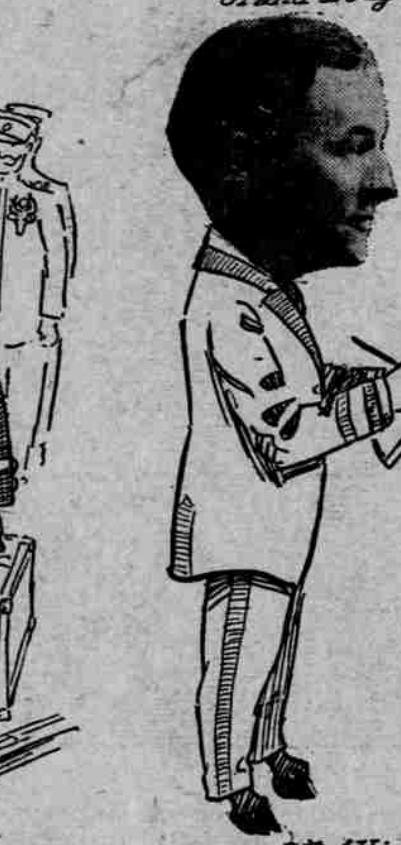


COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT HANDLES REUNION

K. K. Kubli,
Chairman.Gus C. Moser,
Entertainment.Ralph E. Moody,
Grand Lodge.

1912 REUNION COMMITTEE

Dr. Harry F. McKay,
Reception.John Burgard,
Decorations.David H. Dunne,
General Arrangements.George Baker,
Parades.J. H. Deitz,
Hotels.Harry McAllister,
Secretary.C. O. Bradley,
Exalted Ruler.W. J. Van Schuyver,
Treasurer.D. Solis Cohen,
Publicity.Sol Blumauer,
Finance.

In preparing for the grand lodge session of 1912, the Elks of Portland adopted methods different from those that have prevailed in every other city in which the annual reunions have been held. Portland by nature does things differently. It was natural, therefore, that the Portland Elks should display their characteristic originality in planning to entertain their brothers from near and distant states. At the time that Portland was selected as the grand lodge meeting place for this year the adoption of a commission form of government, which has proved satisfactory in many cities of the country was being agitated here. Leading members of the lodge, determined to employ this system in conducting the preliminary work of the grand lodge session.

At the regular lodge meeting, early last September, K. K. Kubli, who then was serving as exalted ruler, was empowered to appoint a commission of 10 members to serve with him in the task of getting ready for the visitation of the army of Elks that now is beginning to assemble here. His selections, together with the departments in which his appointees were to serve, are: General arrangements, David H. Dunne; grand lodge, Ralph E. Moody; reception, Dr. Harry F. McKay; entertainment, Gus C. Moser; decorations, John H. Burgard; parade and music, George L. Baker; publicity, D. Solis Cohen; finance, Sol Blumauer; hotels,

FULTON, MO., DELEGATE'S INITIALS SPELL "ELK."



E. L. Koonitz.

One delegate to the convention is an Elk sure enough. He is E. L. Koonitz, representative of the Fulton, Mo., Lodge No. 1231. His initials, "E. L. K." spell the name of the order. He is proud of this distinction, and is not slow in making the fact prominent. He does not believe the name his initials spell, and he is one of the most popular Elks in Missouri.

Although "Elk" Koonitz is a pretty busy man back in Fulton, he has found time to come to Portland and will stay until the festivities are ended.

He is secretary of a building and loan association at Fulton, is serving his third term in the City Council; has just completed a successful term as president of the Business Men's Club and is now president of the Fulton Commercial Club. He is connected with various other lodges and holds prominent positions in each of them.

Joseph N. Dietz, treasurer, W. J. Van Schuyver.

With the election of a new set of officers at the beginning of the present year, C. C. Bradley, who succeeded Mr. Kubli as exalted ruler, became ex officio a member of the commission.

McAllister is Elected Secretary.

Soon after the commission met and organized. They elected Harry C. McAllister, the ex-Fish and Game Warden of Oregon, as secretary and general manager of the work preliminary to the grand lodge session. Headquarters were opened early in October on the fourth floor of the Elks' Temple. Immediately business began to pile up. Correspondence with lodges planning to attend the convention, committee meetings and publicity work kept a large staff of clerks and stenographers busy from the start. Previous to the Atlantic City convention, at which Portland was unanimously selected as the 1912 meeting place, the Portland lodge, together with the citizens of this city had pledged an entertainment fund of \$125,000. One of the first steps necessary was to secure the collection of this fund. The people of Portland responded with characteristic generosity.

Hotels Maintain Normal Rates.

Secretary McAllister's office undertook to act as an agency between the hotels that had guaranteed a fixed schedule of prices and the various lodges that contemplate attending the reunion in organized force. In this way nearly every large party that is coming to this year's convention knows in advance what its hotel rate will be. Under the direction of D. Solis Cohen the publicity committee started an early and active campaign.

