WEEDS MUCH PRUNING

ward Shelley, in Epigrammatic Farce, Gibes the Ancestor Worshipers

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TROOF Root, a geanologist. Charles M. Hinton
Thranch, his secretary. Dorothy Earle
Hilliam Biers a brewer. Henry C. Sheppard
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A society leader, president of the Daughters of Colonial Heroes. Margaret O'Neili
Tashington Bing, her son. Edw. B. Latimer
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Isader and historian of the Daughters of
Colonial Heroes. Maybel Sheppard
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The Bierses' butler. Clark P. Horne

Check your knowledge of things as they lly are and your feeling for good taste eith your hat and coat at the door and go fley's new play, "The Family Tree."

Seen through the lenses of the Phila-selphia author-newspaper man—and it is maid he was helped in the adjustment of these lenses by one of the cleverest mem-bers of the sacred inner circle—that mystic, acrosanct organization or conspiracy nown as society is but a filmsy structure tilt on the none too solid basis of ancestor orship. Pay him enough and any hashyour pedigree doesn't enable you to climb.
Moreover, poke back far enough into the
closets of the "socially there," and the cup-board of even the most elite can be made
to yield a skeleton.

That is the theme of "The Family Tree."

developed by a bushel or more of mirth-provoking epigrams—"digs" at the climb-

f the proletariat it was a distinct disap-olntment not to find one real lady in a ociety play. One had hopes of Mrs. George gton Van Schuyler Bing, president Daughters of Colonial Heroes. Portrayed by Mise Margaret O'Neill, she looked the grande dame every inch—if one except the shoe buckles, which were too gigantical-by Colonial. With such a name and in con-sideration of the awe she inspired, her

for daughter to marry young Washington of its acion of a supposedly illustrious The Mater Bing would have none A blot discovered on her scutcheon.

There have been many worse plays than n more poorly acted. Recruited from lous sources, the company showed a lorable lack of teamwork and, moreover.

Author!" testified to his personal popularity, if not to the startling merits of his farce.

INCE AND ALLAN DWAN TO DIRECT TRIANGLES

Firm Will Maintain Two Producing Centers, One in Los Angeles, Other in New York

By the Photoplay Editor

With the withdrawal of David W. Griffith from Triangle, the three-cornered firm fat least it used to be that) is letting no grass grow under its feet. Plans have been completed by the executive heads for the production of future pretentious releases. Two producing centers will be maintained, one in Los Angeles and the other in Yon-Thomas H. Ince will personally supervise

the films turned out on the Pacific coast Allan Dwan, whose latest effort was "Pan-thea," with Norma Talmadge, will have charge of the eastern studio.

forthcoming Paramount photopiay will be of double interest to persons who saw "the Cheat," which at the time of its issue marked the Lasky high spot for general excellence of story, acting and production. Fannie Ward and Sessue Hayakawa are to be co-starred in the new film. They should make an uncommonly good team again.

Two writers have been added to the scenario department staff at Universal City. They are C. B. Hoadley and Waldemar Young. The former, a pioneer in pictures, was for many years a magazine and newspaper writer. In point of service he is said to be the most veteran scenario author now active. At present he is turning out comactive. At present he is turning out com-edies for Eddie Lyons and Lee Moran, of Mr. Young was once a dramatic critic, but is considered a good guy just the

Epes Winthrop Sargent is such an intelligent man that it is a bit surprising to find him descanting thus in the Moving Picture World: "Undoubtedly the ability to see many places and periods in rapid rotation is one of the most valuable assets of the photoplay, but it by no means the fundamental. It is possible to produce a play without any cutbacks whatever, and still have a good play." Now if "Chicot" means by "play" a stage, and not celluloid play, he is quite right. But if he means a photodrama—well, "Ghicot" will you please name a few good photoplays with no cutbacks?

H. B. Warner, star of "Wrath," one of the Seven Deadly Sins, produced by Mc-Clure Pictures, has received anonymous let-ters threatening all sorts of things because in Mr. Warner's picture certain Russian characters are shown as being cruet and crafty. There are as many good Russians in the picture as there are bad Russians, but Mr. Warner has had no chance to ex-piain that to the writer of the letter.

