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B. P. O. ELKS, U. S. A.

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To the Benevolent and Protective Order of
Elks of the United States of America,
Greeting:

DEAR BROTHERS:

In addressing you for the first time through the medium of an official circular, permit me to felicitate the Order at large upon its splendid progress during the past year, upon its harmonious and vigorous present, and, above all, upon the evidences of continued growth, unity of purpose and high-minded fellowship among our members.

The growth of the Order during the past year is unparalleled in the history of fraternal organizations; an increase in the number of lodges of 113 and in the membership of over 23,000. But the growth evidenced by these figures is not its greatest triumph. The *Standard of Elksdom* is higher today than ever before. To Brother Jerome B. Fisher, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, too much credit can not be given for these beneficent results.

While acknowledging my grateful appreciation for the high honor conferred upon me and the great confidence which the same implies, permit me to invoke a

continuance of that fraternal loyalty and enthusiasm that has characterized the relations between the Order and my predecessors in office, and which has enabled them to carry forward so grandly the banner of Elksdom.

I deem it proper at this time to call your attention to a number of matters of importance considered during the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in Milwaukee and to make some suggestions and observations for the good of the Order. Your attention is first directed to the amendments to the Grand Lodge Laws, as follows:

Section 54, by inserting after the word "application" in the 19th line of said section, the following:

"And shall have been residing within the jurisdiction of the lodge in which he applies for a period of not less than six months immediately prior to said application."

Section 12, by striking out the words, "one Grand Lodge year," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three Grand Lodge years."

Section 55, by adding thereto the following:

"And in the event that any lodge shall knowingly or wilfully violate any of the provisions of this section, it shall be reported by the District Deputy or by any Elk in good standing, to the Grand Exalted Ruler, who shall investigate the same, and if he shall find the charge true, he shall forthwith suspend the Charter of such lodge and report his action to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge for its approval or disapproval."

Section 75, by adding thereto the following:

"And the Tiler or other officer of the home lodge shall request and require any brother to exhibit his Visiting Card, showing that his dues have been paid in full to date, before he shall be entitled to admission into said Lodge."

(This amendment takes effect on and after October 1, 1901.)

Section 88, by adding thereto the fol-

lowing: "Any lodge member who is a party to such deceit shall, after trial and conviction, be expelled from membership, and in the event it shall appear after investigation by the Grand Exalted Ruler that any lodge has knowingly been a party to such fraud or deceit, the Charter of such lodge shall forthwith be suspended by the Grand Exalted Ruler and his action reported at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge for approval or disapproval."

Sub-section A of Section 24, by adding thereto the following: "And such other tax or assessment as may be legally levied by the Grand Lodge."

Section 54, by striking therefrom the following: "If the application shall be received from a person who has been expelled or suspended from the Order, it shall not be competent for any subordinate lodge to take action thereon without first securing permission from the lodge from which said applicant was suspended or expelled."

Section 18, by inserting after the word 'grievances' therein the following words: "Consisting of five members of the Grand Lodge."

Section 19, by inserting after the word 'Laws' the following words: "Consisting of five members of the Grand Lodge."

Section 20, by inserting after the word 'credentials' the following words: "Consisting of five members of the Grand Lodge."

Section 66, by adding thereto the following: "Upon the written consent of a lodge in which a candidate is elected, a sister lodge may, within the time prescribed by law, initiate such candidate for the lodge granting such consent, but before a sister lodge can initiate such candidate, the consent to do so, herein provided for, must be filed with the Grand Secretary of the Order."

Sub-section 18 of section 39, by striking out the word "sixty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "ninety."

Section 45, by adding thereto the following: "Special sessions may be called

by the Exalted Rulers by mailing notice thereof to the members of the subordinate lodges two days before such session."

The Grand Lodge laws were further amended by adding thereto a further section to be known as section 144 as follows: "All subordinate lodges and members thereof are prohibited from soliciting aid from sister lodges by the sale of tickets or otherwise, excepting upon the written approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler and Board of Grand Trustees, which approval, before the same can become operative, must be filed with the Grand Secretary."

Section 12 of the Rules and Order of Business of the Grand Lodge was amended by striking out sub-section L and inserting the words "Grand Trustees" after the words "Grand Secretary" in section F of the same article.

