FIRE ALARM KEYS WILL BE TAKEN FROM BOXES; INSURANCE MAY JUMP

Plan to Put Them in Saloons, Bakeries and Other Places Backed by City Officials

STOP THE FALSE ALARMS

which efficient has been broused among benefice and fire underwriting experts of the city as a result of the announce-that keys to fire-alarm boxes, which we now kept in glass cases attached to be boxes, in the future are to be kept boxes, as leaves the property and other than the control of the boxes. saloons, factories and bakeries, saloons, factories and other

it is asserted that this will result in as berease in the annual loss due to fre may endanger human lives, and will mercily result in the raising of the fire-surfance rates in this city.

The system which is to be put into effect was used in this city until three years see, when fire destroyed a building at 173 West Tiega street, killing Miss Ersbeth K. Lyali.

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The inquest into the death of the woman stored there wan a delay of more than a minutes in sending in the fire alarm some to inability to locate the key to the larm box. It was asserted that if the larm box and been available her life could have been exed and the blaze extinguished with little difficulty.

immediately after the tragedy Clayton.

N. Pike, then chief of the Electrical Bursal, ordered the installation of the present type of alarm box door, with the key centalized behind a glass panel which may be readily broken and instantly available CHECK ON FAKE CALLS.

Chief McLaughlin, of the Electrical Bupage, conferred yesterday with William B Murphy, chief of the Fire Department; A Raymond, of the National Board of the Underwriters; Charles A. Hexamer, of the Philadelphia Board of Fire Underriters, and Edward Alken, chief of the decirical signal system of the Electrical au. After the meeting it was an-need that there would be a return to the old system of keeping the keys to sarm boxes in nearby establishments. The reason given for making the change was the increase in the number of false slarms recorded since the present type of box was installed.

Prevalence of false alarms sounded in by either is no justification for taking the keys out of the boxes, in the opinion of John W. Kelly, chief of the Electrical Bureau of Camden, and former president of the International Society of Municipal

WHAT OTHER CITIES DO.

"The large cities have most of the keys iseated in the boxes," he said, "and the least practice everywhere is toward pulling the keys where they can be mai immediately. In New York, Ralti-mer, Washington, Chicago and all of the larger municipalities with which I am acquainted the keys are at the boxes. That is the place for them. In Newark, a.K. J., they even go so far as to leave the keys unprotected—that is, there is no glass to break before the key is mached.

"Though no official action was ever taken by the International Society of Imicipal Engineers, the opinion of nearb all members of that organization was the keys should not be kept away

Taking the keys away is not the way to suppress the false-slarm nuisance. A sun jall term for offenders is far more effective. A man who rang a false alarm to Camden not long ago was caught and Il hours after he pulled the alarm he was beginning a 60-day sentence in the county fall. Time is everything if fighting a fire, and the place for the key is where it is

PIKE FOR PRESENT METHOD. Clayton W. Pike, former chief of the Electrical Bureau.

postioned on the matter replied: "I do not wish to be put in the posi-tion of criticising any one," he said, "but my attitude on this question is apparent from the action I took when in charge of the Electrical Bureau. I investigated the situation and found that the larger minicipalities kept the alarm box keys on the box or else had a form of alarm which did not require a key. I consid-ered speed in the transmission of the alarms essential and consequently ordered the change."

McLAUGHLIN'S REASONS. Chief McLaughlin, of the Electrical Bu-

resu, said of the proposed change: This will not be done in a day. It may take six months; but one thing is certain, we have got to protect the public spanat mischlevous boys and drunken man who break the glass in the alarm bots now on our streets just to see the expose come.

These keys will be placed in baker bos, reputable saloons, hotels, apart-mat houses, factories and other places that are open at night and are in the bandlate vicinity of the fire box. They not be located in dwelling houses in

FRATERNAL AMERICANS

State Officers to Officiate at Initiation of Union Class of Candidates.

Councilor Sheneman and State Secretary Ford were accorded a reception at the last meeting of D. F. Houston Council, No. 739. State officers officiated at the initiaaddresses were delivered, compliand telling of the widespread inter-troughout the jurisdiction and the ar of candidates reported from all sec-W of the State.



