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NAZNANILO IN ZAHVALA

Žalostnim srcem naznanjam sorodnikom, znancem in prijateljem žalostno vest, da je kruta smrt pretrgala nit življenja moji ljubljeni soprog in materi

Umrila je 5. maja 1931 ob 3. uri popoldne po osem tedenski mučni boleznii. Ob smrti je bila stara 51 let. Rojena (Jež) na Nanosu nad Vipavo. V Ameriki je bivala nad 11 let. Pogreb se je vršil dne 3. maja t. l. po civilnem obredu na Grandview pokopališču. Na tem mestu izrekanjo najžrečnejše zahvale mrs. Kovarič, mrs. Znidarskih in mrs. Glavach, katere so ji stregle za časa njene bolezni. Hvala vsem, ki so nam izkazali sočutje in dali pomoč v urah žalosti, kakor tudi vsem, ki ste jo obiskali ob mrtvačnem odru. Lepa hvala vsem prijateljem in Johnstown, je Cambria County in Somerset County, ki ste dali avtomobile na raspolago in vsem, ki ste jo v tako obilnem številu spremlili k mrtvačnemu počitku, ter Dr. Vouk iz Akron, O. Lepa hvala mr. Geo. Goodu, policaju iz Lorain Boro, kateri je preobkrel več avtomobilov in oskrbel red pogreba od doma do pokopališča. Srčna hvala družinam, posameznikom in društvom za darovane vence in sicer: Znidarič, Koršek, Geo. Plomlichar, Kovarich, Ljubecich, Ant. Gabrenya, M. Krofina, J. Rogelj, K. Rogelj, Fr. Petrich, druž. Triglav št. 82 SNPJ, druž. Naka Sloga št. 600 SNPJ, druž. Flood City št. 712 SNPJ, Parents Teachers Ass'n of Highland Park in rojakom Rasmot in Kosmatinu, katere sta nabrala med rojaki za vence in darovalcem. Hvala "Slov. Moxham godbi" za igrane žalostnice pred hili žalosti in na pokopališču. Najlepša hvala sorodniku umrle A. Vidrihu za poslovljni govor v hili žalosti, bratu Mike Cecu, predu, druž. Triglav št. 82 SNPJ za prečitane nagrobnice in bratu Fraku Chucheku za njegov gniljiv nagrobni govor. Tebi pa preljubljena soproga in mati šelimo, počivaj v miru in lahka naj Ti naj bodo tvoja gruda. Žalujejo ostali: John Kopal, soprog, Slavko in Rudy, sinova, Mary, omoč, Petrich, Olga, omoč, Rogelj, in Angela, ktere, ter trije bratje v stari domovini.

Johnstown, Pa.

Nepričakovana zla usoda nas je prebrtiklo zadela ko nam je po pordnevni mučni bolezni pljušnel dne 22. aprila 1931 s jutraj šele v 30 letni starosti v bolnišnici prejmo naš soprog, oče, ostrema brat

Pekojni se je rodil leta 1890 v Vasi Usce na Notranjskem in po prostaneu trpljenju v svetovni vojni in vojnem jetnikstvu se je kot 20 leten mladenec prenočil leta 1920 v Ameriko, kjer je bil ves čas premagav; ni bil je zdrav ter skrben o svojih družini, zapustil nas je tako nepriznavano, mene obupanu spongo in štiri male otročice do starosti 91 let. Pogreb se je vršil po civilnem obredu. Od blizu in daleč so prihili ljudje spremiti ka k zadnjemu počitku, tolašili so nas in nam stregli po svoji moči za časa krute bolezni, kakor tudi posnege. Obišli so krova, kjer je ležal drugi, da bi ugledali kakor krašen vrt bujnega cvetja, zavečer nam je jasen dokaz, da je bil pri vseh in povsod spoštovan in priljubljen; sklerotičnim, a zavesečim delavec. Korporativno so bile zastopane: društvo Danica št. 44 SNPJ, Zigar član je bil od začrtka, Slov. Hraan. in Posojil. društvo of Franklia Cgh., potom svojega Direktorija, katerega član je bil, ter Slov. soc. klub št. 5 JSZ. Pooblašeni govor na domu in na grpu sta imela br. Fr. Podbej za dr. Danica in br. A. Vidrieh za Hraan. društvo in za splošno. Venice so mu položili sledstvi: Slov. Izobraževalni Dem. društvo Danica št. 44 SNPJ, Slov. Hraan. in Pos. društvo, Friendly City Lodge 684 SNPJ, Flood City Lodge 712 SNPJ, Soc. klub št. 5 JSZ, Slovenian Educ. Political Club of Franklin; nadalje sledile City Lodge 712 SNPJ, Soc. klub št. 5 JSZ, Slovenian Educ. Political Club of Franklin; nadalje sledile družine: Langerholt and Family, Jerman Family, Zakrajšek and Family, Mrs. Frances Gabrenya and sons, Vidrieh and Family, Anton Ivančič and Family, Hudoklin and Family, J. Brence and Family, Jack Gabrenyna and Family in John Beber iz Clevelanda, O. V pomoč pa so nam bili za časa bolezni in nam po svoji moči nudili postrelbo Br. in Mra. Benčina, družina Andr. Drobnik, Jack Govekar in sponga, Mra. Anna Govekar in drugi sosode ter prijatelji. Sprejemite na tem mestu naše najizrazitejšo zahvalo. Enako zahvalo vsem, ki ste pripomogli in dali svoje številne automobile na razpolago in pripomočki, da smo čim pristojeje posloveli od nam dragoga. Nimamo večjeh linca, zato na tem mestu vsem skupaj iskreno hvale!

ANDREJ IN OČE! Vemo, da ni pomoči za našo bol, da po budnem vanj v duhu v Tvoji bližini, komo krasiti Tvojo gnilo-s rdečico in jik salivati s našimi solzami, doberje tudi nas ne posemo, kjer bi končni mir. Zaljubiti ostali: Frances Ivančič, sponga; Andrej in Rudolf, sinčka; Fanie in Emilija, hčerke; Anton Ivančič, brat. V stari domovini se bivača starida in trije bratje.

V Johnstown, Pa., dne 8. maja, 1931.

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The Society shall insure to its members personal freedom of religious, philosophical, ethical and political creeds.

Declaration of Principles, SNPJ By-laws.

PROS-VIETA

ENGLISH SECTION

FOR MEMBERS OF SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY AND AMERICAN SLOVENES

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Ben. Franklin, Motto to Historical Review

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Editorial Comments

LODGE REPORTING

Some time ago we proposed that our local branches either elect or appoint their official reporters, or lodge editors, whose duty would be to cover all the important lodge functions for the official organ. This would eliminate all duplications, would save much time and space, and the result would be more satisfactory than the present method of handling this important business so haphazardly. Organized work of any kind is more effective. Why not try this or some similar plan of uniformity in lodge reporting?

OUR PUBLICITY

The Pros-Vieta, official organ of the Slovene National Benefit Society, is known as the most liberal Slovene newspaper. Its columns are open to various discussions wherein a wide range of opinions is freely voiced. Pros and cons are given the same deal on any issue in discussion, and any intelligent reader of the Pros-Vieta will readily see that such is the case. But we regret to say that a number of our members often overstep the limits of the freedom of press, particularly in the Voice of the Members column. They forget the fact that everything and anything under the sun has its limits, and so they indulge in wallowing in personalities and puerile assertions to the extent that they frequently ignore, completely, the issue in question. No truly intelligent person will allow himself to be guided by prejudices; he will always be guided by reasoning and rationality.

VERSUS—WHAT?

A number of our members, for the past few months, have tried to air their views on the issue of the present unscrupulous capitalistic system of running things and that as proposed by students and proponents of a more human system of collective dealing which shall eventually be substituted for the first. That the present chaotic system is anything but human, in all its aspects, any one can see, particularly now in time of acute depression when millions of people suffer, for want of food, although food products are in abundance, and when millions of people despair, for they have no work and no means for maintaining their meager subsistence. While, on the other hand, a small group of people possesses all the wealth, controls all the nation's supplies and wallows in luxuries and indulges in spectacular orgies—at the expense of the poor. We are, in principle, against the present irrational industrial system and not against individuals; for after all, the individuals are the product of the system.

OUTINGS AND PICNICS

Most of our subordinate lodges are planning spring festivals, outings and picnics. In Chicago, this spring, the outstanding lodge event will be the Pioneer Spring Festival and School Program at the SNPJ Auditorium Sunday, May 31. This will be an "Achievement Day" for the Pioneer Lodge No. 559. A varied program has been worked out for this occasion and a number of our well-known performers are scheduled to appear. In addition to this, many other timely attractions will be featured. Spring festivals in various forms are ever popular, and many local lodges of the SNPJ are planning for their picnics and outings to take place this and the following months.

Symptoms of Social Change

In every age when a social system is becoming feeble and ready for burial increasing sections of the so-called "intellectual" classes turn against it. This attitude may range all the way from one of mere opposition to the claims and philosophy of the ruling classes to a position of agitation for a new order to replace the old one. Marx and Engels observed this as a factor in social change when they said that these "ideologists" raise themselves "to the level of comprehending" what is happening.

It was amusing to notice how the Catholic Bishops in this country, following the end of the World War when Europe was rocking with revolutions, adopted a program of social reconstruction which was critical of the whole capitalistic system. It went far to condemn the wage system and to approve cooperation as a substitute. It revealed the church adapting itself to changes that might sweep throughout the world.