Wills probated today were those of Mary Warden, Thirteenth and Locust streets, lich in private bequests disposes of proper valued at \$12,700; Lucinda Stone, 5428 Fing street, \$7000; John P. McGeoghegan, 08 Spring Garden street, \$3680; Sarah cMonagle, 4724 Darrah street, \$3000; mes M. Paris, 1907 Green street, \$2500, at Emma C. Reinert, 370 Lyceum avenue, 500.

cranking life automobile today on street near Broad Street Station, McCabe, 2523 South Seventeenth was knocked down by an Adams to it in the Hahnemann Hospital Milleria is his scalp and lacarations hady. Valentine Grofer,

WIN STATE PRIZES

Two Philadelphia Courts Divide Awards in Contest for Increase of Membership

The Grand Executive Council has awarded the prizes offered for the 1916 contests for increased membership. As the contests for increased membership. As the competition was State-wide, it required time to compile and verify the application cards presented. The courts securing the four special valuable trophies are in the order named: Manayunk No. 52, Roma No. 241, of Carbondale: Standard No. 195, of this city, and Pottstown No. 137, of Montgomery County. The campaign was spirited and close in results. The spiendid returns are commended by the supreme secretary, who commended by the supreme secretary, who praised Pennsylvania for its outranking the other jurisdictions.

The individual presentation to members

excelling in securing the greatest number of applications during the same period will be made to them in their local courts. The sum appropriated for the tokens of merit was of such ample proportions as to warrant prizes of worth and numbers, and the desire to secure them, more as a Grand Court testimonial of the courts and members' activity, than the pecuntary value of the gift, created an enthusiasm for result-producing efforts.

been more poorly acted. Recruited from devious sources, the company showed a deplorable lack of teamwork and, moreover, made the prompter labor harder than any prompter was ever born to labor. Henry L. Fox, of the Stage Society, however, made the minor role of David Smithers, the unwelcome country relative, stand out like a beacon on a foggy night.

But the friends of Mr. Shelley who crowded the theatre to its lobby were not in captious mood, and the continued rounds of applause plus loud cries of "Author!" testified to his personal popularity,

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er, and the topic. The Relic Flags of the G. A. R. What Lesson They Have to Convey Today."

The northwest speaker at Court Fairmount, No. 41, is Brother J. Devenny No. 55 imedal honored, of the Fifth United State. St. imedal honored, of the Fifth United State of S

The F of A courts combination committee will hold its monthly session next Wednesday night at Court Liberty Council, No. 131, Fifth and Dauphin streets. This energetic body of active workers, now in its fifth year of signal attainments, is determined to make its ventures of 1917 outclass its former successful results. "Organized upon a plan of endeavors." states Brother Happle, of No. 14. "It was a success right from the start, growing year by year to such an extent that two distinct pligrimuses are now demanded, to be held at different dates, in different jurisdictions, so requiated as not to interfere the one with the other."

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They initiated a new ideal in F. of A. fracternal sociabilities. Brothers O'Connor, Frantz, Cuaningham, Friel, Courtney, Berkery, Friedman, Spahr and Kelly were not imitators, but originators and developers of a newer idea. They have attracted already almost 160 of the 154 courts of the city, besides many of those in the adjacent counties, and some many of those in the adjacent counties, and some many of those in the adjacent counties, and some are long to have all enrolled in the movement. To that end districts have been assigned, status the secretary, to designated brothers to enlist, and all courts therein now affliated with the movement are to cooperate with the appointees in soliciting the nonenrolled bodies to become ca-laborers. In South Philadelphia Brother M. McGuire, St. Albans, No. 85; Northeast, Brother Sauerwald, Genwood, No. 101; Northwest, Brother Isahosser, of John Paul Jones, No. 319; Suburban, Bros. John T. Hughes, of No. 329; Rieble, No. 250; M. Hagan, No. 178; Delaware County, H. A. Bolger, of No. 82; Rerks County, J. A. Montag, of No. 116; Bucks County, M. Keating, No. 177.

Court Philadelphia, No. 60, held a review forum, tracing the story of William Penn and the lesson taught by Penn, the Quaker, that we most need today, said Brother Charles Spahr, in his talk. The muchberaided safety first, to be effective, must be founded upon principles and actual practices—truth, honor, manhood. Ductor Milliek said, the ideal held forth in dur Penn ceremonial tonight was so arranged as to converge to one thought that we might carry with us one impression. It is a regrettable fact that few may possess the power of concentration, the power of thinking logically, and to at least bring home a clear knowledge of the purpose of our subhering. The program was arranged in the total few may possess the power of concentration, the power of thinking logically, and the mi

sea service. Bros. B. Courtney, William CDD FELLOWS' 98TH

ON CAMP JOURNEYS

Increasing Success of Scheduled Spell-Binders at Tuesday and Wednesday Meetings

The second and third journeys of the flying squadron proved as successful, if not more so, than the first effort when thirtytwo camps were visited in one evening. Many interesting subjects had been sel-lected by the orators and the members in attendance to the number of 1000 on Tuesday evening and 800 on Wednesday evening certainly appreciated the efforts of the State and past officers, with their many as-

