

# ELKS BEGIN GRAND LODGE CONVENTION IN DALLAS

Reports of Grand Lodge Officers Submitted Today.

MEXICAN DINNER IS MUCH ENJOYED

Forty-Four More New Lodges Organized During Past Year, Adding 30,000 New Members.

Hearst News Service.  
Dallas, Texas, July 14.—Delegates to the national Grand Lodge convention of the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks today began the serious business of the session. The reports of the Grand Lodge officers were presented today and show a ratifying gain in membership and financial prosperity since the meeting last year in Philadelphia. A great Mexican dinner will be the day's entertainment feature.

In his report, Grand Secretary Fred C. Robinson, says:

"The membership, the past year, has had the usual steady growth, and the increase is much greater than it has been for many years. It is noticeable that lodges are weeding out the delinquent members and those not desirable are rapidly being dropped from the rolls. During the year lodges received by initiation or affiliation 46,

345; suspended or expelled 264; stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, 8,206; and admitted, 5,368. Deceased 2,718.

"Forty-four new lodges have been added to the long list, with an increase of 29,789 in membership, giving us today 1,125 lodges and a total membership of 284,321."

In the numerical standing of lodges, Brooklyn takes the lead, with New York a close second. There are sixteen lodges with over a thousand members each, a gain of five over last year. In membership gain during the last year, Rochester takes the lead, with Scranton, Pa., second and Hutchinson, Kan., third.

The sixteen leading lodges of the country, in the order named are as follows: Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Chicago, Portland, Ore., Denver, Kansas City, Baltimore, Hoboken, Detroit, Oakland, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh.

Among the states, Pennsylvania leads in Elk membership, with 25,565; New York is second, with 19,876, and Ohio third, with 17,076. Michigan, Indiana and Illinois follow in the order named.

The report of the auditing committee, presented today, shows that the total cash on hand is \$220,168.06. Of this sum, \$109,529.85 is in the general fund, \$15,638.21 in the emergency charity fund, \$50,000 in the reserve fund, \$50,000 in the emergency charity reserve fund, \$2,000 in the contingent fund of the grand secretary, \$1,000 in the contingent fund of the grand exalted ruler and \$1,000 in the contingent fund of the home committee.

The fight for next year's reunion promises to be a hot one. Seattle claims to be in the lead, but Louisville, Los Angeles and several other cities are also entered in the race.

## TO TEST NEW AIR VESSEL

Hearst News Service.  
Berlin, July 14.—Count Zeppelin will give his new military airship a thorough test tomorrow, on the success of which depends the government's purchase of the machine for \$500,000. Previous flights have been highly successful and the count has received a message from the kaiser wishing him good fortune in tomorrow's test and declaring that it will mark "the beginning of a new national era."

## FREE RIDES FOR ORPHANS IN BIG AUTOMOBILES

Atlanta, Ga., July 14.—Orphans' day was observed by the automobile owners of Atlanta today, in accordance with the annual custom of taking the children of the various orphans' homes on an excursion. Several hundred youngsters participated in today's outing and a large proportion of the machines in the city were utilized.

Of course, "amount of space used" is not everything in advertising. Put just in the pursuit of wisdom keep track for a time of the amounts used by the various stores in this newspaper—and see if you could not safely classify the stores accordingly.

## WHEN THEY MET



"If it's so little what's the use of making a fuss over it?"

"It may be small in one way—but not in another!" corrected the young woman with dignity. "I can't understand it! You say you didn't remember in the least how you felt when you first saw me—or where of what it was!"

"You see, it's as if I'd always known you," exclaimed the young man, brightly. "I don't remember anything before that!"

"In that case you'd remember the beginning!" insisted the young woman, in sad triumph. "It just shows that our first meeting meant nothing to you!"

"Why, I remember all about it!" burst forth the young man. "Of course I do! You had on a dress with pink roses on it and it was at Molly Frost's at a card party exactly three winters ago!"

The young woman drew as far away as the width of the seat would allow and gazed at the scenery in absorbed interest. Though she said nothing the young man felt the frost in the atmosphere, even through his leather coat.

"Wasn't it?" he demanded, with a falling inflection heroically positive. The young woman coughed. "I wonder if we'll get out to the house on time?" she murmured as if to herself.

"Wasn't it?" demanded the young man sternly, almost running over a dog in his absorption.

"I suppose you've forgotten," said the young woman with elaborate indifference, "that three winters ago I was in Europe and also that I never laid eyes on Molly Frost in my life till last December."

The young man increased the speed of the machine. "Well, anyhow," he said firmly, "it was a dress with pink roses and somebody wore it!"

"I've no doubt of it," said the young woman sweetly. "She certainly made a strong impression on you, since you recall her after all these years. I don't blame you, in view of that, for forgetting such a trivial occurrence as being introduced to me—"

"As if I could mix you up with any one else!" protested the young man, plunging desperately. "I—I just did that to tease you, Annette!"

The young woman surveyed him coldly. "Did you?" she asked with suspicious calmness. Then smiled. "What a joke!" she murmured. Presently she demanded: "Well, then, joking aside, when was it we first met?"

The young man stopped the machine with a jerk and getting out some tools, crawled part way underneath it and began pounding. "I thought something was wrong," he called in muffled tones.

After ten minutes of this he emerged with an air of relief. "Guess we'll get along all right now," he said, jauntily. "Fine day for a ride, isn't it? Did you notice—"

"When was it?" repeated the young woman in even tones. The young man bent low over the wheel and swallowed hard. "It was after you got home from abroad," he said with a positive air.

"Yes?" prompted the young woman. "At a dinner at the Smiths'—" The young man felt danger in the silence which followed this attempt. "No, no; I mean the theater party Howardson gave—eh? Remember the chinchilla coat you wore then?"

"My furs were ermine," murmured the young woman with indifference. "And I wasn't at Mr. Howardson's party because I had the grip at the time. What's the use of pretending that you remember when you don't at all? Why don't you just say that the first time you met me I made no impression whatever upon you among the crowd of really interesting people and you didn't notice me especially? Why not be honest?"

"Of course I noticed you!" protested the young man, still clinging desperately to the romance expected of him.

Then he threw down his shield and gauntlet and turned on her. "Well," he said doggedly, "when and where was it we really met? I do seem kind of mixed on the subject! When was it?"

The young woman turned her head away and gave her veil another twitch. Then she looked at him and from behind the enshrouding chiffon came a subdued and helpless chuckle. "I don't know," she confessed. "I haven't any more idea than you have, Tommy!"

"Well, if you haven't got a lot of nerve!" gasped the young man after he had comprehended. "And grilling me like that for forgetting!"—Chicago Daily News.

The Melodrama Again.  
The beautiful heroine stamped her tiny foot on the tiger-skin rug. "And you dare deceive me?" she hissed. "Didn't you make a vow that you would never tell me another barefaced falsehood?"

In reply the heavy villain flashed a pair of automobile goggles from his pocket and put them on.

"And I have kept my vow, Helene Hominy. I am barefaced no longer." With a cry of despair the beautiful heroine jumped into the pasteboard river.

A Relief to Both.  
"At last," he sighed, "we're alone. I've been hoping for this chance."  
"So have I," said she very frankly.  
"Ah! you have guessed, then, that I wanted to tell you that I loved you."  
"Yes; and I want to say 'No' and get it over with."

Unnecessary.  
Howles—Hallo, Salter; I suppose you are going to write my book down as a tissue of crass inaptitudes, eh?  
Salter—Pardon me, my dear sir; it is not my habit to repeat what every one is saying.—Town and Country.

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