MR. AND MRS. HENRY COPE

KENSINGTON COUPLE KEEP GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cope Reenact Event of Fifty Years Ago

There will be an all-day celebration at 4 West Dauphin street tomorrow in commemoration of a most happy event. Fifty years ago, on February II, 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cope were married at Easton, Pa. This wedding ceremony will be re-enacted in the presence of their four sons and six grandchildren.

Mr. Cope is 74 years old, four years his wife's senior. He is widely known and Mr. Cope is 74 years old, four years his wife's senior. He is widely known and popular in Kensington, where for many years he has not only been a leader in public-spirited movements, but also, privately, has done much work for the relief of the poor. He has lived 45 years in the

Mr. Cope is vice president of the Evan-gelical Home for the Aged, Old York road and Hunting Park avenue. He is a director of the American Enterprise Building and Loan Association. The four sons of the couple—Frank, Charles, Edward and Walter Cope—are all active in Kensington business and social life.

RED MEN CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIP GAIN

Tribal Meetings and Union Gatherings in Local Wigwams To Capture Palefaces

As the result of a vigorous three months' membership campaign, Wissahickon Tribe, No. 32, on Tuesday evening held a ban-quet in Mosebach's Casino, 12th street and Girard avenue. Captain Charles Wieland, of the State Council Finance Committee, with his fellow team members had the pleasure of acting as hosts to Captain J. Loeb and the members of the winning team. Great Sachem Samuel J. Walker. Great Junior Sagamore T. C. Beswick and Deputy George Knittle were among the honored speakers of the evening.

The Allied Tribes of West Philadelphia, Tuesday evening, met in the wigwam of Kaheriah Tribe, at 65d street and Girard avenue, presiminary to the "Boom" session to be held during worm moon, in the wigwam of Tuekahoe Tribe, at 252 South 60th street, Grand Suchem S. J. Walker offered a prize to the tribe sending the largest delegation to the proposed "Hoom" session and Great Junior Sagamore T. C. Heawick offered a prize to be awarded the West Philadelphia iribe capturing the largest number of pale-faces prior to the date of this meeting. The movement, it is believed, will prove potential in advancing the interests of Redmanship west of the Schulkkill, and is only one of many plans contemplated by the allied tribes of that district for a general forward line of work in which all tribes will be materially benefited.

Monday evening the Board of Great Chiefs attended an enjoyable banquet in celebration of the 16th anniversary of Saw Saw Tribe. No. 220, of Edge Hill. The affair was held in the Gleniside Methodist Church, and the members who surrounded the festal board were cared for by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the tribe, who supervised the details of the banquet. Short talks were made by the great chiefs, and the affair was one which reflected the highest credit upon the tribal management and the order at large.

Friday evening delegations from Kingseesing Tribe, No. 209, and Mandam, No. 119, visited Teocoo Tribe, No. 543, and sesisted in a house warming gathering held in its new wigwam, 70th street and Woodland avenue. Representing the Great Chief, Great Juniar Ragamore Beswick made a short talk.

The 21st anniversary of Tongwe Tribe, No. 522, was appropriately celebrated Friday evening in Columbia Hall, 22d and Norris streets. A large gathering of warriors and braves listened attentively to addresses by Great Sachem S. J. Walker and several of the local

Following the regular business session of Yuka Tribe, the Haymakers from Reading and various sections of Philadelphia invaded the wigwam and in jolly good fellowship enjoyed a social season, discussing affairs affecting this important auxiliary to Redmanship.

The Past Sachems' Association of Fennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting Saturday evening in the new headquarters at Teacco Tribo's Hall, Tdi street and Woodland avonus. Renewed interest was shown by the large electation present, and President J. M. Camero seems assured of a large numerical increase. This was an open meeting, and there were a number of past sachems present and representatives from 13 tribes.

Past Sachems Bunn and Sower gave interesting talks on the progress of this active bow. This organization is thartered under the way of Fennsylvania and thought the inside workings of the order in this state that inside workings of the order in this state that is a second of the code in the sachem feorse w. Nicholson was related to the position of vice president and made a few romarks on the good of the order in this state. The sachem Georse W. Nicholson was related to the position of vice president and made a few romarks on the good of the order in this state. The sachem Georse W. Nicholson was related to the position of vice president and made a few romarks on the good of the order in this state. The sachem Georse W. Nicholson was related to the position of vice president and made a few romarks on the good of the order in this March 4. Amonth the tribes physical as and 404.

