

DRUŠTVENE VESTI

Parkwood, Girard, O. — Društvo št. 675 priredi dne 31. decembra Silvestrovo zabavo. Uljudno vabimo vse člane kakor tudi vse okoliške rojake...

Cleveland, O. — Odbor društva št. 126 za leto 1930 je slednji: Prisednik, Anton Abram, podpredsednik, Joseph F. Trbečan, tajnik, John Gstrebnja, 1006 E. 63rd street; blaginjak, Jacob Jene, zapisknik, Louis Zorko. Nadzorni odbor: F. Jerina, J. Zupančič in A. Smith. Zdravnik sta dr. F. J. Kern in dr. J. L. Perme. Zastopniki za klub društva SND sta F. Jerina, J. Zupančič; za SNPJ federacijo sta Ed. Braniselj in L. Zorko; za nakup farme SNPJ sta J. Gstrebnja in F. Laurich. Odbor.

Lawrence, Pa. — Društvo št. 245 priredi veliko glasno veselico dne 31. dec. v svoji društveni dvorani. To bo Silvestrova zabava in velika plesna veselica. Zato pa pridite vsi iz okolice in bližnjih naselij. Veselja bo obilo na vse in zabave se ne bo manjkalo. Na svidenje na Silvestrovi zabavi! Na svidenje na Silvestrovi zabavi! Odbor.

Ely, Minn. — Opozarja se vse članstvo društva št. 288, da se polnoštevilno udeleži prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila dne 5. januarja v Slovenskem narodnem domu, ob 1:30 popoldne. Na dnevnem redu bo več važnih zadev in tudi sprejem novih odbornikov. Vsem gl. odbornikom in članstvu SNPJ telim srečno novo leto! Joseph Navetz, predsednik.

Somerset, Colo. — Znanim članom društva št. 308 naznanjam, da je za leto 1930 novoizvoljeni tajnik br. Viktor Koklich. Blagovolite se v tajnikskih zadevah obratiti na njegov naslov: Viktor Koklich, Box 217, Somerset, Colo. M. Česnik, bivši tajnik.

St. Michael, Pa. — Društvo št. 190 priredi veselico dne 6. januarja, pričetek točno ob 6. zvečer. Vabljeni so vsi člani, da se veselice udeleže. Vstopnina je 50c za člana, ženske so proste. Kdor članov se veselice ne udeleži, plača 50c v društveno blaginjo. Frank Kumerdž, tajnik.

Shinnston, W. Va. — Društvo št. 553 priredi veselico na starega leta večer, dne 31. dec., v Ashted dvorani. Pričetek ob 6. zvečer. Uljudno vabimo vse naše prijatelje in znance, da nas posejijo v velikem številu. Za vsestransko dobro potrebo bo skrbel veselilni odbor. Tony Kastelar, tajnik.

Depue, Ill. — Uradniki društva št. 59 za leto 1930 so: John Suštaršič, predsednik, Box 206; John Blatnick, tajnik, Box 135; Vincent Omaben, blaginjak, Box 255; zdravnik dr. T. F. Huggaršič, Box 26. Seje S. nedeljo v mesecu — John Blatnick, tajnik.

Box Air, Pa. — Člane društva št. 254 se uljudno vabi, da pridejo vsi na prihodnje redno mesečno sejo, ki se bo vršila dne 12. januarja 1930. Stvar je važna, za to pa se udeležite vsi. Anton Grmek, tajnik.

Grundtjev sodnik potrjen Washington. — Zveznim sodnikom za centralni okraj Pennsylvanije je bil potrjen Albert L. Watson iz Serantona. Zanj je glasovalo 53 senatorjev, proti njemu pa 22. Watsona so izbrali predstavniki raznih korporacij, med temi tudi Atterbury, predsednik Pennsylvanije železnice in kralj vseh kraljev famozi Grundt. Njegovo ime je bilo pred senatnim pravosodnim odsekom od pretekle spomladi. Proti njegovemu imenovanju sta vodila opozicijo senatorja Norris in La Follette. Zelo slabo spričevala mu je dal tudi prejšnji guvernir Pinchot.

Pride vse na dan Pittsburgh. — "Po sedmih letih pride vse na dan", je star pregovor. Ko se je pred več leti vršila generalna stavka rudarjev, je pogajalni konferenci med unijo in operatorji prisostvoval tudi delavski tajnik Davis. Zastopniki rudarjev so zahtevali 20 procentov povišanja mezd in operatorji pa ravnatoliko znižanje. Prišel je posredovati delavski tajnik Davis. Sugestiral je kompromis, da vsaka stranka popusti za polovico in sicer na ta način, da rudarji pristanejo v deset procentno znižanje mezd. Dve tekstilni stavki napovedani Paterson, N. J. — National Textile Workers unija (komunistična), ki je tu zborovala dva dni, je sklenila, da pokliče vse svoje člane v južnih državah na generalni štrajk, če prisilno sodiše ne oprosti sedmih obojenec v Gastoniji, ki so bili po nižjem sodišču obojeni v zapor radi umora policijskega šefa. Druga stavka se vrši prihodnjo spomlad v vzhodnih državah.

GLASOVANJE NAŠELAN

"Miklavževa" prireditev v Chicagu Chicago. — Preteklo nedeljo je imel nasrtač petih šikaskih društev SNPJ in drugi, ki so se udeležili priredbe, veliko zabave. Privlačna sila je bil "Miklavž", ki so ga SNPJ društva oskrbela v zabavo — in nekaterim mogoče tudi v računanje — mladim in starim. Dvorana SNPJ je bila nabita ljudstva kljub jokoječemu dnevu. Program je izvajala mladina — sami šolski otroci. Program je bil na splošno jako zadovoljiv. Bil je raznovrsten in ne predolg. Med mladimi "umetniki" se je posebno odlikoval Walter Zlogar, ki bo umetnik v pravem pomenu besede. Igral je dve soli: "Avalanche" na piano in "Jugler" na goslik. Zadržja je teška skladba tudi za profesionalnega violinista. Vendar jo je mladi in mali junak izvršil s tako preciznostjo in kvaliteto, da je vse strmelo. Na odru — in tudi drugde — sem ga videl prvič. Nastopil je z energijo in gotovostjo dovršenega artista — ima okrog 12 let. Ko sem opazoval njegovo spretno rabo loka in gibčnosti njegovih prstov, se nisem mogel ubraniti misli o karjeri, ki stoji pred njim in katero bo gotovo dosegal, mogoče briljantno. Ne omenjal bi tega, ako bi ne videl v njem cvetko, kakršnih je malo in katero gojiti je vredno. Glede ostalih točk, upoštevajoč mlade igralce, so bile dokaj dobro uprizorjene. Posebno je navzočim ugajala točka mladih rokoborcev, ki je obogatila raznoličnost programa. Zaključno točko — pred "Miklavžem" — je imel naš Donald Lotrich, ki se razvija v prvovrstnega govornika. A. G.

Letna seja Meadow Lark, Pa. — Pozivam člane tukajšnjega dramatskega kluba, da se polnoštevilno udeleže prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila dne 1. januarja ob 7. uri zvečer. Pričakujem, da boste vsi člani upoštevali ta poziv in se udeležili seje, ki je letna, na kateri bomo volili uradnike za prihodnje leto. Poleg tega pa imamo rešiti tudi več drugih važnih zadev. Na svidenje dne 1. jan. na letni seji! Frank Ferlich.

