A WEEK IN LABOR CIRCLES

The Federation Is Making Preparations for John Burns.

HE WILL VISIT WASHINGTON

Now That President Cleveland Has His Horses Shod by Union Labor, There Is No Prospect That His Name Will Be Put on the Unfair List by the Federation.

MEETINGS FOR THIS WEEK.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

L. A. 1544, K. of L., Plasterers—Plasterers' Hall.

L. A. 1748, K. of L., Carpenters—Typographical Temple.

Carriage Makers' Assembly—Bunch's Hall, 316 Eighth street northwest.

L. U. 190, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners—K. of P. Hall, 429 Twelfth street northwest.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Building Trades' Council—Typographical Temple.

Suffrage meeting—Federation Hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

L. U. No. 1, Carpenters and Joiners—Typographical Temple.

Electrical Workers, No. 26—Electrical Workers' Hall, 419 Tenth street northwest.

L. A., 2031, K. of L., Tin and Sheet Iron Workers—Plasterers' Hall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13.

District Assembly No. 66, Knights of Labor—Plasterers' Hall.

Plumbers' Association—Elks' Hall, Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Stonemasons' Union—McMenamin's Hall, Pennsylvania avenue.

Fresco Painters' Union—Hall, 1230 Seventh street.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.

L. A. No. 4896, K. of L., Eccentric Engineers, Bunch's Hall, 316 Eighth street.

Bricklayers' Union—Election of delegates to international convention—Bricklayers' Hall, Seventh and I streets.

L. A. No. 1798, K. of L., Journeymen House Painters—Harris' Hall, Seventh and D streets.

Stonecutters' Association—Red Men's Hall, C street.

Carpenters' Council—Typographical Temple.

Bakers' and Confectioners' Union, No. 118—Hall, Seventh street northwest.

Local Journeymen Tailors' Union, No. 188—Costello's Hall, Sixth and G streets.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Cigarmakers' Union, No. 129—Hall, 737 Seventh street northwest.

Federation of Labor.

The last regular meeting of the Federation was attended by representatives from twenty-eight local organizations. President Spohn presided, and all officers reported present.

The first business of the evening was the report of the contract committee on the Portner flats, which was to the effect that the committee found the majority of the men at work there union men. The committee had interviewed the foreman of the work, who had stated that his instructions were that only union labor was to be employed, which instructions would be strictly carried out.

The committee had also waited on Mr. William Hahn, the shoe merchant on Seventh street, relative to the tinning on his new store. Mr. Hahn informed the committee that he was and always had been in favor of organized labor, and had always given his work to union men. If any non-union men were at work on his new store it was positively against his orders, and also against the stipulations in the contract. The committee were assured that the matter would be immediately investigated, which the committee stated had been done, and the job made all straight.

President Spohn then announced that the following delegates would constitute the committee on contracts for the month of December: S. A. Clements, J. A. Deggs, George O. Cook, James Lanahan, and John J. Dasenbrock. The special committee on Weitzell, the horseshoer, reported that the efforts to effect a satisfactory adjustment of this case having proved a failure, they were compelled to recommend that the request of the horseshoers, "that Mr. Weitzall be placed on the unfair list," be complied with, which recommendation was concurred in by the Federation.

The committee on violations of the national eight-hour law reported that they had made a thorough investigation as to the number of hours the contractor of street sweeping was working his employes. The committee had found the men very reluctant in furnishing information after learning for what purpose the committee desired it. The committee stated that some of the men whose names they had secured, and who had furnished them with valuable information, after learning the object of the committee, begged them not to divulge their names or call on them as witnesses, as they would lose their jobs and be deprived of the pitiable sums they received for their services. The committee further reported that no attention was paid to the law whatever by the contractor, which open violation caused them to inquire further into the case, as it is thought that the street sweeping contract must have been given out previous to the enactment of the law. The District records will be examined before final report is made.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Herman, the clothier, requesting information as to why his name appeared on the unfair list. The letter was referred to the carpenters' and and painters' organizations.

Letter from the Eccentric Engineers requesting that a committee be appointed to wait on Mr. Beriah Wilkins, of the Washington Post, for the purpose of ascertaining why the promise given to the engineers, "that a union man would be employed as assistant engineer in the Post building," had not been complied with was received and committee appointed.

A long communication from a would-be benefactor to working people, stating that the writer was in possession of a preparation which he desired the members of the organizations to share, the benefits of which would be the means of saving thousands of dollars. If the proposition was accepted by the Federation the writer agreed to bind himself to employ only union men and women and that their hours of labor would be "six" per day. The communication was referred to a committee for investigation.

Request was received that the names of the officers of the Federation be furnished to the Civic Center Association. The request was, on motion, granted, and the secretary instructed to forward the names to that organization.

