SOME GOSSIP OF THE TURF

Riders Are Taking on Flesh and May Be Barred by Weight.

RECORD OF JOCKEYS FOR LAST YEAR

Miller Leads in America and Wheatly in England, Each with a Fine List of Wins to His Credit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Several jockeys prominent during the past season that has just closed will have difficulty in getting down to riding weight next year, if at all. Among these are Willie Davis, who was under contract to Sydney Paget during the eastern season and did considerable riding for August Belmont; Frankie O'Neil, who rode for Newton Bennington and Fred Burlew and who piloted Roseben in nearly all his memorable victories, and finished second on the list of winning jockeys for the season; Arthur Redfern, who bears the reputation of being the best horseman among recent American jockeys; Shaw, Lyne, J. Martin and others. According to reports, Willie Knapp, the little western jockey, who was one of the remarkable sensations of the year, has also been taking on weight rapidly during the latter part of the season and may have difficulty keeping down to the required weight.

It can also be stated upon the best of authority that when the time rolls around for the stewards of the Jockey club to deal out the riding licenses for 1906 there is a strong likelihood that at least three or four prominent riders will not find their names on the list. That the stewards were dissatisfied with the riding of a number of jockeys during the season just closed there can be no doubt, but the proving of dishonest acts upon the part of jockeys is a serious proposition. When it comes to granting licenses it is within the power of the stewards to simply omit certain names in the list without stating reasons. This, it is said on the very highest authority, will be the course pursued.

Records of the Jockeys.

Several of the prominent American jockeys who have been riding in different parts of Europe during the year have been arriving back home and more are expected within the next few days. Among those who have recently returned are Fred Taral and Harry Lewis, who rode in Austria, Hoar, and Rausch, the little Californian, who was W. K. Vanderbilt's leading jockey on the French tracks.

The records of the prominent riders in the east during the season are as follows:

Jockeys.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Unplaced.
Miller	105	92	78	34
O'Neil	95	92	78	20
W. Knapp	88	92	78	21
Burns	71	62	69	31
J. Martin	64	54	55	3
Lyne	64	44	43	5
Baird	58	67	41	16
Hildebrand	57	53	57	18
*Shaw	55	37	46	15
W. Davis	48	37	37	14
McDaniel	34	26	40	13
Romanelli	35	31	46	20
Sewell	26	30	25	12
Crimmins	23	29	26	15
J. Jones	22	20	21	7
Perrine	19	20	18	9
Wiley	19	13	12	6
J. Ray	18	9	4	1
*L. Smith	15	22	22	23
Redfern	15	19	12	4
Notter	15	15	29	11
Nicol	15	18	20	8
J. Johnson	15	16	20	13
R. Smith	15	12	13	12
J. J. Walsh	15	19	13	12
McIntyre	13	14	8	12
Fuller	11	12	6	3
Redreck	9	5	3	1
Finnegan	9	11	6	1
W. Buchanan	8	11	10	6
Schaffner	8	4	3	2
Creamer	8	9	11	9

*Dead heat in Metropolitan handicap.
†Steeplechase riders.

Jockeys Who Remain Abroad.

The two American jockeys who remain on the English course are Danny Maher and J. H. Martin. Maher, with 101 victories, finished second on the list of winning jockeys, while Martin was ninth on the list. E. Wheatley finished first, with 116 victories. Martin's poor showing is attributed to the lack of good mounts. Maher had 411 mounts, and with 101 victories had a percentage of 24.57. Wheatley had 537 mounts, 127 more than Maher, and with 116 victories had a percentage of 21.60. O. Madden, who finished third on the list, had 623 mounts and had only 101 victories, with a percentage of 16.20.

Regarding the records of jockeys on the other side of the water the London Sporting Life has the following to say:

Maher and Madden have met with considerable difficulty in reaching their 100th win this season, but, strangely, each accomplished the desirable attainment on Friday last, Madden being first to do so. Maher brought his score to 101 by a further victory later in the day, but he was not seen out on Sunday at Hurst park and Madden, by winning the last race, now ties with the American for second position. It is extremely unlikely that either of the pair named will now overhaul Wheatley, even if he only adds two or three further victories between now and the end of the season, for Maher usually returns to America before the close, and Madden, brilliant horseman though he be, will have to ride with phenomenal success to catch the Haumber jockey. Higgs continues to pile up victories, and, with ninety-seven wins, is well in the running for second prize, which he may quite conceivably secure. Randall, recovered from his indisposition, has not been seen so frequently in the saddle and may not reach his 100. Templeman and Blades have each done well, and with the remark that Martin and Halsey scored their fifteen wins at Newmarket, the appended figures may be left to explain the doings of the leading group:

