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June 20, 21 and 22, at the Douglas County Courthouse, Superior, Wis.

TUESDAY EVENING, 8:00 P. M.

Invocation by Rev. Leslie Bechtel.

President Smith: In the absence of the Mayor of the City, the address of welcome will be given by Mr. Schafer, one of the City Commissioners.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

COMMISSIONER SCHAFER

Ladies and gentlemen and worthy Superintendents and Matrons of the Asylum Association: The City of Superior cordially extends to you a welcome invitation to our city and while you are sojourning in the City of Destiny, we here call it, we welcome you to view our city, our dock frontage, our coal docks, our elevators, our beautiful harbors and our beautiful rivers, and the Manitou Falls. We think in our humble way that we have the City of Destiny, because the Divine Spirit of the Universe has placed us in a position where should the time come that the Deep Waterway should be extended to the head of the lakes, that we will be in a position to supply not only the Northwest but Europe, and all other countries with commodities passing through our ports.

We have a city today that is third in the amount of tonnage handled in the world. We have a beautiful country back of us with miles and miles of beautiful cement roads.

We welcome you all to visit our city and county and see the natural resources of the northern part of Wisconsin.

Last, but not least, we have a beautiful asylum here in which we pride ourselves and which we are indebted to the directors of the county for giving us as beautiful an institution as we have. Therefore, we welcome you all to our city.

RESPONSE

PRESIDENT R. M. SMITH

Mr. Schafer, Members of our Association, Ladies and Gentlemen: Superior is a place that is often called to our attention. First, there is a Lake Superior, the largest body of fresh water on the face of the globe, over 400 miles long, 150 miles wide and a thousand feet deep.

This lake is noted for its deep and very cold water; it is also noted for the commerce which moves over its surface, principal among which is coal, iron, lumber and grain.

The Lake Superior white fish is a very prominent member of the finny tribe and is very noted. Perhaps the saddest thing in connection with Lake Superior is that it is also noted for its marine disasters, and in one way and another, Superior is called to our attention. Therefore, when we see the name of Superior, the city, our attention is directed to it. Therefore, we decided to come to this beautiful north-land and the city of Superior with our Twenty-first Convention.

I do not think that any expression of mine could express better the appreciation of the invitation that is extended to us than the large percentage of membership of our small organization that is present with us this evening at our first session.

I thank you.

Mr. Joseph Murphy next delighted the Convention with some of his Irish songs, among them "Wild Irish Rose" and "Mother Macree."

The next number on the program was musical selections by the orchestra.

Then a song by Master Jack Martindale, which was very much enjoyed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Smith: On behalf of the officers of the Association, I want to thank you, one and all, for your presence here this evening. It is certainly very gratifying to see such a large audience at the opening session of our Convention.

The hour not yet being late, we have decided to clean up a little business this evening and we also have a few announcements to make.

The Secretary has a few that he will announce at this time.

Secretary Flanagan: I have here a letter to "Mr. R. M. Smith, President:

"Superior Lodge No. 403, B. P. O. E., extends an invitation to your Association to visit the Elks Home at any time during your stay in the city. The Home is located at the corner of 11th Street and Ogden Avenue.

"We will be pleased to meet you.

George W. Kane,
"Exalted Ruler."

We also have a verbal invitation from the Manager of the Civic & Commerce Association here that the rooms at the hotel, of the Civic & Commerce Association, are at the disposal of the ladies at any time they want to use the same. There are nice leather seats there and a chance to rest.

We have made a change in the program and we have shifted tomorrow evening's program for tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, and the boat ride will be taken in the evening. You will receive a ticket for the boat ride at the door as you pass out.

Now, as tomorrow morning we take a long auto trip, how many of the superintendents here or others have cars and are willing to use the same in the trip? Please stand.

Commissioner Schafer: I can furnish three cars.

Other members exhibited willingness to furnish cars.

Secretary Flanagan: The only reason I am asking this is that it is going to be hard to provide cars to accommodate this large crowd. I thought perhaps some of those that come will be glad to use their cars.

President Smith: Kindly remember that we would like to get started tomorrow morning on the automobile trip about eight o'clock. It is quite a long trip and in order to get back for our afternoon session, we need to start pretty early.

There should be a vote of thanks offered to those who took part in the program this evening. Shall we offer that by resolution or motion?

President Smith: On behalf of the Association I thank all those who took part in the program.

Treasurer Fischer: I would like to make the announcement, that I will be in my office any time you want to come and settle with me.

President Smith: Gentlemen, that is very important, and I wish that all those that can conveniently do so, will pay their dues to Treasurer Fischer, so that he can complete his report for this year and have his account audited.

