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WHY, BLESS ME! IT'S OLD BILL ELK!

BILL ELK'S LIFE AS SKETCHED BY ONE ON OUTSIDE

B. P. O. E. Originated From Actors: Was First Established in 1867 by Englishman Named Charles A. S. Vivian.

ORDER WAS FIRST GIVEN NAME OF "THE JOLLY CORKS"

Traits of the Elks Led to the Adoption of That Name—Over 300,000 Members Today.

(Written by an Outsider.)

A profound belief in God; a spirit; a spirit of beneficence to the unfortunate; the cultivation of comradeship and hearty enjoyment of the good things of life; a cherishing of the virility of existence; a cultivation of manly sentiment—these, from an intimate acquaintance with and a close observation of the Elks, form their characteristics.

As they originated from actors, and as my life has been largely associated with men of the stage, and as I am neither an actor nor Elk, this view can be taken as frank and well considered and as the result of a friendly and admittedly partial opinion.

An unanswerable evidence of the worth of the order and the truth of what I claim for its membership is shown by a glance over its history, for in 1867 13 good fellows began its existence, and today there are something over 300,000 who enjoy its privileges.

A man who helped make the songs of the nation created the order.

He was an Englishman, and he bore the ponderous name of Charles Algernon Sydney Vivian.

Vivian was a fellow of merry nature, who forsook the home of a clergyman father in order to spend his career singing joy into the lives of others.

He liked his fellow men; he thrived on association with men of effervescent spirits and without rattle like a Fourth of July. And he found himself alone in New York without work and with no one to talk to.

He found shelter in a now-forgotten chophouse, the Star hotel, on Lispenard street near Broadway. Trust an actor, even broke, not to get far away from that thoroughfare which leads to fame and salaries.

There was a sanded floor room, where the tapster attended to the wants of a group of professional men, and when these burst into song a "professor," one Richard Steirly, played the songs of the day on anemic piano.

Vivian sat one rainy afternoon, listening to the others, until Steirly sat him down at the piano, and reeled off some song hit of the day. Perhaps it was about "The Girl on the Flying Traneze," possibly it was

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CITY GARBED IN APPROPRIATE WHITE AND PURPLE

Seventh Street Mass of Bunting—Stores Are Fittingly Decorated in Keeping With the Day.

MANY BEAUTIFUL AND NOVEL EFFECTS ARE SHOWN

Big Banquet Hall Is Elaborately Decorated—Weather Leaves Nothing to Be Desired.

The business section of Medford today presents a maze of color—purple and white—for all of the business houses in the city have decorated in honor of the visitors and local boys.

A number of the stores entered actively into the contest for the huge B. P. O. E. banner, which was promised to the store having the most elaborate windows.

Among the decorations that of the front of T. E. Daniels' store shows perhaps the most elaborate work. A huge bower has been constructed in front of the store crossing the sidewalk, while the windows are tastefully arranged. Frank Bennett displayed rare skill and taste in its arrangement. The Medford Furniture company displays a huge pair of antlers, as does Haskins' drug store.

In Russell's a tiny elk labeled Medford lodge, No. 1168, is shown in a huge cracked egg with the words "Just Hatched."

On the West Side George A. Butt has a splendid window, as have other firms. Indeed the entire city has cause to be proud of the showing that has been made. In every direction are banners bearing words of welcome. And back of the words a welcome is meant.

The weather is perfect, a typical southern Oregon day dawned for the boys and left nothing to be desired.

The great banquet hall is decorated in splendid shape. It is a bower of beauty. The Redmen's hall has also been prepared for the institution of the lodge.

RAILROAD MAN SHOWS GOOD ROADS TO FARMERS

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23.—B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the executive committee of the Rock Island-Frisco railroad and an advocate of good roads, is here in an automobile tour of inspection, accompanied by a party representing the farming interests of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. The purpose of the investigation is to effect an improvement in road building in the west and southwest, and convince the agriculturists that the benefits include a saving in transportation charges.

"A Knight for a Day" will be followed by a good waltz at The Wigwam. Don't miss it. 160

Hello Bill!



There's the greeting of the lover and the maid,
And the greeting of the husband and the wife,
And the homecoming father, as his cares and worries fade,
Thinks the greeting of his kids the best in life;
But the short and simple greeting of an Elk,
For a man's heart has its own peculiar thrill—
Good fellowship and feeling in it's felt—
"Hello, Bill!"

When two Elks meet, who haven't met in years,
They don't greet each other with a formal speech;
They bar embraces, demonstrations, tears,
But the little words of welcome surely reach.
They say: "I'm glad to see you, you can bet,
And here's wishing you success enough to kill."
In this phrase what depth of feeling you can get—
"Hello, Bill!"

It's a greeting that has gone around the earth;
It arrives upon the same day as the flag;
A chuckling note of fellowship in mirth,
A cheer-up salutation when things drag,
And the Elks when they die will go up top,
And St. Peter, as they step across the sill,
I think these words of welcoming will drop—
"Hello, Bill!"

HERMANN IS AMAZED BY CITY'S GROWTH

Former Congressman Is Guest of the Elks—Too Early for Him to Talk Politics.

Hon. Binger Hermann, Roseburg, for many years congressman from Oregon and formerly commissioner of the general land office, was among the guests of Medford at the Elks' celebration Thursday.

