PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 277,767 bushels. The market ruled steady under light offerings, but trade was quiet. Quotations: Car lots, in export elevator—No. 2 red, spot, $2.55@2.60; No. 2 southern red, $2.58@2.58; steamer No. 2 red, $2.51@2.56; No. 3 red, $2.51@2.56; rejected A, $2.47@2.52; rejected B, $2.43@2.48.

CORN—Receipts, 4110 bush. The market declined 2c under a slow demand, but values were firmly maintained at the close. Quotations: Car lots for local trade, as to location: West-ern No. 3 yellow, $1.62@1.63; western No. 4 yellow, $1.60@1.67; western No. 5 yellow, $1.58@1.59; southern No. 3 yellow, $1.60@1.61.

OATS—Receipts, 19,664 bushels. The market was dull and 1c lower. Quotations: No. 2 white, 74@74c; standard white, 75@76c; No. 3 white, 72@73c; No. 4 white, 73@74c; sample oats, 69@71c.

FLOUR—Receipts, 840 bbls. and 1,037,292 lbs. in sacks. Trade was slow and prices showed little change. Quotations per 196 lbs. in wood: Cotton and jute sacks about 25c less: Winter, straight, $11.50@12; Kansas, clear, $11@11.50; straight, $11.50@12; do, patent, $11.75@12; spring, first clear, $10.75@11.25; do, straight, $11.50@12.50; do, favorite brands, $11.75@13.50; city mills, choice and fancy patents, $12.75@13.50.

RYE FLOUR was quiet and unchanged. We quote $9.50@10.50 per bbl., as to quality.

PROVISIONS

The market ruled firm, with a fair jobbing demand. Quotations are: City beef, in sets, smoked and air dried, 35c. Western beef, in sets, smoked, 35c. City beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked and air dried, 36c. Western beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked, 36c. Beef hams, $40@42. Pork, family, $44.50@45. Hams, S. P. cured, loose, 24@24½c; do, skinned, loose, 24@25¼c; do, do, smoked, 26@26½c. Other hams, smoked, city cured, as to brand and average, 25@25½c. Hams, smoked, western cured, 25@25½c; do, boiled, boneless, 38c. Picnic shoulders, S. P. cured, loose, 20c; do, smoked, 21c. Bellies in pickle, according to average, loose, 26c. Breakfast bacon, as to brand and average, city cured, 31c. Breakfast bacon, western cured, 31c. Lard, western, refined, tierces, 23c; do, do, do, tubs, 23c. Lard, pure city, kettle rendered, in tierces, 23c. Lard, pure city, kettle rendered, in tubs, 23c.

REFINED SUGARS

The market ruled firm. Franklin took a little business at 7.50c, while the last quotation of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company was 8.50c. Refiners were restricting orders.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

BUTTER—High grades were 1c lower under a light demand, but seconds were scarce and wanted at former rates. Quotations: Western, fresh, solid-packed creamery, fancy specials, 44c; extra, 44@45c; extra firsts, 43½@44c; firsts, 42½@43c; seconds, 42½@43c; nearby prints, fancy, 47c; average extra, 45@46c; firsts, 43@44c; seconds, 42½@43c; special fancy brands of prints jobbing at 50@53c.

EGGS—Demand was fair and the market advanced 1½c per case. Supplies were well cleaned up. Quotations: Nearby firsts, $10.65 per case; nearby current receipts, $10.50 per case; western extra firsts, $10.65 per case; do, firsts, $10.50 per case; fancy selected candled eggs were jobbing at 39@40c, per dozen.

CHEESE—Desirable stock was in fair request and firm under light offerings. Quotations: New York, full cream, new, 26@26½c; do, do, fancy, held, 28c; do, do, fair to good, held, 27@27½c; do, part skims, 14@22c.

POULTRY

LIVE—Trade was slow and prices of fowls declined ½c. Quotations: Fowls, as to quality, 22@24c; staggy roosters, 18@20c; old roosters, 16@17c; chickens, soft-meated, 24@25c; ducks, as to size and quality, 20@22c; pigeons, old, per pair, 28@30c; do, young, per pair, 20@25c.

