...ONTS "...EST WORKERS"

... Fifty Takes the Place ...g Squadron'—Grand ...ge Nominations

...Patriarch George H. Banes, of ... Encampment, has appointed ...ss of fifty, to be known as "...Workers," composed of mem... all encampments to visit the ...te lodges in the interest of pa... Odd Fellowship. The committ... meet at 1723 Arch street, the ...Lodge offices, on Friday night, ... 18.

...rand Patriarchs' schedule of of...tations this month is: Jordan, ... January 10; United Brethren, ... January 14; National-Palestine, ... January 16; Penn Township, No. ...uary 23.

..., No. 22, has a class of fourteen ...ate and Cyprus has two. Good ... are expected from the committee ...arnest Workers" on January 18.

...Banes has organized the "Earnest ..." by the appointment of Samuel ... as chairman and William McM. Culi... secretary.

...odges of the Tenth District will visit ...ton Lodge to help welcome into the ... Elm Tree Lodge, which recently ...e Batley Hall, 2748 Germantown ave... Kenderton meets at Seventeenth and ... streets. Here is an opportunity for ...encampments in the district to do some ...uary work. Any scarlet (third) degree ... can join the encampment branch ... order.

...e Subordinate Lodges:

... undersigned respectfully announces ... following nominees have signified ...intention to be candidates for the re... offices of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. ...F.:

...grand master—Roy D. Beman, deputy ...master.

...deputy grand master—Jacob E. Wea...grand warden.

...grand warden—Frank Shannon, P. G., ... 314; George P. N. Carr, P. G. of No. ... M. Miller, P. G. of No. 815; Charles ...bley, P. G. of No. 596; Edwin C. ...P. G., of No. 1147; Albert N. Dick, ...of No. 796; Hugh H. Parkhill, P. G., ... 690.

...grand secretary—Usher A. Hall, grand ...secretary.

...grand treasurer—Fred C. Hangen, P. ..., grand treasurer.

...grand representative to the S. G. L.—... K. Mohr, P. G. M., grand representa...

...the last stated meeting of each sub...ate lodge in the month of March next ...grands who are present in the lodge ...evening, and in good standing, shall ...ilot vote for one candidate for each ... and the return of the election shall ...with certified to and one copy filed ... forwarded to this office, in confor...with Article XXIX, Section 10, of the ...ws of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
USHER A. HALL,
Grand Secretary.

...Commercial Lodge, No. 256, gave to its ...ers, wives and friends another of the ...ble "picnic suppers," in the hall be... the meeting room, on Grant and Bel... Despite the severity of the weather, ...thering that filled the capacity of the ...beautifully supplied table was present. ...Master Montgomery, Grand Marshal ...y G. Stephens and Vice President ...e G. Bulkeley, of the Orphanage, were ...by special invitation, and enhanced ...general pleasure by the expressions of ...lofty sentiments that are usually us...duced by satisfactory gastronomic con... The grand master was presented by ...G. Thomas, on behalf of Samuel R. Duncan, a fine leather wallet, ...recognition of his long service in the ..., and in accepting it, he expressed the ...that it would never be found empty. ...Instrumental music and vocal solos by ...thers Cronquist and Hasselberg inter...ed the proceedings.

...Samuel Alexander Macpherson, secretary, ...acted as toastmaster, and Thomas R. ...ess were in charge of the arrangements ... which they were highly commended. ...dance, which followed, completed one ... of the happiest evenings of the festal ...

...The boosters' committee of the first three ... responded to the call of Olive ...Lodge, which was fortunate in ... a candidate as a good start for the ...year. Owing to the severe weather, ... an adequate staff could not be ..., and then Chairman Frank Shuman ...to the rescue by taking all hands over ...Merchants'—lodge, which was pre... to confer the initiatory degree on a ...ate. P. G. Wilson, of Olive Branch, ...e sitting P. G., a position he filled ...efficiently, and the whole work was ... satisfactorily as conditions would ... The committee extended thanks to ... staff and Brother Wilson for ...assistance.

...set of Brother Shuman and the ...s of the committee are illustrations of ...regular work of the boosters, which ...s impress other lodges in the dis... as to the nature of the work that ...be required from them from time to ... Chairman Walker advises that every ...should be prepared for visits, "as you ...not know what night the call may come ...out to see what lodge can obtain the ...number of candidates during this ... and watch the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER ... every Thursday for news of the ...boosters' committee.

...Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, has been much ...ged by the progress made in all lines ...activity. The lodge was honored by the ...of the degree staff of Mills Lodge, ...though the night was bitterly cold ... thirty of the visitors, with complete ..., came to confer the first degree on ...candidates. The elaborate work and ...ency were a revelation to many in the ... and expressions of praise and thanks ...generously extended. ...result of an active campaign by ...workers fourteen candidates have just ...enrolled on the books of old No. 1. ...was turned young enough to "put ...over."

...Caledonian Lodge started the new year ...obviously by the initiation of three can...es, all of whom are attached to Uncle ...fighting fleet. This gives No. 700 a ...of forty-four members in the Govern...service who will carry Caledonian's ... to different parts of the world. The ...under Degree Master Hamilton was ...best of spirits for perfect work, which ...great impression upon the visitors, ...whom were P. G. Dawber, Clifton, ...Lewis Matthews, Williamsport, Pa.; ...Rieger, Jackson, Mich.; Howard Gid... Hiawatha, Kan., and E. W. Hamilton, ...City Lodge, each giving complimentary ...fraternal talks.

...Paul F. de Hart was presented with ...grand's jewel by "Daddy" Alexander ...on behalf of No. 700 and the best ...of all.

...one was gratified to learn of the ...accorded two old "stand-patters," ..."Pink" Ancker and wee "Willie" ...Brother Ancker has been unanimously ...treasurer of the orphanage for the ...year, being well qualified by long ...in a similar position with No. ...Brother Cull has been selected by ...Patriarch Banes for the secretaryship ...Earnest Workers," similar to the ...Squadron," who so successfully ...the campaign of Odd Fellowship last ...having had long experience in that ...duty.

...first degree in full form will be put ...tomorrow night, and all brothers are ...to witness it.

...Lodge conferred the initiatory degree ...form on three of eight candidates ...who were much impressed by the ...of the work of the staff operating ...restricted conditions.

...Brother James H. Wilkinson, whose busi...has removed him to Washington, will ...from the degree team.

...degree with full staff will be put ...night. Visitors welcome.

...Chants' Lodge, No. 283, exemplified the ...degrees in full form. In spite of ...obstacles and handicaps the work was ...good shape. The resignation of ...W. F. Mitchell as third member of ...was accepted on account of his ...the Government service. Nomination ...notice for that office followed and ...Thomas Laffner, Jr., and Adam ...were named. The election will take ...tomorrow evening, when the first de... be put on in full form. All team... urged to be present.

...delegation from Merchants' made ...visit to Energetic Lodge last night.

...Brown Lodge, No. 1165, last week ...the third degree upon four candi... is adding new members as fast ...are being depleted by the call ...service of the Government. A large ...of the membership is of military ...age, many not already called are ...call at any time. The lodge feels ...loss to the service of its vice ...Sandlow. He was one of the ...members and won distinction ...of working committees. Bernard ...intends to keep in touch with ...for its members in the serv... The lodge fund is swelling. The lodge ...theatre benefit, for which ...Treasurer Joseph Borer, ...of the benefit committee, ...was held on the two ...must be solved to cope ...tion. Obviously, the lodge ...service fund, and a drive ...to be inaugurated through ...committee, a strong commit... appointed to conduct a mem...

...Degree Master M... team is doing fine ...is offering every attrac... the end of his term ...Roberts expects to ...an interesting story.

P. S. BENJAMIN F. HOOKEY
He has been a member for fifty-one years and chief of records for forty-eight years of Kishacoquillas Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men

...gree master, who was re-elected for another year.

Next Monday night the first degree will be conferred in full form.

On Tuesday evening, January 15, Elm Tree Lodge will be formally welcomed into the tenth district at a meeting in the hall of Kenderton Lodge, Seventeenth street below Venango. Ivy Lodge is taking an active part in the arrangements and a most interesting meeting is anticipated.

The extraordinary event of initiating three related brothers—William Y., Elmer Y. and Samuel Y. Lowe, proposed by Jacob Y. Lowe, fourth brother—took place in Kenderton Lodge on Tuesday night. One other application was received.

D. D. G. M. Wonderly is preparing on behalf of Kenderton, of which he is a member, a program for divine service at the Orphanage.

Venable Encampment, No. 282, will unite with lodges, encampments and Rebekah lodges of the tenth district to attend divine service at the Orphanage on Sunday, January 27. P. D. D. G. P. George R. J. Burgert, representative, is working hard for the success of this movement.