This attractive poster, which combines the spreading sun of an elk and the familiar face of the clock with the hands pointing to the mystic hour of 11 was the work of Miss Genevieve Halley, a 17-year-old Portland girl, whose father, the late Judge Thomas G. Halley, was a member of Pendleton lodge. In a prize competition with artists from all parts of the country, Miss Halley's was declared an easy winner purely on the merits of her design.

Booklet Attracts Attention.

Another method of publicity which had a telling effect in pointing out the fact that this convention was to be unusual in the annals of Elkdom, was the beautiful booklet descriptive of the reunion city, which also was issued by Mr. Cohen's committee. Perhaps the most forceful attempt at calling attention to the grand lodge convention was the excursion, late in February, of more than 100 Elks to the sister city, Seattle, where they were the guests of Seattle Ad Club at a large and entertaining programme prepared especially for their benefit. On this occasion they had the assistance of the Portland Ad Club, two score of whose members joined with them on the special train trip. As a result it is probable that Seattle will send nearly 1000 Elks and 9000 additional of its citizens to Portland this week.

Moser Heads Entertainment.

Gus C. Moser, as head of the entertainment committee organized his force early in the game. From a multitudinous variety of entertainment suggestions he has selected and perfected a programme that promises to make every Elk and every Elk's guest that comes here this week busy with fun and good fellowship such as can be produced nowhere else than on the Pacific Coast. A detailed account of the week's entertainment will be placed in the hands of every visitor at the registration headquarters.

Originality also marked the course of the reception committee presided over by Dr. Harry F. McKay. His first move was to appoint a military company of 60 Portland Elks who are serving as a uniformed squad to welcome every visitor who enters the city during the reunion period. This organization has been drilled in military tactics under the direction of Charles E. McDonnell, a past exalted ruler of the Portland lodge, and supplemented by brass bands that have been on constant duty since yesterday and

will remain ready for instant call throughout the week.

Lodge Rooms Ready for Women.

Headquarters for visiting women are established on the fourth floor of the Elks' Temple, the entire lodge room, together with the ante rooms and ad-

joining offices having been devoted to that purpose. Through the instrumentality of Dr. McKay, the Oregon building, adjoining the Elks' Temple on the north, has been leased for the occasion and an arch has been cut through the solid brick wall separating the two

structures. This arch connects the third floor of the Elks' building, which ordinarily is used as the club rooms, with the 100x100 room formerly used as a dancehall on the third floor of the Oregon building. Arrangements have been made for dispensing various

refreshments in this quarter throughout the entire week. Everything will be served free to the accredited Elks.

Baker Plans for Parade.

To George L. Baker, who is known locally as manager of the theater which bears his name, as well as member of the City Council, and a prime mover in a number of enterprises, has been assigned the task of preparing the annual parade which takes place on Thursday of this week and which yearly is the climax of the week's festivities. He has co-operated in this with James R. Nicholson, the grand exalted ruler, and General W. E. Finzer, chief of staff. The parade route has been carefully selected. It embraces about four miles of the principal streets on both sides of the river, and affords ample sites for grandstands. It is estimated that the entire population of Portland, together with 200,000 visitors, if that many attend, will be able to view the parade with ease and comfort.

Mr. Baker also has had charge of the music which is to be provided during the week. He has employed some of the best music in the Northwest. York's Second Artillery Band, which has a reputation up and down the coast, will serve as the administration band, and will occupy a prominent position in the line of march in the parade.

Decorations to Be Elaborate.

Portland promises to be one of the most elaborately decorated cities that ever has entertained the grand lodge. John H. Burgard, chairman of the decorating committee, has given careful and detailed attention to this duty. Liberal prizes have been offered by the commission for decorations of buildings and window displays by merchants. As a result, many of the skyscrapers and public buildings are aglow with myriads of incandescent lights and are draped with artistic banners of purple and white—the colors of Elkdom—interwoven with the white and blue of the American flag. The entire march for the mammoth parade has been decorated. In the erection of its magnificent court of honor Portland probably has gone one step farther than any lodge previously that has entertained the Elks of the Nation. This embraces 19 principal business blocks and will serve as a rendezvous for all who attend the convention. It was through the suggestion of the decorating committee that the people of Portland have set out their gardens in sweet pea bearing the purple and white of Elkdom. The seeds were planted at a time so that the flowers would mature this week while the Elks are here. As a result many Portland lawns and gardens are fringed with purple.

Dunne in Charge of Registration.

Registration headquarters, established in the new Oregon Hotel, at Seventh and Oak streets, opposite the Elks' Temple, will be in charge of Colonel D. M. Dunne, chairman of the general arrangements committee and a pioneer member of Portland lodge. For the convenience of visitors, the past master of Portland has established a branch postoffice in the same room, where the Elks will receive their mail. Stamps will be sold there and mail will be received and delivered at any hour of the day or night. A branch validating office of the Transcontinental Passenger Association, as well as branch telegraph and telephone offices also are maintained there. Packages can be checked from a room connected with the registration bureau. Further originality is displayed in the plan of Portland to admit its guests to all the entertainment functions provided by the committee upon the mere display of the official badge which is presented to every Elk and every wife, mother, sister or daughter of an Elk at the registration desk. The cards and coupon books have been dispensed with this year. All that is necessary is to wear the badge and be admitted to any of the committee's free functions. Of course there are numerous entertainments that have not been prepared by the committee but which,

nevertheless, form an important part of the week's festivities, and to which the visitors will be required to pay the usual fee. They are private enterprises. The press will be amply accommodated. All local as well as visiting newspaper men will be required to register and receive a badge. This will admit the wearer to any and all of the Elks functions, excepting the business sessions of the grand lodge, to which none but members of the order are admitted.