Delegates from the plasterers and carpenters inquired as to the status of the labor on the new building of the Stumph Bros. The delegates stated that they understood when this work was commenced that it was to be done by union men, but from present appearances union colors seem to be flying at half-mast. The matter was referred to the contract committee, who promised to investigate during the week.

The carpenters requested that Nicolai, the oil man, be placed on the unfair list, which request was unanimously granted.

The delegates from the Musical Assembly stated that a report had been circulated that the orchestra at Kernan's was to connect themselves with organized labor of this city, in accordance with some alleged agreement said to have been made with some outside organization. The delegates desired it to be known that just the reverse was the fact. Instead of becoming members of the existing union, members of the orchestra had, during the past week, been endeavoring to disrupt Musical Assembly by waiting on the leaders of bands and offering them inducements to withdraw from the assembly.

From a report made some time ago there seemed to be a disposition to put President Cleveland on the unfair list by organized labor of this city for having his horseshoeing done at a non-union shop, as reported at the last meeting. From the report made Tuesday night "Grover" is all right and is having his horses shod at a union shop.

The secretary was instructed to correspond with the Hon. John Burns and ascertain the date of his proposed visit to Washington, so that organized labor of this city would be prepared to give him a fitting reception.

Under business the action of Columbia Typographical Union in declaring the boycott lifted of Kernan's Theater was discussed. The delegates were of the opinion that the votes of thirty-six men at an adjourned meeting could not be taken as the sentiment of Columbia Union, which claimed a membership of 1,600. While the action of the printers did not affect the status of the case with organized labor, still the general public had been misled in the matter, and in justice to labor's cause, it was the opinion of the delegates that the statements appearing in the papers should be denied.

The use of the Federation hall having been tendered to the Suffrage Association for their meeting next Tuesday night, the meeting adjourned over to December 17.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

Last Thursday evening brought out a full delegation of delegates and ex-delegates to the meeting of the District Assembly. The loadstone that attracted such a large attendance was the fact that the district master workman was to make his report of the proceedings of the General Assembly. The worthy foreman, Michael Cuff, presided over the proceedings.

Brother Simmons was promptly on hand and read his report, giving oral explanations as he proceeded. The report gave a full account of all the proceedings of the General Assembly from the day it convened to the day of its close. Many changes to the constitution and ritual were approved by the General Assembly, which, under the referendum, will have to be submitted to the order at large for ratification.

Every one of the old officers were honored by being re-elected. Washington city was selected for the General Assembly meeting next year. The emphatic and earnest denunciation of the action of the government on the bond issue was a prominent feature of the report. Resolutions had been adopted declaring that the issuing of bonds was a violation of existing laws, and that the illegality of the bonds was well known to the purchasers, "therefore the Knights of Labor appealed to all liberty-loving people to unite with them in bringing about repudiation."

There are many matters connected with the report that would not directly be of interest to the public, but which are of vital importance to the members of the order, and will be laid before them at their regular meeting.

The report also showed that there had been a considerable increase in the number of local assemblies during the past year. The report, though very lengthy, covering so many details as it did, was well received and listened to very attentively.

Under call of assemblies the musicans reported that the attempt to form a new musical union in this city had proved a failure. The kind of material that the proposed new union was to be composed of were suspended or expelled members of the Musical Assembly and the orchestra of Kernan's Theater and this was to be the union that was to settle the differences between organized labor and Mr. Kernan, with the Typographical Union as a go-between. The delegates further reported that the leader of the Marine Band was in full sympathy and accord with the assembly and the members of the band were all in good standing. The members of the other military bands are not members of the assembly nor can they become members. When taking outside engagements the Marine Band receive the highest rate of wages paid for their services. The other military bands take considerably less and have no fixed schedule; therefore they would not make desirable members.

The Bakers' Drivers' delegates reported that their assembly was progressing very nicely; new members were being initiated at every meeting. Some little trouble had arisen with one firm of bakers, which had been referred to the executive committee of the District Assembly for settlement, but they were satisfied that they would soon be knocking for admission, as others had done before them.

The committee on the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Knights of Labor reported that the celebration had been a pronounced success in every particular. The committee recommended that a vote of thanks be tendered to Dr. Alexander Kent for his able address on the preamble of the order. Several delegates expressed their appreciation of Dr. Kent's declaration "that the preamble of the Knights of Labor contained more of the elements of true Christianity than a majority of the creeds of the so-called Christian churches." The recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Proposition was then made to have the sermon of Dr. Kent published in pamphlet form for free distribution. The proposition met with the warmest approval of the delegates, and a committee was appointed to take steps toward this being done. Vote of thanks was then tendered to Miss Annabel Walport, by unanimous vote, for her able recitation on the evening of the anniversary. Master Workman Simmons being delegated to present the resolutions to Miss Walport.