	Mounts.	Wins.	Pct.
E. Wheatley	537	116	21.60
O. Maher (American)	411	101	24.57
O. Madden	623	101	16.20
W. Higgs	542	97	17.89
H. Randall	453	85	18.76
E. Billion	389	75	19.28
W. Griggs (apprentice)	338	52	15.38
J. H. Martin (American)	341	50	14.66
W. Halsey	343	50	14.57
H. Jones	283	48	16.96
C. Trigg	409	35	8.31
H. Lynham	273	36	13.18
G. McCall	249	35	14.05
A. Sharples (apprentice)	265	32	12.07
H. Blades (apprentice)	326	32	9.81
J. Priestman	179	30	16.75

Passing of Washington Park.

News that the Washington Park Jockey club of Chicago will pass out of existence shortly has been received with regret by turfmen in the east. The Washington Park club's greatest event since its inauguration has been the American Derby, which is one of the extremely few great American turf classics known to English turfmen. The efforts made by the club in 1893 to encourage international racing are largely responsible for the fame of the event abroad. In that year the Duke of Beaufort sent a starter to the post in Strathrose, shipping him all the way from England to run in this race. Strathrose was beaten.

In recent years such prominent American turfmen as August Belmont, the late William C. Whitney, James R. Keene, Clarence H. Mackay, H. P. Whitney, H. B. Duryea, Louis V. Bell, etc., have made entries to the stake.

Since the inauguration in 1884, strictly speaking, only one eastern horse has won the event, Highball, Mr. Sheftel's high class colt, capturing it in 1904. He was bred and foaled in Kentucky. From a financial as well as sporting point of view the retirement of the Washington Park club will be a serious blow to those interested in the sport of kings, the club since 1884 having distributed to turfmen nearly $250,000 each year at its twenty-five days' meeting.

Its first president was General Phillip Sheridan, who was succeeded by George Henry Wheeler, a popular and successful citizen of Chicago. Since Mr. Wheeler's death the affairs of the club have been managed by the following list of officials: Lawrence A. Young, president; Watson J. Ferry, vice president; James Howard, secretary and treasurer; Lawrence A. Young, Watson J. Ferry, James Howard, John P. Morse and William L. Phelps, directors.

Chance for Cheaper Horses.

The less wealthy class of horse owners are about to be catered to in a way such as they have long desired. A smaller circuit of running meetings is gradually being established under Jockey club auspices, which will afford these lovers of the thoroughbred an opportunity to race their horses without continually having to come in contact with the higher class animals owned by the more wealthy patrons of the turf.

Fore some time past it has been a hard matter for owners possessed of moderate racers to find a spot where these might be raced with any prospect of paying their feed bills. More especially has this been the case since the influx of western horse owners, owing to the unsettled state of the western turf, and the consequent paucity of western meetings. The fields of horses on the New York circuit have been crowded to overflowing, making the matter of winning races a task even more difficult than in former years. The class of these horses has moreover improved in a like ratio. Even to win a cheap selling race nowadays it is necessary to own a fairly valuable horse. And since the owner of moderate means can ill afford to risk the chance of the horse being taken away from him by a run up, unless he is a gambler, he finds his horse a drag on the market. The majority of the places enumerated propose running two meetings in each year of fifteen days each, giving a total approximately of 200 racing days.

CUDAHY TEAM STILL IN LEAD

End of Thirteenth Week Finds Omaha League Teams Well Bunched.

Standing of teams in the Omaha Bowling league at the end of the thirteenth week:

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Total Pins.
Cudahys	27	12	.692	35,529
Metz Brothers	25	14	.641	35,431
Storz Blues	24	15	.615	35,373
Armours	23	16	.590	35,630
Krug Parks	20	19	.531	35,638
Onimods	19	20	.487	34,546
Benos	10	29	.256	33,113
Black Kats	8	31	.206	33,147

Detailed work of teams:

	Percent.	Strikes.	Spares.	Splits.
Krug Parks	.914	703	871	227	149
Metz Bros	.907	688	865	238	159
Storz Blues	.905	694	863	229	164
Cudahys	.900	719	834	223	174
Armours	.898	710	861	200	179
Onimods	.886	671	849	236	194
Benos	.842	572	872	236	216
Black Kats	.835	606	827	242	281