Vabilo na veselico Braddock, Pa. — Tukajšnje Slovensko izobraževalno podporno društvo priredi veselico dne 28. dec. v Slovenskem domu na 9. cesti. Uljudno vabimo vse tukajšnje in okoliške rojake, da nas posejijo na ta dan. Veselilni odbor bo preskrbel vse potrebno, da bo zabava prvovrstna. Začetek ob 7. zvečer. Zelim vsem veselje novo leto! Anton Rednak.

ZENITVENA PONUDBA Slovenec vdovec star nad 40 let se želim seznaniti s Slovenko srednje starosti in svrhe ženitve. Imamo svoje premoženje, hišo in opravo v večjem mestu v sredini slovenske naselbine. Če katere resno misli naj piše in priloži naj svojo sliko. Tajnost jamčena. Pišite na naslov: Vdovec, A. No. I, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Adv.)

Na Silvestrov večer, vsi v Slovenski Narodni dom na proslavo dvajsetletnice obstanka Slovenskega Samostojnega Podpornega Društva Edinost, La Salle, Ill. Na programu bodo govorniki in predsedniki raznih društev. Nato sledi igra "POGODBA" s petjem. Po igri ples in prosta zabava v spodnjih prostorih Doma. Pričetek ob 7. uri zvečer. Vstopnina 50c za osebo. Vabljeni so vsi rojaki iz La Salle in okolice. Vabi—Odbor.

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Član Jugoslovanskega konzulata v Chicagu, se je pridružil Cunardovemu štabu v New Yorku.

Cunard Line naznanja, da je bil imenovan G. M. S. Ekerović, atašej kraljevega jugoslovanskega konzulata v Chicagu, načelnikom jugoslovanskega oddelka v Cunardovem uradu v New Yorku. Svojo službo bo nastopil dne 1. januarja. G. Ekerović bo nadomestil G. Vikovića, znanega Cunardovega uslužbenca, ki je odpotoval dne 7. decembra s "Tuscanijo" v namenu, da se vrne v Jugoslavijo. G. Ekerović dobro pozna jugoslovanske naselbine po Ameriki ter so mu izborno znane pri-seljenične postavbe, bo zamogel nuditi svojim rojakom neprecenljivo službo, ko bo zaposlen pri Cunard Line. G. Ekerović bo najbrž vodil poleti izlet v Jugoslavijo na enem Cunardovih ekspresnih parnikov. Nadalje podrobnosti o tem bodo objavljene pozneje.

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kladen za naše razmere in v splošnem bolj priporočljiv kot predlog števil. 2 ali sploh kakšen drug način starostnega zavarovanja, ki nam je znan. Ne obremenjuje članstva veliko in ne zadene nikogar preveč občutljivo, in če bomo s tem lahko prilično dobro skrbeli za vse stare in potrebne člane — kar računamo da bomo — bo s tem veliko doseženo. Z izvajanjem tega bomo pokazali pravo bratstvo res v praksi in ostali bomo dosledni principom, za katere smo organizirani v jedrnosti. Če je naše članstvo res za to, da ustvarimo nakaj pametnega in dobrega ter stalnega za stare člane, naj glasuje za ta predlog.

Drugi predlog je tudi dober in načrt se bo dajalo izvajati praktično, če bo sprejet. Mnogim se celo bolj dopade kot predlog št. 1. Toda tako zavarovanje je precej dražje in bolj podobno komercialnemu zavarovanju kot medsebojni bratski pomoči. Predlog določa, da bo vsak član plačeval v ta sklad 25 centov na mesec, za to bo po opravičen do \$10 mesečne penzije po dovršitvi 65. leta. To znači, da bodo vsi odrasli člani jednote plačevali v ta sklad in vsi bodo opravičeni do starostne podpore ali penzije, če bo predlog sprejet. Nobenega prostovoljnega vplavanja, temveč obilnatno za vse, tako se naj to razume!

Nekateri argumentirajo, da starostna podpora po 65. letu starosti nima velikega pomena; naši člani so po veliki večini vsi vposljeni pri trdih in težkih delih in ne bodo dočakali take starosti, pravijo. — Nekoliko je že resnice na tem, in gl. odbor je pri sestavi lestvice tudi to vpošteval. Toda prav velike razlike ni. Dasi nimamo mnogo lastnih izkušenj s starimi člani in dovolj materiala za podlago, na kateri bi zamogli pravilno preračunati povprečno starost naših članov od 65. leta naprej, lahko precej zanesljivo rečemo, da bo z umiranjem naših članov precej lista kot izkazuje "American Experience Table", za obče ameriško prebivalstvo, na podlagi katere je sestavljen naš načrt, ostroma predlog števil. 2. Fakt je, da imamo že sedaj 186 članov starih od 65 do 85 let, to je organizacije še primerno mlada, in najbolj zanesljivo za nas je, da pri uvedbi starostnega zavarovanja računamo s številkami, ki so navedeni v tu priloženi lestvici. Kako velika bo umrljivost naših članov nad 65 let starosti, to bo pokazala bodočnost, in če je nam določena res krajša doba življenja kot jo prikazuje ameriška prebivalstvena lestvica, bo za starostni sklad toliko boljje in bomo ostali lahko pri 25 centih aasementa tudi po 12 letih, ter ne bo treba zvišati v primeri kot izkazuje tabela v letu 1942.

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di v bodoče v tem primeru ali vsaj za en tisoč članov vsako leto. Če bi sprejeli načrt, po katerem bi bilo dano na razpolago če se kateri hoče vpsati, bi se najbrj nikoli ne zgledalo toliko članov za starostno zavarovanje, da bi bilo dovolj za začetek, a če bi se priglašilo dovoljno število, bi bili po večini le stari člani. Po našem račun je breme porazdeljeno na 42.000 starih in mladih članov in en tisoč letnega prirastka, pa se nekaterim zdi še preveliko, sedaj pa pomislimo kako bi bilo, če bi se vpsalo samo par tisoč članov in še to po večini bolj stari! Mesečni aasement bi bil tolik, da ga emi ne bi mogli, drugi pa ne hoteli plačevati. — (Pride še.)

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

Ben. Franklin, Motto to Historical Review

Editorial Notes

TO systematize our local lodge reports on the diversified activities we deem it advisable to suggest to every individual lodge to elect a responsible committee for each separate activity whose duty it shall be to fully cover its functions, progress and outcome, for the press. In this manner many a confused report will have been avoided, and two and even three identically similar notices will not take up space that could be utilized for other purposes. It is indeed ridiculous when two and three similar notices or announcements and reports of some sort demand their appearance in the same issue. When your publicity committee undertakes the task of announcing an affair and some other committee does the same, and on top of all that this or that lodge officer or individual member enters the same field, and all three demand publicity in the same issue, then it could be readily seen that complying with these orders is merely waste of time, energy and space. Let each committee manage its own sphere and let your lodge officers supervise this work in order that the desired efficiency may be attained. Conflicting, superficial and disorganized notices and reports most certainly will never promote an idea even though you may have the best of intentions by doing so.

EVER since we have shared in the responsibility for the policies, development and processes of a growing and liberal organization we have been contending that that part of our organization dealing with the general understanding of the members before they begin their specific endeavors in stating their views is always tactful to review one's thoughts before releasing them for the press. The official organ welcomes any candid suggestion or criticism substantiated by facts and sound arguments in regard to any phase of our work.

MANY localities are sending in reports on the success in the new closing membership campaign, and sometime next month the exact figures will be produced giving the accurate official statement of the number of members accepted during the Jubilee drive. We can proudly say that the total number of new members initiated in the Anniversary year is anything but discouraging. Besides, many new local branches were organized and a great number of new members added.

