

GREAT WELCOME TO BE EXTENDED MYSTIC SHRINERS

General Committee Has Opened Headquarters; Big Housing Problem Is First to Be Tackled.

The Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine, the greatest of all American fraternal gatherings, with its atmosphere of Oriental magnificence, comes to Portland next June for its forty-sixth annual session from the twenty-second to the twenty-fourth, and when it does it will find a city overflowing with hospitality extended by a general executive committee composed of many of its most prominent citizens.

The committee has its headquarters on the eighth floor of the Gasco building, where its big job at present is to provide housing facilities for Shriners whose applications are flowing in. Rooms sufficient to house the total attendance at Indianapolis last June have already been secured at hotels for 37 different temples. Twelve temples will be housed on Pullman trains.

The committee conceals that Portland has the biggest job ahead of it in the history of the city. Temples that have been sending from 60 to 75 men to a session are bringing from 200 to 600 to Portland. Shriners declare that Portland will have the largest crowd in the history of the order.

There will be from 75,000 to 100,000 visitors in Portland, avers the committee.

NO RAISE IN RATES

The housing committee is contracting every inch of available hotel space, and in only one or two instances have hotel men failed to cooperate. Not a single complaint has been made against the hotel rates. The hotel men have stuck to their regular prices. The few cases of lack of cooperation came from the operators of small hotels.

With practically every hotel chartered to capacity, school houses, churches and clubs are being pressed into service. Approximately 2500 Shriners have been sold sleeping quarters in these institutions during the last few days. The quarters will be equipped with single iron beds with springs and mattresses, linen and blankets. Fifteen thousand visitors will sleep aboard their Pullman trains in 400 cars parked near the station.

The overflow must be accommodated in private homes. It is expected 30,000 rooms will be required. With the convention still four and one half months away, the committee has already received applications for more than 2000 rooms. Shriners are now canvassing the city for a list of available rooms.

BIG MEN IN CHARGE

The business methods used require the submission by the committees of estimates of their expenditures in the form of a budget which must receive the approval of the budget committee, which then makes contracts for the approval of the directors. The secretary of the general committee must refuse to issue requisitions for purchases in excess of budget appropriations. Accounts are audited once a month.

Some of the best business men of Portland are giving their attention to the convention, seeing to it that there will be no element of chance, but with every citizen cooperating the city will score the greatest success of her time. Every home in Portland is asked to register spare sleeping rooms at 802 Gasco building; every person is asked to help show the visitors they are glad they are here and to send the Shriners away with the feeling that Portland is the finest city ever.

Girl, a Deaf Mute, Was Bandit Chief

Paris, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—A slender young girl named Loly headed a band of deaf mutes which perpetrated a number of the most clever burglaries that ever came to the attention of the Paris police until the entire gang was rounded up and sent to prison this week. For several weeks the police received reports of daring apartment house robberies. On many occasions bedrooms were robbed while the occupants were at dinner in adjoining rooms, but not a sound was heard. The police took fingerprints and by reason of other clues arrested four men named Barthe, Pierre, Maurel and Ritter, all deaf mutes. They confessed that their leader was the Loly girl, also a deaf mute. The girl told the police that the band worked successfully because they carried on none of the whispered conversations that so often reveal the presence of burglars, but principally because they revealed no secrets to outsiders.

Agent Disappointed; Flask Has a Nipple

Winnemucca, Nev., Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Frank Reber, revenue officer here, is on the lookout for violators of the prohibition act. Reber, boarding a train, kept his ears open for any chance scraps of information of value. Behind him a bottle dropped to the floor. Visions of some one with "a bit on his lip" flashed through Reber's mind and he turned quickly with the command: "Hand over that bottle. A man sitting next a lady reached laboriously under the car seat and brought forth the bottle. It was topped with a nipple and contained milk.

The aims and objects of organized labor and the American Legion are identical, declared General Pershing in an address at Phoenix, Ariz.