DRESSED—Receipts were light and the market firm under a fairly active demand. Quotations were as follows: Fowls, 12 to 16 lbs. dry-picked, fancy selected, 27½c; do, weighing 4½ lbs. and over apiece, 27c; do, do, 3½ lbs. apiece, 26c; do, do, 3 lbs. apiece, 24@25c; fowls, 3½ lbs., fancy, dry-picked, weighing 4½ lbs. and over apiece, 27c; do, do, smaller sizes, 22@26c; old roosters, dry-packed, 22c; roasting chickens, western, dry-picked, in boxes, weighing 8@10 lbs. per pair, 27@28c; do, western, in boxes, weighing 7 lbs. per pair, 26@26c; do, in bbls. weighing 8@10 lbs. per pair, 27@28c; do, do, weighing 7 lbs per pair, 25@26c; broiling chickens, western, in boxes, weighing 3@4 lbs per pair, 28@32c; chickens, weighing 5@6 lbs per pair, 23@25c; do, mixed sizes, 20@22c; broilers, Jersey, fancy, 60@65c; do, other nearby, weighing 1½@2 lbs apiece, 40@60c; turkeys, per lb, fancy, western, 32@35c; fair to good, 30@31c; old Toms, 29@30c; common, 25@28c; squabs, per dozen—White, weighing 11@12 lbs. per dozen, $4.25@4.85; do, weighing 9@10 lbs. per dozen, $3.40@4.10; do, weighing 7 lbs. per dozen, $3@3.10; do, weighing 4½ lbs. per dozen, $2.50@2.75; do, weighing 3@3½ lbs. per dozen, $1.75@2.20; dark, $1.50@1.20; small and No. 2, 50c@$1.25.

FRESH FRUITS

The market ruled steady, but demand was only moderate. Quotations: Apples, per bbl.—Ben Davis, $3.50@4.25; Baldwins, No. 1, $4@4.75; do, ungraded, $3@3.50; Greenings, No. 1, $4.50@6; do, ungraded, $3@4.25; Kings, No. 1, $4@5.50; do, ungraded, $3@4; Winesap, No. 1, $4.50@6; do, ungraded, $3@4.25; Spitzenburgs, Northwestern, per box—Fancy, $2@2.50; choice, $1.50@2. Lemons, per box, $3@4. Oranges, Florida, per crate—Bright, fancy, $3@5.50; russet, fancy, $2.50@4; poor, $1@2.25. Grapefruit, Florida, per crate, $3@6. Pineapples, Porto Rico, per crate, $3@4.50. Cranberries, Cape Cod, per bbl.—Fancy late varieties, $5@6.50; Early Black, $2@4. Cranberries, Cape Cod, per crate, $1.50@2; do, Jersey, per crate, $1@1.50. Strawberries, Florida, per qt.—Fancy, 30@37c; poor, 18@23c.

VEGETABLES

VEGETABLES—Choice stock sold fairly and values generally were well sustained. Quotations: White potatoes, old, Pennsylvania, choice, per bush., $3.35@3.50; Maine, choice, per bush., $3.40@3.50; New York, choice, per bush., $3.35@3.50; Maine, choice, per bush., 1.80@2.00; Jersey, per basket, $1.50@1.75; white potatoes, new, Florida, per bbl, No. 1, $11; No. 2, $10; culls, $6@8; sweet potatoes, Eastern Shore, bbl., No. 1, $2.50@5; No. 2, $1.50@2; sweet potatoes, Delaware and Maryland, per hamper, No. 1, $1.25@1.50; No. 2, $1@1.25; culls, $1; sweet potatoes, Jersey, basket, No. 1, $1.25@1.75; No. 2, 50@65c; onions, Texas, crate, No. 1, $4.25@4.50; No. 2, $3.75@4; onions, old, per bbl., $5@6; do, Texas, $5@10; cabbage, Florida, per hamper, $3@4.25; do, California, per crate, $5@10; spinach, Norfolk, per bbl, $1.50@2.25; do, Texas, per hamper, $1.75@2; kale, Norfolk, per bbl, $2@2.25; cauliflower, California, per crate, $2@2.25; lettuce, Florida, fancy, per basket, $3@3.50; lettuce, Florida, poor to good, per basket, $1.50@2.50; lettuce, North Carolina, per basket, $3@4; celery, Florida, per 10-inch crate, 50@$2; beans, Florida, per basket, green, $1.50@2; wax, $1.50@2.50; egg-plant, Florida, per box, $3@4; peppers, Florida, per box, $4@4.50; squash, Florida, per box, $1@1.50; peas, Florida, per basket, $2@$3; cucumbers, Florida, per box, $2@3.50; beets, Florida, per 100 bunches, $4@6; radishes, South Carolina, per hamper, $1.50@2; do, Norfolk, per basket, 75c@$1; tomatoes, Florida, per crate, $3.50@4.50; asparagus, southern, per dozen bunches, colossal, $6; fancy, $3.50@4.25; choice, $2.50@3; mushrooms, per 4-lb. basket, $1.40@1.75.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS

CHICAGO, April 23.—Hogs—Receipts, 44,000 head. Market slow, 10 to 20c lower. Mixed and butchers', $15.05@15.75; good heavy, $15@15.10; rough heavy, $15@15.25; light, $14.50@15.60; pigs, $9.75@13.50; bulk, $15.35@15.65.