IN this issue we print an interesting article by Louis A. Adamic, our well known writer and translator of many Slovene literary works. The article deals with American life as viewed by an observer possessing considerable knowledge of its institutions and its psychological entity in general. We have received many favorable comments on Adamic's version of the story "A Village Cyrano," by Anton Novac, which appeared in the Prosveta concluding its final installment four weeks ago. To date no other American Slovene, born here or abroad, has been able to show as much in belittling endeavors in English as has Mr. Louis Adamic, be it in original or in translation.

"Page Nine"

North Chicago, Ill.—The Prosveta confines news in general on the first eight pages of every edition. Waukegan and North Chicago news can always be found on page nine. Being vitally interested in the promotion and endeavors of English speaking locals you cannot wonder why the slam.

This column will appear from time to time filled with suggestive criticism. It may not interest anyone, but it will no doubt be given some attention. If it does, it will have achieved its purpose.

It must have required exceptional diplomacy and thoughtfulness to be able to secure a gymnasium and use it on Sunday afternoons.—Little Fort, get behind your new President and help him produce. It is beyond the bounds of human limitation that he be successful without your concerted cooperation. The only suggestion that I can offer at this time is, Stop passing the buck. That torch you carry on its glow is low, where is the fuel you were entrusted to supply, so that its flames would mount the sky.

Through your Publicity Committee, Sports Club, it may be a good idea at this time to let your brother lodges know that you still represent Waukegan and No. Chicago SNPJ athletics. English speaking members of the SNPJ in this community, if you don't care to exploit yourselves, maybe it would pay to hire a reporter.

Is it modesty? Don't be like that! The biggest booster anyone has in this world is himself.—Contributor.

GOLDEN EAGLES

Girard, Ohio.—Our last two affairs brought to a close the year 1929 as far as activity in the lodge is concerned, the affairs being our dance, Dec. 7, very successful, and our monthly meeting, Dec. 9. The attendance at the meeting was almost 100%. At this meeting the election of the officers for 1930 was held and also many other things of importance were gone over such as naming special committees and voting on old by-laws and also making new ones. The result of the elections of officers for 1930 are: Carl Swabek, President; Steve Stankovich, Sec'y.; Mary Tumich, Rec. Sec'y.; Bill Cokuta, Treas., and John Yaklevich, Vice Pres. With the same cooperation among the officers and members as in the past we are looking forward to the year 1930 as being a banner one for the Golden Eagles. Carl Swabek, President.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Veronian Lodge No. 680, extend their season's greetings and best wishes for the coming year—to all SNPJ lodges. Members.

NOTICE

Verona, Pa.—Next meeting of Lodge 680 will be held on Jan. 12 at 11 a. m. Let's start the New Year right.—Lodge 216 holds a dance on Dec. 31, at 8 p. m. Let's all be there.—M. Sifsky.

Quite Correct

Teacher: "Now, Perkins, tell me which month has 28 days in it."
Perkins: "They all have."

FLASHES

By Incognito

The following officers will serve the Chicago Pioneers for 1930: Donald J. Lotrich, Pres.; Oscar Godina, Vice Pres.; Frank J. Zaveritnik, Sec'y.; Elsie Gregorich, Rec. Sec'y.; John Rak Jr., Treas.; Frank Zordan, Sergeant-at-Arms; John Kupach, Dr. J. J. Zaveritnik, Dr. A. Farian, auditors. Dr. J. J. Zaveritnik, physician.

Fifteen adult initiations and three transfers swelled our total to 445. Won't be long we'll have 500 Pioneers. One hundred seventeen attended the meeting, which was the shortest annual meeting ever held by us. Cold weather and bad transportation kept many of our members from attending.

Many favorable recommendations were accepted at a basketball and our January 22 dance thoroughly discussed. We have entered our fifth year and hope to make it even bigger and better than 1929. A complete financial and membership report has been ordered printed.

Last Wednesday night Zefran's Lino's took all three games from Furlan's Dentists and Zaveritnik's Carotakers did the same with Putz's Florists in the Pioneer SNPJ League. Several fine games were rolled. There will be no bowling during the holidays—until Wednesday evening, January 9, 1930.

Our basketball teams are still looking more material. Several new boys have been added to the squad but the early hour on Sunday mornings is not altogether the most accommodating. Basketball equipment will be secured before the new year yet. Both the girls and the boys await the opportunity to show their wares.

Lodges 1, 29, 102, 449 and 569 of Chicago held a Christmas Party for Chicago's Juvenile members. A nice program was prepared for them and many gifts distributed. Donald J. Lotrich made a short address. A fine attendance was on hand to cheer tomorrow's leaders of our Society. Dancing continued until midnight.

At this affair at least five new applicants were secured for the Pioneers who were visible at every glance about the hall. At every turn, at every hour the Pioneers are talking fraternalism and increased membership for their lodges. We have a great cooperative organization and the spirit prevails all the time.

Many dance tickets were distributed for the January 22 dance. The Nine Original Harmony Kings are quite a drawing power but members must not forget to push the advance sale of tickets.

All of the live-wire Pioneers promise to be at the lower hall of the Lawndale Masonic Temple New Year's Eve, where a New Year Celebration will be held by Club No. 1 JSP. Our new Bone Club will hold it's next meeting there. If you want to know about the club, be there. Johnnie Kocheyar's boys will play and entertain. Everybody out for a good time New Year's Eve.

MID-WEST ATHLETIC NOTES

Milwaukee, Wis.—The last meeting of the Mid-West Athletic Conference was held at Waukegan, Saturday, December 14. The Pioneers, Little Fort, Stalwarts, Jolly Allis and Badgers were represented. The main topics of discussion were the basketball and bowling tournaments.

The tournament will be held at Waukegan early in March. The winner of the basketball tournament at Kenosha to compete with the winner of the Eastern Division at Detroit. The same will hold true for bowling. The champions of the team, doubles, and singles events will also meet the Eastern champions.

Each lodge wishing to participate in any of the sports of the SNPJ for the year 1930 will be assessed ten dollars. Three of the ten will go to the National Board of Athletics and the other seven to the Mid-Western Conference.

Each lodge entering a team in the basket ball tournament will be assessed two dollars (\$2) extra. The money to go towards paying for a trophy to be awarded the winners of the tournament.

The officers elected for 1930 are as follows: President: John Podlogar, West Allis; Vice President: Rudy Penca, Waukegan; Sec. Treas.: Frank Obluck, Milwaukee; Serg. at Arms: Anton Obluck, Milwaukee.

The next meeting of the Mid-West Athletic Conference will be held at Milwaukee, January 11, 1930. Frank Obluck.

Lodge News Notes

LODGE NO. 645

Denver, Colo.—Officers of our lodge for the coming year are as follows: Sandro Lenich, President; Mary Pappish, Vice-President; John Knafek, Financial Secretary; Mary Domjanovich, Recording Secretary; Rudolph Jelinkar, Treasurer; Vincent Stich, Sergeant-at-Arms. The executive board: Cecelia Marinsek, President, Frank Vidick, Marion Stich.

All the Lodge members and their families are invited to the Christmas party given by the Columbia Lodge No. 218 and Colorado Rockies No. 645 SNPJ. It is to be held on the evening of Dec. 28 at the Slovane Hall, 4464, Washington street. There will be dancing, and refreshments will be served and gifts will be given to the children. So there is a good time awaiting for everyone.—Members of Lodge No. 645, let's have that entertainment for the coming meeting which is to be held January 2, 1930.

Fraternally, Cecelia Marinsek.

