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That the Norwegians are a music loving people is clearly demonstrated by the number of great composers produced among them; such men as Grieg, Kjerulf, Ole Olsen, Svendsen and Sinding have long taken their places among the world's great musicians.

In almost every city or town, also in the country districts, in Norway can be found organized Singing Societies, which contribute much towards keeping the high standard of patriotism and love for their country. Everybody takes part, and people of all classes have their singing societies. There is, for instance, the society of the university students (Studenternes Sangforening), the merchants (Handelstandens), the mechanics (Haandverkernes), the workingmen (Arbeidersamfundet), and so on. Then there are a great many mixed choirs in connection with the different churches and temperance societies, and even a number of children's singing societies have been organized. Many of these singing societies are united in district associations, and Sangerfests or singing festivals are held every year in different parts of the country.

The Norwegian sons and daughters who have emigrated to this country have brought with them this great love for song and music, as a treasure to be cherished and maintained. They have for years had singing societies on the Pacific Coast, and in 1902, through the efforts of Mr. F. A. Tomte, of Portland, the Pacific Coast Norwegian Sangerforbund was organized at Seattle, with the following officers: John Norman, Everett, President; A. J. Thuland, Seattle, Secretary; Dr. A. O. Loe, Seattle, Treasurer, and Prof. Carlo A. Sperati, Musical Director. The first Sangerfest was held at Everett, Washington, in August, 1903, and met with great success. Since then singing festivals have been held every year in the different cities on the coast. The Norwegian Male Chorus, of Tacoma, at the convention in Portland last year, invited the singers to our beautiful city for the Fourteenth Sangerfest and Convention.



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Friday, August 29th

Afternoon—Arrival of Singing Societies at Tacoma Hotel and assignment of hotel accommodations by Hotel Committee.

8:00 P. M.—Reception at Tacoma Hotel. Addresses of welcome by Hon. C. M. Riddell, Mayor of Tacoma, James H. Davis, President of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, and O. S. Larson, President of the P. C. N. S. A., 1919.

9:00 P. M.—Dancing, buffet supper and refreshments. Music by Sangerfest orchestra; selections by Singing Societies.

Saturday, August 30th

9:00 A. M.—Registration of all visiting singers at headquarters in the Masonic Temple, 740 St. Helens Avenue.

10:00 A. M.—Rehearsal of grand chorus at Tacoma Theatre under direction of Professor Rudolph Moller.

12:00 M. —Luncheon at Masonic Temple.

2:00 P. M.—Second rehearsal of grand chorus, Tacoma Theatre.

2:30 P. M.—Matinee theatre party for all visiting ladies entertained by the ladies of the Tacoma Singing Society at Pantages Theatre.

4:30 P. M.—Tea for all visiting ladies at the Union Club of Tacoma.

Parade of united singing societies.

7:30 P. M.—First **Grand Concert** at Tacoma Stadium.

Sunday, August 31st

11:00 A. M.—The Singing Societies of the different cities will attend the leading Tacoma churches, singing sacred music during the morning service.

12:30 P. M.—Assembly at Masonic Temple for Luncheon at Country Club.

2:00 P. M.—Buffet Luncheon served in the grounds and club house of the Tacoma Country and Golf Club. Selections by Singing Societies.

4:30 P. M.—Return to the city from the Country Club by automobiles.

8:00 P. M.—Second **Grand Concert** in the Tacoma Theatre.

Monday, September 1st

10:00 A. M.—Business meeting of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association at the Masonic Temple.

10:00 A. M.—Automobile trip through the business district and residence section of Tacoma.

1:00 P. M.—Luncheon at Masonic Temple.

7:00 P. M.—Banquet for all singers, their ladies and friends at Masonic Temple.

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Synopsis Edited by O. S. Larson

OLAF TRYGVASON (968-1000)

—King of Norway, the most striking political figure and the greatest athlete of his time. The words sung to this music is a poem by the great Norwegian author, Bjornstjerne Bjornson, and is a vivid picture and interpretation of the feelings of the members of King Olaf's army and fleet immediately after the battle of Svold in the year 1000.