	Played.	Av.		Played.	Av.
Sprague	36	192	Reed	23	178
McCague	33	189	Frush	39	178
Conrad	36	189	Magill	33	178
W. G. Johnson	24	189	Encell	33	178
Fritcher	39	188	Anderson	27	177
G. Francisco	15	188	Denman	36	177
Gjerde	39	188	Marble	33	177
Weber	12	187	Hodges	24	177
Zimmerman	33	186	Pickering	36	176
Potter	39	185	Sheldon	33	175
Cochran	39	184	Tracy	36	174
Huntington	39	184	Hunter	15	174
C. Francisco	33	184	Welty	24	171
Tonneman	39	184	Schneider	18	170
Clay	36	184	Chatelaine	28	169
Neale	39	183	Molyneaux	24	169
Forsutt	39	183	Chandler	21	169
Bengele	27	182	Nicoll	27	169
Williams	34	181	J. C. Read	15	169
French	36	181	Davis	18	167
Griffiths	39	180	G. E. Johnson	36	167
Zarp	33	180	Waber	11	166
Hull	36	179	Hughes	18	166
Hartley	39	179	Snyder	24	163
Jones	21	179	Reimpke	27	163
Brunke	15	178	Mullis	27	163

LIFE MALTS AHEAD IN COMMERCIAL

Second Team Has Lost Two More Games Than the Leaders.

Team standing in the Commercial league:

	Pins.	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Life Malts	25,776	30	24	6	.800
Lemp Falstaffs	24,925	30	22	8	.733
Stephens & Smith	24,227	30	19	11	.633
Jetter Gold Tops	24,222	30	17	13	.566
P. & G. Kamos	23,910	30	14	16	.466
Hugo F. Bilz	22,970	30	9	21	.300
Thurston Rifles	23,295	30	8	22	.266
Armours No. 2	23,172	30	7	23	.233

Schedule this week at Metropolitan alleys: December 18, Gold Tops against Hugo F. Bilz; December 19, Life Malts against Stephens & Smith; December 20, Lemp Falstaffs against P. & G. Kamos; December 21, Thurston Rifles against Armour No. 2.

J. J. Berger is high for the Krug monthly prize with a score of 233. He also leads for the Stephens & Smith single game prize with 234.

Individual averages Commercial league:

	Played.	Ave.		Played.	Ave.
Berger	27	182	R. Nichols	30	162
Furay	24	182	Rice	27	162
Walenz	30	178	Foley	18	162
Nelson	27	178	Davis	6	161
Beselin	27	176	O'Connor	30	160
Henricks	3	175	Collins	30	160
Crooks	27	173	Hartman	22	159
Sutton	24	170	Grotte	27	158
Utt	27	170	Solomon	27	157
Carman	30	169	J. Weimer	24	157
Stapenhorst	27	169	Rassmussen	15	155
McKelvey	21	169	Stine	27	154
Coughlan	27	168	Patterson	24	154
White	30	165	Lefholtz	21	154
Hinricks	24	165	Jay, Capt.	21	154
Premeau	24	165	Kiernan	3	154
Drinkwater	21	165	Bieby Willis	24	153
Johnson	21	165	W. Nichols	24	152
Hamblet	27	164	Butler	18	151
Rush	21	164	Tombrink	12	150
Mahoney	30	163			

FORBID PROFESSIONAL COACHES

College Presidents Make Changes in Foot Ball Rules.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 16.—The presidents of eight colleges in northern Illinois and Wisconsin today formulated a set of rules which will be enforced for the reformation of foot ball regardless of any changes that may be made in the rules of the game by the rules committee. The conference included the following schools and was called at the instance of Dr. R. C. Hughes of Ripon college:

Ripon college, Wis.; Beloit college, Beloit, Wis.; Lake Forest university, Lake Forest, Ill.; Knox college, Galesburg, Ill.; Northwestern university, Watertown, Wis.; Carroll college, Waukesha, Wis., and Lawrence university, Appleton, Wis.

The rules forbid the hiring of professional coaches outside of the physical directors of the school who are members of the faculty and forbids the playing of any student who has ever taken money for athletic ability or gifts for such services.

Crete Boys and Girls Win.

