

ELK HIKERS FINISH 2223 MILES

Three Missouri Boys Receive Glad Hand at End of Long Journey.

THOUSANDS GREET TRIO

Pedestrians Escorted Into City by Automobiles and Band—Big Noise Marks Line of March—Portland May Claim Visitors.

HIKERS MAY BECOME RESIDENTS OF PORTLAND.

Although the Portland Elks have agreed to pay for the return transportation of Herman Clark, Cecil Stone and Fred Lyon, the three young men who arrived here yesterday to attend the Elks' convention after walking from their home at Brookfield, Mo., it is probable that they will be spared this expense, as the hikers have received offers of jobs in the city. While they are eager to return to their homes, they are considering the advisability of remaining permanently in Portland. "Pike" Davis, president of the Missouri society, declares that each of the lads can go to work tomorrow if he so desires.

For three or four hours yesterday three youthful members of the Brookfield, Mo., lodge of Elks shared with the dignitaries of the order the honor and attention that the people of Portland are paying to Elkdom.

The three young men—Herman Clark, Cecil Stone and Fred Lyon—stepped into the Portland Elks' lodge-rooms at noon after walking from their home—a distance of 2223 miles—all the way to Portland to attend the Elks' grand lodge.

Outside a crowd of 5000 persons showed respectful applause. "We are here at last," exclaimed Clark, as he stepped with the two others across the threshold of the club-rooms, thereby bringing their journey to an end.

Enthusiasts Join Walkers.

The boys started on the last leg of their journey yesterday morning from the ranch of Dr. Harry F. McKay, and were accompanied over the remainder of the route by automobile-riding Portland Elks and other citizens, by boys on bicycles and by men on foot. At Fifth and Hawthorne avenues they were met by the Administration Band and the uniformed Welcome Squad of 60 men, under command of C. E. McDonnell, who marched with them to the Elks' Temple. And more than one member of the squad was more tired at the end of this short hike than the hikers themselves.

Along the entire route women showered the sturdy lads with flowers, flags, pennants and tin horns greeted them at frequent intervals. On Grand avenue a husky woman with a big bass drum lent thunder to the tumult. A small army of photographers snapped them along the line. Professionals as well as amateurs were out in force. Early yesterday afternoon half a dozen enterprising studios and photo supply houses in various parts of the city were offering post cards of the hikers for sale.

Band Heads Welcome Squad.

In advance of the band and the members of the welcome squad rode Dr. Harry F. McKay, chairman of the Elks' reception committee, at whose home east of the city the hikers remained last night, and C. C. Bradley, exalted ruler of the lodge. In the machine with them were Mrs. J. H. Fouse and her daughter, Irene Fouse, both of Brookfield, who were members of the party that bid the boys good-bye when they started the long hike from Brookfield, Mo., and her daughter reached Portland Monday.

"When the boys left Brookfield," said Mrs. Fouse, "everybody thought it was a joke. No one thought they would be able to finish the journey and everyone predicted that within a week they would return home. The entire population of the town was out to bid them good-bye. I believe the boys themselves were not sure at that time that they would be able to reach Portland. "Probably by the time they reached Brookfield will come to Portland next week to help celebrate with the walkers."

Youths All Prominent.

The three young men are sons of prominent families in Missouri. Herman Clark is a train dispatcher for the Burlington railroad and is arranging to attend a university in Germany next year to complete his education. Fred Lyon also is a telegraph operator, while Cecil Stone is manager of his mother's estate, which involves considerable property in the vicinity of Brookfield.

William A. Osborne, Jr., secretary of the Brookfield lodge and brother of James Osborne, of Portland, will reach here today and will arrange the hikers and the Brookfield delegation to have a prominent part in the parade on Thursday.

Frank W. Davis, also a member of the Brookfield lodge and a brother of "Pike" Davis, of this city, is due to arrive in Portland today.

Cheering Crowd Awaited.

A cheering crowd awaited the boys when they rounded the corner at Steves street to enter the Elks' temple. Men and women surrounded the Missourians. They were compelled to stop in the middle of the street and shake hands with hundreds before they could approach the steps of the Elks' building. They stopped to shake the hand of C. C. Bradley, exalted ruler of Portland lodge, and to pose for a battery of cameras.

"What's the matter with Missouri?" shouted a husky voice away out on Seventh street and in an instant the crowd answered, "She's all right!"

When the hikers entered the lobby of the Elks' building someone suggested that they take the elevator up to the club rooms on the third floor, but the boys scorned the offer, declaring that they would walk every inch of the way until they had registered at the desk. Within the club rooms 400 lodge members awaited. Cheers and hand clapping greeted the boys as they entered the doors. They walked to the desk and placed their names upon the register, first displaying their lodge cards.

City Gives Welcome.