Thyre, a sister of King Svein of Denmark, had been forced to marry King Burizleif of Vindland (North Germany from the western part of Holstein to East Prussia). The princess did not like the match arranged for her, cried bitterly and did not have anything to eat or drink for seven days. With her foster father, she ran away to Norway. Here King Olaf fell in love with the beautiful, accomplished and wealthy princess and the two were married, very much against the wishes of King Svein, the King of Sweden, and Earl Eirik, heir apparent to the Norwegian throne.

Queen Thyre had left a large amount of property in Denmark and North Germany, which she was very anxious to claim. She reminded King Olaf very often about reclaiming her estates and property, and at one time she is reported to have said, mentioning some great deed her father had done: "Thou darest not go across the Danish Dominions for this brother of mine, King Svein."

King Olaf then mobilized the mighty army and fleet, with his flagship, the "Long Serpent," just completed, and sailed to Vindland, reclaiming the Queen's property.

On the return voyage the united fleets of the King of Den-

mark, the King of Sweden and the heir apparent to the Norwegian throne, secretly awaited him at Svold (harbor and bay a little distant to the west of the Isle of Rugen in the Baltic). Most of King Olaf's fleet had passed out to sea and he had only a comparatively small force with him when overtaken by the united fleets of his enemies. In order to save himself from being captured, he jumped overboard at the end of the battle and the "Long Serpent" was taken and became the property of Earl Eirik.

The beautiful music, by F. A. Reissiger, Norwegian composer, known to music lovers all over the world, brings vividly before the audience the anxiety, waiting and longing of the part of King Olaf's crew who had no knowledge of the battle during the voyage home to Norway, and for many days and weeks afterwards, when King Olaf, with the balance of the fleet did not arrive home on the Norwegian coast.

Tradition would have it that ever afterwards, Norwegian merchant ships on moonlight nights, hear a constant moaning from the waves "The Long Serpent has been captured, fallen is Olaf Trygvason."

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DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK (The Great White Host)

The words sung to this music were written about the middle of the Eighteenth Century by Hans Adolph Brorson, an eminent devine in the Danish church. He died at Ribe, Denmark in 1764. He had the misfortune to lose his young and beautiful wife and several children, very much attached to him, which made him look to the "Great White Host" passed beyond. The text is to be found in Revelation, 7th Chapter, where the Apostle John was permitted to see the "Great White Host." The music is an old Norwegian folk song, which has come down from generations during the centuries. The present chorus arrangement was written by Edward Grieg, the Norwegian composer, many years ago, and is one of the finest examples of Norwegian sacred music.

"After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; and they cry with a great voice, saying: 'Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.'

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, 'These that are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they?' And I say unto him, 'My Lord, thou knowest.' And he said to me, 'These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb!'"

(Revelation, 7th Chapter, 9, 10, 13-14 verses.)

We, all of us, no matter how humble and lowly, have someone on the other side numbered among the Great White Host, who has been near and dear to us in life that we sooner or later expect to meet again.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

The words are a poem, written by Lieutenant-Colonel Doctor John H. McCrae, of Montreal, an officer in the Canadian army, a few days before he found a resting place in Flanders Field.

The music was written by Senator O. N. Olson, of Des Moines, a member of the Iowa State Legislature.

WE SHALL NOT SLEEP

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago we lived,
Felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take us our quarrel with the foe,
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch—be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields."

FANEVAGT (Guards of the Banner)

This beautiful song with its stirring sentiments of courage and loyalty was immortalized when set to music by the Norwegian composer, Ole Olsen.

At the World's Fair in Paris, in 1889, during the International Singers' Convention, at which singers from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France and other countries competed, this song, "Guards of the Banner," as rendered by the Norwegian Student Singers, under the leadership of Professor Grondahl, was awarded the world's prize.