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The two basket ball teams from Fairmont High school suffered disastrous defeats at the hands of the local high school teams. The first half of the girls' game was a one-sided affair, but during the second half the Fairmont girls took a temporary brace. Miss Rena Hill did some excellent work in goal throwing, scoring all but 2 points for the visitors. The final score was 75 to 25. The boys' game was slow. The Fairmont boys are accustomed to outside work and were clumsy on the floor. The Crete boys were too well drilled in the game and showed it in every play. The final score was 60 to 12 in Crete's favor. The Crete teams have not been beaten this year and have played ten games with an average of more than 3 to 1 in their favor.

Pullman Announces Releases.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—President Pullian of the National Base Ball league today announced the following releases: By Chicago to Boston, John O'Neil and Frank Pfeffer; by Chicago to Brooklyn, John McCarthy, James P. Casey, Bert Briggs and William Maloney; by Boston to Chicago, P. J. Moran; by Brooklyn to Chicago, James T. Sheckard; by Pittsburg to Boston, David L. Brain, George E. Howard and V. A. Liadaman; by Boston to Pittsburg, Victor G. Willis; by Philadelphia to Toledo, O. Krueger, E. Abbott and F. Corridon.

B. & O. Cuts Out Passes.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—The announcement was made today that with the close of the year the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will cease to issue passes and reduced rate transportation of all sorts except to officers and employes of the Baltimore & Ohio and connecting lines, to whom transportation will be issued as heretofore.

Students Beat Soldiers.

The Omaha High school basket ball team defeated the Thurston Rifles last evening in a game in the City league by a score of 32 to 20.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

Charlatan Wins Pacific Union Handicap at Ingleside.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—There were two big events at Ingleside today, the match between Bearcatcher and Cruzados and the Pacific Union handicap. Bearcatcher won easily. Cruzados was first to go to the front and at the three-quarter pole was three lengths to the good, but the pace told and when McBride let out a wrap Bearcatcher ran away from the favorite as if he were tied. It was a popular victory. The Pacific Union handicap resulted in a surprise for the wise ones. The favorite, Confederate, had no chance at the start. Charlatan, slow to begin, finished strong in the first place. In front of the stand the jockey pulled over in front of Nealon, committing what looked like a foul. The judges refused to allow the protest.

Results:

First race, mile and three-sixteenths—Orchan won, Eonar second, Isabellita third. Time: 2:02½.

Second race, five furlongs—Bell Reed won, David Boland second, Scundly third. Time: 1:02¼.

Third race, five and a half furlongs, special—Bearcatcher won, Cruzados second. Time: 1:07. Two starters.

Fourth race, one mile, the Pacific Union handicap—Charlatan won, Nealon second, Tenordale third. Time: 1:43.

Fifth race, mile and an eighth, handicap—Rightful won, Bannock Belle second, Hooligan third. Time: 1:56⅘.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Proper won, Pinkerton second, Andrew B. Cook third. Time: 1:14.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—Results at the fair grounds:

First race, five and one-half furlongs—Deuxtemps won, Formaster second, Fruit third. Time: 1:10⅘.

Second race, selling, mile and seventy yards—Decoration won, Wedgewood second, Fred Hornbeck third. Time: 1:54⅘.

Third race, two miles—Cashier won, Ponca second, Auromaster third. Time: 3:49⅘.

Fourth race, preliminary derby handicap: two-year-olds, six furlongs—Ben Hodder won, James Reddick second, Delmore third. Time: 1:17⅘.

Fifth race, selling, mile and seventy yards—Lady Ellison won, Colonel White second, Sincerity Belle third. Time: 1:53.

Sixth race, mile and seventy yards—Light Note won, Safeguard second, Ithena third. Time: 1:53⅘.

Results at City Park:

First race, mile and three-sixteenth, selling—Ivanhoe won, Curata second, Falernian third. Time: 2:10⅘.

Second race, five furlongs—Mint Boy won, Malleable second, Mathis third. Time: 1:06⅘.

Third race, handicap, six furlongs—Toscan won, Gus Heidorn second, Lucy Young third. Time: 1:20.

Fourth race, Cypress stakes, mile and an eighth—Luralighter won, Kleinwood second, Harry Stephens third. Time: 2:03⅘.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs, selling—Echodale won, Josette second, Algonquin third. Time: 1:36⅘.

Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth—Lampadrome won, Double second, Layson third. Time: 1:56⅘.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 16.—Results at Ascot:

First race, six furlongs, selling—Rodolfo won, E. C. Runte second, Punchie third. Time: 1:16½.

Second race, five furlongs—Foxhall won, Royal Front second, Dr. McCarty third. Time: 1:08.

