

EXALTED RULER SULLIVAN ARRIVES ON ELKS SPECIAL--PRE-CONVENTION POLITICS NOW IN FULL BLAST

Committee Prepare to Get Down to Hard Work--Wisconsin Man to Be Next Exalted Ruler--Permanent National Elks' Home Site to Be Selected by Convention.

With the arrival of yesterday afternoon of Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan and his party aboard their special train from Seattle, pre-convention politics and committee meetings will catch their full stride.

So far, only two committees, the judiciary and ritual committees, are holding sessions. The credentials committee, which should have gotten down to work this forenoon, has not met, owing to the non-arrival of its members, the majority of whom are aboard the Sullivan special.

Members of the ritual committee, of which Fred Harper of Lynchburg, Va., is chairman, predicted that the committee would probably make no recommendations in regard to a proposed change to include "goat riding" as an unofficial part of the initiation. "Rough housing" was prohibited by the grand lodge at the Atlantic City convention last year.

Since then many of the subordinate lodges, particularly the small lodges, have protested that a large part of the "fun" has been cut out of lodge sessions by this step. The committee, however, has taken a poll on the matter and has found that the lodges are about evenly divided on the question, and for this reason does not feel that it should make any recommendation.

The committee has already held two meetings this year, one at New Orleans and another at Washington, for the purpose of harmonizing the ritual. Recommendations that a number of passages shall be amended to make the ceremonies smoother will be made, and a revision of the charges of the different station officers will be proposed also.

That a merry time is in store for Tuesday when grand lodge officers will be elected is indicated by the activity of various friends of probable candidates at the grand lodge headquarters at the Multnomah hotel, the registration headquarters and Elks' temple. Chief interest in the elections will center in the minor chairs of the grand lodge. There is no doubt that Thomas Mills of Superior, Wis., now chairman of the grand trustees, will be unanimously chosen as the next grand exalted ruler. Grand Treasurer Leach, who will arrive Saturday from San Francisco, will not be opposed for re-election. Fred Robinson, grand secretary, however, will be opposed by David McArron of Port Huron, Mich., whom Robinson has beaten three successive terms.

Until yesterday it appeared that Judge George Addington of Albany, N. Y., would have no opposition in the race for grand esteemed leading knight. His hopes of clear sailing, however, received a hard blow this forenoon, when James King of Topeka, Kan., now serving as grand esteemed lecturing knight, announced that in all probability that he would go out for the position coveted by Addington.

Western Candidates.
Dr. Charles Ward of Pasadena, and W. H. Weishar of Goldfield, Nev., are avowed candidates for grand esteemed loyal knight, and E. M. Dickerman of Tucson, Ariz., and L. R. Maxwell, of Marshalltown, Iowa, are in the running for esteemed lecturing knight.

Grand Tiler Shields has no opposition thus far, nor has Grand Inner Guard Shields, "who looked in" and now wishes to succeed himself.

Although it is not positively known, it is believed that there will be no change in the personnel of the grand forum. A vacancy will be caused by the expiration of the term of Robert Brown of Louisville, Ky., chairman of the forum. It is considered almost certain that Grand Exalted Ruler

Sullivan will reappoint Brown to the forum.

Among important matters that will come before the grand lodge next week will be the selection of a permanent national Elks' home, and a recommendation by the home committee that a sum of several hundred thousand of dollars be set aside to build it. At present the Elks' home is at Bedford, W. Va. The property, formerly the Hotel Bedford, was purchased several years ago. Many members of the grand lodge are opposing the proposition to make Bedford the permanent home site on the grounds that it is far out of the usual line of travel and is 700 miles from the center of Elks population.

The probabilities are, however, that the present site will be retained and a new home built, as it is understood the national home committee, of which Gary Hermann, of the Cincinnati baseball magnate is chairman, will recommend that Bedford shall be selected.

The registration bureau in the Oregon Annex, which is directed by Colonel David Dunne, presented an animated appearance from the moment it opened yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Large numbers of local Elks and scores of delegates from various states thronged the big room, where they registered and received their credentials. Up to noon, approximately 1900 Elks had registered.

Arrangements Complete.

