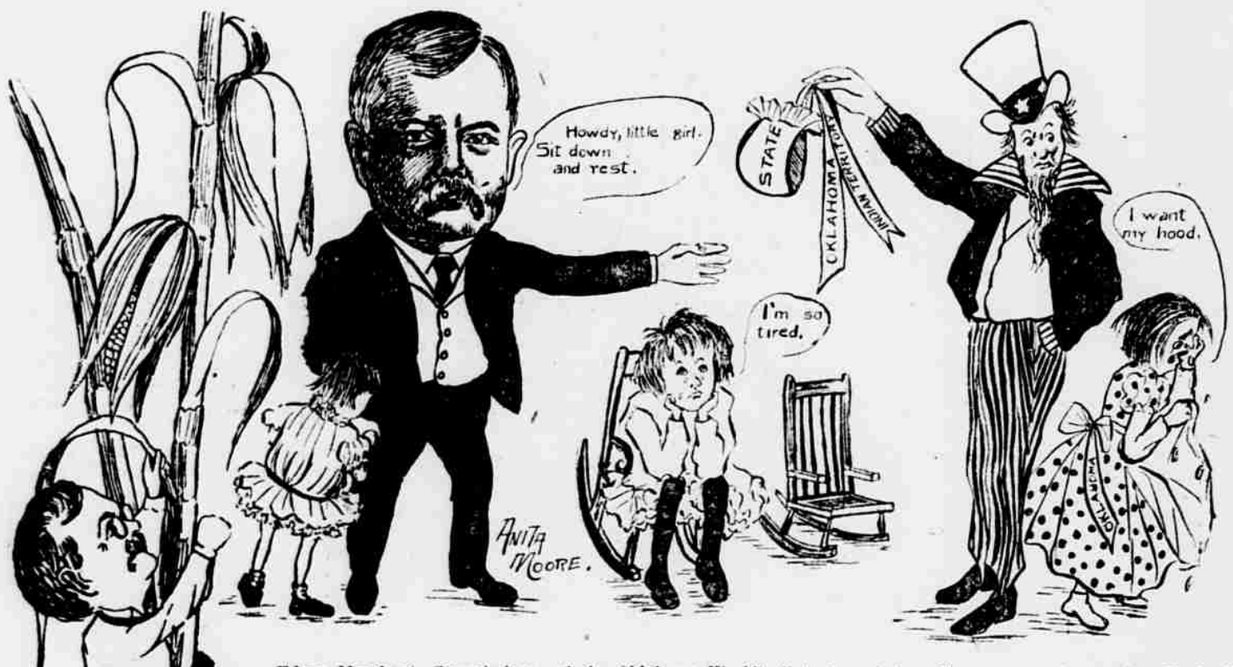
COMMISSIONER EDGAR H. MARCHANT DECLARES OKLAHOMA IS THE GREATEST STATE IN THE UNION AND TELLS WHY



Edgar Marchant, Commissioner of the Oklahoma World's Fair Commission, discourses on the wonderfully fertile soil of the Territory and urges the claims of statehood. "We are only fifteen years old," he declares; "but we have built an empire."

"Territory" Not in the Vocabulary of Words Used by the World's Fair Representative When He Is Singing the Praise of the Country He Calls Home—Gives Statistics of the Grain, Cotton, Fruit, Mineral and Other Products With Most Startling Rapidity.

BY ANITA MOORE.

"When you ask me regarding Oklahoma it is like asking a mother the age of her daughter and then wondering how the mother could look so young. It tickles me. It is my hobby," said Edgar H. Marchant, secretary of the Oklahoma Commission to the World's Fair.

Then he proceeded to descant upon Oklahoma, the future great, until the perspiration dropped off his forehead. Mr. Marchant should be required to carry around with him a pocketful of hyphens for his conversation, particularly regarding Oklahoma, is so rapid that the hyphens are needed between words.

"Oklahoma is the greatest State in the Union. She has built an empire in the last fifteen years equal to, if not greater than any other State."

"Since when, pray, has Oklahoma the right to be called a State?" I asked, for never once did this Oklahoma man say "our Territory." The word did not seem to be in his vocabularly. It was ever "our State" with him, and very boastfully did he say it. I wanted him to understand that I knew a little about the history of my country.

"We have every right in the world to be called a State, for we are in a state of the most wonderful progressiveness, and I hope you will be fair-minded enough to admit that we are entitled to be recognized as a State, for it is a fact that we are a State without a past, but with a future that is absolutely limitless. Fifteen years ago there was no Oklahoma; seven years ago she was only a small Territory; to-day she is a great State—yes, I insist, a great State."

A look of defiance crept into Mr. Marchant's steel-blue eyes, and I thought it best to dispute his right to the claim of statehood.

"A great State having a population of more than 800,000 persons, all of whom are eagerly waiting for the change to furnish the next star that will appear in Old Glory."

Mr. Marchant became so earnest in his appeal for statehood for his beloved Oklahoma that I wished that the powers that are had heard him instead of me. I am quite sure that would have given him a hood and a cloak and anything else he might have wanted. He looked at me in such an appealing way that I felt as if I was the cause of Oklahoma not getting the state plum.