Philanthropic Lodge, No. 15, received expressions of deep sympathy on the departure from this life of the faithful Past Grand Christopher W. Pascoe, Sr., who had been a member of the order for fifty-four years, from which he was absent only fifty-two meetings for causes he could not control. Brother Pascoe was eighty-two years old. He was initiated into Philanthropic Lodge in March, 1863, and had been a constant attendant at all lodge functions up to the time of his death. He was also a member of the Veteran Association and a representative on the cemetery board. Upon the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary in Philanthropic Lodge in 1913 the lodge presented him with a handsome gold watch and Odd Fellows' charm.

Thespian Lodge, No. 1167, held Sunday service in the Odd Fellows' Home. The Rev. F. Ellwood Raub, pastor of the First Mennonite Church, Kensington avenue and Venango street, preached the sermon. The music included a soprano solo by Miss Gertrude Smith, a duet by Mrs. Harriet Lloyd and Mrs. B. Bancroft and selections by the Simpson Male Quartet.

Sabbath services at the Orphanage were under the auspices of the District Deputy Grand Masters' Association, T. Martin Wonderly, Jr., presiding. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph H. Hart, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. The music was provided by the Children's Orchestra and Chorus. Addresses were made by Jacob Henderson, President Richardson and Robert Love.

The services in the Rebekah Home were in charge of the Protestant Episcopal Missions. Fred Johnson, a divinity student, preached the sermon, and President Mary A. Engelman spoke.

OFFER FOR WATER PLANT

Beverly Seeks to Take Over Delaware Property at $120,000

BEVERLY, N. J., Jan. 10.—Efforts of the Delaware River Water Company to obtain a reduction of its assessment in Beverly city took a sensational turn when Mayor Lee announced that the city would gladly purchase the plant at the valuation of $120,000, which the company holds is just.

Mayor Lee and City Solicitor Smith showed the Delaware County Board of Taxation that when the company asked permission of the Public Utility Commission to increase its rates to consumers in Beverly, Delanco and Riverside it placed the value of its plant at $417,000. Before the Tax Commissioners, however, the value was placed at $120,000. The company paid dividends of $11,000 last year.

TWO BURIED UNDER TRAIN

Engineer and Firemen in Plunge Down Bank at St. Clair

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 10.—Henry Jones, engineman, and Charles Hostino, fireman, of a locomotive hauling cars at the stripping of the Herbein Colliery, St. Clair, were precipitated down an embankment thirty feet when the train left the tracks.

They were buried beneath the train and its contents for an hour. They received slight, though painful, injuries.

Nine U. S. Sailors Lost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Nine sailors of the American steamship Harry Luckenbach, torpedoed and sunk on January 6, are still missing, the Navy Department has announced, based on a report from Vice Admiral Sims. The report states that twenty-two members of the crew have been rescued.

Jail Board Bill Up 25 Per Cent

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 10.—The cost of living in the Western Penitentiary of Pennsylvania has gone up 25 per cent, according to a bill presented by the penitentiary managers to the Blair County Commissioners. The bill calls for $10,849.80 for boarding fifty-seven prisoners sent from this county in 1917.

Wilmington Wants Workers

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 10.—A. G. Benkhart has been made director of labor for this district and will at once attempt to obtain men for the various industries here. The Government has been asked to advance $3,000,000 for the purpose of erecting houses in this city for workmen.

Woman Mistook Poison for Drug

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Bertha Shinehouse, forty-four years old, died yesterday from the effects of taking

GREAT CHIEFS AT DISTRICT MEETINGS

Red Men Turn Out for Joint Conference and Presentations—Deputies Confer

The district meetings of the I. O. R. M. held during the last week have not lost enthusiasm nor lacked in attendance, often affected by the holiday season. The members have begun the new year with a determined effort to build up a stronger organization that they may be able to stand any heavy strain later.

The great chiefs are working hand in hand to make a greater organization. In their trails to the various tribal wigwams they have poured out words of encouragement, and to the weaker tribes, whose ranks have been depleted, have given every assurance of assistance so far as in their power so to do.

Up to the this time more than $4000 has been contributed by the local tribes to the ambulance fund.

The monthly meeting of the Deputies' Association was held at the Great Council office, President Charles Welland presiding and Samuel H. Walker secretary. P. S. John Ewald was elected a member of the association, having been appointed deputy of the twenty-sixth district in place of John P. Schwartz.

Great Sachem Beswick addressed the deputies, thanking them for their faithful work during the last great sun and urging them to work just a little harder during the present great sun.

