AMONG THE ORDERS

SOME EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK IN SECRET SOCIETY CIRCLES.

ODD FELLOWS' GRAND LODGE.

COMING MEETING PROMISES TO BE INTERESTING AND EVENTFUL FOR THE ORDER.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Figures Showing the Membership, Assets, Receipts and Relief Work of the Past Year.

The annual meeting of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows will be held in Minneapolis the second Wednesday in June, and the session promises to be one of the most eventful in the history of the order. The election of grand lodge officers was to a large extent thrown into the grand lodge session, the Australian ballot election in the subordinate lodges failing to elect in several instances. On this account there will be considerable interest attaching to the contests, and there may be an attempt to repeal the present law providing for Australian ballots.

On account of business depression the order has not shown any remarkable growth the past year, but there has been a healthy increase, the number of initiates being 1,212, and the net gain was 200. Among the reports to be submitted will be that of Grand Secretary A. L. Bolton, who is re-elected.

FARMER GRABBINMORE'S SCHEME.

1—Farmer Grabbinmore (with wat ering pot)—I don't like to do it, but times is pretty hard.

His report to Jan. 1, 1897, is as follows:

Number of lodges		235
MEMBERSHIP.		
Number of members Dec. 31, 1895		14,635
Initiated during year 1896		1,212
By deposit of card		296
Reinstated		171
First total		16,314
From which Deduct—		
Withdrawn	319	
Suspended for N. P. D.	1,016	
Deceased	110	
Expelled	19	
Errors in previous report	15	1,479
Number of members Dec. 31, 1896		14,835
Number of brothers relieved		952
Number of widows relieved		57
Number of brothers buried		106
Number of weeks' s'ckness		4,768
Number of past grands		3,269
Number of applications rejected		73
Number dependent widows and orphans		27
ASSETS.		
Balance cash in treasury		$41,767 14
Real estate, loans, etc		509,649 65
Widows' and orphans' fund		50,022 10
Furnture, paraphernalia, etc		144,210 39
Total assets		$754,649 28
RECEIPTS.		
Dues		$64,755 16
Admissions and degrees		26,769 38
Rents and interest		40,032 92
Other sources		29,473 84
Total receipts		$161,031 30
Current expenses		$66,935 90
Other expenses		40,763 90
RELIEF.		
Sick benefits		$15,524 61
Widows and orphans		755 76
Funeral		4,059 36
Special relief		4,980 03
Total relief		$25,319 76

REBEKAH DEPARTMENT.

	Bros.	Sisters.	To't.
No. members Dec. 31, 1895	2,721	3,381	6,102
Admitted during year 1896	860	1,336	2,196
First total	3,581	4,717	8,298
From which deduct—	Bros.	Sisters.	Total.
Withdrawn	82	118	200
Suspended N. P. D.	267	205	472
Deceased	19	35	54
Total	368	358	726
No. mem. Dec. 31, 1896	3,216	4,359	7,572

Total receipts	$11,628 02
Paid to relief	286 95
Total assets	19,781 14
Number of lodges Dec. 31, 1895	150

INDEPENDENT ORDER FORESTERS.

Court Minneapolis No. 453 will hold a regular meeting Thursday evening.

New courts have been instituted at Mankato, East Grand Forks and Smithville.

A new court composed of 100 business and professional men was instituted by Organizer McDonald in Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Thursday evening. This makes fourteen flourishing courts in that city.

Court Abraham Lincoln No. 3414 will hold a reception and entertainment on Wednesday evening, April 28, in Elks' hall. The plan and programme have not yet been completed, but the committee having the matter in charge is composed of experienced entertainers, and there is no doubt that this affair will be a complete success.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

The members of La Belle camp made a visit to Minnesota Camp No. 1, of Minneapolis, Thursday evening, and were royally received.

The regular meeting of La Belle camp will be held Monday evening in their hall, East Tenth street. A large attendance of members is expected, as important business will be transacted, and two new members will be shown the mysteries of the forest. Head Camp Sovereign Delegate Josiah Towne, of Minneapolis, will be present and will submit his report of the work done at the convention held lately in St. Louis. This report interests every Woodman. A good delegation from Minneapolis is also expected. Woodmen from other camps are cordially invited.

ORDER OF RED MEN.