"If I could I would admit you into the Union, but I cannot; I am really not to blame, and I do hope you will get your statehood and cloak," I said, by way of consolation.

DREAM OF STATEHOOD.

"I know you are not to blame, but we want statehood so badly down our way that some of us dream of it at night.

"We have a crop of prospective candidates for office growing and waxing stronger and hungrier all the time and when we do get the right to select our State and county and municipal officers there will be a greater scramble than there was at the opening of the Strip several years ago.

"I assure you it is trying to live in a great territory that is flowing with milk and honey, that produces anything and everything that man or woman could ask for, and then not to be able to get up a political fight and a convention and have elections and after pie divisions as they have in other States that are not half so fortunate as Oklahoma.

"The general impression about Oklahoma, except with those who have been there, is that it is a little Territory down in the Southwest that Uncle Sam has under his wing, because it is too small to be trusted alone.

"Now let me show you how large Oklahoma really is. We will take the States of Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New Jersey and combine their areas and then we will find that Oklahoma is bigger than al of them put together. Oklahoma is larger than either Indiana, Maine or West Virginia and almost as large as Ohio. We were not quite so large until we went into court and compelled greedy Texas to disgorge Greer County, which she was trying to drive into her own herd and brand.

"When the census was taken of our State in 1890, our population was greater in proportion to area than twelve other States that were putting on much airs over us. Since that time our population has almost doubled, and by the time we have another census we will have 2,000,000 people.

"We really deserve to have them, because we have the greatest country, climate and advantages to offer them, and, more than that, we have a spirit of boundless hospitality prevading our State that is more genuine than that of the Kentucky farmer before the war. When a man is traveling in Oklahoma and gets ready to stop for the night, he stops at the first house and looks into the barn. If he finds an empty stall there he puts his horse away and feeds him and then drops up to the house and asks if supper is ready. He never thinks it necessary to ask if he may stay or if he is welcome, because he is as certain that he can and that he is as he is of being alive.

"There is one sure test of the future of a State or Territory and that is the interest evinced in it by the railroads. Railroad men are wise and they look to the future. They have looked at Oklahoma and have decided that she is about right for all the railroads that they can put through her. We have now 2,533 miles of railroad in operation in our State and five other roads are now under construction. That means the upbuilding of towns and cities along the lines and the enhancement of the land in value.

AGRICULTURE THE STRONG CARD.

"Our strong card as yet is agriculture. It could not be expected of us that we would, after fifteen years, be a manufacturing State, but I can assure you that some of our productions are enough to keep the manufacturing States busy preparing them. We have the advantage that while we have a climate that is no hotter in midrummer than that of Nebraska or the Dakotas, it is never very cold, and our growing season is long.

"Our brag is our wheat. We can raise it on every foot of Oklahoma and it is the right kind of wheat after it is thrashed. In 1899 we raised 13,000,000 bushels of wheat. Our yield for 1903 was more than 62,000,000 bushels. This is all winter wheat. We are also strong on corn, and the average yield to the acre was thirty bushels. If that is the average for the entire Territory, you can imagine what it would be in the richer sections. We raised nearly 64,000,000 bushels of corn in Oklahoma last year, and we will raise more than that this year. We also produce fine oats, Kaffir corn, sorghum, alfalfa, broom corn, cotton, potatoes, peanuts, castor beans and other agricultural products. We have built up a reputation on cotton that makes us the envy of the world, for we are raising the finest cotton that goes to the Eastern cotton mills. They will tel you that that is a fact. We grow all sorts of fruits in Oklahoma and many large orchards are now being planted, and some are already beginning to bear so that in a year or two we will be laughing at California, Missouri and Arkansas on the question of fruits.

"Now I want to get down to the question of mineral deposits. One of our most important underground productions is gypsum or gyp rock, from which the finest cement in the world is made. Do you know that sixty per cent of the plaster used in building the World's Fair came from the Oklahoma gypsum deposits? In Greer County we have great granite beds—enough to supply the entire country with building and paving stone for years to come. We also have deposits of limestone. We are beginning to get oil in the Wichita Mountain Range and near to Lawton and Newton. The Wichitas also contain precious metals, such as gold and silver and copper. Development is just beginning in this direction.

"We have two great salt plains in our territory. One is at Cimarron and the other in Blaine County. These are of importance commercially, and promise to become one of the chief interests of our State—when we become a State. We also have heavy and fine deposits of clay, as yet unworked."

AN ACT OF GALLANTRY.

Then Mr. Marchant left me to attend to some little ladies ranging from ten years down, who had come to visit the building. He greeted them with great gravity and cordiality and conducted them to seats "Ours is an ideal cattle-raising country, owing to the fine growth of grasses that we have all over our area. We have many great ranches and they all make money, because, while they have grass practically all winter, they do not hesitate to feed alfalfa, hay and corn through the winter, and in consequence they turn out fine beef cattle early in the year.

COMPELLED TO PREVARICATE.