The district meeting held in wigwam of Beaver Tribe, No. 62, was well attended. Notwithstanding the extremely cold weather, large delegations were present from Minnekaunee and Washita Tribes. The address of Great Sachem Beswick was greatly appreciated by the members, as was also that of G. J. S. Charles E. Bell. The main entertainment was furnished by the Manayunk Minstrel Troupe, which won hearty applause. P. S. George Giles gave an interesting talk on the work being done by Washita Tribe. P. S. Louis Baker also gave a good talk.

The tribes in the district are doing good work. A class of thirty palefaces will be adopted on the sleep of the fifteenth of full moon in the wigwam of Minnekaunee Tribe. The degree work in full form will be accomplished by the team of Bell Tribe, No. 115.

The district meeting held in wigwam of Kiawata Tribe, No. 207, was well represented by tribes in the tenth and neighboring districts. The meeting was in charge of District Deputy A. J. Mehler and he received commendation for the success in bringing the tribes in his district together. Great Sachem Beswick, on behalf of Brother Mehler, presented a Whirlpool Tribe, No. 238, with a beautiful set of tomahawks as reward for having adopted the largest number of palefaces of any tribe in the district. Brother Snyder, on behalf of the members of No. 238, in a very able address accepted the token and in turn presented Deputy Mehler with a beautiful gold past sachem's jewel as a token of esteem from Winnipesauke Tribe.

These great chiefs and workers gave inspiring talks: Great Sachem Beswick, G. J. S. Charles E. Bell, G. C. of R. Thomas K. Fraser, G. K. of W. Joseph Farrar, D. G. S. W. W. Eichhorn and Frank Ruhl. Tribes represented were Nos. 3, 32, 103, 124, 144, 217, 238, 278, 300, 304, 397, 455. The past sachem's degree was conferred on Jacob W. Kraft, No. 300; S. Oliver, No. 217, and Walter Faulkner, No. 397. Refreshments were served.

District No. 8, comprising tribes No. 6, 20, 22, 32, in charge of D. G. S. George Knittle, held a meeting in the wigwam of Neoskaleta Tribe, No. 6, at 1742 North Broad street, on Sunday afternoon. D. D. G. S. Knittle conducted a most successful meeting. Good talks were made by P. S. H. S. McKee, No. 113; D. G. S. John L. Esher, A. Bryert and David Rugsell, Jr. P. S. Charles Seidel, No. 8; P. S. J. H. Pinkerton, chairman publicity committee; Charles Welland, president of the Deputy Association; P. S. Peter Perley, No. 276; P. S. Judah Levy, No. 124.

The great chiefs present were Great Sachem Beswick, who made a very impressive talk on patriotism of the hour; G. J. S. Charles E. Bell, who enthused the audience with one of his humorous talks, but impressed on the members that they must work together and fill up the ranks; G. C. of R. Thomas K. Fraser and G. K. of W. Joseph Farrar, who urged for a unity of work all along the line and G. C. of P. C. G. Collis, who spoke of the work being done in Chester.

The entertainment was furnished by the Willard Minstrel Troup, Brothers Stockton, Sperber, Kamp, Miller, Leider and Keebler making a great hit with their songs. Tribes represented were Nos. 87, 96, 238, 276, 137, 111, 6, 455, 144, 149, 124, 32, 504, 20, 395, 113, 220, 8, 21, 278, 303 and 217. The past sachem's degree was conferred.

The district meetings for the week will be held on January 15 in Kenshaw Tribe, No. 24, at 6011 Market street, in charge of District Deputy James Warner, on January 18, in wigwam of Massasoit Tribe, No. 144, at 1209 North Hutchinson street, in charge of District Deputy Frank M. Ruhl.

The Dakota Association will hold its next meeting in the wigwam of Yuba Tribe, No. 278, at Broad and Federal streets on Wednesday evening, January 16. The association is doing good work among the tribes in the southern section of the city. Jr., presiding. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph H. Hart, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. The music was provided by the Children's Orchestra and Chorus. Addresses were made by Jacob Henderson, President Richardson and Robert Love.

The services in the Rebekah Home were in charge of the Protestant Episcopal Missions. Fred Johnson, a divinity student, preached the sermon, and President Mary A. Engelman spoke.

The Red Men's Jubilee Association will hold its meeting on next Monday evening at the Great Council office. The election of officers will be held and plans for the annual outing considered.

The State Haymakers held their monthly meeting at the Great Council office on last Monday night. In the absence of S. S. H. George Stawn P. S. S. H. Louis Shaw presided. Secretary Thomas L. Fraser, of the ways and means committee, reported that a donation party would be held on March 12, several prizes having already been donated. One new association, Genessee, No. 345½, at Summerville, was instituted last month.