The entertainment committee headed by Chairman Gus Moser, was busy also. Chairman Moser announced that practically all preparations for the entertainment of the Elks and their ladies had been completed. Following the appointment of 300 ladies, wives and relatives of local Elks, on an auxiliary entertainment committee, Mr. Moser has called a meeting of them today at 2:30 in the lodge room in the Elks' temple. At the meeting the ladies will be detailed on various duties, in connection with the entertainment of the guests of the Portland lodge.

The chief duties of the auxiliary committee will be to look after the comfort and entertainment of visiting Elks' ladies. A large number of the committee women will be on hand to welcome the incoming delegations at the depots. There the regular reception squad will escort the outside Elks to their quarters, in parade formation. The visiting ladies, however, will be placed in automobiles and be driven to their hotels, accompanied by the committee women.

The auxiliary committee will also be divided in squads to accompany visiting Elks' ladies on the auto rides arranged for Tuesday. In each auto at least one Portland woman will ride to point out the features of the city.

Four Cities in Field.

Four cities have now started campaigns to capture the 1914 reunion while only one--Rochester, N. Y., is openly in the field for the 1913 convention.

The latest aspirant for the 1914 gathering is Atlanta, Ga. Colonel George Andrews, of Atlanta, breezed into town today with a wide smile, a glad hand and a trunk full of purple badges that bore the printed appeal to "visit Dixie" in 1914. Despite his title, Colonel Andrews does not wear a goatee.

The other 1914 cities are Cincinnati, Baltimore and Louisville.

Practically all the street decorations are now in place, according to John Burgard, chairman of the decoration committee. Nearly 300 workmen are laboring with might and main to put on the last finishing touches before Sunday night, when the court of honor, in the heart of the city, will be illuminated for the first time. The business houses are also taking on

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Mrs. William J. Bryan Was at Baltimore With Her Husband



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WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN has a political secretary in whom he reposes the largest confidence. It is his wife. It has been her custom in all of his campaigns to travel with him, acting as his amanuensis and legal aid, for Mrs. Bryan, the daughter and wife of a lawyer, is herself a member of the legal profession. It was a matter of course, then, that she should have accompanied her husband to Baltimore as well as to Chicago, where he reported the Republican convention. Mrs. Bryan's longest journey with her husband was the world tour which they made in 1906. She is fond of travel, but the place she likes best in the world is the farmhouse at Normal, four miles from Lincoln, Neb., which has been the home of the family since 1901.

Regnault's "Salome," For Which \$105,600 Was Paid



FRENCH art circles have been greatly exercised over the purchase by a New York firm of art dealers of the painting "Salome," by Henri Regnault. The picture was offered at auction with other paintings of the Carcano collection and knocked down to the successful bidder for \$105,600, much to the dissatisfaction of many Frenchmen, who hoped to see it purchased for presentation to the Louvre galleries. Indeed, a group of patriots had collected a large sum with such a purpose in view. Much of the interest felt by his countrymen in Regnault arises from the fact that he was killed in battle during the Franco-Prussian war. His works are chiefly concerned with oriental subjects, and his preference was for scenes of horror and bloodshed. Another of his famous canvases is "Decapitation in Granada," depicting a tragic episode of Moorish times.

CITY OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN GRAFT CHARGES

Secret Session of Jurors Held to Hear Commissioner Coffey's Story.

For nearly an hour yesterday morning Police Commissioner John B. Coffey was a witness before a special session of the grand jury held in the office of District Attorney Cameron, in the Chamber of Commerce building. Sensational developments involving high city officials are expected to follow closely on the testimony of the police commissioner, and Market Inspector Joe Singer, who has been subpoenaed.

Commissioner Coffey is believed this morning to have been put through a severe and searching quiz relating to charges that money has been paid for protection to police "higher-ups." His examination was the outcome of rumors about grafting and "protection money" that have been current for a long time, and followed closely on the testimony last night of Sam Krasner, who until a recent "fall out" with those said to have given him protection, has been known as the "administration stool pigeon."

Before the grand jury last Friday, on a charge of having collected \$80 from Max Wagman and Sam Gross for protection, Krasner made sensational charges that graft money has long been collected with the knowledge, it is said, of men high in the police department. Yesterday afternoon he went before the grand jury with specific facts to back his charges, and the examination this morning of Commissioner Coffey, and the coming examination this afternoon of Joe Singer, conducted with every effort at secrecy, at once followed.