Your special attention is called to the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, which was legally passed by the Grand Lodge and is to be submitted to the subordinate lodges for adoption. To amend section 10 of Article 2 of the Constitution, by adding thereto the following: "And it may also levy an annual assessment not to exceed twenty-five cents (\$.25) per capita for the purchase of ground, construction of buildings and maintenance of homes for aged and indigent Elks and to create and maintain a fund for that purpose."

The adoption of this amendment does not operate as a levy of the assessment therein contemplated, but simply gives to the Grand Lodge the right to make the levy if it sees fit. The subject of a national Elks' Home has been favorably considered by several successive meetings of the Grand Lodge. The report of the Home Committee, submitted at the Milwaukee meeting and unanimously adopted, will be found in full in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge. It would be well for the members to read the same or have it read in open Lodge before acting on the proposed amendment, that your action will be understandingly taken.

A resolution was passed by the Grand Lodge that all subordinate lodges take action on said amendment at their first meeting in October. There will be enclosed herewith a printed blank on which to make your return, and also envelope addressed to the Grand Secretary. It is to be hoped that every lodge will comply with the above resolution.

During the past year the number of lodges in Wisconsin was increased to 28 and in Pennsylvania to 67. By reason of this increase and by virtue of the power heretofore granted to the Grand Exalted Ruler, I have divided Wisconsin into two districts and have added one to Pennsylvania. The orders for the same contain a specific description of the districts and will be communicated by the Grand Secretary to the lodges included in the districts affected.

Modifications will be made in districts of other states with a view of dividing the work more equitably.

At a meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees held in Milwaukee, the *Elks' Antler*, the *Eleven O'clock Toast*, and the *Jolly Elk* were named as the Elk publications, in which the Grand Lodge Directory and Official Circulars will be published for the ensuing year. Let me suggest and urge upon all lodges, not only to subscribe for some Elk Journal, but to have your lodge card published therein. The Elk Press is an indispensable medium through which the general news of the Order is promulgated to the membership. No member can be posted on the current history of Elkdom or keep abreast with its constant progress without reading an Elk Journal. They are worthy of your support.

The Committee on Ritual, in its report to the Grand Lodge, recommend, "That the Exalted Ruler of each lodge be directed to instruct the Brothers concerning the grip of the Order, and request them not to use it promiscuously, etc."

This recommendation, which was approved by the Grand Lodge, is before you. It is to be hoped that it will be complied with. The grip of the Order is for a certain and distinct purpose and for no other. Its promiscuous use is both an abuse and danger.

I desire at this time to impress upon the officers of subordinate lodges the importance of a careful study of the laws of the Order and a strict observance thereof, and in this connection to give special caution with reference to the jurisdiction of subordinate lodges over candidates for initiation. There is no excuse for any infringement of the law on this subject, unless by reason of fraud, in which case the amendment to our laws above set forth applies with just rigor. Violations of the law will be treated by the Grand Exalted Ruler in the manner and according to the penalties provided in the law. I certainly hope that there will be no violations, but if there are any, the law will be enforced.

It is my earnest wish to keep in close touch with the Order and to this end will be glad at all times to hear from any member on any subject pertaining to the good of the Order. I am both in spirit and in fact one of you, and, although performing temporarily the duties of an official position, am still marching with the rank and file of the advancing hosts of Elkdom. My hopes are interwoven and my love enfolded with the success of our beloved Order. Let its watchword continue to be "Onward and Upward."

Following is a complete list of the Elective and Appointive Officers, Committees, and District Deputies for the ensuing year. The Committee on Elks' Home was continued by resolution of the Grand Lodge, and to the Committee, by special motion, was added Jerome B. Fisher, Past Grand Exalted Ruler.

In filling the appointive positions I have endeavored to subserve the good of the Order and by it be guided, and trust that my action will meet with your approval:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 1901-2.
Grand Exalted Ruler—Charles E. Pickett, Waterloo, Ia., No. 290.

Grand Esteemed Leading Knight—Al. G. Field, Columbus, O., No. 37.

Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight—William B. Brock, Lexington, Ky., No. 89.

Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight—A. H. Pickens, Denver, Colo., No. 17.

Grand Secretary—George A. Reynolds, Saginaw, Mich., No. 47.

