

WHO'S WHO IN THE OMAHA GRAND AERIE OF THE EAGLES

Personality of the Men Who Will Be Prominent in Proceedings of the Convention and Comment on Those Who Are Being Pushed for High Offices in the Order



B. J. MONAGHAN,
Grand Worthy President.

CONRAD H. MANN,
Grand Secretary.

THEODORE A. BELL,
Past Grand Worthy President.

EDWARD KRAUSE,
Past Grand Worthy President.

SENATOR THOMAS GRADY,
Candidate for Grand Worthy Vice President.

THE CONTEST for office and honor in the Eagles' national convention, beginning in Omaha Monday, brings together men from the two most widely separated metropolises of the United States—San Francisco and New York—for the highest elective position of the national organization, that of grand worthy vice president. The principals in this struggle of east and west are: John S. Parry, San Francisco, and Senator Thomas F. Grady, New York.

Between these men it will be a kindly, but spirited, contest, in which the opposing factions are pretty well defined by that great intranational boundary, the Missouri river. The delegates from each of these two vast national divisions are equally confident and enthusiastic.

The two candidates are both men of affairs in their own fields, centered alike at great national gateways, the one looking to the west, the other toward the east. Both men have been and are potent personages in the shaping of political and municipal fortunes in their widely separated realms of activity.

John S. Parry of San Francisco, who is now asking the Eagles to choose him as successor to the office of grand worthy vice president, which in the order of succession means that he, if elected, would in turn hold the office of grand worthy president, is not a stranger here. He was an Iowa farmer boy, not so very many years ago.

Mr. Parry first saw Omaha as a water boy on a gang of railroad laborers engaged in track construction right on the present site of the Omaha Union passenger station. It may or may not have been on Horace Greeley's advice, and it is hardly probable that the water boy had heard of him, but at any rate he went west.

It was twenty years ago that this rambling young man drifted into San Francisco. He stayed.

When the big earthquake came John Parry was a member of the Municipal Fire and Police board. The disaster was fatal to the chief of one of these departments and a large part of the burdens of the administration of affairs in the terror-stricken city fell on Mr. Parry.

As an active member of the Fire and Police board Mr. Parry had no small share in the taking of the city of San Francisco through that troublous period of reconstruction. In San Francisco today he is a wholesale ice cream manufacturer and holds large interests in the cigar business of his locality.

The delegates will have no trouble in hearing from Mr. Parry, he was cast by nature in bold and generous lines and has a voice befitting his stature.

Mr. Parry's campaign will be managed by Theodore A. Bell, past grand worthy president of San Francisco. Mr. Parry has received the endorsement of a large number of the aeries, among them those of Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Mr. Bell's term as grand worthy president immediately preceded that of President Monaghan. Mr. Bell made his term memorable by the clean-up of the order which he instituted and carried through against all opposition to the full realization of success. Through his efforts the order was ridden of many unsavory connections. Whole aeries were suspended and objectionable members expelled. It was a bitter fight, but Bell won. He insisted that if the order was to live and grow it must make every aerie and member, as far as possible, conform to those principles for which it stands. Like every reformer, he met opposition in many quarters and made many enemies, but nothing succeeds like success, and Bell succeeded. His campaign for betterments and uplift ultimately added to his strength. Today he is known the country over for the work he has done in the Eagles. Mr. Bell is now chairman of the board of grand trustees.

Mr. Bell is prominent in California politics. Two years ago he was democratic candidate for the governorship. He is on very friendly terms with William J. Bryan and is generally interested in the national affairs of the democratic party.

The man against whom John S. Parry will measure his strength in the one great contest of the convention is Senator Thomas F. Grady, New York City, he of Tammany Hall fame.

Senator Grady has long been active in the work of the Eagles and is credited with having done much toward the uplift of the order. He has through his connection with New York City politics and activities in related fields attained to a national reputation. He is one of the silver-tongued orators of Tammany and by this gift alone has not a little claim to prominence. For twenty years a member of the state legislature, Senator Grady has become the leader of the democratic side of the body, the dean of the senate.

