

# 20,000 Elks and Their Families Enjoy Whirl of Pleasure at Oaks; Feast on Baked Salmon

## BOARDS OF ELKS FEAST ON SALMON AND CLAMS, FREE

### Immense Throng at Oaks Soon Reduces Heaps of Edibles; Many Unable to Get in on Bread Line in Time.

"Did we have a good time? Well, I should say we did," was the cry of hundreds of Elks coming home on the cars from the Oaks last night. Everyone who was fortunate enough to crowd inside of the resort had a most enjoyable time. Twenty thousand men and women and children, everyone of them, either an Elk or a relative or mighty intimate friend of an Elk passed through the gates between 1 o'clock and 9:30.

The salmon barbecue was the main attraction and that it was enjoyed could be testified to by the speedy manner in which every vestige of edibles disappeared from the tables. Three tons of lordly salmon, 3500 pounds of clams, 4500 loaves of bread; butter, potato salad, vegetables, crackers, coffee, beer and soft drinks in proportion disappeared with the first rush of the hungry herd. Half an hour after the waiters started serving the edibles were reduced to empty clam shells and well picked salmon bones.

**Big Crowd Hungry.** When the crowd began to arrive the row of appetizing looking salmon was the marvel of every beholder. For 200 feet on the lawn of the Oaks lay coral pinked sides of salmon tastily arrayed on large platters with potato salad and lemons handy. A steaming cauldron of clams, one of coffee and the crate after crate of bread and vegetables gave everybody the impression that there would be plenty for all. Once the serving started, however, there soon developed a shortage which left several thousand hungry visitors unfed. Every edible in the tavern and the cafeteria on the walk was eaten and still the crowd was hungry.

**Band Concert.** It took fully half an hour to work ones way from the beginning of the waiting line to the cars of the "Figure Eight" and an equal amount of patient waiting to get to either the Chutes or the Old Mill. As large a crowd gathered in front of the Giant Whirl but owing to the large number accommodated at one load it took less than the others.

The competitive band work commenced yesterday afternoon with a preliminary judging of the Wagner band of Seattle, the Fifth Infantry band of San Francisco, and the Kallispell, Mont. band. The Wagner band drew an award of 100 points while the Kallispell organization drew 72. The Fifth Infantry scored 45 points.

Dancing and a general good time with everybody enjoying himself in the way that he saw best filled the evening. The Oaks band gave an evening concert, their program being interspersed by vaudeville acts and the exhibition of King Thrash, the trained horse.

**GOOD TIME, ALL RIGHT**

**J. Cal Ewing Finishes Well Inside the Money.**

Whenever they start to ballot on who is having the greatest time in Portland, J. Cal Ewing will finish inside the money. Know him? He's the owner of the San Francisco baseball club and one of the biggest men in minor league baseball. Whenever the Pacific Coast league wants a baseball concession it does a jangling and, presto, the trick is turned. Ewing is a life member of the Oakland, Cal. lodge.

## ELK FLOAT GORGEOUS CAR OF LIGHT AND BEAUTY

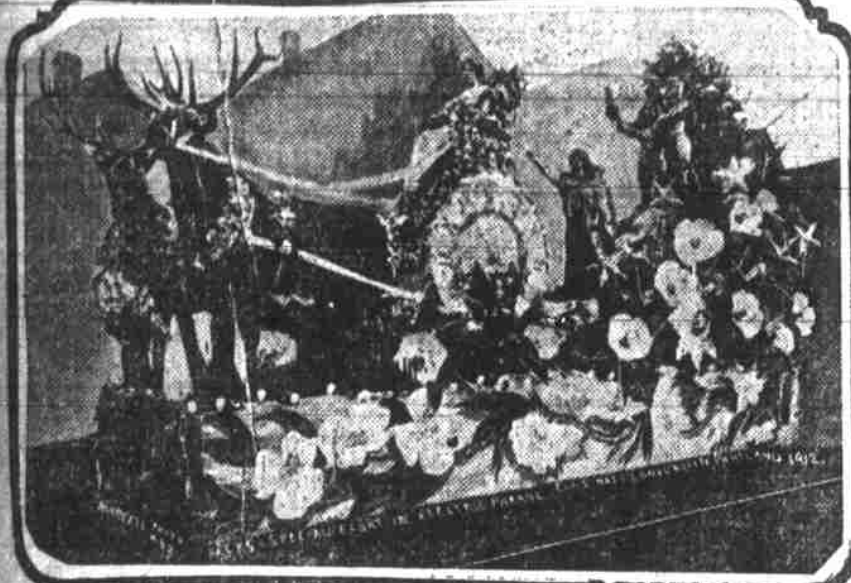


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## EVERETT HERD IS REAL LIVE ONE

### Boys Have a Line of Boost Talk That Is Hard to Beat.

There's a meaning to every little movement of the Everett boys of No. 479, and they are always moving. For out and out live ones and boosters they are hard to beat.