Grand Treasurer—Ed. S. Orris, Meadville, Pa. No. 219.

Grand Tiler—Jos E Hennings, Anderson, Ind., No 209.

Board of Grand Trustees—Joseph T Fanning, Indianapolis, Ind, No 13, John D O'Shea, Lynn, Mass, No 117, Henry W Mears, Baltimore, Md, No 7.

Grand Esquire—Edward Leach, New York, No 1.

Grand Inner Guard—Albert C Smith, Boston, Mass, No 10.

Grand Chaplain—Rev Walter Davenport Buckner, Pine Bluff, Ark, No 149.

Committee on Laws—Chas H Smith, Jackson, Mich, No 113, Zack Phelps, Louisville, Ky, No 8, J U Sammis, Le Marr, Ia, No 428, Weed Munro, Minneapolis, Minn, No 44, John Galvin, Past Grand Exalted Ruler.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances—William Hickman Moore, Seattle, Wash, No 92; Thos J Cogan, Cincinnati, O, No 5; William J O'Brien, Baltimore, Md, No 7; Thos B Mills, West Superior, Wis, No 403; Chas N Post, Sacramento, Cal, No 328.

Committee on Returns and Credentials—R J Woods, Sioux Falls, S D, No 262; B F McNulty, San Antonio, Tex, No 216; G H Sampson, Peoria, Ill, No 20; E W Bartlett, Le Grande, Ore, No 433; W L Holmes, Muncie, Ind, No 245.

Auditing Committee—Phil G Kelly, Richmond, Va, No 45; E O Brandt, Omaha, Neb, No 39; R W Tilford, Greenville, Miss, No 148.

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Committee on Charters—George A Clugston, Mansfield, O, No 56; Julius Zaeder, Worcester, Mass, No 243; P T Powers, Jersey City, N J, No 211.

Committee on Elks' Home—Meade D Detweiler, Harrisburg, Pa, No 241; W Melville Drennen, Birmingham, Ala, No 79; George P Cronk, Omaha, Neb, No 39; Jerome B. Fisher, Jamestown, N Y, No 263.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Alabama, C E Meglemery, Birmingham, No 79; Alaska, Arthur J Delaney, Juneau, No 420; Arizona, S J Michelson, Phoenix, No 335; Arkansas, C P Harnwell, Little Rock, No 29; California, North, C L Ruggles, Stockton, No 218; California, South, F P Meserve, Redlands, No 583; Colorado, East, Joseph H Looor, Pueblo, No 90; Colorado, West, James Nelson, Leadville, No 236; Connecticut, not filled; Dakota, North, Charles J Fisk, Grand Forks, No 255; Dakota, South, H H Keith, Sioux Falls, No 262; Delaware,