The recent report of the Economics Commission of the National Council of Christian Associations favoring a radical reconstruction of society on Socialist lines is another case in point. One may even observe symptoms of this trend in the protests made by some dairies against the naked attempt of the power crowd to take over the educational systems of the country. These protests go no farther than warning a powerful section of the ruling class not to endanger the whole system by making fools of themselves, yet they are also symptoms.

Capitalism is falling in the minds of many who have accepted it as a finality in social development. When the labor movement catches up with this critical view capitalism will be fighting for its life.

—The New Leader.

Victory

By ELIAS LIEBERMAN

BROTHER, what is victory?
I crush you or you crush me.

You tear me or I tear you
Just as beasts in jungles do.

Leash me, fling me prone to ground;
But my soul will not be bound.

And too—under my duress
Your soul would be fetterless.

Each man, humble would but wait,
Humming low his song of hate.

Then when time came, each alike
Would but rise again and strike.

BROTHER, WHAT IS VICTORY?
I HELP YOU AND YOU HELP ME.

In proportion as the bourgeoisie, i. e., capital, is developed, in the same proportion is developed the proletariat, the class of modern workers who live only so long as they find work, and who only find work so long as their work increases capital.—Karl Marx.

America is the housewife's Paradise.—Mrs. Albert Einstein.

Wolverine Lodge

Detroit.—The Wolverine Lodge No. 677 has a pleasant surprise in store for its members. We have planned a Weiner Roast to take place on May 24. All members and their friends are invited. Everyone is to meet at the Slovene Workers' Home, South and Artillery, at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, May 24, in order that we may get an early start for our destination. Admission charge is to be 25c. Come on, members, and start the summer season off with a bang!

Ambridge Revelers, congratulations on your First Anniversary to take place on May 23 and your success of the past year. We regret that we will be unable to attend your celebration, but you can expect to see some of us on Decoration day.

The Wolverines mourn the passing of Bro. Freddie Korosic, who died after a month's illness. He was very popular among Wolverine members and was loved for his willingness to entertain with his songs. We extend our sympathies to his family and friends.

The Wolverines extend their sympathies to the Jurca family on the sudden death of Mary Jurca on April 19. She was a popular member of the Young American Lodge and will be missed by her numerous friends.

Fraternally—Obed and Steffler.

Stalwarts' Benefit Ball

STALWARTS' CHARITY CARNIVAL

Confetti—Streamers—Noise Makers. All To Figure in the Joy-making

Kenosha, Wis.—After many weeks of preparing, final arrangements have been completed for the Stalwarts' Charity Carnival, which will be held on Saturday evening, May 23, at the Schlitz Reef Gardens, for the benefit of the unemployed members of the Stalwart Lodge.

The carnival with its many diversions forecasting a full evening entertainment is expected to be the most brilliant affair ever staged by the Stalwarts in their long list of social endeavors.

Dancing gets under way at 8 p. m. until 12. The presentations of the various novelties on the program are scheduled between dance numbers. These novelties will be put on by the "Ace High Entertainers" conceded to be Kenosha's leading group of "Mirth Makers."

By popular request, the "Moonlight Serenaders" have been contracted to furnish the dance music. This Sextette of "Modern Music Masters" put over their music in such a manner; so that it is impossible for you to make your feet behave. They are rightly called—Rhythm Kings—as their tuneful tunes make dancing a pleasure, indeed. And to enrich this pleasure, the spacious "Ball Room" in which this "Maze of Merriment" is to take place has been specially decorated for the occasion. A beautiful decorative scheme has virtually transformed it into an "Isle of Enchantment."

Delicious eats and refreshments that really refresh will be served throughout the evening. And ten cents—one dime—is the highest price marked on this "Menu of Eats and Drinks."

Admission to the dance is only 35c. Of course clothes checking will be free. Also, don't forget the door prize, a beautiful "bonnet" and "maj-hen sod vina."

So, we say, for a "Night of Pleasure," come on, come all to the Stalwarts' Benefit Ball at the Schlitz Reef Gardens, Saturday, May 23.

Rudie Derganz.

L-I-N-K-S

By Ann & Ann

Springfield, Ill.—A number attended the last meeting. Two were initiated and three were nominated. Dancing followed with Joe Ushman and Zeb furnishing the music. Linkinette Links, our monthly news sheets were distributed at the meeting and those who did not attend will receive them thru the mail.

One of the main attractions at our Sixth Annual Picnic, July 4, will be a popularity contest. Rules for the contest will appear in this column at a later date.

We have two members on the sick list: Mary Aubel at her home in Devereaux Heights and Joe Ulavage at St. John's hospital—both having recently undergone an operation for the relief of acute appendicitis. We're wishing them both a speedy recovery and urging members to visit them.

Bro. Frank Stoisek is still knocking 'em out. Recently he won a boxing match at Bloomington; at Lincoln he won a match by a knockout in the first round.

The Lincolnton Diamond Bell team won their first game on the Boo Boo's. That's a good start, boys, and we hope you "cop" the championship again this year.

The Reveliers' Column

Maxim: The happiest lives are lived simply, usefully and unpretentiously

To feel too sensitive, too easily hurt at the words or actions of another is a handicap to a great extent. Usually stray remarks or deeds, if unheeded, are harmless; but a sensitive mind by magnifying little faults makes each word or deed miss an unbecomable wrong. A courageous person does not allow the adverse criticism of others to prey upon his mind. To be sensitive (which can be classed as a state of mind such as peace, happiness, etc.) in the extreme will bring more harm than good to a person, whereas broad-mindedness (which, too, is a state of mind) will benefit any intelligent man. To be insensitive to all detrimental remarks, to carry onward in spite of harsh criticisms will bring ultimate success to the persevering.

Members of a lodge often are afraid to state their views on fraternal problems because they are too sensitive to what others may say. Since all societies grant equal rights to all members no one should hesitate to express himself on any subject within the jurisdiction of the lodge. By courteously paying attention to whom ever may be speaking at a lodge meeting at the time, besides other advantages, it will be an encouragement for the more backward to also voice their opinions. SOME OF THE MORE QUIET MEMBERS, IF THEY ARE GIVEN ENCOURAGEMENT TO SPEAK THEIR VIEWS, MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY OF REAL CONSTRUCTIVE VALUE FOR THE LODGE.

This Saturday, May 23, the Reveliers will be ready to entertain all visitors who will come to join in with the Reveliers in celebrating our 1st Anniversary. Eddie Chapman and his Virginians have promised the best and latest in dance music. Chairman Grandovic and his assistants are busy preparing for the event. The hall will be specially decorated that night. Dancing will begin at 8 p. m., D.S.T., and will continue until midnight. To date many lodges have already signified their intention to attend, these including Lindy Lokar and Cleveland friends, Excelsors, Musketeers, Morning Stars and many others. Each lodge and each member is cordially invited. All visitors are asked to make their presence known. That night comradeship and friendship will prevail.

This chap spent the week-end at Midway as the guest of Mr. and Mrs.

Mike Nagel, and also attended the Midway lodge dance on the 9th. It was a pleasant stay, ending much too soon.

What we really were going to say about that visit in the quietness, the peace that prevails in the country. No restless hurrying here and there. . . . The physical relaxation . . . None of that aimless wandering so common in the city. Invigorating air, sunshine—two of Nature's greatest gifts to man, and so little appreciated. There is that absence of disturbing noises prevalent in city life. Brings to the mind many questions. Why do we have all the unnecessary speed-up in modern activities? People rushing through life with no let-up; and when the journey is ended what is the outcome? The survivors continue their wandering rushing. Nowhere can that peace and calm be had as out in the country, which certainly over-shadows urban life in that respect.

On May 9 the Reveliers showed plenty of versatility. Led by Prexy Grandovic, the majority of the members attended the Excelsors' dance. Smitty Perko was at the head of another group, being at Imperial. In Midway Ambridge was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Uhernik, as well as by Bertie Uhernik and John Likar. The Reveliers are doing more than their share of traveling to different lodges. A few of the lodges as yet unvisited by us will be visited in the future as time and opportunity permit.

Revelier crack No. 1967 X: Baby show some animation.

Louis Kosela—Revelier.

FLASHES

By Incomplete

A good lengthy meeting was held by the Pioneers last Friday. One Adult and one Juvenile members were initiated. Bro. Turk from Johnston, Pa., brought in his transfer to the Pioneers. Dorothea Compare, Lee Gratchner, Jack Groser and Eugene Godina were selected to prepare a weenie roast for the next meeting. The drawing was for \$5.00. Rose Kristan was not present so another dollar will be added for the June drawing.

The members stressed the need for the sale of tickets for the Pioneer Spring Festival—May 31. Some of our money has been tied up in the ill famed Millard State Bank. Over four hundred dollars has been paid for members' dues to keep them in the lodge. It is time to replenish our treasury so that we can carry on our good work of fraternalism.

Under direction of Sister Katka Zupanec the Pioneer Slovene Juvenile School will exhibit some of their talent—May 31. It is to the best interest of our parents to be present and to encourage these young boys and girls, the future leaders of the Slovene race in Chicago. We hope that our youngsters will leave with the impressions of good will and satisfaction—May 31.

Our young boys and girls will further exhibit their ability with the Chicago Boys' Club Orchestra. Young Bro. J. Zakovsek of Waukegan will render a few accordion selections. There will be other Juvenile attractions—May 31.

