

MULTNOMAH HOTEL TO BE ELKS' TRYST

Armory Is Chosen for Convention Meetings and Parade Route Is Picked.

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Grand Lodge Officers Virtually Complete Convention Business. Entire Hostelry Reserved--East and West Sides to See March.

LINE OF MARCH FOR ELKS PARADE JULY 11, 1912.

Formation on Fourteenth, south of Morrison.
Head of parade starts at Fourteenth and Columbia streets.
Down Fourteenth to Morrison.
Down Morrison to Tenth.
Down Tenth to Washington.
Down Washington to Seventh.
Up Seventh to Madison.
On Madison across Hawthorne bridge to Grand ave.
Down Grand avenue to East Burnside.
On East Burnside across Burnside bridge to Sixth.
Up Sixth to Morrison.
Down Morrison to Fifth.
Up Fifth to Yamhill.
Up Yamhill to Seventh.
Disband on Seventh street to the south.

Selection of the Multnomah Hotel as official headquarters, the armory as the meeting place and a parade route embracing the principal business streets of both the East and West Sides was the principal business accomplished yesterday by the Elks' grand lodge officers and members of the Portland Commission in charge of the plans for the big convention, which is expected to bring 50,000 Elks from all parts of the country to Portland next July.

The grand lodge officers who are in the city—John P. Sullivan, of New Orleans, grand exalted ruler; Fred C. Robinson, of Dubuque, Ia., grand secretary, and Thomas B. Mills, of Superior, Wis., and Carey L. Applegate, of Salt Lake City, grand trustees—visited the hotels that had been offered as grand lodge headquarters. The Multnomah which now is receiving the finishing touches at the hands of the decorators, was the last place they saw. The decision in favor of the Multnomah was unanimous and almost instantaneous.

140 Rooms Engaged.

Mr. Mills, on behalf of the board of trustees, contracted with Phil Gevirtz, lessee of the hotel, for 140 rooms, in addition to all the available space in the building for the use of the committees and general offices. In explaining the choice of the Multnomah Mr. Mills said:

"In fact this hotel is the only one that answers our purposes completely. It has accommodations for the entire grand lodge party, as well as sufficient rooms for the use of our committees and our officials. The principal point that appealed to me, however, was the lobby.

"I have observed at previous seasons that everyone wants to visit headquarters. Marching clubs will swarm the lobby. Other delegations will come in with their bands. The headquarters hotel constantly is the center of all interest. A hotel has to be prepared to handle crowds of this kind and the Multnomah is better able to do it than any other of the Portland hotels. While any of the others would have been desirable for our purposes, the one we selected is the best. That's the reason we took it. The Elks always want the best.

Hotel Is Extolled.

"As a matter of fact I don't know of any city that has a nicer hotel, or one more adapted to our purpose than this one. It is a hotel that Portland surely can be proud of and I am sure that the grand lodge officials will be not only satisfied, but pleased."

Immediately after the grand lodge had chosen its rooms the Multnomah Hotel managers reserved 250 rooms for the San Francisco lodge, 50 for Salt Lake City, 50 for New Orleans, 25 for Superior, Wis., and 10 for Dubuque, Ia. This virtually will fill the hotel, which contains 525 rooms.

Arrangements were made to convert the mezzanine floor into offices, which will be divided for the use of the grand exalted ruler, the grand secretary, the grand treasurer and the grand trustees. Another large room will be reserved for the use of the committee on credentials, and separate quarters will be provided for the grand forum, which is the supreme court of Elksdom, and committees on charters, on judiciary, on preservation of elk and other committees.

Families Also to Come.

The immediate members of the grand lodge party will consist of probably 375 persons, and will include the officers, district deputies from every state in the Union, grand lodge committee members and the past grand exalted rulers who compose a standing committee on "good of the order." The contract provides also for the accommodation of the members of the families of the grand lodge party. A corps of clerks and stenographers will be employed for the executive offices.

While the detailed terms of the contract have not been figured, Mr. Mills estimates that the grand lodge will spend about \$25,000. The Multnomah Hotel. The grand lodge party will be quartered there nearly a full week. The grand secretary and other officials will come to Portland nearly a week before the meeting opens.

The Armory was the only place taken into consideration for the business sessions. The Hotel Theater is too small, and the Gipsy Smith auditorium is too far out of the way. Officials of the Oregon National Guard have agreed to accommodate of the members of the families of the grand lodge party. A corps of clerks and stenographers will be employed for the executive offices.

Mr. Mills said the Portland Armory has an advantage over many buildings in which grand lodge sessions have been held in the past, because it can seat all the grand lodge members on one floor. It is estimated that 2000 accredited delegates and grand lodge members will attend. All past exalted rulers of all lodges are members of the grand lodge. Elks who are not members of the grand lodge will be invited to the gallery. All the visiting of-

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officials were well pleased with the Armory, and predicted that meetings will be successfully conducted there.

Members of the Portland commission accompanied the grand lodge party over the route of the parade in automobiles. The line of march previously selected by George L. Baker, chairman of the committee on parades and music, was adopted. Grand Exalted Ruler Sullivan telegraphed the route to James R. Nicholson, grand esquire, at Boston, for his approval. The promises made to the East Side business men to have the parade pass over the river will be fulfilled. In fact, it is doubtful whether the parade could have been handled on the West Side alone. The line of march is about five miles long.

25,000 Elks to March.
Mr. Sullivan, who has acted as grand esquire at several reunions, estimates that about 25,000 Elks—half the number that will visit the city—will participate in the parade. Most of them

will be in uniform. It will require an hour and a half or two hours to pass a given point.

Thursday, July 11, at 10 A. M., has been set as the time for the big parade. The local lodge of Elks has contracted for the lawn on the north side of the Federal building, facing Morrison street, for the official reviewing stand, in which 800 seats will be reserved for the grand lodge party and their families, civic, state and Federal officials. Grand Exalted Ruler Sullivan and his aides will ride at the head of the column until it reaches this point, then leave their carriages and review the procession.

That portion of the official reviewing stand not occupied by the grand lodge party will remain in the hands of the local lodge. The Portland commission also will control all other grandstand privileges along the line of march. George L. Baker announced yesterday that the reunion next July will be the happiest in the history of the order, as

well as the best advertising medium ever offered Portland.

"SMALLPOX" SCARE IS REVIVED
Elks Remind Secretary of Joke Played on Him 3 Years Ago.

All that is necessary to get Fred Robinson, grand secretary of the Elks, real peeved, is to say "smallpox." "Freddie" is a practical joker of repute and skill, and when he was in Portland three years ago the boys here decided to get even. It happened that at the time he was nursing an eruption of the skin on his neck. He made a fatal mistake by asking Dr. Harry McKay, of Portland, for a diagnosis, for Dr. McKay was in on the game. After a critical examination, accompanied by much assumed professional apprehension, Dr. McKay pro-

nounced it a case of smallpox. Other doctors—all of whom had been properly posted—were called into "consultation." "Smallpox" was the unanimous verdict.

That was too much for the secretary. He fell under the table in a swoon. Liberal application of cold water restored him, but when some one again said "smallpox" he repeated the swoon. His tormenters mercifully desisted from further annoyances at the time, but they have not forgotten it. Since the little secretary's arrival in Portland the word "smallpox" is frequently heard around the Elks building, and every time it is mentioned Fred Robinson squirms.

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