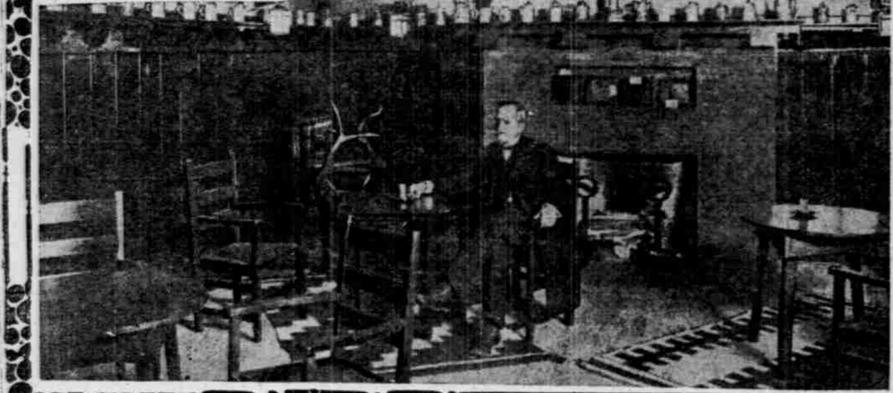


ELKS BUILDING SEVENTH & STARK STS



THE GRILL ROOM

### Fine Home for Portland Elks

New Building Is Finest Possessed by Any Lodge of the Order on the Pacific Coast

THE fact of the matter is that the antlered herd finds itself surprised at the imposing luxury of its new stamping grounds at Stark and Seventh streets. Portland Elks started out with the laudable idea of providing for themselves the finest club available, but there were few prepared for so full a realization of their plans as now attends them; for the planning of years has blossomed into the most magnificent Elks' club in the West. Many who have traveled say it is the finest in the United States.

Just now all members of the local herd are looking forward to the formal opening of their palatial new home. This event is not very far distant, being scheduled for the night of February 1. By that time every detail will have been finished from lodgeroom to buffet. The clubrooms are now in shape and are being used by members to a considerable extent, but not until the lodge apartment has been completed can the ritualistic work marking the regular opening be carried out.

#### Is a Modern Structure.

The Elks' building stands at the north-west corner of the street and occupies nearly a half block. It is a modern structure both in appointment and appearance. It is five stories high and made of the very best brick. The first, second and fifth floors are rented to business and professional men, the third and fourth floors being reserved by the Elks. The entire third floor is fitted up as clubrooms, while the fourth holds the spacious lodgerooms, a banquet hall and several anterooms.

The entire property represents a value of about \$150,000. The building cost approximately \$80,000, while \$20,000 went for furnishings and fixtures. The site is easily worth \$50,000 under present real estate ratings, although it was secured at a lesser figure through purchase six years ago when Portland was somewhat smaller and land did not come so high.

It is not only that money has been lavished upon the fixtures and fittings that the club presents so fine an appearance. The rare taste that has been shown throughout, the exclusive, artistic and effective designs that have been used throughout are what count. There is little or nothing conventional in the arrangement or nature of things. Each setting appears to have received its especial attention; each color effect is carefully and intelligently studied out. The electric fixtures, for example, are duplicated nowhere in the country. An Eastern expert was brought here especially to design these fixtures, which are one of the characteristic features of the decorations. An especially large elevator, big enough