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ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Vaba Tribe is still capturing palefaces. This tribe admitted two on last Wednesday's sleep and will have an adoption this week.

The Unkola Association will take its degree team to Paconta Tribe. No. 31, on Friday's sleep and there exemplify the warrior's and chief's degree. The Deputy Great Sachema' Association held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening. A large number of the deputies were in attendance and parfected plans for the coming raising up of newly elected chiefs.

JUNIOR MECHANICS

Class Initiations Produce Substantial Results Among Local Councils.

A successful class initiation was held John R. Marlin Council, No. 20, in the hall, 508 West Allegheny avenue, Saturday evening. The feature of the evening was the degree work of the council degree team, especially the work of the Guards. Many new features were introduced, which were appreciated by the large membership present. The following members were on the team: Councilor, Henry Weilenmann; vice councilor, William Ploss; chaplain, Harry cilor, William Ploss; chaplain, Harry Harford; junior past councilor, John F. Rue, Jr.; warden, William A. Lewis; conductor, Elmer W. Cross; captain of guards, Walter W. Young; sergeant, John W. B. Gray. The council now has a membership of \$30 members, making Marlin Council the largest council in membership in the State of Pennsylvania. The council is now aiming to eclipse Wayne Council, of Brooklyn, N. Y., which has the record for the largest membership in the order.

Tonight the debating team will have the floor on the following subjects: "Shall the Raliroads of This Country Be Owned by the Government or by Corporations?" This will be an interesting debate, all members are invited to be present.

Stephen Girard Council. No. 144. held a successful class initiation in its hall Thursday evening. The degree work was performed by the degree team of Stephen Girard Council on two degree and the third was cut on by the guards of John E. Armstrona Council. No. 130. Many of the hustlers of Stephen Girard received prizes for their activity in putting in new candidates. Among the list were Warden M. Stein, Financial Secretary Harry C. Yeaser, Visitors present were State Secretary Charles H. Hall, State Treasurer Charles Kaufman and a delegation from John R. Marlin Council, Stephen Girard Council now has a membership of 250 members and ranks among the leading councils in Philadelphia.

West Philadelphia Council, No. 51, held an

Franklinville Council, No. 13, is going to have a big housewarming night when they enter the new meeting place in the apring. Plans were made at the last meeting for a large class initiation. The work will be put on by the degree team from John R. Marlin Council. The date of this night will be announced later.

District Deputy State Councilor John F. Rue reports that he has visited every council in his district and that all are in a prosperous condition. Councils visited were Spring Garden. No. 18, Relief. No. 2, Liberty, No. 35, and General Warren, No. 681. Brather Rue's slogan in all his talks is "Don't forget the Beneficiary Degree."

The military branch at the present time is active and has completely reorganized during the year. The brigade governing the State and the officers of the staff are as follows:
Brigadier general, George R. Gregory, 1634 Mineral Springs road, Besding.
Assistant adjust Lieut, Col. Charles G. Hunn, 8054 Frankford avenue, Philadelphia, Assistant quartermaster, Major J. C. Fredericks, 2118 Kutziown road, Reading.
Assistant aurecon, Major E. F. Shay, 542 First street, Lauraster,
Alifea de camp, Capitain B. A. McCracken, Danville, and Cantain A. D. Broomal. 703 South Matthek street, West Chester,
Sergeant major, W. H. Gamell, Jr., 3541
North 19th street: Philadelphia,
Color sergeant, F. Kenn, Oiney, Pa.
The value of the military branch in the development of the prosperity of the casties is being more generally understood than formerly, with the result that sir knights are participating in the work of the uniformed rank and with branches are working in harmony for an advance of the interests of Engle knighthood and the extension of the order in this jurisdiction.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA

Various Plans of Advanced Work.

Deputy Henry Miller, of Court Passthe newly elected officers for the current term. The court is making substantial numerical gains and with the present sustained interest is assured a highly successful term. Brothers Cox, Maloney, Metcalf, Preole

and Platt, as chairmen of subcommittees, have completed arrangements for the celebration of the eighth anniversary of the court February 18. The Supreme and Grand Court officers are expected to be present and a program terest is promised. The court meets in Greble Post Hall, 721 Wharton street, and the character of the meetings always attracts a host of fraternal visitors.