It was nearly twenty years ago that he stumped the western country in a national campaign in behalf of the democratic party. He has come to be known for his knowledge of constitutional law. He was once judge of the court of assizes in New York City, where he was born and reared.

Senator Grady is now

chairman of the Eagles' committee on judiciary, of which he has been a member for five years. He is a member of New York aerie No. 40.

John A. Cline of Cleveland, O., is announced as a candidate for the office of grand worthy vice president. He now holds the office of grand worthy chaplain. He is among the younger leaders in the national organization of the Eagles.

Mr. Cline is one of the youngest barristers of the country holding office of such prominence as that of public prosecutor in the city of Cleveland. He won his spurs through a victory in a famous murder trial in Cleveland some five years ago. A man charged with murder, seemingly inextricably enmeshed in a web of circumstantial evidence was to be tried. John Cline was appointed by the court to defend the alleged murderer and against almost insurmountable obstacles vindicated his client. He comes from Cleveland aerie No. 135. When the date of the convention drew near he found himself in London, but he will be here for the meeting.

The man who by the law of succession becomes the highest

order and started his fight for recognition. He resented the opposition of the church people, who refused the Eagles recognition, as an intended affront. Throwing himself into the fight, he took up the matter in letters to every aerie in the country. In an incredibly short time enough money had been raised to complete the Indiana church, free from all debt and obligation. Then Mr. Hering went to that church and preached to the people who had been fighting his order and told them something about the work and teachings of the Eagles. He carried his campaign farther and preached in other churches thereabouts—so determined was he that the stigma of the first affront should be wiped out by his presentation of the truth.

The fire of oratorical gift is Mr. Hering's and he will be heard from at the convention.

The place into which steps Mr. Hering at the end of this convention is that now occupied by Bernard J. Monaghan, grand worthy president, member of Philadelphia aerie No. 42. He is one of the powerful men of the order and has been active in its works almost from the earliest beginning. He has been all over the country in the

ognized by the Eagles as a man who makes for peace and general harmony, but they all say, "Don't rile him."

Mr. Mann has been interested in fraternal life for eighteen years. He holds office in a number of other orders in his home city. He was elected grand secretary at the Norfolk convention in 1907. He was chairman of the committee which secured the Milwaukee convention. His connection with the Eagles dates from January, 1905. He is engaged in the real estate and insurance business at home.

Finlay McRae, grand treasurer, hails from Helena, Mont. He is a real canny sort of Helian' mon, that Finlay liddle. He was for a time city clerk of Helena, but he went back to the transit and is now a western authority on things pertaining to mining and civil engineering.

Martin F. Carnay is a familiar figure of the national conventions. He is said to be about to become mayor of his city of Waltham, Mass., that Yankee town of watchmakers. Mr. Carnay has been a democratic member of the board of aldermen at his home city for seven years. He is engaged in the newspaper engraving business in Waltham and has been connected with his concern for twenty-two years.

Another big bird from "down east" is William T. Gartland of Boston, for ten years past a member of the board of grand trustees. He was born and reared in "Bean Town" and as city collector is one of the youngest of the officials of the Hub of the Universe. He has served his state as a member of the legislature. He took a degree at Exeter. Mr. Gartland is a candidate for re-election to the office of grand trustee.

Prominent among the visitors from the mother aerie, Seattle No. 1, is Harry J. Lea, member of the board of grand trustees, and also again a candidate for re-election. He was elected without opposition at the Seattle convention and hardly expects a contest here. He is one of the real "native sons," having been born in the City of the Golden Gate and reared on the Pacific coast. He is always busy in behalf of the Eagles and the west. He has been identified with the wholesale tobacco trade in the northwest for twenty years and is said to have a strong grip on the Alaskan trade.