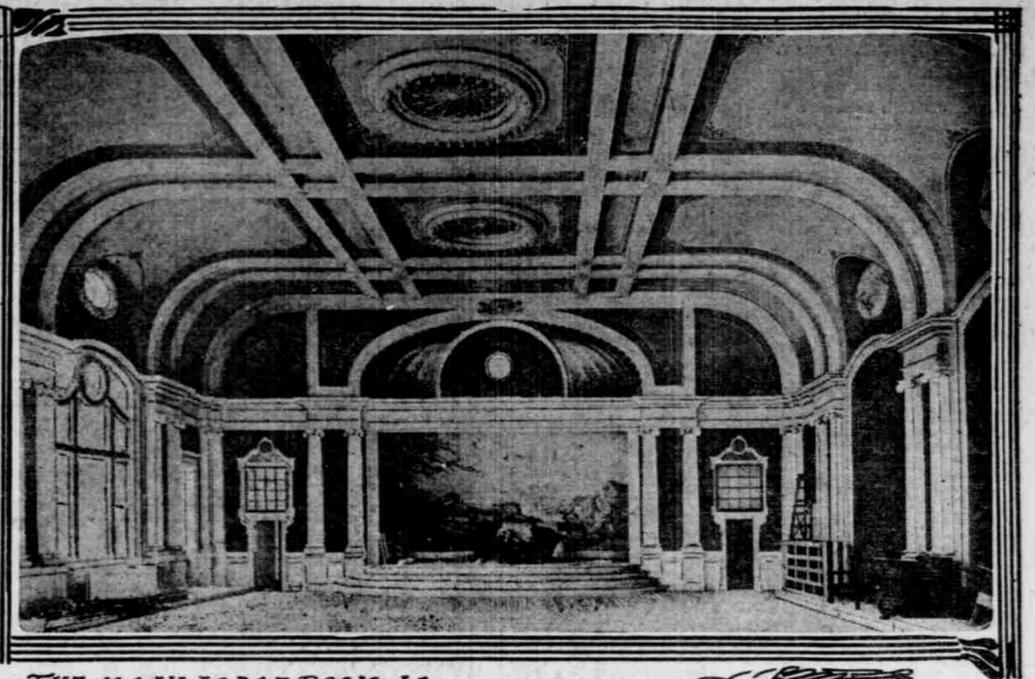
to carry 25 persons at one time, affords easy access to the club. Arriving on the second floor where the clubrooms are located, there is a spacious outer hall, from which two entrances lead within. The main entrance opens into a big reception hall with high, weathered wainscoting. The furnishings here are simple, but picturesque, consisting of mission window-seats, red Axminster carpet and two great elk, fine specimens of the real antlered kind, standing at either side of the entrance. This opens into the lounging-rooms, which are furnished with weathered oak tables, richly upholstered chairs and odds and ends of costly bric-a-brac. To the south of the lounging-rooms is the library, which is one of the finest rooms in the building. The library tables are fine oak, while the chairs are the most expensive carved mahogany, richly upholstered in Spanish leather. To the north of the lounging-rooms are the card and smoking rooms, where again rare taste has been used in selecting furnishings and decorations. North of these rooms and at right angles with them lie the billiard, pool and grillrooms and buffet. The best carved billiard tables are used and the floor is covered with cork linoleum. Adjoining the grillroom is a small kitchen with an expert chef in constant attendance. A large dumb waiter leads from the kitchen into the banquet hall above. A feature of the grillroom is an oak stein rack, which is littered with choice steins. Three hundred of these receptacles were presented to the order by Sidney Ackerman, one of the members now in San Francisco.

On the south side of the building, adjoining the library on the east is a suite of three large rooms set apart for women. The furnishings here are of brighter colors, and, while differing from the idea, carried out in fitting up the clubrooms, the women's section is one of the attractive parts of the club. This part will be used exclusively by members of the gentler sex whose husbands, fathers, brothers or friends, belong to the favored order.

