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SALT LAKE CLUBS HAVE LARGE MEMBERSHIP

INCREASING FACTOR IN SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CITY.



Iam F. Colton, chairman of the finance committee; Owen H. Grey, chairman of the house committee; Charles H. Post, chairman of the social committee. These constitute the board of trustees of the club.

WHAT THE PRESS CLUB DOES FOR COMMUNITY

The Press club of Salt Lake City is a modest organization, compared with some of the others mentioned in this article. It is an organization made up

essentially of newspaper men of this city. It was organized February, 1902, with William Igleheart as president. The following year A. G. Mackenzie was the president. This year M. F. Cunningham is the president. Joel L. Priest is the secretary and Kenneth C. Kerr is the treasurer. The local membership is about fifty.

When first organized the Press club had quarters over the Royal cafe, on Main street. These were discovered to be too small for the growing organization, and a move was made to the Western Newspaper Union building, on West Temple street. Recently another move was made, this time to the Bamberger building, on Main street, within a stone's throw of the business center of the city. Neat quarters have been fitted up, and here it is expected the club will find a permanent home until it erects a club house of its own.

New Quarters Are Better.

The present quarters are by all odds the best the club has had since its organization. The greater part of the second floor of the Bamberger building is taken and arranged especially with a view to accommodating the members. The main room shown in the cut is given up to reading, writing and music, while the billiard room is cut

off by an artistic partition. The new home of the club has been greatly admired by visitors.

The Press club exerts an influence in the community out of all proportions to its numerical strength. This is especially true in the realm of entertainments. The "Tons" show and the "Ham" show are still fresh in the minds of the public; the annual banquet has come to be considered the Bohemian affair of the year; the lectures given under the auspices of the club, especially those of Frederick Warde, have been of a high order of merit.

RAPID GROWTH AND WORK OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial club is conceded to be one of the strong commercial organizations in the west. It compares favorably with like organizations in cities of four times the size of Salt Lake. At the present time the Commercial club has 368 resident members and seventy-two non-resident members. The membership includes every important community in Utah. Applications for membership are coming in just now in large numbers, and it is thought the resident membership may be increased to 500 during the present year.

The Commercial club is not an old organization. It was born Feb. 11, 1902, with a membership of fifty-five. It has grown steadily since then and promises now to be a permanent and important factor in the material growth of the city.

The present officers of the club are: Heber M. Wells, president; Charles A. Quigley, vice president; F. W. Francis, treasurer; Joseph E. Galligher, secretary; Fisher S. Harris, assistant secretary and manager.

Work For Permanent Home.

A strong sentiment is developing in favor of a permanent home for the Commercial club. The popular idea among the advocates of the move is for a handsome building in the business district devoted almost wholly to the use of the club. Temporarily the club is located in what has come to be known as the Commercial club building on West Temple street, below the Dooly block. There it has commodious and well arranged rooms fitted with all the conveniences that go with modern club life. It has 10,000 square feet of floor space all on one floor, and so arranged that a large assemblage can be accom-

modated without crowding. The dining room will accommodate 200 nicely.

The Commercial club claims to have taken an important part in every live question that has arisen in the community from its beginning. It has no means of enforcing its conclusions, and can act only in an advisory capacity in the community. It has been successful in many of the things it has undertaken, and unsuccessful in many others. It has been a potent factor in crystallizing public sentiment on numerous questions.

The most important work of the club is along social lines. The most successful banquets ever held in the city have been within its walls. Meetings of all characters are held there and by a wide range of organizations, such as the real estate association, the medical societies, the Y. M. C. A. and religious societies of many churches.

The club has done good work in encouraging art in Utah. The rooms are decorated with the works of Utah artists, and the artists are often brought in contact with patrons in this way. Advertising Utah has been another important branch of work undertaken by the club. Circulars have been distributed throughout the land by the thousands, and good results have been secured in this way.

ELKS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED BIG THINGS IN SALT LAKE

The Elks' club, or to be specific, Lodge No. 85 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is an organization that comes under the classification of clubs for the reason that a fine club house is maintained by it and all the benefits of club life given the members. It has a commodious club house located at 29 State street. The structure cost \$75,000 and was dedicated three years ago. It is furnished throughout in excellent style, and the lodge room with a seating capacity of 500 is one of the handsomest interiors of the city.

The local lodge of Elks was formed eleven years ago. It has grown steadily since and now has a membership of 650. A. W. Raybould, the present secretary, has held the position from the beginning, and to him is given a large share of the credit for the success that has followed the organization from the beginning. P. P. Christensen is the present exalted ruler.

One of the greatest achievements of

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COMMERCIAL CLUB Lounging Room looking into the Billiard Room on the left and Conversation Room on the Right.

