ROYAL ARCANUMS OF STATE MEET HERE EXPOSITION YEAR.

Large Attendance at Session of the Missouri Council Which Has Just Adjourned.

The recent session of the Grand Council attracted the largest attendance in its history. The fifty-one councils in the State were fully represented, and Grand Chaplain Charles Mueth was the only officer absent, being confined to his home with a broken limb. Grand Regent Bacon presided during the session, and was re-elected. John C. Killingsworth was elected grand secretary. But few changes were made in the list of officers. The new officers were installed by Deputy Supreme Regent Horace I. Bowne of New Jersey. The organization of a Royal Arcanum Hospital Dead Fund Association was begun. The Supreme Council was invited to hold its annual session in 1904 in St. Louis. The proposed Temple of Fraternity was warmly indorsed. All official acts of Grand Regent Bacon were approved. An hour was devoted to a session in memory of the late past grand regent, Carl Sauler, during which a number of appropriate tributes were paid. Past Grand Regent R. R. Bonner read a beautiful and touching paper in memory of the eighty-eight brethren who had died during 1902, which was adopted by a rising vote.

The Grand Council adjourned to meet again in St. Louis, Tuesday, February 16, 1904.

Compton Hill Council had its usual large attendance. Seven applications were received and one candidate initiated. Regent J. Elspermann in the chair. Orator E. H. Poss presented a splendid programme of entertainment, as follows: Selections by Amphion Quartet, composed of Miss Lottie F. Boehman; Messrs. C. L. LeFaivre, E. Boehmen, F. E. Fitzgerald; contralto solo, Miss Lottie F. Boehmen; violin solo, Miss Dorothy Boehman; duet, Miss Lottie Boehmen and F. E. Fitzgerald; coon song, E. Boehmen; barytone solo, F. E. Fitzgerald; quartet, Miss Mae Boehman, accompanist. Addresses were made by Grand Regent Horace H. I. Boone of New Jersey; Past Past Grand Regent L. J. Meiser, Past Regent William H. Taylor of Westport Council.

Carr Lane Council had a well-attended meeting with Doctor E. F. Brady in the chair. Four applications were received and two candidates initiated. Considerable routine business was transacted. Piano selections were rendered by Organist A. J. Yandell. A pledge by the brothers present to have twenty-five applications at the next meeting was one of the best features of the evening. Another pleasing incident was the initiatory work, which was conducted under the auspices of the Arcadian Knights, the officers appearing in their new robes.

Mentor Council had five applications and one initiation, Regent W. L. Clucas presiding. Steps were taken to give an open entertainment at an early date. The meeting was favored with songs by Louis Appel and J. C. Jones; instrumental music by Professor Charles H. Kreh; recitations by E. Mestemacher, addresses by Regent Clucas and others.

Mound City Council had three applications and one initiation, Regent J. H. Ahrens in the chair. Arrangements were perfected for the twentieth anniversary celebration, March 17. The newly elected grand secretary, John C. Killingsworth, received an enthusiastic welcome, and in response made a rousing address. The meeting was also entertained with instrumental selections by F. E. Becker and an address by W. M. Applebaus.

Marquette Council had an enthusiastic meeting, with Frank Higgins presiding. Five applications were received. The entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music by Messrs. Jutz, Hickey, Maher, Clark, Feldes, Solon, Riley; recitations and readings by Messrs. Hart, Kelleher and Downer.

Cabanne Council received two applications, Regent A. J. Quinlan in the chair, and organized a membership league. The Entertainment Committee announced that something would be provided at every meeting hereafter, and offered as its initial programme banjo solos by Walworth Jenkins of Forest Park Council; instrumental selections by A. D. Green; songs by Thomas Carroll of Olivette. At the next meeting there will be a stag euchre party for members and prizes will be awarded.

Old Guard Council had an enthusiastic meeting, with Regent Louis Tisch presiding. Three applications were read and two candidates initiated. The by-laws received their first reading, after which the council was entertained with songs by C. J. Barry and Fred Haller; instrumental music by Fred Haller and the Oriental Mandolin Club; recitations and readings by Martin J. Melton, S. P. Fenwick, C. B. Nicholson, F. P. Stanton, and an address by Edward S. Delapiane.

Victoria Council received two applications, Regent James Clausen in the chair. The attendance was large. Among the visitors were Regent George A. Brooks, F. Esselborn and R. T. Perry of North End Council. A Hustlers' Club was organized, which held its first meeting last Thursday evening. The meeting was entertained with songs by F. R. Winthers; piano solos by Charles Roese; recitations by F. Esselborn and R. T. Perry, and addresses by Regents Clausen and Brooks.

Valley Council had a large and enthusiastic meeting, with Regent John P. Kershaw presiding. One application was received and a committee appointed to revise the by-laws. The meeting was favored with songs by A. L. Cunningham and an address by Past Grand Regent L. J. Meiser.

Missouri Council received two applications, with Regent P. J. Givnan in the chair. Messrs. Stall and Hesse entertained the council with vocal and instrumental music. A euchre followed, the prizes being won by Messrs. Hesse, Lasar, Logan and Junkin.

Cote Brilliante Council had three applications and one initiation, Regent P. H. Baker presiding. Arrangements were made to give the Membership League supper early in March. Duty 17 was very entertaining, consisting of songs by H. Llewellin and Ed Bucher; instrumental music by George W. Gallaway and F. E. Michener; recitations and reading by C. N. Whitehead, H. G. Brockmann and Thomas Stack; addresses by P. H. Baker and H. Llewellin.

Melrose Council has chosen the first and third Tuesdays for its regular meetings.

Charles A. Knecht of Osceola Council, Brooklyn, N. Y., was a visitor at the Grand Council office.

Council meetings this week: Monday—Ozark, Delmar, Ka-ei-mo-ra, Joachim. Tuesday—Hickory, Euclid, Florissant Valley, Sedalia, Osage, Vandeventer. Wednesday—North End. Thursday—Valley, Kirkwood, Old Orchard, Gate City, Cabanne. Friday—Benton, Victoria, Spring River, Poplar Bluff. Saturday—Spanish Lake.

Knights of the Maccabees.

The Executive Board met Monday at Great Camp headquarters and transacted considerable business of importance. All members of the board were present, and a night session was held.

As soon as the official figures are received from the supreme record keeper's office the checks will be issued to the tents winning the cash prizes in Missouri.

Great Record Keeper Sommers held a school of instruction with Chillicothe Tent, No. 21, Tuesday evening, February 16. One of the largest attended reviews of the season was held, members being present who had not attended the reviews for years. The degree team exemplified the work and several applications were received. The principal address was made by the great record keeper. Sir Knight Smith, commander of Sumner Tent, also made a speech. After the review refreshments were served.

