

# ELK CHAMPION BAND TO PLAY IN CLEVELAND

## City Eagerly Awaits Mitee Monarchs

Cleveland, Ohio, July 9.—One of the outstanding features of the 27th annual grand lodge session of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, which convenes in Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 22 to 28, will be the appearance of Lieut. Simpson's Mighty Monarch band. This famous musical outfit, perhaps the best known and considered the most efficient band in the country, is fast becoming a feature of the annual Elks' convention.

Already bids are being made for the services of Mighty Monarch band, not only during its stay in Cleveland, but also on route home. Other cities have requested Lieut. Simpson and his men to make stop-offs. One of these will be in Buffalo, N. Y., on the night of Saturday, Aug. 28, when the band will play for Elks lodge, No. 112, I. B. P. O. E. W. The Buffalo people are anxiously awaiting the date.

Councilman Thomas W. Fleming of Cleveland, Ohio, chairman of the general committee for the entertainment of the grand lodge, has secured a date from the park department of Cleveland for this band to play a concert in the public square Wednesday at noon, Aug. 25. The band will also play in front of the Cleveland Plain Dealer office, the Cleveland Press office and the Cleveland News office, as well as the two race newspaper offices of Cleveland.

### Makes Hit in South

Those who attended the 26th annual session of Elks in Richmond last year remember the sensation Mighty Monarch band created in that southern city. Beginning with their initial appearance in front of the Richmond News-Leader building, Richmond's foremost daily newspaper, Lieut. Simpson took the city by storm, and their entire stay in the Virginia city was a series of triumphs. Indeed, there are many who attribute some of the remarkable cordiality shown towards the visitors in Richmond by the white people of that city was due to the ability displayed by Mighty Monarch band. A proof of this was shown by a gift of a handsome silver loving cup which the editor of the Richmond News-Leader presented the band as a token of appreciation by the people.

The organization is now approaching a state of near perfection. Many of the men therein helped form the band of the late Lieut. Jim Europe, the band that helped to make the old 15th Infantry the famed outfit that it was in France.

Monarch band became a part of Mitee Monarch lodge, No. 45, I. B. P. O. E. W. after Lieut. Simpson severed his connection with the new 15th Infantry.

### To Stay at Auditorium

The Mighty Monarch band and orchestra has been engaged by the general committee in Cleveland to play at the grand ball to be held in the Cleveland public auditorium Wednesday evening, Aug. 25. This is the finest public auditorium in the United States.

The local committee is busy arranging for the comfort of the thousands of the antler herd who will be in Cleveland the week of the grand lodge meeting. Many entertainments are being arranged. Maj. John C. Fulton, grand marshal of the grand parade which will be held on Tuesday at noon, Aug. 24, predicts that this parade will be the finest and best ever held by the order. The members of the general committee are all prominent race men and women of Cleveland, and nothing will be left undone to make the grand lodge convention the "convention of the world." The battle cry from now on will be "On to Cleveland, Aug. 22 to 28."

## ELK COMMITTEE MEETS



The general committee on arrangements for the I. B. P. O. E. of W. who met last week to complete plans for the grand Elk pow-wow at Cleveland from Aug. 22 to 27. Those in the picture, reading from left to right, are (top row): Major

John C. Fulton, Edward Johnson, E. W. Sellers and Major Roger N. Dillard. Second row: Frank E. Minter, Stephen A. Ball, Osborne Jackson, Capt. Charles S. Smith (treasurer), Capt. J. H. Beckwith, W. H. Randolph and A. E. Wynne.

First row: J. W. Turk, vice-chairman; Mollie De Braun, Clarence B. Shaw, Thomas W. Fleming, chairman, Bettie Anderson, Charles P. Lancaster, secretary, and Mary La Santes.

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