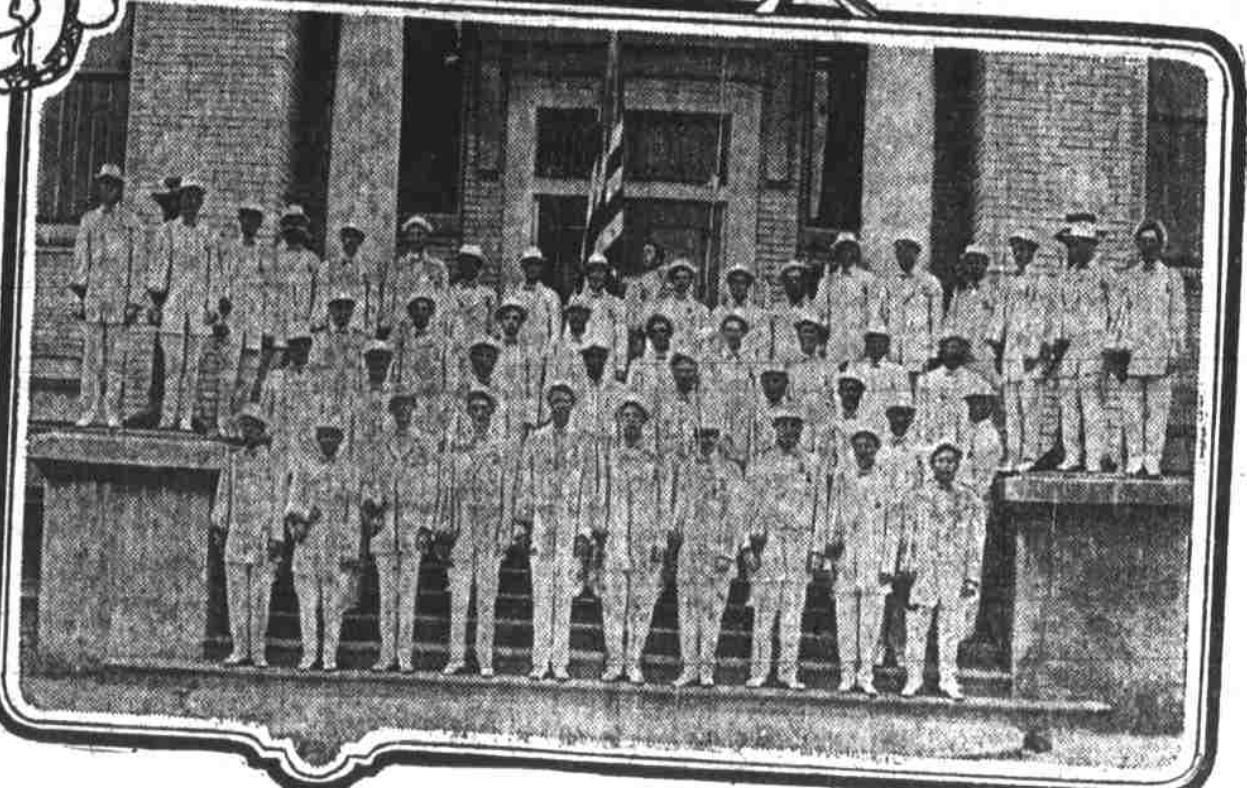
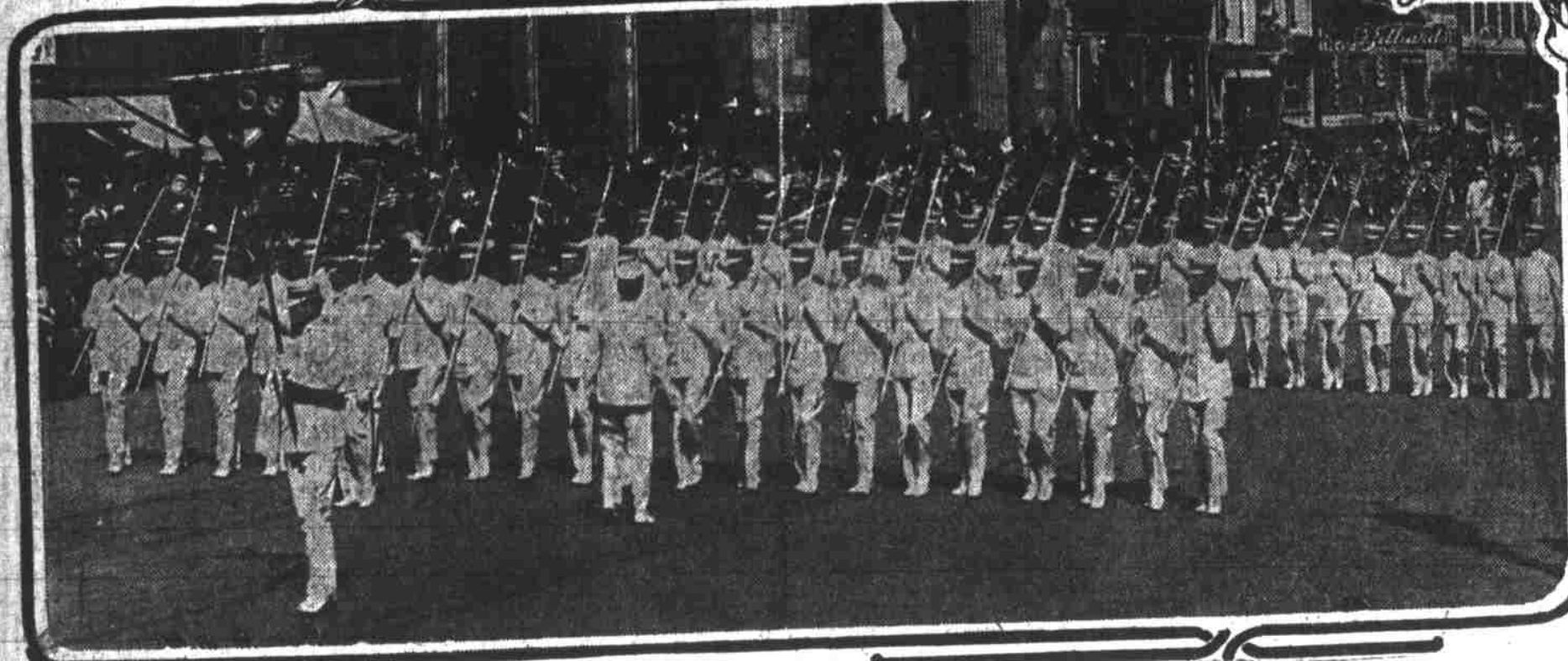