LODGE "BEACONS"

Cleveland, O.—Our lodge officers of the coming year are: Frances Matko, President; Mary Abram, Vice-President; John Grahek, Secretary; Mary Bubic, Treasurer; Jennie Dedek, Recording Secretary. Bro. J. Lokar gave his views at this meeting, especially on the feminine members of the lodge. The Comrades were present in good number. Down stairs refreshments were served. Anthony Kushlan and Jenny Dedek entertained the crowd very much, and our Santa got a bit perplexed.

Greetings of the season to all members of the SNPJ from the Beacons. Jen.

STRUGGLERS' JAN. 4

Cleveland, O.—The Strugglers will hold a combine meeting and good time party, Sat. evening, Jan. 4, at 8 o'clock at Slovenian Workingmen's Home, lower hall. Each and every member will receive a free invitation to the combine affair. With that invitation you will also receive an extra 25c admission ticket for your friend. Please sell that ticket and bring your friends along. Music will be furnished by the "Strugglers Harmony Aces." Plenty of refreshments. What I heard it will be an all night affair.

Strugglers always made a success, so why not put this over with a bang! Start the new year right. Wishing you all a happy new year, Frank J. Kosa.

LODGE 686 HOLDS NEW YEAR DANCE

Cherokee, Kans.—"Kansas Rangers" Lodge No. 686 SNPJ will give a New Year's Eve Dance at Debeluck's Hall at Roseland, Kans. Everybody is welcome. We extend cordial invitation to the "Sunflower" lodge and to the senior members of the SNPJ. "Kansas Rangers", where will you be to see the New Year come in? At our First Dance, to be sure. Be there 100 per cent and with 100% pep and spirit. We are counting on you. Again I repeat: Everybody welcome! President and Fin. Sec'y.

LODGE NO. 884

Johnstown, Pa.—At our annual meeting the following officers were elected: Joseph Gulkar, President; Thomas Briceley, Vice President; Anna Briceley, Treasurer; Sophia Briceley, Secretary; Mildred Vidrich, Recording Secretary. Auditors: Francis Volk and Anton Rovaneck.

Our dance on Dec. 14 was a success. Our only regret was that the dance floor was too small.

Two Romances.

ZIPPER LODGE

Akron, O.—Our Lodge is giving a dance to be held at the new German hall at 834 Grant street on January 4, at 8 p. m. Music will be furnished by "Red and His Phantoms." It is our aim to make this the biggest dance event. So come one and all for a good time. We expect to see Comrades, Strugglers, Loyalties and all the other neighboring lodges. Remember the date, Jan. 4.

A Zipper.

LODGE BEACONS

Cleveland, O.—With the elections over and guiding one more under the hand of Sis. Matko we find the ship Beacons launched on another drive. With the rest of the officers we shall have no difficulty in bringing the ship to safety. And with the co-operation of the entire membership the year 1930 will be very successful. Len.

NEW LODGE ORGANIZED

Canonsburg, Pa.—Tuesday evening, December 17, a new lodge, the "Keystonians," was organized at Moon Run, Pa. The meeting was brought to order by Victor Butya, President of the senior lodge of the SNPJ of Moon Run. After a short speech by Frank Ipavec, a member of the Strugglers of Cleveland, O., and one by myself, the following officers were elected: John Krull, Pres.; Martin Uranker, Vice Pres.; Andy Pinter, Sec'y.; Anna Butya, Rec. Sec'y.; Ross Jerala, Treas. All of the above officers which were elected, I am certain, are going to work very hard to build up their branch of the SNPJ. The President of the Keystonians, I believe, will be the first president of any English-speaking branch, who can say that his father was the first president of the senior lodge in their town. (I have been informed that his father was the first president of the senior branch of Moon Run, Pa.)

Arrangements were also made to hold a dance on January 18 at the Slovenian Home at Moon Run, Pa. Therefore I appeal to all the English-speaking branches in Pennsylvania to try and attend the first dance given by the "Keystonians" and get their first affair over in the same style as at Library, Pa., on December 14—August H. Kleka.

LODGE NO. 872

W. Park, O.—The election of officers for the coming year being over, is no sign that you are thru for the year. No! They want your help and cooperation. Help them as much as you can and they in return will show you good results.

Just being a member, to a meeting once a year does not help them any. Come to the meetings regularly, bring up your suggestions, and if helpful to the lodge we will carry them thru. That's the only way you can do anything for yourself and the lodge. Let's kill the rumor, and show them we are not supposed to be dead. You've got the start, now keep pushing it up.

New Estates are holding a Whoppee Dance Dec. 31 at the J. D. W. Hall, W. 130 and McGowan. Six prizes are being offered for the following: Prize Waltz, Polka, Spot dance and don prize. This is not only a place to dance, but a place to make a lot of noise with no fear of awakening the neighbors. The Critic.

BARE FACTS

Radley, Kans.—After a strenuous presidential campaign at the lodge, I decided to spend a few weeks on a vacation. Figured on going down south as far as Florida where the heat would be best suited for my clothes. But as the average Ford worker's vacation is very short, I decided to stop in the "Sunny State of Kansas." Although there may be plenty of sunshine and heat in the summer, there is very little in the winter and an old fireplace feels very good.

Now is the time to be thinking of New Year resolutions, and I would like to see all the brothers and sisters of "Young American" Lodge to make just one and that is: "I am going to attend every lodge meeting in 1930."

I am wishing all the members in the "Young American" a bright and happy New Year. Herman Regel.

STRUGGLERS NOTICE

Cleveland, O.—Starting with the first of the year I wish that every member will get in touch with me in regards to dues and other lodge business, and not with our former Secretary. In case of sickness, death or any other matter, please notify me as soon as possible, so as to take care of the matter and not delay it. Any one not working or has had other troubles, is short of money and can not pay his or her dues, please notify me, and I will take care of you. This only applies to the ones that are really in need. Please pay your dues at the meeting or 24th of every month.

Frank J. Kosa, Sec'y., 18067 Waterloo rd.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Chicago.—Don't forget to attend the New Year's Party given by the Soc. Club No. 1 JSP, at the Hancock Temple, lower hall, 23rd and Millard ave., Tuesday, Dec. 31. First class orchestra, good entertainment and excellent refreshments of all kinds. Spend the last few hours of the year 1929 at the club's New Year's Party and welcome the New Year 1930 in a good company. Admission 75c. For a good time on Dec. 31 come to this gala New Year's affair. P. K. Committee.

COMRADES

By John J. Alich

The best meeting in many a month was held by the Comrades on Tues., Dec. 17. There was much excitement at the meeting due to the elections which were held to choose the executive board for the coming year. The meeting took on the atmosphere of a presidential election, with campaign speeches and all, and ended with the following being elected to serve in the executive board:

John G. Alich, President; John Speck, Vice President; John Stritof, Secretary; Alice Belinger, Recording Secretary; Julia Mochik, Treasurer.

Farewell speeches were given by the retiring officers, Cecelia Stritof, Mary Zakrajsek and Joe Pifolt, in which they expressed the hope that we may continue to prosper and grow during the coming year. They have done much to make the Comrades one of the outstanding locals in the SNPJ and we hope that they will continue to cooperate with us as much as they have in the past.

In order to avoid confusion at the meeting the secretary of the Comrades will be stationed at one of the tables in the Lower Hall of the Slovene National Home on the 26th of each month for the purpose of collecting dues. Our rapid growth has necessitated the renting of this space and will give some of you a few days headway in which to pay up your dues.

