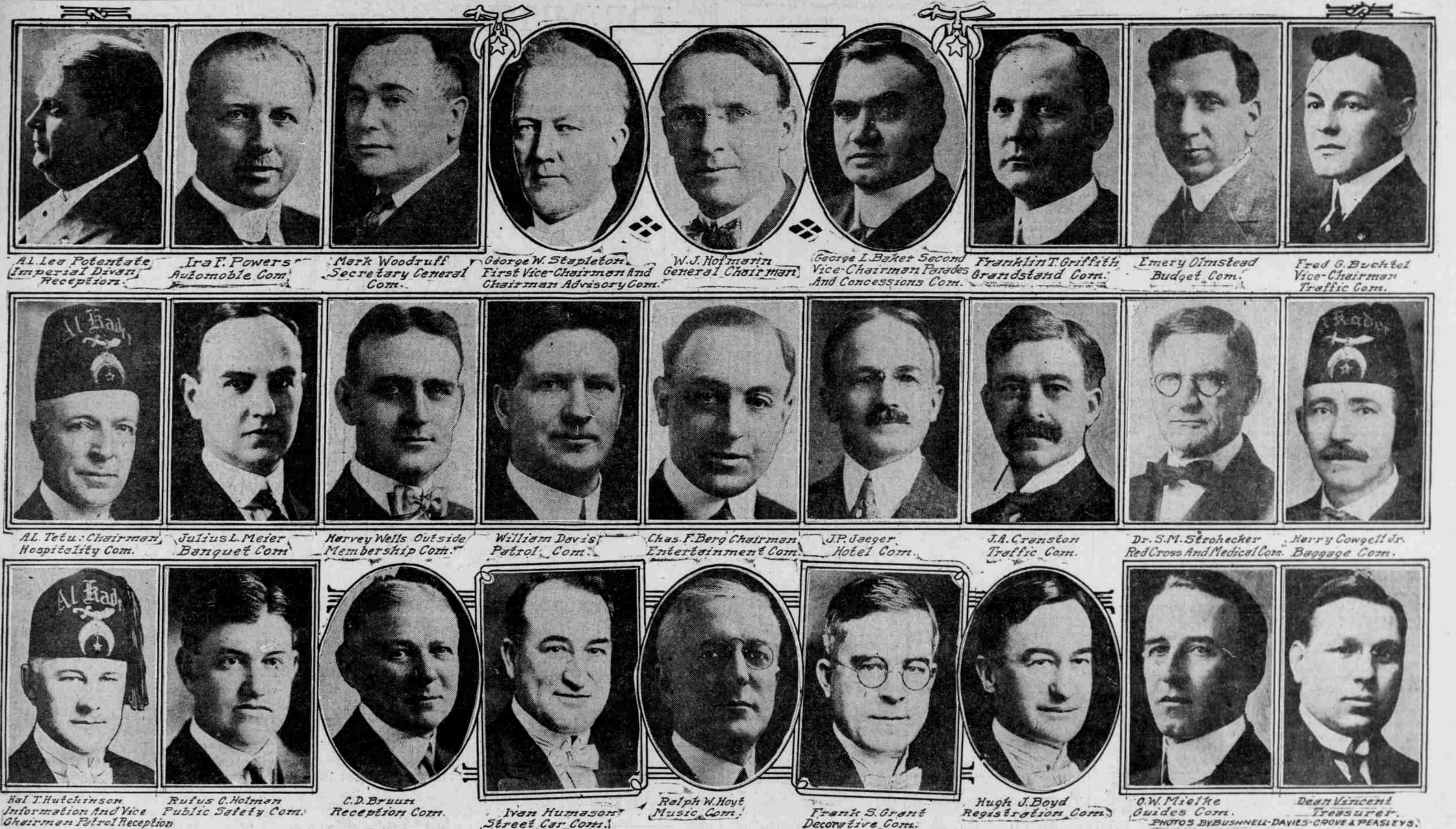


PORTLAND PREPARES TO ENTERTAIN MANY THOUSAND SHRINERS

All Oregon Called On to Help Put Over Greatest Demonstration of Hospitality Ever Witnessed in America—Incorporated Executive Committee Is Handling Business Details and Making Every Arrangement