You have been instructed about the trip tomorrow evening instead of tomorrow afternoon and the Wednesday evening session will be held Wednesday afternoon, as stated by the Secretary.

We want a full attendance out tomorrow afternoon. We will call the roll of the Association then, and we would like to have a full attendance, so that we will not miss any who are present or who are attending the Convention.

I would like to announce to Mr. Schafer and other citizens of Superior who are here, that our meetings are open to the public and we will be glad to have any of your citizens attend who can. We realize that it may be a little tiresome for most people, still there are some who will be interested in that line of work, the welfare work and the like, who will probably be interested.

Appointment of Committees

President Smith: I feel that perhaps it is best to appoint some committees at this time, so that they may work when they have leisure.
Auditing Committee:

Mr. H. F. Wittig, of Brown County.
Mr. F. J. Mooney, Monroe County-Sparta.
Mr. Wm. O'Connor, Douglas County-Superior.

Please call your committee together when convenient.
Committee on Resolutions:

Mr. M. H. Duncan, Clark County.
Mrs. J. F. Wallace, Chippewa County, Chippewa Falls.
Mrs. W. E. Voigt, Jefferson County.
Mr. Otto Drews, Manitowoc County.
Mr. Henry Wernecke, Manitowoc, Wis.

There is still another committee, the Legislation Committee, and on that committee we will have Supt. Neprud, Vernon County, as Chairman, O. G. Rewey of Iowa County, and Henry Fischer of Jefferson County, who will look after our legislative interests.

DISCUSSION REGARDING DEATH AMONG MEMBERS

Mr. Smith: Is there anyone that has anything in mind that they think ought to come up at this time?

There is one thing that we might take up at this time and clear the deck, and that's the reporting of deaths among members of our organization. I think I will let the Secretary take that matter up.

Mr. Flanagan: Mr. Fischer will handle that.

Mr. Fischer: A few years ago this matter was taken up at one of our conventions. It seems too bad that the Association should not be informed when we have a death by some one of our members, whether it be superintendent or matron or trustee. We had a mutual understanding, that where there was a death that someone would notify the superintendent of the Asylum and I feel that we ought to get together and keep at work, but it was unfortunately forgotten this last year, and that has brought it to our minds again. How we can do it, I don't know, but that we carry it in mind and keep it so that when anything of that kind happens, we notify the Secretary of the Association, so that some further act could be taken.

I do not believe that they could do anything by resolution or motion or anything else. It is simply that everyone keeps it in mind and does it if that occasion arises.

Mr. Smith: I think, fellow members, if we can make this known to every member of our organization, that this error will be avoided.

When there is a death in connection with any institution in the state, I think we ought to have an understanding that any member of the Convention belonging to that institution should report to the officers, but I think we ought to go a little further than that. We are in the habit of sending flowers on occasions of that kind, and my personal opinion is that we should leave it to some member of that institution, in case of the death of superintendent or matron or trustees—the superintendent to attend to that matter. Many times the institution is quite a ways from others and they do not get the news, and it seems to me that this is about the only way that they could do to make sure of that matter being attended to, and also that the officers be notified, and especially the members who are in institutions within reaching distance.

What are your wishes on that subject?

A Member: Mr. President, I move you that when there is a death among the members of this Association in any institution, that the other members from that institution be instructed to provide proper—make proper arrangements and provide flowers and make a charge against this Association for the amount spent.

Mr. Fischer: I would suggest an amendment that you have them send the bill to the Treasurer and he can pay for it.

Member: I accept the amendment.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Smith: Nearly every institution is represented. We can get this news to all. The motion covers the ground, for it leaves it to the surviving member of that institution to take care of the matter.

A Member (Lady): Should there not be some amount stated?

President Smith: I had that in mind. Perhaps they wish to leave it to the discretion of those acting, but we could place a limit.

What is your opinion on the subject, ladies and gentlemen?

President Smith: There seems to be no expression at present—we might say—ten, fifteen or twenty dollars. I think any of those amounts would be satisfactory.

Mr. Fischer: Mr. Chairman, I move the amount of \$15 be set for each occasion.

Seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Smith: If there are any members who have anything in mind at this time, please mention it.

Mr. Smith: We will adjourn after singing "America."

An adjournment was taken until 2 P. M. Wednesday.

Wednesday 2 P. M.

President Smith: Ladies and Gentlemen, we have more seats than we had last evening and we have a smaller crowd. I wish you would move up front and fill up the front seats, please.

The members will please come to order for our open session.