

# ELKS BEGIN BUSINESS

## Order Gives Freely for Charity

# ANTLERED HERD HAS BIG FROG IN CONVENTION

Thomas B. Mills of Wisconsin Unanimously Elected Grand Exalted Ruler Reports of Retiring Officers Show Organization as Strong and Wealthy

PORTLAND, Ore., July 9.—The real work of the Elks' convention is on. The business sessions opened today with 1,117 accredited delegates. The convention hall was a scene of great excitement and animation from the moment the doors opened until they closed this evening.

For more than half an hour before the session convened, the numerous delegations, nursing booms of various kinds, raised pandemonium in the great hall. Their bands played; their drum and fife corps cut loose; there were songs, yells and slogans by the dozen and groups here and there formed and marched around the hall "visiting" and occasionally "rumming rings" about their favored ones.

It was the most thrilling scene ever witnessed upon a convention floor in Portland. The various state delegations made fun for themselves and fun for everybody else and wined with each other in keeping up the excitement.

Finally Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan of New Orleans rapped for order. Some show of order was made, but even then it was a lot of time before the mirth loving and "joshing" Elks finally came to a realization of the serious business before them. It was exactly 11 minutes to 11 when the convention came to order.

The first order of business was the reading of the reports of the retiring grand exalted ruler, Grand Secretary Fred C. Robinson and Grand Treasurer Leach. The healthy condition of the order, made manifest through the reports of the executive officers, aroused much enthusiasm, and several times during the reading the delegates resorted to "demonstration."

**EXALTED RULERS REPORT**  
The grand exalted ruler gave serious consideration to the new Elks' national home project in Virginia as one of the most weighty matters to be considered at this session. He pointed out the gravity of the situation which called for the construction of an institution which would cost not less than \$500,000, and for which but \$50,000 was available.

**GROWTH OF THE ORDER**  
Of the growth of the order the exalted ruler said: "The spirit of Elkdom is spreading over our entire country, and each year adds thousands to the roster of our membership."

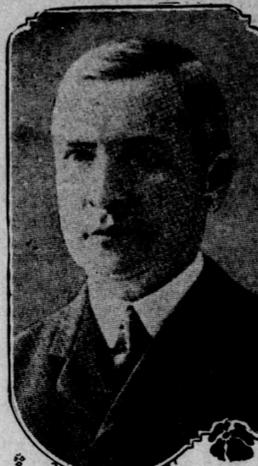
The exalted ruler recommended the compulsory attire of the members of the "11 o'clock hour" in all lodges nightly.

**FINANCIAL STANDING**  
According to the annual report of Grand Secretary Robinson, the total valuation of property owned by the subordinate lodges at the close of the fiscal year, March 31, was \$20,391,832.45, which, according to the report, makes the order the wealthiest in America.

Portland lodge No. 142 is the richest lodge in Elkdom, surpassing by a goodly margin all other subordinate bodies in the order, its assets being \$245,084.81. New York comes second with \$225,700.49. The next eight in order are Brooklyn, \$247,162; Sacramento, \$183,806; Youngstown, O., \$175,466; San Francisco, \$173,561; Jacksonville, Fla., \$168,927; Spokane, \$153,824; Seattle, \$142,673; Philadelphia, \$138,024.

There are 21 lodges in the order whose assets exceed \$100,000. The total membership in the order, as shown by Secretary Robinson's report, is 284,724, a net increase of 25,065 in the last year.

The total receipts of the grand lodge from all sources exceeded those of previous years in the amount of \$97,241. The total disbursements were \$105,204. The surplus on hand amounts to \$108,333. The total amount received by subordinate lodges from all sources was \$7,928,134; amount expended, \$7,839,489, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,758,293.



Thomas B. Mills of Wisconsin, new grand exalted ruler of the Elks.

the delegates. Judge C. R. Fridley of Superior, Wis., who nominated Thomas B. Mills of his home city for grand exalted ruler, made a hit with the delegates when he announced that anybody making a long nominating speech "ought to be shot." He talked three minutes and his precept generally was observed throughout the period of nominations.

