

J. HOBO KING, STUDENT OF TRAMP LIFE, HERE

Purported College Man Says He Is "Panhandling" to Gain Knowledge.

J. Hobo King No. 2, residence "nowhere on this earth," has arrived in Indianapolis. His "baggage," which consisted of a bundle of clothes tied to a hickory club with a flaming red handkerchief, which he called his "valet de chambre," was deposited in a room at the Palace Hotel, 4 North New Jersey street, where he will reside during his stay in the city.

J. Hobo King says he is a graduate of North Dakota University. He refused to disclose his real name and declared that while he is engaged in studying sociological conditions in America in the guise of a tramp, he will be getting up lectures from the non de plume he has chosen. He is a lecturer, poet and author and said last night that he has chosen the life of a tramp only temporarily.

When J. Hobo was seen in his room at the Palace Hotel last night he was busily engaged in taking off his many shirts. It took him just ten minutes to complete the task. By actual count he pulled off eleven shirts. He said he hoped to leave Indianapolis with a dozen on his back if conditions are favorable with the charitable inclined public.

"You see," he said as he took off his last shirt and deposited it in the corner of the room where there was a pile of clothing, "I do not want to wear an overcoat, and I have to wear many shirts as I can get on my back to keep warm in the winter. I disagree to my name to wear an overcoat, and anyway, people might look at me with suspicion."

"If you have a cigarette I will tell you something about myself," he continued. The cigarette having been given him, he propped himself up in bed and said that he "felt like a million dollars."

STUDYING SOCIOLOGY. "I come from a good family, have a good home, and I am well educated. I studied in college I studied sociology, and I came to the conclusion that I might do society a service by becoming a hobo myself in order to write some sociology papers on the subject. Among the 10,000 tramps, God bless 'em, who are abroad in this land, I am going to be a United States specialist. I have been able to tell any one more about this country than any other one man knows. When I feel like it I have given my education in the College of Hobos, and have taken my A. M. degree. I will settle down and amount to something—that is, in the opinion of the general public. I won't stand for that."

"This morning I am going to visit motion picture theaters and get a job as a lecturer. I have a lecture prepared that can be made as long or as short as I want it. The lecture is on hobo life, and I ought to know something about the subject, for I have been in my way from coast to coast of this country seven times."

Hobo King told many of his experiences with "cops," housewives and railroad men. He said that he never experiences difficulty in convincing police that he is as much as five cents for a night's stay in a cell, but he has been forced to pay five cents for a place "to stand up and sleep."

Having talked until he was sleepy, Hobo King brought the interview to a sudden close by saying: "Good night. I have to get up early in the morning and find a back door set-down, because I only have a few cents left—and, by the way, if you write anything about me, do not put it in the society column. I won't stand for that."

J. Hobo has consulted with Edward Hastings, manager of B. F. Keith's, and it is possible that he will lecture at that theater Wednesday night.

MINISTER PRAISES MASONRY.

The Rev. Lewis Brown Preaches Annual Sermon to Lodges. The Rev. Lewis Brown, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, last evening preached his annual sermon to the Masonic lodges. His subject was "The Ideal Mason." He asserted that the ideal Mason stands for sincerity, sympathy, generosity and faith. He told of the good that Masonry is doing and said that each Mason should receive from him two great lessons, devotion in prayer and concentration in labor.

INJURED MAN IS BETTER.

Colie Williams, colored, 1816 Superior street, who was injured in an outside elevator shaft at the Wulfschneider-Stewart Music Company's establishment Saturday evening, was reported improved at the City Hospital last night and he is said to be in no danger. Both of Williams' legs were fractured.

Recorder, Minus Leg, Assumes Office Often Held by Cripples



OTTO AMMON

KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. —The office of county recorder, which has been in existence sixty-seven years, has been held, with but few exceptions, by cripples, and never by any other than a Republican.

Otto T. Ammon, who has just taken the office, is minus a leg, but a hustler. He intends to keep up the unappreciated record of his predecessors, George W. Freeman, who has kept the work up so well that documents left for record could be obtained the same day, despite the fact that the volume of business of the office is very heavy.

Among the cripples holding the office were James McCook, D. J. Kemp, Samuel Richey, Charles S. Edwards, L. P. Rich, Seth Snyder, C. B. F. Clarke, Pat Fitz, Abe Curlew and Alvin Coffin. Joseph Valle of this city, retired, is the smallest man, physically, to hold this office, being exactly 4 feet in height.

Many of the incumbents were soldiers, and sustained injuries in the civil war. Other incumbents have been shaped in sawmills, on shredders, broom shops and feed cutters.

It is almost an axiom that no man can hold this office who is not crippled.

ADVISES MEN TO LEAD BETTER LIVES IN 1912

Big Meeting Speaker Asserts Christianity Makes Perfect Man—Harpist Wins Applause.

An appeal to the men to start the new year by resolving to lead better lives was made at the Y. M. C. A. Big Meeting at English's Theater yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Frederick E. Taylor.

At the end of a spirited address on "Life or Death—Which?" he called for standing testimonials and nearly a third of the audience of more than 300 men arose and pledged themselves to think more of church work during 1912.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor's address was devoted mainly to the presentation of reasons why men should become Christians. He said that to become a Christian is the hardest thing a man can do. He asserted that, for a man to have the best of physical, intellectual and social endowments, but is never a real man until he is a Christian.

For the purpose of illustrating his various points, the Rev. Mr. Taylor told of his own experiences he had had in his angelic work and testimonials of college men, railroad-men and others.

PLEASED BY HARPIST. One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the harp solos by Pasquale L. Monfani. He gave three selections, the first a classic, the second a melody of popular airs and the third "Nearer My God to Thee," with variations. The latter presented opportunities for Mr. Monfani's artistic ability and was received with liberal applause. One man in the audience said: "I have never heard such music before, and that he did not know whether to attribute its beauty to the ability of the harpist, the powers of the harp or to the ability of the hymn." Arthur H. Godard, who had charge of the meeting, asked that each man, following the meeting, should write to all persons who are suffering from the influenza cold and to give them assistance or to assist them in sending substantial checks to the Charity Organization Society. He told of a family in Indianapolis living in a house built on stakes driven into the ground and that there were five children there, with scarcely any clothing, and that the mother had to wrap the baby in rags and put it under the stove to keep it warm.

It was announced that Lew Beauchant of Hamilton, Ohio, a lecturer, will address the meeting next Sunday on "The Philosophy of a Doughnut," and Mrs. Frank A. Hayes of Noblesville, Ind., will give.

Fifteen new members were elected to membership in the Commercial Travelers' Sick Benefit Association at a meeting of the executive committee Saturday afternoon. Other applications are pending.

The United Commercial Travelers held business session Saturday evening. Jacob Riedel of the Neselick Cigar Company was initiated.

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U. S. DISTRICT JURIST QUILTS. Judge George Donworth Gives Up Federal Position at Seattle. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—United States District Judge George Donworth resigned tonight. He was appointed to the office in May, 1909. He was formerly a law partner of Samuel H. Files. He left the Democratic party to become a Republican in 1886.

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