

FIRST TIME ELKS EVER THANKED CITY

Convention This Year Has Resolution of Appreciation Spread on Records.

Business demanding the attention of the grand lodge long at this convention was disposed of in record time. For quick work and the amount of important business transacted, Grand Secretary Robinson declares that Portland has established a new mark in the eight years he has had anything to do with the National affairs of the order. It required only a short session yesterday afternoon following the parade to clean up the whole slate, and everything that was scheduled for disposal put through the mill.

The notable feature of the convention was that for the first time in 48 years of its existence a resolution expressing the thanks of the order to the people of the city and state where the convention was held was spread on the official records. This memorable resolution adopted yesterday was as follows:

"Whereas, the grand lodge, of the B. P. O. E. of the United States of America has been the recipient of the unbounded hospitality of Portland Lodge, No. 142, of the city of Portland and the state of Oregon, and

"Whereas, such hospitality has made a deep and most favorable impression upon the hearts and minds of the members of this grand lodge, as well as the members of the order and visiting ladies, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That in the name of the Order of Elks, the grand lodge testifies its appreciation of the many kindnesses and great generosity shown by tendering its sincere and grateful thanks to Portland Lodge, No. 142, to the citizens of Portland and to the state of Oregon, to the press of Portland and the ladies, relatives of our brothers, who have in this kind and hospitable manner made manifest the loyalty and devotion to the principles this grand lodge represents, and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these expressions of gratitude be transmitted to the proper officials of the lodge, city and state and the same be spread in full upon the records of this grand lodge."

Custom has been in the past to adopt merely a vote of appreciation for courtesies shown, but never has it been decided to, officially, transmit engrossed copies of such act to the local and state authorities as will be done this year.

Several important matters were disposed of in the brief meeting. It was voted to assess another per capita of 25 cents for the benefit of the new Elks' Home, the assessment to be paid by October 1. This will raise practically \$100,000, making a total of \$190,000 in the fund. The Grand Lodge practically defeated the plan for a \$600,000 building project by deciding to instruct the present New Elks' Home commission to re-advertise for bids for the institution and to limit the cost to not more than \$250,000, which defers all action for another year.

A complete new ritual will be considered at the Rochester convention in 1913. A draft of it has been prepared and will be submitted to the subordinate lodges in time for action next year.

The newly-elected officers were installed during the afternoon and a great ovation was given both Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Sullivan and Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Mills and they addressed the meeting.

Just before the gavel fell winding up the 1912 meeting, Dr. C. H. Brough, of Fayetteville, Ark., introduced a resolution expressing the high regard of the Grand Lodge for Brother Sullivan and appreciation of his splendid administration. The resolution also called for the appropriation of \$1200 to be used for the purchase of a suitable testimonial for the retiring grand exalted ruler.

NEW TOWN IS PROJECTED ON OREGON ELECTRIC

Enterprising Portland Business Men Plan Model New Manufacturing Town on Oregon Electric Between Portland and Salem.

The Armstrong Townsite Company, composed of H. H. Hoffman, B. N. Garrett and associates, have purchased 200 acres fronting on the Oregon Electric Railway, 28 miles from Portland and midway between Portland and Salem, for the purpose of building a town by the name of Armstrong. The newcomers report that they have succeeded in securing the Armstrong Manufacturing Company, who will immediately locate there and build a \$250,000 foundry and factory, which will furnish employment for some 200 or 300 men. This deal means much to the development of the Willamette Valley, as the town will be located in the center of one of the largest and richest sections of the country. It is understood that the property is platted into business and residence lots. The have procured an option on 500 acres additional, which will be cut into acre tracks and furnished employees of the factory at reasonable terms. Liberal inducements will be offered to all manufacturing industries who wish to locate here, where, it is said, that laborers will be enabled to live much cheaper on account of being able to raise a great deal of the things they now have to pay high prices for, as the soil in this vicinity is very rich. The entire townsite is almost as level as a floor, but has excellent drainage facilities. Telephones and electric lights are already available and it is the intention of the newcomers to install a complete water and sewer system at an early date.

The transaction is deemed to be one of the most important transpiring in the valley lately.

LEAGUE HEARS MANY TALKS

LOS ANGELES. — California and its experiments and progress in politics monopolized the programme of the National Municipal League's session, Dr. John R. Haynes, of Los Angeles, known as the father of the recall in this, the first city to adopt such a measure, delivered an address reviewing the workings of the initiative, referendum and recall wherever they have been adopted.

"The fall of the system of party bossism in California was described by Chester Rowell, editor of the Fresno Republican, who reviewed recent political history in this state.

Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson, a well-known club woman, spoke on the operation of woman suffrage in Pacific Coast cities. Socialism also was discussed. Ira B. Cross, of Stanford University, spoke on the showings made by Socialist candidates in municipal elections recently in California cities. He was followed by Max L. Larkin, who delivered an address on the same subject.