not filled; Florida, B C Tunison, Pensacola, No 497; Georgia, W W Starr, Savannah, No 183; Idaho, W S Whitehead, Capital City, No 310; Illinois, North, D J Toothill, Ottawa, No 588; Illinois, South, B L Maienthal, Decatur, No 401; Indiana, North, Bayard Gray, Frankfort, No 560; Indiana, South, James W Fortune, Jeffersonville, No 362; Indian Territory, not filled; Iowa, North, F C Robinson, Dubuque, No 297; Iowa, South, T W Henry, Des Moines, No 98; Kansas, W A Smith, Topeka, No 204; Kentucky, A W Smith, Richmond, No 581; Louisiana, Eugene Cazedessus, Baton Rouge, No 490; Maine, H D Stewart, Bangor, No 244; Maryland, E J Shine, Washington, D C, No 15; Massachusetts, G W Patton, Lowell, No 87; Michigan, North, not filled; Michigan, South, E F Lee, Detroit, No 34; Minnesota, J T Schusler, Saint Paul, No 59; Mississippi, A M Paxton, Vickburg, No 95; Missouri, C H Fitzgerald, Kansas City, No 26; Montana, W E Chamberlain, Great Falls, No 214; Nebraska, L P Funkhouser, Lincoln, No 80; Nevada, C L Ruggles, acting, Stockton, Cal, No 218; New Jersey, H J Lemmer, Hoboken, No 74; New Hampshire, F A Montgomery, Manchester, No 146; New Mexico, B Ruppe, Albuquerque, No 461; New York, Northeast, M J Severance Jr, Albany, No 49; New York, Southeast, Thos F Brogan, New York, No 1; New York, West, C M Bedell, Syracuse, No 31; North Carolina, H J Gerken, Wilmington, No 532; Ohio, Northeast, S H Needs, Cleveland, No 18; Ohio, Northwest, John W Mowen, Lima, No 162; Ohio, South, Henry Morganthaler, Cincinnati, No 5; Oregon, R E Moody, Portland, No 142; Oklahoma, Chas C Kneisley, Guthrie, No 426; Pennsylvania, Northwest, C E Bair, Oil City, No 344; Pennsylvania, Southwest, Harry T Howe, Monongahela, No 455; Pennsylvania, Central, Thos W Scoit, Sunbury, No 267; Pennsylvania, East, E H Deysher, Reading, No 115; Rhode Island, not filled; South Carolina, not filled; Tennessee, East, C A Ivans, Chattanooga, No 91; Tennessee, West, J C Botts, Jackson, No 192; Texas, North, H L Monroe, Dallas; Texas, South, C S Austin, San Antonio, No 216; Utah, A W Raybould, Salt Lake City, No 85; Vermont, not filled; Virginia, J W Brown, Jr, Portsmouth, No 82; Washington, East, E Dempsie, Spokane, No 228; Washington, West, James E Bell Everett, No 479; West Virginia, A C Muddock, Parkersburg, No 198; Wisconsin, East, F W A Brown, Oshkosh, No 292; Wisconsin, West, A M Fox, Stevens Point No 641; Wyoming, Homer Merrill, Rawlins, No 609.

The appointments not yet made, as above indicated, will be made in a short time. It has been my desire to issue this circular at as early a date as possible so as to inform the Order of the amendments to the law.

With best wishes, both to the lodges and to the individual members, I am,

Very fraternally,

C. E. PICKETT,

Grand Exalted Ruler.

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bill will come just as safe.

GET READY.

Get your house in order so you can go
to Salt Lake City next August. There
will be a large delegation go from this
State, and they will have a time that will
eclipse all others. This will be without
a doubt the greatest Convention in the
history of the Elks. It will be first ses-
sion of the Grand Lodge held out in the
great West, and we must show our good
Eastern brothers that we are not as "wild
and woolly" as we have been painted.
Salt Lake City is an ideal city for a great
gathering. Its people are hospitable and
the climate and sights to be seen are un-
equalled. The railroads will give excep-
tionably low rates, so that all who want
an outing can take in the Elk Conven-
tion. Hello, Bill! are you with us?

We devote considerable space to Cir-
cular No 1, from the Grand Exalted Ru-
ler. It will be interesting to the mem-
bers of the Order, who should read it
carefully as it contains all the amend-
ments passed at the last session of the
Grand Lodge. We get it to our readers
a couple of weeks or more ahead of the
other Elk Journals. That is one of the
advantages of taking a weekly. Don't
all subscribe at once!

Bro. E. M. Ehrhorn of this city has
returned from a trip to Denver, Colorado.
He is more than pleased with the treat-
ment he received from the Elks he met
on the trip. He says the Colorado Elks
are "top knotted." He is glad he is a
member of the Order.

A NATION IN SORROW.

When we went press last week every-
thing looked bright and hopeful for the
recovery, and today the nation mourns.
President William McKinley succumbed
to the assassin's bullet, and last Saturday
morning his spirit passed to its reward,
with a farewell prayer for his country
and all its people.

"Good bye all, good bye; it is God's
way; His will be done!" What a grand
heritage to leave a stricken people, what
a bright example for those who shall fol-
low. He died as he had lived a consid-
erate, conscientious, Christain man. His
memory will be revered more and
more as the years roll on, and is noble
character become better appreciated as it
is better known.

On last Thursday, all over this great
nation, and in many a foreign country,
memorial services were held as the re-
mains of our beloved President were laid
to rest in the little church yard at Can-
ton, Ohio. Bells tolled, minute guns and
sad strains of music told of a nation's
sorrow. That pleasant smile will be seen
no more, nor the warm touch of the van-
ish hand be felt. In memory they shall
have an abiding place until time is no
more.

Words are not at our command to ex-
press our feeling. It seems as though
some near and dear relative had left us.