The great commander, upon invitation, paid a visit to the tent at New Franklin on February 12, where a large class of candidates was initiated that had been secured by Deputy B. F. Ford. The floor work was exemplified by the degree team from Boonville Tent. They came over to New Franklin thirty-five strong, having chartered a special train for the occasion. They were assisted in the work by three officers from Pilot Grove, Mo. Visitors were also present from Fayette, Mo. After the floor work was exemplified all the visiting members, as the guests of New Franklin Tent, were invited to a banquet provided for the occasion. The tables were presided over by the wives of some of the members, assisted by their friends in New Franklin. After the banquet was over the members repaired to the hall, and several impromptu speeches were made by various visitors, as well as a lengthy address by the great commander on the good of the order. The visiting members then went to the depot and took the train for Boonville, arriving there shortly after 2 in the morning. They were accompanied by the great commander, who went to Boonville for the purpose of holding a school of instruction with the tent at Boonville on February 19, as well as to initiate some candidates.

Arrangements are being made for a large class to be initiated at Fayette and Centralia in the very near future.

The great record keeper has gone to Stanberry, Mo., to look after the interest of the tent at that point.

Acme Tent held a regular review February 12 and had a large attendance, initiating four candidates and receiving four applications. Sir Knight Williams, great M. A. of the Great Camp of Missouri, was admitted by card. After being royally received, Sir Knight Williams presented two applications and promised more. The new by-laws were ordered printed. Sir Knight Commander Anderson donated a gold watch to the member bringing in the largest number of applications before the first review in July. Sir Knight Jones H. Parker was a visitor and made a good talk, complimenting Acme Tent members on good work. Acme Tent voted a 10 per cent capita to the World's Fair Temple of Fraternity. The next review will be February 26.

California Tent, No. 117, initiated six new members at its regular review Monday night and has several more applications. The public installation January 26 has given the tent a new impetus and made the order still more popular.

Regardless of the severe weather Monday evening, Union Tent had a splendidly attended review. The report of the Auditing Committee was received with a feeling of great satisfaction and encouragement, for it shows that Union Tent is in a very healthy condition financially.

The degree team is going to make things hum, for the sir knights that take part in the work are diligently trying to make it second to none.

Wellston Tent held an enthusiastic review Monday evening. A large crowd was present. One candidate and three or four applications were received.

American Tent had a well-attended review Wednesday evening. They received eight applications, two candidates and balloted on ten. The next review, March 4, will celebrate the tenth anniversary. A good time will be assured to all who attend.

The last review of Busy Bee Tent was one of the most enjoyable held in the past year. Notwithstanding the severe cold, the attendance was good. Several applications were received and four candidates initiated. When the business of the tent was about concluded there was a commotion in the anteroom, which, upon investigation, proved to be caused by Lady Commander Mulkey of Queen Bee Hive and a strong delegation of the members of the hive, who had come to pay the Busy Bees a fraternal visit. They came heavily laden with cakes, coffee and other good things. Commander Woolam of the tent welcomed them in a neat speech, which was replied to by the lady commander.

Missouri Tent, No. 59, held its regular reviews February 17, initiating two candidates and receiving ten applications. The euchre and hop was a success; all had a good time. The sir knights wish to thank Ladies Knapp, Shepard and Goodman for their services in securing the valuable prizes. The Entertainment Committee is contemplating a picnic that will be announced later. Missouri Tent suffered the loss of another member, Sir Knight Hill of No. 3210 North Broadway.

Hall Tent held an enthusiastic review Thursday evening. A large per cent of their membership was present. They received two applications. At their last review they initiated three candidates.

St. Louis Division, Uniform Rank, gave its fourth annual ball February 17 at De Honey's Hall, and, in spite of the zero weather, it was well patronized. Another ball will be given after Lent.

Ivanhoe Tent initiated one candidate at its last review, and promises are made to have several applications at next review. This tent will give a smoker February 24 at its regular meeting place.

Ladies of the Maccabees.

Oak Hill held its last review February 14, with an attendance of sixty-three members. The most important event of the evening was the initiation of four candidates, all life-benefit members, and the application cards of three more. Since the appearance of Oak Hill Guards things are booming at the reviews, and always will be, as their captain is active in training them to perfection. At the next regular review there is to be a lunch.

Jewel Hive held a review Thursday evening, in spite of the cold weather. The ladies will give a euchre Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henley, No. 2613 Page avenue.

Tower Grove Hive, No. 28, held a review Monday in the Burlington building, at which time it entertained Mrs. May A. C. Baikie, State commander.

Odd Fellows.

Martha Washington Lodge had a well-attended meeting Monday night. Three applications for membership were received. Eleven candidates were initiated. There will be five for initiation at next meeting.

The eleven candidates were all young men, who were initiated into a Rebekah lodge. The dazzling paraphernalia of the ladies in their well-executed drill and the beautiful ceremony of the Rebekah degree made the candidates feel that they had taken a step in the right direction. After the ceremonies ice cream and cake were served in abundance. Mr. and Mrs. C. Harry McGlinn of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Kate Poole and Mrs. Lydia T. Reeder of Murphysboro, Ill., made remarks under good of the order, as did the new initiates. Martha Washington Lodge is building up rapidly. It will probably move west in the near future and grow up with the West End in the neighborhood of Grand avenue.

St. Louis had one petition for membership. The Third degree was conferred on one candidate. Past Grand and Grand Representative J. H. Crane, one of the most faithful workers in the order, died February 18 at his home in Glendale, aged 71 years. D. C. Resce, Pittsburg, Pa.; Thomas Aldredge, East Bridgeport, Mass., and F. A. Askew of Dallas, Tex., were visitors.

Laclede Lodge had one application for membership and initiated one candidate. C. L. Hudson, Barry, Ill.; J. W. Gage, Pittsburg, Pa.; R. W. Colborn, Girard, Kas.; C. Harry McGlinn, Philadelphia, Pa., and H. M. Schwing, Seymour, Ind., were visitors.

Mound City Lodge had one candidate for initiation. St. Louis Lodge visited Mound City and assisted in the initiation. John V. Eberlein of Warsaw, Wis., was a visitor.

Arcadian Lodge had one of the most enjoyable meetings and entertainments of the winter on Friday evening, being favored with a visit by Grand Secretary E. M. Sloan and Past Grand Master T. T. Parson, Charles E. West of Goshen, Ind., and James T. Allen of Ladogo, Ind., all of whom complimented the lodge on its work. After closing the lodge the members were invited upstairs, where they were entertained with songs, speeches, musical selections, illustrated with stereopticon views, together with movable pictures of military and civic processions, under the direction of H. Thurston, eliciting much applause. This was followed by an elegant spread prepared by the wives of the members, and winding up with a dance, to the satisfaction of both the participants and the onlookers.

Mechanics' Lodge gave one candidate the First degree and four the Second.

Mound City Encampment had four applications for membership at its meeting February 10 and conferred the Royal Purple degree on four patriarchs. The degree staff of the encampment paid a visit to Harmony Encampment of East St. Louis, accompanied by Charles T. Webster, grand patriarch, after which a fine spread was set by the patriarchs of East St. Louis, to which all did ample justice. A very pleasant evening was spent. The Grand Encampment of Illinois is going to hold a school of instruction at the hall of Harmony Encampment Thursday, February 26, which will be conducted by the grand patriarch of Illinois, and the degree staff of Mound City Encampment has been invited to attend on that occasion to confer the degree on a number of candidates.

Woodmen Circle.

