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Movements in Reality.

John E. King, V. C. L. M. Smith, K. H. George Gilder and Freake Meyer strong men of the movement, have been in Pittsburg for the ensuing year; President, Dr. A. Mueller; Vice President, Dr. G. A. McMurtry; Treasurer, Mr. H. McRoberts; Secretary, Charles F. Wade.

Knights of Pythias.

Between 400 and 500 new members were admitted to the order in February.

The depots of Allegheny county held a meeting last Thursday night.

There is a committee of five to work at securing the possibility of erecting a building for Meoptaphor purposes.

Thursday evening, March 3, is the time set for the banquet given to McKeepson's Consular.

Pitcairn Conclave No. 89 had 36 applicants for membership at its last meeting. The new book issued by this conclave is the "finest."

The Heptasoph Association of Western Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting Thursday evening. Much business was transacted, and the organization went on with great success. The following officers were nominated for the ensuing year: President, Dr. J. W. McMurtry; Vice President, Dr. G. A. McMurtry; Treasurer, Mr. H. McRoberts; Secretary, Charles F. Wade.

Leader Lodge initiated two esquires last

## TRADE OF THE WEEK.

Conditions Favorable and the Movement Satisfactory.

### SOME NEW IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

Senator Flinn Expects to Build One Hundred Houses a Year.

### THE WIDENING OF HOMWOOD AVENUE

General trade developed practically the same characteristics last week as noted earlier in the month. Considering that Friday is always dull, a sort of between wind and water season, winter finished too early for spring, the movement was satisfactory to all except the boomers, who are never willing to let well enough alone. With more doing in all lines of trade, with the possible exception of iron, than last year, there is no ground for complaint.

In a local way, all of the changes accompanying the week were for the better. Even the iron market was favorably affected.

Banking operations were on a large scale shown by reports of the previous week both checking and depositing showing handsome gains. These items are so intimately allied with current activities, and so clearly reflect the temper in business circles, that they can be accepted as reliable indications of financial and commercial tendencies. Stocks were active and higher, and increased in real estate were the largest of the year. Three firms put on extra salesmen.

It cannot be maintained that business is as active as early forecasts indicated. But, on the other hand, the calamities predicted have not come to pass, if anything, to any extent. The way, if they existed, would be a disappointment to the boomers. Level-headed financiers are not alarmed at the prospect of the shipment of a few millions of gold to Europe. The country is too affluent to be crippled by any reasonable depreciation of the stock of yellow metal. Besides, a dollar in some shape is received for every cent sent out. It will all come back in time in payment for food for starving millions.

BULLS STAMPED.

Weakness All Around Again in the Grain and Provision Markets—Russian Business Once More Playing a Part on Change-Deniers Nerous and Content.

CHICAGO.—The wheat market had a very quiet week. Wheat opened extremely dull. For a time price held quite steady to the closing figures of yesterday, but the feeling gradually grew weak, and when a few items of bearish news came in the bulls stamped and prices dropped.

Cables were somewhat conflicting. The trade seems to be in a standstill.

A. O. F. of America Court Prize of Allen-

ton No. 255 held its annual entertainment at Odd Fellows Hall, South Eighteenth and Franklin streets, on Friday evening.

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JOHN E. KING.

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The lodges now being organized at Oak-

land have made a successful start. At a meet-

ing on Saturday evening, the lodges were on the charter list. There will be another meeting in St. Paul's Hall, Wednesday evening, March 2, to receive names and to complete the records for odd fellows. The lodges at an early date, P. G. J. W. Cupp will cheerfully give any desired information.

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Preparations for the institution of the largest and most promising lodge of the I. O. O. F. in the State of Pennsylvania, and probably the country, are now in full swing.

The cards of the required number necessary for institutions have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and the chartered organization will be in April.

The membership fee in this lodge it is whispered will be advanced to \$25 immediately, and the dues will be \$100 annually, to maintain 200 names, which will doubtless be increased to \$30 during the next few weeks.

This is the new lodges, to call on Joseph or George Berry, Collins and Kirkwood street, or on Thomas Matthews, D. G. M. for information.

Mr. O. A. M.

After Tuesday, March 1, Liberty Valley Council No. 711 will meet Wednesday evenings.

A union service meeting will be held at the Sixth Presbyterian Church, corner Franklin and Tenth Streets, on Friday evening.

March 6, Dr. W. R. Root, Jr., Pastor of Union Avenue Methodist Church.

The Advisory Council of Western Penn-

sylvania, J. C. U. A. will visit General Marion No. 45 Tuesday evening.

The First Battalion, First Regiment, of the Parachute Militia, will be present.

Pittsburgh, Harry Henderson, Esq., A. D. Wilken, Esq., and other able speakers will be present. The meeting will be open one after 8 o'clock and all who can should attend.

Liberty Valley Council No. 711, which was organized last September, will meet on the following evening, to call on Joseph or George Berry, Collins and Kirkwood street, or on Thomas Matthews, D. G. M. for information.

The leading names ranged as follows, as con-

tracted by John M. Oakley & Co., 46 Sixth street:

**ARTICLES.**

WHEAT, No. 2.....\$ 85¢

February.....\$ 92

COINS, No. 2.....\$ 41

May.....\$ 43

OATS, No. 2.....\$ 29

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