

1914 CONVENTION OF STATE FIREMEN WILL BE BIG EVENT

Two Hundred Companies and Two Hundred Bands Will Participate in Great Parade Next October

The greatest assemblage of fire fighters that ever gathered together within the limits of Pennsylvania will meet in Harrisburg next October when the State Firemen's Association holds its annual convention in Harrisburg.

Newspaper writers are said to have a strong affection for superlatives and the qualifying adjective has been overworked ever since the late P. T. Barnum hitched it to the "Greatest" show on earth. But in the case at hand, it is used advisedly.

Pennsylvania State firemen's conventions are always remarkable for size, numbers and the lavishness of their entertainment. But Harrisburg firemen plan to out-do them all when their "brother firemen" come to the Capital City after an absence that dates back to 1864.

Not only will Pennsylvania be represented by companies from every town and village worthy of the name, but firemen from New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland have accepted invitations to participate and will come with uniformed organizations and bands.

The local arrangements are in the hands of the various companies and the Harrisburg Firemen's Union, of which Col. H. C. Demming is the head. Headquarters has been opened with Howard O. Holstein in charge. The parade plans will be all in the hands of this organization and committees and subcommittees have been named to look after the details.

The Last Convention

The last convention of the firemen's association is still remembered as a great event by Harrisburg laddies. Companies from every town and city in the State were in line and the parade incident to the celebration was the biggest thing that had ever been held in the city. Arches were built over the street intersections bearing flags and firemen's emblems. Fire houses were decorated and many private residences were hung with bunting by day and illuminated by night.

Tubs of ice tea and lemonade stood on the street corners for the refreshment not only of thirsty paraders, but spectators as well. Halls were thrown open as rest rooms and the fire companies kept "open house." It was

But brilliant as that event was and lavish as was its entertainment, it a great event in the fire circles of the State.

It will be far outshone by that of next Fall, as the plans now under way will indicate.

Augustus H. Kreidler, who has been identified with the Harrisburg fire department since his youth and who is now one of the most influential members of the State association, has been made a member of the publicity committee by State President George S. Kroll, of York.

200 Companies in Line

"Two hundred companies will be in the parade which will take place on Thursday, October 8, and each of them will be accompanied by a band or drum corps, but most of them will have bands," said Mr. Kreidler to a Telegraph man.

"When I say two hundred companies and two hundred bands I am speaking conservatively. The fact is I believe the number will exceed that figure, but let it go at 200 and you will see that the parade is bound to be the biggest thing Harrisburg has ever seen. Also it will break all records for firemen's parades in Pennsylvania and I believe there have been few larger than it in the United States.

In addition to the companies from this State we have received acceptances from the veteran associations of Baltimore, Buffalo and Trenton and Poughkeepsie, New York, and Elizabeth, New Jersey, will also send delegations. Troy, New York, has likewise forwarded an acceptance and I am expecting one from Syracuse if the company can make hotel arrangements to remain in Harrisburg for several days.

"All of the Harrisburg companies are preparing to entertain on a lavish scale and thousands of dollars will be spent in showing the visitors a good time. But the Harrisburg boys will not spend all the money. The firemen are notably free with their cash and they will leave large sums behind them in Harrisburg. I look for not only the biggest, but the most successful and enjoyable State convention in the history of the association."

The Great Parade

Already plans are under way for the great parade. The local committees as well as Mr. Kreidler are basing their estimates on one hundred companies. The chief marshal of this immense procession will be chosen by the firemen's union, which will also select the chief of staff. The chief marshal will appoint his own aides and the division marshals will be elected by the various companies.

York county is always enthusiastic over firemen's parades, and this time especially so from the fact that the head of the association, Mr. Kroll, is a resident of that city and well liked. He will bring to Harrisburg from 1,200 to 1,500 members and will have a division of his own. The city of York, Hanover and several other towns will be represented. The York division will be given the place of honor in the parade and will be known officially as Division A.