Camp No. 297 is taking on a new life, and many rousing addresses are being delivered in the camp. State Representative Herman I. Hecht, a member of this camp, and Abe Goldbacher, a noted speaker of this order, spoke on live subjects, which were greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

On Friday evening, April 6, this camp will hold a memster public meeting for its members and their friends, when several prominent men of the order active in the public affairs of the city will deliver addresses. Brother Goldbacher is an earnest worker, and travels from camp to camp urging young men to greater and hisher ideals for the good of themselves and the order, An article written by this brother in the official organ for March is a masterpiece for the young man of the present day. Camps would do well to have Brother Goldbacher address them in open meeting.

ment will be held. A cordial invitation is extended all Foresters it visit this activity center.

Brother J. J. Kelly and his able colleagues will
extend the encouragement of fraternalism to all.

Court Liberty Council. No. 121. on Monday
will utilize its hall to recall to those assembled
that the F of A in its reaponse to the call of
the country sends forth men trained through its
manisi in attength of manheed and patriotic
duty. The F, of A in all ranks of the army.
Rayy and marine service have proved faithful to
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ANNIVERSARY RALLY

Public Demonstration, Parade and Divine Service Planned By All Branches of Order

Representatives of seventy lodges of the city met at the grand secretary's office last Saturday night to start arrangements for a public demonstration on the ninety-eighth anniversary of the order. Saturday, May 5. and the Metropolitan Opera House were the time and place fixed for the event. Details were put in the hands of committees for ac tion and report.

The district deputy grand masters and

members of the Flyng Squadron were in-vited to join the committee in preparing for the demonstration. The Rebekah lodges

will also take part.
The Active Odd Fellows' Association, acting in conjunction with representatives of the city lodges, have fixed April 29 for divine services in district churches to be as-

There were about 500 nersons present at the semicentennial celebration of Hamilton Lodge on last Thursday evening, when moving pictures of the Gid Fellows' Orphanage, located at Sunhary, were shown for the first time in Philadelphia. A telegram from Senator Boies Penrose expressed his inability to be present and sent streetings. The best part was not printed on the program, which was the presentation of a seteran's jewel to Past Grand Samuel T. Kenneds by Past Grand Master J. P. Hale Jenkins on behalf of Hamilton Lodge. Brother Kennedy was very much surprised and responded with much feeling. He has held every effice in Hamilton Lodge except secretary and treasurer during his membership of almost forty-cight years and has been a regular attendant all those years. A fine performance by the Jubilee Minstreis, male and female, was greatly enjoyed and the masterly address of Dr. Edwin Earickson, P. G. P., received long and hearty applause.

Conquancek Lodge, No. 463, in celebration of the sixty-fifth anniversary, provided an entertainment and refreshments for members, families and friends, which were highly enjoyed. Mrs. Fred Mair and Miss Skilton favored with sorrano solos, with Mr. Mair at the plano, and Miss Jeanette Carns gave artistic recitations. A dance followed. Bro. William A. Willis was master of ceremonies, with the assistance of Secretary Joseph D. Promis, John T. Heitman, Jasper Pino, T. E. Forman and William Felton.

Merchants' Lodge, No. 283, conferred the second degree on two candidates, Owing to the liness of Bro. Walter Boehm, 'Junior' degree master, the "seniors" did the work very creditably. The attendance was average and included among the visitors P. G. William Weir, Chester, Pa.; P. G. Fox, Pennsburg, Pa.; Bro. Cook, Muney, Pa., and Bro. Dawber, Clifton, Artz. The association held a brief session after the close of the lodge and arrangements were made for a ladles' night in May, announcement of which will be made later. A lively game of 'basebail' resulted in the defeat of Bro. McLean's team by Bro. Luther's hustlers by a score of 18-17.

Tomorrow evening a class of candidates will advanced to the degree of truth. This degree equires thirty-four participants and all memors of the team are requested to be 'on the ob.' Nomination of officers will be held, and oll brothers are urged to be present, as business aust be transacted concerning the activity meeting proposed by the grand master to be held in early May.