Noble frater, true friend, devoted hus-
band, wise statesman, beloved ruler,
Christain man, "soft and safe be thy
earthly bed. Bright and glorious be thy
rising from it. May the earliest buds of
spring unfold their beauties o'er thy rest-
ing place and may the sweetness of the
summer's last rose linger longest!"

"And is he dead whose glorious mind
Lifts theirs on high?
To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die."

San Jose Lodge at its last meeting in-
augurated a series of social sessions for
the coming six months. They will be
held on the last Monday evening of each
month. Each alternate session will be
ladies' night, when the members will be
privileged to invite two lady friends.
This is a move in the right direction.
The more ladies' nights we have the bet-
ter.

We notice that the "Eleven O'clock
Toast" has been selected as one of the
official papers of the Grand Lodge. Is
there such an Elk paper printed? If so,
we have no tangible knowledge of that
fact, as we have never seen a copy of it.

At the last meeting of San Jose Lodge
a committee consisting of Bros. McGraw,
Schemmel and Knox was appointed to
make arrangements for Elks' Memorial
Day.

Bro. Alfred Holman and family will
remain in Santa Cruz until October.

DRILL CORPS THE THING.

A few months ago I listened to a dis-
sertation on the subject of "drill organi-
zations," and I was told by one of those
people who have a faculty for "hammer-
ing," that people do not care to see fancy
drilling.

I made an evasive answer, because I
am an enthusiast on the subject, and I
knew it would do no good, but I want to
say to that same man now that people do
care to see fancy drilling—they will come
down to crowded streets and stand for
hours to see fancy drilling, and they will
go home satisfied that their time is not
wasted if they see fancy drilling.

And I want to say further that in Salt
Lake City at the next session of the Grand
Lodge there will be three times the num-
ber of fancy drill teams than there were
in Milwaukee, and if St. Paul Lodge had
taken an organized drill team to Milwau-
kee No. 59 would have made a great big
hit.

I have it upon good authority that a
drill team is being organized in St. Paul
now. I hope the story is true, for I know
a great number of Elks who would be
willing to give their time to such a ven-
ture.—*Rex in Jolly Elk.*

We are pleased that some one has taken
this matter up with us, as we know of
nothing that interests the average pub-
lic as much as a well drilled company.
People will sit for hours and watch them,
and never grow tired—if they are good.
We want to see a number of corps start-
ed in this State. What Lodge will be
the first.

GRASS VALLEY ELKS.

The Elks of Grass Valley, California,
kept open house on Admission Day. The
Tidings says: The Elks' headquarters in
Webster Hall was the scene of enlivening
proceedings all day. As soon as the pa-
rade ended the visitors and local Elks
began to gather and all were treated to
the Elks' unbounded hospitality. There
was plenty to eat, plenty more to drink
and joy and mirth reigned supreme. The
gathering was informal and each one en-
joyed himself as he saw fit. In the ab-
sence of the Exalted Ruler, John R. Tyr-
rell called upon several of the visitors
for remarks, which were responded to
heartily. Andy Hampel was present
with his store of funny stories and gave
several that pleased the listeners. 'Bob'
Mitchell was one of those present and in
his inimitable way he amused the crowd.
Fred. Searls and others contributed their
share and the whole day and evening was
one of enjoyment and the Grass Valley
Elks maintained their reputation of do-
ing things just as they should be done.

Grass Valley No. 538 always comes out
all right in the wash.

Bro. A. E. Caldwell of this city was at
Tacoma during the holding of the Elks'
Fair there. He says it was bigger than
anything he ever dreamt of.

COUPON TICKETS.

Travelers between San Jose and San Francisco will greatly appreciate the new coupon tickets recently issued by the Southern Pacific Company. The tickets are good between San Francisco and points on the Coast Division only, and are good for transportation toward or from San Francisco. A "ten-ride" ticket is sold at the San Jose office of the company for \$10 and limited for thirty days. By purchasing one of these tickets the traveler saves 25 cents in fare between this city and San Francisco, or 50 cents for the round trip. In making ten visits in a single month to the metropolis the holder of one of these tickets would save \$5 and in consequence the "ten-ride" coupon ticket is likely to be the most popular transportation issued by the Southern Pacific for San Joseans who make frequent visits to San Francisco.

