

WESTERN CONCLAVE OPENS IN THIS CITY

Association Delegates Plunge Into Frank Discussion of Liquor Question

Foresee Onslaught of "Drys" Upon Bohemianism of San Francisco

Although it had been planned to begin the serious work of the convention today the Western hotelmen's protective association under the energetic influence of President Sam Dutton plunged into the discussions at hand early yesterday morning and the session, instead of being a mere formal reception of delegates, was full of instructive speeches and many sided debates.

The opening session was held in the colonial ballroom of the St. Francis hotel, Edgar S. de Wolfe, manager of the Granada, was on hand to attend to the proper registration of the delegates and Thomas Keating saw that every one had his proper emblem.

DISCUSS LIQUOR QUESTION
About 100 delegates attended. Prohibition was the opening topic. The question of the "dead-end" and how to deal with him will come later. These seem the two absorbing questions of the convention.

Rome Miller, representing the Northwestern hotelmen's association and proprietor of the hotel in Omaha that bears his surname, opened the discussion. President Dutton in his introduction said that Miller knew more about prohibition than any man in America and on Miller's correction compromised with "west of the Rockies."

Miller is a good talker. He has not always found his rostrum in a hotel lobby. He said that more alcoholic liquors had been consumed in his state, Nebraska, since the passing of the prohibition ordinance than at any time in the history of the commonwealth. He pointed out its evil effects on the hotels.

"Hotelmen," he said, "should organize and appoint representatives from the various important towns of the state to go to the legislature when in session, remaining long enough to enable them to convince the various legislative committees as to the actual need of legislation affecting hotels."

He said that the hotel was a collective home that ought to be able to give its guests just what they wanted to eat and drink, just as a host might in his private home.

"The prohibitionists are always busy with their side of the issue. Let the businessman and the property owner see to it that the rational side of the question is presented to all the people," Miller concluded.

FORESEES BATTLE HERE
Sam Dutton added that the people of this state were also vitally interested in the prohibition movement and that San Francisco was to be the battleground.

"You are Bohemians in this city; that is the reason why we came to you," Dutton said. "If the prohibitionists win in San Francisco then the whole west is lost. Let's be up and doing something."

After the morning session the delegates and their wives were driven in automobiles through Golden Gate park to the Cliff house, where they were the guests of John Tait at lunch. The trip was completed with a ride through the Presidio reservation and the downtown business section.

Charles Stewart did himself proud in the entertainment of the delegates in the evening. For the first time the new banquet room of the Hotel Stewart was opened, and if there was any joke old or new that was not sprung it was not because Stewart did not provide any of those things that usually make a man funny.

F. P. Shanley, manager of the St. James, created a hit when he said that the W. H. M. P. A., the initials of the Western hotel men's protective association, meant nothing else than women hate men who pay alcohol. Shanley doesn't, but that didn't spoil the joke. It was a night of reminiscence.

The women in the visiting party spent the evening in Chinatown under the guidance of the women's reception committee. This morning the business of the convention will be resumed at the St. Francis.

FAVOR RAILWAY EXTENSION—The Devises Street Improvement Club at a meeting Tuesday elected D. Davis delegate to the Affiliated Improvement clubs and voted to ratify the plan for the extension of the street railway systems of the city.

DEATH CALLS 40ER—Petalinga, Oct. 14.—Edward McDermott, a miner of this city, is dead, and by his will St. Vincent's academy Catholic school will inherit several thousand dollars. McDermott left all but a few bequests to the sister superior. This was done in memory of his deceased daughter. McDermott was a 40er and crossed the plains with an ox team.

