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THE RECORD OF A YEAR.

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MODERN WOODMEN EXCELS ALL OTHERS IN MEMBERSHIP GROWTH.

To add 103,951 new members to a society during one year is no small task. To make a net increase during that same year above all loss by death, and lapsation of 52,885 is also no small achievement. Both of these record marks were made by Modern Woodmen of America during the year 1905. This record is the more remarkable in view of the fact that during this year there was an unusual disturbance in the insurance world.

The disclosures made by the Armstrong Investigating Committee while showing the abuses by the management of certain old-line companies, instead of causing greater confidence in fraternal beneficiary societies, had a tendency to discredit all kinds of insurance or protection. It is not to be wondered at when we recall that the failure of even a weak bank in a city always starts a tendency for withdrawal of deposits from all other banks, no matter how solid or substantial they may be. Therefore, when Modern Woodmen of America, with the interference with its field work always caused by State and Head Camps, and the additional drawback of the insurance investigation, made 103,951 additions for the year, we repeat, it was a wonderfnl achievement.

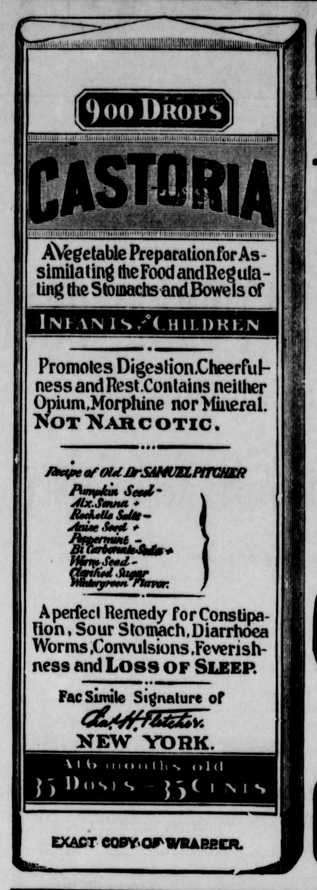
In making up the statistics for the year some interesting facts are disclosed. There were 3,787 deaths during the year of members carrying protection in Wodern Woodmen of America in the sum of $6,670,000, all of which was paid upon proof of death with the levying of only nine assessments, which raised a sum sufficient to meet all mortuary claims, and leave a balance in the benefit fund of $2,000,000. During the year 5,294 certificates were annulled by persons engaging in prohibited, or hazardous occupations, or in other manner violating provisions of the by-laws. There were 39,338 members who lapsed their certificates. A study of the lapse rate table is a most interesting one, as showing the different conditions existing in the thirty-nine States and Territories comprising the jurisdiction of Woodcraft. It is noted that in the States where there has been the greatest activity there has been the lowest percentage of lapses, Indian Territory having an average lapse rate of only 21.58 per 1,000 members, which was the lowest in the jurisdiction. The next State having a low lapse rate was Illinois, with an average of 28.28 per 1,000; the State having the highest lapse rate was Kentucky with 245.26 per 1,000. In this connection, however, we should state that conditions are now rapidly changing in Kentucky. Greater enthusiasm is being manifested, and we expect the lapse rate for this year to be much less. The State having the next highest lapse rate to Kentucky was Virginia with 225.26 per 1,000.

The loss rate per $1,000 of insurance for the year was $5.64, one cent less than for the year 1904, which was $5.65. This is a remarkably low death loss, and while the records of other societies are not yet at hand, it is safe to assume that not another society in the United States of the same age as the Modern Woodmen of America, had as low a loss rate per $1,000 of insurance as our society.

The death rate per 1,000 members for the year was 5.43. The average duration of membership in the society of those who died during the year was 7 years, 3 months and 22 days. The average age of those dying was 41.81 years. The average age of the entire membership on January 1, 1906, was 38.31 years. For the sake of comparison it may be interesting to know that on January 1, 1905, the average age of the membership was 38.17 years, showing increase in the average age of .14 for the year.