White Cloud Tribe No. 8 kindled council fire, as usual, last Tuesday's sleep. All of the most prominent chiefs of the tribe, except "Chief Big Talk" (Brother George Mitchelson) who had trailed to a distant hunting ground, were in attendance. In addition to the usual interesting council, two palefaces, William T. Larson and Harry T. Spaulding, were adopted members of the tribe.

Brother, have you seen our degree council exemplify the work. If not, come and see it done on the sleep of Tuesday's sun, the 20th of plant moon, when the hunter's and warrior's degrees will be exemplified.

On Tuesday's sleep the tribe will hold but a very short session, after which our paleface friends will be entertained with a progressive card party, interspersed with musical selections and recitations.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS.

A regular meeting of Royal Oak Camp No. 159 will be held Thursday evening at Central hall, corner Sixth and Seventh streets. Neighbors having tickets for social party are expected to make reports at this meeting.

Royal Oak Camp No. 159 will give its second annual social party Easter Monday evening, April 19, at Litt's hall, Grand opera house block. Extensive preparations have been made, and the ladies promise that this will be one of the best parties of the season. The arrangement committee is composed of Mesdames Collins, Penny, Huber, Hibbert and Slifer. The Modern Woodmen will be represented on the floor committee by Messrs. Mounts, of Minnehaha; Kinney, of Unity; Hill, of Liberty; Gilbert, of North Star; Slifer, of Ramsey, and State Consul Thompson. The reception committee consists of Mesdames Lott, Minea, McKay, Mounts, Loveridge and Gilbert.

MACCABEES.

St. Paul Tenth No. 24 held a very pleasant social session Monday evening. On Monday evening business of importance will come before the tent. The convention committees are at work and an important meeting will be held in the near future. The committee to visit Duluth is now complete and will leave for the Zenith City May 1 to attend the mass meeting of Maccabees there.

Capital City Tent No. 40 held a regular review Tuesday evening, and considerable business of importance was transacted. Sir Knight Marx was duly installed as finance keeper, and the tent now starts on the upward road with a set of officers who are determined to win success. Next review is held April 20, and all are expected to be present, as matters will come up which are of great importance to each individual member.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA.

Forest Camp No. 3800 held a very large meeting Friday evening, Copeland degree team doing the work on eight candidates, after which refreshments were served. All neighbors and welcome the second and fourth Fridays in the month. Corner East Seventh and Reaney streets.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Commercial Council No. 1 will hold a regular meeting Tuesday evening. Maters of especial interest will come up for consideration, and a full attendance is desired.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

The entertainment committee of Mistletoe Chapter No. 96, O. E. S., have completed arrangements for an Easter ball, to be given at Ayd's hall, West Seventh and Randolph streets, April 22.

I. O. O. F.

Thursday evening Twin City lodge conferred the second degree on two brothers, and will confer the third degree on a number of brothers Thursday evening.

Freja Lodge No. 129 conferred the initiatory degree on four candidates Wednesday evening. The first degree will be exemplified at Wednesday's meeting.

Tuesday evening, April 27, Freja lodge will give a masquerade ball at their hall, corner Fifth and Wabasha streets. The price of admission includes supper.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

Coeur de Leon Commandery No. 213 held a well attended and enthusiastic convocation Wednesday evening. Several applications were received for the class which will be initiated about the middle of May. The last day for receiving applications for this class is May 5. The commandery was also instructed in drilling for Easter Sunday. All companions are urgently requested to be present at the next convocation for drill and action on the final report of the committee on Easter service.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Turks have shown themselves for the past two years in their native cruelty and semi-barbarity in massacreing whole villages of Christians in Armenia, and,

Whereas, They contemplated to decimate the Christian population of Crete likewise, which is evidenced by their treatment of the Cretan prior to and during the present uprising; and,

Whereas, The little country of Greece, renowned for its ancient civilization, art and intelligence, has taken it upon herself to stay the hands of the blood-thirsty Saracen, even in defiance and opposition to the European powers; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the officers and companions of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 213, Knights of Malta, in regular convocation assembled, express herewith our hearty appreciation of the great service Greece does to the cause of Christianity in general and the holy land in particular in thus taking the initiatory steps to liberate the holy land from the thralldom of the infidels, and drive the Turk back into further Asia, his proper home, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy be sent to the grand commandery and to each of the daily papers for publication.