OVER in the Gasco building hotel contracts are counted as the straw that pined the wind when speculating on the attendance at the 48th annual session of the imperial council of the Mystic Shrine. That greatest of all American fraternal gatherings comes to Portland June 22 to 24, with its atmosphere of oriental magnificence, a prodigality of display and rich trappings, and each wearer of the Arab fez pledged to kick holes in old "Father Gloom" wherever that dyspeptic individual is encountered.

The general executive committee for the Shrine for 1920 has its headquarters up on the eighth floor of the Gasco building, its big job at the moment being to provide housing facilities for Shriners whose applications are flowing in.

Already the Portland committee says it has obtained facilities for more Shriners than were counted in making up the total attendance at Indianapolis last June, where the last session was held. Thirty-seven temple organizations already have been housed in hotels for the Portland show and 12 aboard Pullman trains, and where such temples have heretofore been taking 60 to 75 men to a session of the imperial council, they are bringing 150 to 250 and more to Portland.

Members of the general committee have always been skeptical when listening to the assertions of eastern Shriners that Portland would have the largest crowd in the history of the order. But Portlanders are beginning to change their minds. It seems it will be raining Shriners from every section of the country.

It is now conceded that Portland is up against the biggest job in the history of the city.

There will be from 75,000 to 100,000 visitors here, without a shadow of doubt.

Hotel Rooms Contracted.

Just now the housing committee is contracting space in Portland hotels until the walls are bulging, and it is said that headquarters in only two instances have hotel men failed to co-operate with the committee to the fullest extent. All of the leading hostels have worked with the hotel committee of the Shrine to make each inch of space available. And in not a single instance has a complaint been registered against the rates that the hotel men have charged. They have stuck to their regular prices. Where cooperation has been refused it came from operators of small hotels, but which are important in the scheme of furnishing the best of accommodations.

Practically every hotel in the city, with the exceptions referred to, now is chartered to capacity, and during the past few days approximately 2500 Shriners have arranged for sleeping quarters in the school houses, churches and clubs of the city. In these places the general committee will equip single iron beds with springs and mattresses, linen and blankets.

When all space has been exhausted 12,000 more visitors can sleep aboard their Pullman trains. Parking space for more than 400 cars has been secured by the traffic committee, and then the overflow must be absorbed by the private homes of the city. Shriners are now out on a canvass for listing rooms and it is expected that 30,000 such rooms will be required. It is said that the general committee already is in receipt of applications for more than 2000 such rooms, and the convention is yet four and a half months away.

After disposing of the housing question then come problems of en-

tertainment. On these many committees are now working.

It readily is perceived that the work of preparation and the handling of such a great undertaking puts it in the class of a big business concern.

Committee Is Incorporated.

And so that its affairs may be directed with as close scrutiny as would attend conducting a regular business enterprise, the general executive committee of the Shrine for 1920 has been incorporated and is operating as a regular concern. The incorporators were all of the members of the general committee serving on the 10th day of July, 1919. Each member of the committee is at the head of a division of the work and reports to the board of directors (composed of all members) at its weekly meetings.

Committees are required to submit estimates of their expenditures in the form of a budget, and after scrutiny by the budget committee the chairman of that committee is allowed to make contracts for the approval of the directors. The general committee is required to refuse to issue requisitions for purchases in excess of budget appropriations.

Accounts are audited at least once each month by the firm of Whitfield & Whitcomb. To date the auditors have found the business of the corporation has been run so as to elicit their warm commendation regarding attention to details and in accounting for funds.