ORDER GOLDEN EAGLES

The success of the order in this jurisdiction may be judged from the fact that, notwith-tanding the usual number of suspensions turing the nest year the official records will inschess a substantial net increase in membership. The figures received at headquarters show many gains among subordinate astless the most notable not gains being as follows: ters show many gains among subordinate rastics, the most notable not gains heing as follows:

Montour Castle, No. 189, Danville, 64; Delta Castle, No. 8, Philadelphia, 58; Creecent Castle, No. 189, Philadelphia, 49; Livingston Castle, No. 258, Allentown, 42; Acuilla Castle, No. 258, Allentown, 42; Acuilla Castle, No. 259, Devisories, 35; Quinertown Castle, No. 122, Universal Castle, No. 122, David Castle, No. 123, Charlestown, 10; Living Castle, No. 125, David Castle, No. 125, David Castle, No. 126, David Castle, No. 126, David Castle, No. 126, David Castle, No. 126, David Castle, No. 127, West Rnd Castle, No. 129, David Castle, No. 128, Castle, No. 189, Garrentford, 20; Winterview Castle, No. 199, Garrentford, 20; Winterview Castle, No. 22, Garrentford, 20; Winterview Castle, No. 23, Berrysburg, 17; Westlem Castle, No. 21, Berrysburg, 17; Westlem Castle, No. 10, Hyn Mawr, 11; William Penn Castle, No. 10, Hyn Mawr, 11; William Castle, No. 141; Biglerville, 11, and Chambersburg, Castle, No. 234, Chambersburg, a net gain of 11 members.

Courts Install Officers and Discuss

Court Pennsylvania, No. 67, held its initial smoker of the year Tuesday evening. A social feature is to be held each meeting. The increase of membership is growing and the enthusiasm of the members in the cause is boundless. A sames tournament, embracing the various indoor sports, is in operation. Monthly dances have been added for the pleasure of the ladies' auxiliary corps. A schedule of springtime festivities has also been perfected. Deputy Samer installed the officers at the last meeting. Visiting delegations from

New Corps Grand Castle Officers to Assume Direction of Knights of Golden Eagle

Acolian Castle, No. 348, of this city, will have the honor next year of having one of its members as Grand Chief in the person of John F. Brounley, and Philadelphia Castles are particularly interested and netive in endenvoring to make his year a sreat success. They are trying to make an increase of 100 in Philadelphia alone during 1916.

The Election Committee of the Grand Castle, appointed to compute the votes cast.

This committee is composed of Past thief Harry V. Whitley, chairman: Past Chiefs Grand Chiefs Thomas J. Mecauley and George R. Gregory, tellers; Past Chiefs James W. Welreman and Jacob L. Albright, clerks.

Surveme Chief John W. Ford is new on a tour of the New England States in the interest in the fraternity for the session of the contribution of the States in the interest in the fraternity of the order.

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court' did so will suffice. The court is only a designation; it is individual work that counts, the court were than the count of the large attendance of members and visitors and the degree of enthuniastic interest manifested. Six candidates were duly initiated as a result of the good work performed by the Membership committee, in charge of Brother Lynch. Lecturer Flanetty presented an interesting program, in which Brothers Relly, Helleman, Perris, Harl. Nagel and otners participated. On the next social tight Brother W. D. Bacon will deliver an illustrated lecture and in conjunction therewith a list of talent will render the conficulty of the country of the c

GRAND OFFICERS VISIT LOCAL LODGES

Odd Fellows' Lodges Meet State Officers and Consider Plans to Advance Order's Welfare

To night the grand master and Board To night the grand master and Board of Grand Lodge officers will pay a fraternal visit to Columbia Lodge, No. 36, in the hall at Girard avenue and Hutchinson street. This is the lodge of which Grand Secretary Asher A. Hall is an honored member, and a large attendance of members and active workers in behalf of the suffer of the behalf of the suffer of the behavioral in confidently. welfare of the brotherhood is confidently

At the Rebekah Home, 17th street and Allegherry avenue, the religious services Sunday effernoon were in charge of the Episcopal City Mission. Mrs. Mary A. Engelman, president of the home, spole briefly, a sermon was delivered by the Rev. William Davidson, and the congregational singing was under the direction of Miss Rachel Davis.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 115, had charge of the religious services held Sunday afternoon in the Odd Fellows' Home, 17th and Toga-streets. A large delegation of members and friends attended and listened attentively to an interesting discourse delivered by the Rev. L. Merrili Halnes, pastor of Belmont Avenue Bap-list Church. A brief address was made by Thomas Sipps, president of the home. Musical features of the exercises included a duet by Misses Ined and Carrie Thomas and a solo by Mark Fisher, accompanied by Miss Lillian Creisendans.