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PROMINENT MEN TO DIRECT SHRINERS' ENTERTAINMENT



1—W. J. Hoffman 5—Hal T. Hutchinson 9—Dr. S. M. Strohecker 13—Charles F. Berg 17—Mark Woodruff 21—A. H. Lee
2—Frank S. Grant 6—J. A. Cranston 10—C. P. Jaeger 14—Julius L. Meier 18—Franklin T. Griffith 22—George L. Baker
3—Emery Olmstead 7—Ivan Humason 11—C. D. Bruun 15—Rufus C. Holman 19—Hugh J. Boyd 23—G. W. Stapleton
4—Fred N. Buchtel 8—Ralph W. Hoyt 12—Ira F. Powers 16—Harry Cowgill Jr. 20—Dean Vincent 24—W. Davis; 25—A. L. Tetu

Shriner Committee Is Named Here's Who's Who and Why

The general executive committee of Portland Shriners in charge of the arrangements for the Shrine convention in Portland this year has been incorporated for 1930 and is operating as a regular concern in order that the convention may be regarded as a business enterprise. The incorporators were members of the general committee serving July 10, 1919, and each member is at the head of a division of the work and reports to the board of directors at its weekly meetings. The Al Kader temple is thus relieved from responsibility; except that it must stand behind its representatives composing the corporation. This is the same plan the Elks adopted a few years ago in handling their convention.

The "Who's Who" of the executive committee follows:
A. L. Tetu, who will organize and operate a committee on hospitality, which will visit the hotels and see that everybody is happy.
Ivan Humason, admiral of the sight-seeing streetcars. These cars will operate on half hour schedules and will enable the visitors to see Portland from every viewpoint.
Harvey Wells, who will interest Shriners in all sections of Oregon to help entertain the visitors. He will invite them to come early and help bring about the greatest demonstration of hospitality ever witnessed.

William J. Hoffmann is chairman of the general committee of the Shrine for 1930 and one of its incorporators. Hoffmann has the general direction of the undertaking and is the moving spirit of the activities now under way.

George W. Stapleton, the first vice-chairman of the Shrine incorporation and director of the advisory committee, this plan involves the union of all Pacific coast temples with Portland as hosts to the vast swarm of red faces that will visit Portland in June.

Mayor Baker, second vice chairman, who, together with Frank E. Smith, will work out the details of the four great parades which the Shriners will stage in their three days' session. The mayor was thought to be especially fitted for handling the concessions because of his past theatre experience.

Dean Vincent, who handles all the money that Portlanders are contributing for the entertainment of the Imperial council. Besides being treasurer, Vincent sits in on the budget committee to see that it does not exceed the appropriations.

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A. H. Lee, potentate of Al Kader temple of Portland and chairman of the committee on imperial divan and imperial ladies. Lee will attend all events given in honor of the men of the Imperial council and will see that they miss nothing in the way of entertainment planned for them.

Joseph R. Bowles, who will head the finance committee of the big demonstration of welcome which Portland will show its visitors of the Shrine. He will be assisted by John L. Etheridge and George B. Thomas. Bowles has faced the task of raising the biggest sum of money ever required for entertainment purposes on the Pacific coast.

Emery Olmstead, chairman of the budget and auditing committee, which will estimate and appropriate all the moneys expended by the committee. Olmstead insists that the Shrine convention will finish its work without a deficit and is emphatic that nothing be contracted for in excess of appropriations.

J. A. Cranston, chairman of the traffic committee, who, together with his vice chairman, Fred Buchtel of the state railway commission and John H. Burgard, has arranged for the parking of more than 400 Pullman cars in Portland. These cars will have electric lights, water, sanitation and other conveniences, and each car shall be within easy walking distance of the downtown district.

Frank S. Grant, who has charge of the decorations. Grant will transport in resemblance 72 blocks of the business center of Portland to an oriental oasis with palm-shaded avenues by day and glowing lights by night, with arches that will tell something of the story of the Shrine.