The Comrades are growing by leaps and bounds. This was amply illustrated by the initiation of nine new members and the receiving of six transfers, at our last meeting. At the present rate it will not be long before we leave the Chicago Pioneers in arrears. Members who have secured new members should see our secretary about the jubilee rings which they have coming to them.

The three prizes which we offered for the best salesman will be given to those who won them just as soon as the rest of the tickets are turned in. Please return your tickets so that we dispose of this matter.

The girls basketball team, captained by Paula Mencinger, has been practicing faithfully for the past two months and is ready to start at the whistle. The team is getting suits and sweat shirts in the Comrade colors and will play it's first game early in January. The games will be played at the St. Clair Bath House on every Wednesday evening.

The captain of the Comrades bowling team, Martin Antonic, felt in a happier mood while giving his report on the team's activities, at our last meeting. He reported that the boys have won eight out of the last nine games played, the last two being won from one of the most powerful teams in the Inter-Lodge league, Frank Pifolt starred in last Sunday's games by striking out in the last frame, thereby defeating the team's opponents by two pins in the last game of the series.

The Senior Class of the Slovene School invites all members, former members, and friends of the class to attend the last party which they will hold in one of the rooms of the Slovene National Home on Dec. 27. An interesting program is being arranged by the entertainment committee for those who attend. In the past the class has held numerous parties which have always been attended in large numbers and which have been instrumental in bringing the class up to its present proportions. Bring your friends to the party and get acquainted with the students and we feel sure that you will not go away from the party without retaining some happy memories.

YULE PARTY

Denver, Colo.—Lodges Nos. 218 and 645, Columbian and Colorado Rockies, are giving a Holiday Party for members and their families on Dec. 28. Don't forget that there will be a Santa Claus for the youngsters. A program will be given by some members.—A very Happy and Prosperous New Year to everybody! A Member.

SPECIAL MEETING

Detroit, Mich.—Lodge Wolverines No. 677, SNPJ, holds a special meeting for election of officers Sunday, Dec. 29, at 487 Artillery ave. at 10 a. m. sharp.—Rudy Klancnik.

GREETINGS

Kenosha, Wis.—Stalwarts Lodge No. 686 wishes a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to all SNPJ lodges. John E. Hasser.

The Riddle of the Universe

By ERNST HAECKEL

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While some of the stars are doubtless in a stage of development similar to that of our earth, many others have passed this stage long ago, and are hastening to the inevitable doom that awaits them all—our own globe as well as the others. The radiation of heat gradually lowers the temperature until all surface water is frozen and all life destroyed. As its temperature falls the material of a planet contracts, its motion becomes less rapid, and the orbits of both planet and satellites grow narrower. Then the moons fall down upon the planet from whence they came, and finally the planet itself goes crashing back into the sun from which it was thrown off countless billions of years before. When the collision occurs the temperature is again increased, the pulverized substance of the two colliding bodies is once more distributed in space, and the eternal drama of creation begins anew.

This is the picture which modern astronomy and astrophysics show us, and countless heavenly bodies may be seen in all stages of development at any time. As the embryo of one world is forming from a vague nebula in one part of the universe, another is just condensing into a rotating sphere of incandescent liquid somewhere else. At the same time we note another which has thrown off great rings of matter from its equator, and these rings later develop into a series of moons or satellites. Still another has become a vast sun, and its moons have become planets, each with a secondary series of smaller moons about it. Between these bodies are seen great numbers of shooting-stars or meteorites, seemingly without any definite orbits, and great numbers of these fall upon every large planet every day. As the frozen moons fall into the planets, and the planets into the suns, all the bodies sooner or later melt away into nebulous clouds again. Thus worlds and moons and suns are born and pass away, but the sum total of matter and energy remains unaltered—the law of substance rules the universe in all its transformations.

Geology—the study of the earth and its origin—developed much later than the sister science of astronomy. It is true that most of the ancient religions dealt at some length with this subject, but their theories are so fanciful as to betray at once their identity with mythology rather than with the physical sciences. There are thousands of these legends about the creation of the world, but the most important is the Mosaic story recounted in Genesis. Although it did not assume its present form until about eight hundred years after Moses' death, the essential source of the tale are much older, and are found in some very ancient Assyrian, Babylonian and Hindoo religions. The widespread belief accorded this old Hebrew story is largely due to its adoption by the Jewish Christians in the first century of the present era.

The ancient Greek philosophers, five centuries before Christ, understood perfectly well that the earth was formed by natural processes, along with the other planets. Xenophanes and others recognized the true nature of the fossil plants and animals found in the rocks. Leonardo da Vinci, the great painter of the fifteenth century, also made a very penetrating study of fossils, but the influence of the Hebrew mythology as defended by the Christian fathers still upheld the Mosaic story of creation among the people at large until the middle of the eighteenth century, and the orthodox Jews and Christians accept some modified version of it even today. In the latter part of the eighteenth century, however, scientists began to examine the earth itself rather than the old Jewish writings, and these tactics soon led all intelligent and informed people to the conclusion that rocks were formed gradually, rather than created in a short time by a special act of God. This matter was developed at great length by Karl Hoff and Sir Charles Lyell, and the new science of paleontology advanced so rapidly that by the middle of the nineteenth century we had a very good idea of the brief periods in the evolution of our planet. The fossil-bearing rocks were now recognized everywhere to have been laid down by water, and the hard rocks underneath were seen to be the result of the gradual cooling of molten material.

The further progress of geology has given us three important general conclusions. First, it has forever dispelled all questions of miracles or supernatural influences in the formation of continents and mountains, and has demonstrated beyond question that these are produced by purely mechanical agencies. Second, our notion of the time involved in the formation of the earth's crust has been profoundly modified, and we know now that certain rocks were millions of years in the making—thus disproving the Mosaic story, which placed the creation about 4000 B.C. In the third place, we know now that the fossils so common in many of the stratified rocks are really the remains of plants and animals now extinct—the distant ancestors of the forms now living on the surface of the earth.

The sciences of physics and chemistry have made wonderful advances and discoveries in the nineteenth century, and have been applied to modern industry in so many ways that their value is obvious to everybody. The new uses of steam and electricity, for example, have revolutionized human activity in the great centers of production. Many branches of modern civilization—medicine, agriculture, mining, forestry, transportation—have been so revolutionized that our great-grandparents would hardly recognize the world we live in. Still more valuable, it seems to me, are the great advances in our understanding of nature and life in general, which involve the discovery of the supreme law of substance. This principle is based upon the law of the persistence of matter, established by the chemist Lavoisier in 1789, and the physical law of the conservation of energy, discovered by Robert Mayer in 1842, and is without a doubt one of the great scientific achievements of modern times.

(To be continued.)

EINSTEIN ON WAR

"L'Humanite," Paris Communist newspaper, quotes Dr. Albert Einstein, famous author of the Theory of Relativity and perhaps the world's greatest living scientist as saying to a reporter, "No, I would never take up a gun for Germany or any other country for any reason whatever. No matter what the cause, I do not believe in war."

Topics of the Week

The National Industrial Conference Board report shows that a five-day working schedule is in operation in at least 270 manufacturing establishments in this country...

The year 1929, known in our history as the Hoover Prosperity Year, has brought greater rewards in the form of extra, increased, stock and back dividends than any other year...

The women's bureau of the Department of Labor has found that women employed in American cotton manufacturing suffered a loss of 13 percent in their average full time working wage between 1924 and 1928.

Dispatches coming from Poland, Ireland, Japan, Germany and in fact from every civilized country indicate that unemployment and low wages are important problems in every country.

The study included 38,000 women in eleven states. On the average their wages per week, if they worked full time, were \$15.66. The highest average was in New Hampshire and the lowest in Alabama.

