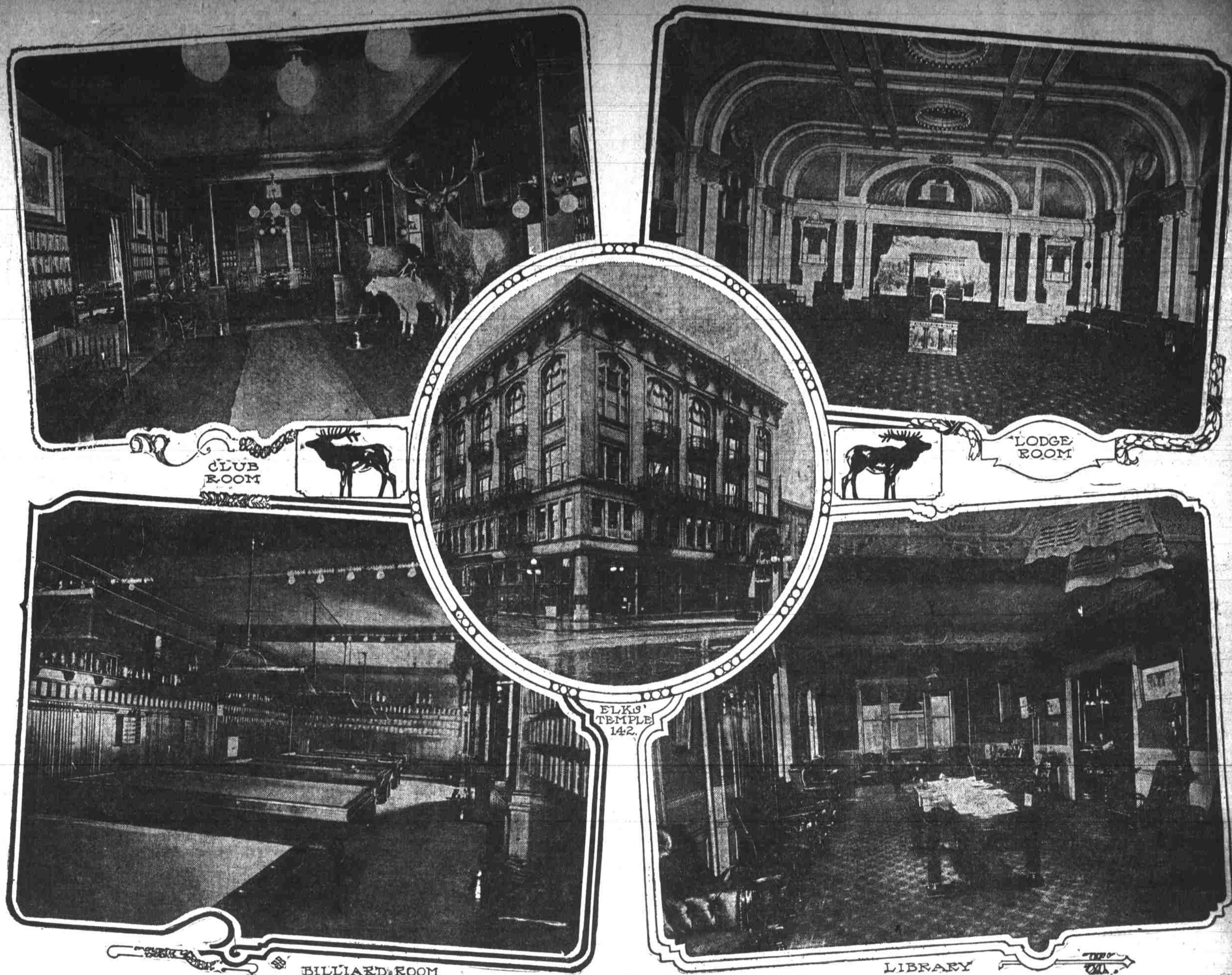


HEADQUARTERS OF PORTLAND LODGE NO. 142 AND INTERIOR VIEWS OF CLUB ROOMS



HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE IN ADVANCE

Every Effort Made for Comfort of Visitors During Reunion.

OF THE great throng of Elks and their ladies, sons and daughters, that poured into Portland through the North Bank and Union depots earlier this week, only a few, probably, paused to give thought or realized the months of hard work it took to arrange for their accommodations. The members of the large delegations were met at the depots by the local reception committee and escorted directly to apartments in the various hotels and apartment houses that had been reserved for them. There was no fuss, no delay; everything progressed as evenly and harmoniously as well oiled machinery. Those who had spoken for reservations previously, knew the number of their apartments, the floor and the location of their hotel before they left their homes. For the ones who had overlooked this matter, the accommodation and hotel committee had made ample provision. All the unprepared ones had to do was to ask for quarters at the registration headquarters and the committee assigned them rooms either in the hotels, apartment houses, or in private homes.

The committee had been preparing for the rush and had reserved more than 10,000 rooms, each arranged for two and three people, weeks before the grand lodge reunion had been called to order.

Apartments in 90 hotels, 50 apartment houses and hundreds of private homes were on the list. The committee was determined that none of the visitors should be harassed by being compelled to hunt quarters in a strange city.

Joseph Dietz, one of the prominent real estate men of Portland, is chairman of the committee. From the first, he directed its work along systematic lines.

The first step taken by the committee was to secure written contracts, with hotel men to the effect that the prices for rooms would not be raised during the convention. A similar promise, in writing, was exacted from the restaurants. This was to protect the visitors from extortion of any hotel that might attempt to capitalize the crush and profit thereby.

