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WHAT THE ELKS HAVE DONE TO AID HUMANITY

Report Made Public at a Grand Lodge Meeting at Portland.

Portland, Ore., July 14.—The story of what the Elks have done in the last year to aid humanity was made public at the annual grand lodge convention here today in a lengthy report that dealt chiefly in figures.

John P. Sullivan, of New Orleans, national chairman of the social and community welfare committee of the order, in making his annual report, stated that Elks had spent more than \$2,370,193 in diverse charities since their last convention.

Most of the money was to aid children and Mr. Sullivan said in his report that "it is a tale that can best be read

in the happy faces of nearly half a million happy children whose Santa Claus wore the device that marked him as a member of the greatest American fraternity."

In social and welfare works the Elks had a per capita expenditure of \$2.75 as their total membership now is 880,182, a net increase of 10,363 over the previous year. Mr. Sullivan added that 200 lodges did not send in details of their work so that his figures are necessarily incomplete and the expenditures were greater than shown.

The work of the Elks was outlined as ranging from staging a Jackrabbit drive in Colorado to paying for straightening the limbs of crippled children in New York, and Newark, N. J. In brief, he outlined social and welfare expenditures as follows:

A total of \$830,978.65 was donated outright to other welfare agencies; \$68,271.00 for summer outings for children; \$11,000.83 in encouraging athletics among children; \$46,529.85 in paying rent for needy families; \$82,337.89 for food and clothing; \$27,492.36 for Boys' and Girls' Scout organizations; \$16,512.04 in Boy Scout work for youngsters; \$97,218.68 for medical relief; \$7,236.58 for prizes in encouraging patriotic essays in schools; \$26,197.27 for veterans relief work; \$33,122.88 for special scholarships and other encouragements to needy students; \$1,514.77 for free school books and \$830,973.65 in other donations not classified.

If your car fails to start unscrew the cap and see if the radiator happens to be frozen.

Stewart's Washington Letter

Washington, July 14.—"Though advice may be cheap," said Herbert Quick, author of the "great American novel" in a chat I had with him a few days before his recent death, "yet it's a satisfaction to see it turn out right after giving somebody some of it."

There'd been a reference in the course of our talk to John Garibaldi Sargeant, the United States attorney general.

"Did you know," Quick, asked, "that the old man had a cousin who once lived in Sioux City?"

Having been a Sioux Cityite myself in my youth, this was mildly interesting. "Yes," Quick continued, "it's a fact—a young Iowa farm boy from down near Alkon."

"Farming, however, didn't appeal to our hero, as it doesn't to so many farm boys here. He studied and in due course was admitted to the bar down at Iowa City. Then he came up to Sioux City, prospecting around a bit. He had a letter to me and one day called in to ask for a few suggestions."

"Fred," I told him, "breaking into law in a big town like this—which Sioux City is, comparatively—is a mighty slow, discouraging job. I knew what I was talking about, for I'd done it myself and nearly starved to death."

DEFENSIVE MORRISON

Charlotte Observer.

It is possible that out of the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association at Asheville may come a general discussion of state issues. Indeed, the president of the association, Mr. Braxton, of Winston-Salem, has injected remarks in criticism of Governor McLean's policy of economy, that must certainly call for further remarks, and as the governor is scheduled for an address to the editors, it is a fairly good promise that he will be inclined to take up the matter on his own account. Mr. Braxton made rather a brisk attack on Morrison and then threw a brick at McLean. He argued that the editors use their influence to the end that the penulm of government "shall not be permitted to swing from the side-wall of lavish and reckless expenditure to the opposing extreme of parsimony, stagnation and disorganization." There has been but little money expended the past four years except in the building of school houses, in extension of the University plant and state institutions and in construction of good roads. The records in all cases have had thorough investigation and full publicity, and it has not in any case developed that there was "recklessness" in expenditure. Lavish expenditures were to be sure, but for this lavishness we have the finest system of highways of any state in the South and as fine as the best in some of the northern states that had the start on North Carolina in that direction. The expenditures for education were also lavish, but the character of the institutions that stand as results does not indicate the "reckless."

