

ELKS GREAT DAY LAST SUNDAY

Sunday last was the great day of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the observance made of it by Astoria Lodge No. 180, of this city, was especially fine and applicable in every detail. It was particularly fortunate that the Memorial exercises were transferred to the Astoria opera house, since even the big and handsome quarters of the local lodge would not have held one third of the immense concourse that filled the opera house to its very roof and congested its lobbies everywhere. The work of the hour exceeded in beauty and disposition any such effort made by the Astoria lodge in years and is frankly so commended on all sides. The decorations at the theatre were extremely beautiful and suggestive, ferns and amilax and the glistening leaves of the holly and English-ivy, in the play of the soft tinted lights, made a fascinating vista through which the eye of the spectator took in the park-scene on the stage where in the lodge officers and the contributors to the entertainment were grouped most effectively; the whole ensemble being in perfect harmony with the occasion and its solemn ritual and trenchant lessons. Notable among the adornments of the house were four magnificent elk-heads, one mounted over the dias of the exalted ruler, one each on the proscenium angles, and the fourth in the center of the balcony front, all splendidly antlered and altogether suggestive of the auspices of the day.

The Elks' Orchestra, under the capable leadership of Joseph Grubler, was in perfect training and spirit for the work assigned it, and from the Marche Pontificale, through Mascagni's "Ave Maria," and the long range of exquisite selections from "Marche," there was a devoted and compensating series of successes that put these gentlemen strictly to the front.

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as an accomplished organization; their work was received with delight, in its every phase and comment freely made at the close of the exercises, sanctions the conclusion.

Exalted Ruler N. D. Johnson and his staff of officers, had everything well in hand and proved their concept and capacity for the disposal of the long and arduous program. The whole affair was handled with dignity and conscientious conformity to the high expression made by the lodge on this one of its greatest days, and there are none to deny them the fullest measure of gratulation.

Ex-Astoria General C. M. Idle, man, of Portland Lodge No. 142, one of the most accomplished orators of the State, had been secured to deliver the address of the day and did it to the pronounced pleasure and comfort of the brethren and of the laity present. He chose the "Relation of Brotherhood to Good Citizenship," and proved the correlation in apt and conclusive terms, giving due place and standard to the great order he was speaking of, and convincing every citizen in the house of the ever-living demand upon him for the best and highest type of duty and action required at his hands. It was a fine effort and was thoroughly appreciated by the thousand who heard it.

"No. 180" was peculiarly happy in having among its guests and contributors on Sunday, a fine quartette of Portland singers, who came down to lend their exceptional talent to the success of the day, to wit: Messrs L. L. Wisdom, tenor; and Stuart McGuire, baritone; Miss Evelyn Hurley, contralto and Mrs. May Dearborn Schwab, soprano. Their work in Schmecker's "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "and God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," "God Is a Spirit" and in the closing numbers, was exceedingly fine and gave pleasure unstinted to everyone in hearing; as did the instrumentation of Mr. J. Hutchinson, of Portland, their accompanist. Mr. McGuire's splendid rendition of Buck's "My Redeemer and My Lord" was one of the real features of the intensely interesting program and made deep impression; as did Mrs. Schwab's lovely number, "In the Hour of Trial," both offerings delighting the hundreds who were eager to appreciate all things so beautifully and inspiringly presented.

Miss Laurie McCann, one of Astoria's most gifted singers, was in appreciable evidence with two exquisite numbers, in which her perfectly trained contralto voice was heard with splendid effect, "Promise of Life" by Cowen, and Liddle's superb "Abide With Me." Miss McCann never fails to charm her home audiences and Sunday's contributions were given, and received, with the some unflinching success and pleasure that marks everything she does for Astoria.

Will Gratke's rendering of the ever-beautiful "Thanatopsis" was among the cardinal elements of the real success of this memorial gathering. It is rare, indeed, that this famous and exquisite plea in poetry is better handled than he handled it. It is used so much, in public, that its beauties are become almost trite from reiteration; but Mr. Gratke was fortunate enough to compass its rendering with a force and grace that invested it with all its known, but often unrealized, strength and beauty.

Mrs. Charles H. Abercrombie's fine gifts as a pianist were in demand in several of the strong elements of the best program ever unfolded in this behalf, and her responses were all that could be desired, as they invariably are.

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