In regard to changing the Alum Rock Motor to an Electric Road Manager Center says that the problem is being worked out as fast as possible and that electric cars would be running to the Park at the earliest possible moment, consistent with careful business-like progress. "We intend to electrify the line; this is certain. It cannot be done in a day. There are many things to be seen after, but we are working on the matter and will begin the actual construction just as soon as we can reach that part. The preliminary work in preparing for the improvement is no small undertaking."

James F. Reed, one of the ill-fated Donner Party, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Lewis, at Capitola, on September 17th. His remains were conveyed to this city for interment on the 19th. Jim has seen his share of the up-and-down of this life. He was a police officer in this city for awhile. Peace has come at last. Tranquil be the slumber of the Pioneer until the brighter dawn beyond the parting of the shore.

Bro. Geo. Alexander, mine host at the Alum Rock Park, sent us in a \$1 for his paper. Geo. enjoys the paper as it is constant reminder of when he was the "grand bouncer" for San Jose Lodge. May he "wax fat" in his new occupation. Not much fatter or they will have to enlarge the park.

The I. O. O. F. Home Site fund is assured. The committee have paid \$1000 on the site to bind the bargain. Only about \$1500 remains to be subscribed and it is thought that can be raised in the next two weeks. A deed will be ready for the Grand Lodge on time.

Bro. Fred. L. Thomas has taken the "Marks Degree" and is now a first-class "lyer," I mean lawyer. His office is at 13 South First street. No divorce suits solicited. We wish him success in his chosen profession.

Remember Salt Lake City in August.

ALL GOOD ELKS.

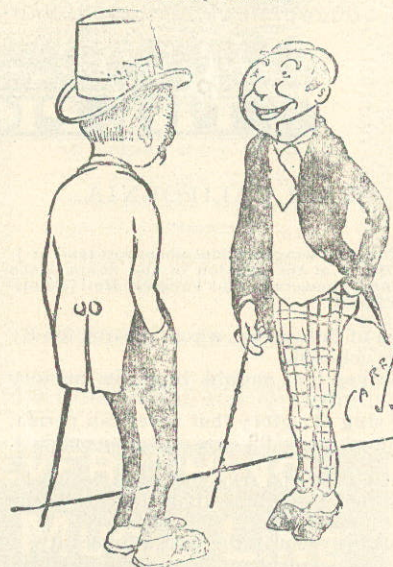
An exchange lays down the following for all good Elks:

1. Carry your cards with you.
2. Attend the Lodge meetings regular.
3. Preserve lodge decorum at all times.
4. Memorize—not read—ritualistic work.
5. Set a high lodge standard and maintain it.
6. Keep petty animosities out of the ballot box.
7. Secure none other than perfect membership.
8. Subscribe for and read THE CALIFORNIA ELK.
9. Render Social Sessions strictly pure and wholesome.
10. Honor the Exalted Ruler by remaining through the initiation.
11. Never talk lodge business on the street corners.
12. Never allow any "rough house" business in the Club Rooms.

Francis Clark Murgotten, one of the late graduates from Stanford University, has been elected to the position of Teachers of Latin in the High School of Ontario, San Bernardino county, and went to the scene of his labor this week. Mr. Murgotten was born in this city, is the youngest son of the editor of this paper. He goes to his duties with very high recommendations from his major professors of the University. Of course THE ELK wishes him success in the noble vocation he has adopted. Ontario is one of the prettiest places in Southern California, and we congratulate the young man that his lot has fallen in such a pleasant place for the commencement of his life work.

What is the matter with the *National Elk's Horn*, *Southern Buck*, *THE CALIFORNIA ELK*, *Western Elk*, *Hello Bilt*, *B. P. O. E. Monthly*, and the *Kentucky Elk*? Why not make them all official papers. One is as good as the other if not better.

A Money Saver.



"Smith is a great fellow for economy. I save money every time I meet him."

"How is that?"

"By not lending it to him."—New York Evening Journal.

Sisterly Sympathy.

Gwendolen—How late you are, dear. What have you been doing all the afternoon?

Maude—Helping the Grigabys at their "at home" and making myself generally fascinating and agreeable.

Gwendolen—Poor thing! What a hard day's work for you!—Punch.

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FAIR CALIFORNIA.