Let the Christmas spirit which teaches us to have faith in our fellow men and to help one another as true brothers conquer our souls for three hundred and sixty-five days in every year...

A compilation prepared by the National City Bank, including 272 manufacturing and trading establishments, 182 railroads, 89 telephone and telegraph companies and 95 other utility companies...

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Last year payments to stockholders amounted to about \$1,000,000,000; while this year it seems warranted that the total dividend and interest

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"SUNFLOWER SEEDS"

Mulberry, Kans.—At our annual meeting we had 100% attendance. After the meeting we exchanged presents and had refreshments.

On Old Year's Eve the Rangers are giving their first dance at Roseland, and they request the presence of the Sunflower members.

On Sunday morning, Wm. Murn, a Sunflower member, was in a motor car collision, suffering cuts on the scalp and both eyes.

We also had election of officers only a few changes were made on our present roll call. Our Vice-President didn't choose to run and his elder brother, Joe, took his position.

Wm. J. Strah, Recording Sec'y.

ANOTHER CALL TO MINNESOTANS

Duluth, Minn.—Shall history repeat itself in Minnesota? In October 2nd issue of the Prosveta I have issued a call to organize American born Jugoslaves...

The SNPJ is a fraternal society allowed to function in United States and Canada under the laws of these two countries, yet we find a few Judases who will denounce their native brethren with lies in order to stare them from participating in organizing branches for the SNPJ.

Many times we have seen someone writing: "Minnesota spl." Let us wake up and begin to organize English-speaking branches of the SNPJ, let us show the East, that West, too, is wide awake.

It lies a great deal on the parents themselves to encourage their sons and daughters to form their own lodges which will be of benefit to them morally, financially and educationally.

The fact that the Jubilee Campaign will be over by the first of the year, should not stop us to organize new lodges. Let us go ahead and organize until we have most if not all American born Jugoslaves in our folds.

J. Kobl.

IN MEMORIAM

Kenosha.—The Stalwarts wish to express their deepest, heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Mary Starashina and family who are mourning the loss of their dear son and brother Joseph Repsal.

We also feel the sorrow, as he was a faithful and energetic member of Lodge 608, Stalwarts. The path thru life was beset with thorns, and now, that he has come to the trail's end, may he rest in peace.

In a Good Cause Dog fancier (whose bull terrier has fastened on to the leg of a stranger): "Bear it, man; bear it, man; it'll be the makin' of the pup."

Strugglers

Recently I visited Girard, Ohio, where I attended the dance given by the "Golden Eagles." A wonderful affair, a large crowd and a good time was had by all.

I think the new addition to our board of officers for 1930 is great. We expect some real cooperation and Bro. Svetek and Koss will never regret it.

Last month four of the Strugglers reported births of new Strugglers. Oh boy! won't our membership rise! Congratulations.

The Strugglers will have their own orchestra formerly known as "Harmony Aces", now known as the "Strugglers Four Harmony Aces", consisting of Joe and Ed Miklavcic, Louis Simoncic and Ovanin.

"Friendly City," may your wonderful lodge have in its coming year cooperation as in the past and may you ride to the heights of popularity.

Congratulations, Bro. Jackie, the first President of our newly organized lodge in Newburg, "Boosters." You are the Strugglers' sixth neighbor, and we promise you our heartiest support.

Progressives and Loyalties have chosen real leaders for their new year.

Information received from the "Spirits" indicate that I am to pay them a visit.

D. J. Lotrich must be very busy, or has he forgotten us Clevelanders?

Bro. Leksha writes that Kansas City is in full SNPJ bloom. Keep it up, "Cowboy." See you next month.

Oh, boy! did Bro. John Spelich's cartoon in Prosveta issue of Dec. 4 go over with a bang! Thank you, Johnnie, we won't forget you.

The "Slovene Hour" on the air every Sunday between 2 and 3 over WHK, is going over big. Watch for the "Strugglers Harmony Loks."

STALWARTS SAYINGS

Our noted quartette composed of Frank Seiberlich, Arnold Penza, Tom Mauser and John Pavlic rendered Christmas Carols at Wofsy's Restaurant, Christmas eve. We hope they give a good account of themselves.

Watch out, you Pioneer girls. The way our Stalwart girls' Basketball team is looping the hoop is nobody's business. With a little more teamwork they loom as one of the strongest quintets in the Middle West.

The coming musical comedy production of the Stalwarts, known as "Satin and Silks," will be featured by Elva Orth's wonderful toe and ballet dancing. In her speciality number, the Dying Swan, she will be assisted by Steve Chudada.

R. Peadir and E. Miller, Stalwart sheikhs, gave the girls a real thrill when they demonstrated their idea of the Merry Widow Waltz at their Thanksgiving Party held at the Spanish Tavern.

Alex Pohizek now graduated to long pants. There must be a reason, "the Great Alex" must be giving Zora a break. Hope to see her as our new member soon.

"The Bachelor."

OH YOU BADGERS

It was Friday the Thirteenth The weather was doggoned rotten And a fog blanketed the entire city. "Aw heck" says I "What a night for a meeting— 'Bet nobody comes.' Slowly I sauntered in To Tame's Hall What a sight met my eyes . . . The chairs were full of members— They sat on window ledges And some on the floor. Happy and smiling Progressive Slovenes All. The meeting began with a bang And then we initiated twenty-four NEW MEMBERS. Tears rolled down my cheeks / And smudged my school-girl complexion—

But doggone it— I couldn't help it. I was so proud, pleasingly proud To see those new members Robust and strong Slovenes All Aw heck what's the use of raving I'm proud— proud. Kathryn E. DeJek.

SUNGLARES' SECRETS

By Gumshoe Slim, the greatest detective The superstitious, take notice that the Annual meeting of the Sunglars Lodge No. 632 was held on Friday the 13th of December and was called off or exactly thirteen minutes and thirteen seconds after the skidoo hour, thus a bright future is assured her.

When I, Gumshoe Slim, the greatest detective next to myself arrived at the meeting to protect the defenseless against the boogymen, I found the meeting adjourned. Of course, I am not to blame for my tardiness. Someone stole my rabbit foot and I lost much time before an honest man like me (as it takes a thief to catch a thief) to steal one from my neighbor.

Anyway, I am going to report the hidden and precious secrets of their great meeting. How I gather my news is also a great secret. All that I will tell now is that I have the drop on 'em as nobody knows when I am around because I wear gumshoes and nobody can hear or see me.

The greatest news is that their haughty publicity director, R. J. Zaveritnik was forced out of his office. What a great victory for his critics! They got rid of him at last. That important bunk office hereafter will be occupied by Gumshoe Slim.

Diek was elevated to the Presidency for the year 1930 which shows that there are other methods than "resignation" or "firing" to get rid of a poor bunk artist and uncleaver piece of human speciality.

Like all lawyers, he thought he was smart. I remember an instance when he tried to outdo Patrick Henry before a jury by saying "Give me life or make me free," instead of saying "Free." The jury responded lawfully and voted death.

Lawyers are the only professionals that collect a toll from their clients for making mistakes. How they do it, and get away with it, is more than I know.

Brother Mat Blasovic, brother of Fred, the former Vice-President was selected as second in command of the Sunglars Forces. He looks like a real hustler, not rustler, and he ought to drag into the lodge quite a few of his friends.