P. S. Benjamin F. Hookey is one of the two living charter members still on the rolls of Kishacoquillas Tribe, No. 65, Conestoga Center, Lancaster County, instituted in October, 1866. He was the first senior sagamore and the second chief of records of that tribe, having held this office for forty-eight great suns, the highest record in the State. His tribe was instituted by Mitchell J. Weaver, of Tribe No. 22, who was great sachem, and Andrew J. Baker, of Philadelphia, great chief of records, with five members and ten palefaces. The sachem was John J. Watson, senior sagamore, B. F. Hookey, junior sagamore, Jacob B. Urban, chief of records, Ephraim Potts, keeper of wampum, John R. Witmer.

After ten years of hard work for success, the building in which the wigwam was located was destroyed by fire. At a meeting in the house of Brother Urban, who is still a member of the tribe, it was decided to build a hall, and through the energy and determination of the members they own a hall that is a credit to the community. The tribe uses a bell to call its members together.

Brother Hookey has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for fifty-seven years and secretary of the board of trustees for forty-five years, giving every indication at the age of seventy-six of many more years in active, sturdy Christian fraternalism.

FORM HUGUENOT SOCIETY

General Pershing Made Honorary Member Because of Origin

READING, Pa., Jan. 10.—The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania was organized at a meeting here. The Rev. John Baer Stout, of Northampton, Pa., was elected president. John W. Jordan, of Philadelphia, is one of the vice presidents.

General Pershing, who is a descendant of a Huguenot refugee, was chosen an honorary member and so informed by cable.

War Bonuses to Red Cross

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 10.—Some time ago the Harlan plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation established a school to train workers and offered its regular men a bonus for especially quick work. The bonus was $5 for each man trained ahead of time. The men have now informed the management that they will donate the $5 bonus in each case to the Red Cross.

Delaware Regiment to Camp Dix

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 10.—Announcement was made here that the Delaware regiment which is to be placed back as a unit under an order of the War Department will leave Anniston on Sunday next, and will be sent to Camp Dix.

Increase for Reading Carmen

READING, Pa., Jan. 10.—The Reading Transit Company announces that while it will put a six-cent fare into effect in Reading, Norristown, Lebanon and other

GRAND CHIEFS WORK IN FORESTERS' COURT

Past Chief Rangers' Association in Conference—Social Festal Features

Court Mantua, No. 190, Foresters of America, at 4115 Lancaster avenue, suffered the absence by illness of Deputy Joseph Tobert, and Grand Chief Ranger Farley and Grand Treasurer Clancy inducted these new officers into their stations: P. C. R., Barry Guin; C. R., Thomas J. Henry; S. C. R., Louis J. Smith; treasurer, William Eppley; financial secretary, John C. Sheedy; recording secretary, Samuel Lythgoe; lecturer, F. W. Killian; senior and junior woodwards, James Hagerty and Philip McDowell; senior and junior beadles, William C. Miller and William J. Carr; trustees, John T. Redmond, John W. Wainwright and Harry Craig; medical director, Doctor Killian.

G. C. R. Farley announced that, awaiting certain matters from the supreme body relative to the war emergency fund, the Grand Court communications generally sent out in advance heretofore were held so that all could be transmitted at the one time within the next ten days. This will apprise local bodies of the reason for the nonreceipt of the new term password in effect January 1, as well as to the yearly record sheets returnable on the 15th, but diligent secretaries should have their data ready for transcribing, so as to return blanks at once.

The remarks of the speakers centered about the fever fields opened to fraternities which No. 190 seeks to utilize, guided by its applied experience of nearly two decades.

The Past Chief Rangers' Association inducted these officers for the current term: President, William J. Bryan; vice chairman, Lawrence Bolger; treasurer, Philip Fellman, Jr.; financial secretary, Lawrence McNamee; recorder, Joseph A. Hueber, Sr.; senior conductor, Daniel Kelleher; junior conductor, William Wunsler; inside guard, C. Coffrei; outside guard, William Henderson; trustee, Walter S. Flick; lecturer, F. J. Breen; medical staff, Drs. P. S. Brown, Ivo Foney, Fralinger, Wert, Scull, Drueding, Roesner, Daly and Schloterer.