"We raise the finest alfalfa and corn in the world. Our corn grows twenty-four feet high, and our alfalfa seventeen feet high. Without boasting we are the finest State in the Union. Why, when we tell people the truth about our country, they won't believe us; we are compelled to prevaricate before they will believe us. The corn and alfalfa story is not fiction. We have the goods in our agriculture exhibit to prove the truth of our statement, and you will find timothy heads five inches long in the same exhibit. We are a great stock country, with everything in our favor, such as plenty of feed and open winters. It won't be long before we make the Missouri mule bray second."

All this and much more did Mr. Marchant say about Oklahoma. It sounded like a fairy tale, but he proved everything he said by statistics and the read goods, so I had to believe him, but even if he had not proven his statements I would have been compelled to believe him from the convincing and earnest manner in which he told his story.

However, I consider Mr. Marchant the greatest wonder Oklahoma has produced. He rattles figures off at you at a rate that would put a Gatling gun to shame. I believe he must have them written on his cuffs, schoolboy fashion at examination times. He can almost tell you how many grains grew on each and every head of timothy, wheat, oats and the number of kernels on each ear of corn grown in Oklahoma. The bumps of calculation, eventuality, locality, inhabitiveness and continuity are well developed in Mr. Marchant's head, also the bumps of aggressiveness and combativeness (his heavy shoulders are another sign of combativeness) as well as the bump of friendship. I would not like to get into an argument with him. He has too many facts and figures at his tongue's end, and he would convince me that I was wrong, even if I knew I was right.

Mr. Marchant is of medium height, rather of heavy build, and has the stoop peculiar to men who are always searching for facts. F A C T S—like a lawyer, student or detective.

"I don't want to forget to tell you about our educational system," he began again. "Over the entire Territory our schools are not more than three miles apart. In addition to these we have seven public and nine private schools of higher education and there is less illiteracy in our Territory in proportion to population than in any other State. In Woods County alone there are 285 schoolhouses, and, by the way, Woods County has a greater population than Nevada, and still they say there is no hurry about letting us have a star in the flag.

REASON FOR LOYALTY.

"Why is it that all Oklahomans are so loyal to their foster country, when they are all from some other State?"

"It is because we have made the State. It is ours. We have no State traditions; we are making our own history. Every man has a part in it. I will tell you the secret of the future greatness of Oklahoma," said Mr. Marchant, and he was evidently in most intense earnestness.

"It is in the benevolent assimilation that has taken place in our Territory. We have people from everywhere, yet they are all Oklahomans, with a burning pride in the State that they have personally helped to build. As Oklahomans, they have acquired from the North business sagacity; from the West 'push,' and from the South 'hospitality.' No greater combination of success-making characteristics than those can be found."

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K. AND L. OF HONOR TO CELEBRATE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

The initiation of a class of 1,000 candidates will be the feature of the twenty-seventh anniversary celebration of the Knights and Ladies of Honor at Lemp's Park and Hall, Thirteenth and Utah streets, September 17.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Anniversary Celebration Association was held last Thursday evening in the hall of the Missouri Lodge. There was a large attendance and considerable enthusiasm was manifested. It was decided to award a prize to the lodge having the largest number of candidates for initiation on anniversary day, and a prize to each lodge having twenty or more candidates.

A joint meeting of all the protectors, secretaries, deputies and representatives of the twenty-seventh anniversary association from the various lodges of the city will be held at Sheridan Hall, No. 2001 Franklin avenue, Tuesday evening. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

Legion of Honor.

Hyde Park Council met last Tuesday evening and received two applications. The opening of the fall campaign was discussed, and Messrs. Stockinger, Rakel, Hynes, Turner and Murray, composing the entertainment Committee, were instructed to prepare for the next open meeting and to report at the next meeting of the council. After adjournment, refreshments were served in the banquet-room.

Lafayette Council met last Monday evening with a good attendance and initiated one candidate, Frank E. Smalley.

Grove Council held its regular meeting last Thursday evening. Considerable routine business was transacted, and two candidates were initiated and instructed in the secret work of the order.

The Executive Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Friday evening. Routine business will be transacted and several death claims will be approved.

Alpha Council met last Tuesday evening and elected one applicant to membership. Vice Chancellor Holland presided in the absence of Chancellor Woods, who departed Monday night for New York City on a business trip. The Music Committee furnished an enjoyable programme, including songs by R. F. Whitney, F. J. Weber and L. J. Rebunge. Short talks were made by C. F. Meier, W. S. Burns and E. T. Patrick. Members desiring to attend the trolley ride are requested to send in their names at once, as it is necessary for the committee to know the exact number of members who wish to attend, before August 17.

The following councils will meet this week: Monday—St. Louis, Ivanhoe and Lafayette; Tuesday—Excelsior; Thursday—Kirkwood and Webster.

Woodmen of the World.

Benton Camp had a large and well-attended meetings last Tuesday evening. Three candidates were initiated and nine applications were received, and acted upon. Sovereign E. Armstrong of Los Angeles, Cal., and A. Graves of Indianapolis, Ind., made short addresses. After the regular routine of business a social was held.

Walnut Camp at its next regular meeting Wednesday evening will have a class of fifteen for obligation. Sovereign H. Judson Loud is progressing with his new drill team and expects to take an active part in the competitive drill at the Fair grounds on Woodmen Day, September 14.