An informal reception was held in the club rooms, after which the pedestrians went to the lodge rooms on the fourth floor, where they were officially received by Exalted Ruler Bradley, who read the letter of introduction from J. W. Jones, exalted ruler of the Brookfield lodge.

George L. Baker, president of the City Council, then welcomed the Missourians on behalf of Mayor Rushlight and the City of Portland. "You are from Missouri," said Baker, "and you

ARRIVAL OF ELK HIKERS FROM MISSOURI



Administration Band and Welcome Squad Leading Procession



Hikers Followed By Missouri Society At Elks Temple



Lyon, Stone, Clark. Hikers Approaching Portland.

have shown us. The town is yours, so far as you like." W. M. Davis, who is proud of the fact that he is a former resident of Pike County, Missouri, proclaimed a greeting on behalf of the Missouri Society of Oregon. At the conclusion of these informal and formal greetings the audience arose and sang "Auld Lang Syne," after which both men and women again crowded around the boys, shaking their hands, patting them on the back, and showering them with various sundry forms of Portland hospitality. Then, for the first time since starting from Brookfield, the walkers traveled by other means than on foot. They took the elevator from the fourth floor to the street and went to the Oregon Hotel, where a suite of rooms had been prepared for them and where they will stay until after the Elks' grand lodge.

Elks Week

Mail to your friends and relatives in the East The Oregonian during the Elks' Convention, including the big illustrated special Elks' Edition, the Sunday before the convention, and the great Sunday edition of July 14th, giving a resume of the entire week. Eight Issues Altogether. The Oregonian will have the best and most complete account of the days' doings, profusely illustrated, and no more attractive testimonial to your friends could be given than a subscription to Oregon's great daily during the event. Orders given now or sent by mail to The Oregonian will receive prompt and careful attention. Subscription price for the entire eight days, including the two special Elks' editions, and postage, 25 cents.

CHARTER IS REVISED

Draft of Proposed City Constitution Finished.

AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE

Commission Government Document Will Be Published and Suggestions Received From Citizens Before Vote Is Taken.

Revision of the original draft of the proposed commission charter by a special sub-committee of Mayor Rushlight's charter revision committee has been completed and a copy furnished to each member of the committee. It is the purpose of Mayor Rushlight, as chairman of the full committee, to call the members together at an early date for the purpose of receiving the revised draft of the document and finally approving the alterations that have been made.

The plan is first to give the full committee an opportunity to consider the revised draft and suggest such further amendments as may have been overlooked in the first consideration or to propose others that may be deemed essential for insuring a proper basis for a commission form of government.

Charter to Be Published.

When this has been done, the special revision committee will redraft its proposed charter in the form that it will be submitted to the voters. It is the desire of the charter framers to give the document as it is finally completed by them the fullest possible publicity. For this reason it is planned after the completed draft has been made to have the full list of amendments published in daily papers. This will be done for the purpose of

permitting individual citizens to suggest to the committee further amendments or improvements in the proposed charter. It is estimated that at least 30 days should be allowed for publishing the amendments and receiving suggestions from the public. Thereafter the final draft must be made by the committee preliminary to filing the same with the City Auditor, in whose office it must repose for 60 days before it can be submitted at a special or regular election.

Submission May Be Delayed.

It has been the intention of the committee to have the amended charter submitted at a special election, if possible, not later than October 1. There is little probability that the measure will go before the people by that time. Although the commission charter as it will eventually be drafted will not become effective, if adopted by the people, until the expiration of Mayor Rushlight's term, there is every probability now, judging from the length of time that has been consumed in preparing the first draft, that the final document will not be ready for submission to the voters after meeting the necessary legal requirements as to filing in the Auditor's office, until late this fall.

The special sub-committee that has completed the original draft of the charter consisted of R. W. Montague, City Attorney Grant, Chief Deputy Auditor Grutes and P. L. Willis.

BUCHTEL FEARS BLINDNESS

Eyes of Pioneer Failing—Operation May Be Necessary.

Joseph Buchtel, widely known pioneer who was elected president of the Pioneer Association this year, fears that he will lose his sight in a very short time.

His eyes have failed rapidly in recent years and the trouble failed to respond to treatment by specialists. Whether an operation will restore sight cannot be foretold, but it will probably be tried.

Mr. Buchtel is 83 years of age, but aside from failing eyes his health is unimpaired. He is still active in business.

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L. E. McKinley, an Aberdeen logger, is at the Cornelius.

J. E. Bink, a Louis brewer, is registered at the Oregon.

W. H. Abel, a Montebano lawyer, is registered at the Bowers.

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Because of the inability of Governor West and other Democrats to attend the meeting arranged for Saturday night to ratify the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for President, the meeting has been postponed until some day during the week following Elks' convention week. This announcement was made yesterday by the committee in charge. The meeting is planned as a demonstration of the willingness of Oregon Democrats to support the choice of the recent Democratic convention in Baltimore.

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