Third race, Futurity course—Don Domo won, Escalante second, La Londe third. Time: 1:10.

Fourth race, one mile, the California club handicap—Vino won, Retropaw second, Cello third. Time: 1:42.

Fifth race, mile and seventy yards—Mai Lowry won, Varieties second, Bavarian third. Time: 1:45⅘.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Alsono won, Bailey second, Lady Kaspar third. Time: 1:15⅘.

Automobile Sparks.

Honks: He always was a sure-thing bettor. He'd better wait till he can get one that will run without an engine.

Chugs: Blimn says he won't get a motor car till they will give him a forfeit guarantee against accident or breakdown.

News from Paris to the effect that the Automobile club of France has decided in favor of holding several races next summer, makes it seem possible that the club may decide not to return the Vanderbilt cup. Formerly the French club declared itself in favor of only one race during the year.

It is a settled fact that if denaturalized alcohol is put on the free list by congress this term that the organized engineers of the leased factories will begin experiments in their laboratories to develop an engine to use it as fuel. The denaturalized alcohol used abroad is poisoned so as to be unfit to drink and given a brilliant purple or pink hue in the same process.

Mr. Webb Jay, the noted driver and sales manager, has fully recovered from the injuries received the past summer in an eastern race and is now in charge of the Chicago branch of the White company. Mr. Jay has many friends among the automobilists here in Omaha as he has been out this way a number of times each season. Some of the steamer owners in this city—Mr. Brandeis, Mr. Nash Mr. C. H. Brown—have had Mr. Jay out in their cars and his remarkable knowledge of the machine and skill in handling same always attracted attention.

An automobile as a purchase is something that a man considers for a longer time beforehand than he does the buying of a hat. Most specimens of the genus homo need to be annually reminded to begin thinking early about their Christmas purchases. Advertising reminders by dealers will greatly help along their mid-winter sales. A New York agent for Oldsmobiles who advertised cars for Christmas gifts last year, sold twenty runabouts and ten touring cars before the arrival of the holiday that celebrates "Good will to all."

Because of the reduced rate at which members of the American Automobile association will be able to travel to the New York shows, the individual membership is experiencing a boom. No one will be able to get the advantage of the rate by joining the American Automobile association at show time. They must be members beforehand and the railroads have become very strict on this point. Not everyone appreciates this, but enough do to keep Secretary A. G. Batcheider very busy and the offices at 31 West Forty-second street, New York, are being flooded with inquiries.

For full fledged touring cars, the four-cylinder engine will be more the thing in 1906, more than ever. Where the four-cycle type of motor is used an engine of less than four cylinders will hardly be used for any "grown up" model. It has come to a pass where it may be said that the one-cylinder car is a runabout and the two-cylinder car a "touring runabout," or "light tonneau" car, while only the machine with a four-cylinder engine is a full fledged touring car. The plans of the biggest concerns in the country indicate a recognition of this.

It is more than likely that the automobile show of 1906 in Madison Square garden will result in the adoption of a new policy and new methods of decoration in that historic building for shows of all sorts in the future. For the annual show of next January a decorative scheme of unexampled gorgeousness has been worked out and the great amphitheater will be unrecognizable by its best friends. The interior will present a perfect illusion, by means of paintings, with fine perspective, concealing the ends and sides. The effect will be that of an Italian garden, the chief color scheme of the pillars and other staff work being white and gold.

Now that the time is drawing nigh when the public will begin to buy cars for 1906, it might be well to call attention to the relative merits of American and imported machines. In this connection one of the most important items to be taken into consideration is the matter of obtaining parts readily. The European method of manufacture was, and is still to a great extent, so conducted that nearly all of the cars are built one at a time and not in large numbers, as is the case in the leading American factories. The European makers will tell you that everything is carefully machined and put together by hand, but they neglect to tell you that in most cases it would be impossible for you to obtain exact duplicates of parts, drilled and machined ready for use. On the other hand, nearly all of the American manufacturers make their cars, not one at a time, but in hundred, and even thousand lots, and every piece entering into their construction is so accurately machined that any one out of a large bin will be found to fit into its particular place, regardless of whether it has been assembled before or not. All of this is made possible by the use of special tools, called "jigs," upon which the parts are machined. These tools are equipped with guides which determine the location of all holes and reduce the labor of measuring and laying out the work to a mere mechanical proposition requiring practically no head work. In large factories, such as the Olds Motor works, sprocket wheels, connecting rods, and various other small parts are put through ten or twenty at a time, and one can see row after row of bins filled with parts ready for the assembling room. When they are ready to build a car all that is necessary to do is to collect from these various bins the component parts and put them together. A striking thing about the whole process is the fact that absolutely no attention is paid to the particular piece which is selected, as they are all like so many peas in a pod—absolute duplicates.