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Program --- First Concert

Saturday, August 30, 7:30 P. M.—Tacoma Stadium

Norwegian March.....Frederick Wick

Sangerfest Orchestra
Geo. S. Johnson, Director

(a) America.

(b) FanevagtOle Olson

(c) VikingsonnerRudolph Moller

Grand Chorus
Rudolph Moller, Director

(a) Aria from "Giaconda".....Ponchielli

(b) Ouvre tes yeux Bleus.....Massenet

(c) Au printempsGounod

(d) When I was Seventeen.....Folksong

Christine Langenhan, Soprano

(a) On the Sea.....Dudley Buck

(b) Brudefaerden i Hardanger.....H. Kjerulf

Grand Chorus

(a) Ciela e Mar.....Ponchielli

John Hand, Tenor

Leif Erickson.....Oscar Borg

Grand Chorus

Echoes from the North.....Wick-Roberts

Sangerfest Orchestra

(a) Aria from "Mignon".....Thomas

(b) Awake it is the Day.....Florence N. Barbour

(c) Sunrise and You.....Arthur Penn

(d) Tak For Dit Raad.....Grieg

Christine Langenhan, Soprano

(a) In Flanders Fields.....O. M. Oleson

(b) Come Where the Lilies Bloom...N. L. Thompson

(c) My Old Kentucky Home.....Frank J. Smith

Grand Chorus

Solo by Christine Langenhan

(a) The LamentLeoncavallo

John Hand, Tenor

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Program --- Second Concert

Sunday, August 31, 8:00 P. M.—Tacoma Theatre

Intogsmarsh John Halvorsen
Sangerfest Orchestra
Geo. S. Johnson, Director

(a) America.

(b) Zions Vaegter haever Rosten.....Nicolai

(c) Come where the Lilies Bloom....N. L. Thompson
Grand Chorus
Rudolph Moller, Director

M'Appari tutt Amor.....Flotow
John Hand, Tenor

(a) KornmodsglansenLange-Muller

(b) StridsbonO. Lindblad

(c) Brudefaerden i Hardanger.....H. Kjerulf
Grand Chorus

(a) L'enfant ProdiqveDubussy

(b) So Soon Forgotten.....Tschaikowsky

(c) Synoves SangKjerulf
Christine Langenhan, Soprano

Olav Trygvason.....F. A. Reissiger

Sigurd JorsalfarGrieg
Introduction
Borghilds Dream
Triumphal March
Sangerfest Orchestra