Knights of Pythias.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 278, advanced one page to the rank of Esquire at its last convention and will confer the rank of Knight at the next convention. The work of St. Louis Pythian team was indorsed by unanimous vote. Pythagoras Lodge will attend the district meeting of Pacific Lodge, No. 294, August 24, in a body. Among the visitors were noted Messrs. Fredericks of Ohio, Dalzell of Columbia, Martin of Maplewood.

Chevalier, No. 70, last Wednesday evening conferred the rank of Esquire on two worthy pages, who qualified and were duly installed. Messrs. Roden and Frank Voelmer of Zulema Lodge, No. 321, John Panes and N. A. Clark of Robert E. Cowan Lodge, No. 131, P. C. Hollaman and Barney McLaughlin of Damon Lodge, No. 28, and W. B. Dockson of Kansas City Lodge, No. 1, officiated. The rank of Knight in amplified form will be conferred Wednesday evening. The senate is ordered to be in readiness for the ordeal of knighthood to elevate two worthy esquires to knighthood. D. D. G. C. George W. Tallman was present and well pleased with the work.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.

A meeting of the German Workmen's Association will be held at Eckhardt's Hall, Cherokee street and Texas avenue, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Members of the association and the order are cordially invited to attend.

Phoenix Lodge had an interesting meeting last Thursday evening, at which two candidates were instructed in the degree of the order. The initiation was an extraordinary one, owing to the fact that one of the candidates, who is at present a temporary resident of the city of Chicago, made the trip to this city and back for the express purpose of having the degrees conferred in Phoenix Lodge. H. R. Watson, the recorder, has promised to have an applicant for membership soon.

Security Lodge held its regular meeting last Monday evening, with a fair attendance, among whom were Grand Guides Thomas Sanders and A. G. Galligatelli both of Western Lodge, No. 35. The question of having a monster parade on A. O. U. W. Day, October 27, at the World's Fair was discussed, and many of the members seemed to be in favor of it. Under the good of the order addresses were made by Messrs. Sanders, Hellingstadt, Bohn and Clear. Cigars were served.

Grand Recorder Henry W. Meyer paid a visit to Standard Lodge last Thursday evening and found a fair attendance. After the routine business had been transacted Doctor E. O. Stanley, grand medical examiner, made an address, explaining his trip to the session of the Supreme Lodge, which was held at Lookout Mountain, Tenn., in June. He also gave the lodge a handsome gavel made of laurel wood from Lookout Mountain. Past Grand Master also made an address, explaining the conditions of the order and referring to the special session of the Grand Lodge which will be held on September 20. Master Hoffer is preparing for an extended trip around the world on his bicycle. He will leave St. Louis for San Francisco about September 26, and will then go to Japan and Germany and then back to St. Louis.

Western Lodge had a well-attended meeting last Thursday night, about forty members being present. One application for membership was received and the third degree will be conferred on four candidates at the meeting August 25. The matter of having a monster parade on A. O. U. W. Day October 27, at the World's Fair was discussed and the members seemed to be in favor of it.

Grand Recorder Henry W. Meyer is in receipt of a notice from Grand Master Workman Henry L. Jost of Kansas City, Mo., calling a special session of the Grand Lodge to be held in this city September 20, the purpose of further consideration of rates and laws. The special session will be held at the Grand View Fraternal Hotel, Clayton and Oakland avenues.

Grand Recorder Meyer reports having paid to the widows and orphans of the deceased members of the Missouri jurisdiction from August 1 to 12, inclusive, $9,750; also that many members who were suspended during the recent agitation of rates were reinstated in July, and that lodges throughout the city and the State are receiving new members.

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

Phoenix Lodge had an interesting meeting last Tuesday evening. Considerable business was transacted and a lively interest was taken in the proceedings. After the meeting the committee in charge of the entertainment of the Superior Lodge officers last month, held a short business session, and reports from the various officers show that all bills incurred had been settled, and that a good balance was left in the treasury. Several visitors were present, among them being Mrs. Cora Belle Murrell, grand recorder, Mrs. Mathilda Whitehouse, deputy grand chief of honor, and Mrs. Edna Unwin of the Grand Lodge Law Committee.

Hyde Park Lodge, No. 15, has made arrangements to entertain members and friends of the Degree of Honor, at the Degree of Honor room in the Temple of Fraternity, at the World's Fair grounds on Friday, August 26.

World's Fraternal Association.

Future Great Council expects a banner meeting Tuesday and cordially invites all to be present. Full initiatory work will be exemplified.

St. Louis Council, No. 21, entertained more than 200 of its friends at the open meeting last Wednesday. Music, dancing, ice cream and cake were enjoyed. Max Mahr Reday played piano solos. Several new applications were obtained and the next meeting of the council will be for initiatory and business work, and a full attendance is desired.