ECHOES OF THE ANTEROOM

Masonic.

The annual meetings of the grand chapter Royal Arch Masons and of the grand council of Royal and Select Masters held during the last week were the occasions of conferring the third degree of the council, that of super-excellent master, a degree conferred in Nebraska only in Omaha.

A large class from interior towns, together with a number from Omaha received the degree, which was conferred by Omaha council No. 1.

Following the work in this degree a banquet was held, at which were seated about 150 members of the order, comprising one of the largest Masonic banquets ever held in this section of the west. Carl Herring was toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by Dr. C. F. Shepard, Rev. Davidson, H. H. Claiborne, Rev. E. Combie Smith, Judge L. H. Bradley of Omaha and C. S. Phelps of Schuyler.

Knights of Columbus.

The following are the recently elected officers of Omaha council of the Knights of Columbus: Grand knight, John E. O'Hern; deputy grand knight, E. W. Simeral; chancellor, Charles P. Moriarty; recorder, John F. Daly; financial secretary, C. B. Dugdale; treasurer, J. H. Schmidt; chaplain, Rev. James Stenson; lecturer, Dan J. Riley; advocate, J. A. C. Kennedy; warden, P. G. H. Boland; deputy warden, John Little; organist, Will J. McCaffrey; inner guard, John F. Langdon; outer guard, W. R. O'Shaughnessy; trustees, John A. Creighton, William Hayden, Thomas P. Redmond. The officers will be installed the second Tuesday in January.

The council appointed a committee to provide a Christmas tree for the orphans at St. James' orphanage, Benson.

State Deputy W. J. McDonough of Davenport, Ia., master of the fourth degree district, comprising the states of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, announces the postponement of the assembly from January 1, the date first selected, to February 22, 1906. The assembly will be held in Des Moines, Ia.

Improved Order of Red Men.

At the meeting of Yah-Nun-Dah-Sis Tribe No. 2, six brave hunters, prominent citizens of Omaha, lost their scalps and became members of the Warriors' degree. The team work was excellent and received the plaudits of the spectator members as well as the admiration of the victims.

The remains of Brother W. H. Busbee, a member of Tribe No. 18, who was a victim of the recent railway wreck in Wyoming, were interred in Forest Lawn cemetery Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows order, in connection with the Knights of Pythias, the deceased being a member of these orders also. A large number of Yah-Nun-Dah-Sis No. 2 and Omaha Tribe No. 18, and of Pocohontas council, were present to attest their love and esteem of the deceased brother, and to give their sympathies to the young widow and child of the beloved and regretted brother.

Woodmen of the World.

During the social hour at Omaha-Seymour Camp No. 16, Woodmen of the World, Wednesday evening, the Glee club entertained with several selections, including a solo by Robert J. Speerri. Judge Shields delivered Burn's poem, "Holy Willie's Prayer," with marked approval. Several voices were added to the Glee club, and Prof. Kratz announces that he desires to continue adding until the chorus consists of fifty. Next Wednesday the regular monthly dance will take place.

Fraternal Union of America.

Gate City Lodge No. 262 met in regular session at Idlewild hall last Tuesday evening. Six candidates were given the obligation. After the business session closed the members enjoyed a social dance.

The lodge has arranged for a social entertainment next Tuesday evening, December 19, and an invitation is extended to all members and their friends.

Modern Woodmen of America.

Thomas H. Duffy of Dubuque, Ia., national lecturer of the Modern Woodmen of America, was chief speaker before the joint meeting of the Omaha Modern Woodmen held under the auspices of Beech Camp Friday evening. There was a big crowd present and Lecturer Duffy talked along fraternal insurance lines as compared with old line insurance.

Omaha Camp No. 120 is arranging for its annual Christmas entertainment to be held in the new hall in the Rohrbough block, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, Wednesday evening, December 27. The affair promises to be a very entertaining one, and is given to the members of the order, their families and children.

The officers and Forester team of No. 130 went over to Council Bluffs Thursday evening last and assisted in the initiation of eighteen new candidates of Council Bluffs Camp No. 7151.

Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.

The Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America held their regular union meeting at Council Bluffs with Bluff City lodge No. 93, which was well attended by the members and their families of South Omaha lodge No. 349 and Omaha lodge No. 103.

Grand Chief Carman F. G. Romenus of Kansas City, was present and made a very interesting speech which was followed by a varied program, after which an oyster supper was served and dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Omaha lodge No. 103 called a special meeting last Thursday evening to meet the grand chief carman. This meeting was well attended by the members of Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs lodges, and also by a number of visiting members. The grand chief carman delivered an address on the "Good of the Brotherhood," after which cigars were passed around and a pleasant evening was spent. Next Thursday evening will be the last regular meeting of the year.

Ancient Order United Workmen.

On Friday evening, December 1, the following officers were elected of Union Pacific lodge No. 17: Past master workman, Joe Hart; master workman, E. A. Willis; foreman, C. Wentz; overseer, F. Green; recorder, H. Yingling; financier, A. S. Hillenger; receiver, E. L. Dodder; guide, I. D. Thompson; I. W., C. C. Ellis; O. W., A. Campbell; trustee, L. D. Garner; chairman of trustees, T. S. Granville. All doctors in good standing were elected medical examiners.

North Omaha lodge No. 159 met last Wednesday evening. A number of candidates were initiated and preparations are now being made to initiate a large class of candidates the first Wednesday in January. Next Wednesday evening the union meeting of all of the Workmen lodges of the city will be held with No. 159. A good program has been arranged and all of the members of the order in Omaha and South Omaha are invited to attend.

Next Monday evening the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Degree of Honor central committees will meet to complete the arrangements for their grand ball to be given at Creighton hall Tuesday evening, December 19.

Knights of Maccabees.

Omaha tent No. 75 met in regular review on last Thursday night, with a good attendance. One candidate was initiated and several candidates were elected to membership. Preparations are being made for next Thursday night, when an entertainment and social will be given and the women of the different hives will be present. Dancing and other social features will be the order of the evening. Under good of the ordr Sir Knight Fritz Woosley produced two boxes of cigars and every one enjoyed a good smoke. On next Thursday night the review will open at 7:30, so as to hold a short business session before the entertainment opens.

Ladies of Modern Maccabees.

Omaha hive No. 952 held its annual election of officers last Saturday night. The officers elected were: Commander, Annie LaBianche (re-elected); past commander, Ida Dean; lieutenant commander, Mary Whipple; finance keeper, Millie Johnson; record keeper, Nancy Kingsberry; chaplain, Alice Dolan; mistress-at-arms, Minnie Wilson; sergeant, Maud Marti; sentinel, Kittie Corbett; picket, Ollie Taylor; physician, Dr. A. Pinto; musician, Birdie Rhyne.

Royal Achates.

Omaha lodge No. 1 held its semi-annual election of officers Tuesday evening. December 5. Frank L. Weaver, president was re-elected for a third term. Installation of officers will follow on January 2. This lodge is making a good increase in membership and intends to keep first place. On Tuesday evening, December 12, the lodge held its regular monthly entertainment. The lodge will have its Christmas tree entertainment Sunday evening, December 28, and the members are expected to come out and bring the children, for Santa Claus will be there with a gift for all.

Ladies' Catholic Benevolent.

Branch No. 853 met in regular session at its rooms in Labor temple and elected the following named officers for the coming year: Mrs. Mary Sweeney, president; Mrs. Nellie Dineen, first vice president; Mrs. Mary Kelly, second vice president; Mrs. Mary Miller, recorder; Miss Olive Boyle, assistant recorder; Miss Nora A. Donahoe, financial secretary; Mrs. Margaret Koewler, treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Maher, marshal; Mrs. Belle Mulvihill, guard; Mrs. Mary Dwyer and Mrs. Margaret Murphy, trustees; Miss Teresa Dineen, musician; Dr. Bryan Reilly, physician. Branch No. 853 will hold its next regular meeting Monday evening, December 18.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

Mecca court No. 13 held an interesting business and social meeting Wednesday evening, serving light refreshments and closing the evening with dancing and music. Captain French was out with his drill team and assisted in the initiation of eight candidates.

State Manager C. F. Way of Lincoln was a visitor and gave a talk on the good of the order.

Committees were appointed to arrange for a card party and dance, to be given in the near future. The date will be announced later.