Rufus C. Holman, who has charge of the committee whose duty will be to prevent accidents among 100,000 visitors thronging the streets and flooding the Columbia river highway. Holman will work with the police, the sheriff's office, the national guard and the public in safeguarding life and limb during the days of the convention.

Dr. S. M. Strohecker, who will be on hand should there be accidents. Strohecker will have a large corps of surgeons, physicians, nurses and ambulance men.

Mark Woodruff, secretary of the Shrine committee. Woodruff is a newspaper man, and is handling many of the details of the various committees at their offices in the Gasco building. He is assisted by one man and three women and has thus far been able to

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lanes. Emergency calls will be handled from stations both in the city and the Columbia river highway, and ample rooms will be maintained at various hospitals for the reception of visitors who may be the victim of too much celebration.

J. P. Jaeger, chairman of the hotels and housing committee. Jaeger has filled the hotels, is working on the public buildings and shortly will commence on the private homes in the Rose City. His task contemplates the finding of rooms for 100,000 visitors.

Harry Cowgill Jr., who will have charge of the visitors' baggage. Plans contemplate the bands and patrols of marching men to start up town immediately upon their arrival, leaving their luggage in a heap at the station. Cowgill and his assistants will unscramble the baggage and deliver it to the right hotel before the owners arrive there.

Julius L. Meier, who will arrange the banquets and dinners to be given the Shrine officials and visitors. Luncheons for the Imperial representatives, those extended to members of bands and patrols and the luncheon camp at Bonneville on the Columbia highway will also be under Meier's supervision.

Charles F. Berg, in charge of the visitors' entertainment. Berg is planning something for every minute with all the loose ends tied together, no conflicts and yet some form of amusement at 50 different places at the same time.

Captain William Davis, chairman of the patrols committee. Davis is commander of the legion of Imperial representatives, those extended to members of bands and patrols and the luncheon camp at Bonneville on the Columbia highway will also be under Meier's supervision.

C. D. Bruun, of the official reception committee. Bruun, assisted by several hundred aides, all ready with a smile and a handshake.

Otto W. Mielke, who will direct the movement of every band and patrol that comes to the city during convention week. Through Mielke the visitors will know the program of events, where any visiting group is to appear at any hour and the shortest route to reach that point.

Ira F. Powers, chairman of the automobile committee. Powers made a grand hit in 1915 when he handled the automobiles used for entertaining the Shriners, and his appointment to this office was unanimous. Powers will have machines to take all Shrine visitors on the highway and on short trips over the city. He expects to have a special car for each member of the Imperial divan ready for use at any hour of the day.

Ralph W. Hoyt, who plans to have a series of public and free concerts before the grandstands, at parks and churches and wherever else the need may be felt. Hoyt will have to do with the placing of 75 different bands, some good and some even famous. He hopes to close with a parade of massed bands.

Franklin T. Griffith, who will erect and manage the grandstands. Griffith will be aided by W. D. Whitcomb. He hopes to make the stands pay their own way by selling seats for two parades and for the other two, to be staged by Portland, putting visiting delegates and uniformed men and their companions in the stands without charge.

Hugh J. Boyd, aided by a large force of clerks, will register the visitors and give them official programs and the books of tickets that will entitle them to certain free entertainment.

Hal T. Hutchinson, who is arranging a suitable building for housing all the activities of the Portland committee during the convention. In this building will be the registration desk, validation office for the railroad representatives, an information bureau, the office of the general committee, a postoffice, telegraph station, rest rooms, toilet facilities, telephone booths, typewriters and operators.

Cincinnati Bans Hip And Locker Parties

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—"Hip" parties in hotels and restaurants and the "locker" system in clubs have been banned here. The home, hereafter, is the only safe harbor for an individual's store of liquor. In view of the United States internal revenue collector, Steven W. McGrath's announcement that constitutional prohibition is to be enforced.