Three new councils in St. Louis and one at West Plains report work nearly finished and ready for organization.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Sunset Lodge's meeting last Tuesday evening was a most pleasant affair. The members were present in large numbers to receive the Grand Lodge officers on the occasion of their annual visit, as well as members from North Star, Lily, West Gate, Magnolia, Chouteau, Jewel of the West, City Brilliants and Friendship lodges. It was the unanimous voice of the visitors that the lodge would provide ten candidates for the class initiation to be held in conjunction with the twenty-seventh anniversary celebration. Speeches were made by Grand Protector John D. O'Keefe, Grand Treasurer Sarah E. Breen, Grand Officers William Mohr and Maggie Ryan. Ice cream and cake were served.

Bistine Sun Lodge enjoyed a visit from the members of Group No. 3 last Wednesday evening, consisting of Sisters Mollie Keen, Violet White and James Eisenhour, who outlined the arrangements proposed for the anniversary celebration, and allotted twenty candidates as the lodge's quota for the class initiation. Grand Officer Ludwig Marx, who departed last Thursday for a two weeks' vacation at Okawville, Ill., responded for the lodge and stated it would have twenty-five candidates to receive the degree on that occasion. Grand Protector John D. O'Keefe also addressed the meeting. Candidates were initiated and refreshments were served.

Group No. 6, comprising Magnolia, Seymour, Chouteau, Jefferson, Union, Protection, Ivy, Elmhurst, Enterprise, Amelia and Silver Star lodges will visit Magnolia Lodge to-morrow evening, at the hall on Jefferson avenue and Adams street, and Union Lodge next Wednesday evening at Fraternal building, Eleventh street and Franklin avenue. They will also make an effort to pay a visit to Jefferson Lodge at No. 254 Franklin avenue on the same evening. They will be accompanied by a large delegation of the members of Chouteau Lodge. The purpose of these visits is to promote the welfare of the order and to elicit assistance in the work for the success of the anniversary celebration.

Enterprise Lodge's box party and entertainment, which was followed last Thursday evening by the initiation of candidates, and the reception of four applications, was given for the purpose of propagating the order and to assist in providing the quota of twenty candidates for the class initiation. Sisters May Kemsley and Mary Gilmartin, who represent the lodge on the Propagating Board, say, from the activity displayed by the members, the lodge will exceed its allotment by fifteen candidates.

Carondelet, Olive Branch and Pearl lodges in the extreme southern portion of the city are represented on the Board of Propagation by Sisters Mary Fox, Dorothy Lohse, M. M. Feldmann, Emma O'Keefe and Teresa Paulius. They are determined that their section of the city will be represented with fifty or more at the class initiation, which will be held at Lemp's Park Saturday, Sept. 17.

Opal Lodge initiated four candidates at the last meeting, received several applications for relief fund membership, and made arrangements for the euchre and hop to be given by the lodge at Lemand & Brandenberger's Garden, No. 9415 South Broadway, Saturday evening, September 3. Members at large are invited to attend.

Wellsville Lodge at Wellsville, Mo., initiated candidates and received applications at the last meeting, which was well attended. A new code of laws was adopted. Secretary Clarence Clement writes that the lodge is in a flourishing condition.

St. Louis Lodge's last meeting was an interesting one. The reception of three applications for relief fund membership was followed by the initiation of three candidates, the ceremonies being conducted by Grand Officer A. F. Knight. Speeches were made by Supreme Alternate Representative Henry Westbrook and Michael Sullivan and W. K. Hamilton. A pound and ice cream party followed.

West Gate Lodge's members expect a lively time at their meeting Tuesday at their hall, No. 917 Easton avenue. A watermelon contest will take place and a dance will follow. P. B. Shirp, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, has also provided an excellent music programme.

Clover Lodge had a fair meeting last Thursday evening. Visitors were present from Group No. 4, comprising Lily, Sunset, Ada, Alice and Sarah lodges. George E. Cobb, chairman, made an address and outlined the arrangements for the twenty-seventh anniversary celebration. A large delegation of the members of the lodge attended the last meeting of Lily Lodge. William A. Brown, Charles H. Klinge, Edward Johnson, L. Pittalugo, F. Goldsmith, Edward Murphy and Fred Bergmann have visited several lodges, distributing complimentary tickets for the evening excursion on the steamer City of Providence Friday evening, August 19.

Hyperion Lodge received one application at the last meeting, which was well attended. Visitors were present.

Missouri Lodge entertained the Grand Lodge officers last Thursday evening. A large number of visitors was present from Oak Leaf, Anchor, North Star, Schiller, Humboldt, Victoria, Sylvan. The anniversary celebration was thoroughly discussed and speeches were made by Grand Protector John D. O'Keefe and Grand Officers Johanna Feldmann, Doctor Charles H. Weinberg, J. J. Kennedy, Sarah E. Breen, Louisa Strathman, Henry Horstmeyer, George E. Cobb, A. F. Knight, George T. McVey, Julius Gerber and Protector C. N. Littell. Refreshments were served.

Lily Lodge entertained members of Group No. 4 after the last meeting, every lodge in the group being represented. Judging from their reports, the group will have more than 200 candidates for the class initiation, which will take place at Lemp's Park, Saturday, September 17. George E. Cobb, chairman, presided.