Everett headquarters are at the Imperial hotel, where members of the party are holding open house. Punch is served to all visitors, who, while indulging in a cooling draught are made acquainted with the fact that Everett, Wash., is some town, with a future as bright as a searchlight.

C. O. Martin, exalted ruler, and J. B. Martin, secretary, are with the herd, which includes also all past exalted rulers of the Everett lodge. Among them are such good fellows as Jim Bell, Adam Jorgensen, Gene McGill, Judge Black, B. E. Paget, Q. E. Friars and Dan Currie, and others who are for Everett now and forever.

Neatly framed photo engravings of the city of Everett have been distributed broadcast in Portland with the compliments of the Elks of No. 479. The souvenir calls attention to the fact that Everett has an industrial payroll of \$506,000 per month, and that it is known as the Pittsburg of the west. The Everett boys are also distributing a souvenir folder which goes into more detail concerning the town, its record and its promises.

Twenty-one years ago, in 1891, the folder says, the population of Everett was nothing. In 1909 the government census gave the town credit for 7333 inhabitants, and in 1910, according to the census, the population was 24,814. The "Pittsburg of the West," and the "City of Smokestacks" are two of Everett's pet appellations.

The Everett fellows, of whom there are some 250 in town for the convention, are so earnest in their boosting and have such convincing facts to back them up, that a visit to their camp satisfies the ordinary mortal that it is merely waste of time to live anywhere but in their town.

## BUSINESS CEASES AS PARADE MARCHES PAST

In the list of those who ordinarily toil are certain conscientious citizens who came to their offices this morning fully determined to "make it a day," without regard for the governor's proclamation of a holiday or the Elks' convention that caused the proclamation.

Some of them got half way through the morning's mail and turned to dictate, only to discover that Miss Stenographer had taken the proclamation seriously. Some of them kept their eyes on duties but ears caught the blare of the music and fancy went straying away beyond work.

And in these ways it occurred that the Portland atmosphere of "town on tiptoe" proved too much for them all, railroad men, commercial men, bankers and merchants. Without conscience they set the locks and doors, they snapped off the electric light switches and they went out to jam through the crowds, heads bent, elbows set, trying to get the closest possible to the expression of fun and frolic in pageantry—the parade.

**ONE LONESOME ELK**  
Delegated Sole Representative of His Lodge in Colorado.  
There is at least one lonesome Elk in Portland. He is Louis J. Rachofsky, grand lodge delegate from Central City, Colo., exalted ruler of his home lodge and inner guard of the State Association of Elks.

## 'FARTHEST NORTH' ELKS ARE HERE! WILL THAW OUT

### Skagway Lodge No. 431 Sends Distinguished Delegates—One Is Mayor—Both Unite in Praising Portland.

"Farthest north" is the title to fame which clings to two of the most enthusiastic boosters Portland ever had. They are H. H. Draper and J. M. Tanner both of Skagway, Alaska.

Skagway lodge, No. 431, of which they are members, is farther north than any other lodge. It is one of the liveliest organizations on the Pacific coast, however. Their temple houses, bowling alleys, pool and billiard rooms, buffet, card rooms, reading and writing rooms, a big general assembly room and dining room. They have two adjoining buildings on the main street of Skagway.

These two Elks are characters in their country. J. M. Tanner, the present mayor of Skagway, went into the far north in 1896. Just after "Sopie" Smith had been killed by the vigilantes and the marshal then in charge arrested and sent back to America, Tanner was appointed marshal.

**Public Career.** For eight years he held this post, bringing strict order and obedience to the law out of a chaos of lawbreaking and disorder that had been unbelievable. For three years after finishing his term as United States marshal he served as a municipal judge at Skagway and since then has served several terms as mayor of that interesting city.

Both Draper and Tanner unite in their praise of Portland. They are inveterate travelers, yet they both of them invariably reach Portland and spend a few days here every time they come to the states. "There is no town in the country that can equal Portland for business stability, wealth or beauty according to my ideas," said Dr. Draper while Tanner smilingly seconded each word.

