

Northwestern Lodges Are Here In Force

Elks of Montana, Washington and Idaho Are Many

IN proportion to its population, the Northwest probably is blessed with a greater number of Elks than any other section of the United States. Every lodge in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana is fraternally, socially, and financially prosperous.

Numerically, every one of them is gaining in strength every day. In the number of lodges within its borders Washington, with 19, heads the list of the Northwestern states. Oregon has 16 with one other about to be chartered, while Idaho has eight and Montana 14.

Most of these lodges have their own homes or are preparing to build them. The Oregon lodges in particular have shown thrift and enterprise in this respect. However, the organizations in Washington are active and progressive and every one of them either has a substantial lodge and club building or elegant rented quarters.

The Elks of Portland point with pride to their neighbors and take particular delight in assisting them and co-operating with them whenever possible in the development of the material benefits that grow out of Elksdom, as well as in the advancement of the fraternal spirit.

New Homes Dedicated.

A short while ago they were present at Vancouver, Wash., when the magnificent new home of No. 323 in that city was dedicated. Within the past year they dedicated also in the dedication of new homes at The Dalles and Eugene. In this state and they have sent representatives to lodges in Idaho and Montana and even as far east as Wyoming to join with their brothers there in celebrating the erection of new homes.

All of the lodges in the Northwest have made substantial gains in membership in the last year. Seattle now has more than 1300 members, Tacoma has nearly 1000, Spokane has approximately 1155, Walla Walla more than 400, Olympia nearly 250, Port Townsend about the same number, and North Yakima 500.

With 550 members, the lodge at Walla Walla, Idaho, is strongest numerically, in that state. Moscow with 475 is second, while Boise with about 470 is a close third. Lewiston probably is gaining more rapidly than any of the others. Its officers say they will pass both Walla Walla and Boise before the end of the coming lodge year.

The secretary there reports that with the close of the last administration on March 31, Lewiston had 471 members in good standing, a gain of 88 in 12 months. Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls and Coeur d'Alene are growing rapidly.

Idaho Has Section in Parade.
The Idaho contingent will form a separate division in the big parade on Thursday, special dispensation for this purpose having been granted by the grand exalted. They will be headed by an Idaho band and will wear costumes of uniform design. They expect to have more than 1000 members in line.

Every lodge in Montana has gained in strength since the grand lodge session last year and every one of them will be well represented here this week. Butte in particular will add to the reunion festivities. Butte has a reputation for providing interesting features all its own at every convention and will live up to that reputation here this year. They will be attended by a band and will have unique and attractive uniforms. Their headquarters will be at the Portland Hotel and the energies of nearly all the Montana Elks will be centered at that place.

Lodgemen Will Keep Elks.
The unique feature of the convention will be provided by the lodge at Aberdeen, Wash. A herd of seven or eight young elk captured only a few months ago in the wilds of the Olympic Mountains near that city will be driven in the big parade on Thursday and will be followed by the members of the Aberdeen lodge in uniform. The little animals have been trained to harness and having had several weeks of association with bled elk have now become quite domesticated. They will be brought to the city in a special car, arriving here Thursday morning.

Following the convention they will be returned to Aberdeen and will remain the permanent property of the lodge there, several members having volunteered to allow them to browse on their ranch property.

Much of the gaiety of the week will be provided by the Northwestern lodges. They have assisted Portland in exploiting the convention to the other lodges in the country and now will share with the Elks of this city the responsibility and glory of dispensing characteristic Northwestern hospitality to their guests.



Numerous Lodges Strive for Honors In Big Parade

MUCH rivalry has developed among the lodges of Washington and Idaho for the honor of having the greatest number of members in the big parade on Thursday. Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma each will make an effort to win and it is probable that some of the smaller lodges will be in the race. Seattle has set out to have 750 Elks in line and Tacoma already has pledged a parade of 800 members with probabilities that their delegation will exceed in size that of Seattle.

Spokane is working quietly to bring its members into Portland for the big parade and in addition to the Elks of that city who will be here throughout the entire week, several carloads and probably a train load of them will arrive here on Thursday morning.

Even some of the smaller lodges in Washington are ambitious to win cash and glory in the parade. North Yakima, Walla Walla and Ellensburg, each has arranged for a big delegation, while Hoquiam, Aberdeen and Centralia will have a special train apace.

It is probable that there will be almost as many women among the visitors from Washington and Idaho as men. Nearly half the reservations already made have been ordered for women.