We haven't left anything off of the program that would interest our elder patrons. The entire affair will be climaxed by a "rip-roaring" comedy, Hans Von Smash, under the direction of Bro. John Rak. We will have with us Clarence Kerello, Chicago's champion tuba player. Members of Sava, about 35 strong, will render a song. Bro. Ivan Beniger and Ivan Molek have also been scheduled. Bro. Beniger to raise his voice in song and Bro. Molek to speak a few words to the parents—May 31.

So you see we have quite a full order and it now rests with every Pioneer member to do his level best in disposing of the allotment of tickets and to procure more. It is the day after Memorial day, don't forget that, and it promises to be a mighty busy day. If every Pioneer steps to the front—May 31 at the SNPJ hall.

That isn't all. Besides dancing, which will last until midnight to known merrymakers under Johnny

Progressive Patches

Euclid, O.—Hello, everybody, as Edna Wallace Hopper says when she begins her broadcast on how to stay young. My advice is, belong to an SNPJ English lodge and you will always be young and gay. Why not? With all the fun we have at our meetings, outings and dances, one has no time to grow old.

Time seems to fly so rapidly that you hardly notice it. Another year rolls by, since we organized the club Progressives. It didn't seem possible at the origin of our lodge that we would last very long. Many a month said that we would be a flop. As our third anniversary comes rolling by you could hardly say that we are a flop.

Our membership is over four score and more being added every meeting. Our anniversary dance is to be held May 23 at the Slovene Home. The popular Arcadian Melody Pilots are to furnish the music. Come one—come all for a good, jolly time and help the Progressives celebrate their Third Birthday.

The boys are giving a surprise outing on the girls June 14. The destination and entertainment is unknown, but we are looking forward for a grand and glorious time.

Our baseball team lost their first game in the Indoor League Series to the Clairwoods, 5-4. It was an exciting and close game.

Sisters Sezon, Zelle, Vesela and Lebars attended the basketball banquet given in the honor of the girls who played in the Inter-Frat League at the St. Clair Bathhouse. A grand meal was served and a good time was had by all. "Canned Peaches."

Friendly City

By Scrumpions.

Johnstown, Pa.—Friendly City Lodge will hold a dance on May 30 at the Franklin Slov. Home in Franklin Boro. An orchestra which has broadcast several times over station WJAC has been secured. There will be a prize of 25 lbs of sugar. This has been donated by Frank Pristow Jr., the Treasurer of Friendly City, on the occasion of opening up his new store in Conemaugh, Pa. A good time is in store for everybody.

Friendly City Lodge has also secured the following dates: A picnic to be held at God's Corner on Sunday, June 21, 1931. Our 2nd anniversary will be held August 16, 1931, at Faith's Grove. The Friendly City sure hopes that the Cleveland Quacks come to visit us, also the Pittsburghers and Donald Lotrich and the rest from Chicago. The Friendly City will assure them a good time, even better than last year. The program has not as yet been arranged, but will soon be ready.

The baseball team had sponsored a dance which was a success, but nothing has been done to get the boys together and have some practice. Flood City has organized a baseball team and have sent Friendly City a challenge through the sport pages of the "Democrat."

Congratulations to the Strugglers in coming up, second in the campaign. Socialist club No. 5 sub-branch have just given two plays, one in English with Bro. Valdore Mrak having the leading part, and the other in Slovene. Singing Society "Bled," a chorus of mixed voices, pleased the audience with a few numbers in Slovene. The "Rodoljub" Singing Society of Cambria City, a chorus of male voices, also thrilled the audience by singing a few numbers. A large crowd was present and the plays were very successful.

Members, pay up your dues, as the treasury is low, or the sec'y. may have to suspend you.

Verona Views

Verona, Pa.—At last Veronians are getting to know each other better; it was noticeable at our last meeting. They were there in great numbers and all seemed well and happy. Meeting was well under control by our Bro. Vic Jackovac and everything went smooth and fast. All matters were quickly settled, and members have become more interested in the lodge affairs than in the past.

Joe Stefancic, our never-miss-a-meeting secretary, made a nice speech which was well listened to by all present. Well, gang, 'tis summer, time of fun and amusements, picnic days are not far off, dancing in the wide open spaces, music filled with romance in the air and everything.—Veronians wish Francis Krulac a speedy recovery. Joe Stefancic has been to Akron to view the great U. S. airship. Let's make him tell us about his experience there.

Michael Lipeky.

"EUCLID TROUBADOURS"

Euclid, Ohio.—The Euclid Troubadours will hold a big dance on May 23 at Rosemore Inn, corner Canterbury and East 185 st. Cards will be played and snappy music will furnish the dancing. Admission 35c.

Anton Laurick, Jr.

NOT GUILTY

In Ireland there are Irishmen from Denmark and Norway, Irishmen from Ancient Mongolia, and, especially in Kerry, Irishmen who seem to be almost pure Iberian type.

The Iberian Irishman is short, dark, aquiline, and sardonic, with black hair and eyes, and a moustache more like a Tartar's than a European's. The Viking Irishman is big and burly, with blue or grey eyes, and reddish hair and beard; the difference between these two types is as great as that between a Saxon and Spaniard.

One of the Irish Iberians marries a Yorkshire Dane. Their son marries the daughter of a Lancashire Belgian and an Ancient Briton from Flint; and their children are English.

As I said just now, we think of John Smith as all John Smith and always John Smith. But John is a mixture of millions of men and women, many of them as different from each other as John Ridd is different from Dick Swiveller, or as Diana of the Crossways is different from Betsy Trotwood. And these uncountable and conflicting natures are not extinct; they are alive and busy in the motley jumble we call John Smith.

John is not all John. He is, a great deal of him, Roman soldier, Ancient Briton, Viking pirate, Flemish weaver, Cornish fisherman, Lowland scholar, Irish grazier, London chorus girl, Yorkshire spinner, Welsh dairymaid, and a host of other gentle and simple, wild and tame, gay and grave, sweet and sour, fickle and constant, lovable and repellent ancestors; from his great-great-grandparent, the hairy tree-man, with flat feet and club like a young larch, to his respectable father, the white-fronted, silk-hatted clerk in the Paddy Penny Savings Bank.

And, being as he is, not all John Smith, but rather the knotted, crossed, and tangled mixture of Johns and Marys, and Smiths and Browns and Robinsons, that has been growing more dense and intricate for tens of thousands of years, how can we expect our good John to be always the same John?

We know John is many Johns in the course of a summer's day. We have seen him, possibly, skip back to the cave-man in a spasm of rage, glow with the tenderness of the French lady who died of the plague in the Fourteenth Century, and then smile the smile of the merry young soldier who was shot at Dettingen—all in the time it takes him to clench and unclench his hand, or to feel in his pocket for a penny, or to flash a glance at a pretty face in the crowd.

John Smith is not English, nor Yorkshire; but human. He is not one man; but many men, and, which counts for more, many women.

And how can we say of John Smith that he is "good" or "bad"? It is like saying of a bottle of beads, mixed of fifty colors, that it is red, or blue. As John's ancestors were made up of a good and bad, and as he is made up of them, so John is good and bad in stripes or patches; is good and bad by turns.

We speak of these mixed natures which a man inherits from his fore-parents and his "disposition"; we call them "the qualities of his mind," and we wonder when we find him inconsistent, changeable, undecided. Ought we to be surprised that the continual struggle for the mastery amongst so many alien natures leads to unlooked-for and unwished-for results?

Take the case of a council, a cabinet, a regiment, composed of antagonistic natures; what happens? There are disputes, confusion, contradictions, cross-purposes. Well: a man is like a crowd, a Parliament, a camp of ill-matched foreign allies. Indeed, he is a crowd of alien and ill-sorted ancestors.

But, differ from each other as we may, there are some general qualities—some human qualities—common to most of us.

These common qualities may be split into two kinds, selfish and unselfish.

The selfish instincts come down to us from our earlier brute ancestors.

The unselfish instincts come down to us from our later brute ancestors, and from our human ancestors. Amongst the strongest and the deepest of man's instincts are love of woman, love of children, love of pleasure, love of art, love of humanity, love of adventure, and love of praise.

I should say that the commonest and most lasting of all human passions is the love of praise: called by some "love of approbation."

From this great trunk impulse there spring many branches. Nearly all our vanities, ambitions, affectations, covetings, are born of our thirst for praise. It is largely in the hope of exciting the wonder or the admiration of our fellow that we toil and scramble and snatch and fight, for wealth, for power, for place; for mastery or daring achievement.

None but misers love money for its own sake. It is for what money will buy that men covet it; and the most desired of the things money will buy are power and display: the value of which lies in the astonishment they will create, and the flattery they will win. How much meaning would remain to such proud and potent words as glory, riches, conquest, fame, hero, triumph, splendour, if they were bereft of the glamour of human wonder and applause?

What man will bear and do and suffer for love of woman, and women for love of man; what both will sacrifice for the sake of their children; how the devotee of art and science, literature, or war, will cleave to the work of his choice; with what eagerness the adventurer will follow his darling bent, seeking in the ends of the earth for excitement, happy to gaze once more into the "bright eyes of danger"; with what cheerful steadfastness and unwearying self-denial benevolence will labor for the good of the race; is known to us all. What we should remember is that these and other powers of our nature act and react upon each other: that one impulse checks, or goads, or diverts another.

(To be continued.)