The hotel men joined willingly in the movement. This accomplished, the committeemen set out to bind all reservations for rooms by written contracts. These contracts stipulated that each lodge making reservations for a certain number of rooms, should pay for

them whether they were occupied or not.

Then each of the 1238 subordinate lodges of the order was asked to make its reservations, and contracts were mailed to them. When the contracts were returned, signed by the excited rulers of lodges making reservations, the committee then apportioned rooms. As a result, each lodge delegation, practically, is housed under the same roof. This enables them to enjoy themselves the more because they are surrounded by friends from their own home cities.

In its work the committee had the united support of the leading hoteliers. The hotel men lent every effort to make the preparations as complete as possible. One-half the rooms at the Hotel Multnomah, the headquarters of the grand lodge, were placed on the reserve list, and the same was done at the Imperial, the Perkins, Bowers, Sew

ard, the Oregon and other hotels. Determined that their guests should have the best of food, the larger hotels placed orders for tons of meats, fowls and vegetables two months ago. At the Hotel Portland alone, three tons of turkeys, chickens, squabs, and five tons of meats and fish were ordered to provide against the hunger of its guests during the convention. One article on the menu that proved particularly pleasing to the palate of eastern Elks, was Columbia river salmon, the biggest purchasable, that were baked whole.

Long List of Lodge Honors.

T. J. Ivers, exalted ruler of Seattle Lodge No. 92, became a member of the lodge 15 years ago and since then has held every chair. He is one of the best known Elks in the Pacific northwest and has a large circle of friends both in Seattle and Portland.

REUNIONS HELD IN SEVENTEEN CITIES

Grand Lodge Has Convened in Four Western Cities.

SINCE the organization of the grand lodge of Elks in 1871, conventions have been held in 17 cities of the United States. Four of these conventions, including the 1912 convention at

Portland, have been held in the west. The western cities so honored were: Salt Lake City, Denver, Los Angeles and Portland.

From 1871 up to and including the session of '89, the grand lodge met in New York city, except in 1877, when the convention was held at Philadelphia. This convention reconvened in New York the day following, to ratify all actions taken at Philadelphia, as the grand lodge at that time was operating under the laws of New York state.

Grand lodge conventions have been held twice at Philadelphia, twice at Buffalo, twice at Detroit, four times at Atlantic City and twice at Cincinnati. A full list of the convention cities and the year each convention was held follows:

New York city, 1871, 1876; Philadelphia, 1877, 1907; New York city, 1884, 1889; Cleveland, 1890; Louisville, 1891;

Buffalo, 1892, 1905; Detroit, 1893, 1910; Atlantic City, 1894, 1895, 1900, 1911; Cincinnati, 1896, 1904; Minneapolis, 1897; New Orleans, 1898; St. Louis, 1899; Milwaukee, 1901; Salt Lake City, 1902; Baltimore, 1903; Denver, 1904; Dallas, 1908; Los Angeles, 1909; Portland, 1912.

ROSEBURG, NO. 326, IN FLOURISHING CONDITION

Among the smaller lodges in Oregon, No. 326, at Roseburg, is one of the most active. Its temple, a \$20,000 structure, is the center of club life in the town, which has a population of approximately 5000. The property on which the temple stands, is valued at \$10,000. The lodge was founded July 9, 1896, and its active membership at present is 400.

SEATTLE NO. 92 TO BUILD NEW TEMPLE

Nine Story Home to Cost \$175,000 Soon to Be Erected.

THE Seattle Spirit, that subtle something that inspired Seattle's citizens to create the wonderful Alaska-Yukon exposition and other things, such as the Potlatch, on comprehensive lines, is exemplified in the progressiveness and unity of the members of Seattle's lodge of Elks, No. 92.

Late this summer, it is expected that work will be started on a nine-story home for the lodge, a structure that will cost \$175,000. The building will stand at Fourth and Spring streets, on a 93 by 111 lot, which that lodge purchased two years ago. It will be one of the handsomest in the city.

Since its organization, No. 92 has been marked for its go ahead spirit. The membership of the lodge is nearly 1100. Several of the original nine charter members are still living.

For several years the lodge has made its home in the Alaska building, one of the largest blocks in Seattle. The lodge leased the two top floors, which it furnished beautifully. At the time it was believed that the question of lodge quarters had been settled for years to come, but the rapid expansion of its membership was such that it was decided that a building devoted exclusively to the lodge was a necessity.

As a result, property was purchased and building plans made, and it is expected that 92 will be snugly housed in its new home in another year.

With the exception of two stories on the ground floor, the proposed temple will be used exclusively by the lodge. In the subbasement will be located the baths and swimming tank; the basement will house the gymnasium and handball court; the second, third and fourth floors will be given over to bachelor suites and sleeping apartments, and on the fifth floor the card rooms, buffet, library, etc., will be found. The sixth floor will accommodate the ball and banquet halls and the east and lodge rooms will be on the seventh.

The money to defray the expense of constructing the temple will be raised by stock subscription.

Earliest Lodges in R. P. O. E.

Four of the first ten subordinate lodges of the R. P. O. E. were instituted in cities of the Atlantic coast, within two on the Pacific slope, three in the middle eastern states and one in the south.

Officers and Members of Portland Lodge B. P. O. E. Who Laid the Cornerstone of the Elks' Temple April 6, 1905