The session focused its deliberations on beginning the year's work with the determined purpose that all the forces exert their power for success. The scheduled work of the immediate period was outlined and a ready compliance promised to develop the work with a spirit of unselfish service. As the chairman placed the situation, "In our fraternal labors, allied as they are with our civic duties, we should approach them with faith, not doubt; with energy, not apathy; with courage, not diffidence. Such work as the fraternity is engaged in, while at all times advisable, becomes now imperative due to the necessities of the conditions confronting us, and in the actions to be put into operation it is essential that we all give our personal activity for the military, needs and economic welfare of our country."

The special provisions made for the enlisted brethren of the association were discussed by Brothers Bulger, Salerno, Donnelly, Gire and Wells. The suggested plans of adjustment to "courts" routine to meet greater efficiency methods were topics treated by Brothers Gormley, Joline, Molineaux, Wainwright and Myers.

The advocacy of social adjuncts as a means to interest and attract the membership was taken up by Brothers Donnelly, Nagle, Kelley, Matranga and Friedman, who made comment that "though such measures in themselves seem unimportant, they can be prudently used to overcome difficulties where more serious aspects would make such means seem impossible. The sponsors of such means fully realize from experience that the adoption of the social tactics makes it easy to secure more enduring and worthwhile features."

Brothers Bucher, Columtuno, Smith, Cooper, Guerin, Pilot, Duross and Campbell had good suggestions in their brief messages of patriotism—"not only our bit, but our best, in every act called upon to be done."

A clarion call to regard the fact that this war is the greatest business job the world has ever undertaken and that F. of A. courts must divert the overzealous eagerness by some, of making amassing large treasuries for future formal fraternal uses, and utilize their resources for the requirements of the nation's pressing demands of the hour, was sounded by Brother Willard and others.

The Rambler Club associated of Court Schuylkill, No. 108, held open house on New Year's Day at Eighteenth and Hamilton streets, and provided triple festival programs.

From 10 to 11:30 a. m. "Brightness for the Children," a specially suited entertainment, bubbling with things that juveniles relish, made them felicitate the Santa Claus corps—Brothers Street, Mullany, Reagan, Cluman, McConvery and Little. With liberal gifts and a clever talk by Dempsey. Noon, there was as happy a contingent of young Americans as our city could boast.

From 2:30 to 4:30, "Reception for the Elders" with a list of attractions to satisfy all desires. Brothers Lawler, Farren, Carey, McNamee, Pettit, Carroll, Thorne, Lackmyre and McKnight saw to it that nothing worth while was omitted. Vocal selections, with patriotic, sentimental and amusing melodies, were features. A little bit of merriment that contained some wholesome "comedy was the part Deputy McGee of No. 50 added. With fitting tokens of remembrance presented to each, all guests were conveyed to, as well as from, their domiciles in the autos provided by the court.

From 8:30 to 12 Brothers Rodden, Kane, Maidowney, Barry, Mills, Appegacher, Glassler, Wolf, Simons, Brady, Phillips, Boyer, O'Brien, McGuire, Kelm and Doctor Fingles made things hum without interruption. The oratory was confined to a cheery welcome address by P. G. C. R. Kirk. The gamut of entertainment specialties was provided for old and young. With a luncheon, a dance and presentation of souvenirs, there was nothing left to further desire.

Thus began the first of the assembly for this term, and others to follow will hardly be less profitable and enjoyable. "For No. 108 knows how to do things," insists Brother Mahoney.

Courts Franklin, Passyunk, Pathfinder, Standard and Energetic assembled the members and families at the meeting hall, 1802 South Broad street, to witness the New Year's "shooters'" parade. A holiday musical concert provided by talent of note from the courts' members and guests was hugely enjoyed.

Two historic incidents that the day brought to mind were that the American flag was first displayed in public January 1, 1776, and the emancipation proclamation was issued January 1, 1863, and the exercises commemorated those eventful incidents "that have an added significance in this year of our nation's determination to free mankind from the slavery of autocracy and to help all peoples acquire a liberty such as our national emblem guarantees to us," said Brother Huhn.

Deputies Biddle, No. 88; Duross, No. 195; Strohmetz, No. 209; Campbell, No. 93, and Fralinger, No. 241, accompanied their delegations, over which presided the supervising overseer of the South Philadelphia district, T. B. Gormley, of Court L. J. Smith.

House to Write 'O. K.' on Suffrage Today

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Asquith and the Premier of Canada on this same subject."

"Onward with our President," was Dr. Anna Howard Shaw's comment, "the great leader of democracy."