St. Paul Commandery No. 154 gave a very successful ball Tuesday evening.

Rev. John Wright, D. D., pastor of St. Paul's church, Olive and Ninth streets, has invited the Minneapolis and St. Paul commanderies to attend Easter services at his church at 7:30 p. m. Easter Sunday. All members of St. Paul commandery will meet at the hall, 254 East Seventh street, at 7 o'clock to march with the other commanderies to the church.

Church Notes.

A union meeting of the several chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held at St. Clement's church tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. C. A. McMaster, of New York's local assembly, is expected to address the meeting.

In the cathedral this morning at 10:30 o'clock Archbishop Ireland will bless the palms. St. Matthew's account of the passion of Christ will be chanted by ninety students from the St. Paul seminary. The archbishop will be attended in the sanctuary by Fathers Lawler, Wood and Colbert and the clergy of the seminary.

The Christian Citizenship league will hold a public mass meeting this afternoon at 3:30 at the First Baptist church. The speakers will be Rev. W. B. Millard, the president, who will speak of the object of the league; John Day Smith, of Minneapolis, who will speak of the work in that city, and Rev. David Morgan, who will tell of the work in this city.

Holy week services at St. Peter's Episcopal will be as follows: Morning prayer and sermon every day, except Friday and Saturday, at 9 a. m.; evening prayer and address at 8 p. m.; on Good Friday morning, prayer at 10 a. m.; three hours' service, 12 m. to 3 p. m., Easter eve, 7:30; Saturday, confirmation and sermon by Bishop Gilbert.

The Central Church of Christ, 462 Jackson, near Eighth street, has secured the services of Rev. J. L. Parsons, of St. Louis, Mo., who will begin his work in this city today.

The special meetings at the Philadelphian Baptist church will be continued every evening this week. Rev. C. H. Rust, evangelist, in charge of chapel car "Good Tidings" will have charge of all the services.

At St. James' Episcopal church there will be a special service on Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m. Sermon by Rt. Rev. Bishop M. M. Gilbert, D. D.

ST. PAUL CHURCHES

MANY OF THEM HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES COMMEMORATING PALM SUNDAY.

DR. EGBERT GOING ABROAD.

LARGE CLASS TO BE CONFIRMED AT MEMORIAL ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS TODAY.

Programme Prepared for Easter by a Number of the Episcopal and Catholic Churches.

Dr. J. P. Egbert, pastor of the House of Hope Presbyterian church, is to leave shortly for an extended trip abroad for his health. It is expected he will not return until Sept. 1.

A class of about twenty-five will be confirmed at the Memorial English Evangelical church, West Sixth street, this, Palm Sunday, morning. Pastor Haupt has been at work in this field for nearly thirteen years and has built up the congregation from sixteen members in 1884, having added 390 in all, 179 of whom have been by adult baptism or by confirmation. The losses in the meantime have amounted to 163 by death or removal. Considering the times, the outlook is encouraging.

The confirmation theme will be, "Confessing the Lord." Passion services in the evening, "Anointed for Burial" being the subject.

At St. Mathew's Catholic church the following programme will be rendered:

Kyrie, Gloria .....Leprevost
Veni Creator .....Churchmann
Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei—Leprevost
Regina Coeli .....L. G. Bruenney

The order of services of St. Peter's church today, will be as follows:

Processional Hymn—"All Glory, Laud and Honor"
Venite .....Cathedral Psalter
Benedicite .....Stamer, Turle and Irons
Benedictus .....Anon, Hutchins' Hymnal
Litany hymn, 88.
Hymn 92—"O Thou, Who Through This Holy Week."
Hymn 335—"Jesus Lover of My Sold"—Dykes
Processional Hymn—"There is a Blessed Home" (679)
Evening—
Processional, 90.
Bonum Est and Deus Misereatur .....Turle
Hymn 101—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'
Hymn 359—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory'—"Cross of Jesus"
Offertory Anthem—"Rejoice Greatly"—Henry Gadsby
Recessional hymn, 679.

St. Luke's Easter services will be as follows: Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 10:30, by Rev. John Lewry, assisted by Father McNulty and Rehill. Rev. P. F. Heffron, of the St. Paul seminary, will preach the sermon.