Omaha court No. 110 had forty applications last Tuesday night, and twenty-three were duly obligated into the order. This makes a total of 120 applications received since November 1. Election of officers was also held the same night.

Next meeting night the matter of reducing the court dues will probably be taken up, and every member should attend. All those who have applications in should be on hand promptly for initiation. Let everyone plan for a membership of 400 at the close of the year, and only a year and a half old.

Royal Neighbors of America.

Ivy camp No. 2 elected officers at its last meeting as follows: Mrs. Lena Schuetz, oracle; Mrs. M. F. Merill, vice oracle; Mrs. Emma Rice, past oracle; Mrs. Edith Lake, chancellor; Mrs. S. Edmundson, recorder; Mrs. Nellie Kulp, receiver; Miss Minnie Thayer, marshal; Mrs. Fannie Cowger, inside sentinel; Mrs. C. Forsland, outside sentinel; Mrs. Lucy Stone, member board of managers, and Drs. C. F. Clark and Martha E. Clark, physicians.

Degree of Honor.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term at the last meeting of Anniversary lodge No. 220: C. of H., Mrs. Grace D. Hostetter; L. of H., Mrs. Winkleman; C. of C., Mrs. Schneider; recorder, Miss Morrison; financier, Mrs. Langevin; receiver, Mrs. McCullough; usher, Mrs. Dauble; P. W., Mrs. Davis; O. W., Mrs. Clarke; trustee, Mrs. Carter; physicians, Drs. Hostetter and Alexander.

The next meeting will be a Christmas party for the "old folks," to which members and friends are invited. The date of the meeting will be Friday evening, December 22.

Bankers Union of the World.

A union meeting of Omaha lodge No. 1 and Fraternal lodge No. 3 was held at Fraternity hall, corner of Seventeenth and Farnam streets, on Friday evening. There was a very large attendance in evidence. A good class of applicants was initiated, while some twenty-four new applicants for membership were balloted on and adopted. Some added new features in the initiation made the work as put on more than usually attractive and impressive. The supreme secretary was present in the role of Portia, while the supreme physician, Dr. Hutchinson, took the role of Shylock. President E. C. Wolcott presided. After the regular work of the lodge was closed amusements were entered into with the usual zest and earnestness, which lasted until a late hour.

National Union.

Omaha council No. 449 met Thursday evening in Myrtle annex, Continental building. There was a gratifying attendance. President M. P. MacBride presided and three new members were initiated. It was voted to have an entertainment Thursday, December 28. Friends in other councils are heartily invited to regular meetings, which are held every Thursday evening in Myrtle annex at 8 o'clock.

Miscellaneous.

The various South Omaha societies have elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

Upchurch lodge No. 2, Degree of Honor: Chief of honor, Mrs. Maggie Tripp; past chief, Mrs. Nellie Nagle; chief of ceremonies, Mrs. Bertha Bockman; guide, Miss McCanan; receiver, Mrs. Reimer; secretary, Mrs. Cornaman; inside watch, Mrs. Louise Lang; outside watch, Herman Birnberg; trustees, Mr. Nagle and Mrs. Dickard.

Crusader encampment No. 37, Independent Order of Odd Fellows: C. P., J. A. Junker; S. M., J. G. Blessing; H. P., R. De Young; scribe, A. C. Peterson; trustees, George Housaman, F. E. Stuart and Thomas Gallaway; deputy G. P., F. E. Stuart.

South Omaha lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 148: N. G., Harry Chance; V. G., Henry Burgeman, secretary, L. F. Etter; treasurer, E. H. Roberts; trustees, T. T. Munger, Thomas Gallaway and George Knight; deputy G. M., A. H. Miller.

OMAHA SUBURBS

Benson.

Mrs. D. B. Smith and Miss Smith of Plattsmouth visited Mrs. G. W. Stiger yesterday.

Mrs. Dr. Loechner returned on Monday from a week's visit with her parents in Ashland.

Mrs. Tom Hawkins of McKinley street spent last Tuesday at Council Bluffs visiting her mother.

Some Benson women accepted invitations to a morning concert given the Woman's club in Omaha Friday.

Mrs. Joseph McGuire and daughter Mattie were visitors at J. J. Anderson's home in Millard last Monday.

Mrs. Chris Johnson of Bryan street entertained Mrs. J. Strangbur and children at dinner on last Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Rosenberry of Omaha visited with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Miller of West Main street, part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Anderson of South Clinton avenue pleasantly entertained sixteen of their near relatives at dinner last Sunday.

Mr