The members of the Musical Assembly who rendered such beautiful music on the occasion were also remembered by vote of thanks. It was also suggested that the address by Brother Paul T. Bowen "On the achievements of the Knights of Labor," as delivered by him at the Typographical Temple, be also published with Dr. Kent's sermon. The suggestion was adopted and turned over to the committee for action.

On motion the secretary was instructed to communicate with the Hon. John Burns, extending an invitation to him to visit Washington before leaving this country. The sentiment of the delegates was that in the event of the honorable gentleman visiting this city, the District Assembly co-operate with the Federation of Labor in giving him a suitable reception.

The recent action of Columbia Typographical Union was then taken up. Several delegates spoke on the affair and the expression of disapproval was unanimous. Several propositions were made, but it was decided not to take any action until Columbia Typographical Union had been heard from. Action was then deferred for one week. In the meantime the press committee was instructed to publish a denial of the settlement of the differences between Mr. Kernan and the District Assembly. The committee was further instructed that in case the newspapers decline to publish the statement, the committee have it placed in the advertisement columns of such newspapers as they deemed best.

Under good of the order proposition was made to have a series of meetings for the purpose of explaining and discussing the principles contained in the preamble of the order. Owing to the lateness of the hour, action on this and other matters were laid over for next meetings. It is reported that an organization of laundry employes is to be formed in this city under the auspices of the Knights of Labor. But the district organizer, in reply to a question, stated that no Chinese could get into any organization that he had anything to do with, except it was for the purpose of organizing to drive them into the sea. The new organization will, if formed, consist of American citizens or residents of Washington.

AMONG THE LOCALS.

The Carriage-Makers' Assembly has secured Bunch's Hall, 316 Eighth street northwest, for the second and fourth Monday evenings in each month for their meetings. The first meeting will be held on to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Horseshoers have also decided to change their quarters, and in future will meet at the hall 737 Seventh street northwest. Their meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The coming meeting of the Bricklayers' Union next Friday evening promises to be a very interesting one. The election of delegates to their international convention commences on the morning of next Friday and will continue through the day. As this is a new departure for the bricklayers in electing delegates the result will be watched with much interest. The delegates receiving the three highest numbers of votes will be elected. The election will be under the Australian ballot system.

Owing to the increased membership of the Electric Workers' Union a larger hall had to be secured for the meetings. The union now meets in the hall, No. 419 Tenth street northwest, every Wednesday evening.

The entertainment given for the benefit of the mother of one of the members, Thomas Connors, who recently lost his life while attending to his work as a lineman, was a decided success. The amount realized came in at an opportune time, as the agent of the house that she rented was about to put her on the streets for non-payment of rent. The union stepped in, paid the arrearages, furnished her with wood, coal, and groceries, and gave her the assurance that it would look out for her welfare in the future.

The audience was so well pleased with the entertainment that a repetition was requested. The union promises to satisfy this demand about February 15, the proceeds to be devoted to the relief fund.

At the last meeting the announcement was made that the union firm of Balsier & Schofield had secured the contract for lighting with incandescent lights the "shoe" in the window of the Croker Shoe Company.

The firm of Cornwell Bros. is now a strict union shop. Announcement was made that the prospects were very bright for taking the firm of Jordan & McLeod off the unfair list, as the men in their employ have considered the fact that it would be to the interest of their employers to join the union.

In addition to other business transacted at the meeting, two more additional lights were added to the grand circuit by initiation, and four more applications were received.

DID METHUSELAH DROWN?

A Theory as to Why Accounts Are So Silent About the Oldest Man.

While studying the earlier chapters in the book of Genesis the other evening, and more particularly those chapters which treat of the generations of Adam, I was led to investigate the life of Methuselah, whose 969 year have out-spanned any other recorded human life, and much to my surprise I found that all that we knew of this long life is found in five verses, Genesis v., 21, 22, 25, 26, and 27, says a writer in the New York Observer.

In the course of my investigation, however, I chanced upon some curious figures which seemed to me to shed light upon the cause of his death and to indicate that Methusaleh was drowned in the flood.

It appears from the twenty-fifth verse of the fifth chapter that Methuselah was the father of Lamech, and that after the birth of Lamech he lived 782 years. Lamech was the father of Noah, and was one hundred and eighty-two years old at the birth of the latter. Hence Methuselah lived just 600 years after the birth of Noah.

In the sixth verse of the seventh chapter we read: "Noah was 600 years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth." Therefore we are justified in surmising that the ancient patriarch Methuselah was among those who were swept from the earth by the great deluge, and more particularly so when we read a little further on that it was in the second month of the 600th year that the flood occurred, for Methuselah must have died within those two months, and it is, therefore, almost a certainty that he perished in the "flood of waters," together with the rest of the people of the earth.