W. J. Hofmann Is Chairman.

William J. Hofmann is chairman of the general committee of the Shrine for 1920, and one of its incorporators. Mr. Hofmann is conceded to be the moving spirit in most of the activities now under way and which will culminate June 22 and 24 in the most gorgeous spectacle ever placed on the streets of any American city. Mr. Hofmann has the general direction of the enormous undertaking and sits in with all sub-committees.

There are 25 committees, each presided over by a member of the general committee. Each of these committees meet once or twice each week, some oftener. The general committee meeting every Thursday afternoon. Soon they will be meeting two and three times a week.

Judge George W. Stapleton has the honor of being the first vice-chairman of the Shrine incorporation, as well as that of directing the destinies of the advisory committee, the latter being engaged on a plan for joining all Pacific coast temples with Portland as hosts to the great horde of desert dwellers who will invade Portland to attend the sessions of the imperial council.

With Judge Stapleton on the advisory committee are such well-known Shriners as Judge Wallace McCann, J. C. Ainsworth and E. V. Hauser. When he is not mavoring, George L. Baker will assist himself with Frank E. Smith, his vice-chairman, to work out details of handling the four great parades which will be crowded into the three days that the Shriners of North America will be in Portland. While letting George do that, it was thought that his experience as a showman fitted him to handle the concessions. In the latter committee the mayor's chief duty will be to keep Portland's guests from being annoyed by hawkers of multi-colored lizards, "mouly" peanuts and pennants that nobody wants.

Mayor Baker also has in charge the festival center, but he wisely has assisting him a Shriener in the person of Park Superintendent Keyser.

Dean Vincent Heads Funds.

Dean Vincent is qualifying himself for the next vacancy in the treasury portfolio at Washington; he is hoarding the money which Portlanders are contributing to the fund for the en-

tertainment of the imperial council. Mr. Vincent also sits on the budget committee to see that appropriations are not exceeded, and he helps in the auditing of bills.

The secretary of the Shrine committee is Mark Woodruff, former newspaper man. He is in charge of the offices of the committee in suite 802 Gasco building, and is handling many of the details of the plans that the various committees are working out. His force now consists of one man and three women aides. Up to date Woodruff has been able to personally see all callers at the offices, and to give personal attention to the heavy correspondence.

Al. Lee, potentate of Al Kader temple of Portland, has drawn the happy job of chairman of the committee on imperial divan and imperial ladies. Mr. Lee will be in attendance at all functions in honor of the men who make up the imperial council, and will be attached to this body of distinguished visitors to see that they miss nothing that is planned for their happy sojourn in the City of Roses.

Financing the great demonstration of hospitality to be offered Shriners visitors fell to the lot of Joseph R. Howies. He has had various assistants, John E. Etheridge and George E. Thomas having acted as his vice-chairmen at different times. Because of war-time prices prevailing Mr. Howies has faced the task of raising more money than has ever before been required for entertaining a convention on the Pacific coast.

Expenditures Are Checked.

Proposed expenditures by committees must first be estimated and the money appropriated through the budget and auditing committee, of which Emery Olmstead is chairman. Then Mr. Olmstead requires bills to be checked against appropriations and has a faculty of clamping down when the danger point is approached. He insists that nothing be contracted for in excess of appropriations, and the enormous undertaking of the Shrine committee will make a record for finishing its work without a deficit.

Besides arranging for special railroad rates for Shrine pilgrims to Portland, J. A. Cranston, as chairman of the traffic committee, with the aid of his vice-chairman, Fred Buchtel of the state railway commission, and John H. Burgard, has arranged trackage for the parking of more than 400 Pullman cars in Portland—where they will have electric lights, water, sanitation, and every car shall be within easy walking distance of the commercial center of the city.

