

ELKS WELCOME SOLDIERS BACK FROM THE FRONT

"Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here." sung by hundreds of lusty voiced Elks opened the first welcome home reception by the members of the Medford lodge to soldier-members returning from service. From then on the program was full of jollity and seriousness and the night closed with a big feed. It was one of the most pleasant and best attended functions in the history of the lodge, drawing out the full resident membership, which included many Elks from all parts of the county. Visiting Elks were also present from five states and a large delegation attended from the Astland lodge headed by W. E. Newcombe and Prof. Irving Vinne.

The entertainment immediately followed a short lodge session. George Collins presided as chairman with Past District Deputy Newcombe seated on his left and Colonel E. E. Kelly on the right as the chief guest of honor, both because of his military rank and because his presence was needed to add publicity to the platform. In this connection it should be stated that Past Exalted Ruler Gus Newbury was also present, thus completing the beauty show.

The first number of the program was the singing by The Buckhounds of the inspiring "Grasshopper" song. Porter J. Neff followed with the formal address of welcome to the soldiers. Then Corporal Frank Rav was introduced as the "Hero of Tomato Hill," and forced to make an address. He created genuine surprise with his powers as an orator, thrilled his hearers with a vivid account of the Tomato Hill battle at the California training camp and related his two months' experience at that camp.

Then Private Henry Haswell of the infantry, Emerson Merrick of the ordnance service, and Walter Merrick who is in the merchant marine service related their service experiences. Addresses were also made by W. E. Newcombe, Prof. Vinne of Astland, and Gus Newbury.

These talks were interspersed with the entire gathering singing popular army songs, including "Good Bye Broadway—Hello, France," "Over There," and "The Battle Song of Liberty," led by the Buckhounds. And how those earnest fellows did sing and enjoy it, despite the awful sound. As a rule the collection of gluttonous, nasal and other disorders, that passes for Elks singing should be classed as a serious crime and last night's chorus singing was no exception.

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Last night's function broke a long spell of social inactivity at the Elks' clubhouse, in fact, it being the first smoker and entertainment held since early in the war. The welcome reception will be continued on the last Thursday of each month until all the soldier and naval members of the lodge, ninety-seven in number, have returned home from service.

PUGET SOUND TRAFFIC RESUMED

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—Seattle railroad officials today believed the recent storm troubles were over, the heavy rains of the past few days having stopped.

The Northern Pacific today sent out trains to Portland and Tacoma. Yesterday the road to Portland was blocked by floods at Tacoma and slides north of Centralia. The Great Northern reported slides on its tracks north of Seattle have been removed. No reports were received early today from McKenna, a Pierce county mill town reported under several feet of water.

TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Wounded in action—Private Theo Holloway, Monmouth, Ore.
Died of disease—Private Merle J. Gruber, Gresham, Ore.
Wounded in action, degree undetermined, previously reported missing in action, Private Frank De Little, Gresham, Ore.
Wounded severely—Private T. B. Matthesen, Seaside, Ore.

TWO TRUNKS OF BOOZE SIZED AT RAILROAD DEPOTS

A trunk full of fine whisky, twenty-eight quarts, which arrived in Medford a week ago yesterday from Oakland, Cal., and which most of the time since has laid at the Southern Pacific passenger depot baggage room awaiting a claimant, is now resting in Sheriff Terrell's office at Jacksonville. The sheriff and Prosecutor Roberts will willingly turn the booze over to the man who calls and says he checked the trunk to Medford.

Evidently the bootlegging owner, who is thought to be a resident of this city, has been troubled with a severe case of cold feet since the trunk arrived here. The same party also checked another trunkful of booze from Oakland to Grants Pass at the same time, and has failed to call for it. That trunk and contents are now in possession of Sheriff Lewis of Josephine county.

Warned in Advance
Before the trunks arrived at their destinations the sheriffs of the two counties and the police of Grants Pass and Medford knew of their coming and were on the lookout ready to arrest whoever claimed either trunk. A constant watch was kept until a few days ago when the authorities becoming firmly convinced that "the beans were spilled" removed the trunks from the depots.

This is how the news leaked out that the trunks were enroute and the bootleggers concerned were tipped off.

How Beans Were Spilled
The day before Shorty Barber returned from Hornbrook with his historic suit case full of apples with which to feed the goats of Prosecutor Roberts and Chief of Police Timothy, a Southern Pacific detective jumped off a northbound train, called for Sheriff Terrell at the depot and related to him about the two trunks coming from Oakland. Neither noticed that a jitney driver was near and overheard the conversation, but suffice it to say that soon word flew about town in inner circles, and every Medford man who had a drinking or bootlegging friend who was known to be in San Francisco or Oakland soon was sending a telegram to that friend to look out.