Amid wild tumult of applause, lasting for nearly 19 minutes, Mills, chairman of the board of grand trustees, was elected grand exalted ruler by acclamation to succeed Sullivan. While it had been conceded that Mills would be chosen unanimously, the enthusiasm that broke loose upon the casting of the unanimous ballot by Grand Secretary Robinson was almost unprecedented.

Other elections by acclamation during the morning session were those of Dr. Charles H. Ward of Pasadena for grand esteemed loyal knight, who at no time has had any opposition, and Grand Treasurer Edward Leach of New York, re-elected for the sixth successive time. A vociferous demonstration to his popularity was uncorrupted.

**ROCHESTER GETS 1913 CONVENTION**  
The big surprise of the convention was the sudden and entirely unexpected appearance of the Cincinnati boom for the grand lodge session for next year. A vociferous demonstration to his popularity was uncorrupted.

**TONIGHT THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES** in the entertainment program was an illumination parade of 17 magnificent electric floats used in the recent rose festival being used for the occasion. Never in the history of Portland have so many people congregated in the business center or elsewhere and the festival scene of a week ago were repeated with the increased vim and enthusiasm of the grand lodge session.

**SAN JOSE ELKS LET CONTRACT**  
SAN JOSE, July 9.—A contract was let today for the construction of an Elks' clubhouse in this city at a cost of \$35,000. The structure is to be three stories high and of steel and reinforced concrete, the entire building to be "L" shaped, with a frontage of 100 feet in North First street and 98 feet in East St. John street.

**MYSTIC TUFTS GIVES THRUST FOR THRUST**  
Judge Compelled to Admonish Combatants in Unique Suit

LOS ANGELES, July 9.—Meeting the opposition more than half way in every verbal onset, Gorham Tufts, the American and East India mystic, who is on trial on the charge of having obtained more than \$100,000 from his wealthy wife under false pretenses, underwent cross examination in the superior court today.

Tufts' trial has been dragging for several weeks. Mrs. Tufts, the complaining witness, formerly was Mrs. Rowe, widow of a wealthy resident of Fort Worth, Tex.

**PEOPLE'S WATER COMPANY DISPOSSESSES RANCHERS**  
Preferment of Leases Follows the Service of Writs

**[Special Dispatch to The Call]**  
MARTINEZ, July 9.—Ranchers and cattle raisers on the old Sobrane rancho, who have occupied the land there for the last 50 years or more, are being dispossessed by writs of dispossession served upon them by Sheriff R. R. Yeale at the instigation of the People's Water company.

**OPIMUM SMUGGLERS FINED**—The following Chinese were fined yesterday in the United States district court for smuggling opium: Ning Sing, \$30; Ling Ding Hong, \$100; Fook Ling, \$50.

# HARRIMAN DENIES HE SAW FRANKLIN

## Former Mayoralty Candidate Flatly Contradicts Detective's Testimony

### Courtroom in Uproar When the Prosecution Broaches Subject of Immunity

LOS ANGELES, July 9.—Job Harriman took the stand in the trial of Clarence S. Darrow today and flatly contradicted the sensational testimony of Bert H. Franklin which seemingly involved him in the attempt to bribe jurors in the McNamara case. He denied that he had given Darrow the \$4,000 which Franklin confessed to having used to corrupt George N. Lockwood or that he had even seen Franklin or Darrow on the morning of the slaying.

**COURTROOM IN UPROAR**  
The uproar was created by the prosecution's request that the court read to the witness the entire text of the statute referring to the granting of immunity. All of the attorneys for the defense were on their feet in an instant, while the witness smilingly waived all legal rights to immunity.

**"INSULT," SAYS DARROW**  
Employing the most impassioned manner he has used since the trial began, Darrow himself objected strenuously to the reading of the statute. He declared that Harriman had come to the stand voluntarily, that he was not testifying under compulsion and that the district attorney's course was an insult to the witness.

**SANTA FE COMPANY HAS RIVER SERVICE**  
Inaugurates San Francisco-Sacramento Freight Line

SACRAMENTO, July 9.—The Santa Fe Railway company began operation today of its freight river service between this city and San Francisco. The river steamer Francis, formerly operated by the Southern Pacific between this city and San Francisco, has been chartered by the Santa Fe, and left here this morning for San Francisco on its maiden trip as a Santa Fe freight carrying boat.