Olive Grove, No. 27, Woodmen Circle, held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon. The convention at the Lindell Hotel was largely attended, thirty-five delegates being present. Mrs. L. Powell was elected delegate to the Supreme Convention at Milwaukee. Mrs. Ackerman of St. Louis was elected grand advisor of Missouri also by a large majority. She is deputy of St. Louis and guardian of Hickory Grove.

Women's Relief Corps.

General Lyons Corps gave a euchre Tuesday, which was an enjoyable affair.

Colonel Robert G. Shaw Post and Corps will have their officers jointly installed Tuesday evening.

Ransom Corps, No. 6, will give a progressive euchre at 8 p. m., Tuesday, February 24, at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Eighth and Locust streets.

Justi Corps, No. 172, of Cape Girardeau, reports celebrating the birthdays of McKinley and Lincoln.

The bazaar for the department will be held the first week in March. Donations are to be sent to the department headquarters, No. 1812 Jefferson street, Kansas City, Mo.

Knights of Honor.

Centennial Lodge had a large attendance and enthusiastic meeting and smoker last Wednesday. Favorable reports were received from committees on five applications pending. Mmes. Thavenat, Suess, Ehrlich, Dugan, Holten and Grand Reporter L. F. Borntraeger made brief remarks for the good of the order at the close of the meeting. Refreshments were served and the members were entertained with music from a mandolin club.

Oak Lodge was compelled to hold a short session at its last meeting to accommodate the large gathering of ladies and friends who came to participate in the euchre. The extreme cold weather had no terrors for them, as they expected a good time. Refreshments were served, and dancing concluded the meeting. A personal letter addressed to every member of the lodge from the dictator, soliciting their active support in a campaign to double the membership is producing good results.

Columbia Lodge had an interesting meeting. One candidate was initiated and three applications were received. Dictator Bookman being absent, the meeting was presided over by Grand Reporter Borntraeger. Brief remarks were made by Mr. Winter Burgman and Special Deputies Holton and Amenda. A large delegation from Olive Branch paid Columbia a fraternal visit and received a hearty welcome.

Mount Olive Lodge initiated two candidates at its last meeting. The officers were complimented upon the efficient manner in which the ceremonies were performed for the brief time they have held the positions. They are young and active and propose to lead the van. A. V. Ramsey, A. H. Heper, C. Cochran, E. Pell, Brewer, Holton, Amenda and Borntraeger made brief and interesting addresses for the good of the order. At the close of the next meeting there will be a stag euchre.

Bremen Lodge transacted routine business, with a good attendance. Three members were reported sick. Brief remarks were made for the good of the order by Mmes. Menemeyer, Holton, Amenda and Bonn.

Missouri Lodge had a fair attendance. One member was reinstated and the lodge received the report of the death of Christian Krueger. Mmes. Kelly, Stern, Voth and others made brief remarks.

Benton Lodge held its first meeting, with the new officers present. A good attendance made the meeting interesting. R. Krause, Dictator Burns, Collins and D. Woods made interesting remarks, appealing to the members for an active support to the lodge for the year.

Germania Lodge reports a fair attendance at last meeting. Routine business was transacted. Dictator Evers, Byder, Dinges, Bode and others made interesting speeches for the good of the order.

Legion of Honor.

Interest in Legion matters is on the increase and the demand of the past month for literature and blank applications continues.

Compton Hill Council held an interesting meeting Saturday evening and initiated four candidates. A pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of a badge to Past Supreme Chancellor W. C. Teasdale by Supreme Chancellor L. F. Hammer, Jr. Under good of the order remarks were made by Supreme Chancellor Hammer, Past Supreme Chancellor W. C. Teasdale and Supreme Recorder James M. Smith, after which the council adjourned and partook of the hospitality of Compton Hill Council in the shape of refreshments and cigars.

An enthusiastic meeting of Unity Council, No. 7, was held Friday evening. A special programme and cigars were provided by the Entertainment Committee. The Forum Debating Club discussed the "Monroe Doctrine," and an interesting general discussion of the subject by members of the Council followed.

Buena Vista Council, at its last meeting, had a visit from the worthy supreme chancellor, and, being unexpected, was naturally an agreeable surprise to its members, and every one present pledged himself to support his council by bringing in an application at the next meeting. Buena Vista may be expected to be heard from later.

Despite the inclemency of the weather Monday evening, Lafayette Council held its regular weekly meeting, with a good attendance, including Supreme Recorder Smith. One candidate (Samuel Broadbent) presented himself for initiation. Three applications were filed.

Excelsior Council, at its meeting Tuesday evening, had one of those old-time house warmings. Brother Keough was toast master. Remarks were made by Chancellor Cosgrove, Recorder Farrington, Brothers Rodgers, Carroll, Green, Donahue, Supreme Recorder Smith and others.

The Entertainment Committee of Hyde Park Council has completed the final arrangements for the masquerade hop to be held at Pickwick Hall Tuesday evening. Judging by the advance sale of tickets the committee is encouraged to expect a very large attendance. It has been hinted that a number of members of Hyde Park propose to hold a mock initiation on the floor of the hall on that occasion, but as the names of the participants in the initiation are unknown it will be necessary for the members to develop the instincts of a Sherlock Holmes to discover their identity.

Empire Council held its regular meeting at Anchor Hall Saturday evening, and Chancellor C. O. Fisher made good his promise of a few weeks ago, when he said Empire would begin at once to increase its membership. Three initiations and four applications is a good starter.

Joplin Council also added to its membership at the last meeting by initiating two candidates.

The following councils will meet this week: Monday, St. Louis and Lafayette; Tuesday, Alpha; Wednesday, Irving; Thursday, Franklin; Friday, Carondelet, Hyde Park, Unity, Stella, Ivanhoe and Buena Vista; Saturday, Compton Hill, Empire and Bonaparte.

Ladies of the G. A. R.

The euchre given Monday evening by the Colonel William Stark Circle, No. 2, was enjoyed by all present. Regret was expressed that the illness of the national chaplain, Mrs. Mary M. Stark, prevented her from being present. The prize winners were Mrs. Jacoby, Mrs. Frankie Van Slyke, Mrs. McCoy, Miss Anna H. Pfeifer, Mrs. Herndon, Mrs. Plaso, Mrs. Steuterman, Mr. John H. Steutermann, J. Roth, Harry Stark, C. J. Herndon, Mr. Jacoby, F. E. Worley and M. Walser.

The euchre given by Lizbeth Noble Circle, No. 4, Thursday evening, at the residence of the department senior vice president, Mrs. Susan A. Fuller, was well attended, and a most enjoyable affair. News has been received from South America of the continued improvement in the health of Comrade Fuller.

Catholic Knights of America.

The officers of the State Council will pay a visit to St. Boniface Branch, No. 556, at their hall, No. 7621 Minnesota avenue, this afternoon.

On Tuesday St. Elisabeth's Branch, No. 275, will be paid a visit.

On Thursday the State and supreme officers will visit the banner branch of the order, St. Peter's, No. 248. It has a membership of 529.

Knights and Ladies of Security.

Harmony Council, No. 618, transacted routine business. Three new members were received, two by application and one by transfer card. The council adjourned early to attend, in a body, the masquerade ball given by Friendship League.