CATTLE—Receipts, 18,000 head. Market weak to 10c lower. Beeves, $8.90@13.15; cows and heifers, $5.50@11; stockers and feeders, $5.10@9.80; Texans, $9.50@11.50; calves, $8.25@12.75.

SHEEP — Receipts, 18,000 head. Market steady to 10c lower. Native and western, $11.50@14.15; lambs, $12@15.80.

Paris Bourse Firm

PARIS, April 23.—The Bourse was firm today.

NEW YORK BUTTER AND EGGS

NEW YORK, April 23.—BUTTER—Receipts, 9455 tubs. Lower and unsettled. Higher scores, 44@44½c; extras, 43½c; firsts, 42@43c; seconds, 40½@41½c. State dairy, 43c; imitation creamery, 36@37c.

EGGS—Receipts, 26,323 cases. Extras, 37c; extras, 35½@36½c; firsts, 34½@35½c; seconds, 33@34c; white, 36½@37c; brown, 36@37c; mixed, 34½@35½c.

U. S. War Certificates Due Soon

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Payment for the new $200,000,000 issue of Treasury certificates will be called for April 25 or 26.

Financial Briefs

The total operating revenue of the principal express companies of the United States for December was $9,953,269, an increase of $1,053,447 over December, 1915. The operating income, however, was only $470,349, a decrease of $1,049,201.

Reed A. Morgan & Co. are distributing the war proclamation of President Wilson among their clients and friends. The address is neatly printed in booklet form.

For the year 1916 the International Paper Company reports total revenue of $7,465,477 as compared with $3,181,681 in 1915. The balance, after interest and depreciation deduction, was $4,820,727, against $1,219,515 the previous year.

The time limit for deposit of Long Island Railroad stock under the offer of exchange for a debenture bond ended at 3 o'clock today. It is understood that no further extension of time will be made, the original period having been extended from March 1 until today.

Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh has ordered fifteen 215-ton Mallet, [illegible] Franklin, four 150-ton switching [illegible] from the [illegible] has destroyed an [illegible]

WHEAT IMPROVES AFTER BAD START

Business Is Very Small and Gains Are Not Large—Visible Supply Drops

WEATHER CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, April 23.—Advices received at the Weather Bureau this morning indicated the following weather conditions:

		Temperatures. High.	Low.
Canadian Northwest	precip.	36	20
*Northwest	precip.	58	28
Middle West	clear	61	34
Southwest	clear	64	28
Upper Mississippi Valley	clear	61	34
Lower Mississippi Val'ey	clear	76	54
Ohio Valley	precip.	60	38

The following precipitation (in inches) was reported: Minnedosa, .06; Battleford, .08; Rapid City, .20; Lansing and Detroit, .36.

CHICAGO, April 23. — Trade in wheat today dwindled to small proportions, but the same nervous tension was apparent as heretofore. A large decrease in the visible supply for the week and light offerings and room covering rallied the market after it had been heavy.

Crop news was distinctly better, and it was evident that the efforts to check hysterical buying, both on the part of consumers and speculators, were having their influence.

One authority predicted that the condition of the winter crop in the United States was probably 7 to 10 points better than the last Government report.

The high on May was $2.34½, the low $2.27½, and the close $2.34¼ to $2.32, against $2.31 at the end Saturday. The best on July was $1.99, the bottom $1.95, and the final $1.98¼ to $1.97¾, compared with $1.98¼ at the close Saturday. The top on September was $1.76½, the low $1.73¼ and the close $1.75¾ to $1.75½, against $1.76, Saturday's last price.

A special report issued by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company today estimates the probable yield of wheat in Kansas in the territory covered by its lines at 45,000,000 bushels. The area seeded last autumn was 4,673,000 acres, and the area abandoned is 2,150,000 acres. Fully 80 per cent of this area will be given over to Indian corn, oats and maize.

A splendid rain has helped wheat in Oklahoma. In the sections around Guthrie and in the Pan Handle a condition of 80 per cent is indicated.

The market at Liverpool was dull and easier on favorable war news and increased arrivals from abroad. Receipts are adequate for the reduced consumption in the United Kingdom, which got 2,213,000 bushels of the total shipments of 5,306,000 bushels from North America for the week.

The visible supply in the United States decreased 3,996,000 bushels for the week to 30,257,000 bushels.

Corn rallied also after showing weakness. Larger receipts were expected from the interior. It was reported that the demand for the spot article in the West had fallen off materially.

The visible supply in the United States decreased 1053 bushels for the week to 9,506,000 bushels.