O ParadisoMeyerbeer
John Hand, Soloist

Piano Selection....Mendelssohn's Concerto in G Minor
Elaine Larson

(a) In Flanders Fields.....O. M. Oleson

(b) On the Sea.....Dudley Buck

(c) Store Hvide Flok.....Grieg
Grand Chorus
Solo by Alfred Halvorsen

(a) Aria from "Cavaleria Rusticana".....Mascagni

(b) In the Boat.....Grieg

(c) I Love Thee.....Grieg

(d) Norwegian Echo Song.....Thrane
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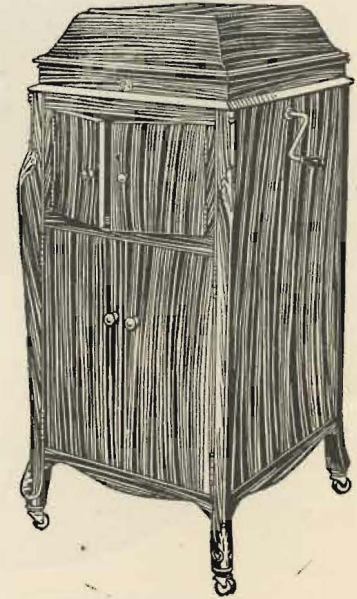
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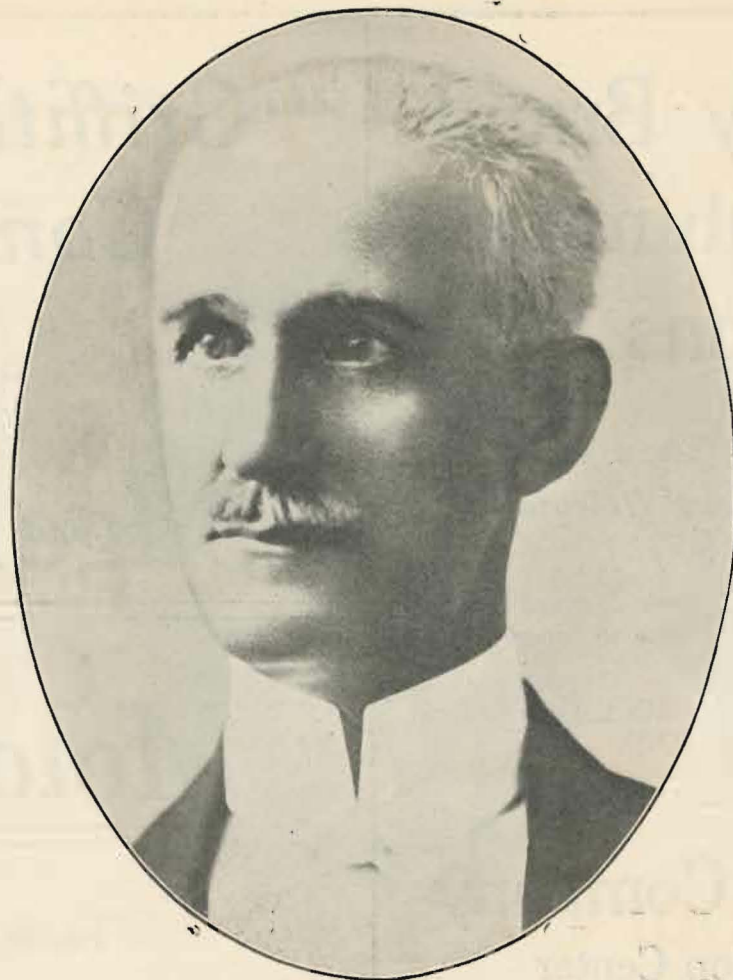