The central organization has secured Teutonia Hall, Twenty-second and Montgomery streets, for April 18 and will give a ball.

McKinley Council reports an excellent meeting Thursday evening, and that steps were taken for a series of entertainments for spring and summer.

Security Council had a fair attendance Monday evening, despite the extremely cold weather. Regular business was rushed through and Brothers Tarling, Cassell and Taylor and Sisters Ischler, Hart, Kronsbien and Tarling furnished entertainment.

Twentieth Century held an excellent meeting in its old home at Rock Springs Turner Hall, receiving one application for membership. The council has adopted a plan to double its membership during the present quarter and regain the prize banner, which it held so long. Regular meetings will be held hereafter the second and fourth Fridays each month.

The cold weather proved detrimental to the box party given by Park Avenue Council, the attendance being somewhat small, but all who were present were well repaid for braving the elements in the highly enjoyable evening provided for them by the council workers.

Catholic Knights and Ladies.

The Visiting Committee from the Advisory Board and the supreme trustee have visited every branch of the order in St. Louis and East St. Louis, except branches Nos. 63 and 91. Branch 63 will be visited Tuesday, March 3. Officers have been installed in all the branches except Nos. 22, 63, 91 and 127. Branch No. 22 will have installation of officers Wednesday evening, March 4.

Branch No. 78 since moving into its new hall is making very rapid progress. At the last meeting it received seven applications and has five ready for initiation. It has waived the initiation fee until May 1.

Columbkill's Branch No. 141 had open meeting and installation of officers Thursday, February 12. Visitors attended from branches Nos. 56, 78, 90, 91 and 135. Officers were installed by the supreme trustee, P. J. Regan. A very interesting address was made by the pastor, the Reverend Father Jones. An entertainment of music, singing and recitations was given, after which refreshments were served to all.

Holy Rosary Branch No. 191 had an open meeting and installation of officers Tuesday. The officers were installed by Supreme Trustee P. J. Regan. The Reverend Father Lavery gave an interesting and encouraging address. Short addresses were made by Messrs. Regan, Cronin, Noonan and Carraher. Visitors were present from branches Nos. 56, 78, 90, 91 and 135. Refreshments were served and the entertainment concluded with music, singing and dancing.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Jefferson Lodge had a well-attended meeting Thursday night, about 160 members being present. One application was received and one candidate was elected to membership. Under the good of the order Brothers Grundler, Thiele, Fritzch, Barth and others made interesting addresses.

Benton Lodge had a well-attended meeting Thursday evening. The monthly raffle for an assessment took place and Brother Joseph Iuard was declared the winner. This lodge made a handsome contribution to the World's Fair Temple of Fraternity. One application by card was received and many applications for membership were promised for the next meeting.

Phoenix Lodge had a well-attended meeting Thursday evening, at which considerable routine business was transacted. Several members present promised to file applications for membership in the near future and a general interest was shown in the furtherance of the good of the order. This lodge has been quite unfortunate of late in losing several members by death, one of them being Ex-United States Marshal Louis C. Bohle.

The German Workmen's Association will give a grand euchre and hop Sunday afternoon, March 22, at Eckhardt's Hall, Texas avenue and Cherokee streets, to which all members of the order and their friends are invited.

Saturday evening, March 14, Missouri Lodge No. 4 will give a grand reception at Benton Park Hall, No. 2811 South Jefferson avenue, in celebration of its twenty-seventh anniversary. A large attendance is expected.

St. Louis Lodge No. 1 Tuesday evening had a large attendance present in spite of the severe cold weather. Brothers Breadbent, Cunningham, Mueller and others made some encouraging remarks under the good of the order. At the meeting on February 24, one candidate will be initiated, and this being the last meeting of the month, a large attendance is looked for.

The three lodges at Sedalia held a joint meeting on the night of the 17th, as the beginning of a series of meetings and a revival of the effort to extend the membership. Grand Master Workman Miller was present and addressed the meeting, but owing to the intensely cold night the attendance at the meeting was disappointing. However, the Sedalia members are not discouraged, but will renew the effort with fairer weather.

On the night of February 18 Ozark Lodge, No. 89, located at Lebanon, Mo., celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with an entertainment and supper. The entertainment was held in Masonic Hall, which is also occupied by the Workmen, and consisted of music by the Lebanon Orchestra and addresses by Brother Hickman, master workman of the lodge; Grand Master Workman Miller, John I. Martin, member of the Committee on Laws of the Grand Lodge, and Supervisor I. B. Flory. At the conclusion of the entertainment the whole party repaired to an adjoining banquet-room, where one of the most elaborate suppers ever set up in Southwest Missouri was placed before them. The night was cold and the streets covered with sheets of ice, yet the hall was filled with an elegant audience of ladies and gentlemen.

Hannibal Lodge, No. 15, gave its second smoker of the winter on February 17, which was attended on behalf of the Grand Lodge by Brother William F. Bohn, supreme representative. The brethren had such splendid success at their former smokers that on this occasion they provided an excellent entertainment, and invited in all their young friends to enjoy it with them. Unfortunately, the attendance was limited by the severe cold and the bad condition of the streets; nevertheless, the occasion was a very interesting and successful one.

On the evening of February 20, Aurora Lodge, No. 96, located at Aurora, Mo., initiated fifty new applicants, which represents the work of the last three weeks. At the urgent request of the brethren of the lodge, Brother William F. Bohn, supreme representative, attended the meeting in behalf of the Grand Lodge, and Brother Phil Arnold, the supervisor, under whose intelligent and energetic hand the work had been done, was present to rejoice in the reward of his labors.

Security Lodge, No. 41, will hold an open meeting and smoker Monday evening, February 23, at its new hall in the Burlington building, No. 810 Olive street. Entertainment and music will be provided on this occasion, and a good time in general is anticipated. All members of the order and their friends are invited to attend.

West Gate Lodge, No. 204, held an open meeting and smoker Wednesday evening at Rock Springs Turner Hall, Boyle and Chouteau avenues, which was well attended by members of the order and their friends. Past Grand Master Workman William F. Bohn was present in behalf of the Grand Lodge and made a very interesting address. The Arrangement Committee presented an enjoyable programme of entertainment and served all present with an elegant lunch and refreshments.

Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W.

At the last meeting of Acorn Lodge it was decided to divide the lodge into two teams to work for new members, the teams to be under the captaincy of Sister Mollie Keane and Brother A. Bressler. The member bringing in the most new members—not less than five—will receive a handsome gold badge. The team making the best showing at the next meeting, February 23, will have first pick of members who were not present at the last meeting. The press correspondent of this lodge would like to correct a serious mistake printed from her last report of the lodge meetings in regard to the installation of officers. As the lady of honor was not present at the regular installation of officers, conducted by Grand Lady of Honor Alice C. Mulkey, but was present at the next meeting, at which time the G. C. of H. and D. G. C. of H. were also present, they kindly installed the lady of honor. She also desires to state that both Grand Lodge officers were given their proper titles, and not "Mrs."

Terminal Camp, W. of W.