-The regular monthly meeting of the board of grand lodge officers was held this afternoon at grand lodge headquarters, 1726 Arch street. Business affecting the welfure of the order at large was considered and disposed of, as well as matters discussed for further progressive activities.

Under the administration of Noble Grand M. C. Robbins, Conquancek Lodge, No. 468, is displaying an unwonted degree of activity. Special attention is being given to the social features of lodge work by setting aside certain urgent appeals, bringing out a large attendance of those whose faces are no longer frequently seen in the lodge room. With such efforts and an attractive entertainment provided it is not surprising that pleasant eventuals are enjoyed and materially beneficial results obtained.

Mille Lodge at 'ts last session initiated the following class of candidates: George Ashworth, John G. Simpson, Harry E. Bartels, Richard Cotte, William H. Hein, Albert R. Darhart, John H. Pancoast, George Roland, Charles E. Weaver, Richard E. Weotton, Walter H. Southwick, John H. Gardner, Elmer C. Meella, Waldermore Fritzsche, William W. Stout, Walter M. Winter, Louis Mariez, Thomas MacClarin, William Wolf, William Wiley, Charles E. Paulus, William G. Boynen, William J. Butterfield and Francis W. Hill. Thursday, Pebruary I. Oxford Ledge degree team will confer in second degree lam will confer in second degree in full ceremonial form in Mille Lodge room.

Under the auspices of the District Progressive Committee, a convection of the lodges of the 11th District will be held Morely evening in Room No. 1. Textite Hall, Rennington avenue and Cumberland streat he meeting will be open to the nublic and he meeting will be open to the nublic and he meeting will be open to the nublic and he meeting will be open to the nublic and he meeting will be open to the sublic and he meeting will be Frederick J. Shover, of the evening will be Frederick Je Shover, of North Star Lodge, and the Rev. Amos E.

Zion's Intermediate C. F. Society in a bedy Sunday morning will visit the home for ornhams, Ogonts and Chelten avenues, and par-ticipate in the morning exercises of the chil-dren of the Home. A male quartet will render selections and an inviting program has been arranged. These exercises are held at 10:30 s. m. are open to the public and always at-tract a good attendance of members and friends of the order.



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LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE U. S. 120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

The 56th Annual Report of the Society, which will be sent to any address on application, shows:

NEW INSURANCE PAID FOR IN 1915...... \$ 158,456.612 (The maximum which the Society was permitted

to write in that year under the Insurance Law of the State of New York) OUTSTANDING INSURANCE, DEC. 31, 1915.... \$1,529,886,053

ADMITTED ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1915...... \$546,961,912 GENERAL INSURANCE RESERVE .\$448,826,331 OTHER LIABILITIES 10,079,766 \$458,906,097

> For Distribution to Policyholders in 1916\$ 13,573,499 Held awaiting apportionment

SURPLUS RESERVES:

upon deferred dividend policies 63,910,551 RECEIPTS FROM PREMIUMS IN 1915..... \$ 56,015,862 RECEIPTS FROM INVESTMENTS \$ 24,899,405 TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES...... \$ 83,290,810

PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS \$ 58,371,388

During the year the Society invested \$27,888,067 at an average yield of 5.06 per cent.

The Annual Report contains the Financial Statement, verified by Certified Public Accountants, schedules of investments, and full details regarding the substantial advances made during the year.

It also describes a variety of new policies, including one under which the Equitable will pay an income for life to the person insured if he should become totally and permanently disabled, as well as an income for life to the beneficiary after his death.

Of the death claims paid in the United States and Canada, over 98 per cent. were settled within twenty-four hours after receipt of due proof of death.

PHILADELPHIA CLEARING OFFICE: COMMERCIAL TRUST BUILDING E. P. LANGLEY, Agency Supervisor

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