captained by Fred. Justice, are now engaged in a close struggle for first place. There have been more than a dozen new members obligated since the first of the year, and it is the hope of the court to have at least 75 to 100 new members at the class initiation early in April. Individual cash prizes are offered to the members producing the greatest number of candidates, and to the present time the rivalry for first place has more than repaid the efforts of the officers conducting the contest. The court was favored with a visit of a delegation from Court John Paul Jones, and every fortunate forester knows that the appearance of visitors always means a good time there. After the meeting the court orchestra rendered selections, and the vocal numbers by Richard and Edward Kinslow, William Moore, William Drakely, Fred. Justice and others were enjoyed.

A committee was appointed to arrange a pinochle tournament between the members of Courts Fairmount, John Paul Jones and Hamilton Disston. Full particulars of the progress of this tournament will be published in this column.

Grand Deputy Chief Ranger Samuel Gamble installed the following officers for Court Pennsylvania: James Harkins, chief ranger; Walter Simon, sub chief ranger; John F. McCabe, financial secretary; John Dunlroy, recording secretary; James Homes, treasurer; William Simon, senior woodward; John Donovan, junior woodward; James Fitzgerald, senior beadle; Patrick Rock, junior beadle; Otto Plischke, trustee; James Tully, lecturer; Patrick Byrnes, junior past chief ranger. William J. Kane was initiated and congratulated as a member of the string band which has been invited to play at an entertainment, to be announced in the near future. Past Chief Ranger Joseph Sanger, of Court Pontiac, was a welcome visitor. Brother John P. McCall made an appeal for the relief of a sick brother and his distressed family and secured unanimous vote for a contribution of $5. Brother Samuel Gamble, of Court Vesper, commended the members of the court for their generosity toward the unfortunate brother.

The Ninth anniversary banquet of Court De Lancey was held Thursday evening last at 278 South 52d street. The toastmaster was John J. McTierny, captain of the degree team. Addresses were made by Chief Ranger Matthew Hayden on "Our Obligations," John L. Rees on "My Court," Walter Keene on "Our Fraternal Organization," and Thomas F. Roche on "My Duties as a Member." Other brothers who spoke were John Daly, Albert Johnson and Joseph A. Kelly. Brother Lewis Hayden was presented with a past chief ranger's certificate by the court, after which he responded with "Duties as an Officer." Many prominent officers of the order were present. Dancing, singing and supper were provided. The committee in charge of the affair was Lewis Hayden, Earl Flanigan, Stanley Durang, Joseph A. Kelly, William Davis, Edward Coverdale, J. Rice, Albert Fleming, Frank Fleming and J. Craig.

Court Haverford's athletic association treated the court to a surprise in a smoker and entertainment. After selections by the court's band, the deputy of the court, Thomas Naulty, spoke on the progress of the court, and encouraged the younger members to pull together for success. A three-round bout by the young chief ranger and Brother Conway would have done credit to professionals, as also the bout between Jack Chassin and Connolly, of the Rapid Transit Company. Brothers Winters, McLaughlin, Smith and Allen rendered some fine vocal music. Brother D. Powderly, the "silver-tongued" orator of the court, confined his sentiments to the subject of the annual banquet. Selections by Brother Stanley Smith, accompanied by the accordion band and piano, were well received. Another treat was given by the dramatic club in the play, "Why Smith Left Home." Brother Oasis Alleson recited a poem entitled "What Court Haverford Is Doing." Brother Edward Smith, the athletic instructor, promised to have such entertainments often. Brother Frank Barbria spoke on "Concord." Brother Joe Spellman sang "A Long Way From Home." These treats were arranged by the lecturer and officers, Smith brothers and White Rose Social.