Terminal Camp held the regular weekly meeting Wednesday night, with a large attendance. One new member was initiated and several applications passed upon. Sovereign William H. Hughes was present and made an interesting talk to the camp, and at its conclusion was requested by the consul commander to present to Past Consul Commander Well an elegant gold ring, which the camp gives him as a token of esteem for services rendered.

Order of the Scottish Clans.

Clan Gordon, No. 12, of Barre, Vt., is the banner clan of the order, and had on its rolls at the close of last term the names of 520 members. Clan McGregor, No. 5, was a good second, with 427 members enrolled, at Quincy, Mass., and Clan Fraser, No. 11, at Pawtucket, R. I., third, with 270 members.

A well-attended and interesting meeting was held by Clan Douglas, No. 2, Tuesday evening, corner Grand and Easton avenues. Chief Charles Stewart occupied the chair, and the secretary, George A. Bruce, recorded the proceedings. When the order of business, initiation of candidates, had arrived, the senechal took up the fiery cross, and, keeping step with the martial strains of the pipes, conducted one candidate through the beautiful ceremonies of initiation. After this order of business had been concluded the other routine matters were quickly disposed of, and under good of the order a pleasant hour was spent in song, oratory and Scotch wit, all of the visitors and many of the members of the clan contributing their share toward the evening's entertainment.

Protected Home Circle.

Special League, No. 165, initiated a large class and many names were proposed for membership. The contest for the interstate banner, to close May 15, is close between this mother circle of Missouri and Detroit Circle, Michigan, as the roll of honor in the Gazette shows. The rival Michigan circle forged ahead in January, but the workers in No. 165 of this city say that will be overcome this month. Supreme Chaplain Miller stated some important data, saying: "In May last Social League had 673 members, January 15, 1903, the membership was 757, a net gain of 84 members. This month will bring the number up to nearly 100 gain, and over two months yet for work." Plans for a big rally are being made to bring the banner back to this city, where it was held for two years—1899-1900. Mr. Miller has secured special inducements for every member of Social League for the coming two months, and has asked members to communicate with him.

Hope Circle, No. 108, had a great time Wednesday night. It was a euchre, with over fifty fine prizes given. Brothers Beckman, Houghtlin, Bodger, Crossman, Stieghorst and a host of lady members managed the affair. Miss Rosie Leppe had charge of refreshments.

Arlington, No. 228, had a good time Friday night. This circle still holds third place in the membership of this city's circles. President Newcum, Accountant and Treasurer Trall and Cook say it will stay there, but the 177 members will have to come to their relief.

Benton, No. 414, had an euchre for the members Wednesday night. The young people of this circle always have that. This is a growing circle, and at present holds the State banner for the largest percent of growth in the past six months. J. M. Caragher is the deputy, and he and Worthy President Johannes and their helpers say the banner will stay there for another six months.

Rainbow, No. 415, had a delightful meeting. President Geschwinder, in the chair, rushed matters and a delightful time in the after-meeting was had. The plans for an open meeting March 29 are completed. Euchre, music and pleasure, with refreshments, are part of the programme. Sisters Keyburg, Michler, Irvin, Brothers, Liebner, Geschwinder, Garrett and others are on the committee.

Tower Grove, No. 412, had a meeting Monday and initiated a class of new members, with new names proposed. Sister Carrie Wolfrom, the new president, is showing herself capable in her station. Sister Rowland, the accomplished secretary, and Brother Eggleston, accountant, and Sister Loftus, treasurer, are looking well after the business of the circle. With a host of working and loyal members, this circle has a great future.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Grand Protector John D. O'Keefe will begin his official visits to the various city lodges Monday, March 2. Owing to the large number of lodges, he has decided to group three lodges in each official visit and visit them at the same time. The innovation promises to be a success. By this system each of the eight-five lodges in the city will receive an official visit once every six months.

Banner Lodge received an unofficial visit from the Grand Lodge officers for the purpose of initiating a class of candidates last Tuesday evening. Despite the zero weather the hall was well filled with members and visitors. Grand Protector John D. O'Keefe conferred the degree on the class of candidates, which was followed by the reception of a number of applications for relief-fund membership. Speeches under the good of the order were delivered by the grand protector, Grand Treasurer Sarah E. Breen, the grand secretary, Grand Guide Sarah J. Grimes, Grand Officers Louis A. Steber and Anna M. Kelly, Lizzie Turner and Mollie Keane. Visitors were also present from Chouteau, West Gate, Magnolia, Enterprise, Myrtle, Oak, Suburban and Lilly lodges.

Triumphant Lodge received six applications for membership at a short meeting last Monday evening, which was held prior to the euchre and dance, which was largely attended by a number of the friends of the members.

Philippine Lodge had a large turnout of their members last Monday evening. Secretary Christian Thimer read two applications for relief-fund membership, which were referred to the Investigating Committee.

Eva Lodge has again taken up the work of propagating the order. Sister Elise Martens submitted one application for Relief Fund membership at its last meeting. A number of visitors were present from Columbia, Triumphant, Eva and Ada lodges.

Lilly lodge had four initiations at its last meeting, Protector George E. Cobb conferring the degrees. Grand Chaplain Bessie Wagner addressed the meeting. The members are looking forward to the capture of the merit banner to be presented to the lodge making the largest net gain of members during this term.

Oak Lodge held its initial meeting at their new location, No. 2209 Chouteau avenue, last Monday evening. The mascot, Baby Bressler, has again started the members to work; as a result three candidates received the degree and five applications for Relief Fund membership were filed with the secretary at this meeting. Thomas Keane and Doctor Robert E. Owen addressed the meeting, confining their remarks exclusively to the propagating of the order. Deputy Grand Protector Mollie Keane was the recipient of a handsome gold jewel, emblematic of the order, presented by Sister Emma Messenger of Lilly Lodge in behalf of the members of Oak.

Martha Washington's membership is getting close to the 200 mark. At the last meeting, which was largely attended, four applications for Relief Fund membership were received. Grand Officer Doctor Charles H. Weinsberg presided at the meeting and delivered an address.

Silver Star Lodge's last meeting was largely attended, the members displaying much activity and enthusiasm. Four candidates were conducted into the mysteries of the degree, and one application was filed with the secretary. Past Protector Jennie Alexander addressed the meeting.

May Pell Lodge added two members to its roster and received three applications for Relief Fund membership at its last meeting, which was largely attended and interesting.

West Gate Lodge's members have termed their meetings "capacity," as each meeting seems to bring out a larger attendance. Last Thursday evening it was decided to secure a larger hall, as the present quarters are inadequate to house comfortably all the members that attend. The roster of the lodge now contains 456 members, with fully 65 per cent at each meeting. Seven candidates received the degree and eight applications were filed with Secretary Unietta Stephenson.

Jenkins Lodge, in the suburbs, expects to have a large attendance at its next meeting. Protector John McCaffrey and Secretary Thomas J. Lavin are working enthusiastically to make the proposed class initiation a success for next Thursday evening.

Kirkwood Lodge, Kirkwood, Mo., held a meeting last Wednesday evening. Grand Protector John D. O'Keef and Grand Secretary J. J. Kennedy were present. A reception was tendered to them after the meeting, which was followed by a supper.