Oats ended easier. Outsiders sold. Elevators were buyers. The market at Liverpool was easier.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Saturday's close.
Wheat—					
May	2.32½	2.34½	2.27½	2.32¼	2.31
July	1.98	1.99	1.95	1.98¾	1.98¾
September	1.75	1.76½	1.73¼	1.75¾	1.76¾
Corn (new delivery)—					
May	1.40	1.40	1.36	1.39½	1.40¼
July	1.35¾	1.36½	1.33	1.35¾	1.36½
September	1.28¾	1.29¾	1.27¼	1.29	1.30
Oats—					
May	64½	64½	63½	64¾	64½
July	62	62	61¼	61¾	62¼
September	54¾	54¾	53¾	*53¾	54¾
Lard—					
May	*20.85	20.87	20.75	*20.80	20.75
July	20.87	20.87	20.85	*21.00	20.95
September	20.97	21.17	20.92	21.07	*21.02
Ribs—					
May	19.55	19.57	19.52	19.52	19.35
July	19.70	19.85	19.65	19.57	*19.80
September	.....	.....	.....	*19.87	*19.87
Pork—					
May	36.25	36.37	36.25	*36.37	*36.52
July	36.40	36.67	36.30	*36.60	36.55

*Bid. †Asked. ‡Nominal.

LARGE SUPPLY HOLDS COTTON PRICES DOWN

March Ends Unchanged and Other Months From 5 to 28 Points Lower

COTTON BELT WEATHER CONDITIONS.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The following temperatures were recorded in the cotton belt this morning: Birmingham and Nashville, 54; San Antonio, Macon, Little Rock, Vicksburg, Meridian, Chattanooga and Nashville, 56; Oklahoma, Fort Smith, Mobile, Montgomery and Knoxville, 58; Shreveport, Del Rio, Pensacola, Atlanta and Raleigh, 60; Abilene and Wilmington, 62; Corpus Christi, Galveston, Memphis and Thomasville, 64; New Orleans, Augusta, Savannah and Tampa, 66; Charleston, 68; Jacksonville, 70.

There was .02 inch of precipitation at Savannah and Raleigh, .04 inch at Jacksonville and .10 inch at Tampa.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Although the tone was firm at the cotton opening, only a poor response was made to a sharp advance in Liverpool, prices being 3 to 16 points net higher. There was a good demand from commission houses, spot interests and Wall street, but the supply from Liverpool and room traders was quite large and profit-taking appeared to be indulged in on a substantial scale.

It was maintained by some experts that the sharp upturn in Liverpool will make spot holders independent of New York as a hedge center, as Liverpool is now on an export basis.

At the time of the start here advances of 32 to 40 points were reported from the English market, whereas gains of only 9 to 11 points were due.

The western belt forecast for fair and warmer weather seemed a disappointment to some of the earlier cotton sellers, but a very slight bulge met increased offerings during the middle of the morning and prices sagged back to about Saturday's closing figures.

The early afternoon market was dull, but held fairly steady at about 3 to 5 points over Saturday's close, helped to some extent by the steadiness of southern spot markets and an absence of local pressure.

March closed unchanged and other months were from 5 to 28 points lower.

The total for the day aggregated 21,858 bales, including 3133 bales to Great Britain, 18,125 bales to France and 600 bales to other points on the Continent.

Total shipments thus far for the season have been 4,453,201 bales, compared with 4,355,440 bales for the corresponding period last season.

	Yest. close.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	19.78	20.05	20.05	19.50	19.50
July	19.40	19.60	19.60	19.21	19.23
October	18.29	18.40	18.41	18.16	18.19
December	18.36	18.39	18.44	18.23	18.26
January	18.37	18.38	18.46	18.26	18.26
March	18.42	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spot	20.15	.....	.....	.....	20.10

Liverpool Cotton

LIVERPOOL, April 23.—Spot cotton was in good demand today and 6 points higher to the basis of 12.32d for America middling. The sales aggregated 7000 bales, including 6000 bales American. Imports 7000 bales, including 3000 bales American. The market for futures closed quiet but steady at a net advance of 47@52 points.

Granulated Sugar Higher

NEW YORK, April 23.—B. H. Howell, Son & Co., who have been out of the fine granulated sugar market for several weeks, re-entered this afternoon in a limited way, quoting 8c for fine granulated. The American Sugar Company continued to quote 7.50c today. Other refiners were out of the market. The last sale in spot Cuban raws was at 6.27c.

More Gold for Cuba

NEW YORK, April 23.—Gold coin to the amount of $200,000 has been withdrawn from the Subtreasury for shipment to Cuba. Cuba.

Ohio Iron and Steel Pays Extra

YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 23.—The Ohio Iron and Steel Company has declared an [illegible]

CARDS, RUNNER-UP TO GIANTS, ARE THE SURPRISE OF BASEBALL

MILLER HUGGINS
And before the season opened he figured his club hadn't a chance in the first division.