The Oregon lodges are not allowed to compete for the aggregate attendance prizes. Special award will be given to the Oregon Lodge that has the largest number of men in line.

From advance information secured from the Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana lodges it is probable that fully 8000 Elks representing four states alone will be in line. California will send nearly 5000 men for the parade and even some of the lodges in that state are ambitious to share in the parade. Distributing San Francisco will have a large delegation and it is possible that the Northwest lodges will have to muster their full strength to compete successfully with their sister organizations in California.

It is probable that some of the Northwestern members too will compete in the various special departments of the parade contests.

J. J. Kaufmann, past exalted ruler of Walla Walla lodge, and ex-chief of police in Walla Walla, who weighs 345 pounds when he is in good trim, has entered the competition for the Fat Elks' prize. Pitted against him will be E. S. Ratliff, of Moscow, Idaho lodge, who refuses to divulge his weight.

Several decorated floats will be entered by the lodges of the Northwest. They will form a distinct feature of the procession. Some of them will have uniforms typical of the community in which they are located, while others, such as the comic floats, will add much to the gaiety of the pageant.

women and others who are not members of the order. They are supporting San Francisco in the contest for the 1915 convention.

A FATHER and son each holding a high office in the same lodge is the peculiar situation presented by Boise Lodge No. 310, which is coming to Portland on a special train to share in the week's festivities.

James Perrault, Sr., is past exalted ruler of the Boise lodge and one of its most active members, while his son, James, Jr., is esteemed leading knight. And there are reasons to believe that in a short time he will be elevated to the position once held by his parent. Both of them will be in the Boise party and will assist in dispensing characteristic Idaho hospitality at the Belvedere Hotel, which has been secured as the Boise headquarters.

A distinguished Boise elk who will accompany his lodge to the convention is James H. Hawley, who besides being past exalted ruler, is Governor of his state. Governor Hawley has closed up the State House at Boise, and will remain in Portland throughout the week. He says that everybody in the state is coming to the convention city anyway and that there will be little occasion to transact official business.

C. S. Rathbun, the exalted ruler of Boise lodge and Walter S. Walker, past exalted ruler, have been active also in organizing the strong delegation that is coming from that city. Boise will appear in company with the other Idaho lodges in the big parade on Thursday, occupying the position to which Moscow Lodge No. 229 is entitled. This departure from the customary rule of each lodge taking position according to number, has been made possible through special dispensation granted by James R. Nicholson, Grand Esquire.

ORANGES, thousands of them, and the choicest of Southern California's most luscious fruit, will be the ammunition with which convention visitors will be bombarded by the California Orange Belt Elks.

The California Orange Belt Elks is an organization formed two years ago by the members of the order of the cities of San Bernardino, Redlands, Riverside, Pomona, Santa Ana, Whittier and Pasadena.

There is to be an orange for every man woman and child and visitor in Portland—almost, for three car loads of the golden fruit have been shipped, and the three cars contain 225,000 oranges.

A special train, carrying 200 delegates of the Orange Belt lodges arrives today. The train is the most elaborate ever run in the West by the Southern Pacific. Even a piano is carried on board.

And oranges are not all. Five thousand miniature sacks of walnuts and an equal number of sample bottles of California wines will be used in extending the glad-hand to the Portland visitors.

The entire Hoyt Hotel has been secured for quarters, and an exhibit room near the Elks building will display the products of the communities from which the Orange Belt Elks come. Here the oranges, walnuts and wine will be distributed.