"The way the lodge here has handled the convention has been a welcome sight to me for in my recent travels I have been booming Portland convention and it has been but a vindication of my beliefs. You have the most picturesque city, one of the best lodges of Elks and a people who cannot be beaten for hospitality and generosity."

**Alaska Booming.** Alaska is booming these days, say both men, although they are both pessimistic as to the life of the fish in Alaska waters. Thirty-two canneries opened up there this year and they are fast depopulating the streams. They are employing hundreds of men, however, and the riches they are sending out of the country are vast. White horse mining is shipping 60 carsloads of ore a day but otherwise there is but little activity in mining circles.

From farthest west comes A. MacDuffie of Honolulu lodge, No. 616, and himself chief of detectives of Oahu Island. Mr. MacDuffie is a true sportsman job on his hands for he is forced to keep order among thousands of Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, Hindus, native Hawaiians and other foreigners.

Of his 14 deputies ten are foreigners and each has his own area to look after. MacDuffie is proud of his deputies and of their record and says that, considering the character of the inhabitants, their island is the most peaceable in the Hawaiian group.

## LATEST ELKS' CENSUS GIVEN AS 384,742

### New York Leads All States in Membership; 7081 Elks in Oregon.

IN THE matter of Elks' population in various states, New York heads the list, with Pennsylvania a close second and Ohio and California standing third and fourth respectively.

According to the Elks' census just completed, there are residing in New York state, 30,795 members of the order. In Pennsylvania are 30,398; in Ohio, 22,261, and in California, 18,896.

Pennsylvania leads in the number of lodges within any one state. There are 112 lodges in Pennsylvania. Ohio comes second with 79, Illinois third with 70, and New York fourth with 62.

Among the western states, California leads in the number of lodges and membership. Within the borders of California are 48 lodges, with a total membership of 18,898. Statistics of other western states, giving the number of lodges first and the total membership last follow:

- Idaho, eight lodges, membership, 2787.
- Montana, fourteen lodges, membership, 4714.
- Oregon, seventeen lodges, membership, 7081.
- Nevada, three lodges, membership, 1273.
- Utah, five lodges, membership, 1874.
- Washington, nineteen lodges, membership, 3787.
- Wyoming, five lodges, membership, 2257.

The total membership of the lodge in 1911 was 259,677, and in the lodge year of 1912, the membership is given at 384,742. Numerically, the standing of the principal lodges is headed by Brooklyn, N. Y., with a total membership of 3963. The New York lodge is second with 2149 names on its roster and Detroit occupies the fourth position with 1826 members.

Los Angeles occupies the most unfortunate position of all. It is thirteenth on the list; Seattle is fourteenth; Denver, fifteenth; Portland, sixteenth; Spokane, twenty-fourth, and Oakland, twenty-ninth.

## B. P. O. E. VETERAN RECALLS DAYS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

### William T. Baker, 85 Years Old, of Springfield, Ill., to Present Mayor Rushlight With Famous Memento.

Before he departs for home Mr. Baker will present to the city through Mayor Rushlight, a memento of Lincoln in the form of a gavel cut from a walnut tree to which Lincoln tied his flatboat for several days in his famous trip down the Sangamon river.

This walnut tree grew on the place of Mr. Baker's father, and the two young men, who had known each other before, for awhile were fellow toilers on the flatboat.

**Lincoln's Flatboat.** Years ago the walnut tree was hewed down, but its wood was saved, and from it many souvenir gavels have been made. Mr. Baker brought two with him; one for Portland in honor of the grand lodge, and the other for John P. Sullivan, the retiring grand exalted ruler.

With each gavel goes the following note from Mr. Baker: "I, William T. Baker, hereby certify that this piece of wood was part of the walnut tree that Abraham Lincoln and I tied his flatboat to when we went down the Sangamon river sometime in 1840 or 1841."

"I was on the flatboat with him part of the time while it was stranded on my father's mill dam for four days and nights. My father, James Baker, was a messmate of Abraham Lincoln in the Black Hawk war."

**"W. T. BAKER."** Mr. Baker, though having lived in Illinois so long, has had his share of western hardships and pioneering experience. He is no tenderfoot in any sense. In fact, he is today probably eligible to membership in the Pioneers of California, for he came to that state on muleback in 1854, and remained there near three years.