Not only do these calculations point to the probable cause of the death of Methuselah, but they also furnish an explanation for the silence of the sacred narrative regarding his life, for the verses immediately succeeding those already quoted are to the effect that the people of the earth were destroyed because of their corruption, and we are thus driven to the conclusion that the gray hairs of Methuselah had not grown gray in the way of righteousness, and that, therefore, there was nothing good to be written concerning him such as was written of his godly father, Enoch, or his righteous descendant, Noah.

WAYS OF MAKING MONEY.

Extent to Which Human Ingenuity Has Gone in Turning Dross Into Gold.

Where are we to look for new outlets. Inventors and discoverers are the saviors of society, says the London Public Opinion. The photographic art is modern enough to be a useful case in point. Photographers increased 41 per cent. from 1871 to 1881 and 59 per cent. in the following decade. New industries give rise to new wastes and it was not long before it was discovered that the precious metal used in the developing solutions could be recovered or that the yolk of eggs, whose white was employed in providing albumenized paper, need not be thrown away as useless, but would realize handsome prices from pastry cooks.

The history of waste products, indeed, is extremely instructive and very pertinent to this article. Lord Palmerson declared that "dung was only gold in the wrong place." In some cases by-products have become the main products. Gas tar, truly an unpromising material, now yields numberless products, as a science primer shows.

From even more unlikely sources scents are obtained. As Lord Playfair once said: "Many a fair forehead is damped with the huile de mille-fleurs without knowing that its essential ingredient is derived from the drainage of a cow-house." To the French belongs the greatest credit in discovering new means of making money. The Parisian chiffonier is much sharper than his London brother, who does a queer trade in cigar ends and old hats, boots, etc., which are faked to look as good as new.

It was a Parisian who first utilized old sardine tins, long regarded as worthless. He extracted the solder and utilized the tin in the manufacture of toys and for beating into furniture. Another Parisian, an old soldier, collected old crusts and made them into bread-crumbs for cooks, and in time started a place of business whence ware supplied croutes au pot, so dear to connoisseurs in soups.

New Uses for Turf.

Paper is being manufactured from straw, wood, cornstalks and innumerable other articles. Now M. Beaumont, a Frenchman, comes forward and proposes to emply turf in the manufacture of fabrics, and that, too, without previous spinning.

Among the methods said to be practical for this purpose, one consists in making turf obtained and prepared by any convenient process and of a state of fiber suitable for working and twisting it, either by roving or rolling, so as to give it the appearance of a coarse cord and this rove is afterward woven so as to form a fabric of it adapted for use as carpeting, jacketing for steam pipes and boilers, packing-cloth, etc.

Another method consists in forming with the fibers of turf a sort of wadding of any thickness whatever adapted to the kind of fabric to be produced and then quilting it so as to form squares or any kind of designs or figures or even without symmetry or regularity; this quilting firmly unites the constituent fibers of the wadding, converting the latter into a true cloth, which is both thick and flexible and adapted for use in the manufacture of covers of all kinds, wrappers, etc.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

A Good Stopping Place for Him.

Dr. Barrow and the profligate Lord Rochester meeting one day at court while Barrow was King's chaplain in ordinary, Rochester, thinking to banter him, accosted him with a flippant air and a low, formal bow, saying: "Doctor, I am yours to my shoetie." Barrow returned the salute with "My lord, I am yours to the ground." Rochester, improving on this, quickly returned it with "Doctor, I am yours to the center," which was smartly followed up by Barrow with "My lord, I am yours to the antipodes." Upon which Rochester, piqued at being foiled by one he called a "musty old piece of divinity," exclaimed: "Doctor, I am yours to the lowest pit of hell," upon which Barrow, turning upon his heel, dryly replied: "There, my lord, I leave you."—San Francisco Argonaut.

HOW HE MADE IT.

Fooled with science
Night and day;
Frittered half his
Life away.

Occupied a
Learned seat;
Could half make
Bread to eat.

Wrote fine essays
Polished well;
Not a single
Book would sell.

Desperation
Seized him then;
Struck an idea—
Seized his pen.

Wrote a song called
"Sweethearts Dear;"
Now he is a
Millionaire.

—Atlanta Constitution.

AMONG SECRET SOCIETIES

Matters of Interest to Brethren Who Meet on the Quiet.

DOINGS OF DISTRICT MASONS

The Golden Cross Commanderies Still Being Visited by Grand Officers—The Odd Fellows and What the Various Lodges Are Doing—Other Interesting Gossip.

When it was announced in THE TIMES that the ritual of the Mystic Shrine, lately adopted by the Imperial Council of the United States, was chiefly the work of Past Potentate George H. Walker, of this city, it was expected that the ceremonial would be stamped with the results of his research in Orientalism and marked with his scholarly attainments in the history and customs of the East. Its recent exemplification has fully sustained this expected result. The future ritual of the Shrine of North America is one of the most impressive ceremonials in the history of secret organizations, while the beautiful verbiage demonstrates the literary ability of the author.