On January 1, 1905, there was in force $1,136,678,500 of protection upon the lives of 660,952 beneficiary members. January 1, 1906, there was in force $1,204,045,500 of protection upon the lives of 713,837 beneficiary members, an increase in protection for the year of $67,367,000. Since the society was instituted there has been paid in death benefits to beneficiaries of deceased members $49,975,816.16. The average amount of protection carried is $1,686.72 per member. On January 1, 1906, there were 33,930 social members. January 1, 1905, there were 31,308 social members, showing an increase for the year of 2,625 social members.

There is a camp of Modern Woodmen of America in Chestertown comprising some of the most prominent business men of the town.



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All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 26th day of June, 1906, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of December, 1905.

LIDIA LUSBY,
RICHARD D. HYNSON,
Administrator

MARYLAND A FRUIT STATE.

Professor Hutt, of the Maryland Agricultural College and Experiment Station, estimates that Maryland ranks first among the states in the production of the marketable strawberry. The strawberry, like the tomato, has developed into something like a food staple for the entire civilized world. And in both these popular fruits, if the tomato may by a stretch be termed a fruit, Maryland holds first place in the aggregate extent of the yields. The Maryland strawberry travels far, even in its pristine condition, as it comes, luscious and red, fresh from the vine. The refrigerator car has rendered it comparatively easy to deliver the May strawberry even in the far-away Canadian markets. The tomato travels even farther, spreading its blessing, in tins, indiscriminately, whether in the land of Pharaohs or the oases of the Soudan.

Prof. Hutt believes in the possibilities of Maryland as a fruit state. He believes that apple-growing can be profitably developed on the Eastern Shore and in the mountain districts of Maryland. In support of this view he cites the success of a few orchadists as indicated in their exhibits at the last meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society. He asserts that we have thousands of acres of land in Maryland that will produce as good fruit as was exhibited by these few successful apple growers. There are few sections of Maryland that undertake to grow apples as a regular market crop, as they are produced in New England, Northwestern New York and in some of the Western States. It is to the apple as a marketable commodity and not simply for its home uses that attention should be especially directly. The apple demand is a constantly growing one, and in recent years there has been an extensive export movement in apples from every Atlantic seaport.

The Maryland fruit-grower has another opportunity not by any means utilized as it should be, in the growing under glass of a winter supply of fruits and vegetables for nearby cities. Hothouse methods of culture are costly, of course, but prices for hothouse products range very high. English hothouse grown grapes may be found on sale now in Baltimore—and it is needless to remark that there is a demand for them, else they would not he here. A New York city marketman recently declared that he can sell all the English hothouse-grown peaches he can get at $1 each. Prof. Hutt is quoted as saying "it might surprise many of our Maryland people to know that in this great truck and vegetable producing state our markets are supplied in the winter with the best tomatoes, cucumbers and greenhouse products shipped in from the State of Massachusetts."

With the great markets of Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and New York only a few hours away, the Maryland fruit and vegetable grower should have ample inducement for widening his experimentation—for making an exploration into the field of winter culture. The outlay necessary for a steam-heated, glass sheltered plant is not so great as to be beyond the means of many Maryland farmers, and there should be really little risk of failure involved if any prospective hothouse enterpsise is undertaken after investigation of the methods followed with successful plants elsewhere.—Balto. Amer.

Marriage Superstitions.

If a groom carries a miniature horseshoe in his pocket he will always have good luck.

No bride or groom should be given a telegram on the way to church. It is positively a sign of evil.

If the wedding ring is dropped during the ceremony, the bride may as well wish herself unborn, for she will always have ill-luck.

Kiss a bride right after the ceremony and before the newly-made husband has a chance to do so, and you will have excellent luck throughout the year.

Maidens eager to wed should give dish water heated to the boiling point a wideberth. It means that they will not marry for a long time if they attempt to cleanse dishes in water so hot.

Should a bride perchance see a coffin while being driven to the railway station prior to departing upon her wedding tour, she should order the driver to turn back and start over again, or else she will surely meet with bad luck.

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When February birds do mate,
You may wed, not dread your fate.
If you marry when the March winds blow,
Joy and sorrow both you'll know,
Marry in April when you can,
Joy for maiden and for man,
Marry in the month of May,
You will surely rue the day.
Marry when June roses blow,
Over land and sea you'll go,
They who in July do wed,
Must labor always for their bread.
All who wed in August be,
Many a change are sure to see.
Marry in September's shine,
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