HOTELMEN SCENT DANGER IN ADVANCEMENT OF PROHIBITION



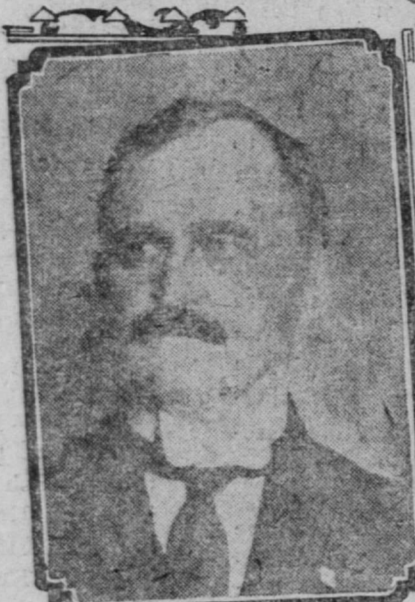
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FLORAL TRIUMPHS ON VIEW AT SHOW

Gorgeous Display of Portola Exhibition Draws Throng to the Fairmont

Gorgeous clusters of varicolored chrysanthemums, with a background of the greenest ferns of California and great bouquets of rare roses intermingled with exquisite hot-house flowers seldom displayed in such variety and profusion, marked the opening of the Portola flower show seen from a picturesque point of view in the Norman hall at the Fairmont hotel yesterday afternoon. The large room was entirely devoted to the display of fruit and flowers under the auspices of the Pacific Coast horticultural society and the California state floral society.

DAHLIAS IN PERFECTION
Small glass jars in row after row held the choicest dahlias and flowers of the same family whose perfection was appreciated only upon close inspection. There were several tables given to the display of the dahlia, that once unknown and despised garden flower, that might not be recognized in its stiff form beside the wonderful assortment of loose and fantastic shapes into which it has been evolved. The flowers were displayed one by one in the glass jars, giving the visitors opportunity of inspecting the size and beauty of the specimens individually.

There were three long tables devoted to the specimens of the rose in single file, although for the most part the various sorts of roses were shown in vases, giving an opportunity for the best display of tall stems.

The carnations formed an attractive display, but the variety of chrysanthemums, from white to the deepest magenta and most delicate lavender, called forth exclamations of wonder and delight from the throng of visitors.

The ferns were grouped around the various flower displays, dividing into sections the individual rival floral collections, and great hanging baskets were filled to overflowing with the

ROYAL ARCANUM PORTOLA NIGHT—The Fraternal Order of the Royal Arcanum has set aside Thursday evening, October 21, as Royal Arcanum Portola night for entertaining all visiting members. A fine program is in preparation by Buena Vista council, which will begin at 7:30 of the evening, in Red Men's building, Golden Gate avenue.

Eight leaders in convention of Western hotelmen's protective association, which began its deliberations yesterday at Hotel St. Francis.

rarest assortment of ferns that has ever been seen in the city. The orchids were on view in a secluded corner among cool mosses and opposite the nook was a table crowded with fine selections of the species. There was an almost endless variety of these rare and beautiful plants.

WEALTHY MEN GIVE PRIZES
Among those who have donated prizes for the fruit and flower exhibition are William H. Crocker, J. B. Coryell, D. O. Mills, P. N. Bowles, George Newhall, J. Leroy Nitchol, George Pope, William Babcock and I. W. Hellman.

One of the features of the show is a table exhibiting bridal bouquets, table decorations and other floral arrangements of interest to women, and a committee of society women will decide upon prizes for the most attractive of these.

Among those who will serve on this committee are Miss Suzanne Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Laurence Scott, Mrs. M. C. Stoss, Miss Laura McKinstry and Mrs. George Cadwalader.

The flower show will continue through today and tomorrow.

BURGLAR CAUGHT IN CRIME BY POLICEMAN

Open Window Attracts Notice of Officer Passing By

A man named George B. Hart was arrested early yesterday morning in the haberdashery of Thomas Alexander, 112 Montgomery street, which he had entered by prying open a rear window. The open window was seen by Policeman Arthur A. Springett, passing by, who entered and found Hart with \$40 worth of clothing gathered together and his hands in more stuff.