The visitation to Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 3, was made on Monday evening last in the commandery-room of the Masonic Temple, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion by Companion J. H. Small, Past High Priest Edwin B. Hay made the address of the evening, his subject being "Expression," illustrated in his own inimitable manner. At the close of his remarks he was presented with a bound volume of the "Knickerbockers" by Companion W. S. Parks, past high priest, whilst Past High Priest John H. Olcott presented a handsome copy of Irving's "Alhambra" to the great high priest, George H. Walker.

Takoma Lodge is now established under dispensation, and starts out most brilliantly and with the well wishes of the fraternity. The communications of the lodge will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The officers are as follows: Robert W. Best, W. M.; Theodore Froebus, jr., S. W.; W. Y. Platt, J. W.; O. D. Summy, secretary; C. M. Heaton, treasurer. The lodge has a membership of about twenty-five at this time and many bright hopes for the future.

Grand Master Merrill on Monday last appointed Worshipful Brother William A. Gatley assistant grand secretary, in conformity with recent legislation by the grand lodge creating that office. The appointment meets with the hearty indorsement of the fraternity, as Brother Gatley's ability is of a high order, and personally he is very popular. He is a past master of Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15, of which he has been a member for twenty-seven years. He is also the secretary of his lodge, having filled that office for about eight years.

Di Molay Commandery, No. 4, will confer the order of the Red Cross on Tuesday evening. The election will be held on Tuesday, December 27, as the regular conclave falls on Christmas Day, and has been dispensed with.

The elections during the week resulted as follows:

Monday evening—Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15, S. A. Hollingshead, W. M.; J. C. Johnson, S. W.; H. A. Trembley, J. W.; W. P. H. Crews (re-elected), secretary; W. E. Mindenhall (re-elected), treasurer; George Taubenschmiat, S. D.; W. J. Wallace, J. D.; Allan Rutherford, trustee; W. L. Price, delegate to M. B. R.; W. R. Bushby and Philip Riter, delegates to St. J. M. Association.

Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15—John W. Whitaker, W. M.; Joseph A. Oliver, S. W.; Henry M. Schooley, J. W.; William A. Gatley, secretary (re-elected); Gabriel F. Johnston, treasurer; William B. Morgan, representative to St. John's Mite Association; Lucius E. Gradley, proxy.

Tuesday evening, National Lodge, No. 12—Charles W. Otis, W. M.; J. Albert Godfier, S. W.; J. B. Hicklin, J. W.; F. William Buddecke, S. D.; Rufus A. Stutts, J. D.; Stephen F. Gill, jr., S. S.; Frederick W. Duncan, J. S.; Stephen F. Gill, secretary; G. Taylor Wade, treasurer.

King David Lodge, No. 28—W. H. Stalley, W. M.; J. L. Sherwood, S. W.; H. M. Woodward, J. W.; H. J. Penrod, secretary; John B. Lord, treasurer; T. Y. Camrick, delegate to M. B. R.; J. B. Lord and J. H. Penrod, trustees.

La Fayette Chapter, No. 5—W. S. Campbell, H. P.; F. P. Russell, K.; J. H. Small, jr., S.; A. F. Fox, treasurer (seventh term); W. A. Craig, secretary (eleventh term); F. L. Campbell, trustee; C. F. King, C. of H.; F. W. Behrens, P. S.; W. T. Jefferis, R. A. C.; T. H. Mitchell, F. O. McKnew, and W. W. Woods, M.'s of V.'s.

Washington Naval Chapter, No. 6—George Thom, E. H. P.; D. S. Walton, K.; A. Gude, S.; John Schultz, secretary; Adam Gaddis, treasurer. The other offices will be filled by appointment hereafter.

Wednesday evening, Columbia Lodge, No. 3—Bunyan Olive, W. M. (re-elected); Robert G. Tinker, S. W. (re-elected); Samuel H. Moore, J. W.; George S. King, treasurer (re-elected); W. S. Magill, secretary (re-elected); J. M. Vale, trustee; Wilmer W. Wetzel, corporator and delegate to St. John's Mite Association.

Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14—Harry F. Riley, W. M.; Franklin W. Harper, S. W.; Clifford E. Berryman, J. W.; Emmett C. Elmore, secretary (fifteenth term); H. N. Keene, treasurer (fourth term); A. T. Longley, corporator; H. E. Riley, trustee for three years; C. H. Smith, and Robert Connell, delegates to board of relief; E. C. Elmore, secretary to St. John's Mite Association, and J. H. Davis, E. Phillips, and Alex Scott, proxies.

Osiris Lodge, No. 26—J. C. Taylor, W. M.; H. P. Gerald, S. W.; C. S. Hyer, J. W.; F. E. Tasker, secretary; William G. Burns, treasurer; W. L. Bogden, S. D.; Henry Hoffa, J. D.; F. A. Hanson, S. S., and C. H. Buckler, J. S.