Prosecutor Roberts and Sheriff Terrell are now firmly convinced of the identity of the sender of the trunks of booze and believe that the man who was to claim them is under arrest in Grants Pass in the person of W. E. Young who was arrested in that city several days ago on an old bootlegging charge, after he had been in hiding at the home of a friend in Medford since last Christmas. They say they think Young could clear up the trunk mysteries if he would only talk.

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SUSPECTED BOOZE ONLY STALE FISH OIL

A few days ago Andrew Jeldness went over in Siskiyou county to see what the prospects were for trapping in that section, but not finding many indications of game, he went to Hill to take the train for home. He had with him a box that he carried some cans of stale fish oil which he uses to bait traps with. When he started for the train a party told him that he thought that it would be better to carry it in his grip, but Andrew told him that he would take a chance with it in the box. When he arrived in Astland he left the box in the car and went outside for a few minutes and when he returned an officer asked him if that box belonged to him, and when told that it did, ordered him to open it. He told him what was in it, and hesitated to open it in the car, but the officer insisted and when he gave him one of the cans to look at he decided it was not what he was looking for and beat a hasty retreat. He thought that someone who saw him get on the train at Hill, had given the officer a tip as evidently he was waiting for the train to arrive.

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30 STATES NOTIFY WASHINGTON OF DRY RATIFICATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Thirty states up to noon today had certified to the state department the ratification of the federal prohibition amendment.

Among the certifications is one from California that came direct from the legislature. Court action has been resorted to in that state in an effort to prevent the vote of the legislature being certified and the governor's office has not acted. According to state department officials, however, notice from the branch of the legislature acting last is sufficient.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 24.—Lieutenant Governor C. C. Young said today he had certified to the department of state California's ratification of the federal prohibition amendment to the constitution on the day the measure passed the assembly. On that day the governor was restrained by court from certifying the amendment to Washington.

Lieutenant Governor Young said the formal notice to Washington had been signed jointly by himself and Henry W. Wright, speaker of the assembly.

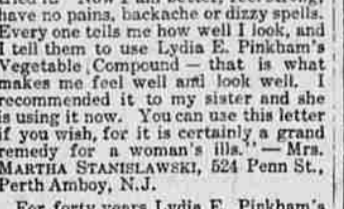
On the day the amendment was passed in the assembly a wine grower obtained in the superior court in San Francisco an injunction restraining Governor W. D. Stephens from certifying the ratification. This injunction is still in effect and it was not known generally here until today that the amendment had been certified.

Earl G. Matney and wife who were living in Portland for several weeks, have returned to Medford.

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BOOTH OUTLINES HIGHWAY PLANS TO DELEGATION

SALEM, Jan. 23.—(Special Correspondence.) The members of the Jackson county delegation in the legislature with John Carlin and Robert W. Ruhl as added participants, held a lengthy and important conference with Highway Commissioner Booth at the state house today in which matters of interest in connection with Jackson county roads were freely discussed.

Commissioner Booth made it plain that he did not speak for the commission, but expressed only his own personal thoughts. Regarding the Siskiyou grade and the expressions by some of the members of the delegation that paving should be laid rather than macadam, Mr. Booth said "that the macadam work had been ordered at a time when the funds then available were apportioned over the state in an effort to make them go as far as possible."

"If," said Mr. Booth, "the legislature gives us \$10,000,000 additional, which figure is the one most frequently heard about the state house, we will of course remake our plans and be justified in ordering more expensive work. It is my judgment that if \$10,000,000 more is available all of the Siskiyou grade should be paved the full width of sixteen feet. It was with this in view that the commission decided to leave the rock crusher where it is on the Siskiyou mountain rather than move it to the lower Columbia river. It is expensive to start work on the mountain and I shall favor a plan which shall complete the work there in one job when we get under way."

Mr. Booth also said that the routing of the Pacific Highway from Central Point to Josephine county had not been determined but at an early date some of the members of the commission would look over the situation on the ground and invite expressions from the county court and other interested parties as to the routing.

In answer to a question by Representative Sheldon, Mr. Booth said that in his judgment the commission should not pave newly graded roads until they had had at least two years time to settle, but that they could lay a crushed rock macadam immediately after grading, thus making the roads serviceable through the year and the economical plan would be to use that macadam as long as it served the purpose well and satisfactorily and then pave, with the macadam as a base for the pavement.

J. S. Vilas came in from the orchard Thursday to meet with the Elks and hear Colonel Kelly speak on the war.

The Itching and Sting of Blazing, Fiery Eczema

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