The music will be up to its usual high standard, and will be one of the finest musical programmes in the city. Programme follows:

Asperges .....Wiegand
Kyrie .....Gilsini
Gloria .....Gilsini
Miss Mabe Wheeler, Soloist.
"Come Holy Spirit".....Millard
Credo .....Gilsini
Miss Marion Keller, Soloist.
Offertory—"Resurrexit" .....Tosti
Miss Stella Parout.
Sanctus—Mrs. Dr. Renz.....Gilsini
Benedictus .....Gilsini
Agnus Dei .....Gilsini
"Hallelujah Chorus" .....Handel
Ernest Burke, Director.
Miss Gertrude Sans Souci, Organist.
Sopranos—Mesdames Rogers and Logue, Misses Wheeler, Keller, Mumm, Baron, Swain.
Altos—Mesdames Renz, Faber, Foley, Robertson.
Tenors—Messrs. La Pine, White, Morrill, Schaub, Burke.
Bassos—Messrs. Burke, Greazar, Harris, Brackett, Mumm, Johnson, Logue, Murphy, Burke.

The following is the musical programme for the Easter festival of Memorial Evangelical Lutheran church:

MORNING, 10:30 A. M.
Anthem—"This Is the Day".....Frank Lynes
Service in F.....H. Knauff
Festival Introit with Hallelujah.....Service
Gloria Patri.....Samuel Jackson
Kyrie .....Service
Gloria in Excelsis.....C. W. Knauff
Responsory—"The Magdalene".G. W. Warren
Hymn 613—"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done!"
The Sermon.
Soprano Solo—"Resurrexit"....F. Paolo Tosti
Mrs. T. M. Newson.
Violin Obligato by W. A. Rhoden.
Offertory—"Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle".....C. E. B. Price
Hymn 192—"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
EVENING, 7:30 P. M.
Easter Carol Service.
Offertory—"Christ Has Won the Victory" .....H. P. Danks

The choir will be augmented and include the following vocalists: Sopranos, Mrs. T. M. Newson, Miss A. Mathes; altos, Miss J. Moody, Miss Wheelock; tenors, J. H. Hensel, J. W. Green; basses, M. K. Knauff, M. L. McIntire.

The annual congregational social of the Memorial Lutheran church, will be held Tuesday evening, April 27, at the church, under the auspices of the Luther league. It is hoped that every member of the congregation will be present and will try to become acquainted with every other member and will bring a friend with them. It has been customary for the pastor to have a reunion of his catechumens at this time, but the number is now so large that it is impossible in his present accommodations. The Luther league will, therefore, give this social to accomplish both the union of the catechumens and the introducing of the new members to the congregation.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements of the St. Paul Churches for Today.

Hebron Baptist—Morning service at 10:30 o'clock; subject, "Christian Courage and Conquest;" evening service at 7:30 o'clock; subject, "Is the Young Man Safe?" A special service for men.

First Christian—Nelson and Farrington avenues, Rev. Allen R. Moore, pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; subject of morning discourse, "Take Heed."

Clinton Avenue M. E., Rev. R. N. Avison, pastor—10:30 a. m. subject, "The Problem of the Freedman;" 7:30 p. m. subject, "The Young Man in the Kingdom of Christ." Music by the male quartette.

Wesley M. E., Rice and Jessamine streets—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Morning subject, "Worship." Evening subject, "The Divinity of Christ." Both sermons by the pastor, Rev. S. A. Cook.

Bates Avenue M. E., W. N. Jamieson, pastor—10:30 subject, "The Modern Babel," and "The Church and Social Evils" at 7:30; boys' choir in the morning.

First M. E. church, Rev. J. F. Stout, D. D., will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.; morning subject, "Fear Cast Out;" evening subject, "Jonah." All are invited.

Central Church of Christ, Assembly room, St. Paul Commons, 462 Jackson street—Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; preaching by the new pastor, J. L. Parsons.

Central Presbyterian, Cedar street, opposite the capitol, Rev. A. B. Meldrum, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. The pastor will preach at both services; morning subject, "Health of Body and Soul;" evening subject, "Rizpah."

Church of Our Father, St. Anthony Park—Service at 4 p. m.; sermon by Rev. William R. Lord; subject, "Is there a Justification for a Liberal Church in St. Anthony Park?"

Unity, Wabasha, foot of Summit avenue—Service at 10:30 a. m.; sermon by the pastor, Rev. William R. Lord.