Irving Lodge, Maplewood, Mo., meeting last Tuesday evening was interesting. The final arrangements were perfected for the masquerade ball to be given by the lodge at May's Hall, in Maplewood, Tuesday evening, February 24.

Humboldt Lodge had a meeting last Monday evening. Grand Vice Protector Johanna Feltmann and the Propagating Committee submitted a number of applications, which was followed by the initiation of three candidates into the relief fund degree.

Goethe Lodge had the usual turnout of the members at the meeting last Wednesday evening. Secretary Meier Engel read two applications for membership and delivered an address under the good of the order.

Chouteau Lodge will meet next Tuesday evening.

Baden Lodge received four applications at its meeting last Monday evening. The work of the Propagating Committee was conducted by Annie O'Brien, L. Beitz and Katherine O'Brien and Julius Selmeniske.

Concordia Lodge will meet next Thursday evening and initiate candidates, who were proposed by Protector Jacob Glaiser. The meetings of this lodge are on the increase in attendance, much interest and enthusiasm being displayed by the members.

St. Ann's Lodge's last meeting was made interesting by the reception of applications and the initiation of candidates.

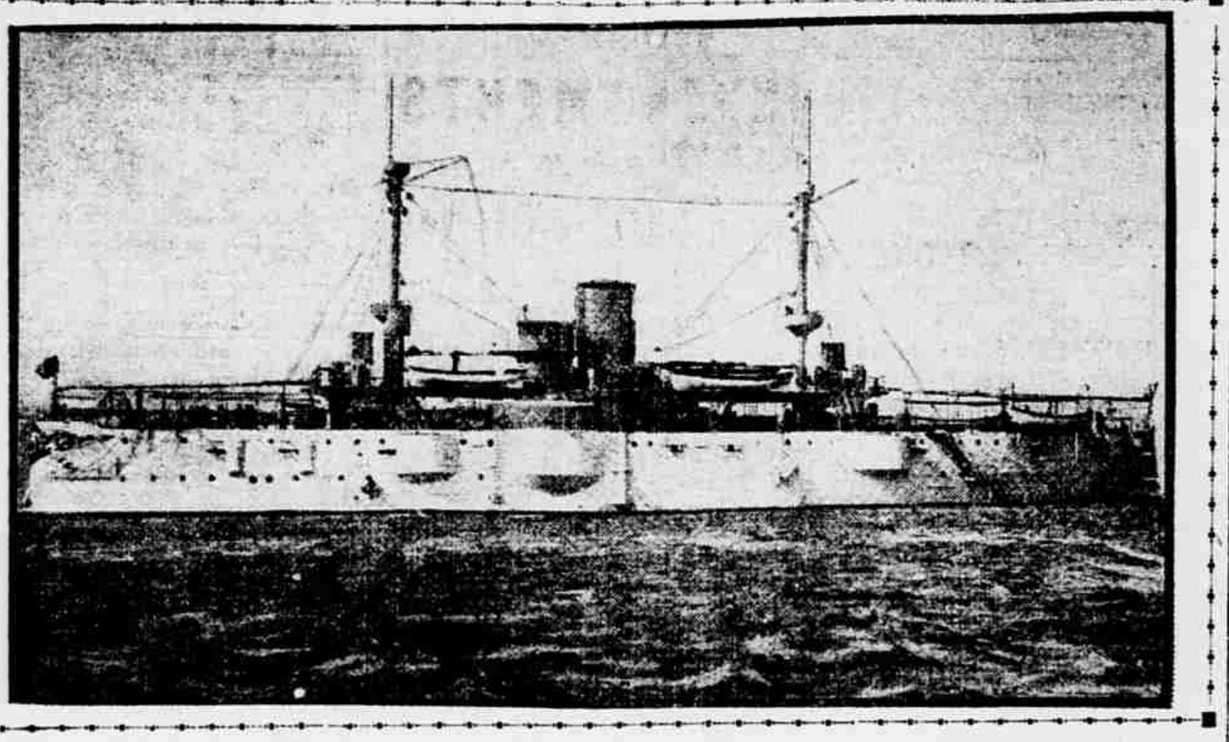
Seymour Lodge will hold the initiation of candidates at its meeting next Tuesday evening. A number of applications will also be received.

Chippewa Lodge will meet next Friday evening. The only business to be transacted will be the initiation of candidates and the reception of applications.

Enterprise Lodge's next meeting promises to be interesting. The Entertainment Committee which was appointed at the last meeting has a very pleasing report to make, which will be preceded by the initiation of four candidates, who have been approved by the supreme medical examiner since the last meeting.

Sylvan Lodge initiated four candidates at its last meeting and received three applications for Relief Fund membership. Grand Officer C. N. Littell presided at the meeting.

BATTLESHIP TEXAS ANCHORS AT NEW ORLEANS FOR MARDI GRAS.



REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 21.—The United States man-of-war Texas, which will remain at New Orleans for the carnival, reached the passes at 7:10 a. m. and passed through the jetties without difficulty.

She steamed slowly up the river in consequence of fogs and did not pass quarantine station until 9 a. m.

A tug from New Orleans, containing Captain Merrell, in command of the United States naval station here, and other naval officers from the city, met the Texas near Chalmette and escorted her up the river.

The Texas should have reached the city by 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but did not get here until well after dark, and anchored in midstream at Algier's Point.

SOMETHING NEW.

A Great Convenience for St. Louis People.

Over three years ago the Hayner Distilling Company opened offices and shipping depot in St. Louis at 305-307 South Seventh street, so that their immense trade in the South and Southwest could be served more advantageously and expeditiously. Their plan has hitherto been to sell no less a quantity than four quarts, which has to some extent debarred the people of St. Louis from taking advantage of the Hayner offer. To overcome this difficulty the Hayner Distilling Company has just established a retail salesroom as an adjunct of their general business. This salesroom, it must be clearly understood, is not a saloon, as positively no drinking will be allowed on the premises. It is opened and conducted for the express purpose of selling Hayner Whiskey by the bottle, in original packages, direct from their own distillery, insuring genuineness and absolute purity.