Court Glenwood held a fine smoker on January 27, with an attendance of 150 members. Among those present were Thomas J. Donahue, grand trustee, and Dr. William Bacon, grand examiner. The members were entertained by fine talent and a Dutch lunch by the Entertainment Committee. Doctor Bacon and Brother Donahue expressed thanks for their cordial reception, and complimented the court on the large membership, the financial standing and the way in which the court is conducted by the officers. They thought that if the members would continue to help the officers the treasury would reach the $15,000 mark this year. The Degree Team Association is growing, having a membership of 75. The team performed the ceremony of initiation on five candidates on the 26th, using the new ritual. The officers of the court will hold the annual banquet February 11. All members of the order are invited to be present.

The following were the winners of the prizes distributed by Court Colonel Hawkins at their donation party, held on January 22 at Kensington avenue and Cumberland street: Mrs. Anna Hinfey, ton of coal; William Biggar, $5 gold piece; William McGarvey (honorable deputy), third ticket; S. Muldoon, "Cow" Jones and Joseph Hinfey. The court is in a prosperous condition, many members having been enrolled in the last six months. The treasury now holds almost $6000. The court had a gala night January 29 in the way of a grand entertainment rally at the same hall, and 300 persons enjoyed an abundant layout of "eats and drinks." A feature was the high-class talent, including "Big Jim" O'Brien, who impersonated "Sweet Little Buttercup" in the recent Order of Moose Mardi Gras show. The committee in charge of both affairs was composed of Brother Bettner, chairman; Brother Hinfey, financial secretary; Brother Johannsen, treasurer, and Brothers O'Brien and Fisher.

Grand Secretary Robert Comber has returned from visitations to courts in North Wales, York and Middletown, and reports a revival of interest in the order which cannot fail to produce good results in those localities. The four courts located in York are arranging for a class initiation on February 22, at which time fifty candidates will be obligated, which bids fair to eclipse anything in that line ever held in that city. The active members of the several courts have united in forming a "Booster Committee" and their work up to the present time proves them to be "numbers and hustlers" whose determination will obtain results.

Court Pride of North Wales, held its annual banquet on January 26, with more than 60 per cent. of the membership in attendance, and visitors from Courts Montgomery, Hill of Ambler, all of whom greatly enjoyed the good things provided.

Court Custer gave a midwinter social on January 28, in York, Pa. The attendance of members and their friends taxed the capacity of the hall and proved an enjoyable affair.

Court York held its fourth annual social entertainment January 29. A most attractive program was provided, consisting of an entertainment, dance and refreshments. A big crowd enjoyed a pleasant evening.

### Jr. Order United American Mechanics

Benjamin Harrison Council presented a silk American flag to the Woodland Avenue United Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening last. In spite of the stormy evening, the large edifice was packed to "standing room only." The flag was presented on behalf of the council, by Frederick J. Shoyer, and received by the pastor, the Rev. H. K. Galloway. Addresses were made by Colonel Horace D. Gaw and Past State Councilor Thomas H. Walters. An interesting program included patriotic songs, special selections by the choir, solos and a recitation by Walter Blen. Several camps of the P. O. S. of A. honored the occasion by their presence in uniform.

The return engagement to decide the contest for honors between the degree teams of John R. Marlin Council and John E. Armstrong Council was presented in the council room of John R. Marlin Council on last Thursday evening. The team of John E. Armstrong Council had the floor, and their work was witnessed by several hundred members of the contesting and visiting councils. The judges awarded the honors of the chair officers to John R. Marlin Council and the honors of guard team work to John R. Armstrong Council. The judges were Martin M. Woods, national secretary; Charles Kaufman, State treasurer, and Val D. Martin, of Liberty Council. It has been decided to have a similar contest in the near year, which will include the teams of some half a dozen councils in the district.

The quarterly business meeting of the Past Councilors and Willing Workers' Association of the Eastern district, held in the office of the State Council on Saturday evening last, was attended by representatives from all parts of the district. Plans were laid for the organization of new councils and the holding of class initiations during the coming months. Arrangements for the annual banquet to be held in May were discussed and the committee having the affair in charge predicts the largest banquet ever held in the district.

