RUMMAGE SALE

Parishioners of St. Peter's Church will open a rummage sale next Friday.

ELKS TO MEET IN DENVER

(Scripps News Association)

Denver, Col., July 16.—As by the wand of a powerful fairy, Denver has been transformed into a purple city. From the railroad depot, where train after train arrives, bringing delegates to the national convention of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and thousands of other visitors, far beyond the Capitol the royal purple of the order greets the eye everywhere. Purple bunting decorates the business houses and private residences, purple flowers adorn the window sills and bloom in profusion in every front yard and in every flower bed in the parks and public squares. Purple streamers float in the breeze from the housetops and purple lights are strung across the streets, to shed purple light upon the festive scene at night.

Although the convention will not begin until this evening, the city is already filled with visitors. Every train rolling into the station brings delegatiods, accompanied by their ladies and other excursionists and many of the delegations are accompanied by bands. According to a conservative estimate, there are already about one hundred bands of music in the city and more are coming with every train. The arrangements for the reception of the delegates are as nearly perfect as they can be made. Although the hotels seem to be crowded already, it is asserted that there will be no difficulty in placing the thousands of delegates and other visitors who are still coming.

The business sessions of the Grand Lodge will be held tomorrow and Wednesday. Many matters of importance will come up for consideration, among others a proposition to cut down the membership of the Grand Lodge, which now includes all past exalted rulers and is increasing at the rate of about a thousand a year. As this would soon make the Grand Lodge an enormous and unwielding body, an effort will be made to remedy this altogether too rapid increase. Another propoistion to be considered is that to make the position of the Exalted Ruler of the Grand Lodge a salaried one and to require that officer to give all his time to the business of the order. This is considered necessary on account of the rapid increase in the membership of the order which has reached half a million, distribvted over 1,025 lodges. The organization is in a flourishing financial condition and has spent more than $1,000,000 in charity during the past year.

The election of officers will take place tomorrow and great interest is manifested in that part of the proceedings. The California delegates are working hard for the election of Henry A. Melvin, judge of the superior court of Alameda county to the position of Grand Exalted Ruler, and it is believed that he will be elected.

Following the inclement weather, the Colorado skies appeared undimmed by clouds this morning. The Elks will have the most perfect weather for the opening of the convention tonight. It seems almost certain that Judge Malvin of Oakland, California, will be chosen exalted ruler. Dr. W. H. Haviland of Butte is to be the grand trustee according to reports.

COUNTY SCHOOL REPORTS

County Superintendent E. E. Bragg has just completed his report for the school year of 1906 which ended in June. The report does not vary much with that of last year as will be seen by glance at the financial statements for this and last year. The report, in part, as was sent to the state superintendent follows:

SCHOOL CENSUS

Male	2822
Female	2710
Total	5532

ENROLLMENT

Between the ages of four and twenty years:

Male	2128
Female	1956
Total	4084

Number not attending:

Male	578
Female	421
Total	998

Number teachers employed:

Male	30
Female	110
Total	140

MISCELLANEOUS

There are sixty organized districts in the county, there are sixty-five school houses, and five of these were built during the past year. Number of mills, district tax, levied. The average wages, male $61.00, female $45. Estimated value of school houses and grounds $141,475.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts, 1906	$100,609.76
Disbursements '06	77,730.04
Cash on hand '06	22,879.72
Receipts '05	88,439.02
Disbursements '05	66,455.95
Cash on hand '05	21,983.07
Increase in Receipts	12,170.74
Increase in Disbursements	11,274.09
Increase of Cash on hand	1,096.65

The above report includes the schools in the city of La Grande.

NONATTENDANCE IN 1905

Male	506
Female	455
Total	961

These figure sshow that during the past year there were 48 more who should have been enrolled in school but were not, than last year. By a comparison of the financial statements it is found that the finances for the Union counry school, system was some greater than last year.

LODGE DIRECTORY

EAGLES - La Grande Aerie 295F. O E. meets every Friday night in Elk hall, at 8 p. m. Visiting brhren invited to att.
I. R. Snook W. S
Dr. G. L. Biggers W. P.

I. O. O. F.—La Grande Lodge No. 16, meets in their hall every Saturday night. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend. Cemetery plat may be seen at Model Restaurant.
H. E. Coolidge, N. G.
D. E. Cox, Sec.

STAR ENCAMPMENT, No. 31, I. O. O. F.—Meets every first and third Thursdays in the month in Odd Fellows hall. Visiting patriarchs always welcome.
G. E. Fowler, C. P.
D. E. Cox, Scribe.

M. W. A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every first and third Wednesday of the month at I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend.
C. S. Williams, V. C.
John Hall, Clerk.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA—Court Maid Marion No. 22 meets each Thursday night in Redman hall. Brothers are invited to attend.
Fred Hon Chief Ranger
L. L. Snodgrass Financial Sec.
Board of Trustees—Dr. G. L. Biggers John Hall and C. S. Williams

B. P. O. E., La GRANDE LODGE No 433—Meets each Thursday evening at eight o'clock in Elks' hall, on Adams Avenue. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited to attend.
E. W. Davis, Exalted Ruler
G. E. McCully, Recording Secretary

LA GRANDE LODGE No. 169, WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—Meets every Friday of each month in the K. of P. hall in the Corp building. All visiting members welcome.
Fred Jacobs Consul Commander
J. H. Keeney, Clerk.

RED CROSS LODGE, No. 27—Meets every Monday evening in Castle Hall, Corpe building. A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights.
N. L. Ackles, C. C.
R. Pattison, K. R. & S.

RATHBONE SISTERS Rowena Temple No. 9 meets every Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. in the K. of P. Hall in the Corpe building. Visiting members cordially invited.
Milly Frawley M. E. C
Eunice Prouter M. of R. & C.