May Sayre, 1735 Geary street, told Policeman Charles Sullivan yesterday that on her return home at 11:30 o'clock the preceding evening she ran into a burglar, who threatened murder if she made an outcry, and then proceeded to pocket \$2.25 worth of spoons. Although she says the man clutched her throat, she was unable to give any description of him to the police.

A \$250 diamond ring was stolen from Mrs. E. Maldonado, 2952 California street, Wednesday noon. It was taken from a bureau in her bedroom. C. T. Powell reported to the police yesterday that his Stradivarius violin has been missing from the First Baptist church, 1620 O'Farrell street, since last Sunday.

DISCUSS DAYS OF PORTOLA'S REGIME

Corona Club Members Hear Tales of California Before the Gringo Came

Program Abounding in Spirit of Old Spanish-America Is Rendered

Portola spirit was further fostered yesterday by a luncheon at the Corona club which abounded in Spanish colors and which proved to be one of the successful events of the club season.

About 160 members and guests were seated at the long table in the club rooms in Mission Masonic temple and a menu of Spanish dishes was served.

The decorations were distinctive and attractive, being entirely in the festive colors of red and yellow. In the center of the room hung a basket of yellow chrysanthemums and ferns and garlands of asparagus ferns, hung with scarlet peppers and little silver Spanish onions. On the tables were baskets of red and yellow flowers and rolls of paper ribbons, which were thrown hither and yon, making a maze of bright hued strands.

At the close of the luncheon the guests went to the assembly hall below for the program. Mrs. John H. Bullock gave a brief and amusing address of welcome and an address on Portola. Mrs. M. E. Johnson read a paper written by Senora Josefa Bailhache, a member of the Pico family, which told something of the life of the Spanish grandee of early days and proved to be deeply interesting. Charles Mayer played a zither solo with violin obligato by Walter Cox, to which they were compelled to give an encore.

Senorita Serita Madero, a dainty, tiny Spanish dancer, delighted the audience with a Spanish song and dance. Mrs. J. J. Nachtrieb gave some readings from Bret Harte and Mrs. Ella M. Sexton gave an interesting address on the "Days Before the Gringo Came."

Physician Discusses Religion

The Council of Jewish Women met for the first time this season yesterday afternoon, the feature of the afternoon being an address by Dr. William Fitch Cheney on "Religion and Medicine." He gave a history of the work of the Emmanuel movement and discussed the methods and means of treatment by psychotherapy. In regard to the religious side of the matter he said that man was born with an instinctive faith and that the possession of a belief, and trust in a higher power was in itself a more valuable sedative for jangled nerves than anything in materia medica.

Religion and medicine should work hand in hand, but that did not imply the necessity of any particular church or creed or that the treatment should be the exclusive right of any sect or church, he argued.

He expressed his faith that in the future physicians will come to consider the spiritual side of a man as well as the material and will work upon the one as well as apply drugs to the other.

Doctor Cheney was introduced briefly by Rabbi Bernard Kaplan. A quartet consisting of Miss Louise Smith, Miss Irene Meussdorfer, Miss Ruby Wolfsohn and Miss Hortense Gilmore sang charmingly. The meeting took place in the Forum club auditorium, which was crowded to the doors.

SOLD IMPURE MILK—F. Stump was fined \$25 by Police Judge Welles yesterday for selling adulterated milk.

Control Your Fat

One can now take off and keep off extra fat at will. If you have an over-fat abdomen or double chin you can clear it away completely without a minute's bother, exercising or dieting. Take a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime of this mixture: 1/2 oz. Marmola, 1/2 oz. Fluid Extract Casarsa Aromatic and 3/2 oz. Peppermint Water—any druggist has them—and go on eating as best pleases you; don't worry about results.

The double chin and ponderous stomach will soon show signs of melting away. They will not sag in or wrinkle, however; just go down nice and smooth and even. That effect is due to the harmless natural action of the mixture.

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