Mr. S. L. Geisinger, secretary of the company and manager of the St. Louis branch, says The Hayner Distilling Company was established in 1866, and has a paid up capital of $500,000. The main offices and shipping depot are at Dayton, O., with branch offices and shipping depots located at St. Louis, Mo., St. Paul, Minn., and Atlanta, Ga. We operate our own distillery at Troy, O., officially known in Government records as "Hayner's Registered Distillery, No. 2, Tenth District." Troy is located in the very heart of the Miami Valley, which, Government statistics prove, produces the best grain and has the purest water of any section of this country—the two essentials for making good whiskey. The Hayner Distillery is one of the largest and most completely equipped in the world, and we own more whiskey in our eight bonded warehouses, in connection with the distillery, than any other distiller in the world. We are the largest bottlers of whiskey in the world, and there is more Hayner sold than any other brand of whiskey in the world. Continuing, Mr. Geisinger stated that the idea prevailed to some extent that simply because Hayner Whiskey is sold at such a low price, it must be inferior in quality. Mr. Geisinger demonstrated that this is a mistake. He says the distiller sells in very large quantities, by the barrel, to what are termed "whiskey brokers," who, in turn, sell, also in barrels, though in smaller lots, to rectifiers. Now, up to this point the whiskey is absolutely pure, for the United States Government controls all distilleries and will not allow any adulteration. On the other hand, it is unfortunately the case that the Government has no control over whiskey after it leaves the distiller. Uncle Sam seems to feel perfectly satisfied after he has collected from the distiller the reveneu tax on every gallon distilled, and has seen that the whiskey, when it leaves the distiller, is absolutely pure. With the rectifier, however, the trouble begins. He takes the pure whiskey out of the barrel, rectifies it, blends it, waters it, adulterates it as much as he likes, and then sells it to the wholesaler, either in bottles or in bulk. The wholesaler sells to the retailer, from whom the consumer buys. Therefore, whiskey bought in the ordinary way carries five profits; those of the distiller, the broker, the rectifier, the wholesaler and the retailer, so that even if the whiskey sold by the retailer was just as pure as when it left the distiller, the consumer would pay about double the price as he would if he bought from the distiller direct. The temptation, however, to the rectifier, the wholesaler and the retailer to water and adulterate the whiskey in order to make a larger profit is so strong that very few of them can resist it. As a result it is almost impossible to get pure whiskey unless it is bought direct from the distiller. That's why the Hayner plan has met with such popular approval, and that's why the new departure of the Hayner Company of selling by the single quart will undoubtedly prove very popular with the people of St. Louis, as it will enable them to buy whiskey direct from the distiller at half or less than half the price usually paid a retailer, and at the same time get absolutely pure whiskey, where heretofore he did not know what he was getting. It is because of this tendency on the part of the dealer to adulterate his goods that the Hayner Distilling Company will not sell dealers or saloonkeepers.

The Hayner people claim that it is their desire to have the consumer get whiskey in its absolutely pure and unadulterated state. They make an offer on another page in to-day's Republic that will interest users of whiskey, whether for medicinal purposes or otherwise.

Knights of Pythias.

During the week Grand Chancellor C. O. Eames has made two official visits outside of the city of St. Louis, one at St. Joseph and the other at Boonville. From the reports received, the active work of the grand chancellor in visiting the various lodges in the domain is having good effect, and the results of his visits promise to show marked activity among the lodges throughout the State. On Monday next a district meeting will be held in the hall of Benton Lodge, No. 71, at Becler, which promises to bring together one of the largest gatherings of the order.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 19, last Wednesday evening proved three pages in rank of Esquire and advanced to Third degree. The work was well conducted and made a deep impression on candidates and was much appreciated by the members. The social event of the evening was the celebration of Chancellor Commander Doctor L. C. Herchenraeder's birthday, on which occasion all members present enjoyed an excellent smoke at the doctor's expense. Under the good of the order some very appropriate remarks along the Pythian lines were made by Deputy Grand Chancellor R. H. Hild and others.

Red Cross Lodge held a meeting last Wednesday night and advanced one page to the rank of Esquire and seven Esquires to the rank of Knight. There were visitors from several city lodges and also from neighboring cities.

Chevalier Lodge, No. 70, Knights of Pythias, held a short session last Wednesday evening with a delegation of Lafayette Lodge, No. 128.

Robert Cowan Lodge, No. 131, met on last Monday night. The lodge closed early and sojourned to Zulema Lodge with their Esquires, where the rank of Knight was jointly conferred upon two Esquires. On next Monday night there will be a business meeting.

Wabash Lodge, No. 248, had a large attendance Tuesday and two candidates were proven in the rank of Esquire. Next Tuesday being Mardi Gras, the Entertainment Committee has arranged a masquerade party for the members after lodge session.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 275, had a large attendance at last session. It was decided to reorganize the team at next session and to make preparations to confer the ranks on the large class to be initiated in April.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

Century Court at the meeting Tuesday night initiated eleven candidates and received three applications for membership. After the close of business the court celebrated the second anniversary of its existence with an entertainment and banquet. Piano solos were rendered by Devitt and Kraemer, songs by Brother De Bastiano, Sisters K. Loftus, J. J. O'Donnell and Devine. For the good of the order addresses were made by Supreme Deputy William A. Durst, Nufer and Spar. The crowning feature of the evening's entertainment was the stereopticon views of the city and harbor of Cork, Ireland, taken by Sisters McCarty and Miller on their recent visit to their old home.

Eureka Court, No. 36, had a large attendance at the last session and received several applications. Supreme Deputy William A. Durst was present and gave a talk on the good of the order. Brothers Lavin, Sims, Sandky, Durphy and Chief W. H. Adams entertained with songs and recitations.

Knights Father Mathew.

St. Bridget's, No. 8, had a large and interesting meeting this week. Two applications were received. The council accepted the offer of the supreme chief sir knight to place Brother W. S. McAdam in St. Bridget's Parish next month to canvass for membership for the council.

St. Leo's, No. 28, has made much progress in the last month on the new plan inaugurated by the supreme chief sir knight. Brother W. S. McAdam has met with splendid success in his work as organizer. The supreme chief sir knight will send the organizer into every parish in the city in its turn.

Chicago is keeping up its splendid work, and a council is being organized every week. Preliminary work has been done this week to organize in St. Pius's Parish.

Union Veteran Legion Euchre.

Ladies of Union Veteran Legion, No. 6, will give a euchre at Mrs. C. Hulsart's, No. 917 Walton avenue, Wednesday afternoon.

Woodmen Circle.

The biennial State Convention was held in St. Louis at the Lindell Hotel February 10 and the following officers were elected: Grand guardian, Sovereign Alice Chesbro of St. Joseph; grand adviser, Sovereign Ada Ackerman of St. Louis; clerk, Sovereign Murphy of Kansas City; banker, Sovereign Jones of Trenton; magician, Sovereign Chope of Macon; attendant, Sovereign Fisher of Springfield.

Olive Grove, No. 27, with assistance from Cypress Lawn, Oak and Cora groves, gave a banquet at St. Nicholas Hotel Wednesday, February 11, to the delegates and visitors. Sovereign William Hughes of Tower was toastmaster of the occasion. Supreme Adviser Julia Freymen gave an address on fraternity.

SOME FALLACIES ABOUT FOODS.

Authoritative British Advice on What to Eat and Why.

London, Feb. 21.—One hour was recently spent at the headquarters of the National Health Society by Doctor Robert Hutchinson in ruthlessly destroying some cherished popular fallacies about food. Doctor Hutchinson is demonstrator in physiology at the London Hospital Medical College.

"The poor should give their children less bread and jam and more dripping," he said. "The main fault in our national feeding is that we consume too much starch and sugar and too little fat. Many of the children grow up stunted and badly developed, largely because of the deficiencies in feeding. Butter as a food is of the highest value, and the use of margarine should be greatly increased. Margarine is a substance that does not deserve all the opprobrium poured upon it. It is made in a way that is open to no sort of objection. It is physiologically equal to butter, is easily digested, and is an excellent supplier of energy."