RECEPTION COMMITTEE OF PORTLAND LODGE IN OFFICIAL REUNION GARB



Top—"Welcome Squad" of Portland Elks, who met all incoming delegations, accompanying visitors to their hotels. Bottom—Los Angeles "Poppy Pickers" drill corps at left and a section of the Medford, Or., reunion delegation.

Program for the Rest of Elks' Week

FRIDAY, JULY 12

- 9 A. M.—Concert by administration band in Court of Honor.
- 10 A. M.—Closing Grand Lodge session at Armory, inauguration of newly elected officers and farewell address of John P. Sullivan, grand exalted ruler.
- 11 A. M.—Formal awarding of parade, drill contest, band and decoration prizes by Harry C. McAllister, secretary of convention commission from official grandstand in front of Federal building.
- 1 P. M.—Free excursion on the Columbia and Willamette rivers.
- 3 P. M.—Baseball at Recreation Park, Portland vs. San Francisco.
- 8:30 P. M.—Grand Ball, Elks' Temple.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

- 9 A. M.—Band concert in Court of Honor.
- 9 A. M.—Beginning at 9 A. M. and continuing throughout the day excursions to nearby lake, mountain, ocean and river resorts.
- 2 P. M.—Harness and running races at Country Club grounds.
- 3 P. M.—Baseball at Recreation Park, Portland vs. San Francisco.
- 8 P. M.—And continuing until morning, mystic masqued carnival and "battle of ribbons," marking finals of Elks' Week.

"Swapping Badges" Popular Reunion Pastime of Delegates From Far and Near

REGISTRATION SYSTEM IS MOST ADEQUATE

Plan of Handling Reunion Visitors Operates With Dispatch.

ONE of the busiest places during the last week has been the registration headquarters for Elks, both visiting and local, in the annex to the Oregon hotel at Seventh and Oak streets. Many out-of-town visitors are still adding their names to the thousands who have already secured their badges and left their names, lodge names and numbers, and headquarters in the city. The headquarters will be open until the convention is concluded.