**How He Split Rails.** It was to Yreka, Cal., that he and a companion went in quest of wealth and adventure. They got the adventure and later made a start toward getting the wealth when they drove back to the east, in 1857, a herd of wild horses.

While he was in Yreka Mr. Baker was mail rider for 16 months. From

## "BEAR YELL" OF SAN FRANCISCANS STIRS THEM UP

### Elks From Golden Gated City Are Out in Force to Capture 1915 Convention—Are You for Frisco?

**B-P-O-E.** San Francisco number three, 1915 that's the date, Meet us at the Golden Gate, Bear—Bear—Where—Where—San Francisco.

That "San Francisco bear" yell mingled with the strains of many bands was all that was to be heard on the streets this morning while the Elks made merry. The streets seemed fairly alive with San Francisco boosters who are making the best of their limited time here to get in the best Elks they can in their fight for the convention in 1915.

**Are you for Frisco?** was the query with which everyone was greeted. It is the watchword of the San Francisco delegation and with their yell has made Portland's streets seem more like the California metropolis than her own.

This spirit of aggressiveness is what is expected to win the big convention for the Bay City in 1915. It was a like spirit with which the Portland delegation won the convention which is now on and taking their lesson from the successful Portland lodge the southerners are losing no time in their campaigning.

That the convention will be held in San Francisco in 1915 is the belief of everyone about the Frisco headquarters. Like hopes are to be found around the Alameda county headquarters in the Portland hotel, where Colonel Gier and Colonel J. K. Ritter are in charge.

Colonel J. K. Ritter, commander of the drill team from 171, Oakland, is the father of drill teams in Elkdom, having taken the first drill team to the Cincinnati convention 20 years ago. Since that time his teams have won eight first prizes. His first team wore dressed in simple double breasted coats with white trousers and hats and carried canes in place of swords.

## SWEET PEA EXHIBIT PROVES BIG SUCCESS

That the sweet pea exhibit promoted by the Oregon Sweet Pea society is firmly fixed as an annual affair was the unanimous verdict of enthusiastic growers of this flower when the second annual show closed yesterday evening.

The show was held Tuesday and Wednesday in the large county courtroom, and was attended by approximately 8000 people.

As a beautifier of the lawns, the sweet pea ranks second to the rose. It has been discovered that Oregon climate and weather conditions are ideal for the sweet pea, allowing it to make luxuriant growth in stock and develop splendidly in bloom. Three years ago the cultivation of this flower was in its prime. Today it is established on a scientific basis. To Captain George Pope of Woodstock belongs a large share of the credit for arousing Portland people, and especially school children, in this work.

The show will be held in July next year, and promises to attract northwest attention. The society is now affiliated with the National Sweet Pea association.

the end of his route at the top of the mountains he would often look over into Oregon, but he did not come here until many years later.

Mr. Baker tells with delight of how he split rails with Lincoln on more than one occasion. He is visiting in Portland at the home of J. W. Keasey, 316 San Rafael street.

## Elks' Week.

Mail The Journal to your friends in the east, or brother Elks. You can send ten issues of The Journal, from July 7 to 16, covering complete proceedings of the Elks' reunion, including the large special Elks' number of July 11, to your friends or brother Elks, for 25 cents. Order at once.

## Tour Glacier National Park THIS SUMMER

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## SINGING HERD IS THE REAL M'COY

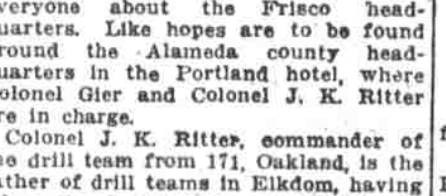
### Noisy Bunch From New South Strong on the Vocal Business.

Have you heard the "singing herd from the new south?" One of the noisiest aggregations in Portland during the B. P. O. E. reunion—and that is saying a great deal—is the band from the southeast. Marching in Indian file, they have sung through the streets, through the hotel corridors, through the local Elk lodge rooms and through many of the downtown office buildings.

The party is made up of delegates and visitors from South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia. Sprinkled here and there among them are members from Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio, these having joined the special train on its way westward.

Among the leading songsters are James L. Irby of Boykins, S. C.; John J. Jeannette of St. Joseph, Mich.; John B. Billee of Richmond, Va.; George F. Cooper of Knoxville, Tenn.; A. J. Hamm of Florence, S. C., and Joe Kewler of Henderson county, Kentucky.

"We are here to show you that the southeast," said Colonel Irby, "may be pretty far away, but that we are not going to let you forget it anyway."



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