P. G. Andrew Flood was appointed as the committeeman to represent the lodge at the meeting to arrange for the grand ralls, and American Star Lodge will be in evidence both in activity and numbers on that occasion, P. G. James Warnneck, Jr., will represent the lodge on the active association committee to arrange for divine service.

Shackamaxon Lodge is a leader in the fraternal army against the common enemy—inactivity—the spoils amounting to nine candidates. The workers felt good over the honors and commendation of the grand master and grand secretary accorded these faithful brothers of old 343; Henry R. Miller, member for forty-six years; Lewis T. Johnson, thirty-six years; William N. Irwin, twenty-five years, to whom yeleran jewels were presented. The grand officers expressed congratulation and appreciation of the work and smirit of this lodge demonstrated toward the object of the campaign of extension this year, and gave encouraging reports of results all along the line. Sympathy was expressed over the loss by death of Brother Alexander Trouland, a member for fiftr years, and Brother Seorg, member for thirty years, Joseph H. Graham is the enterprising secretary of Shackamaxon.

The second degree was conferred in full form

The second degree was conferred in full form at Apolio Lodge on Monday evening. P. G. Charles Raker was back in his old place on the staff as noble grand, leaving the degree master to be on the floor. A good attendance, with many of the old-time faces in evidence, was an incentive to efforts to push with more vigor the activities of the lodge. The grand raily in May was taken up, and a motion was passed to contribute to the proposition.

Tonight a delegation goes to Curtis Lodge at Norristown, and the brothers are urged not to miss a good time. They meet at Sixty-ninth street terminal at 7:15.

Active work is not confined to the lodge, as several applications for Temple Encampment have been secured.





HOLD FRATERNAL OFFICES James J. Duross (at the top), is supreme auditor and past chief ranger of Court Standard, No. 195, Foresters of America. Below is John R. Greenhalgh, chairman of the finance committee of Great Council, treasurer Funeral Benefit Reimbursing Association and chief of records of Paconta Tribe, No. 31, Improved Order of Red Men.

ine 30 to December year is, indeed, but in the grand rally May 5. The new officers will be installed by Special Deputy Charles D. Hamilton, of Caledonian Lodge. The staff of Karrarge Lodge, No. 149. The Rev. James of Karrarge Lodge No. 149. The Rev. James of Karrarge Lodge No. 149. The Rev. James of Karrarge Lodge No. 149. The music include selections by the children's mandoling denter the third degree on a good class of candidates and expects a large attended the selection of the Stafe, April 2. Camp Din the Stafe, April

FOR GREAT CHIEFS

Contests for Great Junior Sagamore and Representatives to Great Council of U. S.

During the last week of the month the election will take place in the various tribes in the city and State. In addition to selecting officers for the new term in each tribe, the past sachems will vote for the great chiefs. The candidates for the positions are as follows: John M. Coembe will be elected Great Prophet, Dr. T. C. Beswick will be elected Great Sachem and Samuel Williams, Jr., of Scranton, will be elected Great Senior Sagamore, all without opposition.

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There are three assirants for the position of sreat junior sagamore. They are:
Charles E. Beil, chief of records of Maumee. No. 304 a charter member of the tribe and one who has been identified with the order for twenty-seven years and is said to be a strong exnonent of the Pennsylvania Reimbursing Association, as organized by Pennsylvania Reimbursing Association, as organized by Pennsylvania Red Men seven years ago: that he has been a member of numerous ago: that he has been a member of numerous committees in the Great Council and been confinuously active for a greater order; that he was the organizer of the Maumee ministre troupe and is a speaker of ability and a worker known throughout the State.

Samuel Gentel, of Poneman Tribe, No. 239, has been connected with the order for thirty-seven years; has been are member of the board of appeals of the Great Council for the last nine for fifteen years and in the tribe. Peter J. Kite of and in the tribe. Peter J. Kite of fonan Tribe, No. 44, has been connected with the order ten years, and it is said that is was the first prophet and representative of the first prophet and the mileage committee and chairman of the mileage committee of the Great Council and has been centinuously active in the work of the tribe and the order.

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Four great representatives are to be selected from five candidates:

P. G. S. John E. Poore, of Tioga Tribe, No. 358, has been a member of the order thirty-seven great sums, has served almost in every capacity, and always has been active despite his increasing years.