The task of turning the streets of Portland into an Oriental oasis has been assigned to Frank S. Grant, seventy-two blocks in the streets and heart of Portland are to resemble the palm-shaded avenues of a desert village by daylight hours, while at night they must glow brilliantly. Arches are said to enter into the scheme by which Mr. Grant intends to transform the city. They will be found to tell something of the story of the Shrine.

Mr. Grant has called to his aid the best talent obtainable in such Shriners as Mayor Vincent of the Meier & Frank company, who has carried away more world prizes than any other known decorator. Robert Skeen, the electrical man, is another. Skeen designed the electrical lighting at the Buffalo exposition and was a prominent factor in the electrical illumination of the St. Louis exposition. There are other equally prominent decorators on his staff.

Safety To Be Watched.

With about a hundred thousand visitors thronging the streets and making ruts in the pavement on the Columbia River highway, the problem of public safety is to have the best thought of Rufus C. Holman. Mr. Holman will work out a plan of perfect co-operation between the police, the sheriff's office, the national guard

and the public, so that the gigantic convention may be pulled off without the loss of a life or a solitary injury. But if accidents there be, Dr. S. M. Strohecker will be ready with a large corps of surgeons, physicians, nurses and ambulances to give the best aid that high skill can offer. The doctor is working on a plan for establishing stations for emergency calls both in the city and on the highway, and has taken the precaution of making arrangements for ample rooms at the various hospitals. The plan includes emergency dentistry.

Housing a great gathering such as the Shrine convention is a gigantic problem. In this instance it is in the hands of J. P. Jaeger, as chairman of the hotels and housing committee. At this date Mr. Jaeger has filled the hotels of the city and is placing organizations in public buildings. Shortly he will begin calling on the private homes of Portland. His task is to give comfortable quarters to 100,000 visitors, and he believes that if these men and women sleep and eat well Portland will have laid the foundation for a decade of friendship toward city growth.

When the bands and patrols of marching men arrive in Portland they will march up town, leaving their baggage in heaps where their trains stop. It will be the task of Harry Cowgill Jr. to gather up the luggage and deliver it at the right hotel before the footmen can reach that destination. It is to be a free service, one of dispatch and it is intended to relieve visitors of the responsibility and worry connected with making their own arrangements in a strange town. Outgoing baggage of all kinds will be handled through existing channels.

Mr. Cowgill will have as aids a bunch of policemen, such as Carl Tipton, Lew Adams and a number of prominent Shrine baggage and transfer men.

To Julius L. Meier has fallen the pleasure of arranging the usual banquet and dinners extending distinguished Shrine officials and visitors. He will also have charge of the luncheons for the imperial representatives, those extended to members of bands and patrols and of the luncheon camp at Bonneville on the Columbia River highway.

Charles F. Berg is in charge of entertainment and will have to coordinate the entire programme of events, and keep in intimate touch with Chairman Hofmann. It will be his task to have something doing every minute, to tie together all the loose ends and to fit them into a plan which will avoid conflicts and at the same time furnish amusement at half a hundred different places at the same moment.

Captain William Davis, commander of the legion of Al Kader's uniformed men, stands at the head of the patrol committee. His men will meet and escort each visiting patrol on its entry to the city, will entertain their brethren of the gay uniforms and will be called upon to respond at any hour of the day or night. The bands and patrols put on the big show, and they must be well cared for.

In this work Captain Davis will have the aid of H. T. Hutchinson, vice-chairman, and a mounted patrol of Pendleton Shriners dressed as buckaroos, in the red fez of the Arab.

C. D. Bruun Heads Greeters.

C. D. Bruun will head the band of smiling nobles of Portland who will greet the incoming hordes on behalf of Portland and act as the official reception committee. Mr. Bruun will appoint several hundred aides in the work, all smiling from habit and capable of extending a handshake that carries a finger-ache with it.

A Portland Shriener is to be detailed to be in attendance on each bus, the seats and patrol that visits the city. O. W. Mielke will direct their movements. These men will know the programme of events, where any visiting body of men is to appear at any stated hour and the shortest route to take to reach that point. Mr. Mielke will expect his guides to stick like glue from the moment his band or patrol arrives in the city until the last car has disappeared from view on the homeward trail.