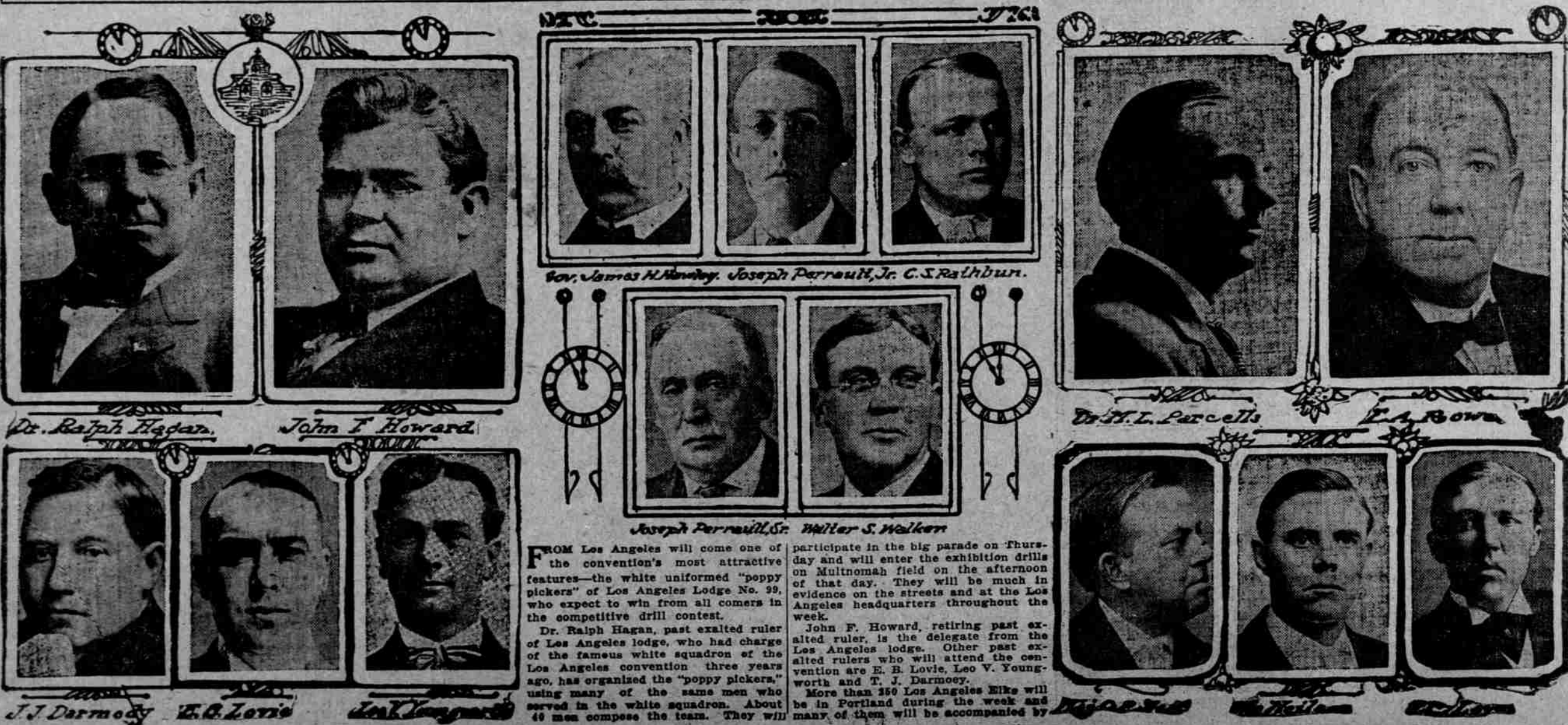
An automobile float, manned by the fairest maidens of the Southland garbed in costumes of orange, will bombard with fruit the thousands along the line of the parade.

P. A. Howe, secretary of the Redlands lodge of Elks and former esteemed leading knight of the San Bernardino lodge, is here to install the exhibits, which will he will have in charge.

Others who have taken an active part in preparing this unique and generous form of advertising are Major O. P. Sloat, secretary of the San Bernardino lodge; J. C. Love, esteemed leading knight; Dr. M. L. Parella, past exalted ruler, and William Nelson, Esquire of the San Bernardino lodge.

Rome, N. Y., Wants Elks' Lodge.
Elks of other lodges residing in Rome, N. Y., are making an effort to organize a lodge in that city. Several of them are attending the convention here. Rome once had an Elks lodge, but it disbanded in its infancy. It is one of the few cities of its size in the country which is not an Elk stronghold.

LOS ANGELES "POPPY-PICKERS," IDAHO GOVERNOR AND ORANGE BELT ELKS COMING



FROM Los Angeles will come one of the convention's most attractive features—the white uniformed "poppy pickers" of Los Angeles Lodge No. 29, who expect to win from all comers in the competitive drill contest.

Dr. Ralph Hagan, past exalted ruler of Los Angeles lodge, who had charge of the famous white squadron of the Los Angeles convention three years ago, has organized the "poppy pickers," using many of the same men who served in the white squadron. About 40 men compose the team. They will participate in the big parade on Thursday and will enter the exhibition drills on Multnomah field on the afternoon of that day. They will be much in evidence on the streets and at the Los Angeles headquarters throughout the week.

John F. Howard, retiring past exalted ruler, is the delegate from the Los Angeles lodge. Other past exalted rulers who will attend the convention are E. B. Love, Leo V. Young, and T. J. Darmody.

More than 350 Los Angeles Elks will be in Portland during the week and many of them will be accompanied by