This matter of the order in which the companies and their guests shall march in the procession is settled by precedent. After the York company will come Harrisburg Company, No. 1, with its especially invited firemen. They will come Harrisburg Company, No. 2, with its guests. Names will count for little and numbers alone will be regarded in the assigning companies to place.

The route of parade will not be very long. It will be impossible, as was once the custom, to attempt to pass all of the various fire houses. Several streets will be selected and the march will not be more than seven miles at most, less if possible.

Other Features

But the parade, which will be the chief drawing card for thousands of visitors, will not be the only feature. The convention proper will open Tuesday morning and continue until all business is finished. In the intervals between sessions there will be all sorts of entertainments, dinners, dances, balls, automobile trips, boat rides and trolley excursions in honor of the

visitors. Every one of the fourteen Harrisburg companies has its committees at work raising money and outlining a program. Luncheons are being arranged, concerts planned and no stone is being left unturned to make the gathering the biggest thing in the fire department history in Pennsylvania.

In addition the firemen's union will arrange a series of contests and drills for prizes. There is great rivalry for these and many of the companies are already practicing for them.

The Committees

Many prominent Pennsylvanians are identified with the association. As has been said, George S. Kroll, of York, is president and he is in town almost every week arranging details. The other officers are made up of such men as Judge E. G. Bonnell, of Wayne, first vice-president; B. Harvey Smith, Sellersville, first vice-president; George P. Ebner, Carnegie, second vice-president; Phos. E. Campbell, Carbondale, fourth vice-president; W. W. Wunder, Reading, recording secretary; James A. Green, Carlisle, corresponding secretary; Irvin A. Hahn, Philadelphia, financial secretary; A. L. Reichenbach, Allentown, treasurer, and the Rev. Everitt S. Boise, Prospect Park, chaplain.

President Kroll has named the following committees to look after the State association's part in the Harrisburg celebration: Executive—Charles H. Cohn, Allentown; Samuel S. Smith, Norristown; Jacob W. Weaver, York; A. L. Leacy, Philadelphia; Wm. H. Sharah, Brad-dock; Dr. G. W. Berntheisel, Columbia; Charles S. Sallin, Ridley Park; H. A. Anglich, Pittsburgh.

Publicity—John T. Yong, York; Aaron J. Henry, Allentown; Alexander W. Morrow, Catonsville, Md. Exhibits—Miles S. Humphreys, Philadelphia; Geo. F. Leitenberger, Norristown.

Place of Next Meeting—Frank S. Glick, Allentown; Samuel S. Kormeny, York; John O. Oliver, Lebanon. Law and Legislative—George Nalinger, Philadelphia; Charles F. Smith, Norristown; William Bennett, Pittsburgh; E. L. Fittie, Harrisburg; M. Luther Mason, Reading.

Credential—Fred Zeiser, Shamokin; Frank Mars, Colwyn; Homer Davis, Wilkes-Barre. Pittsburgh; James C. Baxter, Jr., Topics—Wm. H. Loney, Hanover; George W. King, Pittsburgh; Thos. Bower, South Williamsport.

Transportation—Oliver D. Ernst, Harrisburg; Wm. Sturges, Philadelphia; H. M. Zundel, Greensburg.

MASONS PLAN FOR VERY ACTIVE YEAR

Two Big Building Projects, Here and at Elizabethtown, Are Under Consideration

The year of 1914 will mark a number of important undertakings in the Masonic circles of Harrisburg—the purchase of ground for a handsome new Scottish Rite cathedral to take the place of the old building in North street and the completion of plans for the building of a Dauphin county memorial cottage at the great Masonic home at Elizabethtown.

Plans for the new cathedral have not as yet been made. The titles to the site adjoining the present structure have been transferred and committees will be named at once to take up the subject of a new building. The Scottish Rite body of the Valley of Harrisburg is growing by leaps and bounds in numbers. It is rich and powerful. The old church building in North street is no longer large enough to accommodate the membership and the building project has been under discussion for a number of years. The new cathedral will be the most elaborate of its kind in the whole State and thousands of dollars will be lavished upon it.