Ransom Council was instituted on Tuesday evening last at Ransom, Pa. The degree work was exemplified by the degree team of Slocum Council, of Pittston, Pa. The council was organized by State Organizer Charles Fear.

Hamburg Council was instituted on Wednesday evening in Hamburg, Pa. A long list of charter members was enrolled and the council starts with excellent prospects for a successful future. The council is the result of the work of State Organizer J. J. Cole.

District Deputy William E. Morgan tendered an informal dinner to the deputies of Luzerne County at Wilkes-Barre on Saturday evening last. The honor guests of the evening were Junior Past State Councilor Dr. William H. Painter and Past State Councilor B. Frank Myers.

The Oriental Temple, of York County, will hold its annual banquet on Saturday, February 13.

Activity Council, No. 215, has been instituted at Hazleton by Junior Past State Councilor Dr. William H. Painter. The council was organized by Deputy State Councilor William James, of Shawnee Council, No. 34.

Good Will Council dedicated its new building last Thursday. The program included dancing on Friday evening and "open house" on Saturday evening. The temple will be one of the finest in the State and will be a credit to the city of Tyrone.

West Scranton Council is keeping its initiation team busy. They are after another prize.

The degree team of Frankinville Council is holding weekly rehearsals and will soon be "raising a duet" behind them.

Toughkenamon Council, the home of State Vice Councilor S. G. Scott, is gunning for new game, ten propositions being landed at the last meeting.

### Order Independent Americans

Southwark Council celebrated its 41st anniversary with a banquet and entertainment on January 25. G. Shisler, Sr., was toastmaster and gave the history of the council, after which all enjoyed the finest "spread" ever had in Southwark. P. S. C. W. A. Pike gave an eloquent address on the principles of the order. P. S. C. E. Wilson made an effective address and Brother Boswell spoke of woman suffrage and its effect on Southwark. Brother Shisler, Sr., was presented with a loving cup for his faithful service as treasurer, and J. T. Ashcroft was presented with a past councilor's emblem for his devotion to the council. Brothers Dugan, Fish and the "Junk" Weigtberger deserve the credit for the decorations of the hall. The string band received high praise and the minstrel troupe, under the leadership of John T. Ashcroft, made the hit of the evening. E. Dietrman was the interlocutor and Brothers Ashcroft and Young were the tambo and bones. The brothers who assisted were H. Davis, E. Maull, Brother Grace, W. Stutesman, Joseph Maull and William Phillips. The troupe was assisted by Miss Megraw, an accomplished pianist. George Maull presented Brother Ashcroft with a bouquet of Independent American Beauties and proclaimed by all that it was the best evening ever spent with "old Southwark."

Wharton Council extends an invitation to all members of the order to be present on February 10, when the State council will present to Wharton a flag for having the largest gain in membership during the last year. After the flag presentation, Brothers Thomas Harvey, George Hasell and Mortimer Gilbert will receive State medals for having proposed seven or more members during the last term. The brothers of Wharton Council are urged to be on hand to welcome the visiting members of other councils. Wharton won the State prize last year, evidently on the exercise of the motto, "Every Member, Get a Member."

Fourth Estate Council would like to have some newspapermen join the council. The council was originally started by newspapermen, but of several have died and others are only a few left; among them Brother Wiggins, of "The Press." Any information about the council can be obtained from the recording secretary, E. W. Goettel, 3248 Argyle street, or any Friday evening at the hall, 1703 North 20th street.

General Henry W. Lawton Council held its eighth anniversary on Monday evening, at 3017 Germantown avenue, in the form of a smoker. Owing to the inclement weather, few of the strangers who were to be their guests were present, but the evening was pleasantly passed. The new guards, now being formed under the leadership of Captain Ferns Griffith, were in strong evidence. This section of the council promises to be a great aid to the councilor's staff, and his term augurs success.