RECEPTION MUCH ENJOYED



Mr. and Mrs. Seid Gain Back, hosts on their twentieth wedding anniversary, with their small children, and some of those who attended their reception Monday night at the Multnomah hotel.

Life on the Moon As Pickering Sees It

By Garrett P. Servis

PROFESSOR WILLIAM H. PICKERING, brother of the late Edward C. Pickering, so long the director of the Harvard observatory, holds views concerning the state of things on the surface of the moon which are not commonly entertained among astronomers, but which, nevertheless, may be nearer the truth than the older views, while they certainly possess a high degree of interest in themselves.

According to Professor Pickering, the moon is not nearly so "dead" as it has generally been supposed to be. His conclusions are based upon many years of study of the moon's surface by the aid of photographs and telescopic drawings, the work having been largely done in the clear air of the island of Jamaica, where his observatory is situated.

MOON STILL "BREATHES"

Professor Pickering does not go so far as to affirm that the moon is "inhabited," or even that there is any animal life upon it, although that might be inferred from his insistence upon the presence of vegetation at particular points on the lunar surface. But he does depict our apparently life-abandoned satellite as having some token of a living world. To paraphrase the words of Daniel Webster, the moon still breathes, although if we could land upon it we ourselves should not be able to breathe, since we are accustomed to an atmosphere almost incomparably denser than that of the moon. In fact, Professor Pickering assumes that the barometric pressure of the lunar atmosphere does not exceed five millimeters of mercury, which is only about 1-100th of the pressure of the earth's atmosphere. This is about the vapor pressure of water at zero temperature.

APPARENTLY NO WATER

Water in the form of a free liquid apparently does not exist anywhere on the moon, even when the vertical sunbeams raise the temperature of the lunar rocks high above the freezing point, and it has generally been held that no visible clouds ever form over the lunar surface. But this Professor Pickering directly contradicts by the assertion that around the central peaks (of lunar craters, mountains), "and crater rims we can watch the water vapor condense into clouds composed of minute particles of ice. These clouds sometimes change their places from one lunation to another, but there is no rapid shifting, or similar evidence of lunar winds."

Among the spots on the moon where Professor Pickering believes that vegetation can plainly be seen, even with so slight an aid as that of a 3-inch telescope, is the crater-mountain called Eratosthenes. This is a very beautiful object for telescopic study, situated at the southeastern end of the great range of the Lunar Apennines. The ring is a perfect circle about 37 miles across and three miles deep in the interior. It is about 200 miles from the much larger crater-mountain Copernicus.

With a low telescope power both Copernicus and Eratosthenes can be seen at one. Now hear Professor Pickering: "As the lunation (i. e., the advance of the sunlight over the moon) progresses, Copernicus turns white, from the precipitated clouds and snow, while Eratosthenes turns dark from the growth of the vegetation within and around it."

The difference in the phenomena connected with the two mountains may be due to a difference in the quality and quantity of the gases supposed to emanate from the ancient volcanic vents, situated in the vast crater floors or in the flanks of the surrounding walls. The appearance of the lunar vegetation, flourishing upon so strange a nourishment, is described thus: "The lunar vegetation is not green. It is gray, like our sage brush and some of our cacti—almost a purplish black in some places near the equator. It is scattered generally in rather small patches over the surface. None is found near the poles. The only greenish spot located upon the moon is the floor of the great crater Grimaldi, but even here the color is not marked. By far the greater part of the lunar surface appears to us to be simply a desert waste. The vegetation, where found, is often associated with minute craters, as in Alphonsus, the craterlet occurring at or near the center of the dark area. Sometimes it is associated with rills, as in Atlas."

It is a queer old world in the sky that is thus presented to the mind's eye almost dead, at the best, gasping with failing volcanic sighs, while gray-green patches stain the crater's lips, until the ever silent snows cover them up.

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