P. G. S. H. E. Tongue, of Itah Tribe, No. 115, has just completed his work as an elective great clary completed his work as an elective great clary committee.

P. G. S. Charles E. Pass, of Harrisburg, has been a member of Cornplanter Tribe, No. 61, for twenty-two years. He is undoubtedly one of the most popular and brilliant members of the order. He has served on numerous committees and rendered invaluable service to the fraternity.

P. G. S. Charles T. Davis, of Unamis Tribe, No. 330, of Reading, has been a member of the order twenty great suns. He organized the Berks County Association to better conditions among the Red Men of the county and was chalrman of the committee that had charge of the building of Red Men's Hall in Reading.

Charles Shafer, of Wonewok Tribe, No. 290 of Pittsburgh, has been a worker for a number of years and is at present great representative, being a candidate for re-election. The tribe of which he is a member is one of the German Tribes in the city of Pittsburgh.

Neoskelata. No. 6. meets on the first and third Sunday of each month. It held its election last Sanday afternoon, Charles E Bell received thirty-three votes for areat Junior sagamore. Feter J. Kite received one seem of the formal sagamore, Tester J. Kite received one seem of the formal sagamore. Feter J. Kite received one seem of the formal sagamore, Tester J. Kite received the sagamore. For Tongue, Charles Shafer and Charles E. Pass received thirty-four system each.

Pottowottamie Tribe. No. 46, is doing fine work, present indications pointing to a substantial increase. P. S. Ewald is a real live wire, putting in five candidates last week and having three for the next meeting. Other workers are C. of R. Schwartz, C. of W. Leatherberry and P. S. Joe Watts, who never misses a meeting.

Navajo, No. 105, are rehearsing for the raising of No. 6 on Sunday afternoon, April 1. All the Smiths are on the job, including John W., John J., Jr., William, Bob, Sam and their cousins.

Plute Tribe. No. 251, will have a delegation of great chiefs at its meeting tonight, also will entertain P. S. Peter J. Kite, of Yonah Tribe. No. 44. Chief of Records Joseph T. Marra is much interested in the progress of the tribe, which expects to show a favorable increase this

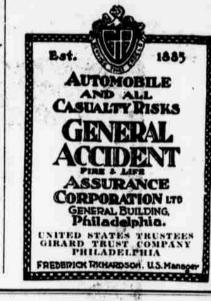
Degree Master Camero, of the Dakota Association, announces that the degree teams will not perform any degree work for the next few sums on account of the election and raising of chiefs in the various tribes. Brother Camero would be pleased to hear from any of the brothers or those who care to call on him at his place of business, 1544 South Thirteenth street.

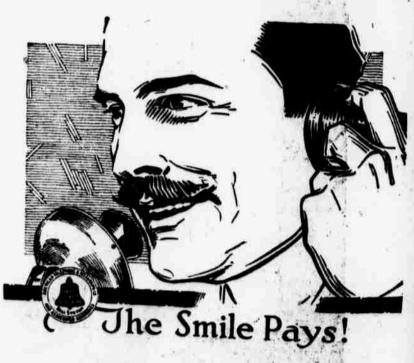
Saturday night the banner district meeting was held at York in the wigwam of Makusa Tribe. No 13, and every tribe in the county but two was represented more than 300 persons being present. The chief's degree was conferred upon eight brothers, after which the national anthem was sung. The wigwam was a mass of American flags. Eight brothers just returned from the border were presented and the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung, every

benefit association.

Wyoming Association, No. 55½, Camden, gave a reception to N. C. H. George Funk, of New York, the national officers, representatives, State officers, as well as about 200 haymakers representing New York, New Jersey and Pensylvania, were on hand to pay henor to the X. C. Haymaker. Interesting talks by the national and State officers were enjoyed. Companion Curry, on behalf of Wyoming Association, presented N. C. H. Funk with a handsome diamond scarfpin, for which the recipient expressed his appreciation.

Union Label Omission Causes Suit ATLANTIC CITY, March 22.-Fallure of a poster company to place the union label on portraits of Colonel Austeli Colgate, of Essex, who opposed Governor Walter E. Edge for the Republican nomination last fall, was the defense offered yesterday in a suit against George Ulizio, the Colgate cam-paign lieutenant in Governor Edge's home city, to collect a posting bill for \$62.50. A latter from ex-Senate Colgate's business manager, introduced in evidence, stated that the amount involved had been sent to Ulisio to pay the claim if it was held to be valid. Judge Smathers reserved decision.





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