The Dauphin County Memorial committee has been at work collecting funds ever since the Elizabethtown home was started. It now has more than \$5,000 in cash and more pledged. It has set \$20,000 as its goal and expects to have the money in hand by next year. The fund will be used for the erection of a Dauphin county building at the home, the architecture and general design of which will be in harmony with the general design of the main buildings at Elizabethtown.

All of these large buildings have been completed and nearly 120 guests are being entertained constantly at the home. In a short time, it is understood, the aged Masons now residing at the Masonic home in Philadelphia will be transferred to Elizabethtown and the work will be carried on under one general head.

The Elizabethtown home is being built and is kept up by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It is for indigent and aged members of the fraternity and their wives. The place is ideally located and is a model of its kind.

Not once is the "guest" treated as an inmate. There is not the ghost of a sign of charity. The "guests" are Masons and entitled to the full limit of the good things of the local plant. The trade of this company includes butchers and grocers in Harrisburg, and the surrounding country, within a radius of over a hundred miles. Some idea of the immense business carried on can be conceived from the fact that over 500 hogs are slaughtered daily, besides sheep and cattle.

Their trade in carload lots extends all along the Atlantic Coast as far South as the Gulf.

The products of the company which are of the greatest interest to the people of the city of Harrisburg are Dauphin County Lard and Dauphin County Pure Pork Sausage, as well as Dauphin County Sausage Room Products. They also produce Swift's Premium Brand of Hams, Bacon and Silver Leaf Lard.

The main points of interest in the plant are care, both in slaughtering and dressing, cleanliness in its highest stage, and government inspection. No matter how many pieces of meat are turned out at the plant is inspected by one of a number of United States inspectors who are stationed here, before it is allowed to be used for food purposes.

At present there are employed by the Brelsford Packing & Storage Company, over 150 men, and their pay-roll exceeds \$2,000 weekly, most of which goes to families living in the city.

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Was born February 25, 1868, in Frederick county, Maryland, where he spent his early years, and after receiving a public school education he was apprenticed to the carpenter trade in 1886 and in 1889 moved to Harrisburg. He worked at Boas' Planning Mill from 1890 until 1902, when he went into the contracting and building business for himself. His shop is now located at 1123 North Front street, where he makes a specialty of job work, and where he has built up a business second to none in the city. Estimates furnished.



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ELECTRICITY IS DOING WORLD'S WORK

Used in Household and Business and in All Manner of Industrial Enterprises

Within the last year or so electric service has been adapted to all sorts of uses in the business, civic and industrial world.

Prior to the merging of the two old electric light companies and the old steam heat company into the Harrisburg Light and Power Company, Harrisburg used electricity for little else than lighting its streets and homes and heating its homes and office buildings.

Now refrigerating plants, dairy and milk establishments, pumping stations on private estates, laundering establishments, to say nothing of elevators, motor-driven machinery and practically every other commercial and industrial activity has installed the electrical service.

Chickens—Frank by Electricity One of the biggest chicken farms in the State, the runways near Linglestown, conducted by Dr. John A. Fritchey, is supplied with water that is pumped into the thousands of troughs by electricity; the Hershey creameries and the dairy establishment of John Y. Boyd have installed electrical devices. Many of the big hotels have constructed electrical refrigerating plants.

The electrification of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops is going rapidly ahead and within the next few months it is probable that electrically driven motors will have superseded the old steam-driven machinery throughout the plants from here to Lucknow.

Hundreds of Electric Toasters The electric service the use of electricity has been large and varied, too; during the last year more than 1,200 electric irons were placed in Harrisburg homes and electric toasters, changing dishes, heaters and vacuum cleaners were among the many electrical household devices and conveniences that were sold and installed by the Harrisburg Light and Power Company.