At its stated communication, held last evening, Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, F. A. A. M., elected the following officers for the ensuing Masonic year: A. Burt Coolidge, W. M.; F. Warren Johnson, S. W.; John B. Daish, J. W.; W. Harry Olcott, secretary; A. F. Fox (thirteenth year), treasurer; Thomas P. Morgan, jr., S. D., and Robert E. Fugitt, J. D.

Columbia Chapter, No. 1, S. E. Tomlinson, E. H. P.; B. A. Allen, K.; R. E. Constant, scribe; E. H. Chamberlin, secretary (nineteenth term); J. S. Tomlinson, treasurer; S. J. Brown, C. H.; P. P. Rouse, P. S.; E. S. Thompson, R. A. C.; F. C. Townsend, third vail; Alexander Grant, second vail; W. M. Larcombe, first vail; Frank H. Thomas, trustee for three years, and Harrison Dingman, corporator.

Election in Washington Chapter, No. 2, at last convocation: Harry Standiford, E. H. P.; William E. Handy, K.; N. S. Richards, S.; R. A. Dellett, secretary, and D. G. Dixon, treasurer.

THE GOLDEN CROSS.

A Complimentary Musicale Given by Meridian Commandery—Other Lodge News.

Societies' Temple, corner Fifth and G streets northwest, was filled to overflowing on the 30th ultimo, the occasion being a complimentary musical and literary entertainment given by Meridian Commandery to its members and friends. Knight Carl F. W. Bergman presided. The exercises were opened with a grand chorus by the choir of National Commandery, assisted by Prof. James W. Garland, organist, and other members of the choir of the Fifth Baptist Church. Grand Commander Waldo G. Perry was then introduced and delivered an interesting address on the beneficial, fraternal, social and temperance features of the order, after which the following programme was presented.

Recitation "Mallahan and the Young Musician" by Miss M. E. Bond; solo "Non e Ver" by Miss Mamie Gatto, accompanied on the piano by Miss Annie Stevens; recitation "How Rubenstein Played," by F. B. Lord; solo "Good Night, Sweet Dreams," by Miss Mary Hessler; recitation by Miss Jennie Mickel; solo, "The Buzzing Bee," by G. H. Cathell; recitation, scene from "Leah the Forsaken;" solo, "Forget me not," by Miss Edna Brenner; "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," by Miss Laura H. Dolan, accompanied on the piano by Miss Delia Scott; recitation and song by Lottie Bell Ray; piano solo, by Miss Lena Pitts; recitation "Laska," by Miss Louise Storm; dramatic selections, by Miss Lizzie Magee; quartet "Good Night" by the quartet of National Commandery.

A pleasing incident was the presentation of a miniature golden cross by Miss Cecilia V. Biddick, of Meridian Commandery, to Lottie Ray, a little ten-year-old miss, who recited "A very naughty little girl's view of life" and sang "I don't want to play in your backyard" in such a pleasing manner as to captivate the entire audience. The parents of the little speaker and singer are members of Trinity Commandery. At the close of the programme refreshments were served under the direction of the ladies of the committee on the good of the order—Miss Lauretta Henrick, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Dolan, and Mrs. Mary A. Keck.

The official visitation of the officers of the grand commandery was made to St. John Commandery at its last meeting. The grand officers present were: Grand commander, Waldo G. Perry; vice grand commander, Mrs. Mary I. Simonds; grand prelate, Dr. George W. N. Custis; grand keeper of records, James F. Kilgore (acting); grand treasurer, R. E. Harvey; grand herald, Robert W. Burnside; grand warder inner gate, Miss Clara B. A. Nelson; grand warden outer gate, Miss Lauretta Henrick; past grand commander, Richard H. Yates. Grand Keeper of Records Graham, and Past Grand Commander Ehle, one of the judges, being members of St. John's Commandery, the grand commander appointed James F. Kilgore acting grand keeper of records, and Dr. G. W. N. Curtis as one of the judges.

The grand commander examined the officers as to their several duties and in the unwritten work of the order. The officers passed the examination in a creditable manner, and were complimented by the grand commander. The officers present were: Noble commander, Thomas M. Downing; vice noble commander, Miss Gertrude H. Bartlett; worthy prelate, Mrs. Mary S. Norman; keeper of records, William E. Graham; financial keeper of records, Edwin C. Bartlett; treasurer, Mrs. Emma McKim; worthy herald, Miss Jennie C. Bean; warden inner gate, Mrs. M. Ida Graham; warden of the outer gate, Bela W. Bebe; past noble commander, John N. Ehle. During the examination an interesting discussion arose between Grand Commander Perry and Past Grand Commander Ehle on certain portions of the ritualistic work.

Past Grand Commander Ehle announced the death of Mrs. Kent, wife of Past Grand Commander W. T. Kent, and submitted resolutions expressing sympathy with him in his bereavement, which were unanimously agreed to.