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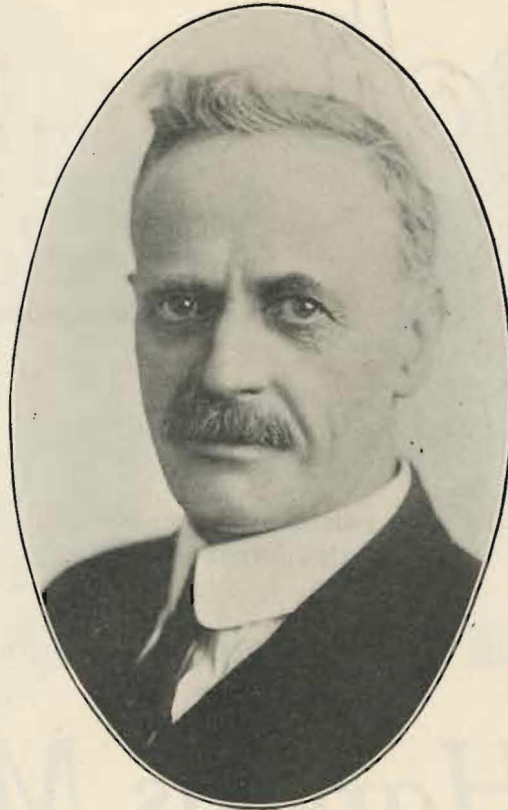
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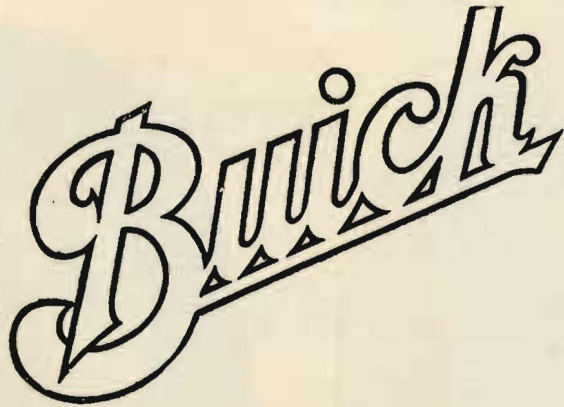
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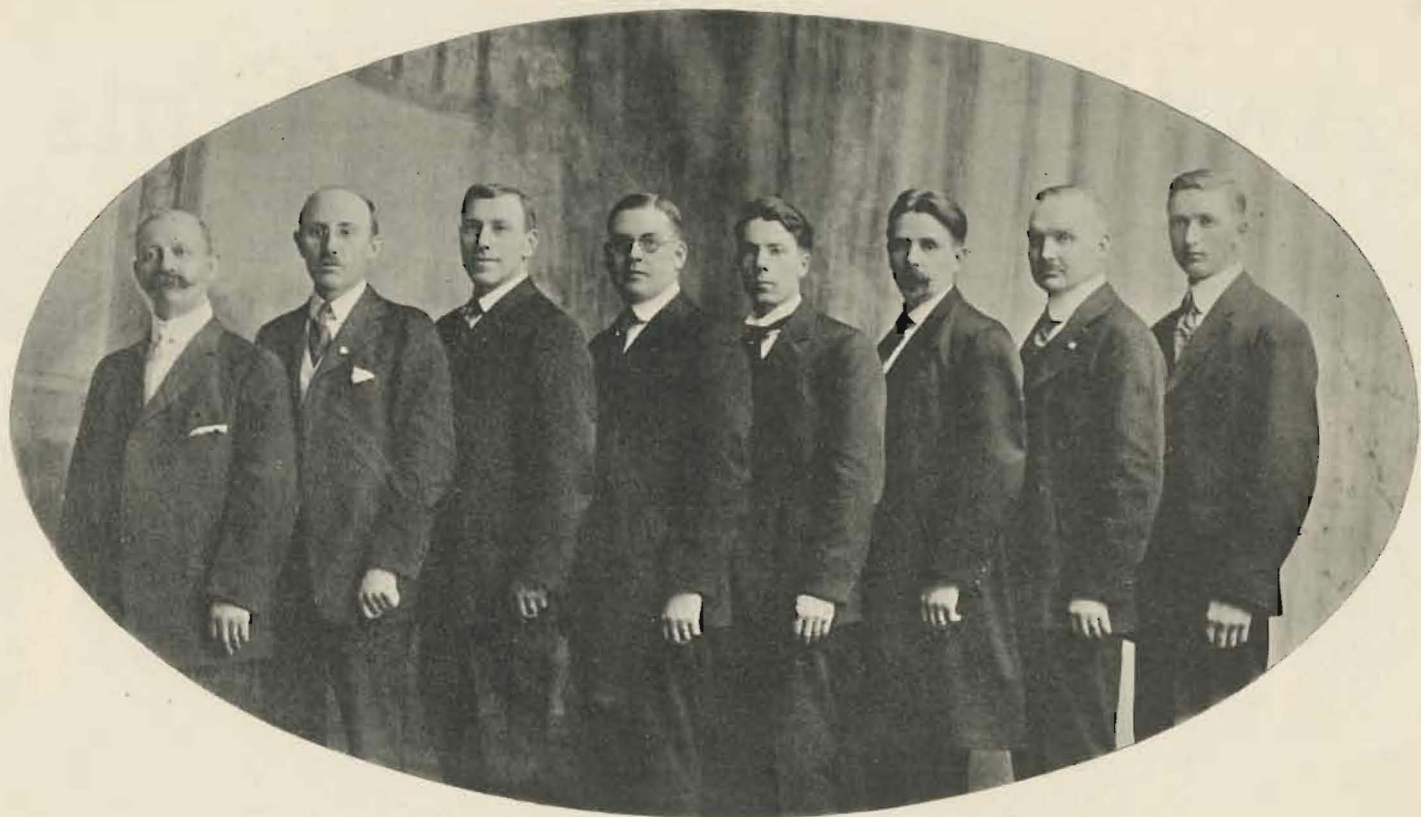