Emanuel Geibel Lodge initiated three candidates at the last meeting. The attendance was very large and visitors were present from Schiller and Goethe lodges. Speeches were made by Grand Chaplain Louis Strathman and Past Protector Meier Engle and Michael Sunday.

Chouteau Lodge's meeting last Tuesday evening was well attended. The side degree was exemplified. The monthly prize drawing was held, the winners being William Donelly and Mrs. Anna M. Hauck. It was decided to visit Union Lodge Wednesday evening.

Oak Lodge will meet to-morrow evening and initiate a large number of candidates. The members are alive to the importance of retaining the merit banner, and through the efforts of Sisters Mollie Keen, Sadie Chedell, Maria J. Aiken and Walter J. Brennan, Thomas F. Keen and Doctor Robert E. Owens, the lodge intends to have forty candidates at the class initiation at the anniversary celebration.

Knights and Ladies of Security.

Security Council kept open house last Monday evening at Phoenix Hall, Easton and Jefferson avenues. A fine programme had been arranged and was enjoyed by its many visitors and friends of the council. The "Lady Mirabiles" were much in evidence. On Thursday Security Council, 100 strong, crossed Eads bridge with their degree guard with swords glittering and their beautiful Marseilles costumes on their pilgrimage to St. Clair Council, East St. Louis, where they were entertained and initiated thirty-five candidates. Ice cream was served. The occasion will long be remembered as one of the most enjoyable outings in Security's history.

Regular meeting to-morrow night. Seven candidates will be initiated and much unfinished business will be cleaned up. Visitors are always welcome.

Royal Arcanum.

The council meetings during the week have all partaken more or less of the nature of jubilees over the great meeting of August 6. While special attention will be given to the social and fraternal features of the order during the coming month, the councils have resolved to perpetuate the effective organization and plans of work which brought about the successful completion of the supreme regent's class. This will doubtless insure equally satisfactory results during the fall.

Lake Council elected and installed Lawrence C. Bruce as secretary. Methods were adopted for increasing the membership of the council, and addresses were made by Deputy J. Elsperman and Past Regent P. J. Girvan of Missouri Council. Arrangements were perfected for an entertainment at the next meeting, August 22.

North Broadway Council's regent and chaplain, Nicholas Rand and Otis H. Oberbeck, were absent because of the serious illness of a relative. The meeting was one of mutual congratulations over the splendid work of the last month, the council having increased more than 100 per cent since January 1, and having made a handsome contribution of more than its quota to the supreme regent's class.

Easton Council had two initiations and arranged for an entertainment and refreshments at the next meeting, Duty 12 consisted of anecdotes by Thomas Simpson, music by F. Houghton and M. Farrell and addresses by Regent T. J. Brennan and Secretary C. A. Wagner.

North End Council had one application, a general jollification over its recent splendid work, Past Regent A. H. Moeller of the Executive Committee made an address and Grotze Opera entertained with music. Refreshments were served.

Valley Council had eleven applications and five initiations. Percy Roebrough was elected warden, Professor L. H. Frellsen entertained with instrumental music and addresses were made by Past Grand Regents E. O. Stapleton and S. L. Finley of Tennessee, Past Regents Mandain of Magnolia Council, Nashville, Tenn., M. P. Jones of Tennessee Council, Memphis, Tenn., Grand Orator F. E. Cook, Regent James P. Brennan of Chevalier Council, and Regent Charles B. Cox.

Catalpa Council had three applications and two initiations, and arranged for a supper for the initiation of not less than fifty candidates November 16. Professor C. A. Geisler entertained with music and addresses were made by Regent T. S. Koch and R. A. McCurdy.

South End Council had one initiation and was entertained with music selections by Charles Frederick, Deputy J. B. Gaskill made an address, and refreshments were served.

Chevalier Council had two applications and seven initiations and enjoyed a pleasant programme under duty No. 17. Doctor M. R. Horwitz of Laclede Council was a visitor.

Grand Recorder Meier had one application and one initiation and devoted the remainder of the session to the good of the order, which was generally participated in.

Ivy Council had one application and one initiation and was entertained with recitations by S. P. Fenwick and addresses by Grand Officers F. E. Cook and J. C. Killingsworth.

Delmar Council had three applications and one initiation and a music entertainment under the good of the order.

Vandeventer Council was entertained with songs by John Klein, instrumental music by W. Gillespie and an address by Deputy F. W. Palmer.

Gratiot Council had one application and two initiations. An enjoyable social session followed.

Hickory Council's railroad excursion to Millstadt, Ill., was a well-attended and enjoyable event. Mayor Baltz expressed the pleasure of the citizens of Millstadt and extended a hearty invitation for a renewal of the visit.

Spanish Lake Council will give a picnic and fish fry to-day at Behan's Grove, one-half mile north of Chain of Rocks.

Grand Secretary E. E. Schroer of Indianapolis, Ind., Past Grand Regents John Kiley and Bernard McHugh of Illinois, S. L. Finley and L. O. Singleton of Tennessee and Past Regent M. T. Roush of Tennessee Council, Memphis, Tenn., were visitors at the Grand Council office last week.