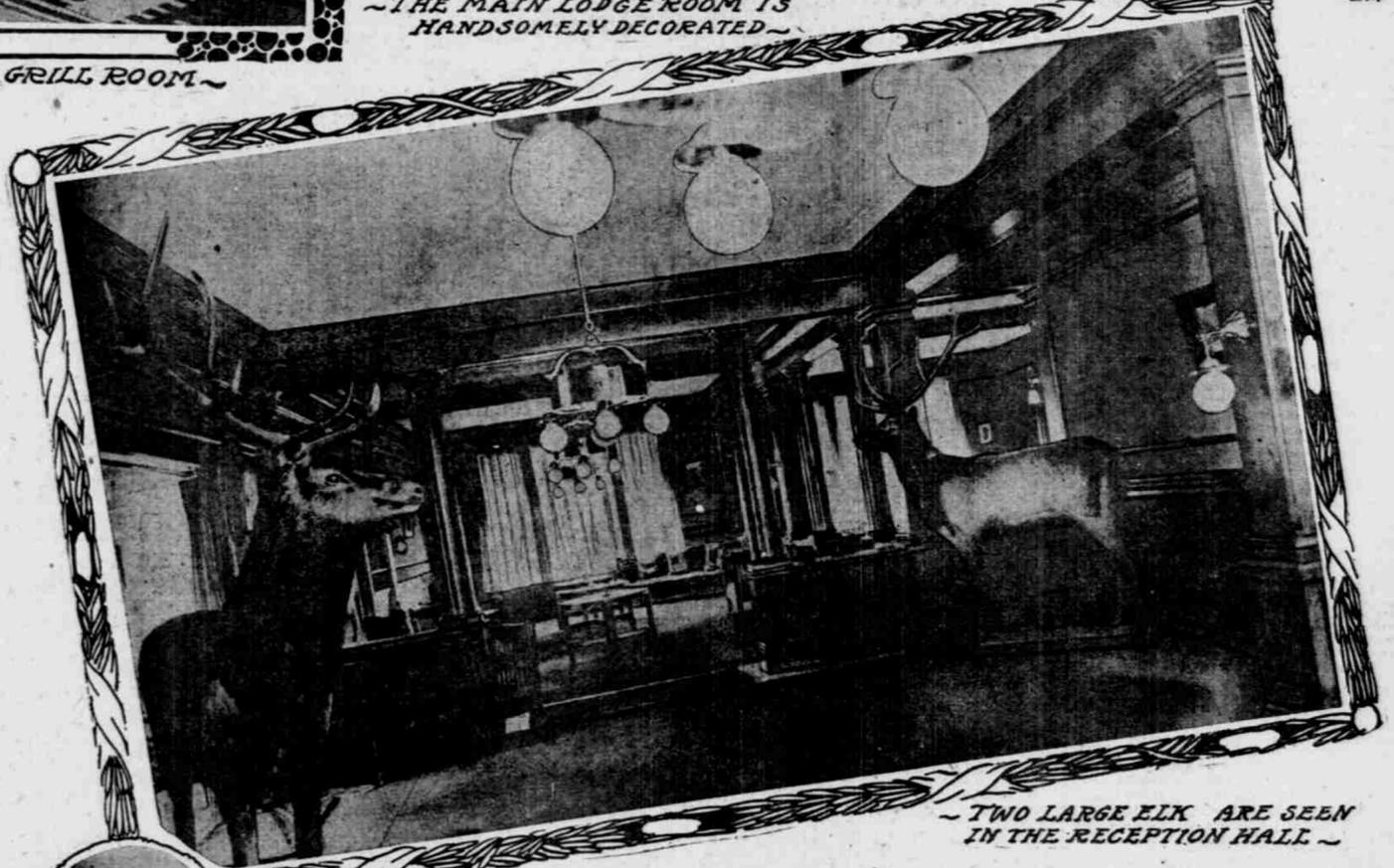
#### Lodge-Room a Masterpiece.

The lodgeroom, on the floor above, is a masterpiece of Ionic interior architecture. The ceiling is an oval, tinted sky blue and finely decorated. The walls are tinted red, this color dying off into a sunset glow as it approaches the ceiling. Graceful pilasters occur at intervals of 15 or 20 feet. A rich blue Axminster carpet is being laid at this time, and two tiers of upholstered mahogany seats will extend about the entire room. A stage appears at the north end of the hall with carved mahogany seats for the presiding officers. The acoustic properties of the hall are excellent. Great windows extend almost to the ceiling on the west