The registration headquarters is primarily for the purpose of securing accurate information regarding the visiting and resident Elks and the women who accompany them. Beyond this it is even more useful for the purpose of giving information to those wishing to find relatives and friends.

By means of one of the simplest and most effective card and filing systems ever used at a grand lodge reunion, close track is kept of every Elk in the city and it is but the matter of a moment to find the hotel, home, lodging house or other stopping place at which each is making his stay. No matter whether the visitors are from Manila or New York the system easily locates and identifies them.

Four expert statisticians are in attendance to give out all information and to file all registration cards as soon as they are handed in. Forty registration clerks from all parts of the United States are ready at all times to aid those registering and with the exception of the signature, fill in all information desired. These clerks are all Elks and many have had experience in the work at other reunions.

Many visitors who had participated in one or more reunions at other cities,

complimented the Portland committee on the ease with which the registration was carried out and the splendid results which were accomplished.

When plans were first made for registration headquarters, it was decided by the committee to erect a temporary structure on the vacant quarter block owned by T. B. Wilcox across Pine street from the grand lodge headquarters in the Multnomah hotel. The spot was considered excellently located but the expense of the building was thought to be greater than necessary.

Through the courtesy of Wright and Dickinson, proprietors of the Hotel Oregon, the use of the main floor of the new building was secured. In the south half of this floor the headquarters were opened up one week ago. A broad counter was erected along the two sides and at the rear and behind this the registration clerks were stationed.

Postoffice Substation Opened.

For the accommodation of the visitors a substation of the Portland postoffice was opened at the registration headquarters. Here all mail for delegates and other visitors is handled except such as is directed in care of an address. Postmaster Merrick placed his most expert clerks in charge of the substation and every effort was made to handle the mail with accuracy and dispatch. Stamps and postcards are on sale at the substation.

Another accommodation which has aided materially in the comfort of the visitors is a branch office of the Baggage & Omnibus Transfer company, at which baggage checks can be left with instructions for handling and this part of the party were taken by automobiles. As soon as these had made arrangements for their hotel accommodations they were taken to the registration headquarters.

As a general rule guests on arriving were escorted by the reception committee to their hotels at once. All women in the party were taken by automobiles.

For members of the grand lodge the arrangements were somewhat different, for instead of going to the general registration headquarters they were cared for by the grand lodge credentials committee at the Multnomah hotel, headquarters for the grand lodge.

A joint validating branch office was opened by the various railroads in the registration headquarters this morning.

TRADING OF BADGES IS POPULAR CUSTOM

Exchange of Elks' Emblems Occupies Time of Many Delegates.

IN OLDEN days, it was the custom of visitors to present their hosts with divers gifts as tokens of friendship, and the hosts reciprocated the greeting. This plan has survived to the present day when at all great gatherings, such as the one at hand, badges and souvenirs are exchanged.

The Portland lodge as the host of the thousands of visiting Elks, presented each member of the fraternity with a coat lapel watch chain surmounted by a small reproduction of the "Coming of the White Man" statue in the City park. The Indian legend represented in this bronze typifies the initial display of hospitality by the Indians extended the first white men who came to Oregon and its choice is significant for the friendly spirit it represents. All visiting ladies received attractive brooches with the compliments of the Portland lodge.

In addition many of the visiting delegations brought thousands of their own badges for distribution among the assembled brothers.

Indian blankets from New Mexico, bucking bronchos from Pendleton, rubber boots from Woonsocket, R. I., cherries from Salem, the Baker City nuggets, pen knives from Alameda, Cal., cereal factory emblems from Battle Creek, hats from El Paso, each representing the locality of the lodge presenting them, are but a few of the hundreds of emblems displayed.

The first day of the reunion had not advanced far when some of the Elks, appeared on the streets with their coats far and wide, and with their pockets bulging with duplicates offered in exchange for some new emblem. Some of the ardent collectors boast of as many as 500 separate souvenirs, with more to come before the week ends.



Top, left to right—Archie Boyd Jr., delegate from Granite City, Ill., champion "badge swapper"; Dr. J. H. Hite, Boyd's "sparring partner" from Granite City. Bottom, left to right—Birney H. Sage, past exalted ruler, Cheyenne, Wyo., "swapping" badges.