The testimony Krasner gave before the grand jury is said to have been sensational in the extreme. Krasner in his story went back more than a year to the time of his first arrest. He also went back, it is said on good authority, to the charges of graft against Acting Police Judge Max Cohen, which were based on affidavits. Krasner charged that those affidavits were false, and that those responsible for having drawn them up knew them to be false.

It is said that Krasner, in his testimony, declared that two city officials promised that in return for money to be collected, certain disorderly houses would be permitted to run without interference from the police. Krasner, who, since his break with those close to him in the administration, has been avowedly out for revenge, is further alleged to have testified that he collected this money, and turned it over to those officials.

In fact, Krasner's testimony is said to have covered almost the entire time that the present administration has been in office, and to have included other sensational charges. Gambling cases were also told about by Krasner.

Extraordinary efforts were made by the grand jury and the district attorney to keep secret not only what transpired at yesterday morning's grand jury session, but even the fact that there was a session at all.

Late yesterday it was given out, after Krasner had been heard, that instead of considering testimony today, the grand jury would devote its time to making the rounds of public offices. Instead of gathering in their regular chambers on the sixth floor of the courthouse, however, the members of the grand jury assembled before 9 o'clock in the rooms of the district attorney.

They immediately went into session behind closed doors in Mr. Cameron's private office. Soon after the doors were first closed, Commissioner Coffey appeared and was closeted with the inquisitors from 9 o'clock until 9:55.

BUSINESS AGENT OF UNION UNDER \$500 BOND

Refusing to Testify or Produce His Books He Is Held in Contempt.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—H. W. Pohlman, business agent of the Seattle Union of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, who is reported to have in his possession letters said to relate to the alleged national dynamite conspiracy, is under bond of \$500 today, pending his appeal from a ruling on a charge of contempt of court.

Pohlman, several months ago, refused to testify before the Federal grand jury here, and recently was ordered to do so by United States Judge Olin Wellborn or to go to jail for contempt of court. After the court's order Pohlman again was taken before the grand jury and again refused to testify or to produce the books of the Seattle Ironworkers' organization.

He and his attorney decided to appeal from Judge Wellborn's order to the District Court of Appeal, and pending the result of their action a stay of execution on the contempt matter was ordered.

WOULD MAKE 50c MINIMUM LIGHT CHARGE

Continuing his policy of aggression towards public service corporations, Councilman Ralph C. Clyde yesterday asked City Attorney Frank S. Grant to draft an ordinance reducing the minimum charge per month on gas and electricity. There are only two sections in the ordinance, it being the shortest ever formulated by Councilman Clyde. The first section reads as follows:

"No person, firm or corporation, manufacturing, selling, supplying or distributing gas or electricity in the city of Portland for illuminating or for power or fuel purposes shall charge, exact, demand or collect from any consumer thereof more than the sum of 50 cents as a minimum rate or charge."

the reception room of the district attorney's offices. Persons coming in on business were ushered into the office of one of the deputies and the door closed on them so that they could not see who entered or departed by way of the reception room.

Commissioner Coffey was put through a long and searching examination. Among the questions asked him, it is said, was to explain the raid he ordered last Thursday morning, in direct defiance of orders previously issued by Chief Slover, which led to the arrest of Max Wagman and Sam Gross, witnesses against Krasner on a charge of extortion.

The chief had directed that these men under no conditions should be molested. Thursday morning at 1 o'clock Coffey asked Captain Riley, after Slover had gone home, for a squad with which to raid a certain house. Sergeant Harms and several men were assigned to him, and the raid on the Wolff apartments at 208 Market street, in which Wagman and Gross and 18 others were arrested, followed. This angered the chief so much that he went to see Mayor Rushlight about it.

Commissioner Coffey would not discuss his testimony after he came from the grand jury room. "I had to promise not to tell what I testified to," he said. "I can say nothing about it. However, it had nothing to do with Krasner."

District Attorney Cameron would say nothing about the grand jury session, even denying at first that there had been one. It is known that Market Inspector Singer has been subpoenaed to appear Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.