Mr. Braxton was particularly set in his opposition to the fixing of salaries of the men and women engaged in educational work, and there is a large portion of the state in agreement with him on the expediency of that course, but the alarm with which he views the probably results on the progress of the state by reason of the curtailed appropriations would not appear quite well-founded. The Observer does not believe the governor's economy program means anything like "stagnation." It may slow up advancement in some directions, but the governor has authorized loans with which to keep the expansion program going.

The critics in general fall in two particulars. Those inclined to criticize Morrison do not take into account the fact that under his administration the major part of the good roads program was completed and that the educational program was equally advanced toward a finish. It was under his administration that expenditure of the bulk of "progress" money was necessitated. The McLean administration is left to gather up the ends bequeathed it by the administration of greatest accomplishments in the history of North Carolina. It was not necessary for McLean to spend money on the scale that it was expended by Morrison; it was only necessary that the things left uncompleted be carried on to a finish. The prospect facing Governor McLean made it easily possible to institute an administration of economy without serious menace to the progress of the state, or to the use of its charitable and educational institutions.

"Now, my advice to you, I proceed to settle down in one of our good little burgoes in the country and build up a country practice."

"In a few days he called again. He told me he'd arranged for a desk, practically as a mere clerk, in the office of Wright & Call, the most important law firm in that section. It was a good connection; but as I've said, all Fred Sargeant had was just a clerkship."

"Well, what happened to that firm? Inside a year the junior member, A. E. Call, broke down physically and had to retire. Young Sargeant, having shown much promise and being right handy, was boosted into the junior partnership."

"A few months later Craig L. Wright, the senior member, died suddenly and Sargeant inherited the entire practice. It included the legal representation of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad in its territory."

"You never say anybody rise so fast. Now Fred is vice president and general counsel of the whole Northwestern system."

Quick would have grinned, had he lived another month or two, to see Fred W. Sargeant stepping, as he has just done, into the presidency of the Chicago & Northwestern and Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroads.

The carpenter who is at Morrison's heels shouting "liberal spend" in unison, are at all times careful never to take into account the things secured for the state by reason of his spending. Governor McLean is fortunately forefended from criticism of this character, because of the very good reason that there is left for him no major accomplishments upon which to make liberal expenditures. The fact remains, and the people of the state appreciate it, that if it had not been for the Morrison administration, the state would have had 300 fewer public schools than it now has; it would have had old-time, out-grown State University, and it would have been years behind its present magnificent equipment of good roads. Morrison spent money, but he did for the state what might not have been done for it in twenty years. The state not only got one hundred cents for every dollar spent on highways and schools, but it got benefits infinitely in excess of the money spent.

There are some who speed along the good roads Morrison built, and "cuss" him out as they go; there are the hecklers who would deny him privilege of a word in defense against the attacks on his administration, but of both classes there are few. Of the people there are many, and it is the people who use the good roads and whose children have the benefits of the best school machinery in the South, who know. The state did not suffer under Morrison; it benefited. It is not going to suffer under McLean, and it is going to benefit in ways possible under what he is left to do.

The State Printing Commission, composed of the Governor, the Council of State, the Commissioner of Labor and Printing and the Attorney General, was created by an act of the General Assembly of 1901.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Wednesday, July 14, 1925. Centenary of the birth of Joseph Carter Abbott, a Union civil war general who served as U. S. senator from North Carolina during the reconstruction period.

Vacationists who are dependent on a single fortnight of good weather for their summer holiday will hope that today remains fine. For it is St. Swithin's Day!

Several hundred members of the Young People's Christian Union (Universalist) will gather in Detroit today for the opening of their annual national convention.

Gamma Eta Kappa, the oldest high school Greek letter fraternity in America, will meet at Atlantic City today for its tenth biennial national convention.

Five tiers of the first army pursuit group are scheduled to leave Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, Mich., today for a flight by easy stages to San Francisco.

For the purpose of formulating a national policy that will be fair to the maritime provinces as well as be acceptable to Canada's large representatives of the commercial bodies of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island will meet in conference today at Montreal, N. B.

After an existence of fifty years, the last legal lottery in the United States will expire today, when the final drawing for prizes in the New Orleans premium bond plan will take place in that city.

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