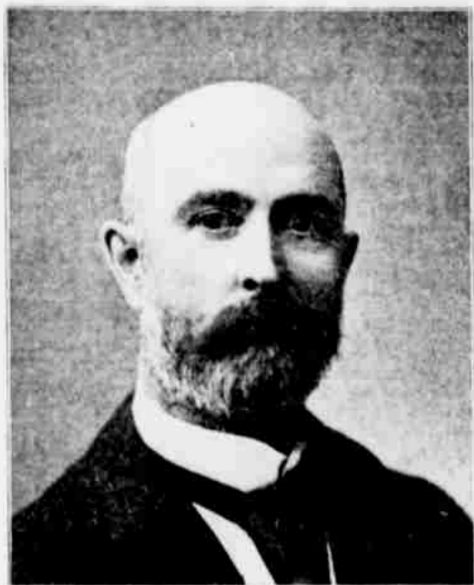
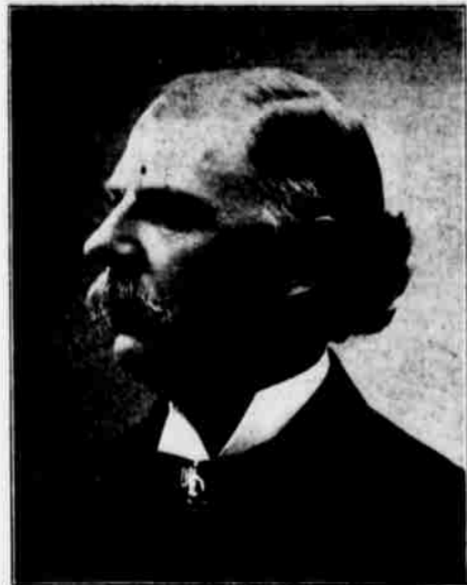


Four Former Kings of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben



MAJOR R. S. WILCOX—Photo by Heyn.



E. M. BARTLETT—Photo by Heyn.



CASPER E. YOST—Photo by Rinchart.



WILLIAM D. M'HUGH—Photo by Heyn.

Official Program of Ak-Sar-Ben Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Grand Opening Day.

Carnival opens at 10 a. m.—Free band concert and free shows from 11 a. m. until 12 p. m. by such famous artists as Prof. Gus Ryan, the daring aerial bicyclist, in his perilous ride for life.

The St. Belmos, the world's greatest and most intrepid aerial artists.

Rice's Funny Educated Pigs—The Ham-fat actors.

Obrecht's Juvenile Band—Soloists, singers, dancers, cake walkers and specialists.

The Brothers Lorbey—The funny Rube and the Crazy Dutchman—the greatest, funniest horizontal bar performers in the world.

The thrilling pomplur ladder life saving exhibition by the city fire department of Omaha—the greatest scene ever witnessed on the American stage.

Midway shows will give hourly enter-

tainments. Confetti battles on the Midway.

Watch for the elephants in the air.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Ladies' and Children's Day.

Carnival opens at 10 a. m.—Free band concert and free shows all day from 11 a. m. till 12 p. m.

Special attractions for the little ones.

Juvenile cake walk contest for prizes.

Grand Balloon Race—Two mammoth balloons. Parachute jump.

Watch for the camels in the air.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Mardi Gras, Fraternal and Labor Union Day.

All residents and visitors may frequent the streets and carnival grounds arrayed in masks and costume between the hours of

10 a. m. and 6 p. m. Masks must be removed after 6 p. m.

Grand Daylight Parade, 2 p. m.—A procession of comedy and splendor containing magnificent floats and civic, military and fraternal bodies will traverse the principal streets of the city and disperse at the carnival gates.

Carnival grounds will open at 10 a. m. Free band concert and free open air shows all day and evening.

Adult cake walk, contest for prizes. Exhibition drills for prizes by fraternal bodies. Confetti battles on the Midway.

The shirt waist man's first annual convention.

Midway shows always open. Grand balloon race and parachute jump. Watch for the dragon in the air.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

Electrical Pageant, Public Wedding and Traveling Men's Day.

A sturdy son of Nebraska joined in wedlock to one of Iowa's fairest daughters.

Carnival opens at 10 a. m. Free band concert and free shows hourly in the open air. Traveling men made welcome from 10 a. m. till 12 p. m.

Cake walk contest for prizes.