The commandery resumed its session, and at the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the ladies of the commandery.

Grand Commander Perry has announced that a union meeting of all the commanderies will be held on Thursday evening, December 20, at Golden Cross Hall, No. 316 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, to hear the report of the committee appointed to award the prize of a silver-mounted gavel to that commandery whose officers shall give the best rendition of the secret work and the best exemplification of their duties of officers during the grand visitations. He requests that officers and members wear their commandery badges on that occasion.

Goodwill Commandery will hold a short session to-morrow evening and attend in a body the grand visitation to be made to National Commandery.

The grand officers will make their official visitation to National Commandery, at No. 621 Louisiana avenue, to-morrow evening. An excellent musical and literary programme will be presented under the good of the order, and the third degree will be conferred on six candidates.

The last official visitation of the grand officers for this term will be made to Trinity Commandery at Golden Cross Hall, No. 316 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, on Tuesday evening next.

Columbia Commandery will hold a short session to-morrow evening and make a fraternal visitation to Trinity Commandery.

Mount Vernon Commandery will hold a public meeting at Golden Cross hall, No. 316 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, on Friday evening next. Addresses will be made by Grand Commander Perry and other prominent members of the order, and an excellent musical and literary programme has been arranged for the occasion.

Meridian Commandery will hold an interesting meeting on Friday evening next. It is understood that a number of applications will be presented as the result of the late open meeting.

Miss Adelaide Payne, of Goodwill Commandery, will give one of her choice readings at National Commandery to-morrow evening.

St. John's Commandery, at its meeting on Saturday evening next, will elect officers for the ensuing term. During the present term the ladies have shared the offices equally with the knights, there being five ladies and five knights.

The official visitation of the officers of the grand commandery was made to Mount Vernon Commandery last Monday evening. Grand Commander Perry examined the officers as to their duties and as to their efficiency in the ritualistic work of the order. The officers present were: Noble commander, W. H. Main; vice noble commander, Miss Floy Hatcher; keeper of records, M. L. Venable; financial keeper of records, David Cranmer; treasurer, Mrs. Virginia L. Venable; worthy herald, C. G. Harrison; warden at inner gate, Miss Florence Lugenbeel, and warden at outer gate, J. T. Holderman. The officers passed the examination in a creditable manner and were complimented by the grand commander. At the next meeting, on the 17th instant, the semi-annual election of officers will take place.

AMONG GOOD TEMPLARS.

Columbia Lodge Holds Its First Sociable and Enjoys Itself.

On Monday evening, December 3, the first sociable of Columbia Lodge of Good Templars was held at the residence of E. H. Jones, corner Ninth and E streets northwest. About forty members and their friends were present. The chief feature of the evening was an observation party. Each person present was given an opportunity of displaying his powers as an artist. Many curious and even hard-looking representations of animals were produced. Miss Elsie Mitchell won the ladies' first prize, and Miss Ida Mitchell the ladies' consolation prize; Mr. A. W. Davis, the gentlemen's first prize, and Mr. Mont Davis, the gentlemen's consolation. After the award of prizes the company adjourned to the dining room, where they partook of the refreshments awaiting them. Afterward they returned to the parlor and listened to the rendition of a musical programme.

Among those present were: Misses Bell, Colbath, Duvall, Rose Evans, Mamie Evans, Jones, Florence Martin, May Martin, Elsie Mitchell, Ida Mitchell, Ourand, Carrie Phillips; Laura Phillips, Pitkin, Terry, and Whitney; Messrs. Sanford, A. W. Davis, Mont. Davis, Dennison, Duvall, Hinke, Hough, E. H. Jones, L. T. Jones, Oswald, Muirhead, Sergeant, Simpson, Suter, Shackelford, Warner, Whitney, and Bergman.

On Wednesday evening the lodge met in regular session in their hall, corner Fifth and G streets, C. T. Jesse C. Seeber in the chair. The attendance of officers was not so good as formerly, while the rank and file were somewhat tardy in responding. Three names were proposed for membership and by unanimous consent were balloted upon and elected. They were regularly initiated. The resignation of Eva Mitchell as secretary was read and accepted. C. F. W. Berginan was elected to fill the vacancy. As his election nullified his position on the finance committee the chair appointed H. B. Whitney on that committee. Authority was vested in a committee of nine to arrange for and take charge of the celebration of the lodge's tenth anniversary, occuring January 29.

This enterprising lodge has adopted as a side feature of their good of the order programme "Evenings with various authors." An author is taken up for consideration. Some member is appointed to give a sketch of the author's life and works; some other member gives a recitation from the author's pen; others read extracts from his works, and in this manner the author is pretty generally discussed. James Russell Lowell was the author under consideration last week, and many of his short poems were read.