The Ideal State

What constitutes a State?
Not high-raised battlement, or labored mound,
Thick wall, or moated gate;
Not cities proud, with spires and turrets crowned;
Not bays and broad-armed ports,
Where, laughing at the storm, proud navies ride;
Nor starved and spangled courts,
Where low-browed Baseness wafts perfume to pride;
No! men, high-minded men,
With powers as far above dull brutes endured,
In forest, brake, or fen,
As boasts excel dull rocks and brambles rude;
Men, who their duties know,
But know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain.
—WILLIAM JONES.

STRUGGLERS

By Lindy.

Cleveland, O.—Saturday, May 23, will be another outstanding day for the Strugglers. All of Cleveland and SNPJ folks. All of Cleveland and SNPJ folks. All of Cleveland and SNPJ folks.

Also we call to your attention the fact that the state of Pennsylvania will be asleep. It's there where Louis Kosela and his Ambridge Revellers will celebrate their First Anniversary. Ambridge can rest assured that the famed order of Strugglers' Quacks will arrive via Strugglers' special. This day will mark the initiation of Bro. Louis Kosela into the order of the Quacks.

Over 40 Strugglers made the trip to Canton, Ohio, on May 16 and helped Lodge McKinley make their first dance a success. Keep going, McKinley! We are with you 100%.

Just a word. The biggest treat in our life is in store for you if you attend Quacks' boat ride to Cedar Point on July 26. Note:—Women allowed.

The Strugglers Harmony Aces helped put the SDZ unemployment concert and dance over with a bang. A record crowd was on hand.

The most common characteristic of a successful man is that he places no limit on his energy. Such men do not work with a thought of quitting, but are always pushing ahead with the idea that there are yet things to do and time to do them. It's that never

May 10 didn't only mark Mothers' day, but we were glad to inform you that this same day was the First Anniversary of the Quacks. At the finish of 12 successful months of entertaining they are still continuing at a high rate of speed and with a neat sum in the treasury which is expected to do a lot of good things.

The Strugglers' new stronghold is known as "Battling Billy's Tavern" on East 188th St. But—you must be a Quack.

The Progressives of Euclid, Ohio, have a new one up their sleeve since the Bachelorettes are resting. On June 14 the Progressives are holding a "Surprise Outing"—only three Progressives knowing where they are going.

Next week will carry a detailed description of Canton McKinley's First Dance and Strugglers' Outing which will take place on June 21.

May 30 and 31 will celebrate "Ljubljana's" 1st anniversary, better known as Euclid, O. Sister Frances Svetek is the only Struggler entered in the contest for the title of "Miss Ljubljana." Let's help her win, folks. The affair will take place at Slovene Home on Rehar ave. Strugglers' Aces will play.

Beer-Suds, "Inc."

By Check and Double-Check

Milwaukee.—Our May meeting was well attended, but the spirit of Pep seemed to be missing. Everybody was quiet, the business was speedily disposed of,—in short, nothing exciting happened.

We Badgers don't feel happy unless we are up and around, doing something all the time. This time, we're going to have a Hard Time Dance at the Gymnasium Hall between South Side Turn Hall, on June 4. The interesting feature of this is that the Committee is composed solely of boys, and what a party they promise to give us! We're leaving it all in their hands, and to prove that times really are hard, they're going to come in overalls, etc. All Indiana point to a good time; further information will be given. We hope to hear from the Committee Men themselves so that we get first-hand information.

Bro. Vogrich, Vice President of the Mohawks, gave a most interesting speech to the members present at the meeting. We hope that he will stay with us for a while and get well acquainted with all of us.

Didn't we tell you that a Badger would be sure to come out on top or near the top when the Beauty Contest was being held? Sure, and Miss Helen Novak was awarded second prize. Who says that we haven't any good-looking women in Milwaukee?

For those that don't read every inch of the English section, we wish every Badger to take note that Bro. Frank Obluck, our Secretary, has moved to 722 West Washington st., upper flat. Kindly remember this.

Mrs. Schuler, of West Allis, has left for a visit to Europe. We wish her bon voyage and a safe return. Souvenirs?

Double-check had the pleasure of meeting Sheriff Benson, and in due time, he was informed as to the activities of our up and coming Badgers. He suggested that a group of us get together, and he would be glad to show us on a tour of inspection of the new Safety Building. Does that sound interesting? Let's take him up on his proposition soon.

Just to remind you all that we Badgers are having a monster picnic on August 26 at Kosuth's Park (Whiskey Corners). Don't any of you plan on having any dates on that day.

All those attending the Knights and Ladies of Barage Dance last Saturday reported a most enjoyable time. The hall was filled almost to overflowing, and the evening proved to be a complete success. We regret that our King and Queen didn't come out on top, but no one will get ahead of us next year. The real battle waged between Jolly Allis and St. Ann's Lodge, and the latter lodge won by the slimmest of margins.

Various Hints

By Anna P. Krass

Johnstown, Pa.—Friendly City members will sponsor a dance on May 30 in the Slovene Home in Franklin. Good time and lively music is promised. Then on June 14, a picnic will be held at Good's Corner; and August 16 is also OUR day—the second anniversary of our Lodge will be celebrated that day!

Hard times are hitting the working people every day more, and this is the fact why we should try not to neglect the lodge dues. No one knows when he may need the helping hand of his fraternal lodge. Sad, indeed, are the examples of those who dropped the lodge just before death claimed them, or at the time when they would have needed it the most, because they thought that they can no longer pay the dues. Keep up with your dues, for it is in times like these that we need the security of a fraternal organization the most.

As I left my homeland, my aunt said to me: "Go, then, if you feel that you must go so far, but always remember that the farther you will venture, the farther you will be from me." Dear old aunt was right, but I am not taking her words as she wanted me to. I am not a bit afraid of the great big world; the more of it I see the better I like it. And who wouldn't, when there are so many fine people in this world to meet. For instance, when I visited Canton, recently, I met many interesting young folks, among them one of the best columnists of our English Section, Bro. Louis Kosela. Also, I had the opportunity to attend the Washington county Pioneers' meeting, where again I met active young workers for the SNPJ. Our Slovene boys and girls are our pride in this new homeland of ours. They may have their faults, but they have

what mistakes they make when doing so. All this is easily discovered in the chapters full of truth, because Mr. Adamic had tried hard to tell nothing but the truth about the class struggle and violence in America.

It is very ridiculous in these trying times to try and defend the system that breeds misery and more misery. We need more intelligent people to tell us how to get out of this chaos, instead of telling us how good the "blessed" system is being to us. When one watches hundreds of men lined up for a bowl of soup, one finds it hard to feel at all grateful to the ruling capitalist class. When the system can not give workmen an opportunity to earn even a meager living, then any six year old must know that there is something wrong with it. Why defend something just because the teacher in school says that it is O. K.?

KANS. FEDERATION MEETING

Groen, Kans.—As decided at the previous meeting of the Kansas Federation of SNPJ lodges, Kansas Federation will hold its regular meeting on May 24 at 2 p. m. in Frontenac, Kans., in Central Hall. All lodges of Kansas Federation are invited. English Speaking lodges are invited to bring report concerning success of their drive for new members during the campaign of the Supreme board. Not only lodge representatives, but all members are invited to attend the meeting. John Shular, Rec. Sec'y.

Front Porch News

By Mick 'n' Lee

Canton, Ohio.—At last the time had arrived—Lodge McKinley celebrated their First Dance last Saturday night. The music surely was peppy and so was the crowd. Our out-of-town guests were indeed fortunate that the night was ideal for traveling. What a crowd! What a time! What a spirit! (Mick 'n' Lee will give an account of the dance in detail next week.)

McKinleyites indeed appreciate the help they have received from some of the members of our Senior Lodge who had donated and made possible such a delicious supper which was heartily enjoyed by the guests.

Five more members this month for our lodge. Let's keep growing! Don't forget our goal is 100 members before the New Year. And our motto: "The more the merrier." With our continued interest and helpful optimistic attitude we can gain for our lodge a place among the most active and progressive lodges in the SNPJ. Let us strive daily for that goal by being good, cooperative members.

Musketiers' Meeting

Moon Run, Pa.—The attendance at the Musketiers meeting showed much improvement. That's the spirit, members, with your cooperation we will soon be one of the largest lodges in Western Penna. Come on, everybody, bring in that new member. Membership Campaign is over. We didn't get very many new members during the campaign, let's get them now. See, if we can't have 100 members by December.

A three act comedy drama entitled "Paying the Fiddler" will be presented by the Musketiers on May 20. The characters in order of their first appearance are: Frances A. Arch, Joseph J. Krally, Angelina Auble, Christine Mahoney, William Bogutay, Rose Jervia, Ralph Butya, John Butya. After the play there will be dancing to the tunes of a very popular orchestra. Best of refreshments will also be served. Everybody invited. Come one and all and spend a day with the Musketiers.

The Revellers are holding their First Anniversary dance on May 28. The Musketiers are again making preparations to attend this dance in large numbers. We attended their dance on January 24, and we all had a very nice time. The memory of that night still lingers with the Musketiers.

We extend our congratulations to the Revellers on their First Anniversary.—Frances A. Arch.

Ramblers Lodge No. 713

Harmville, Pa.—On Saturday, May 9, the Ramblers held their third dance. We thank the Veronians, Comets, Keystonians, and other neighboring lodges in attendance for their cooperation and good will. I am sure all had a good time.