THE feature of the first two weeks' campaign in the major leagues has been the work of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Classed as a club of second-division caliber from the start, the Cardinals have upset all calculations by stepping into the pennant race with a winning stride, and today they are in second place, close on the heels of the New York Giants.

Miller Huggins's entry won eight games and lost three, while the Giants, in first place with six victories and two defeats, might be trailing the Cards today had they played as many games.

Whether or not the Cardinals can hold the fast pace they have set remains to be seen, but at present they are playing bang-up ball. Boston and Chicago are aiding the Giants and Cardinals in setting the National League pace.

In the American League, three teams that were universally picked as contenders occupy the first three niches in the percentage columns. They are the White Sox, Red Sox and Yankees. The Detroit club has surprised American League fans by the poor start it has made. A favorable comparison of all teams in the two big leagues cannot be made, however, until the intersectional series get under way.

BIG ENTRY EXPECTED IN NAVY DAY CREW MEET ON SCHUYLKILL JUNE 9

Vesper and Malta Senior Eights Resume Training—Penn Men to Sit in Undine Boat—Old Boys in Single Sculls

THE return of seasonable weather and the assurance that the Schuylkill Navy and Independence Day regattas will be rowed on the Schuylkill have given a great forward impetus to training by the Schuylkill Navy oarsmen. With the exception of a few clubs whose crews have been cut by the call to colors, all the rowing organizations are hard at work, and a record entry list is expected for the Navy Day regatta to be rowed over the mile-and-a-quarter course on the Schuylkill June 9.

The Vesper and Malta senior eights, which disbanded with the calling off of the American regatta, have resumed training and are working hard to make up for the lay-off. Coach Bunth, of the Undine Club, also will put a senior eight in the field. There are a lot of University of Pennsylvania oarsmen eligible to row under the Undine colors, and it will be from these men that the crew will be selected. A similar crew made a great showing in the Navy Day regatta last year.

It is quite possible, also, that a crew of University oarsmen will be entered in the senior eight-oared shell race, rowing as a college boat club crew, if the movement now afoot to arrange a race with entries from Columbia, Syracuse and Princeton gets through. The cancellation of the Annapolis-Penn race ended active training by the "Penn" varsity eight. However, Wright expects to keep five eights on the river the rest of the season, and some of them are sure to figure in the Navy Day regatta in one guise or another. The fact that the College Boat Club is one of the units of the Schuylkill Navy organization will give the men who continue training a chance to compete with the other Schuylkill clubs.

The addition of a veteran single sculling event to the Navy Day schedule has aroused a good deal of enthusiasm among rowing stars of other days, and quite a few of them already have announced their intention of donning rowing togs again. Charles Salinger, of the Fairmount Rowing Association; Hughey Monahan, of Penn Barge, and Wash Engle, of the Vesper Club, already are training, and the entry list is expected to be a big one when finally announced.

An innovation on the June 9 program will be the senior quarter-mile dash. This race will bring to the starting line the fastest sprinters in the Navy, including Jack Kelly, of Vesper; Hoffman, of University Barge; Newlin, of Philadelphia Barge; Shmidheiser and Allison, of Undine Barge; Bill Haase, of Penn Barge, and either Hammill or Granville Malone, of the Malta Club.

The program of events for the Schuylkill Navy regatta is a comprehensive one, and includes races in almost every class of sculls and sweeps. The program follows:

Junior single sculls, junior eight-oared shells, senior double sculls, junior quadruple sculls, senior four-oared shells, association single sculls, junior four-oared gigs, senior eight-oared shells, senior single sculls, junior double sculls, junior octopede sculls, senior quadruple sculls, senior quarter-mile dash, schoolboy championship race in eight-oared shells (first and second crews) and special single shells for veteran oarsmen.

Ed Shmidheiseed, of the Undine Barge Club, won the association single race in the Navy Day regatta last June, and so is eligible to try conclusions with Jack Kelly, present holder of the Schuylkill Navy challenge belt, for the single sculling championship.

KNIGHTS GOLDEN EAGLE

The Local Castles Pushed to Secure 1000 Members This Month

Grand Chief John F. Brounley has arranged for an extra effort to be put forth by the Philadelphia castles to secure 1000 new members before the end of April. Circulars were sent to each castle with the request that one be sent to each individual member, and accompanying this was a specially prepared button for those members. From reports received by the grand chief the result will be highly successful and will be in keeping with the desire for a great increase, as all the castles in the city have enthusiastically entered upon the plan outlined by him.

An application has been received for Towanda Castle, No. 528, which will be instituted by Grand Chief Brounley on Friday, April 27. The charter contains sixty-five names, which will be increased before the night of institution. With Towanda Castle, Grand Chief Brounley has instituted during his year twelve new castles and there are at present two more ready before the grand castle convenes in Allentown on May 8.