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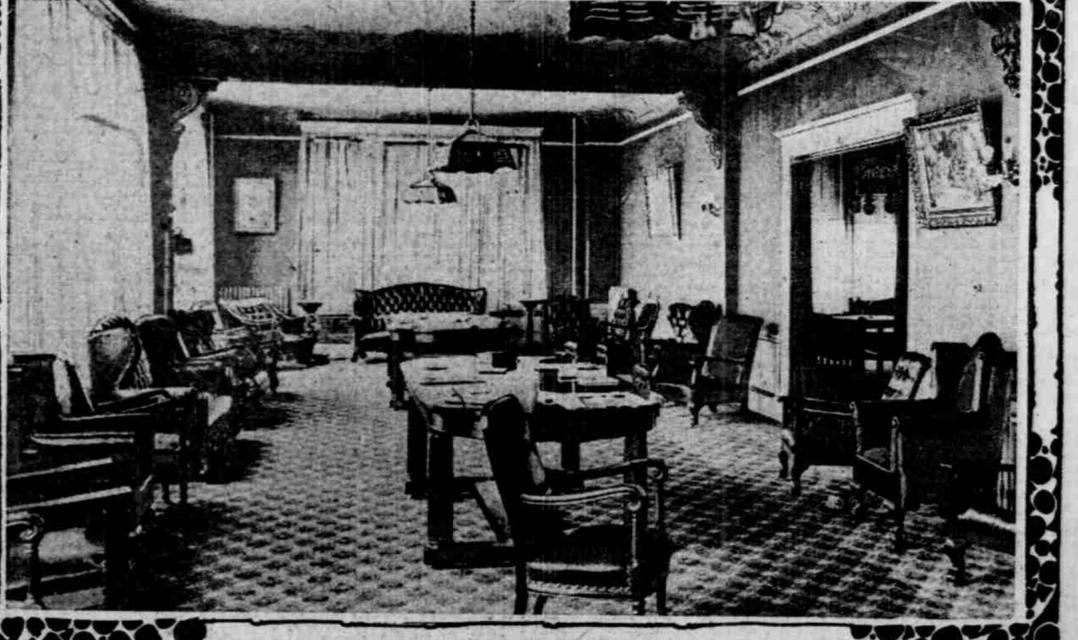
THE MAIN LODGE ROOM IS HANDSOMELY DECORATED



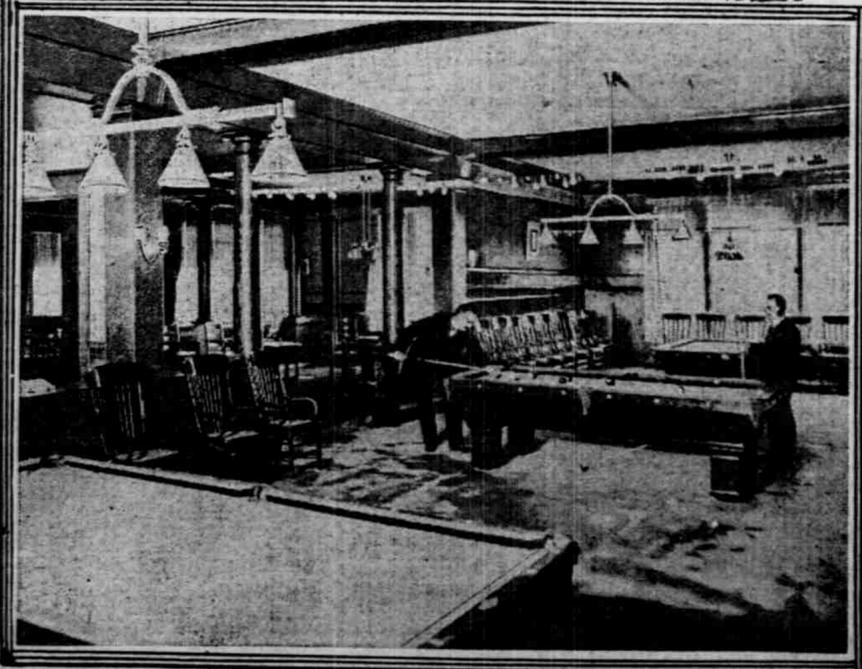
TWO LARGE ELK ARE SEEN IN THE RECEPTION HALL



C.E. McDONNELL EXALTED RULER



THE READING ROOM IS LARGE AND COMFORTABLE



SCENE IN THE BILLIARD ROOM



E.W. ROWE TREASURER



JAY H. UPTON, ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT



DR. HARRY F. MAY, ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT



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