All you Ramblers remember how we originated; not by ourselves, but with the help of the Senior Lodge. Now there is a saying, "One good turn deserves another." Here is our opportunity, Ramblers, to reciprocate and do justice to the Senior Lodge, by attending their dance on May 20 at the Harmville Hall (former Carriage hall), from 8 p. m. to 1 a. m. E.S.T. The proposition is laid before you. Act! Let's see all of you at this dance. Music will be furnished by Milan Beyer and his String Instrument Boys. All who attend will be assured a spectacular evening with music, refreshments, and drinks. Will all Ramblers please pay their dues on time in order to avoid extra work and confusion?

Joseph Langus, Secretary.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Ambridge, Pa., Lodge No. 699.—Deadline for discussions on the initiatives now on referendum fell on May 2.

Voice of the Members

IRRESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS

Chicago.—To irresponsible individuals official statements mean nothing. Intentional falsification is the business of some of them.

Bro. E. Heidenreich is still terribly hysterical and disheartened and it would seem that he is nervously losing sleep over something that transpired more than two years ago with which he had nothing to do and which did not concern him at all. To soothe his aching nerves he allows his signature to be attested to falsehoods—knowing that they are falsehoods.

Pioneer Lodge, whose membership is nearing the 500 mark, has taken the responsibility for all its activities and in this specific case has rendered its official statement, in Prosveta of September 10, 1930.

In that statement you will find, (1), that this bowling match was an invitational one outside of the jurisdiction of the National Athletic board, (2), that the athletic board had no right to declare any forfeits, therefore, (3) the Pioneer team was taken care of by Sister Mary Zela, deceased (the relatives will please excuse me for being obliged to refer to her), and not by Donald J. Lotrich. (4) That it was not a National Bowling tournament Championship match. (5) Bro. E. Heidenreich should know that even the present rules of your Athletic board permit such exhibitions with no restrictions on the participants. So that Pioneer Lodge feels justified in saying that all this hysterical howling is uncalled for and unjust.

If it is not, then why does not Bro. E. Heidenreich turn his attentions to the supposed professionals that played in the 1929 basketball tournament about which the Stalwarts protested or about the more recent infringement of rules which disqualified certain integrity players in league games? No, that does not interest Bro. E. Heidenreich; he wants to dig at the Pioneers.

The Pioneer official statement was published on September 10, 1930. Exactly 7 months later Bro. E. Heidenreich asks "Honesty or Dishonesty?"

As for Bro. Frank Groser, he is a duly selected spokesman for the Pioneers. He reports the Pioneer attitude and he knows well that it is an attitude of honesty despite the fact that Bro. E. Heidenreich and a couple of others are trying to howl hysterically at us. Honesty has made the Pioneers grow and Honesty is the policy of our future successes.

We are still the first and the largest among our ranks. That hurts some people, though!

Donald J. Lotrich, Member Lodge 699.

SOME MORE RUMORING!

Chicago.—Bro. Molek's statement "Who really cares who or what Bro. R. J. Zaverzink joins?" must be a confession that he fills Prosveta with articles having no educational or news value. Since Bro. Barbic's article was sarcastic, is it an admission that the Editor published a libel? Libel is defined as a malicious publication, expressed either in printing or writing, or by signs and pictures, tending either to blacken the memory of one dead or the reputation of one who is alive, and expose him to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule.

The "arrangement" reported in the minutes of February 19, 1930, was only approved, being not executed, it showed only an INTENT, hence it was only a rumor.

As to the Editor's defense, "that the man hired for those two months was perfectly satisfied with his pay," my article did not raise that issue. The issues raised were whether thirty dollars weekly is a fair wage for American workers, especially when it is paid by one who holds himself out as a leader in progressive labor movement; whether such an arrangement should be approved by an organization which is founded on one hundred percent progressive labor principles; and whether acceptance of twenty dollars weekly by editor constituted the taking of a commission on labor which is prohibited under the provisions of SNPJ By-laws. We find millions of workers satisfied with the Capitalistic system and who labor in American Open Shops for thirty dollars weekly wages, yet, our publications criticize such a system and such wages paid by capitalists as unfair. If my sweat and blood talk is pure demagoguery, then is the talk of labor leaders who criticize wages paid by the American Open Shops and the talk of Prosveta that the capitalists live from the sweat and blood of the workers pure demagoguery? If we are sincere in improving the standards of the workers, let us begin at home by paying living wages.

The history of any trial will show that charges are usually based on "rumors." The trial establishes what are the facts. When the former editor, late Joe Zaverzink, published the resolution against Bro. Verderber et al, it too was based on rumors. The trial established the "rumors" to be facts which resulted in a guilty verdict. If our Editor is sincere in his remarks that he is willing to expose all the graft that is in the Excursion Committee, why is he withholding from publication the Bungalow Resolution? An investigation will hurt no honest person.

Richard J. Zaverzink, Member Lodge 692.

Editor's Reply.—If Bro. R. J. Z. thinks the Prosveta is libeling him

he should stop raving about it. Make a test case. The Editor is ready to take the consequences if he's guilty of any transgression. Come on! Convince the proper authority.

Furthermore, if Bro. R. J. Z. thinks the Editor's compensation covering the European excursion is a forbidden commission—which, of course, is ridiculous—let him proceed with a test case. Proper action, not only an empty and insinuating gossip, is what counts.

Also, if Bro. R. J. Z. is so anxious to raise the wage level in the S.N.P.J. office, he should have begun years ago when the assistant editors, all of them, started at thirty per week. Why was he silent then? Moreover, does he think the Editor runs a factory on the profit basis, or is the Editor himself a worker?

The Editor did not say in his last reply that he'll do any exposing of the "graft in the Excursion Committee." He said that Bro. R. J. Z. is welcome to expose all the graft he finds. The Editor has no evidence, nor knowledge, of any graft; he's not a member of said Committee. The Brother, or any one else, having any evidence to that effect, should cause the proceedings in a proper way. The rumors are not enough.

ANSWER TO SIS. FRADEL

Piptown, Pa.—Sis. Fradel wrote in the May 13 issue of the Prosveta about me, but nothing concerning my questions and statements. Why doesn't she write about what I wrote and said about her? Why doesn't she try to contradict me, as I am right about the orchestra? If I were in her place I absolutely would not write back in the Prosveta, because it is a shame to use all that paper for that stuff as we all pay for it. This paper is used for the SNPJ and its lodges.

Why doesn't she read the By-Laws, there is where she will find what increases the SNPJ and what decreases it. If someone decreases the SNPJ you can put them on the Branch trial. And if anyone talks about a member or writes about him which is not true and without proof, you can also be put on the Branch trial. If you think that I am wrong, put me on the branch trial (By-Laws, page 29d). Then she will find out whether I am right or wrong. For further information please let her call on me as I am still living at Piptown. We had two meetings before the dance on which the plans were made for the dance. Was she there? No. The reason we postponed the dance until the 18th was because on the 19th it was Russian Easter and in this vicinity the people are mostly Russians and good Catholics and we would not have made a big success. Am I the one to blame? No. There were other members satisfied to have the dance on the 18th. Then why should she go against me? Didn't I give her tickets to sell for the dance? Was it not published in the "Latrobe Bulletin"? She knew very well that it was to be held on April 18.

Sis. Jennie Fradel also talks about cooperation? What about this: We all agreed to have the lodge located at Piptown, but still she insisted to have it in Latrobe. The reason we wanted it in Piptown was because we have a hall at Piptown for our meetings instead of paying rent in Latrobe. Yes, I know her dad is an SNPJ member and we all know that the members can come in and can ask the president for permission to speak. Did her father ask for permission? No. Another thing she said that the two members didn't join because of the hostile assertions. What did I do to them? I took my transfer and I will see if they will join now. We held our dance on the 18th. She gave her speech on the 10th. Her excuse is not accepted. I'll always work for the SNPJ and help build it up. I am a member 16 years and will be as long as I can pay my dues. Ann Resnick, Member Lodge No. 318.

STILL WAITING!

Cleere, Ill.—Bro. Groser writes he is only looking for things to be run on the square. Why doesn't he investigate the letters and bring them up before the lodge. How come such letters were written?

As to the Editor I'm still waiting for a comment on "My Idea of Socialism." He was in such a hurry for it. Why the delay. When I wrote in the paper he didn't pay no attention to it.

As for Bro. Barbic's statement as to by-laws being violated since we have James in the SNPJ. I will say this, they still are and were. People were afraid to admit they were violated for some reason or other. But as long as I am an SNPJ member I have the right and will use the right to see that all will get a square deal. Perhaps some day we will read about Bro. Barbic dividing his fortune. I wonder who is going to get it all. Maybe he will send some to "Cook's California."—As for the J. R. Z., J. L. Kolar, don't want anything from that, but look all the Proletariat is getting and just how much did they donate?

James L. Kolar, Member Lodge 632.

THE TRUTH ALWAYS HURTS

Cleere, Ill.—In answer to Bro. Frank Zaverzink's article as to whether I wrote a letter of withdrawal or not. I sure did. The date was Jan. 16, 1931. It was handed to Zaverzink by Frank Lotrich, personally, at the Pioneer meeting. Also, Bro. Zaverzink states that my letter of 3/3/31 was signed by my maiden name as I was not married at the

Lodge News Notes

"ZAVERTNIK" LODGE 682

Library, Pa.—Reserve Saturday eve, May 23, for a good time with the J. Z. Lodge. This big dance is being well prepared for, so as to assure you the very best time. One of the biggest treats is the music which will be furnished by Joe Mangino and His Golden Pheasant orchestra, a 10-piece recording and best orchestra in Monongahela valley. All neighboring lodges are invited to attend and get acquainted.