### Fraternal Patriotic Americans

A silk altar flag was presented last Sunday evening to the M. E. Church, of Tullytown, Pa., by Fidelity Council. Although the weather was bad, the members of No. 21 attended in large numbers. State Vice Councilor William H. Sheneman presented the flag, and State Council Secretary George S. Ford spoke generally on the principles of this great American organization. The congregation was highly pleased, the pastor showed his appreciation of the work being done by this order, and every one present enjoyed the service.

On Monday evening last a second rehearsal of the team selected to work in general class initiation at Temple Temple February 22 was held at Frankford Council. Every one did his part well, and exhibited the great interest which is now encouraging and fostering the work of the ritual. All members should keep in mind the date of this important event. The character and dignity of the occasion will far exceed anything heretofore attempted by any other organization.

Quaker City Council will hold its 45th anniversary this evening. Quaker City is not only one of the oldest, but one of the most successful bodies in the State.

The baseball league held a meeting at Loyal Council and the following nominations were made: Charles Jackson, Eagle Council, president; Raymond Stemmer, Diligent, vice president; R. W. Griscom, of Loyal, secretary; Walter E. Morrow of Integrity, treasurer. Acting Secretary R. W. Griscom was instructed to urge the following council to send a delegate present at the next meeting of the league, at Eagle Council, 1035 West Columbia avenue, Friday, February 5: Rescue, Murphy, Diligent, Port Richmond, Hamilton, Colonel Houston, of Chester, and Ione, of Llanerch.

## STATE DEPOSITS REDUCED

### Several Philadelphia Institutions No Longer Carry Funds.

According to the statement of the Treasury Department the amount of general funds of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on hand January 29, 1915, exclusive of moneys appropriated to the sinking fund, was $1,301,493 compared with $3,569,199 December 31, 1914. Of the total deposits of $4,301,493, Philadelphia institutions hold $370,248 as against $969,350 December 31.

The amount of general funds of the Commonwealth on deposit with banks and trust companies throughout the State shows a decrease from more than $1,250,000, and with Philadelphia institutions a decrease of nearly $400,000 in January. Not only were the State deposits in many Philadelphia institutions reduced somewhat, but half a dozen institutions which formerly held State treasury funds have been removed from the list and do not now hold such funds.

The following table shows the amount of general funds on deposit in Philadelphia institutions:

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| American Bank | $13,000 |
| Bank of Commerce | 30,000 |
| Bank of North America | 50,000 |
| Central National Bank | 10,000 |
| Commercial Trust | 30,000 |
| Commercial Exchange National Bank | 10,000 |
| Farmers & Mechanics' National Bank | 96,192 |
| Federal Trust | 10,000 |
| Franklin National Bank | 10,000 |
| Franklin Trust | 10,000 |
| Girard National Bank | 15,000 |
| First Mortgage Trust | 20,000 |
| Guarantee Trust | 40,000 |
| National Bank of Germantown | 10,000 |
| North Philadelphia Trust | 25,000 |
| Penn Trust | 10,000 |
| Quaker City National Bank | 54,058 |
| Real Estate Title Insurance | 25,000 |
| Spring Garden National Bank | 15,000 |
| Textile National Bank | 25,000 |
| West Philadelphia Bank | 25,000 |
| Total | $370,248 |

The amount of sinking funds of the State on deposit January 29, 1915, totals $814,635, of which Philadelphia institutions hold $180,635, distributed as follows:

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| National Bank of Northern Liberties | $15,000 |
| Ninth National Bank | 20,000 |
| Farmers & Mechanics' National Bank | 150,635 |
| Total | $180,635 |

## WEST JERSEY FINANCING

### Stockholders Approve Stock Increase and Bond Issue.

The West Jersey and Seashore Railroad Company's proposed increase of $3,000,000 in its capital stock and creation of a general refunding mortgage of $13,000,000 was approved at the special meeting of stockholders held at Camden this morning.

The new stock and bonds will be issued from time to time as the directors deem essential. A motion was adopted that the directors before issuing any of the new stock consider whether such action should be postponed until the decision in the matter of the proposed lease of the West Jersey to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is handed down by the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals.

