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The Brotherhood.

pened to think just as he was about to leave the engine that he had not reversed it, and thinking he might do some good he returned to his post and reversed the engine and whistled for brakes. He then went to the opposite side of the cab from which he had first started to get off and jumped on the inside of the curve, and in an instant after the crash occurred and plied the cars upon him, crushing out his very life. His body was taken to Vincennes for an inquest. He was a member of the B. of L. F. and B. of L. E. He was liked by everybody that knew him. His burial took place from his late residence, 413 John street, Evansville, Ind.

Yours,
ELMER DEAR
Evansville, Ind.

Misplaced Confidence.

On Saturday morning, October 19th, 1899, as I stepped into the trainmen's room at Elkhart, preparatory to going to work, I met a well dressed young man, with the first, second and third fingers of the left hand off at the second joint, wearing a B. of R. B. pin. I "hugged" the young gentleman and he responded very promptly; in the course of the conversation that followed I learned his name to be John Dory, who hailed from Oswego, N. Y., and belonged to lodge 69. Of course he was looking for work. I recommended him to the yardmaster and succeeded in securing for him a job of switching. He was penniless too; I took him home with me and boarded him for three months; I gave him time to pay his board, so that he might be able to purchase clothing, other than the suit he was wearing. He paid part of his board bill, which gave me confidence in him. Later on, I learned from the financier of his lodge, that John was not in good standing on the grand register. He was surprised when I told him, he couldn't account for it, so I began to investigate. I found that a claim for total disability had been sent in, which proved to be illegal, for he was in good standing with his lodge. Grand Master Wilkinson gave me instructions, which I followed to the letter, and was authorized by him to reinstate John Dory to full membership. But he (John Dory) failed to appreciate what I had done for him, for on Saturday night, March 19th, 1899, he left the town unceremoniously for the west, leaving numerous bills, including my own, unpaid.

He still wears a B. pin and has his receipts up to April. He will also have a very nice story to tell the boys, for John is an expert with a story, for he has no regard for the truth.

FRANK A. BENEAM,
Secy A. M. Amsden Lodge, No. 23.

P. S.—I have withheld this from the JOURNAL till this issue, in order to give Mr. Dory the limit of the time he had in which to redeem himself, but he has failed to express any such desire.
F. A. B.

The Secretary of No. 275 asks us to inquire for the address of John F. Callahan.
A letter from Evansville, Ind., notifies us of the marriage of Bro. W. McCabe.

The members of No. 278, at Marshalltown, Ia., gave their first annual ball July 4th.
No. 95 initiated eleven new members July 12 and reported eight new candidates for the next meeting.

Bro. T. C. Bell, B. & M., Lincoln, Neb., writes that his lodge's receipts up to July, 1899, have been stolen.
Bro. W. H. Lyons, of No. 250, writes that the lodge is growing rapidly and that business in that section is good.

The Secretary of No. 5 calls for the address of M. Y. Carey, J. H. Murphy, Jerry Morris, R. G. Preshaw and W. J. Roby.
Bro. Robt. C. Galt, 4706 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., calls for the address of Joseph C. Gale, last heard from at St. Louis.

C. Omsary is urgently requested to correspond with the Secretary of No. 81 if he wishes to learn something to his advantage.
The address of John P. Griffin, who is said to have formerly been a member of Lodge No. 91, is wanted by G. W. Dorssey, North Platte, Neb.

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of invitation and complimentary ticket to the excursion given by Morgan Lodge, No. 317, on August 3.
Bro. J. B. York, writes from Creston, Ia., that some of his clothing containing receipts for May and June and an old style pin were stolen by tramps.

At a regular meeting of Morning Star Lodge, No. 169, June 8th, resolutions regarding the death of Bro. A. W. Murray were passed and sent to the JOURNAL.

We recently received an account of a very successful excursion and picnic given by the Trainmen at Seattle, May 17. The paper states that fully 5,000 people participated.
Bro. L. E. Frazzetta, of No. 145, has lost his pocket-book containing lodge receipts, traveling card and other important papers. Finder please return to him at Tucson, Ariz.

Bro. W. S. Witzon, No. 14; Bro. Wm. F. Phillips, No. 248, and Bro. Jas. Matthews, No. 266, were reported last month on the death claim list, and Bro. F. Kina, No. 296, for total disability.

GENERAL MASTER BALDWIN, of the Montana Union, recently ordered a gold watch and chain to the engineer, and a silver lantern to the trainman who should pass the best examination on the practical workings of the air brake. The prizes were awarded at the end of a short course of instruction. Engineer J. T. Drumme secured the watch and Conductor Trim won the lantern.