Mark Twain was taken up for his share of criticism this time. Many bright, spicy articles written by him were read. Brother Davis read his address to the Poultry Producing Association telling them how to raise poultry. Brother Harris read of his affectionate regard for Michael Angelo. Several other members contributed their quota, and then it was decided to continue the subject until Wednesday evening, December 19, thus giving "Mr." Twain another chance to amuse.

On December 12 this lodge will hold no session, as that evening has been declared adjourned in order to allow the grand lodge to meet in their hall.

At the regular meeting of Washington Lodge Monday evening two members were initiated, Brothers Samuel Salkeld and William Brashears. In the regular order of business of the meeting the committee on entertainments reported that on Monday, December 17, the lodge would give an apron and necktie party. After recess an interesting programme, in charge of Chaplain Elsie Densmore, was rendered.

Other lodges were represented by the following members: Brothers Libbey, Robey and Campbell, of Morning Star; Johnston, of Star of Hope; Wright, of Perseverance; Burroughs, Brown, Wolf, and Smith, of Liberty, and Sister Hanley, of Independent.

AMONG THE ODD FELLOWS.

Columbia Lodge Holding a Fair, and the Grand Visitation Over.

The fair under the auspices of Columbia Lodge, No. 19, being held in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Seventh street, was formally inaugurated Tuesday evening and continues in full progress. A large number of persons have visited it, but there is room for many more, and it is hoped that the enterprise of Columbia Lodge will be generously patronized. One of the principal articles to be disposed of is the set of Odd Fellows' regalia, for which there appears to be, as far as we are advised, two principal competitors, viz., Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 23, and Takoma Lodge, No. 24.

The total strength of the order at the end of the year 1893 was 213,000.

During the year 1893 $3,312,000 were expended for relief in the organization of Odd Fellows.

The percentage of Odd Fellows to voters, according to a statistical table going the rounds of the press, is largest in the following States with the figures given: Maine, 17.3; Nevada, 14.3; New Hampshire, 13.0; Rhode Island, 12.9; Massachusetts, 11.05; California, 11.03; Pennsylvania, 10.06. The percentage of the remaining States gravitates from 8.7 down to Louisiana, where it is 1.0.

The Capital City of the nation would be a fittingly appropriate place for the headquarters of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

During the past year authority was given for a charter for a Grand Lodge in Sweden, and the ritual of the order was translated into the Swedish language.

At the recent visitation to Harmony Lodge, No. 9, a large portrait of Grand Representative Allan, one of the most active members, was presented to the lodge.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 17, conferred the initiatory degree on one candidate last Monday evening.

Past Grand E. H. Murray, who for some time resided in the District of Columbia, but afterward went to Syracuse, N. Y., has been advised by his physician to go further South, on account of bronchial trouble, which he has contracted in that section of the country.

Mount Pleasant Lodge will have three candidates at its next meeting, Wednesday, December 12.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 17, will give a grand musical and literary entertainment to-morrow evening in the encampment room, Seventh street I. O. O. F. hall. The committee having the matter in charge consists of C. A. Emme, P. G., chairman; A. E. Gorman, secretary; W. P. White, P. G., treasurer; H. E. Sweeting, N. G.; J. A. Annadale, E. C. Wagner and O. S. Swank. The programme has been arranged with much care and the members and friends of No. 17 are anticipating an unusually enjoyable and instructive social reunion. At the conclusion of the programme, refreshments will be served in in the blue room.

Metropolis Lodge, No. 16, has started in actively for the winter season, and has work at every meeting. The attendance is large, and the outlook bids fair to equal that of their phenomenal record during the last winter campaign.

William T. Walter, an esteemed member of Harmony Lodge, No. 9, came to an untimely end by reason of the accident at the Long Bridge on Monday. The funeral ceremony of the order was appropriately conducted by the officers of the lodge.

The series of grand lodge visitations is now over, the closing one being to Takoma Lodge, No. 24, last week.

The Lady, the Corpse, and the Bow-wow.

The other day a woman shipped her husband's remains and a dog over the Central. At Albany she appeared at the door of the baggage-car to see how they were getting along.

"How does he seem to be doing?" she asked, with a sniff.

"Who, the corpse?" inquired the baggage-master, kindly.

"No, the dog."

"Oh, he's comfortable," replied the baggage-man.

"Anybody been sitting down on him?"

"Who, the dog?"

"No, the corpse."

"Certainly not," answered the baggage-man.

"Does it seem cold enough in here for him?"

"For who, the corpse?"

"No, the dog."

"I think so," grinned the baggage-master.

"Does the jolting appear to affect him any?"

"Affect who, the dog?"

"No, the corpse."

"I don't believe it does."

"You'll keep an eye on him, won't you?" she asked, wiping a tear away.

"On who, the corpse?"

"No, the dog."

And having secured the baggage-man's promise, she went back to her coach apparently contented.—Exchange.

A Serious Reflection.

She was a ha