"We are confident of everything now," Mrs. J. O. Miller, president of the Pennsylvania State Suffrage Association, said, "we are not looking for any slips anyweher. We'll go through the House today, not by the skin of our teeth, as we might have done, but with a substantial number of votes to spare. We'll win the Senate and we'll win enough of the State legislatures. Everything is ours. We'll vote in the next presidential election. And watch Pennsylvania Congressmen make a fine showing this afternoon."

The following comments from Pennsylvania Representatives are indicative of the kind of "flop" the Pennsylvania suffrage politicians all over the country have taken.

JOHN R. K. SCOTT—"Through all of my political life I have been a stanch advocate of woman suffrage. While in Harrisburg as a member of the State Legislature I did all within my power to have Pennsylvania join the list of States taking this progressive step. I am confident that the overwhelming opinion in Pennsylvania is in favor of giving the women the right to vote, and I shall therefore cast my vote in favor of the amendment. The women are bearing the burden of this war to the utmost of their ability and it is a particularly appropriate time for us to recognize their devotion and courage to the country."

GEORGE P. DARROW—The Republican party surely ought to support this amendment. I shall do my part.

LOUIS T. McFADDEN—I have not changed. Of course, I will vote for it. I believe you will get it.

EDGAR T. KIESS—You know my sentiments. I have not changed. I will vote and work for it. It is the least we can do for our splendid women in wartime.

H. A. CLARK—I have always voted for it. My conscience and my convictions would not permit anything else.

WILLIAM S. VARE—I am with you to the limit.

PETER E. COSTELLO—The women of Pennsylvania are entitled to as much as the women of the other States. If the suffrage amendment needs my vote in the House you may depend on me.

The vote on the amendment will be taken at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Several hours of debate will precede the action. Miss Jeanette Rankin, Congresswoman from Montana, is scheduled to speak for the amendment, and unless her experiences a change of viewpoint, due to the President's action, Representative Clark of Florida, a consistent anti, will present the opposing arguments.

MEN BORED; SUFFRAGE SURE, SAYS DR. SHAW

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, who has been appointed head of the women's committee of the Council of National Defense, told Philadelphia women at a meeting at the New Century Club yesterday that she is confident Congress will pass the suffrage amendment if for no other reason than the men want to get rid of the whole business. Doctor Shaw said women who fail to do something for the Government are just as much slackers as men who shirk going to war.

"When the hysteria of war first struck men they wanted to send all the children to the farms," she said, "and now they are closing the schools all over the country because of the lack of coal. Close the churches, but do not close the schools and don't send the teachers into the munition factories. Save the children for the future.

"The men expect us to do four things. They expect us to inspire them, to send them away with a smile. They expect us to keep the home fires burning. They expect us to preserve the moral forces of society and they expect us to economize and save. In none of these will women fail and they will get ready for still greater service after the war."

FIND DYNAMITE IN COAL

Sixteen Pounds in Fuel for Bethlehem Steel Company's Plant

LEBANON, Pa., Jan. 10.—At the Bethlehem Steel Company's plant here sixteen one-pound sticks of dynamite were found among coal about to be pulverized. Had the explosive not been discovered in time great damage must have resulted.

Local officials of the company expressed the belief that the dynamite accidentally found its way into the coal at the mines.

Woman Said to Be Gas Victim

CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 10.—Neighbors of Mrs. Lydia Ewing, of Second street and Edgmont avenue, who was found dead, advance the theory that she lost her life by inhaling escaping gas from a main leading into the home. A leak in the main was discovered by employes of the gas company. Mrs. Annie Atkins, who lived in the same house, also was overcome and is a patient in the Chester Hospital.

Autoists Race on River

DELANCO, N. J., Jan. 10.—Not to be outdone by autoists of other riverfront towns who have been driving their cars on the frozen Delaware, some of the more daring autoists of Delanco and Riverside have opened an ice speedway on the Rancocas River, above the railroad bridge. The ice is said to be eighteen inches thick at this point. Some thrilling races have been staged.

Baker Points Out Army's Rapid Growth

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unanimity of spirit and confidence in its powers.

"More has been done than any one dared to believe possible. That there have been here and there errors of judgment and delays goes without saying, but I should be wanting in frankness were I to omit my own estimate of the real unselfishness and intelligence with which my associates, military and civilian, have applied themselves to this undertaking and the results demonstrate the success of their efforts."

Massing figures to show the American progress, Baker suggested to the committee, inferentially, that it had dwelt on details, which, though important, obscured the bigness of the task done.

"The death rate in our forces in the United States," Baker said, "from mid-September to the end of December averaged 7.5 per thousand per year and is slightly less than would have been the death rate of men of the same age at home."

