

National Association of Stationers and Manufacturers

SPRINGFIELD WINS BATTLE

Omaha's Competitor Year Ago Will Entertain Stationers in 1913.

ENTERTAINED AT THE HOLLOW

Dinner and Dances Are Features of Fun—Speechmaking and Toasts on Program for This Evening.

Springfield, Mass., was selected by the National Association of Stationers and Manufacturers for the next annual convention, yesterday afternoon.

That city was already picked for the next year's convention before the delegates assembled at Omaha. When Omaha received the honor a year ago in Buffalo after making a campaign against Springfield and many other cities, it was understood that Springfield should be host for the assemblage in 1913.

In the campaign this time for the next convention were Indianapolis, San Francisco, Cleveland, Holyoke, New Orleans and Springfield. The other cities were given little encouragement because of the promises to Springfield a year ago.

At Happy Hollow club the visitors were entertained with a dinner and dance last night. More than 200 men and 100 women attended. There was no speechmaking following the dinner, the guests leaving the tables and going direct to the dance hall.

Speechmaking for Tonight.

The speakers were reserved for the big banquet at the Field club this evening. Mayor Dahlman, A. W. Jeffers and Charles A. Aiden will be the principal speakers, James Logan, mayor of Worcester, Mass., and a director of the United States Envelope company, will be the toastmaster.

Among those who probably will be called upon to respond to toasts are Ralph S. Bauer of Lynn, Mass., the association's auditor; J. H. Hodgkinson, the pencil sharpener king of New York City; E. J. Wells of Monroe, Mich., and Uncle George A. Olney.

Olney is called "uncle" by his fellow stationers. He is probably the best known and most popular man at the convention. He is 75 years old and has been a traveling salesman for fifty-two

years. He is called the dean of stationery salesmen.

At the present time Olney is representing the Irving Pitt Manufacturing company of Kansas City, selling loose leaf devices. He began his career on the road in 1855, before the advent of sleeping cars, when he traveled on horseback and by stage. He has attended all the conventions of the national association and never was known to miss a banquet of stationers within 1,200 miles of where he was located when first he heard about it.

To do him honor at the national convention in St. Louis in 1908 the association members gave him an album with photographs of members from all over the United States.

In honor of his fiftieth anniversary on the road his fellow travelers presented him with a loving cup filled with gold money at the convention in New Orleans.

Auditor's Report Shows Big Balance

The report of the auditor of the stationers shows a balance of over \$3,000 on hand. The report says:

To the National Association of Stationers and Manufacturers of the United States of America in convention assembled—Your auditor reports as follows:

Having examined the books of the secretary and treasurer, he finds that on October 5, 1911, there was a cash balance of \$2,355.50. The receipts for ten months to date from all sources were \$7,452.23, making a total of \$9,807.73. The expenses for the ten months to date, as shown by audited vouchers, amounted to \$6,874.40, leaving a balance of \$2,933.33.

This agrees with the treasurer's bank balance on August 10, 1912, plus the additional receipts since that date. Respectfully submitted, R. S. BAUER, Auditor.

To Clean Silver Articles.

Silver articles that have become tarnished may, even if embossed or engraved, be quickly cleaned by the use of alum. Dissolve an ounce in a quart of soapuds and wash carefully, using a brush for the carved part. Rinse the article several times, then dry with a soft cloth and polish with chamois.

Ak-Sar-Ben Show is Decided Hit with the Stationers

Concerning the surkis at Ak-Sar-Ben den, Geyer's Stationer prints the following:

The Mufti, a choleric old murderer, with whiskers like an Astrakan muff, lopes into his harem bestride a paralytic elephant and finds a bunch of boob candidates rubbering at the darlings of the harem. He bawls them out and calls his executioners to shear their necks crosswise, but is deterred by the song of one of his councillors. After a few songs and dances by some of his less violent inmates, the Mufti decides to move his harem back to the dressing room and leave the offending candidates to the public speakers.

Special features were the falsetto duet by Jack Brennan and S. P. Conover and the Pink Lady reminiscence by Oscar Lieben and Jack Brennan. The soloists were Captain Hank Dunn, A. J. Alvord and Joe Latsch.

During the comedy several hits were made at the expense of the stationers, and great shrieks of laughter resulted when Charley Stevens was chosen as the lover of the chief dancing girl—a six foot, lanky man—and who turkey-trotted with "her," and, as a special honor, was allowed to share a seat on the throne of the Mufti.

The obligator then administered the oath of the Ak-Sar-Ben to all present.

Prolonged applause followed the close of the entertainment, and then F. I. Ellick, of the Omaha Printing company, took charge, inviting to the stage, Messrs. Fletcher B. Gibbs, C. A. Stevens, Samuel Ward, R. D. Patterson, A. Pomeroy, Millington Lockwood, E. D. L. Sperry and R. R. Wilson, the first named three. Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Wilson making a few congratulating remarks. Following a buffet luncheon the long to be remembered night closed.

It is fairly certain that the skirts next winter will be wider—considerably wider—for the big dressmakers are selling off their very narrow models much cheaper than they are the moderately wide ones.

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