The new "big chief," Thomas B. Mills, was greeted by the convention as "The best-loved man in all Elksdom," and it was with difficulty that he could make himself heard when he arose to thank the convention for the honor bestowed upon him.

"No convention that I have attended has been marked by such fine harmony, by less wrangling and haggling or has done so much good work as the one which has just closed here," declared Grand Secretary Robinson last night.

The total attendance at the convention was 1236, or a few more than were registered at Atlantic City last year. The delegates were divided as follows:

Past grand exalted rulers, 6; Grand Lodge officers, 16; Grand Lodge committeemen, 27; district deputies, 78; representatives, 749; alternates, 99; members, 263; total, 1236.

Devoted Mother and Sister Of Harry Thaw at Court



Photo by American Press Association.

WHATEVER may be the attitude of individuals or the public toward Harry Thaw in his attempt to regain his liberty, there can be nothing but pity and admiration for his widowed mother, who has devoted her life and a great part of her fortune to the service of her son. Thaw's beautiful wife, on account of whom he committed the crime that has kept him in prison for six years, has deserted him, but the mother, whose heart he has broken, has never faltered in her efforts to secure his release from the asylum for criminal insane in which he has been so long immured. During the recent proceedings at White Plains, N. Y., looking to his release as no longer insane, his mother and his sister Alice (formerly the Countess of Yarmouth) were in attendance at court, and the accompanying photograph was taken as they made their way to the courtroom.

Picturesque House In Which Charles Dickens Once Lived

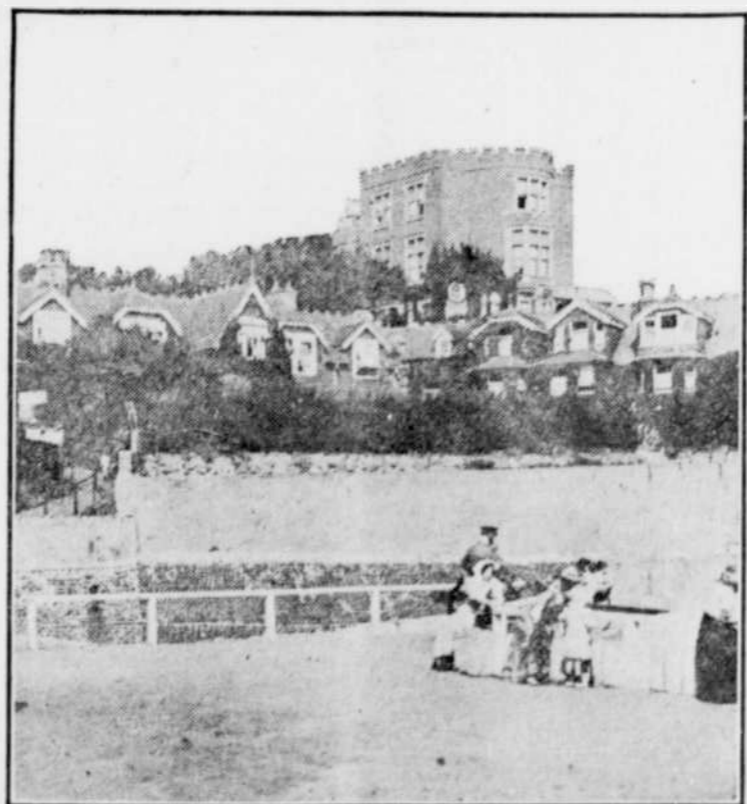


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BROADSTAIRS, one of the quieter English watering places, has been a favorite residence of popular British novelists. George Eliot, Wilkie Collins and Charles Dickens spent much of their time there. A house which was occupied at different times by the last two has recently been sold. It is Bleak House, where "David Copperfield" and other Dickens novels were written. An English doctor bought it for £3,000. It stands on a commanding site overlooking the town and harbor and has charming gardens. The house is marked by a commemorative tablet and a bust of Dickens, which may be distinguished in the photograph.

WOLFE TESTIFIES THAT HARRIMAN GAVE \$500

LOS ANGELES. — Frank E. Wolfe testified on re-direct examination in the bribery trial of Clarence S. Darrow that he had first learned of the attempt to involve Darrow in the alleged jury bribery through Job Harriman. The latter, he said, had obtained that information from Assistant District Attorney Ford.

Ford asked the witness why he did not come to the District Attorney's office and tell him that Darrow had been the witness during the morning Franklin was supposed to have received the alleged bribe money.

"It never occurred to me to go to the District Attorney's office with any information," replied Wolfe. "I thought that office was well enough fortified with an efficient corps of detectives."

I. H. Russell testified that on the morning of Franklin's arrest, Harriman had given the witness \$500 in gold to pay a note. He corroborated the testimony of Harriman and identified the note which is a defense exhibit. Russell was Harriman's secretary during the pendency of the McNamara case.