In 1915 Ira F. Powers made such a record in handling the automobiles used for entertaining Shriners that he landed the chairmanship of the 1920 automobile committee without opposition. He will have brigades of machines to take all Shrine visitors on the Columbia River highway, over the boulevards and on short trips. Mr. Powers expects to supply a special car for each member of the Imperial Divan and to have that officer use it at any hour during his stay in Portland. Mr. Powers will have as aids R. A. Stewart, C. M. Menzies and Lloyd Bates.

Bands To Be Utilized.

Convention music is to be handled by Ralph W. Hoyt, who plans to utilize all visiting bands in a series of public and free concerts before the grandstands in the park and churches and wherever a craving to hear excellent music may be discovered. Mr. Hoyt will have the placing at various points of some 75 bands, all of them good and some of them famous. He hopes to close with a parade of massed bands that can be heard as far as Seattle if the weather is clear.

Franklin T. Griffith, aided by W. D. Whitcomb, is to erect and manage the grandstands. Mr. Griffith's problem is to secure space enough—and to make the stands pay their own way. For the two parades to be staged by Portland he will put visiting delegates and uniformed men and their ladies in the stands without charge. That leaves him two parades for which he must secure space and get his investment back.

When the visitors arrive at Portland they must be registered, at which time they are given official programmes and the books of tickets that will entitle bona fide Shrine guests to certain free entertainments, registration headquarters will be in charge of Hugh J. Boyd, aided by Hopkins Jenkins and a large force of clerks.

Hal T. Hutchinson has been given the task of obtaining a suitable building for housing all the activities of the Portland committee during the three days of the convention. After he has done that, he will assist Captain Davis in the very important task of seeing that the men of the 60 to 70 patrols are properly entertained. The headquarters building will contain the registration desk, a validation office for the railroad representatives, an information bureau, the offices of the general committee, a postoffice, a telegraph station, restrooms, toilet facilities, battery of telephone booths, battery of typewriters and operators.

A. L. Tetu is to organize and operate a committee on hospitality. Its hundreds of members will operate on schedule around the various hotels and their particular task will be to see that everybody is having a good time. They are to be experts on slipping a fellow on the back and saying how glad Portland is to see them. They are the "glad 'u' kum" and "hope you like us" crowd. His vice-chairman is Herman von Borstal.

Ivan Humason is to be the admiral of a fleet of sight-seeing street cars. Aboard these cars visiting Shriners and their ladies will be taken to view the beauties of Portland from every point of vantage. The cars are to operate on half-hour schedule.

That Portland cannot do all of this entertaining is so well recognized that Harvey Wells has been appointed at the head of a committee to interest Shriners in all sections of Oregon. He will ask them to come in early and get ready to help put over

the greatest demonstration of hospitality ever witnessed in America, and as the Shrine clubs of different cities respond or as individuals assure of their presence, Mr. Wells will plan to place these Oregonians in the thick of things.

It is customary to give souvenirs to the imperial representatives and to the uniformed men—the bands, patrols and chapters. These are the men who put on the work. A committee has been named to select a suitable souvenir for these men. This committee is composed of Edward Holman, D. G. Tomasi and Harvey Beckwith. Mr. Holman, by the way, made the first subscription to the imperial council fund. He subscribed \$1000 without batting an eye.