Bro. Emil Heidenreich, the Trailer of the Al Capone Gang, in whom Gumshoe has attractive interests, is the new Financial Secretary, while Bro. Felix Brasic has been doubly honored by being elected Recording Secretary and Treasurer; while Sister Helen Heidenreich whose sale of Sunglare Picnic Tickets was \$96 and is only exceeded in her salesmanship by Bro. Dollar of Detroit, has been elected Sargeant-of-arms.

The lodge instructed its officers-elect to make investigation of halls in Cicero, Berwyn and Lyons and report its recommendations for a new meeting place at the next meeting. A good hall, favorably located and accessible to good, quick and modern transportation is the lodge's greatest asset. Three cheers for better quarters and a better and bigger Sunglare Lodge.

Bro. Holleck was injured in an automobile accident. He lives at 3800 Wisconsin avenue, Berwyn. Fraternal brothers and sisters should visit him, cheer him and bless him to an early recovery.

This is confidential, I heard the new president-elect recite this poem in his dreams:

"If I knew you and you knew me, And both of us could clearly see, And understand with slight divine The meaning of your heart and mine, I'm sure that we should differ less And sleep our heads in friendliness. And we should pleasantly agree— If I knew you and you knew me."

I do not know whether he was dedicating this poem to the Sunglare Lodge or to his mislady. But, if only you would know your Sunglare Lodge and the lodge only would know you, there would exist the greatest ties of loyalty among both of you. You would gladly do your duty by co-operating with the lodge and its officers in every undertaking. You would endeavor to sell your allotment of tickets for the "Night in Hawaii." You would secure new applicants for the lodge. Your lodges would always and promptly respond to your appeals for aid when any kind of misfortune faced you.

So long, until we meet again, with a bigger, better and newer line.

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Prosperous America Dressed Up, No Place to Go

Happiness a Rare Quality in Nation Where Material Wealth Has Exalted to the Ideal End

By Louis Adams

All who read Mr. Arthur Brisbane's column know that the United States is a most wonderful country. Have we not so-and-so many bathtubs, motor cars, electrical refrigerators? Aren't the streets of our fair cities lined with pleasant, spacious residences? Is not the average shop-girl nowadays in better circumstances than were the queens of Europe a century ago? Is not the Mojave Desert (where Mr. Brisbane owns great stretches of sand and sage-brush) admirably suited to the raising of alfalfa and turkeys? Haven't we everything in great abundance (except submarines and airplanes, to protect our opulence and well-being)? A radical once referred to Mr. Brisbane's effusions as "Brisbank"; he is a truthful writer, but never in diatribe: he does not tell the whole truth. Were one to know nothing but what he tells us, one would be humming "The Star Spangled Banner" from morning till night, and one's dreams would be filled with patriotic pageants, battleships in full spread, flags flying in the breeze, and four-minute speeches.

America, of course, is a great place; huge, of varied aspects, rich in natural resources, beautiful in spots. But as human beings, as individual men and women, have the Americans really so much to brag about? To my notion, the principal virtue in this business of human living is happiness; but are we a happy people? I, for one, haven't notice it.

Where The Trouble Lies

But, then, what is wrong? The Socialists would answer, the Capitalist System; the more philosophical people, Human Nature; and from their respective viewpoints, perhaps they are both right. Personally, I can't fix the blame for our national unhappiness as readily as that; but if you'd pin me down and demand an answer, I'd say the trouble is the vastness and wealth of the country and the predominant innate qualities of men and women who came here to make the new nation.

Here was this wonderful virgin continent, and here came these people from all over Europe, restless, adventurous, eager, good and bad, their beings wrapped in masses of racial traditions, endowed with certain powers, subjected to certain weaknesses, possessed by driving passions for things, for personal grandeur, for power. These all-too-human people, plus this great, alluring country, with the freedom that naturally prevails under pioneer conditions, gave rise to forces, necessities, desires and so on, which presently went entirely beyond control of human reason and became free agents of fate both in respect to the continent and individual human lives. It could not be otherwise. If, instead of the "Mayflower" voyagers, the first settlers had been a band of Balkan pygmies, and if the bulk of later immigration had been from Hindustan, interior China and Polynesia, conditions, human necessities and desires would have been entirely different.

The latter was not the case, and all at once it became imperative or profitable to build great cities; railroads and highways had to be laid out, tunnels bored, traction lines strung out, ships constructed, coal mined and distributed, oil wells drilled, ore extracted from the earth and smelted, waterfalls harnessed, motors perfected, canals dug, harbors dredged, breakwaters built, deserts reclaimed, and so on, work, work, work!

Work became the great national religion, a fierce passion, a mania. Work and Success! To build up the country! It became the dominant thought, the keynote of American life, a blind obsession. As Garrett Garrett said in his articles on "Business in Civilization in the United States": "The gigantesque was enthroned as national fetish. Votive offerings were mass, velocity, quantity. . . The spirit of Chicago was born. Bigness and be-damnedness. . ."

And now America is "the greatest country on earth." Mr. Brisbane and other such seers and poets rave about the American "civilization" when as a matter of fact it is but the merest skeleton around which a civilization some day is apt to develop. Outwardly we are a great, prosperous country; bathtubs, refrigerators, motor cars, luscious alfalfa and tasty turkey meat are something, but they do not make civilization. Civilization is within the people rather than outside of them—an attitude toward life, a philosophy, a manner of living. The characteristic American manner of living is anything but civilized.

The present stage of our so-called civilization is not conducive to happiness. It was better fifty or eighty years ago when everybody, more or less, had to work. Nowadays there are millions of Americans who in order to live to not have to move a finger, except perhaps to clip the bond coupons once every quarter. Business organization has evolved to a point where large firms are run by \$125 and \$200 clerks who require but little supervision. The big boss, who fifty years ago was the hardest working member of the organization, now has practically nothing to do. Speaking of unhappiness I am not thinking particularly of the poor people, or the fellows who almost daily stop me in the streets and ask me for a dime; rather I have in mind the well-to-do folks. Now and then I go slumming among the rich—their homes, country and beach clubs—and observe their pathetic lives. Of course, there are people who enjoy their wealth with fine grace, and encourage them one is glad they possess it; but the majority of prosperous Americans within my ken are as much at home in opulence as the average cow would be in a cathedral. The men have slaved through their best years enslaving other men, building up America, or rather as some might say, ruining it; ruining their various business, neglecting their wives, oblivious of nearly everything not bearing directly upon their business interests, ignorant of the forces moving the life of America, marching the goose-step; interesting themselves in local and national politics most superficial idea of the situation; without ever having the time or inclination to acquire anything but the going to church and acquiring lodge and club memberships because that seemed to be the thing to do . . . and working, working, working. To build up the business! To beat the next fellow! To surround oneself with the popularly accepted symbols of well-being! . . . And now they are mentally deteriorated, physically deformed, unhappy, spiritually exhausted. The women are in no better plight. Their husbands have given them comfortable homes, motors, diamonds, pearls, luxury and idleness, but little of anything else. Of themselves as men they have given them little, for the competitive spirit in which they were caught claimed most of what they had in them. First they were producers of wealth, and then men. Their intimate life was without beauty. Now they are well into their middle age, pathetic Babbitts; their power of enjoyment gone. Their wives are cheated women; and now they go into charity and indulge in philanthropic organs. They have fine homes, gorgeous bathrooms, splendid cars with Filipino chauffeurs, and seagoing yachts which they scarcely know how to enjoy; they just have all these things and many more, because they are wealthy and because everybody else with money has them. As men and women they are mere shells, futile, absurd. Their children, boys and girls in late teens or early twenties, college students or else just out of school, are left to themselves; they come and go as they please, dash about in their roadsters, smily cynically at the elders, compare notes on bootleggers; and when necking and chinning with the opposite sex becomes a bore, join one of the several high-class homosexual groups in Hollywood or Pasadena, if they happen to live in Southern California; for sexual perversion is the fashionable, smart thing among the youthful sons and daughters of our "successful" rich. Perhaps the best way to really know a person is to find out what he does, not by necessity or under compulsion, but by natural inclination; not consciously to profit thereby or to kill time, but spontaneously, freely, happily, lovingly. In brief, learn the quality of his leisure. Leisure is a word scarcely known in America. It is used, yes, but when an America says "leisure," nine chances out of ten he really means "idleness." Not long ago a leading magazine published an article on "The Menace of Leisure—What to Do with the Sixteen-Hour Day," when, as a matter of fact, in the text the writer was in favor of leisure; but he was worried by the inability of idle people to be leisurely; for when merely idle they were miserable and got into trouble. About two years ago someone wrote an excellent book about Walt Whitman called "The Magnificent Idler"—a good title, for Walt was no ordinary idler. Mere idleness is inactivity accompanied, as a rule, so far as it concerns the idler, by boredom, or at least no high feeling; fruitless, unprofitable, suggestive of indolence, futile, disgusting. Whitman was a magnificent idler. Leisure is magnificent idleness—agreeable living in one's inmost enthusiasm; reading one's favorite book, or conversing lightly, pleasantly upon a favorite subject, with a good companion, or walking slowly on an unfrequented country road dreaming and thinking, breathing the fresh air, or watching a sunset or the shimmer of light upon