**SAN FRANCISCO BOY DIES IN SACRAMENTO**  
SACRAMENTO, July 9.—Charles Lippman, aged 16, residing at 635 First avenue, Richmond District, San Francisco, was drowned in the Sacramento river two miles above this city today. He was a member of a fishing party as the guest of J. R. Todd of Oak Park.

**SPECIAL EXCURSION TO SANTA CRUZ**  
On Sunday, July 14, another popular excursion from San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Mountain View, Newark, Niles and Intermediate stations. Pick up will be good on all regular morning trains via Los Gatos or Gilroy, and will be good to return on all afternoon and evening trains the same day. Tickets sold at points across the bay will also be good on special train leaving Oakland, First and Broadway, at 7:30 a. m., stopping to take on passengers at intermediate stations and including Newark. For further information ask Southern Pacific agents.

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**HEALTHY MOTHERS**  
Women who bear children and remain healthy are those who prepare their systems in advance of baby's coming. Unless the mother aids nature in its pre-natal work the crisis finds her system unequal to the demands made upon it, and she is often left with weakened health or chronic ailments. No remedy is so truly a help to nature as Mother's Friend, and no expectant mother should fail to use it. It relieves the pain and discomfort caused by the strain on the ligaments, makes pliant and elastic those fibers and muscles which nature is expanding, prevents numbness of limbs, and soothes the inflammation of breast glands. The system being thus prepared by Mother's Friend dispels the fear that the crisis may not be safely met. Mother's Friend assures a speedy and complete recovery for the mother, and she is left a healthy woman to enjoy the rearing of her child. Mother's Friend is sold at drug stores. Write for our free book for expectant mothers which contains much valuable information, and many suggestions of a helpful nature.

# Miss Steele, Who Will Wed Palo Alto Youthful Financier

## Stanford Graduate and Member of Sorority Marry Today

**[Special Dispatch to The Call]**  
PALO ALTO, July 9.—The wedding tomorrow of Miss Emilie Steele to Dean W. Buchan, a young Palo Alto banker, at the beautiful home of Jesse E. White, half brother of the bride, will be a society event attended by numbers of Palo Alto persons. The wedding will take place at 4 o'clock in the parlor of the home, Rev. Walter Hays of the First Presbyterian church officiating.

**ATTORNEYS FINED**  
The day until that time had been the quietest and most uneventful since the beginning of the trial. Before Harriman had been asked the usual preliminary questions the courtroom became a scene of turmoil with shouting at the top of their voices. The storm did not subside before Chief Counsel Earl Rogers of the defense and Assistant District Attorney Ford had been fined for contempt of court, but the fines subsequently were remitted.

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# MEMORIAL PLANNED FOR CLUBWOMAN

## FRANCE IS KILLED

DENVER, July 9.—Denver women have launched informally a plan to erect a memorial to the late Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, who died in San Francisco Sunday night. The proposal has the support of women's organizations in Colorado. The form of the memorial is to be decided later.

**DENVER & RIO GRANDE MAY BE ELECTRIFIED**  
DENVER, July 9.—A report on the feasibility of electrifying the Denver and Rio Grande railroad over Soldiers Summit, Utah, is now in the hands of officials and directors for analysis. A decision is expected in a few days.

**CHALONS SUR MARNE, France, July 9.**—Rene Bedel, one of the most experienced airmen and holder of the Pommeroy cup for cross country flight, which he won from Jules Vedrines, met death today before the eyes of several thousand French troops.

Bedel, who had come in his monoplane from Villacoublay, near Paris, to participate in the maneuvers, arrived above the camp after a fine flight. He was about to descend when his monoplane struck the telegraph wires, which prevailing haze evidently prevented him from seeing.

His machine capsized and Bedel was thrown to the ground. The motor of the aeroplane fell on his body and he was crushed.