Lentils, peas, haricot beans, and oatmeal should be eaten, and meat in proper quantities. Oatmeal should be given to children, particularly in place of the bread and jam.

"I would not urge the town dweller to be a vegetarian," continued Doctor Hutchinson, "but I would advise the poor that they can get a much larger quantity of waste-repairing and energy and heat-forming food for a shilling in the form of pulse food than in meat or animal form. The homely bloater, too, is one of the cheapest sources of material for properly building up the human body. The economist would do well, too, to teach the wife of the working man how to prepare cheese in various ways. Cheese is an extremely nourishing food, but taken en bloc it is somewhat difficult of digestion. If mixed up with other things in various ways it can be better dealt with by the stomach.

"Some things largely taken are of no use in keeping up the human fabric and supplying energy. Tea is one of these things, and the much-lauded meat extracts are certainly not of any use in replacing the wear and tear of the body."

The lecturer added that the superior energy of the American workmen had been attributed to their avoidance of some of the food fallacies of the English.

LOUBET SEEKS YANKEE SECRET

President of France Queries a New York Villager.

Seneca Falls, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Weinand Houseman of this village recently wrote to the President of France informing him that he had evolved a plan to prevent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. He has received a letter from the French President asking him for full particulars concerning his device. He has always refused to let any one into the secret.

Free To All Weak Men

(YOU WILL BE HAPPY WHEN YOUR LOST STRENGTH RETURNS)

A SWORN STATEMENT.

CITY OF DENVER,
County of Arapahoe,
State of Colorado.

December 17, 1902. I, the manager of the English Restorative Company, first being duly sworn, on oath depose and say that the ingredients of the Sir John Hampton Vital Restorative for the cure of Sexual Decline and Associate Diseases in men are known to me and that this Restorative does not contain any of the following poisonous drugs, which, to my positive knowledge, all or a portion of which are used in all of the supposed cures for these ailments that have been examined by me, to-wit: Phosphorus, Nux Vomica (Strychnine), Cantharides (Spanish Fly), Morphine and Damiana (although Damiana is not considered a poison by some physicians). And I do most solemnly swear that the Sir John Hampton Vital Restorative contains none of these drugs nor any other poisonous ingredient; that a child could take it without injurious results; further, that I am of the firm belief that this Restorative will cure in every case the diseases or ailments for which it is recommended, and that it is the only medicine known to medical science which will develop or cause growth in certain organs if atrophied or undeveloped. And, further, that I have never known of a case of Sexual Debility or Associate Diseases which has ever been perfectly cured except by the medicine which is called the "Sir John Hampton Vital Restorative."

The manager of the English Restorative Company has this day personally appeared before me, a Notary Public for the County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado. MARTIN H. SMITH, Notary Public.

My commission expires March 13, 1905.

I AM the discoverer of a treatment which will restore to men their Vigor and Vitality when once lost. There are at least a hundred others advertising this very same thing—and, as most Weak Men know who have tried these cures, the results are not at all satisfactory. I have thought many weary days and nights how I could demonstrate to a man that my treatment—the Sir John Hampton Vital Restorative—would cure him, and at last I have decided to make this proposition to all men needing my treatment: I will send a prescription free and a full trial treatment of my Restorative to any man writing, for 50 cents, and prepay the treatment to him. Now, I would just as soon give the trial treatment free, but I have tried it, and found that every curiosity seeker in the country writes to me—men who never did nor never will take any physician's treatment if they have to pay for it. Now, this idea of mine will effectually do away with that class, for the charge of 50 cents bars them out. Every treatment I send out for this amount costs me $1.50, and I figure my loss at just $1 each time I send a man the trial treatment. I do not send just a day or two's treatment, but send enough to perfectly cure you or to demonstrate that I have a Restorative which will cure. After you have taken the test treatment you can send to me and I will charge you a very reasonable sum for a cure—something less than the druggist would charge you for the medicine called for in the prescription, or you can take the prescription to your family druggist and have it filled, just as you choose. If the Restorative is ordered from me, I make a small profit—if you get it from the druggist, I lose a dollar for my trouble in demonstrating to you what a cure for Seminal Weakness really is.

I Am Cordially Hated.

Do you know that I am cordially hated and most thoroughly despised by every "quack doctor" and "Free Treatment and Electric Belt Schemer?" Solely because I have in the Sir John Hampton Vital Restorative a treatment which is curing men all over the country and restoring to them the Power and Vigor of Youth and which Nature intended they should retain as long as life lasts. They hate me because my Restorative is selling rapidly and the news that it is a Real Cure is spreading like wildfire. Just read this letter which was written by one of these men who has made his business "treating weak men" for years, and it will give you an idea that the advent of my discovery of the Sir John Hampton Vital Restorative is rapidly losing them their patients who have been paying their hard-earned dollars for years:

"Do you know that every day you are making the medicine business harder? You must be young and inexperienced in the business. Of course, I do not deny that you have a treatment which will cure these ailments—in fact I know that you have; but here is the idea—you send these men a treatment for fifty cents which cures about 90 per cent of them. Don't you know you could get just as much out of them if your treatment didn't cure at all, and then you would have the chance to sell them medicine each month for five or six months? Positively, I think you are doing more to harm the medical business than any one or anything has for years. Think the matter over, and whatever you do, make them pay you something like a fee for the medicine, for fifty cents is preposterous."

I did not reply to this letter—let my advertisement be his reply. It is a fact that many men are cured by the trial treatment I send, but not 90 per cent of them by any means, but 100 per cent are benefited, and know beyond doubt before they have taken all the trial treatment that they have at last found the Restorative for which they have been searching in vain for years. Read my affidavit in this advertisement.

The trial treatment which I send you is not just a few days' treatment, but, as I have said above, enough to cure you or prove positively to you that a cure awaits you. I send the Restorative to you prepared. Do not fear to write me at once, for this is no C. O. D. fraud like you will find most seemingly liberal offers are, for I will send you nothing C. O. D. I am one man who will do just as he advertises.

If you are weakened or Run Down from Varicocele, I offer you a cure; my Restorative will cure, to stay cured—not patch-work—Sexual Neurasthenia or Debility, Loss of Vital Power, Losses, Prostatic Troubles, Kidney or Bladder Disorders, Constipation and Dyspepsia, as well as to perfectly Develop Weak or Small Parts. Write to-day, and I will give you my word that you will live to bless the day that you first read of the Sir John Hampton Vital Restorative. My book, "The Travels and Researches of a Renowned Physician," also FREE.

Address only

THE ENGLISH RESTORATIVE CO.
Denver, Colo.
30 to 40 Union Building.

Send the Fifty Cents in Stamps, Coin or Postal Order. Postal Order preferred.

Send the Fifty Cents in Stamps, Coin of money conveyance may be made payable to M. E. Alkire, Treas., 30 to 40 Union bldg., Denver, Col.

A TEXAS WONDER.

HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY.

One bottle of The Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women; regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists. Office, 2931 Olive street.

READ THIS.

De Soto, Mo., April 17, 1900.—I have been for years a sufferer from kidney and bladder troubles. I have tried all remedies that I could find, and had almost given up hope of relief until I tried A Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, which cured me.

S. O. SMITH.