"Medford has grown so in the past few years that I scarcely know the place," said Mr. Hermann. "I remember, and not so long ago, when it was little more than a country crossroads. Now it is the most metropolitan of the small cities of Oregon. But all Oregon towns are waking up. Progress and improvement are the order of the day. Roseburg is developing wonderfully, and so is Marshfield. All Oregon is forging ahead."

Asked about the probabilities of his re-entering politics, Mr. Hermann said: "People have been so kind as to suggest my becoming a candidate, but it is too early to discuss such an event. I find that I have many friends in all parts of the country, despite the cloud that has been cast upon my reputation. But the sun is coming out of the clouds and my persecution nearing an end, then it will be time enough to talk politics. Meanwhile I am delighted to greet old friends again and find them staunch and true."

FEDERAL COURT WILL OPEN HERE OCTOBER FIFTH

Judges Have Issued Rules Having to Do With Federal Court to Be Held Here.

Judges Wolverton and Bean of the federal district court have issued rules for the Medford federal court, authorized by the statute giving to Oregon a second district judge. The Medford term opens the first Tuesday in October. The first session of the court outside of Portland will be held at Medford the first week in October. There is no indication now that southern Oregon has much litigation to come before the court at that time, but after the sessions are more widely understood it is believed that most federal hearings for interests in the regions where the courts are held will be there instead of before the tribunal in Portland, as in the past. The rules issued are as follows:

Filing of Papers.
"All papers and records in every case arising in the district of southern Oregon shall be kept at the clerk's office in Portland, Or., except when required to be at a session of the court at Medford. In the counties of Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake shall be filed with the deputy clerk at Medford, but such papers shall immediately be forwarded by such deputy to the clerk's office at Portland, in whose custody they shall

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"HELLO BILL" IS THE GREETING OF THE DAY

Hundreds of Visitors Pouring Into the City to Be on Hand at the Big Time Tonight.

"HELLO, BILL" AND "OH, YOU ELK," WORKING OVERTIME

Members of Antlered Tribe Meet in Medford—Off for Auto Ride in Valley.

"Hello Bill" and "Oh, you Elk" are working overtime today. Everywhere, anywhere, Bill Elk is meeting Bill Elk, greetings are being exchanged, hands clasped, and slaps given on shoulders—good, big, broad shoulders for the most part, too—for today Bill Elk, his heirs and assigns, own the old town. And the old town enjoys it, too.

With the arrival of the morning train Elks from many strange ranges began to drift in for a day's browsing. The local herd was out in force greeting the new arrivals, and "putting 'em wise." For hospitality and good cheer is the order of the day.

The Roseburg bunch, nearly 100 strong, arrived on the morning train. They were elaborately bedecked with purple and white. White linen hats bearing a purple band were worn for the most part, while cards bearing the legend, "It will be built," were stuck in various bands. Purple goats, beer pumps, phonographs and several other fixtures accompanied them.

The visitors were met at the depot by the Medford band playing "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," and from all appearances there will be.

Between 300 and 400 Elks are in the city as visitors. Medford lodge, No. 1168, will certainly have a royal institution.

Many prominent men of the state are in Medford attending the exercises, among them being Binger Hermann, former congressman, H. C. McAllister, master fish warden; John C. Coffey of Portland, state senator, and others. Governor Benson was invited and promised to attend if possible, but he found he could not get away.

Many amusing stunts are scheduled for today, and several have been pulled off. The Roseburg contingent had a dozen policemen, who were busy making arrests and dragging Elks to the hall, where they were "fined." W. H. Barry has a contract to sprinkle the city's streets this afternoon with purple water. The sprinkler will be appropriated, labeled "You can't get this in Central Point."

Among other things brought from Roseburg was a barrel of beer, where it was secured in a "dry" town has not as yet been determined. The nec-

TODAY IS DAY OF DAYS FOR THE HOME BOYS

Today Means Much to Local Members of the B. P. O. E., Who Have Worked Hard for Lodge.

OVERCAME MANY OBSTACLES MAKING EVENTS POSSIBLE

Were Even Forced to Take Census of City—Lodge Is Testimonial to Medford Spirit.

Today means much to local members of the B. P. O. E. It means among other things that a long cherished hope has been realized; that the goal so long sought has been finally reached. For months the local Elks have overcome obstacles which sprang up constantly in their path, and kept up the fight until now success is theirs.

In December of last year T. E. Daniels of this city made the first actual move towards the obtaining of a local lodge. For months before the matter had been talked of, but nothing tangible was done until Mr. Daniels, who has done more perhaps than any other to organize the local lodge, put a "declaration of independence" as it were into the field stating that Medford should have a lodge. Local Elks—prospective charter members of the new lodge—were asked to sign it, which was done. This paper was a petition for a dispensation from the grand exalted ruler so that a lodge could be instituted in this city. Then began the tug-of-war.

The greatest obstacle to overcome was to know exactly the population of the city. In Elkdom no lodge may be started in a city of less than 5000 population. To overcome the fact and arrive at a knowledge that there were over 5000 people in Medford the Elks had a census taken, which showed the necessary number with several hundred to spare.

It was planned at this time to institute the new lodge in April, but this was found to be impossible. A dispensation was granted which expired on the date of the grand lodge meeting in Los Angeles and before the district deputy could institute the local lodge.

Not one whit discouraged, T. E. Daniels and Court Hall went to Los Angeles, where they met and organized the Oregon delegates into a solid

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essary beer pump was also brought along.

The Ashland bunch, 200 strong, will arrive on train 16 at 5:24 this afternoon and then the big time will break loose.

This afternoon an auto drive through the valley comprised the entertainment.