Letters have been received from the following persons acknowledging payment of policies: Mrs. Lillie M. Hawley, Mattson, Ill.; Bro. Mat Shedy, Omaha, Neb.; Bro. Wm. Dunn, New Albany, Ind.; Mrs. Emma Weldy, Norwalk, O.

[Your date of July 14, Bro. Herbert, of No. 69, sends for publication an invitation to the B. R. C. E. L. F., B. L. E., S. M. A. A. and B. R. T. to attend a union federation meeting in Ogden, July 31. As this issue cannot be mailed before Aug. 1 it is useless to print the letter in full.

A letter from Bro. Murray, Financier of No. 150, B. R. T., in behalf of Streator Lodge, No. 150, B. R. T., I wish to extend to Bro. W. A. Sheehan, G. S. & T., our sincere thanks for the prompt manner in which he paid the death claim of our late brother, G. B. Warner. Such prompt attention speaks well for the financial standing of our Brotherhood and ability of our Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. HAYBOE writes from West Bay City: We are gaining in membership quite fast of late and our members are being promoted rapidly. Business is good and everything lovely, but the most of us feel bad, as we are about to lose our good Superintendent W. A. Vaughn. He takes the general superintendency of the East Tennessee, and his place is filled by Mr. W. J. Martin, our present Assistant Superintendent.

"K. C." writes from Chicago: We have, after some hard work, succeeded in organizing a lodge of the B. R. T. on the Chicago division of the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City Railway. The efforts of Bros. T. Ash, J. Corrigan and A. Patterson have at last been successful, and a good lot of men have been brought together. The lodge is known as Federation Lodge, No. 70, and was organized June 1st by Third V. G. M. Terrell. Our meetings are held in Fitzpatrick Hall, corner of Bay street and Ogden avenue, 1:30 p. m., 2d and 4th Sundays. All visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.

The members of No. 81, Fort Worth, Tex., have issued a very neat little circular for missionary work. It folds in six pages of about the dimensions of the Constitution. The title page contains the Brotherhood motto, artistically displayed, and sets forth the aims and objects of the organization. The second page tells briefly but plainly who are eligible to membership. The third page gives a candidate explicit instructions, while the fourth deals with the matter of insurance in a very convincing manner, and at the same time explains to the "candidate precisely" what it will cost him to become and remain a member. Another page is devoted to a calendar showing the date and hour of the meetings held by the local lodge from March to September. The last page is devoted to the names and addresses of the various officers, to the board of relief and examining physicians. The little folder is neat, attractive and useful, and shows the careful thought and enterprise of the members of No. 81.

Send a Delegate.

It is absolutely necessary for the welfare of the Brotherhood that every lodge in good standing elect a delegate to Los Angeles, and see to it that he attends. Last October at St. Paul but 155 delegates attended the convention out of a possible 320. As Los Angeles is much further away from the center of the Brotherhood population it is reasonable to suppose that the attendance will be even still smaller in proportion to the existing number of lodges unless a healthy sentiment on the subject is speedily aroused.

Questions of grave import will come up for consideration at Los Angeles, and it is only by a fair representation of the whole Brotherhood that they may be settled in the sensible and patriotic manner that will insure future success for the organization. It will not do for any one lodge to conclude that their failure to send a delegate will make no material difference. It will.

And why do some lodges shirk this responsibility? Because it costs considerable to send a delegate so far. For shame, brothers! Consider a moment how much money the Brotherhood has put into your pocket. Look at the almost innumerable times it has secured a direct raise of pay that has in a single month increased the income of the members of your lodge more than the cost of sending a delegate to convention, besides the countless little advantages it has also secured. Stop a moment and consider how much larger is the whole sum of money drawn by the trainmen of the United States than it was before the organization of the Brotherhood. And what is the future to be? Just what we make it. The most accurately adjusted machine cannot run successfully unless enough money is spent to keep it in prime condition. Neither can an organization. We must keep it in first-class shape. It will pay financially, and every lodge that declines to do its share exhibits a lack of patriotism that is a positive menace to the order. It is easy to see that if all of the lodges should fall into the same degree of apathy the organization would be doomed.

Let us have a rousing representation at Los Angeles. It may necessitate a special assessment in some lodges. What of it? It is money well spent. It is not thrown away. It is not squandered but invested, and you cannot invest it in anything that will bring you so large a return. If you have not elected a delegate do so yet. It is never too late to correct a mistake.

We have a letter from "Alpha," of Los Angeles, that we regret to lay aside, but it is one of those we mentioned last month as coming from our friends who continue the discussion of the Illinois Central question. It is not simply because it is favorable to the JOURNAL that we regret to lay it aside, but because it is brimful of entertaining reading, sparkling wit and stinging sarcasm that amuses, entertains and instructs.

No. 342, Junction City, Kansas, gave its first annual recently, and the local press published excellent reports. The citizens of that city seem to appreciate a good thing and encourage it.