Council meetings this week will be held as follows: Monday, Compton Hill, Laclede, Carr Lane, Elk, Maryland, Bagnell, Marquette, Violet; Tuesday, Missouri, Mound City, Mentor, Forest Park, Olivette, Macon, Boonville, Gratiot; Thursday, South End, Cote Brilliante, Carl Moller, Westport, Pride, Chevalier, Fort St. Charles, Melrose, Meramec, Missouri Valley.

Knights of the Maccabees.

American Tent's last review was well attended. One candidate was initiated and action taken on other applications. The great commander explained the rate question, and from remarks made by the members after the review universal satisfaction prevailed.

Acme Tent held its review last Wednesday and had a rousing time, the feature of this meeting being a debate conducted by Ab Landis and Great Commander Anderson on the one side and such well-known orators as Doctor Windforst, W. H. Hutchinson, Commander Sir Knight Miller of Mozart Tent, Commander Woolam of Busy Bee.

Busy Bee Tent is flourishing, and initiations are the order of the day. The baseball team of this tent is still maintaining its good name as the member-getting element.

Mack's Tent held a good review last week, four applications being received and five approved. Custodian of the Temple of Fraternity Sir Knight Date made one of his customary talks. D. G. C. McMasters explained the rate question to the entire satisfaction of the members as evidenced by the fact that one of them gave Deputy McMasters the names of four of his friends who wanted to join so solid an institution as the Maccabees.

Algrid's Bait Tent's review had a banner attendance and four applications were presented. Sir Knight Brightman had his mandolin quartet discourse music.

Garfield Tent, the baby tent in this city, is growing lustily, having initiations at every review. Its last review was an open meeting and the entertainment furnished was of the best and the attendance very much encouraging.

United Tent held a good review last week and is in a flourishing condition. The baseball team has let up a little in playing ball, but it is said this is more to fool the others now in the league, and that they will be in the money when the end of the season is reached.

All tents will make note that Sir Knight H. W. Blandy has been appointed as Great Camp press representative, and all press items for the newspapers and Bee Hive should be sent to Great Camp headquarters.

Ladies of the Maccabees.

St. Joseph, Mo., deserves favorable mention for its excellent work in the interest of the L. O. T. M. There are eight prosperous hives in that city working in harmony and manifesting not only the fraternal spirit, but also feminine business tact and management. St. Joseph was favorably represented at the Supreme Hive Concention last July by one of its past commanders, Lady Anna J. Mitchell of Columbia Hive. This is a large hive, with an enthusiastic membership, and a good record.

Several of the lady bees of St. Joseph have registered at the L. O. T. M. room in Fraternal Temple during their visit to the Fair, and all are welcome to do so whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Ad Astra Hive, No. 49, held a review last Thursday evening and received several applications. Lady Commander Ridson, who is visiting in the western part of the State, was missed. A prize offer was announced to insure good attendance for future meetings.

Mark Twain Hive, No. 96, Hannibal, Mo., mourns the death of Lady Clara E. Bloom. She had been a sufferer for several months. The funeral services took place in the Baptist Church, the Reverend Mr. Chapelle officiating. At the cemetery the Maccabee funeral service was conducted by Mark Twain Hive.

Chelia Hive held its regular review last Tuesday, with a large attendance. This hive is mourning the loss of one of its members, Lady Moss. There are several sick, lame and all members are requested to call on them.

At the review of new Century Hive, No. 10, Tuesday evening, business of importance will be transacted. All members are requested to be present. After the review refreshments will be served.

The Supreme Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, which is the largest woman's fraternal benefit association in existence, has been wise, the members believe, in placing its order upon an absolutely safe basis. It was found upon examination that the Supreme Hive, with its present collections, was solvent and in splendid condition, with nearly $1,000 in the emergency fund. It was found that the present rates with twelve assessments a year, and a 10 cent monthly tax for management expenses would absolutely insure the present membership. New members will be placed upon the Congress table, which is the minimum rate recommended by the National Fraternal Congress, in addition to a monthly tax of 10 cents per member for management expenses. A cheap schedule of rates is ever sure to be able to compete with other organizations furnishing only temporary or term protection has been adopted. Members taking the popular or cheap rate may at any time go on the full life rate at their attained age. The age limit was increased from 50 to 55 years.

Modern Woodmen of America.

Delmar Camp meets at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening at O'Connell's Hall, No. 4700 Easton avenue. At the last meeting there were many visitors, among whom were Messrs. E. A. Weiss, consul of Wellston Camp, Gaines of Beech Camp, Omaha, Sizer of Artesian Camp, Clinton, Mo., and Smith, a veteran who was started to defray the expenses of the meeting during "Woodmen Week."

Bison Camp meets on the first and third Friday evenings of each month at Overbeck's Hall, No. 7946 North Broadway.

Maplewood Camp meets at Maplewood every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mound City Camp meets every Saturday evening at No. 3615 Easton avenue. The "good times" party at the last meeting was a success.

Prosperity Camp meets every second and fourth Tuesday at Seventh street and Ann avenue.

Sparrow Camp meets every Friday evening at Michigan and Roberts avenues.

St. Louis Camp meets every Tuesday evening at G. A. R. Hall, Seventeenth and Market streets. Six applications for membership were presented and acted upon favorably at the last meeting.