# Philadelphia Markets

## GRAIN AND FLOUR

**WHEAT.**—Receipts, 78,974 bushels. Speculation was bullish and the market advanced 3@4c. Export demand good. Quotations: Car lot, in export elevator—No. 2, red, spot and February, $1.61@1.66; No. 2, red Western, February, $1.66@1.77; No. 1, Northern Duluth, $1.69@1.74.

**CORN.**—Receipts, 47,675 bushels. The market was quiet with little change in prices. Quotations: Car lots, in export elevator—No. 2, spot and February, 82@83c.; steamer, 80½@81½c.; No. 3, 79½@80c. Car lots for local trade, as to location—No. 2 yellow, new, 83@85c.; steamer yellow, new, 84@84½c.; No. 3 yellow, new, 80½@81½c.; sample yellow, new, 74@77½c.; new con., per 70 lbs., 84½@85½c.

**OATS.**—Receipts, 34,724 bushels. Prices were steadily maintained, but trade was quiet. Quotations: No. 2 white, 64½@65c.; standard white, 63½@64c.; No. 3 white, 63@63½c.

**RYE** was scarce and higher. We quote at $1.25@1.30 per bushel, as to quality, in export elevator, and at $1.18@1.23 for small lots of nearby grain in store.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts, 1280 bbls. and 728,850 lbs. in sacks. Buyers lacked interest, but prices were firmly held. Quotations, per 196 lbs. in wood: Winter, clear, $6.75@7; do., straight, $7@7.50; do., patent, $7.50@7.75; Kansas, straight, jute sacks, $6.90@7.20; do., patent, jute sacks, $7.25@7.50; spring, first patent, jute sacks, $7.50@7.75; do., patent, clear, $6.75@7; do., straight, $7@7.25; do., patent, $7.25@7.75; do., favorite brands, $8@8.25; city mills, choice and fancy patent, $8@8.25; city mills, regular grades—Winter clear, $6.75@7; do., straight, $7@7.50; do., patent, $7.50@7.75.

**RYE FLOUR** was in small supply and firm. We quote nearby and Western, in wood, at $7@7.50, as to quality.

## PROVISION

The market was quiet but steady. Quotations: City beef, in sets, smoked and air-dried, 25½@26c.; Western beef, in sets, smoked, 25@26c.; do., city beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked and air-dried, 27½@28c.; do., Western beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked, $22.50@23; beef hams, $31@32; pork, family, $22.50@23; hams, S. P. cured, smoked, 13½@14c.; do., skinned, loose, 12½@12¾c.; do., smoked, 13½@13¾c.; other hams, smoked, city cured, as to brand and average, 14@14½c.; hams, smoked, Western cured, 14@14½c.; do., boiled, boneless, 19@20c.; picnic shoulders, 12½@12¾c.; do., smoked, 13½@14c.; do., boiled, boneless, 19@20c.; picnic shoulders, 11¾@12c.; bellies, in pickle, according to average, loose, 13½@14c.; breakfast bacon, as to brand and average, city cured, 17@18c.; do., Western cured, 17@18c.; lard, Western, refined, tierces, 11@11¼c.; do., tubs, 11¼@11½c.; do., city, kettle rendered, in tierces, 11@11¼c.; do., pure city, kettle rendered, in tubs, 11@11¼c.

## REFINED SUGARS

Market ruled firm and 10 points higher. Refiners' list prices: Standard granulated, 5.40c.; fine granulated, 5.55c.; confectioners' A, 5.25c.; soft grades, 4.50@5.10c.

## DAIRY PRODUCTS

**BUTTER.**—Receipts were light and the market ruled firm with a fair demand. Quotations: Western, fresh, solid-packed, creamery, fancy specials, 36c.; extra, 35c.; extra firsts, 32@33c.; firsts, 30@31c.; seconds, 27@28c.; fancy specials, 21@23c., as to quality; nearby pr