Moody Experienced in Grand Lodge.

Ralph E. Moody, who has served faithfully for many years as a member of various grand lodge committees, has charge of details in connection with the preparing for the sessions of the grand lodge at the Armory. His experience in attending grand lodge meetings has made him peculiarly fitted for this work. The formal opening will take place at the Armory tomorrow evening with the public meeting, at which musical entertainment will be combined with oratorical programme. A selection by a chorus of 60 male voices will be one of the features. The public will be admitted to the Armory for this occasion.

Details of collecting the \$125,000 fund have been in the hands of Sol Blumauer, chairman of the committee on auditing and finance. Through his efforts and those of the secretary, Mr. McAllister, the commission has collected all but a very small percentage of the fund originally subscribed and of which Portland lodge subscribed \$25,000. The tedious task of accounting for the collection and disbursing of the funds through the various channels to it which it was divided has been in the hands of W. O. Van Schuyver, treasurer of the commission.

ALL-IDAHO BAND WILL LEAD LODGES OF THAT STATE IN BIG PARADE THURSDAY.

To Edward J. Carey, of Moscow, Idaho, has been assigned the duty of organizing an Idaho Elks' State Band, which is to lead the Idaho division in Thursday's parade. Professor Carey has recruited members from almost every section of the state, and declares he has one of the best musical organizations that will appear in Portland this week. The band will compete for the parade prizes and also will perform in the competitive concerts on Wednesday and Thursday. Headquarters for the Idaho musicians have been established at the Klickitat Hotel, on Holladay avenue.

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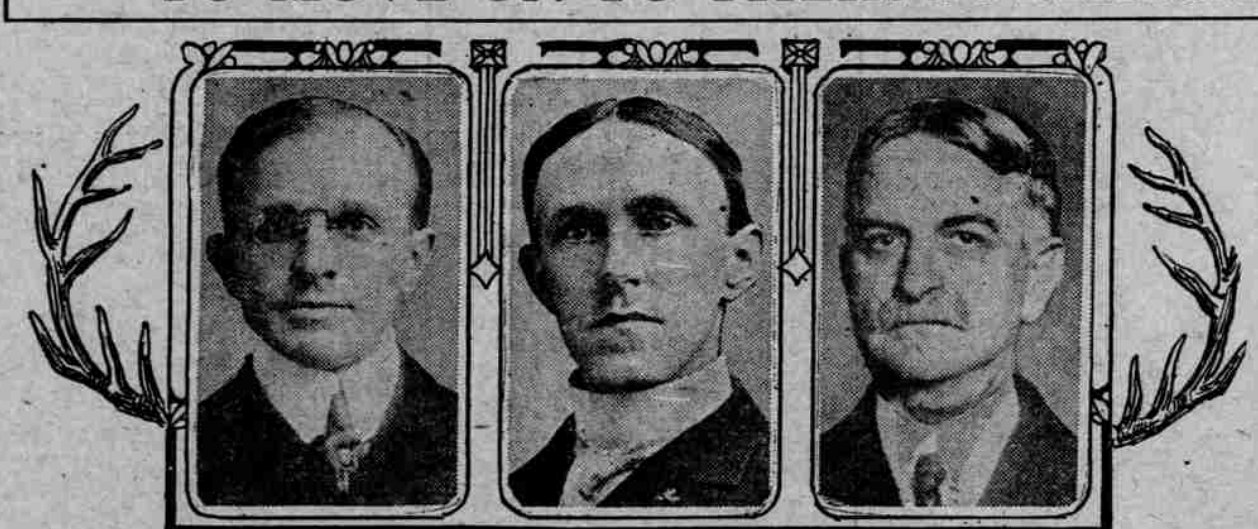
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SEATTLE ELKS WANT CONVENTION TO MOVE ON TO THEIR POTLATCH



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Judge Moore



Horace M. Clure

H. A. Chadwick

George W. Andrews

Boyd J. Tallman



John F. Main

T. C. Freys

Eikan Morganstern

R. L. Hodgdon

A FEW months ago a committee of Seattle Lodge No. 92 sent to every lodge in the United States an invitation to meet there in 1913. This invitation also contained a suggestion that visitors to the present grand lodge meeting journey to Seattle on their return trip and join with them in the Golden Potlatch celebration, which will be held next week. Seattle is coming here this week 1000 strong to renew those invitations. Many of its leading citizens who are not Elks, will join with the lodge men

in the excursion to Portland and will unite with them in the appeals to the grand lodge to consider their fair city for the 1915 meeting.

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