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Prosperous America

(Continued from page 7.) on water—doing anything that tends at once to stimulation and a sense of repose—in fine, living.

Most Americans are no more capable of real leisure—of living—than an owl is of flying like a swallow.

Let's go somewhere! Speed! I recall a story I heard a few years ago. An American business man traveled in the Orient and spent a few days as guest at the home of a wealthy Chinaman.

The Chinaman listened to him serenely. "And what did you do in Chicago?" he asked quietly.

Then we have the successful fellows who are still in "harness," the so-called "Big Men," or who aspire to that title with everything that is in them; men in early middle age, busy, always on the go, up-an'-coming, ignorant of everything but their particular "line."

To sit at a dinner table with a lot of these men and their wives is to catch a close glimpse of the utter failure of their lives, of the underlying conditions of our civilization.

Men are completely engrossed in their wares and themselves. They have a wide superficial knowledge of a practical sort, but fundamentally they are profoundly ignorant, in fact obtuse.

The wives of these men are in a dismal plight, especially those who happen to be fairly intelligent and not mere gold-diggers.

The social life in our "best circles" is no life at all—dismal, unnatural, now too restrained, obscene. Last New Year's Eve a friend and I, disguised as news-papers, made a tour of several of the most fashionable social gatherings in and around Los Angeles.

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TRAVELOGUES

St. Louis.—Nov. 16 a group of happy "Spirits" journeyed to Granite City, Ill., and attended the "Go-Getters" Club second annual dance.

Our own "Moonbeam," being president of the Go-Getters, made the "Spirits" feel at home and seeing "Moonbeam" here and there and everywhere to behold that every one was enjoying the evening.

The "Spirits of St. Louis" voyage to Madison, Ill., Nov. 24, attending Lodge 466 (HBZ) entertainment and dance, was another important one, as four of the Spirits were on the program.

Two important roles in a Crotian play "The Je Slugs!" (Who is the Servant) were played by Sis. Joe. Please and Ann Pogorelek.

The "Spirits" are becoming popular in the Tri Cities as they have the word co-operation always before them, and that spells the word "Success."

AT COLLEGE

Ada, O.—Another tradition was celebrated at our university not long ago, being Pharmacy-Engineer Day, a time when all students of the Pharmacy and Engineering department celebrate.

We started off by having both departments dressed in pajamas and answering roll call, then marched to the homes of "Praxy" and the other professors.

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SPIRIT-O-GRAMS

By Wheatlit

Bro. Krauss has defeated Sis. Majerich in the Jubilee membership drive in bringing two Javilies and three adults. Good work, Leo! Spirito, altho, we are out of the Jubilee campaign, let us not cease our interest in the membership drive, of our past year and make it still greater and better SNPJ for the forthcoming year of 1930.

With a clean slate is how we all start 1930. The mistakes, broken resolutions, disappointments, fears of 1929 are gone forever. Rubbed out by the eraser of TIME!

Yes a clean slate! That is life's yearly gift to us. A new year to use, a year unmortgaged by the failures of the past. A year into which "We" bring our hopes, our ambitions, our new resolutions, and our obligations.

If you know of any young Slovaks (or of any Slavic race) who is eligible to join our SNPJ, and you can't induce him or her to join, please send their name and address to Secy. John Spiller, 2907 St. Ferdinand St.

See where the Cherokee "Rangers" and "Sunflowers" are great hunters for a better SNPJ. "We" sincerely hope to visit these industrious lodges in the near future. What has become of the Pathfinders? We enjoy your articles, so let's hear from you again.

Now that "We" have an Athletic Committee, "We" think, he can give "Boots" some good conceptions and assistance in bowling.

The Spirits bowled Dec. 15 at the K. of C. alleys with the "Friendly Club" of Granite City, Ill., and, dread to say, "We" lost two out of three. But the "Spirits" girls' team won two out of 3. Boys, wouldn't you rather see it vice-versa?

The "Friendly Club" will bowl the Spirits Dec. 22 at the Emmaus Bowling Alleys on Shennepoth ave. Come, Spirits, have the word WIN before you.

All of the "Spirits" are cordially invited to attend Bro. Joe Sampson's New Year's Party, Dec. 31. Let's all be there to greet and see the dawn of a New Year.

ONCE A YEAR

Yes, but once, and this was December 4, a great day for the Strugglers. Why? The election of officers took place. It's great because this day means either the rise or fall of any lodge, but the Strugglers are on the rise with their successful election of five good, true and loyal boosters of our lodge.

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Do you wish the "Jolly Allis" were wiser? Well, suppose you make a start. By bringing a new member. And date him up with that book—smart.

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SNAPSOTS

By Lily

Well, here goes my final for 1929. It sure was a wonderful year for our gang although Lindy is still an honor roll bachelorette.

What you think and how you think it, what you do and how you do it, what you say and how you say it, will have much to do with your success. So please pay us a visit on Jan. 4.

We finish up again and we still remain as the second largest English-speaking lodge in SNPJ.

Our Jan. 1 meeting has been postponed to Sat., Jan. 4, which will be followed by a Grand Party. Members do your stuff. Door will close at 9 p. m.

Lodges Naraal and V Boj dances went over with a bang. Talk about crowd! You should have seen them at these affairs.

On Jan. 4 we will start our new year. Remember it must be a better one than this one.

What's happened to my pal in St. Louis? I guess they call her or him Moonbeam.

Cleveland English lodge presidents remain intact, except Comrades, where Bro. Fifist gave way to Bro. John J. Alleh. Congratulations, John old boy.

Bro. Vidrich's and Lindy's speeches went over big. Both were interesting.

Our bird the "Canary" must have flown to the south pole. We haven't seen him since our last meeting.

Johnnie Svetek and Koss seem to be powerful additions to our staff of officers.

Wishing all my friends, the Supreme Board and all my readers a prosperous New Year.

"JUST WISHING"

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Dr. Frank Paulich Slovenian zobodravnik 2123-25 So. 23rd Av., Cicero, Ill. Uradna ure: Od 9 do 12 dop., od 1-3 pop. in od 6:30 do 9 zvečer.

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