PRESS CLUB (in Bamberger Bldg) looking from the Reading Room into the Billiard Room.

UNIVERSITY CLUB Northeast corner of main floor off the Reception Room.

ALTA CLUB corner of main Reception Room looking into the Billiard Room.

ELKS CLUB looking from the main hall through the Reception Room into the Writing Room.

The important part that clubs are playing in the municipal life of Salt Lake may be estimated from the statement that the five leading club organizations—the Commercial club, the Alta club, the Press club, the University club and the Elks' club—have a combined membership of almost 1,800. The influence of these organizations is not confined to the members by any means, but takes to indirectly the whole community. It goes beyond this and makes itself felt in many channels throughout the country.

When the amount of money invested by these clubs is considered; when the time spent within the walls by the members is considered; when the work done along lines of co-operation is considered, the clubs of the city cannot be ignored as factors in the upbuilding of the city.

What the five clubs mentioned are, what they have accomplished since their organization and what they are capable of accomplishing, may be estimated from the following brief outlines:

OLD RELIABLE CLUB WHERE BIG MEN MEET

The old reliable organization of the city is the Alta club. It is safe to say also that this organization is the best known outside of Salt Lake. This is accounted for by the fact that many of the leading citizens are enrolled as members, and by the further fact that many of the country's prominent men have been entertained within the club house walls.

The Alta club was organized in 1883, March 2. For years it occupied quarters in the business district; but June 2, 1888, its handsome home on the corner of South Temple and State streets was dedicated, and since then it has been one of the points of attraction in the city. The beauty of the building and the fact that it is located in an attractive and historical corner has much to do with this.

Since its organization in 1882 the Alta club has numbered among its membership many of the leading men of the community. This is especially true of the men engaged in commercial pursuits. It now has a membership of 264, about 100 of whom are non-resident members.

Where Big Plans Are Made.

William Igleheart is the present president of the Alta club, and C. B. Jack is the secretary. While the club is purely a social organization, it has exerted a marked influence in the upbuilding of the city. Many leading men of the nation, including President Roosevelt, have been guests at the club, and many large business enterprises have been worked out within its walls among the financiers, the mine operators and railroad men who make it a common gathering place.

It would be difficult to do justice to the interior of the Alta club in a brief article. In the beginning every detail of this interior was worked out with a definite view to making it one of the best planned and equipped club houses in the west. Improvements have been made since that time, and visitors have testified to their high appreciation of the comfort and beauty of the place.

Work Done This Year.

In the past year much has been done in the way of improvements. Approximately \$2,000 has been expended in improving and beautifying the interior. Radical changes have been made in the interior arrangements, and the improvements have been highly commended by visitors.

The accompanying cut shows but one corner in the main reception room, which fronts on South Temple and State streets. Just across the street are the new Emery-Holmes apartment house, the Bee Hive house and the Amelia Palace. Opening off this front room is the billiard room and the reception hall, conceded to be the handsomest thing of the kind in the city. The main dining room is on the second floor, and the other departments of the club, including a neat conservatory, are arranged to accommodate themselves to the main apartments. A number of the members make their permanent home in the club house.

UNIVERSITY CLUB HOUSE ONE OF FINEST IN WEST

The University club is conceded to be one of the best of the kind on the western half of the continent. It has a desirable location on South Temple street, just east of the Eagle Gate, looking north. The superstructure is of pressed brick and white cut stone. The color-

ing and style of architecture produces a harmony that wins the praise of all who inspect the building.

But it is the interior of the building that arouses the enthusiasm of visitors. The rich coloring, the angle nooks, the antique woodwork, the wide fire places, the artistic window seats, the home-like appearance and the conveniences on all sides—all taken together, make a visit to the place one of pleasure and enjoyment.

On the main floor the reception room is entered from the vestibule; to the left is the reading room shown in the picture above; to the right is the main reception room, and down the hall is the main dining room, where 100 guests can be nicely seated.

On the lower floor are the billiard room, the buffet, the gymnasium and the card room. On the third floor are the women's parlors, the library, the writing room and apartments for at least twenty-five members who make

their home at the club. In addition to all these the club house has a beautiful dining room for women, and on the top of the building it has the only roof garden in the city. Here is ample room for the entertainment of 200 guests, and last summer some of the most enjoyable social functions of the season were held there.

How the Start Was Made.

The University club, as its name implies, is made up of graduates from universities and colleges of recognized standing. It was organized Jan. 3, 1889, with thirty-four charter members and J. Brainerd Thrall as the first president. It was incorporated in 1890, and has grown steadily since. The present membership is 235. The club house and furnishings cost \$79,000.

The present officers are Edward S. Ferry, president; J. T. Harris, vice president; Ernest Bamberger, secretary; Joseph W. Ritter, treasurer; Wil-

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