Owing to the visit that has been planned by this lodge for the Clairtonians' Park Dance on June 14, the meeting will be held on June 7. A big surprise is in store for the members on this next meeting. Refreshments will be served and probably dancing will follow, but that's not the surprise. Come and see for yourself. Joe R. Simic.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LODGE 38

Willock, Pa.—Lodge No. 38, SNPJ, will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the Slovene Hall on Monday, Sept. 7. All nearby Slovene lodges are cordially invited to attend this celebration. We hope that other lodges in this vicinity will not plan their doings on the same date, but that they will be present at our celebration to help make it a success. Let's cooperate with one another and attend one another's doings. Max Miklaucic.

CONGRATULATIONS

Barberton, O.—I want to congratulate comrades John Tressl and John Kutch on their wonderful talks on Socialism. An immense crowd gathered to hear them on the purpose and what the Socialist party represents. Three members have been secured since then. I congratulate and thank them. Frances Yankovich, Member Lodge 626.

LODGE NO. 688

West Allis, Wis.—Our last monthly meeting was held May 12. What's the matter with all the members? Spring fever or what? Let's buckle down and give at least one night a month to your lodge.

It was good to see two of our members had articles in the Prosveta. It would be a pleasure to see more of our members write.

Now that basketball season is over, why not start baseball? We had

quite a well-organized team last season. With more members in the lodge we can build up a better one this season.

Our May Ball will soon be coming off. The best orchestra available has been secured. And we can assure you to have a jolly time at a Jolly Allis' dance. A. Yersin.

"FRIENDLY CITY" NEWS

Park Hill, Pa.—Our last meeting on May 14 was well attended. But we want every member to be present at every meeting from now on. We are having a dance on May 30 and if you want to have the time of your life, be present at this affair. For we always show every one a good time.

Our second anniversary is coming nearer and nearer. We certainly are preparing for this big blow-out, for we want it to be even more successful than our first anniversary. I know this can be done if every member does his or her part. So let's go and make this thing known.

Don't forget to have your dues paid on time, for you sure will be doing the secretary a great favor.

A Member.

LODGE NO. 609

Johnstown, Pa.—The ladies' Lodge No. 609, SNPJ, holds its meetings on every second Wednesday of the month. I would like to see all members present at the next meeting. R. E.

PROGRESSIVE SQUINTS

Euclid, O.—Say, where are all those popular "Progressives" we USED to hear so much about? It seems as though there isn't any lodge of that kind any more. Look at the Strugglers and Comrades—everybody talks about them and also look how many write articles for them. And also look at this new lodge from Canton (McKinley): You hear more about them than about the Progressives.

Our Anniversary is drawing near and I haven't heard nor seen an article about it yet. Where is all of that Progressive Spirit that we had last year, I sure hope somebody finds it and brings it back for we sure need it—and how!

I hope somebody takes heed to this article and then maybe we will regain our Progressive Spirit.

Just A Progressive.

Michigan Fraternal Day Celebration

Detroit.—The Michigan Fraternal Congress affiliated with the National Fraternal Congress sponsored a Fraternal Day Celebration at the Hotel Statler ballroom on May 7. Fraternalists from all parts of the state representing millions of members attended this affair. The SNPJ is also a member of this Congress. Our Supreme President, Bro. Calkins, was invited to attend this affair, but being unable, the undersigned was to represent him, who also is a delegate to the Congress, and was on the committee sponsoring this affair. Approximately four hundred were seated at the banquet, which started at 7 p. m.

Mr. Taylor, president of the Woodmen of the World, and also President of the Michigan Fraternal Congress, delivered the opening address. In conclusion he stated that he was sorry that Mayor Murphy of the city of Detroit was not present as he was detained out of town on business. Governor Brucker was busy in Lansing making new laws, although we had with us Mr. Livingston, the Insurance Commissioner, who spoke later. The president then called upon Mr. Little of the Macabees, who told the delegation about the two new insurance bills which the Congress had drawn up. He told us that they have passed the House and were on the way to the Senate. He made a motion before the House that the President and the Secretary send telegrams to every legislator and urge them to pass these two bills which are the new Beneficiary Bill and the New Juvenile Death Benefit Bill. The Modern Woodmen, affiliated with the Congress, is spending much money and time to keep these bills from becoming new laws. These two bills passed the House by only one vote, the bills will be a benefit both to the Members and the Organization, especially the New Juvenile Insurance Bill, which is to raise the death benefit, which now is in the State of Michigan of only five hundred dollars. Mr. Little concluded by saying that our Mayor did not belong to any Fraternal organization and urged every organization to send an agent to urge him to join, and on which the Chairman answered that he had heard the Mayor belonged to an organization called The Three Fighting Irishmen.

Next speaker was one of the world's greatest women fraternalists, Frances Burns, past President of the Congress and an official of the Macabees. Her interesting talk was on time. It was my real name. Just one more thing, when Bro. Zaverzink calls anyone up on the telephone, don't use such abusive language or threaten before you can prove anything. Anne Kramer Kolar, Member Lodge 632.

A few officials spoke on various subjects which were very interesting, after which the Insurance Commissioner was given the floor. He thanked the Congress for the Honorary membership which was given him last January, and stated he was proud to be a member of the Congress. He spoke about the two bills and the trouble that these bills are causing at the state capital. He said that the legislators are having a great time passing new laws. Some of them almost had fist fights. He told us the secret about the one vote majority. He explained to us about his office which consists of a staff of 35 employees and invited us to visit him at any time. He also explained the daily routine which the office goes through, mostly complaints which are made by the beneficiaries, very few from the organizations. He concluded his address by stating that the two new bills are sure to pass the Senate, and he will do his best to see that they are made new laws.

The Chairman then asked the delegation to rise and cheer the floor. After a few minutes the drills were in progress. Drill teams representing five different organizations, with beautiful costumes. The drill teams were sponsored by The Woodmen Circle, Protected Home Circle, The Fidelity Life Association, Degree of Honor Frs. Association and the Macabees. I think the ladies must have been very tired when they got through drilling. The orchestra then began to play for those who cared to dance and others went in the adjoining room to play cards. The evening was well spent both educationally and entertainingly.

Andrew Gram Jr.

PROSPERITY DANCE

No. Chicago, Ill.—Let's all forget the depression and attend the "Prosperity dance" which is to be sponsored by the Sports Club on Saturday, May 23, at the Slovene Home. Tickets are selling fast and a large crowd is expected. There'll be good refreshments, drinks, and, but not least, good music. Only 25 cents. Pub. Comm.

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PIONEERS AND THE WESTERN DIVISION

"The Ghost Behind Frank Groser"

Chicago.—The decision of the Pioneer Lodge to remain out of the Western Athletic Division was reached upon recommendation, over the difficulties encountered in the controversy of the girls' indoor baseball championship of 1930. The Pioneer Girls traveled to all out-of-town scheduled games and earned victories over West Allis, Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Kenosha and Waukegan. Integrity was the other girls team in the league. The first Integrity-Pioneer game was postponed on account of rain. The second scheduled meet of the Pioneer-Integrity teams took place at Lincoln Park, Chicago. In this game, Integrity used ineligible players and won the game. One girl who played was not a member.

Naturally enough, when we discovered this breach of playing rules, the Pioneers filed a written protest. Our protest carried with it written affidavits and evidence supporting the charges. A meeting of the Western Division in August, 1930, went on record sustaining the charges and forfeiting the protested game to the Pioneers.

The same individuals that are still howling about the Strangler-Pioneer invitational girls' bowling match of over two years ago have kept complete silence on the breach of rules by this lodge.

Another meeting of the Western Division was held on November 2, 1930. Bro. Frank J. Zaverinik was invited to the meet as umpire of the protested game. Bro. Oscar B. Godina was with him. Sister Alice Artach and Bro. Frank Buric were there as regular representatives. (According to reports the proprietor of the premises, on several occasions, had to caution the pious participants at this meeting.)

What transpired at this meeting as related by Bro. F. J. Zaverinik and corroborated by Bro. Oscar Godina and Sis. Alice Artach seemed unjust to the Pioneers. Counter, verbal charges, "of starting the protested game after the designated scheduled hour," were openly hurled by the Integrity representatives and the unfriendly atmosphere was punctuated by only one voice, that of Bro. John Mauser of the Stalwarts, who insisted that the meeting should learn the truth. But even he was overruled. The meeting accepted the verbal protest despite the fact that two rules were being violated. One, accepting protests—verbal protests, and the other accepting protests after expiration of time limit. So instead of reviewing the case as decided at the August, 1930, meeting, they put the Pioneer team on trial. But even that didn't concern the Pioneers, because they had played the games fair and square, used only SNPJ members and abided by the rules of the Division.

This meeting of the Western Division instead of considering and determining the value of the Pioneer protest, boisterously attacked the Pioneers and they finally decided to ask the National board for a decision. That again is erroneous. Were we to appeal from a decision, then the appealing and reviewing body would have been the National board. So long as it was a Western Division matter, it should have been settled in the Western Division. And so, on January 21, 1931, we finally read of a juggled opinion handed down by the National board in which the Western Division concurred giving the Pioneers the championship. On April 17, three months later, our girls received their medals.

How do our fellow members think the Pioneers felt while all this maneuvering was going on between August, 1930, and January 21, 1931? When the reports were brought in by our people who attended these meetings and told of the attitude toward the Pioneers; what better move could we have made than to stay out of the Division?

Had this matter been settled before our January meeting, the Pioneers would have remained in the Western Division. Since the decision was not rendered up to our January 16 meeting, the Pioneers felt that they were being discriminated against, for surely all the evidence favors such thought.