The local committee in Allentown has made great preparations to entertain the visiting sir knights and their ladies. The opening exercises will be a public reception on Tuesday, May 8, at the I. O. O. F. Hall. The visiting sir knights will be welcomed by the Mayor of the city. The annual parade will take place on the same afternoon. Past Grand Chief Francis P. Hunsicker acting as chief marshal. The committee has offered the following prizes: To the company having the largest number of men in line, first prize $50; second prize, $25; to the commandery coming the farthest distance with not less than twenty-five men in line, first prize, $50; second prize, $25; to the commandery making the finest appearance in line, first prize, $25; second prize, $15; to the castle making the finest appearance in line, first prize, $20; second prize, $10; to the castle having the largest number of men in line, first prize, $20; second prize, $10.

On the evening of May 8 the annual ball will take place in Mealey's Auditorium, to which admission will be free to all members of the order and their ladies. On Wednesday, May 9, a testimonial banquet will be tendered to Past Supreme Chief John W. Ford in the Elks' Home. These annual banquets have grown to large proportions and are greatly enjoyed. The committee having this in charge was appointed by the supreme castle at its last session, and consists of the following: Past Supreme Chief John U. McKinney, Past Grand Chief Dean J. Deakyne, Boas, Past Grand Chief Milton P. Schantz, Past Supreme Chief John R. Teibler and Grand Master of Records L. L. Gallagher.

Grand Chief Brounley has had a remarkably busy year. He has made 125 visits to castles and 149 visits to the office of the grand castle. His administration has been highly successful, and he retires, very popular with the membership at large.

Grand Chief Brounley, Past Grand Chief Dean J. Deakyne and Grand Master of Records L. L. Gallagher will visit St. Tammany Castle, No. 173, at Doylestown tonight.

UNCLE SAM GETS FREE ADVERTISING OF WAR LOAN

Newspapers, Billboards, Magazines and Car Lines Offer Publicity Services Without Cost

WASHINGTON, April 23.—It will cost the United States Government nothing for the greatest advertising campaign in America's history to "sell" the greatest single bond and certificate issue in the history of the world.

Secretary McAdoo has decided the big $7,000,000,000 loan will be floated in such a way. This ad campaign is to start "very soon." The advertising will be carried on through newspapers, billboards, magazines and in street car ad spaces in every city that boasts a car line. These agencies have offered their services to the Government free. It was estimated today that fully 85,000,000 persons will thus be reached daily.

To furnish adequate purchasing places to those who respond to this unparalleled advertising, there will be fully 150,000 agencies throughout the country where the bonds can be bought. They will include State and national banks, trust companies [illegible]

THE MACCABEES

Good Progress Toward Port Huron Trip by Woman's Benefit Association

Girard Review, Parkway Building, Miss Mary Collins commander, entertained the degree staff of Philadelphia Review, Mrs. Ada Gorsuch, commander of staff, assisted by the Uniform Rank in uniform, under direction of Captain Crouch, conferred the first degree on a class of seven candidates in a very creditable manner, visitors being present from several other reviews. Miss Burgin, the supreme chapiain, spoke about the "Leaders and the Brakes," asking the members to assist in securing the required number of new members to have Philadelphia district represented at the dedication of the new home office building at Port Huron this summer.

Announcement was made of a "coffee klatch" to be held at Commander's home, 1037 Hamilton street, Monday afternoon and evening April 30, half of the proceeds to be given to the uniform rank for its Port Huron trip fund. The uniform rank is also giving a theatre benefit beginning April 30 for the same purpose. A delicious supper closed a pleasant evening.

Keystone Review, Mrs. Helms commander, held a "sock social" after its last meeting at Rittenhouse Hall. Miss Amelia Allen gave a recitation followed by Miss Isola Chavey with a vocal solo; the Howell children with a recitation and piano solo; Miss Paso, the record keeper and chairman of the evening, with an excellent reading. "Professor Scheidemanskowski" brought down the house with a musical novelty, accompanied by Mrs. Blaisdell. A patriotic recitation by Miss Pasco, entitled "Hats Off to the Flag," followed by singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and refreshments, closed a most enjoyable entertainment.

Philadelphia Review, Parkway Building, Mrs. Louisa Lewis presiding, held a pleasant meeting and social under the direction of Mrs. Charlotte Bieberbach. It was also "reward night," and Supreme Chaplain Miss Minnie E. Burgin awarded prizes to the following members for securing or assisting in securing new members for the dedication class: Mrs. Mary Barron, Mrs. Clara Alse Ritter, Mrs. Norah Behrends, Mrs. Maud Croll, Mrs. Bessie Young and Mrs. Cora G. Emery.

Miss Burgin will personally award the rewards in all reviews. She desires to place Philadelphia district in the winning class in securing the necessary proportion of new members to bring the total up to two hundred thousand by the time the home office is dedicated in Port Huron. Refreshments closed a pleasant evening. The members missed their faithful commander, Mrs. Annie Haney, who is still ill.