New Jerusalem (or Swendenborgian), Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, pastor—Service at 10:30 a. m.; subject of sermon, "Palm Sunday and Its Spiritual Meaning."

Immanuel Baptist, 1046 West Seventh street, Rev. C. C. Markham, pastor—Morning service at 10:45; fourth sermon in series on the life of Paul; subject, "The Decision of the Council at Jerusalem;" evening service at 7:30.

St. James' Episcopal, Lawson and De Soto streets, Rev. J. O. Ferris, rector—Matins litany and sermon at 11 a. m.; offertory, "The Palms," J. Faurr; evening prayer, sermon and anthem at 7:45 p. m.

St. Peter's Episcopal, Dayton's bluff, Rev. G. H. Mueller, rector—The holy sacrament of Baptism will be administered at the morning service, followed by prayer and sermon at 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

Unity Theosophical Society—Open meeting in Room 251, Endicott building, with a paper by Mr. Slafter, on "The Importance of Theosophical Study," at 8 p. m.

Central Park M. E.—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; conducted by the pastor, Rev. William McKinley, D. D.; revival services every night of the week, except Saturday.

Westminster Presbyterian, Rev. Rufus L. Barackman, pastor—At 10:30 a. m., preaching; at 7:30 p. m., preaching service.

Union Spiritualist, Odd Fellows' hall, Wabasha street—At 8 p. m.; subject of lecture, "The Dark and Light Side of Spiritualism." Tests will be given.

First Presbyterian—Services at 10:30 a. m.; preaching by Rev. Maurice D. Edwards, D. D. No evening service.

Dayton Avenue Presbyterian, Rev. C. W. Scovel will preach at 10:30 a. m., and the pastor, Rev. Maurice D. Edwards, D. D., at 8 p. m.

Olivet M. E., Juno street, Rev. T. Arthur Olsen, pastor—Morning service at 10:45 a. m.; "The Triumphal Entry;" evening service at 7:45 p. m.; "Value of Little Things."

Burr Street Baptist, Burr and York streets, Rev. G. L. Conley, pastor—Rev. E. H. Rust, of the chapel car "Glad Tidings," will speak at the morning service; the pastor will speak at the evening service; subject, "Soul Winning."

Park Congregational—Services at 10:30 and 8 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, D. D., will preach. The Lord's supper after the morning service. Text in the morning, "A Great Multitude Took the Branches of the Palm Trees and Went Forth to Meet Him and Cried out Hosanna."

First Baptist, Rev. J. W. Conley, pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Morning subject, "North America for Christ;" evening, "Condemned Already." Rally of all citizens interested in good government at 3:30 p. m.

Memorial English Lutheran, West Sixth street, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, pastor—At 10:30 subject, "Confessing the Lord;" 8 p. m. "Anointed for Burial."

German Presbyterian, Bethlehem, Pleasant avenue and Ramsey street, Rev. William C. Laube, pastor—Morning service at 10:30 o'clock, sermon on John 12:12-15. Confirmation. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Special sermon for the young people of the congregation.

Ninth Presbyterian, Farrington avenue and Edmund street, Sermon by the pastor, Rev. E. P. Lewis at 10:30 a. m. Evening service at 7:45.

House of Hope Presbyterian—Service at 10:30 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m. The pastor, Rev. John Paul Egbert, D. D., will preach morning and evening.

First German M. E., Van Slyke court and Olive street. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dr. F. Kopp will occupy the pulpit in the morning and Rev. D. Pfaff in the evening.

Goodrich Avenue Presbyterian, Rev. John Pringle, pastor—Morning service, 10:30, subject, "Motives to Service;" installing of elders. Evening service 8 o'clock.

English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Lafayette and Woodward avenues. At 10:30 the rite of confirmation will be administered. In the evening at 7:30 last Lenten sermon. Services on Good Friday in the evening at 7:30; Rev. J. W. Detzer, pastor.

Arlington Hills Presbyterian, 611 Jenks street, pastor Rev. A. E. Driscoll. Morning service 10:30, subject, "Knowledge and Service;" evening 7:30, subject, "The Purpose in a Life."

At 10:30 the pastor will take as his subject Plymouth Congregational, Summit and Wabasha, Rev. Watson B. Millard, pastor—"Mighty to Save," and in the evening at 7:45, "Independence."

