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THE HOUSEFURNISHER  
Corner Washington and First Streets

## Great Carpet Sale

**Tapestry Brussels Carpet**

THIS WEEK—  
Made, laid on your floor with lining...

### 75c per yard

Carpet are advancing in price, but we will keep at '99 prices as long as possible. The Tapestry Brussels Carpet we offer to make at 75c is not the cheap kind. It is a good medium grade and guaranteed to give good service for 7 years—we have others as low as 50c per yard, but do not recommend them. We carry in stock:

- Smith's Best Axminsters at \$1.25 per yard
- Beatty's Extra Velvets at \$1.25 per yard
- Lowell Body Brussels at \$1.25 per yard
- Smith's Extra Brussels at \$1.00 per yard
- Sanford's Velvets, Extra, at \$1.15 per yard
- Saxony Axminsters at \$1.15 per yard
- Tapestry Brussels, Smith's, at .75c per yard
- Madras Brussels at .50c per yard
- Ingrain, all wool, at .65c per yard
- Ingrain, all-wool filling, at .45c per yard
- Ingrain, half wool, at .40c per yard
- Agate Ingrain .40c per yard

Wilton Rugs, Smyrna Rugs, P. R. Brussels Rugs, Ingrain Art Squares in all the new Oriental effects and colorings. Furniture of all descriptions. Everything in stock to furnish throughout. Catalog free to country customers.

#### BARGAINS IN STAPLE GOODS

- Parlor Suits, 5 pieces, full upholstering \$12.00
- Parlor Suits, 3 pieces, upholstered seats 4.00
- Couches, upholstered in raw silk 6.50
- Couches, upholstered in Velour 6.50
- Center Tables, in Golden Finish, tops 24x24 inches 1.50
- Center Tables, Oregon wood, 24x24 inches 1.50
- Chamber Suits, 3 pieces, maple 3.75
- Chamber Suits, 3 pieces, ash 11.50
- Chamber Suits, solid oak 17.50
- Bureaus, hard wood, with mirror 2.75
- Commodies, hard wood, full size 2.75
- Bedsteads, 6 feet high, richly carved 2.50
- Bedsteads, hard wood, full size 2.50
- Bedsteads, soft wood 1.25
- Sideboards, ash, with beveled mirror 10.00
- Extension Tables, 6 feet long, ash 4.50
- Dining Chairs, cane seat, high back 75
- Kitchen Cupboards, 6 feet high 3.50

The above are genuine bargains.

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### ELKS' STREET FAIR

Something About Carnival to Be Given This Fall.

PROMISES TO BE A BIG SUCCESS

Elaborate Plans for the Most Galn Week Portland Has Ever Known—in Good Hands.

As the Elks continue to discuss their proposed street carnival they become more and more assured that they will receive the hearty support and co-operation of the business men of Portland and that they will be able to make the affair a brilliant success.

The Elks of Portland are peculiarly fitted to carry out such an enterprise, numbering in their ranks such well-known masters of the art of amusement as John F. Cordray, George L. Baker, R. W. Mitchell and many others, and as they have gone into the enterprise heart and soul there is every reason to believe that they will make it a notable event in the history of Portland.

**Proposed Features.**

Among the proposed features are the grain palace, for display of grains, grasses and fruits of Oregon. It will be of beautiful architectural design, covered entirely without and within of grain.

The mineral exhibit will be the finest ever shown. It will be in a specially designed building.

The fish and forestry exhibit will be also in its own building of unique design.

The decorations and illuminations will consist of a number of handsome arches, with thousands of colored electric lights, special features in the way of elevated bridges, pavilions, booths and innumerable banners and flags.

The construction of the booths for industrial display will be under supervision of competent architect to secure best effects, etc. They will be erected along the street for use of individual exhibitors.

A number of grand parades will be given both by day and night, probably a Mardi Gras parade of illuminated floats, costing hundreds of dollars, and not the usual chesscloth affairs; also a parade of visiting Elks in costumes for which various prizes will be offered.

There will be carnival features of every description, free exhibitions on elevated platforms by best artists in the country.

The midway will be second only to the famous Midway of the World's Fair at Chicago. As soon as the fund is guaranteed a capable man will be sent East to secure the best high-class attractions to be found. The fair will bring thousands of people to the city for 30 days. It is not a money-making scheme of the Elks. It is for the benefit of the entire city. There

are some of the largest merchants and biggest business men of the city, who are Elks, who know the push and pluck of this organization, and who believe it capable of handling this vast undertaking, which will be of great benefit to all the business interests of the city.

The Elks are not urging this on the citizens. They only ask assistance and support to give Portland the grandest celebration in the history of the town. They will not undertake to give the fair

The entire matter rests with the citizens and their liberality.

The committee which distributed circulars and blank pledges Friday and Saturday will call for them Monday, and it is hoped the business men will make a liberal response, as the fair depends on report of this committee to the executive committee.

Following is the circular which has been sent out:

"Dear Sir: The Elks of this city propose to hold a Grand Street Fair and Carnival in Portland for 10 days during the early part of September, if the idea is properly endorsed and encouraged by the business men.

"These fairs have been wonderfully attractive and of phenomenal benefit to the merchants in various sister cities, and the one we propose holding can be made so here. In the cities of Louisville and Los Angeles the fairs were held under the auspices of the Elks' lodges of those cities, and under similar auspices fairs are now being arranged for in Baltimore, St. Paul and San Jose.

"It is proposed to hold this fair and carnival along Sixth street, or some other prominent thoroughfare of the city. There will be booths for the display of the industrial and manufacturing interests of the city, and a complete exhibition of the resources of Oregon in novel form.