But we can cite still other instances. Our girls received their indoor medals three months after the decision (even if Bro. F. J. Mejsch wants to say otherwise) while the winners of a tournament received theirs one week after the fact. Isn't that discrimination? And again, last year we entered our girls in the Western Division Basketball Tournament. Their entry fee was returned, saying in substance, "that inasmuch as only one girls' team had entered there would be no competition or championship." This year only one team entered, but they were proclaimed champs. Isn't that discrimination? They hurt the Pioneers.

This statement of facts was approved at the regular monthly meeting of the Pioneer Lodge No. 559, SNPJ, to quiet the irresponsible fabrications and falsifications and to

cover the ghost behind our Bro. Frank Groser. All decent members will agree that we are justified in our actions and that it was the right thing to do under the circumstances.

(Signed)
PIONEER LODGE NO. 559 SNPJ:
Donald J. Lotrich, Pres.; Oscar Godina, V. Pres.; Frank J. Zaverinik, Sec'y.; Elsie Gregorie, Rec. Sec'y.; John Kopach, Treas.; Jack Groser, Sgt.-at-Arms.

SPIRITS SPORTS

St. Louis, Mo.—The Spirits played their first indoor game on May 10 in the Inter-Lodge league and lost to the Granitoids of the CFU by the score of 15-5. The stars of the game for the winners were Evans, the center fielder, Steve Kurilla, who, by the way, is a Spirit, but has cast his lot with the Granitoids because he bowled with them and was on the losing side every time and now he is gaining some friendly revenge for it. Evans is the best indoor ball player in Granite City and he certainly proved it by roaming far and wide in the field and was easily the fielding star of the game. Steve was the hitting star getting three out of five and played second base as well as Frisch plays it. For the losers there was Joe Dolenz who pitched and he pitched a beautiful game too and desecrated a better fate than to lose by such a large margin. He was backed by some poor fielding there being no less than ten errors committed during the game. He also led the attack by getting two out of two walking twice for a perfect day and he also scored three of the five runs for the team. F. Zavanut had the honor of hitting the first homer of the season by hitting way over the left fielder's head and believe me it was some clout. Too bad that it didn't come with the bases occupied, Frankie.

By the time this article gets in the paper the second game will have been played, but don't forget on Sunday, May 24, there will be a double-header and Granitoids play the Leaders in the first game and the Ironsides play the Spirits in the second game. These games will be played at the Fox playgrounds, Victor St. and Iowa ave., just a few blocks west from the Emman's bowling alleys. The first game starts at 9:30 a. m. sharp and the second game starts ten minutes after the first game is over. Please try to be at these games and root for your favorites. There will be no admission charged, so there is no reason for your not being there.

The results of the second game of the season were as follows: The Spirits lost by the score of 15-1. Joe Dolenz scoring the only run for the Spirits by hitting a long triple and scoring on an infield out. The pitcher of the Leaders was the star of the game allowing only two clean hits, Dolenz getting one and A. Kaelin the other. He also struck out thirteen batters, not allowing a walk. F. Ban hit a home run in the fourth to lead the attack. Chas. Cej pitched a creditable game, but was backed by poor fielding as was Dolenz there being eleven errors committed by the Spirits. Don't forget the big double-header on the 24!—Fraternally, Leo Kraus.

YOUNG AMERICANS' BASEBALL NOTICE

Detroit.—All boys that did not make the first team in baseball, and wish to play, may enter the second team to play against the first team, May 23, at 3 p. m., at Ives Field.

Fraternally,
Andrew Grum Jr.

In Memoriam

Johnstown, Pa.—The Friendly City Lodge No. 684, SNPJ, extends their sympathy to Mrs. Andrew Ivanich and children for the loss of their beloved father and husband. Friendly City will miss him.

We also extend our sympathy to Lodge Danica No. 44, SNPJ, for the loss of one of their best members. We all know how much he is missed among them.

Badly missed by all of us. He leaves us with sad memories, memories that will always remain with us. Friendly City Lodge 684, SNPJ.
A. Bricley (Lodge No. 684).

Detroit.—While there is health in a home, there is happiness; but we all know that after health there is sickness, and after happiness sorrow follows.

For six years, the entire existence of the Young American Lodge, we were forging ahead not losing one adult member. But on May 12, 1931, Sister Mrs. Anton Jurca Jr., suddenly passed away. Born on February

2, 1908, in Reading, Pa., soon afterwards moved to Detroit with her beloved parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nagel. She received her education in the public schools of Detroit. After her schooling she began working for an abstract and title firm.

On December 29, 1925, Lodge Young Americans 564 was organized, and Mary was one of the charter members. Being a very active member to her very last day, she attended the lodge meetings regularly and always occupied a seat in the front row; taking the practical side of all questions, striving at all times to better the conditions for the lodge. Her marriage to Bro. Anton Jurca Jr., several years ago, was the most happy event of her life. It was truly one true happiness; her devotion to her husband was steadfast and true. She was continuously planning her dream home that never became a reality.

Mary, you will be sadly missed by the members of the Young Americans, and your favorite chair will remain vacant forever. You are gone, Mary, never to return, but the good deeds that you have done will be well remembered.

Young Americans offer their deepest sympathy to her husband, parents, brothers, and sisters, the Jurca family, and all relatives.

When Tender Ties Are Broken

When tender ties are broken
And loving friends must part,
When sad farewells are spoken,
And sorrow grips the heart,
We hope a word of comfort,
A little help will be,
To bring you thoughts
Of cheer and hope,
And deepest sympathy.

FAREWELL!

Young Americans:
President, Herman Rugel,
Sec'y., Andrew Grum Jr.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

Lodge No. 608, SNPJ, expresses its heartfelt sympathy and condolence to Bro. Anton Jurca, Jr., in his hour of sorrow. We have had the extreme pleasure of knowing his wife, and we know that his loss is a great one.

Stalwart Lodge,
John Mauser, Secretary.

A Protest

Chicago, Ill.—In Prosveta of March 18 and 25, 1931, the one and same resolution reprimanding the editor appeared. Pioneer Lodge feels that the editor should not have allowed the resolution to be printed, because to reprimand, according to our rules means to have been found guilty. The editor has had no trial. This resolution, therefore, should have been forwarded to the first trial authority.

The resolution was specific in denouncing notes in the "Flashes," and particularly a note on the activities of the Chicago Boys' Club No. 5. This club under the direction of Norman Cook has done more than one good turn for the SNPJ, its lodges and even individual members.

Perhaps those instrumental in having this resolution accepted and published are not aware of the fact that the Pioneer Lodge has had the good fortune of securing the applications and initiating Edward Ferrar of this club and all five of his children.

Perhaps it is not known that this branch of the Boys' Club under the aforementioned gentlemen has allowed its orchestra to fill in on a Xmas program of three of Chicago's SNPJ lodges.

Perhaps it is not known that Edward Ferrar's boys have presented several athletic exhibitions for the Pioneer Lodge and the Xmas affairs of SNPJ.

Perhaps it is not known that the Pioneers are using the rooms of this club for the Slovene Juvenile School without cost and the Pioneer Basketball team, the gymnasium?

The Pioneers deem it their duty to say that we are exceedingly fortunate in being able to make such friendly connections with Messrs. Cook and Ferrar because the Pioneers and the SNPJ have much to gain from this intimate relationship. (Perhaps the authors are familiar with all this, but the membership should also know and we therefore voice our protest.)

Accepted at the regular May meeting of the Pioneers, May 15, 1931.

Frank J. Zaverinik, Sec'y.; Oscar Godina, Vice Pres.; John Kopach, Treas.; Elsie Gregorie, Rec. Sec'y.; Jack Groser, Sgt.-at-Arms; Donald J. Lotrich, Pres.

NOTICE, LATROBE!

A SPECIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Mr. John Ban, Catherine street, Latrobe, Pa., on June 7. All members of "Torch of Liberty" whom it concerns, as well as other SNPJ members, don't forget June 7, at 2 p. m.!

Jane Fradel.

SVETOVNI KOLEDAR!

Izšla je knjižica v angleščini s imenom "World Calendar," ki vsebuje načrt novega koledarja za ves svet. Knjižica vsebuje dve tabeli in opis novega, ter zgodovino prejšnjih koledarjev.

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Fiction vs. Facts

(Continued.)

Bro. Garden claims that the "productivity" of the U. S. labor is infinitely greater than the English, German, etc." No, this cannot be denied, but it certainly pleases us to think such a statement would be made by a denouncer of the present system. He also says that this is the cause of the "higher wages." We shall explain, why it is exactly vice versa. If the wages of the laborer were as low as the Socialists claim, the result would be a rise in the cost of living. Of course, they will say that the lower the wages, this is the lower the cost of living.

This is the lower the cost of living, true to a certain extent, but they forget that the men receiving the low wages render grudging and inefficient service and the high productivity ceases. If the worker feels the insistent prod of the foreman, and sees a man overdriven, fall prematurely, he will do all in his power to retard the upward movement. He will frequently resort to strikes, resist the introduction of machinery, he will oppose the training of apprentices, etc. In other words, he will do everything in his power to DESTROY in some way or other to make his employer pay the consequences, little realizing that at the same time he is harming himself also. But no one can blame the employee, if the conditions are as above stated in all and not only isolated cases. Since Bro. Garden has already explained that the "productivity" is great, then it must be true that the average worker is being treated fairly, and therefore does his work with more alacrity. That the average worker is content is proved by the fact that the number of strikes is steadily decreasing. The cost of living is decreasing as pointed out by the Bureau of Labor recently, which ultimately raises the value of the wages. How Bro. Garden can claim that the American worker is less paid than the Chinese coolie and at the same time claim that the higher productivity exists here is a mystery. Greater productivity is the result of better treatment of the employee and if the productivity is greater here as he claims, then it stands to reason that the treatment of the American laborer is fairer.