Pacific Congregational, Rev. J. Alex. Jenkins, pastor—Morning service at 10:30, subject, "Longings for God;" evening service at 7:30, subject "Professiveness of Revelation."

Woodland Park Baptist, Selby avenue—Sermon by Dr. J. W. Conley, of the First Baptist church. No evening service.

Philadelphian Baptist, Reaney and Cypress streets, Rev. Bert Travis, pastor—Preaching at 10:45 a. m., subject, "Self Sacrifice." At 7:45 p. m. Rev. C. H. Rust, the chapel car evangelist, will preach.

School of Christ, Phoenix hall—Serives at 10:45, subject, "The Now of Man."

St. Mary's church, Merriam Park, Rev. G. H. Ten Broeck, rector—Early celebration at 8:30; service and sermon at 10:30 a. m.; service and address by Hector Baxter, of Minneapolis; Brother Nord, of St. Andrew's, at 8 p. m.

People's—Dr. Smith will preach at 10:30 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Rev. H. C. Wright will speak on "Truth Is Fiction, and Fiction Is Truth."

2—B'gosh! he slipped all right. It works laik er charm.

3—Gosh! thet's er bad fall yer got, stranger. I'll haul yer to town fer two dollars. What say ye?

THE YANKEE ABROAD

LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS TO VISIT EUROPE THIS YEAR.

TAKE GOLD TO EUROPE.

THIS YEAR'S VISITORS ALONE WILL LEAVE $100,000,000 OVER THERE.

INQUIRIES FOR PASSPORTS.

Traveling Americans and Their Peculiarities—Oddities of Consuls.

Special Correspondence of the Globe.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—They tell me at the passport office of the state department that the exodus of Americans to Europe this year is going to be greater than usual. Many men who were kept at home last summer because of the election uncertainty are going across this year, and they are going to take an enormous amount of American gold with them. Gen. Horace Porter, our new ambassador to France, told me when he was here a few days ago that he estimated the amount of money our people will spend abroad this summer at $100,000,000, equal to our standing gold reserve. No wonder we have a struggle keeping gold on this side of the ocean.

The number of travelers taking passports is comparatively small, but it varies with the volume of travel. Going on a short trip in the beaten track of trourists it is not necessary for the traveler to take a passport, but he sometimes finds it convenient to have one. In Russia, in Egypt and in other countries less generally visited by Americans, it is quite necessary to have a passport.

The state department would prefer very much to issue a passport to every one of the tens of thousands of travelers who cross the Atlantic every summer. A passport is a sure identification of the man who holds it, and if the man gets into trouble the great seal of the state department usually assures him respectful treatment. This saves the state department a great deal of trouble. If the man has no passport and cannot make the local authorities understand who he is, he is likely to be outraged through ignorance or stupidity, and then the department has a claim for apologies and damages to press. Our consuls and ministers and ambassadors have their hands full most of the time keeping up with the procession of indignant Americans.

The people of Europe are rather arrogant sometimes in their enforcement of laws and local regulations, but they are far less severe with the stranger than with their own people, and the reason for this is found in the fact that the traveling American is a perennial boon to all the countries of Europe. In Great Britain there is another reason. Chauncey M. Depew, who came very near being our ambassador at London under this administration, told me recently that there was a feeling of affection for us in the hearts of Englishmen which few Americans can understand—a feeling of kinship which the American does not reciprocate.

What do we give in return? If American consuls are to be believed, the most offensive display of boorishness that is possible in a people not wholly uncivilized. A senator who has been across several times said recently: "Where do all the nice Americans go in summer? You never meet them traveling."

The truth is, we are a great deal worse abroad than we are at home. Secretary John Sherman, when he was a senator, made two trips across the water. He tells of meeting on one of these trips two nice American men of good breeding and refined tastes who attracted unpleasant attention in the smoking room of a hotel by boasting loudly about their country and abusing every other country and its people. They finally found themselves alone, and then they grew hilarious over their success in cleaning out the place. They had made themselves disagreeable purposely so as to drive away some Englishmen who were occupying the best places in the room.