On cross-examination, Russell was asked many questions concerning the inner workings of the McNamara defense.

LINE IS DRAWN ON I. W. W.

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—For the first time in several weeks Industrial Workers and their sympathizers attempted today to hold an outdoor meeting on a street just outside the restricted district. Police appeared and ordered the crowd to move on. One man who refused to comply was hit by policemen's clubs, but not badly hurt. In a few minutes the street was cleared.

Acting Chief of Police Meyers says the Socialists and other organizations may speak in the streets outside the restricted district, but that Industrial Workers may not because they are deemed anarchists whose speeches are likely to cause a riot.

ANARCHISTS NOT WANTED.

SEATTLE.—Charles Kranz, a former member of the colony of anarchists at Home, near Tacoma, was denied citizenship yesterday by United States District Judge Edward E. Cushman.

Kranz, on examination, said that the members of the colony did not believe in organized government and did not respect the flag. His application was denied for prejudice.

AT THE HELBIG.

Cathrine Countiss begins her summer season at the Heilig Theatre, Seventh and Taylor Sts., in "The Thief," on Sunday evening, July 14th. Public interest is very great; many elements inspire it. Miss Countiss is very close to the hearts of Portland playgoers, whose encouragement led her on to broader achievements. She returns as one of the best-known women of the stage. Sydney Ayres, her leading man, is also widely and deservedly popular.

The Heilig is a beautiful theatre, with a wonderful cooling plant for midsummer nights. The plays are high-class and attractive. The special scale of prices—25c to 75c—is within reach of all purses.

The opening bill, Henri Bernstein's "The Thief," is a model of construction, tense and gripping in its theme—a wife's desperate device to retain the admiration and affection of her husband. It has been a test for the greatest artists in France.

Following it, July 21st, by way of contrast, is the sparkling comedy "A Woman's Way," in which Grace George gained her greatest success.

The season of Miss Countiss promises a series of real dramatic treats. The seat sale is very large.

WILL PUT BIG BEER HALL OUT OF BUSINESS

Authorities Act in Case of Dive in Basement of Yeon Building.

After a personal inspection of the big beer hall in the basement of the Yeon building, Deputy District Attorney Frank Collier drew up John Doe warrants for the arrest of the proprietors on a charge of maintaining a nuisance. The warrants will be served by the constable and the place will be put out of business if possible.

Collier declares that it is one of the vilest dives that has ever been opened in the city. The entire basement is occupied, and cheap tables and chairs are crowded in as thickly as possible. At one end is an improvised stage, where a pianist and men and women dancers and singers disport themselves for the entertainment of the crowd.

"Young girls are served with liquor and the crowds are permitted all kinds of license," declared Collier. "In addition to the harmful influence of the place, the resort is unsanitary. There is no plumbing in the basement and no rules of sanitation are observed. I shall keep the place under surveillance, and if one arrest is not enough to cause proper regulation, successive warrants will be issued."

Deputy Peter McIntosh of the Juvenile Court had his attention called to the place and also made an inspection last night.

"The place was crowded full of people to the point of suffocation and there was a big porter at the door to hold the crowds back," said McIntosh. "I made the rounds of the tables and found many girls under the age of 18. There is a sign over the bar to the effect that no women would be served with liquor except with meals. However, no one was refused and the 'meal' consisted of a sandwich on a small plate, which no one disturbed and which was served repeatedly to justify the drinks. The sawdust on the floor was three inches thick and very dirty and the smoke was so thick that the air was blue. I saw many half-intoxicated women and many acts of indiscretion, even by the very young girls. They permitted the utmost familiarity from the crowds of men who surged through the place and were frequently on their chairs or the tables to execute a dance. I was not prepared to raid the place, or I could have secured dozens of girls of tender age as witnesses against the proprietors."

Deputy District Attorney Collier says that John B. Yeon, owner of the building, is anxious to have the place closed, he having rented it on the distinct understanding that an orderly establishment would be conducted. The proprietors got a license from the Council on the understanding that the laws and ordinances would be observed.

Mayor Rushlight instructed Chief of Police Slover to detail a squad of patrolmen for duty at the beer hall to see that order is preserved and that no more intoxicated are served to minors. He has received several complaints in regard to the manner in which this place is conducted. He has also directed City Health Officer Wheeler to investigate it from a sanitary standpoint.

AT THE EMPRESS.

One of the most interesting ornithological performances now in vaudeville will be presented by Victor Niblo's talking birds. There are two of them—"Coo Coo," an Indian parrot, and "Laura," a South American parrot—and their conversational powers are quite remarkable. Not only do these birds hold a conversation in English and French with their trainer, but they talk to one another in conversation to be readily understood by the audience.