Electric service is becoming more and more the vogue for motor vehicles and trucks, too. The Pennsylvania Railroad has ordered two big electric trucks to handle the baggage at Union Station and more, it is understood, will follow as they are needed. The electric truck, it has been discovered, is more speedy and less expensive to operate than horse-drawn vehicles.

An Electrical Butcher Shop physicians and private residents who prefer the light, easy running electric runabouts are buying this style of car, while the use of the electric delivery in mercantile circles is growing every month. The Steelton Store Company has planned to have a group of seven electric delivery trucks and already it has two or three in service. One that is bound to make a big hit is a miniature butcher shop on wheels. It is equipped with scales, a gate-board that can be converted into a counter, a chopping block and racks for meats, knives, etc. And it is driven by electricity.

As for the lighting of the streets, the Harrisburg Light and Power Company has developed this end of the service remarkably. A little more than a year ago Harrisburg's business streets were lighted more or less brilliantly with the old overhead arc system. Now it boasts of a "white way" with attractive cluster and single arc standards. Plans for extension of this service to the outlying districts, to the Capitol Park and to the Union Station plaza are now being considered.

Harrisburg Electric Signs As for electrical signs, Harrisburg

probably boasts of as many varied and attractive electric advertising signs as any city of its size in the country. Hundreds of "moving" electric "ads" dot Harrisburg's business streets today and help add to the general electrical brilliance of the streets.

The extension of the lighting systems isn't confined to the city alone, either—the streets of nearby towns are lighted by service supplied from this city. Dauphin's streets will be lighted by electricity before many moons have had another chance to assist the present old-time gas and oil lamp systems. Within a week or so the town council will pass an ordinance providing for the new system of lights. An application for a change in the town charter to permit the additional taxation was made to the Dauphin County Court only a few weeks ago.

Electricity is being used in that town, too, for manufacturing purposes, following out the plan adopted by many a Harrisburg concern. To the Blough Brothers' manufacturing plant, however, belongs the distinction of being Dauphin's pioneer electrically operated manufacturing industry.

As the years go by additional development of the city's use of electricity will be planned for, and not the least of the attractive lighting improvements will be the installing of the rows of standard globes along the center river walk—a top of Harrisburg's "front steps."

1914 CONVENTION OF ODD FELLOWS HERE

Gathering Will Be One of Largest in History of the Order in Pennsylvania

One of the biggest gatherings of 1914 in Harrisburg will be the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows for the State of Pennsylvania.

The convention will bring to this city from 1,200 to 1,500 delegates and in addition it is expected that there will be here during the period of the meeting some 2,000 to 3,000 visitors.

The Odd Fellows form one of the strongest secret organizations in the State and are particularly well represented in Harrisburg and surrounding territory. Two former Grand Masters reside in Harrisburg, Christian W. Myers and the Rev. B. H. Hart, pastor of the Fifth Street Methodist church. Harrisburg has always been prominent in Odd Fellow circles and only a few years ago the suggestion was made that the Grand Lodge head-

quarters be removed from Philadelphia to this place.

Fred Hanan, of Scranton, the present Grand Master, says that the coming convention will be one of the largest in the history of the order as Harrisburg is very popular with the membership. Every lodge and encampment in the State has signified its intention of having representatives here. The meeting will be opened with an address by Governor Tener and another by Mayor Royal, to which some prominent Odd Fellow yet to be selected will respond.

Strange as it may seem the liquor question may enter largely into the deliberation of the delegates. There is a law of the order which not only forbids any man engaged in any way in the sale of intoxicants to become a member, but it prohibits Odd Fellows from meeting as a lodge in a building, any part of which is occupied by a liquor seller. Last year the question of a lodge which had violated this provision was appealed to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master ruled that this lodge must not meet in the same building where liquor is sold. It is now announced that an appeal will be taken from this decision and the whole question will in all likelihood be again threshed out on the floor of the convention.

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