**When in Use**  
When Not in Use

IT'S Dainty—it's a dandy—it's dependable. It has two removable trays, strongly built out of split and woven bamboo. The trays can be filled in the kitchen, carried into the living room or on to the porch, placed on the table legs and there you are—tea all ready to serve. Both legs and trays are fume finished—when not in use the table legs fold up into small space and can be stored in any odd corner—the trays are useful all the time. This most convenient and artistic tea table is the regular five dollar size; by our system of large buying and small profits we are able to make the SPECIAL PRICE \$3.50

**IT MAKES A DANDY CARD TABLE**  
Our Clearance Sale of Porch and Lawn Furniture and Rugs is now in full swing—take advantage while the prices are so tremendously reduced

# Some Beauty Helps You Should Know

The woman who prizes her hair shampooes it frequently in summer months with canthrox and in this way keeps it clean, bright and fluffy. A teaspoonful of canthrox dissolved in a cup of hot water is ample for a good shampoo, and, after canthrox has been used, the scalp and hair are immaculately clean, while the hair dries quickly and evenly. Canthrox is especially fine to restore the color and fluff to faded, "stringy" hair, and overcomes that "matty" look so common in hot weather.

Many complexion-upsets would never happen if women discarded greasy, pore-clogging creams and used a plain lotion, made by putting 2 teaspoonfuls glycerine into 1/2 pint witch hazel (or hot water), then adding 4 ounces spumax. This lotion is invisible when on—protects the skin from tan and freckles, banishes the oily, shiny condition and other unsocial imperfections, and keeps it smooth, velvety and youthful-looking.

# Theatrical News

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**LION HUNTERS MAKE A HIT IN THE PICTURES**  
They even sent the foot-lights used in the original production of Madame Butterfly to the Orpheum for the presentation of David Belasco's one act adaptation of John Luther Long's play. Belasco is such a stickler for details that his electrician as well as his own stage manager and original cast must be a part of the show on the road. David Belasco's stage wizardry depends in great measure upon the wonderful scenic and lighting effects, and he spares no expense to get exactly what he goes after.

**What the Critics Say**  
At the Empress—The motion picture secured by Operator Johnny Ford for Empress patrons this week based on Lincoln's address at Gettysburg and numerous other incidents of the civil war is a big feature.—The Examiner.  
At the Orpheum—"David Belasco's Madame Butterfly, the original and complete one act play is the thing of principal importance at the Orpheum this week and it is regarded so highly that the 20 minute limit rule of vaudeville has been put aside for the special engagement."—The Examiner.  
"On the whole Madame Butterfly is the most pretentious dramatic offering the circuit has yet sent us. More than that, it is epochal, marking a closer relation between the legitimate and the vaudeville theater."—Waldemar Young in The Chronicle.

**Famous Since 1867**  
Far back in 1867, when Fredericksburg was first brewed, a standard was set by the makers of this beer that soon won for it a statewide popularity and made the Fredericksburg Brewery at San Jose the most famous in California. And now, with every modern improvement in brewing process installed, this brewery still produces the highest quality of malt beverage. Make a family friend of Fredericksburg Beer, now bottled by the brewery, by ordering a case today. Sold only under one name. Ask your dealer.

**SOPHIE TUCKER WINS NEAR-SILVER DANCING MEDAL**  
The other night after the show Miss Sophie Tucker, who is dividing honors with Barney Bernard at the Columbia theater, and several other young women in the company, drifted into a dancing academy on Market street to learn a few new wrinkles in that modern terpsichorean fancy spoken of in impolite circles as "de rag." All were incognito, and the regular attendants remained unwise to the identity of the visitors, even when the lights were dimmed and the party was over.

It was not Miss Tucker's first attempt at ragging, and when the event of the evening—a prize competition—was announced she declared herself in the contest. One of the "regulars," a bright young blonde with a bright beard, liked Miss Tucker's looks, and not waiting for an introduction asked her if she cared to take a chance for the medal under his pedagogue. Miss Tucker was game.

Then everybody was doing it. The contest simmered down to three couples, who ragged and ragged and ragged, the judges not being certain in their minds which pair should get the medal. A beautiful near silver affair was awarded to the winner. With the soles of her shoes worn down to paper thinness, Miss Tucker was about to withdraw when the announcer handed her the prize and a three months' entrance ticket to the academy. Anybody want to buy a dancing academy matriculation certificate? Apply Sophie Tucker, Columbia theater, on or before July 11.