Another gentleman, a well-known newspaper editor, told me of a meeting with a fellow countryman in a Paris hotel. The man approached a party of Americans. "You're from the United States," he said. "So am I. I haven't any cards with me, but that's my name." And he drew out a national bank note and placed his thumb nail on the signature of the president of the bank. He wanted his fellow countrymen to know how important a person he was at home. Doubtless he had done the same boastful, silly thing with strangers from other countries. It is the way of too many American tourists. They are boisterous, bragging. They carry the American eagle on their shoulders and shove it under the nose of every one they meet.

But there are many kinds of Americans just as there are many kinds of Englishmen. We make the same mistake in judging the Chinese. In every city but Washington the cooly laborer or laundryman is taken as the typical Chinaman, while the people here who have met the noblemen of the Chinese legation know that they are of quite another class. Missionaries who have visited China will tell you that we get the very scum of her population.

But we differ from China and from England and from every other great nation in this—we do not send representative Americans always to represent us officially at foreign capitals. We have been peculiarly fortunate in our ministers and ambassadors at London, Paris and Vienna. But many of our ministers at other capitals have been mere politicians, and our consuls general and consuls have been, if anything, worse. I don't mean to sneer at the politician if he is anything else. But we should not send abroad men who are politicians only, men who lack business and social standing, education and refinement. The English government would never send a farmer to act as consul general at New York. It might give him a special mission to examine our agricultural resources and honor him in other appropriate ways. But a consul general would be selected from the list of men with business experience on the rolls of the foreign office.

Secretary Sherman, when he was a senator, told me he thought no man ought to go abroad for our government who did not speak the language of the country in which he was stationed. It is unfortunate that Mr. Sherman did not make that a inviolable rule of his department when he took charge of it.

Mr. Sherman, by the way, was presented to the emperor of France at an official reception when he was in Paris, and he wore knee breeches, silk stockings and low shoes for the occasion. This was the costume worn by Embassador Breckinridge at the coronation of the czar. The story about it made much merriment for Mr. Brekinridge's friends and for newspaper readers generally in the United States. Knee breeches are worn by many of our diplomats on state occasions. Gen. Porter will wear his uniform as a brigadier general of the regular army when he is presented to President Faure. But Col. Hay, whose military service was limited to two months. Ambassador White and Ambassador Draper may have to appear in what classic Boston calls "knee pants."

Our representatives abroad once wore not only knee breeches, but swords. But that was in the day when the president of the United States wore knee breeches and observed some of the ceremonies familiar to the courts of Europe. Nowadays our ambassadors prefer uniforms, even militia uniforms, because they are more imposing and usually more becoming. A thin-legged ambassador is not an impressive sight in knickerbockers, and Mr. Sherman, who was always thin, must have presented a remarkable appearance when he made his bow to the president of France. Besides, the uniform is accompanied by a title, and titles are dear to the American heart. Here in Washington they are in some disrepute, because the hangers on at the hotels and about the capitol have come to be known as "the majors and the colonels." But the traveling American likes to be known as of military rank. And the American ambassador and the American minister are not exempt from the national weakness.

One feature of the passport business, by the way, causes many heart burnings. The state department has an absolute rule forbidding the insertion of any title in a passport. The militia officer who wants to be "generaled" abroad and the regular officer of the army, the mayor of a city and the judge on the bench are on equal terms with the plain citizen in the passport office.

"Col. John Smith" is John Smith there, and the "Hon. Obadiah Otterson" is plain Obadiah. They protest to the department, but the rule is inflexible.

—George Grantham Bain.

GLADSTONE LAND SCHEDULES.

Assets and Liabilities Filed in the District Court.

The schedules of the assets and liabilities of the Gladstone Land company were filed in the district court yesterday. They are summarized as follows:

Real estate unencumbered and unimproved: Book value, $231,224.65; assessed valuation, $53,050; estimated value, $78,830.

Real estate, unencumbered and improved: Book value, $10,207.06; assessed valuation, $3,760; estimated value, $5,850.

Bills, receivable, secured: Book value, $45,236.30; estimated value, $14,860.32.

Bills recivable, unsecured: Book value, $440; estimated value, nothing.

Accounts receivable: Book value, $1,235.78; estimated value, $781.63.

Rents, accrued and unpaid, $216.65.

Total, book value, $288,560.44; total estimated value, $100,321.95; total assessed valuation of real estate, $56,810.

Bills payable, $249,820.86; accounts payable, $6,078.67; total, $255,899.53.