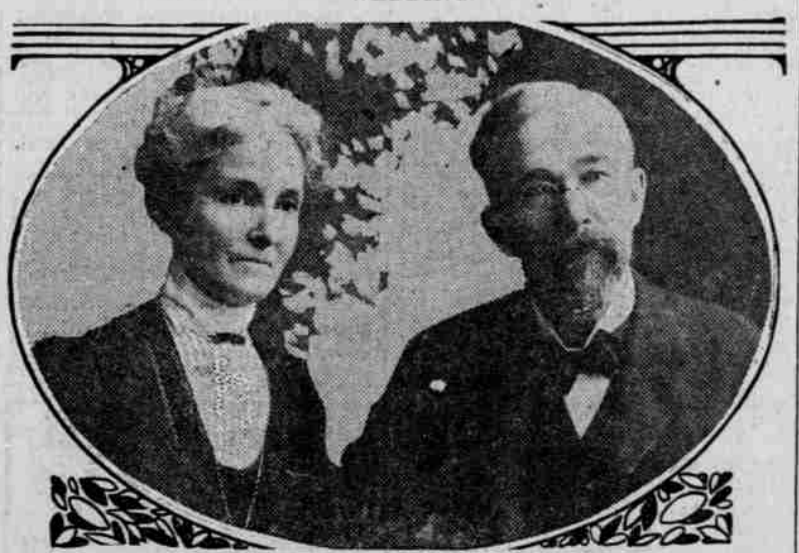
With some of the best business men of Portland giving the affairs of the

1920 Shrine convention their keen attention, it cannot be said that the success of the big show is on the lap of the gods. There are to be no elements of chance connected with the programme. Each committeeman is endeavoring to foresee and to arrange what will happen when the city is jammed with visitors seeking amusement, and with the co-operation of every citizen it is written now that Portland will score the greatest success of her time.

Every home in Portland is asked to register spare sleeping rooms at 402 Gasco building and to help show these distinguished visitors that the city is glad they are here.

Everybody will profit from helping to send the Shriners away saying that "Portland is the finest ever."

COUPLE MARRIED NEAR EUGENE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.



MR. AND MRS. CALVIN HANNA.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Married near Eugene January 26, 1870, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hanna, of this city, celebrated their golden wedding at their home, 994 Hilyard street, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna were married on a farm a short distance out of Eugene, but made their home at Corvallis until 1878, when they returned to Eugene and have resided here continuously since.

All but one of their children, Stuart B. Hanna of San Francisco, were present at the celebration on Monday, and these were Herbert Hanna of La Grande; Mrs. Willametta Beattie of Cottage Grove, and Mrs. Katherine Lester of Bend. Among the relatives present at the celebration were: Herbert Eakin of Cottage Grove; Judge and Mrs. J. A. Eakin of Astoria; W. F. Eakin of Astoria; Mrs. Hattie Hovenden and George Hovenden of Portland; Mrs. Robert Eakin and Harold Eakin of Salem; Misses Dorothy and Priscilla Eakin of Astoria, who are students at the University of Oregon; Ronald Beattie of Cottage Grove, also a student of the university, and C. E. Bester of Bend.

St. Valentine

Patron Saint of Love in all its varying shades and degrees. February 14th affords another excuse to send greetings of love to the friends and loved ones whom, we too often take for granted, understand the depth of our feelings. Mother, father, husband, wife, sister, brother, sweetheart and friend are sometimes keenly disappointed on this day when their mail brings nothing from you.

Greeting Cards
 Every sentiment you may desire to express can be found on some one of these cards. 5c to \$1.

Books for Valentines
 Poetry, travel, fiction, Riley's poems in various bindings, leather books, large and small, at any price you may desire to pay.

Decorations
 Crepe Paper decorations of all kinds for dinner, card or dancing party. Streamers, hearts, cupid, paper caps and aprons. Place cards, nut cups, luncheon sets, novelties, tally cards and dance programmes. Pay a visit and look around; you will find many suggestions to make your party different.

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 Cut-Outs, each 10c
 Lace Valentines 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c
 Seed Valentines, each..... 10c

Make Your Own Valentines
 Lace, stickers, hearts, cupid, illustrations, colored paper, everything to make a valentine. Just the thing for school programmes or for the kiddies to remember their little friends with.

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