It is a pity that the Socialists have been proving themselves very inconsistent. Not so long ago Bro. Kutch condemned the politician and the present form of government, to which Bro. Garden unquestionably agrees. Just recently Bro. Kavacic said, "Government ownership would benefit everyone far better than our capitalist system of today." Here are two Socialists, both denouncing the capitalist, one condemning the politician, the other favoring the placing of industry entirely into the hands of the government. The inconsistency is perfectly evident. What formula is Bro. Kavacic going to use to secure more trustworthy administration under the Socialist regime, than he now receives under the republican form, and which is utterly condemned by Bro. Kutch and Bro. Garden? Are the newly-elected officers going to be more honest than the present office-holders? Is bribery and graft to disappear with the inauguration of Socialism? If our government is corrupt at present as they claim, can any policy such as Socialism correct it? If our present administration is satisfactory, the voters should DEMAND the correction of evils which do exist. On the other hand if the government is corrupt, it is again the duty of the voter to place more efficient men into the office at the next chance. If the average voter selected the "better-man" whether Republican, Democrat, Socialist, Progressive, or Independent, instead of voting for the party's candidate, much of the corruption could be eliminated.

Bro. Garden raises a grand clamor regarding the "poor people." Then he arrives at the miraculous conclusion that "the people's chances in life are conditioned by their environment." Can Bro. Garden show ONE instance where a man with the necessary ability, temperament, and energy, did not rise from the most depressing conditions? Can Bro. Garden explain how so many of our laborers came to own property, when the majority of them lived in almost starvation in their youth? Can Bro. Garden explain why so great a number of business men, corporation presidents, financial leaders, etc., attained their respective positions when at one time they sold newspapers or

"lacked shoes?" Can Bro. Garden explain how our present "parasites" reached their chairs when they mingled and labored in much more unsanitary conditions and at much lower wages (compared to the cost of living at that time) than exist today? In regard to the "poor-man's" chance of success, we wish Bro. Garden and Bro. Kutch would read the biographies of Charles Schwab, Henry Ford, Andrew Carnegie, and other famous men—one time very poor—now called "parasites" by the agitated FEW. Henry Ford worked for \$2.50 per week in a machine shop during the day. In order to increase his income he worked during the evening in a jewelry store for \$1.00 per week, making a total income of \$3.50 per week. He paid \$3.00 per week for room and board, and as he says, "I still had 50c for luxuries." Yet today he has an income of many millions every year. Can Bro. Garden still question "ability and energy" with FACTS such as these in view? How did these men succeed, if their employers were "parasites"? We do not maintain that anyone can duplicate the work of Schwab or Ford, but the average individual can succeed, if he possesses the necessary ability, energy, and temperament.

Bro. Kavacic asks us to defend that class "which constitutes the majority." We are not defending any class, be they in the majority or minority, until their accusations can be proved by more than mere "say-so." Furthermore, it is not the laborer who cries for Socialism, but the agitated FEW, who want to put their pet idea across under any condition. If we agreed with Bro. Kavacic, we would not be defending the laborer, but the agitated FEW. If Bro. Kavacic "supposedly" defends the workers, for the reason that they constitute the majority, then Socialism is real HO-KUM. The Socialists do NOT protect the worker. It is not your job, or the needs of your children which concerns them—it is your moral and financial support to put their "pet-idea" across. Perhaps many have already noticed the similarity between a Socialist and a "crafty" politician soliciting votes. Condemn the employer; promise higher wages; lower cost of living; better weather; better "all-around" conditions—in other words promise PARADISE, and you can win any office in the land.

The failure to keep their promises is the chief reason for the denunciation of the Socialists. The absolute failure of Socialism—not once—but every time—in our own country, has proved the fallacy of that system. Just recently an Unemployment Crusade Bulletin in condemning the political parties made the following remark: "The Republicans, Democrats, and the SOCIALISTS protect the rich, and starve the poor." Why would this group make such a statement of Socialism, if it would mean PARADISE? Does this not prove that Socialism is NOT in demand. In order to defend themselves, the Socialists shall claim that the Bulletin was the work of the Communists. If this be true, they are putting themselves in deeper waters. Though many times they have maintained that there is a great difference between Socialism and Communism, they do not DARE—or as Bro. Rugel would say—they do not "have enough intestinal fortitude" to state that Communism is a direct offspring of Socialism. The first Communists were all Socialists at one time. Why did they separate? Was it because they were satisfied? What do these former Socialists preach? Is Socialism any different? NO. Socialism is simply "sugar-coated Communism." Certainly we do not see many Socialists who incite to riots, but they are more "crafty." They preach no doctrine of construction and their policy of "sugar-coated" destruction is futile, weak, ignorantly vicious and ineffective. Every despicable deed is RIGHT, if a Socialist does it. (Some time later I shall continue.)

Joseph Becek (Ambridge, Pa.).

IN MEMORY

In sad but loving memory of our dear husband and father John Lozar, who passed away one year ago, May 19, 1930.

No one knows how much we miss you, No one knows the bitter pain We have suffered since we lost you. Life will never be the same.

Sadly missed by wife Mrs. Anna Lozar, and children.
(Milwaukee, Wis.)

Ameliorate

Secretary of Commerce Robert P. Lamont makes the remark "Don't cut wages," and goes on to say that the most prosperous periods of our industrial history have been those coincident with high wages and shorter hours.

Henry Ford advocates a high standard of living and pays his employees a minimum of \$7 per day. He also said that wages should not be reduced and that they will remain the same in his factories and those making parts for Ford Motor. Others make the statements that, "Economy is the cause of our depression."

And here comes Bro. Becek, who talks as though he were a mighty emperor, telling his people that they must reduce their standard of living; from their small pay checks they must save and at the same time have everything that they want. He compares our country with Germany. Why should the United States have to come down to a level with the Germans? Why not make it the same level with the Chinese who can live on two cents of rice for a day? No, the Americans do not want that, they are used to the best and should always maintain to have the best that can be obtained.

When a person is laid off and has a \$100 saved, then he's kept out of work for 6 months, according to Bro. Becek, he should still have \$99 at the end of 6 months.

Bro. Becek wants every one to save. If everyone did save and no one would spend, who would buy a radio, automobile or go to moving picture shows and dances? These are not necessities of life. If no one would go to shows or buy radios and cars, what would happen? There would be countless—thousands upon thousands of people out of work and it would make things far worse than they are today.

My idea is that the more a person spends (if he has the money), the better it would be for everyone. At times it is impossible to save, even though Bro. Becek says that everyone can save. Bro. Becek, come down to earth. Don't you realize what a terrible country this would be to live in if every one had to live like you say they could and should? Give the people the money and everything will prosper; the buying power of the people is what makes the wheels in our factories run.

People save and save by putting their money in our banks, the bank fails, what happens to the money? There are thousands that lost money in banks. Many more lost their homes in which millions of dollars were invested. They lost their jobs and the mortgages come due. Where are they to get the money? No one is anxious to loan you any in times of distress, so they are minus a home. What good came out of their savings? Was all this their fault?

Let's by no means lower our standard of living as Bro. Becek states. But work for higher wages and increase your standard of living by all means.

Sam Kavacic.

MY VISIT TO LATROBE

Johnstown, Pa.—While on my recent visit to Latrobe, Pa., I had the pleasure of meeting a few of the members of the lodge "Torch of Liberty" on the same date a meeting was to be held of the said lodge. Poor attendance. They always mention cooperation, read and preach on operation, but they don't practice what they preach. It is understood that ignorance of the by-laws will not excuse anyone. No doubt there are many members who do not know that it is a punishable act, to speak false of any member, to accuse a member, whether of his own branch or another, to blacken or mar the member's character or reputation. It is very advisable to read Article XX on "Trials," etc., and being acquainted with these, the members will not let their tongue flip too loosely.

Sis. Resnick's statements criticizing Sis. Fradel's actions pertaining to the dance, etc., are not true. She was asked to explain the circumstances that led her to write that article, but would not give any reason. Doesn't that prove that the party accused is innocent and that the party making complaint was wrong? Why did Sis. Resnick take out a transfer right after her article appeared in print? There is no doubt that she realizes now that she had wronged a member. It appears that there is too much friction in this branch. The party that is working for the interest of the lodge is always criticized. The remaining members fail to see the right side of the situation. Is this fraternalism? If it is, I don't want any of it. In the above case, transfers resulted, also a few "drop-outs."

One will find in every community where a lodge or social circle exists a few parasites whose chief aim is destruction of social organizations. We have to be on the lookout for those, and if there are in the membership, take pains in changing his views, or it may mean destruction of the entire membership. Members should also know that it is a punishable act to induce members to quit the branch or the organization as a whole. Regardless how hard some individuals will work to bring on the destruction of the lodge "Torch of Liberty," this only gives the loyal members who are constructive more power to accomplish their intended task. Here is hoping that a satisfactory meeting will be held soon, which will elect officers that are active, and those that possess common sense, and that the lodge will get more new members, more than has ever been anticipated.

Fraternally—Anton Turk.



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