WELKER COCHRAN PLAYS CUTLER TODAY

Will Meet Albert Cutler Today at Sol Allinger's for 250 Points

As a fitting climax to a most successful season, in which crack balk-line, interstate and pocket-billiard players of marked ability have shown their prowess in various local academies, Sol Allinger has secured Welker Cochran, the brilliant youthful Chicago exponent of the green-cloth pastime, to meet Albert Cutler in a series of six matches at 18.2 balkline style, beginning this afternoon and concluding Wednesday, games being scheduled every afternoon and evening. The afternoon matches will be at 250 points each and the evening games 300 points. Cochran shares with Young Jake Schaefer the honor of being the most promising of the younger players developed in recent years. His last appearance here was in a series of games with the late Firmin Cassignol, the French expert. Cochran has been showing to advantage recently in contests at Daly's, in New York. Cutler is a clever exponent and the matches will be free to the public, a charge being made for seats.

Bethlehem Prep Preparing

BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 23. — Bethlehem Prep's baseball nine is looking forward to the important trip to the middle part of the State during which games will be played with Harrisburg Academy and Mercersburg. Easton High will be played tomorrow just before the trip is made. Coach Briody has finally decided on the make-up of the local team. Those men who have come through several weeding-out process are Smith, Wint, catchers; Wint, [illegible]

JORDAN'S M. E. SERVICE IN PROSPECT FIREHOUSE

Artisans' Delegations Inject Urban Ideas Into a Sane Community—Chalmer's Logic

M. E. M. A. Jacob R. Jordan gave a most excellent (not Methodist Episcopal) complimentary testimonial to his assembly (Prospect Park No. 60) last week when a short business meeting was held, and at 8:30 the doors were thrown open to the public and the large auditorium of the firehouse was filled. Just as the entertainment was to begin a deafening noise was heard outside the building, which proved to come from a delegation of about twenty-five members of Oriental Assembly, headed by their deputy, C. B. Galloway, of No. 60, who swarmed from a large automobile truck, with all manner of noise-making instruments, wearing fantastic hats and bearing a large American flag, marching into and around the hall and creating great enthusiasm.

After quiet had been restored in the visiting delegation, another kind of "noise," fun and merriment, convulsing the audience for two hours, was carried on to a degree quite unusual in that quiet A. O. M. P. community. The eminent and genial host, who is known as much for his dignity, poise and reserve as for his ability, proved to be a "good sport" and "mixer."

M. E. S. Frank A. Chalmers, who has now come into close touch with the flowing arteries of the order and is materially assisting in the foundation of a successful administration next year, grew enthusiastic when asked for his opinion of the prospects of the order for the current year. He said:

"I believe the Artisans' Order has before it one of the most successful years in its history. The order is in splendid financial condition and the men are beginning to appreciate the desirability of putting every subordinate assembly on a workable basis. The smaller assemblies especially are meeting with considerable success in bringing their membership up to a point where they can enjoy the full benefits of fraternalism.

"The most excellent officers have observed increased activity in all of the assemblies they have so far visited, and members of the order are realizing to a greater extent than ever that there is much satisfaction to be found in working for their assembly and being actually responsible for its success and its growth. It is natural for men to feel pride in their own work, and when such work is done without a thought of reward, the accomplishment is all the more worthy and the gratification experienced by the worker all the more complete.

"The Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection has every attribute of a perfect fraternal-beneficial organization, and when the members come to realize this in full and to realize that the order is an order of its members, by its members and for its members our prosperity during this year and the coming years will outshine all the previous forty-four years of its history. Life insurance is a necessity to every man's life, be his income large or small, and for the man with a moderate income I believe that no insurance can be better than that offered by the Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection."

Oak Lane Assembly's move from Fern Rock to 1628 Arch street was evidently a very popular one, as there were eighty-five members present. There was a delegation of thirty-five members from Girard Assembly, headed by P. M. E. M. A. Charles W. McConnell and the famous glee club, and also a delegation of seven members from Apollo Assembly, led by Recorder Frank Meyer. The routine business being disposed of, the glee club, under the direction of Dr. Marvin Hanna, furnished the best entertainment that Oak Lane has ever had. By a singular coincidence Brother McConnell, who as M. E. master artisan in 1912 instituted this assembly, was present to start off the housewarming. He gave one of his very inspiring and educational talks, which was thoroughly appreciated. High commendation is due West Philadelphia Assembly for the interest in and support of the young assembly, which takes this means of expressing thanks. After favors by the glee club the entertainment committee supplied good things to eat and helped to make it one of the most successful meetings in the history of Oak Lane Assembly.