All the Eagles know Edward Hirsch, Baltimore aerie No. 59, chairman of the press committee, and familiarly speak of him as "Eddie." Mr. Hirsch is a particularly aggressive young newspaper man, who interests himself in his fellow-workers. He was one of the leading spirits in the formation of the News Writers' Association of the United States. He began his career with the Baltimore Sun. Mr. Hirsch is the official purveyor of information of the convention.

Moving around in the convention crowd one often meets Edward Krause, past grand worthy president. He is out here working for Senator Grady, candidate for the grand worthy vice presidency. Mr. Krause is engaged in the hotel business at Wilmington, Del. He knows about all of the Eagles from the east.

The gossip of the delegates would indicate the re-election of Martin J. Gray of New Haven, Conn., a member of the board of grand trustees. He is a busy man at his home in the Elm City. Like his colleagues on the board of trustees he has a wide acquaintance-ship in the order.

When Dr. Walter C. McKinney of Saginaw aerie No. 497 gets in he will probably look up Finlay McRae of Helena. They have the common tie of interest in Scotch tradition. Dr. McKinney is serving his second term as a member of the board of trustees. He is president of the national Scotch Charitable association and a leader in the Bobby Burns society.

Charles E. McDonald, grand conductor, was elected without a contest at the last convention. He will officiate at the ceremonies of the national body in Omaha this year. He fills the position of chairman of the board of charities at Buffalo, N. Y., and devotes his whole time to charitable work.

John E. Sheehan, a lean Bostonian, is a militant spirit of the convention. He is here boosting the Grady boom. Mr. Sheehan is chairman of the committee on credentials. He originated in Boston in 1865; he is a follower of the journalistic vocation and is now engaged by the Boston Traveler as a special writer.

Charles P. O'Malley of Scranton, Pa., chairman of the grievance committee, has the real fun of the convention. He is head of the "Sovereign body," a side order of practical jokers, which meets only during the annual conventions. Mr. O'Malley is an attorney for the Pennsylvania line.

Seattle, the home of the order, and Spokane will be particularly strong in a representation of notables and men of prominence in the Eagles. Many of the past grand worthy presidents are from this territory. Of this number is H. H. Thompson, a retired capitalist of Seattle, who never misses a convention. He was one of the early lecturers of the order. Ed Sanders of Spokane, a millionaire, famous for his work with drill teams, will be here as representative of

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GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVE EAGLES NOW BUSY IN OMAHA.

officer of the national organization of the Eagles at the close of the convention is Frank E. Hering of South Bend, Ind., now grand worthy vice president. He served three terms as grand treasurer before his election to his present high office. He has been a power for the betterment of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mr. Hering's famous fight for the recognition of the Eagles and their principles of practical religion by the churches is one long to be remembered in the annals of the order. It all started back in Valparaiso, Ind., when members of the congregation of the church under the charge of Rev. A. M. Hackleman interposed objection to his acceptance of contributions from the Eagles toward the erection of a new church for which he was working. They also protested against his participation in Eagle memorial services.

Mr. Hering took up the case with all of his ardent interest in the

work of the Eagles. He is known for the exactitude and the methodical manner in which he does business. When an Omaha man at the head of a delegation which went to Kansas City for a conference in connection with the movement to bring the convention to Omaha, Mr. Monaghan insisted that every bit of their conversation be recorded by a stenographer, that there could be no possible mistake in regard to the statements and agreements made. It was typical of the man's caution. President Monaghan is a member of the Pennsylvania legislature and generally prominent in the political life of Philadelphia, his home city.

An early arrival on the scene of action at the Omaha convention was Conrad H. Mann, grand secretary, Milwaukee aerie No. 137, a candidate for re-election. He has been a highly successful secretary and has evolved a system of records peculiarly efficient. He is rec-



FINLAY McRAE,
Helena Aerie No. 16, Grand Treasurer F. O. E.



H. J. LEA,
Grand Trustee.



MARTIN J. GRAY,
Secretary Board of Grand Trustees.



JOHN S. PARRY,
Candidate for Grand Vice President.