[The following original poem was read by J. W. Hines at the reunion of the Santa Clara County Pioneers in Odd Fellows' Hall Admission Day:]

Sons of Columbia, whose hearts fondly cherish,
Scenes that should linger in memory still,
We sing of a glory that never can perish,
But shine on for ages on valley and hill.
Fair California, resplendent in beauty,
Softer thy clime than the isles of the sea,
Walking erect in the pathway of duty,
Ever triumphant thy banner shall be.
Bright shines thy fame on the pages of story,
Sweet sounds thy name in the measures of song,
Ever shall brighten the beams of thy glory,
O'er our fair land as the years roll along.
Comrades we loved have now gone on before us,
Ending their toil on each valley and hill,
Surely their spirits are hovering o'er us,
Guarding the temple of liberty still.
While we bedew with the tears of affection
Graves where now sleep their beloved remains,
This be our joy and our fond recollection,
That the blood of such heroes now flows in our veins.
Once proudly they had stood on the crest of the mountain,
Sweeping their vision o'er forest and plain,
Slaking their thirst at the rim of the fountain,
Where starts the broad river that flows to the main.
Firmly we stand to the work of our station,
Keeping the treasures our fathers have won.
Thus shall we meet the bright hopes of the nation,
Ending in glory as first we begun.

The Pioneers had money enough to pay all their Admission Day bills. A committee consisting of Judges Rhodes, Myrick and Sales were appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of President McKinley.

FIRST FLOATED OVER CALIFORNIA.

When did the stars and stripes first float over California soil?

This is apparently a very easy question in Pacific Slope history, but in reality how many native sons can give the correct answer? A first and very natural answer would be, the American flag was first raised by order of Commodore Sloat at Monterey, July 7, 1846, and this was the event that, following shortly after the bear flag episode at Sonoma, signalized the American conquest of this territory. A deeper study of the American conquest, however, shows that Captain Fremont, who was on his third scientific expedition at the time, was astounded by receipt of a peremptory letter from the Spanish general, Don Jose Castro, demanding that he leave the country instantly. Instead of complying with this order, which he deemed most insulting, Fremont early next morning moved his camp to the foot of a ridge of hills and the following day entrenched himself on Gavilan peak. This was March 5, 1846. Here he hastily constructed a strong fort of logs. "While this was being built," he tells us in his Memoirs, Vol. I, page 460, "a tall sapling was prepared and on it, when all was ready, the American flag was raised amidst the cheers of the men."

But, speaking of Fremont and the conquest, we are reminded of an earlier but decidedly premature conquest. In the fall of 1842 Commodore Jones, U. S. N., who had been cruising on the South American coast, was led to believe that Mexico had declared war on the United States. Forthwith he sailed to Monterey, and greatly astonished the comandante by demanding an immediate surrender. There being no resistance, William P. Toler, a member of the commodore's staff, landed at Monterey, hauled down the Mexican flag and hoisted the stars and stripes on the same pole. This was October 19, 1842. Discovering by a mere accident that the conquest was premature, Commodore Jones was compelled to restore the town to its former possessors, and to retire with such grace as the circumstances would admit to his ships. The flag that was hoisted October 19th was hauled down nine days later.

Nor have we reached the beginning yet. We are informed by Livingstone's Historical and Statistical Chart that the first house was erected in San Francisco (Yerba Buena) in 1835, when Jacob P. Lease, who had been in business at Monterey for three years, came to establish a branch to his firm. He selected his

site at what is now the corner of Clay and Dupont streets. And it was to celebrate this event, we are told, that the stars and stripes were first hoisted on California soil.

Once more!

Mr. Thomas takes us yet further back in his interesting little book "On Land and Sea," page 314, where he points out that "Captain James P. Arthur hoisted the first American flag that was ever seen on the shores of California." This was in 1829. The place was the hide house at San Diego over which he had charge. The flag itself was made of blue and red flannel shirts, and, while not particularly beautifully per se, it cannot be denied that it was at least symbolic and prophetic, as well as picturesque and patriotic.

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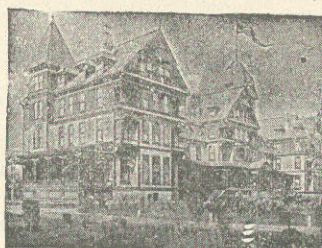


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