Tower Grove Camp meets every Thursday evening at Marten's Hall, No. 922 Manchester avenue.

Transit Camp meets every Thursday evening at Mississippi and Chouteau avenues. The new Forester team is getting started quite well.

United States Camp meets at Dodier Hall, Twentieth and Dodier streets, every Tuesday evening.

Wellston Camp meets at Rose Hill Hall the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The camp is preparing for a grand meeting with Delmar Camp, to be held in Rose Hill Hall Tuesday evening of "Woodmen Week."

World's Fair Camp meets every Tuesday evening at Tenth and Carroll streets.

Pythian Sisterhood.

St. Louis Assembly, No. 5, will hold a regular meeting Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. at Buehler's Hall, Easton and Taylor avenues, to complete arrangements for the session of the Grand Assembly, Pythian Sisterhood of Missouri, to be held in Buehler's Hall, August 24 and 25, at 9 a. m.

The St. Louis Assembly Euchre Club will give its regular third Tuesday euchre at 2 p. m. sharp, right after the business meeting. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Knights and Ladies of Progress.

St. Louis Lodge, No. 2, reported eight candidates who were voted on for membership at their last meeting Tuesday night, two of whom were initiated into the mystery of knighthood, after which a very enthusiastic business meeting was held.

Unity Lodge, No. 4, Knights and Ladies of Progress, held an open meeting last Friday night at their hall, a number of good speakers being present, and gave some good talks on the good of the order. Refreshments were served in abundance and a good time in general was had by those present.

Central Lodge, No. 1, will hold a meeting to-morrow night at their new hall in the Masonic Temple, a large class of candidates will be on hand for initiation, with the new set of officers in command for the first time, and it is requested that all the members be present to give the officers a hearty welcome, and to assist them in the work.

The Knights and Ladies of Progress have been invited to participate in the parade and exercises for St. Louis Day, September 15. Arrangements are being made to take part and it is hoped that the members will wake up to the importance of the participation. Every member should before that time get in a new member to help swell the list, as it is the desire of the supreme officers to make as good a showing as possible, in order to make a grand showing. Let every member attend each meeting between now and that date to get acquainted with the proceedings of the Arrangement committees who have name in charge and to give what aid they can.

Knights of the Modern Maccabees.

Temple Tent, No. 1225, will hold its next on Tuesday evening. All members in the city are requested to attend. This tent now has over 190 names on its charter list, and Doctor Parker is kept busy examining new material.

A new tent will be organized Wednesday evening at the Missouri Athletic Club. This charter list was secured by D. G. C. Johnson. Present indications show that this tent will be as prosperous as Temple Tent, and Sir Knight Johnson predicts that it will have as large a membership in the future.

Major N. S. Boynton, the founder of the Maccabees, will be in St. Louis from September 26 to 30, and would be pleased to meet any of his old-time friends. He will be here to attend the session of the National Fraternal Congress with the Executive Board of the Modern Maccabees. During his leisure time he will make his headquarters in room No. 1609 Chemical building. A movement is on foot to arrange for a reception in honor of Major Boynton.

A new tent is under way in the North End of the city, and from indications it will be the largest one in the city. Two energetic workers have this list, and success will crown their efforts on account of their hustling qualities. Announcement will be made later as to the time and institution and locality of the tent.

Word was received that the decorations for the Modern Maccabee room at the Temple of Fraternity will be ready soon, and that arrangements have also been made to place someone in charge of the room.

Supervising D. G. C. Sommers instituted a tent at Moberly, Mo., and one at Sedalia recently, and both have promise of being good, lively tents. These two enterprising cities are known for their enthusiastic workers.

Deputies desiring good contracts and territory can secure same by inquiring at headquarters, and liberal contracts are offered to good men.

I. O. O. F.

Laclede Lodge, No. 322, at its last meeting, did more genuine good work than it has done for several years, conferring the first degree on twenty candidates, the second on twenty-eight, and the third degree on thirty-one. Conferring the degrees in question necessitated a special dispensation, which was granted by the District Deputy.

Mechanics' Lodge, No. 419, as predicted, elected Brother Webster unanimously to become its degree staff captain. The work of organizing the team was commenced last Friday with very satisfactory progress.

Canton Mound City, No. 8, had a large and enthusiastic meeting Wednesday evening, August 3, at the hall, Broadway and Benton place. The chevaliers and officers are drilling very hard with the anticipation of visiting Kansas City in October and doing the floor work in conferring the decoration of chivalry on candidates before the Grand Encampment. Canton Mound City will hold a reunion at the hall Wednesday evening, September 7, at which there will be an entertainment and banquet after the drill is over. All chevaliers are cordially invited to attend.

Woodmen of the World.

Elk Camp last Wednesday evening received four applications and three candidates were obligated. A delegation of ladies from Elk Grove was present. Wednesday evening there will be a smoker for members and their friends. At this meeting arrangements will be made for participating in the parade of Woodmen of the World Day at the World's Fair.

Protected Home Circle.

Social League held an interesting meeting Saturday night. Many of the grand officers were present and pl