Aside from deaths due to measles and its complications (pneumonia chiefly) the rate was about 2 per thousand per year, and Baker held out the hope that with improved clothing and health conditions, the 7.5 rate would be lessened.

Turning to the ordnance branch, he pointed to the necessity for developing trained officers, enlarging the working force, building new structures, modifying designs and plans to conform to latest war experience. Expansion, too had made the quartermaster branch problems difficult.

In the course of a resume of accomplishments the Secretary declared:

"The training of the army is proceeding rapidly, and its spirit is high. The subsistence of the army has been above criticism; its initial clothing supply, temporarily inadequate, is now substantially complete, and reserves will rapidly accumulate. Arms of the most modern and effective kind—including artillery, machine guns, automatic rifles and small arms—have been provided by manufacture or purchase for every soldier in France and are available for every soldier who can be gotten to France in the year 1918.

"A substantial army is already in France, where both men and officers have been additionally and specially trained and are ready for active service. No army of similar size in the history of the world has ever been raised, equipped or trained so quickly. No such provision has ever been made for the comfort, health and general well-being of an army. The health report for December, for a variety of reasons, became suddenly less favorable than for the preceding months, but the unfavorable conditions have been met and improvement is already apparent.

Baker's statements were made, he said, with a full realization that "some expressions of doubt, difference of opinion and disapproval" have been submitted to the probers.

"The War Department," he continued, "has spent eight months hearing similar expressions, analyzing them, correcting the conditions out of which they grew, perfecting its organization to prevent their recurrence, and all the while driving on to the accomplishment of the main task."

INVOKES THE MUSE TO SEND GOOD NEWS

And So Girl Here, From France Gets Cheer, to Start the Year

Margaret E. Paul, of 3246 North Carlisle street, who is a chief yeoman at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, has received a rhymed New Year's greeting from a Philadelphia boy, James J. Stanley, serving on the U. S. S. Panther, now stationed "somewhere near France." Stanley lives at 1640 Dauphin street and Miss Paul met him at the yard. The verse follows:

The destroyers send their greetings,
From a storm-tossed wintry sea,
Off the shores of France and Ireland,
Where we guard unceasingly.

We've upheld Old Glory's honor,
And we've added to her fame,
And we'll beat the German Kaiser
And his dirty U-boat game.

We've convoyed our troops in safety,
And we've landed them in France;
Now, beneath the starry banner,
They are ready to advance.

And we know they'll be victorious,
When the German foe they meet;
So we send you our greetings,
From the whole destroyer fleet.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Falls Through Air Hole

BURLINGTON, N. J., Jan. 10.—While Mr. and Mrs. William Mugatroid were enjoying a walk on the frozen Delaware River, opposite Burlington, Mrs. Mugatroid suddenly missed her husband. A moment later she was startled to see his hand protrude from a nearby air-hole. She called for help, but Mr. Mugatroid, fearing to endanger would-be rescuers on thin ice around the edge of the air hole, motioned them back and finally managed to extricate himself. He was taken to his home, suffering with cold and shock.

CORN LEADS STATE IN VALUE OF CROPS

Lancaster Ahead of Other Counties of Pennsylvania in Production Returns

HARRISBURG, Jan. 10.—Lancaster County, with $22,673,228, leads Pennsylvania in the value of the main farm crops of 1917, according to the bulletins of the State Department of Agriculture. York is second, followed by Berks, Chester and Bucks. The aggregate of the value of the wheat, corn, rye, oats, buckwheat, hay and potato crops of 1917 for that State is given at $40,272,200, which is considered to be the record.

The bulletin says in giving the value of each corp by counties:

"Corn is king, with a total value of $112,272,998, with hay the second money crop, valued at $85,499,990. Wheat takes third place, with a total value of $54,584,790, and potatoes have a value of $43,591,601. Oats, buckwheat and rye trail along in order. The same seven crops for 1916 had a value of $226,028,118, while in 1915 they were valued at $169,917,529. The value of the crop of last season is twice that of two years ago, but there has been a considerable increase in production in a number of the crops and the prices of every commodity have been increased materially."

Fine Same Speeding Pair

TRENTON, Jan. 10.—Harry Latz, of the Hotel Alamac, Atlantic City, and Clifton N. Phillips, of Ventnor, were fined $25 each by Commissioner Dill, of the motor vehicle department, for speeding their automobiles. On the occasion of this offense each was fined $100 by the Atlantic City authorities for driving on the Boardwalk.

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