"If you approve of the idea and are willing to aid the same, please fill up the enclosed blank. The undersigned committee of Portland Lodge, No. 143, B. P. O. E., will decide from the responses received whether the matter will be further prosecuted or dropped. If undertaken it will be a success.

"This committee will call for the blanks Monday, May 28.

R. W. MITCHELL,  
"Frag Committee."  
E. W. ROWE,  
"D. SOLIS COHEN,  
"R. E. MOODY,  
"A. D. CHARLTON,  
"JOHN F. CORDRAY,  
"JULIUS THIELSEN,  
"EDWARD EHRMANN,  
"Committee."

In the South and East the carnival idea

go great distances to see these carnivals. They see a city at its best and in many instances are known to have changed their residence to the place they held in gala attire. They have invested heavily in real estate at such times. This may seem strange, but it is a well-known fact that can be easily substantiated.

"As to the benefits to local business, experience teaches that dry goods houses, shoe stores and furniture emporiums reap the greatest benefit in the matter of trade. When there is no special occasion to call out the people they wear unpretentious garb. When there is a grand holiday approaching the ladies desire to appear 'fashionable.' They buy silks, millinery, boots and furbelows to bedeck themselves to comport with the event.

"The hotels, restaurants and saloons reap a rich harvest and the visitors are thoroughly delighted with their free entertainment.

"The money necessary to secure a carnival such as I have described can easily be secured. The amount would not exceed the sum often expended on a Fourth of July and would secure to Portland a lasting benefit and a splendid diversion. The effect of a carnival upon a business community is wonderful. It injects a new and wholesome spirit of enterprise. It makes better feeling among the merchants and others. It brings them more closely in touch. It harnesses them together to make a pull for something that is a sure benefit to all.

"To speak further on the carnival as a feature of entertainment, Portland could add a water carnival. The Willamette harbor would make a magnificent theater for such a show. The destruction of Montezuma's fleet by Admiral Dewey in Ma-

nia harbor might be given in miniature with powerful effect without much cost. It would furnish a magnificent spectacle at a moderate expense. Undoubtedly a number of our American Naval vessels could be secured to aid in the reduction of the memorable but luckless Spanish fleet and fort.

"It would require at least two months of very active work to prepare a carnival of the magnitude described. But I am sure that such an enterprise can be made a tremendous winner here and I know that in the event of its consummation Portland will never regret the day she inaugurated the innovation.

"Multnomah has no agricultural fair, and it is a question whether the Industrial Exposition will be held this year. The time is propitious for a carnival. It requires the hearty co-operation of all. It is a splendid opportunity to make Portland entirely lively for weeks before the proposed event and leave a pleasant memory forever after."

**WILL HOLD A CELEBRATION**

General Summers Elected Chairman of Fourth of July Committee.

The Fourth of July committee effected permanent organization last night, and elected a new set of officers. About 25 business men were present with the express purpose of seeing that politics did not mix with a patriotic celebration, and put in as president of the committee General Owen Summers, instead of Mayor W. A. Storey, who was chosen temporary chairman at the last meeting.

At the opening of the meeting last night there was a little discussion in regard to whether Portland should have a celebration this year. It was stated that the time was short, and that the smaller towns were planning larger celebrations than usual this year. John D. Mann then arose and told of the condition in 1898, when Oregon's soldiers were in the Philippines, and there was but a skeleton of a military showing here. He said that the first meeting was held just four weeks before the Fourth, with 14 men present, and the second meeting brought out two more. Yet he reminded them that one of the best celebrations we have ever had was on that Fourth, and that besides 500 was left over for last year's committee. Mayor Storey then put the motion to have a celebration, and it passed unanimously.

The following permanent officers were next elected: President, General Owen Summers; vice-president, L. N. Fleischer; secretary, J. D. Mann, and treasurer, Julius L. Meier. As neither president nor vice-president were in attendance, it was decided to adjourn until Monday evening. When a motion to this effect was made by Mr. Bountree, Mr. Mann whispered that there was a meeting of Republicans that night, so the motion was changed so as to read Tuesday. The Mayor then explained that on Tuesday there was a meeting of Independents, so, rather than postpone it till Wednesday, the original day of Monday was accepted.

is old. New Orleans revels in its Mardi Gras each Spring. With the old Spanish residents it was a semi-religious observance. The side features were borrowed from the Latin countries of Continental Europe. To this novel effects were added, and the whole eventuated in a grand annual spectacle. The dazzling splendor of the pageant has been the admiration and wonder of countless thousands.

The Oregon press representatives who recently attended the National convention of newspaper delegates at the Crescent City are loud in their praise of the carnival, which was held during their stay there.

St. Louis enjoys the annual parade of the Velled Prophets, who close their festivities with a grand ball, which is the crowning social feature of the year. Kansas City is honored by the Priests of Falla. Los Angeles was once famous for La Fiesta, or feast of flowers. Bloomington, Ill., was the first Northern city to adopt the carnival as a substitute for the exposition or agricultural fair, so prevalent in the Middle West. Other cities of prominence have held carnivals and met with tremendous success.

**Opinion of an Experienced Man.**

George L. Hutchin, who has recently come to Portland to make his home, was president of the Mardi-Carnival Association of Bloomington for two years and is acquainted with all that pertains to

unless a sufficient fund is guaranteed to build it on a magnificent scale.

To carry out all the elaborate plans will require \$20,000 to \$25,000, every dollar of which will be spent to secure best results and biggest returns in attractions and amusements for visitors, men, women and children.

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