Commencing at 8 o'clock at night the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben's grand electrical pageant, magnificently magnified, monumentally greater, with more music, more color, more lights, more beauty, more wealth and more magnificence than we have ever before attempted, will delight the eye and enchant the ear.

10:30 p. m.—After the electric pageant, at carnival grounds, public wedding on high stage in the arena.

Confetti battles and Midway shows. Grand balloon race and parachute jump.

Watch for the elephant in the air.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Iowa Day—Coronation Day.

Carnival opens at 10 a. m. Free band concerts and hourly shows on the Midway, from 11 a. m. till 12 p. m.

Cake walk contest to decide championship. Confetti battles on the Midway. The wonderful St. Belmos in the "Leap for Life."

Grand court ball and crowning of Queen of Ak-Sar-Ben.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Nebraska Day—Closing Day.

Carnival open from 10 a. m. till 12 p. m.

Free band concert and free open-air shows by the St. Belmos, Gus Ryan, Rice's pigs, Obrecht's Juvenile band, Lorbey brothers, Pomplur ladder lifesaving exhibition, citizens spilling on the Midway, Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben's great confetti battle, balloon races and parachute jumps, funny clowns and a thousand and one other features to make the closing day of the carnival the one big hit of the century.

Douglas County Agricultural association's annual exhibition on the carnival grounds all the week. Special premium list.

Ak-Sar-Ben Parades

The line of march for the parade Wednesday afternoon, September 26, will form at Sixteenth and Cuming, moving south to Douglas, east to Tenth, south to Farnam, west to Nineteenth, south to Harney, east to Sixteenth, south to Howard and east to Fourteenth. From that point the parade will countermarch at a convenient point.

The night parade, Thursday, September 27, will observe the following line of march: Forming at Sixteenth and Cuming, south to Howard, east to Fourteenth, north to Douglas, east to Tenth, south to Farnam, west to Nineteenth, south to Harney, east to Sixteenth, south to Howard, east to Fifteenth, north to Capitol avenue, west to Sixteenth and north to the place of formation.

Superintendent Renze

In other cities where fall festivities of the character given by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben are held the custom is to assess each business house according to its commercial importance in raising the necessary revenues, whereupon they mail their checks for the amount. This has been the custom in St. Louis and Kansas City, where the secretaries and all such officials as the Omaha Board of Governors are paid employees. But in Omaha, where the funds are raised by voluntary and more or less uncertain subscriptions, the only regularly salaried worker in the order is the superintendent. Gus A. Renze has filled that position from the birth of the organization and he has been a veritable tower of strength to the Board of Governors, being especially proficient in designing, building and decorating the magnificent floats and arranging the pageants. He is a native of Germany, whither he came with his parents in 1869 at the age of 8 years, and became a resident of St. Louis. He embarked in active life as a painter and decorator and it was in the pursuit of that calling that he came to Omaha in 1889. When it was proposed to organize the parades in Omaha and it became known that he had worked for the Trades Display association and Veiled Prophets in St. Louis for several years in the preparation of floats, the local board sought his services for its uses and has ever since congratulated itself for having done so.

During his early services he was paid by the day, but during the latter years he has

enjoyed a fixed salary. His proficiency has been such that since the purchase of the first pageant from New Orleans it has never been necessary to buy another. He has built them all, and, with the aid of City Electrician Schurig, has applied electricity to the illuminations with effects never equalled anywhere else. He has complete charge of the den and for months during each year has a force of nearly twenty men employed in moulding papier mache into fantastically formed and gaily colored ornaments for the floats.

Pointed Paragraphs

Chicago News: A stingy quaker maketh a close friend.

He who lacks time to make also lacks time to mend.

An industrious man and a cabbage manage to get a-head.

When a man is compelled to pawn his watch it changes hands.

When society throws people overboard they are not in the swim.

It's always easy to interest a man in a good money-making scheme.

Give cheerfully with one hand and you will gather abundantly with two.

The contents of the jeweler's safe may be his stepping-stones to fortune.

Some of the unhappiest people on earth have more money than they know what to do with.

The most comfortable way a woman can eat her bread is to induce some man to earn it for her.



MISS ETHEL MORSE—AK-SAR-BEN QUEEN IN 1899—Photo by Heyn.



MISS GRACE ALLEN—AK-SAR-BEN QUEEN IN 1898—Photo by Heyn.