Southwestern Assembly had more than 100 members present. There was a delegation of thirty-five members from Palmyra Assembly, led by Recorder J. Horace Finney and Deputy Herman Meyer, of Northwestern Assembly, Girard Assembly, No. 4, was also very much in evidence, with a delegation of twenty-five members. Two candidates were admitted and the work of the chair officers was very good. Master Artisan Engle seems to have made excellent selections in the executive offices, for they are always on hand and render their work splendidly. Brother Stapleford, the chaplain, seeming to be the logical man for that position, as he demonstrated an ability and dignity seldom surpassed. Addresses were made by Brother Herman Meyer, who is already boosting Artisan Day in his characteristic way; Brother Finney, of Palmyra Assembly, and Inspector Fink, who spoke about the fishing lake property of Palmyra Assembly, which is open to every Artisan upon the payment of a small fee. Brother Hoag, master artisan of Girard Assembly, extended a very cordial invitation to Southwestern Assembly to visit it at its meeting tonight and Southwestern promised to have a large delegation present. An invitation from Palmyra Assembly to visit it at its May meeting was accepted. The entertainment committee, Walter E. Lamond, chairman, furnished a vaudeville program and ice cream and cake.

M. E. M. A. Jordan paid an official visit to Norwood Assembly, No. 44, on Tuesday evening last. He was accompanied by M. E. Recorder Cox, M. E. Conductor Marr and M. E. Sr. Master of Ceremonies Knapp. The feature of the evening was the presentation of the report by the representative to the most excellent assembly, Donald C. Irving. The report was well written and comprehensive, and a vote of thanks was extended to him for his attention to the duties of his office.

Keystone Assembly, No. 2, entertained members and friends with a program of exceptional quality. Popular songs with an orchestra of first quality, under the leadership of Brother Richard B. Crockford, were heartily rendered. Brother William O'Donnell, of Progressive Assembly, favored with a bass solo. Two new members were received during the business session. The annual banquet of this assembly will be held on Wednesday evening next at the Rittenhouse Hotel, and Hon. E. J. Cattell will be the speaker of the evening.

The world's series of the Artisans' Bowling League was played off on Wednesday evening, the championship being won by Northwestern Assembly; Southwestern Assembly was second, and Fidelity Assembly, third. These teams represented the winners of Sections A, B and C.

The cards were again dealt in Pennsylvania Assembly and the four kings called. The king of clubs (Brother Aiman) and his suit promptly declared clubs still trump and challenged all the other kings (Brothers Hayes, Rambo and Robinson) and their suit cards to a member-getting contest for the May meeting. "The clubs" issued the defy that they would initiate more candidates than all the others combined, which was speedily accepted.

The Penn Club will extend fraternity to Germantown Assembly next Thursday. This visiting delegation has become a real factor in the successful affairs of the assembly and has brought forward many of the new members, who are showing their worth.

The meeting resolved itself into a thorough American night, patriotism abounding and culminating in appropriate prizes being awarded for attendance to Brothers Briggs and Aiman and a fine silk emblem of our country to Deputy Fred L. Keene. The evening's entertainment consisted of the old-time games, into which the members entered with that zest which clearly demonstrated that they were out more for enjoyment and fraternity than the prizes which were awarded to the winners. "Tweekers" and refreshments were served.

Spartan Assembly, No. 15, held a rattling good meeting, two candidates being initiated and the chair officers doing themselves proud in the initiatory work. Master Artisan Rile showed that he was an adept in the exemplification and a model presiding officer. The members have buckled down to business and the slogan is "Two each month if not more." The "get-busy" deputy, Hyde, has his spurs on and knows how to deal with the affairs of the assembly. Brother Harry Brantigan, the warder for twenty-nine years, having only missed two nights in that time, was presented with a handsome traveling bag, expressing the appreciation of the members of the assembly. Recorder Adams Williams presented the gift with a very appropriate speech. The meeting concluded with a great game called volley ball and "eats."

Union Assembly enjoyed one of the most interesting and profitable meetings of its career last Thursday evening. After the class initiation, which is getting to be a regular monthly occurrence, and short talks by Deputy "Doc" Stickler and Inspector T. E. Walker, the regular routine business was railroaded in order to get at the evening's dessert. This consisted of an illustrated talk by Medical Examiner Doctor Swayne on the work of the Field Hospital Corps on the Mexican border.

Germantown Assembly's banquet last week gathered 200 of the workers. The invited guests were M. E. S. Frank A. Chalmers, Past Masters Thompson, Smith and Mayor, Dr. S. W. Gade and Deputy C. H. Ditter. Their talks were edifying and interesting. In addition, speeches were heard from Master Lang, Superintendent Hutchinson, Inspector Harry Kendig, E. P. Cook, Howard W. Shaw, the capable toast