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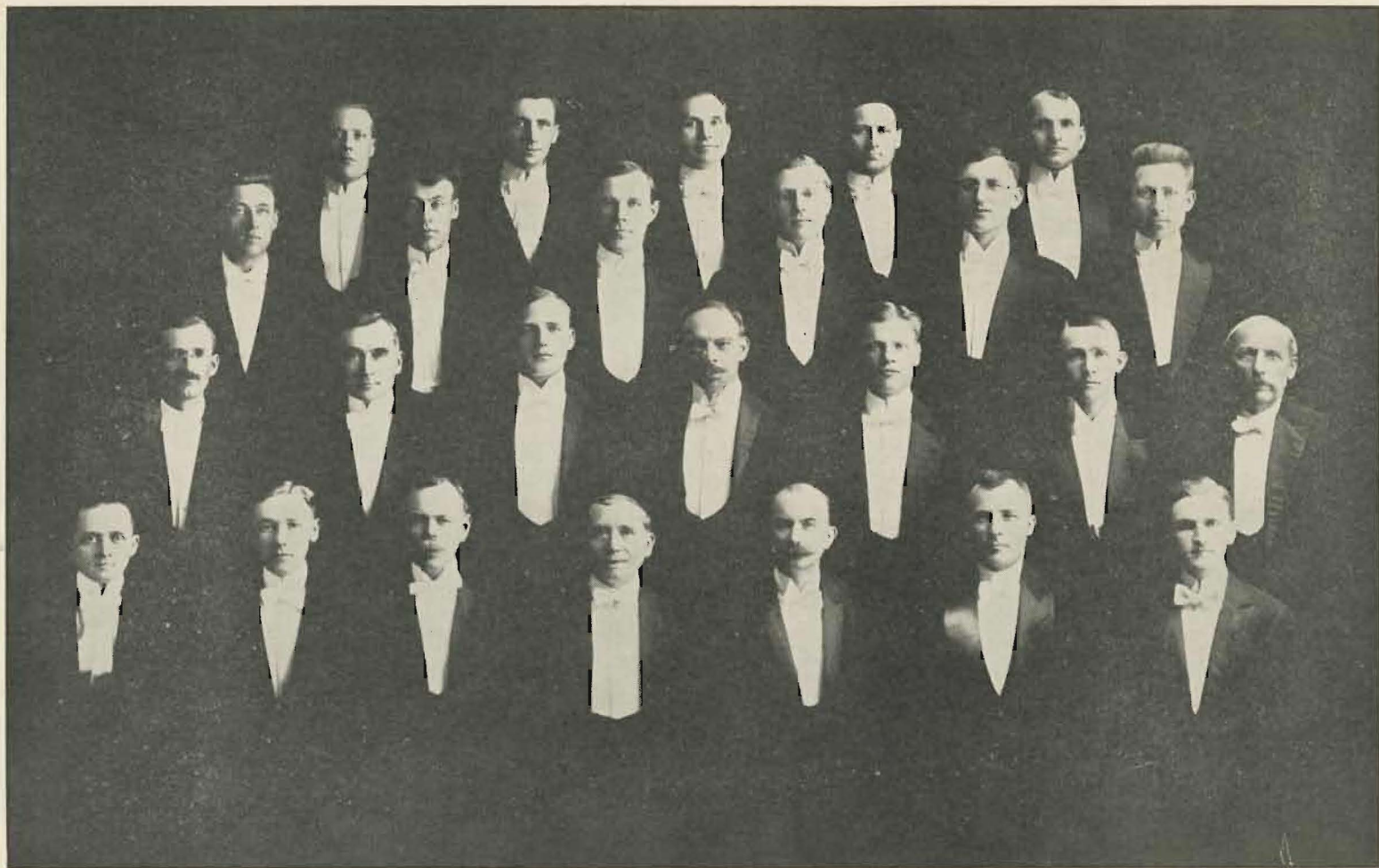
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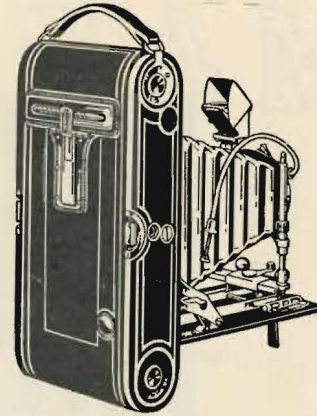
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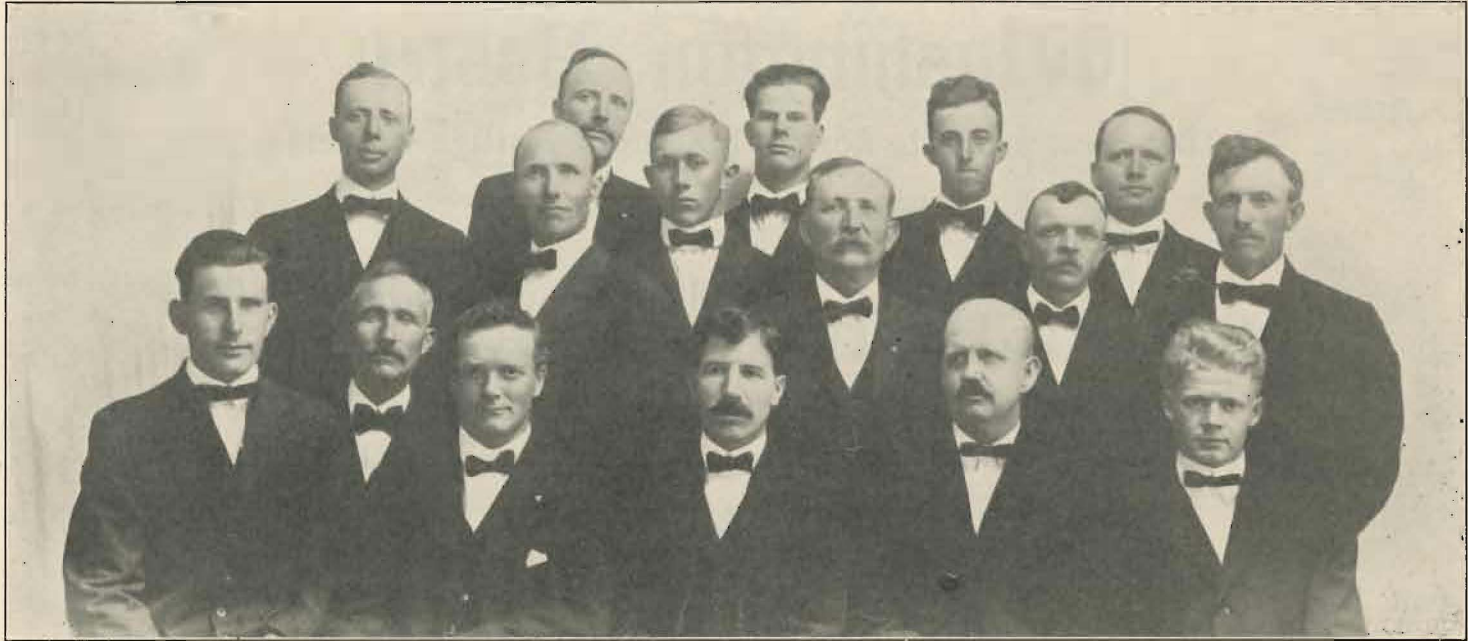
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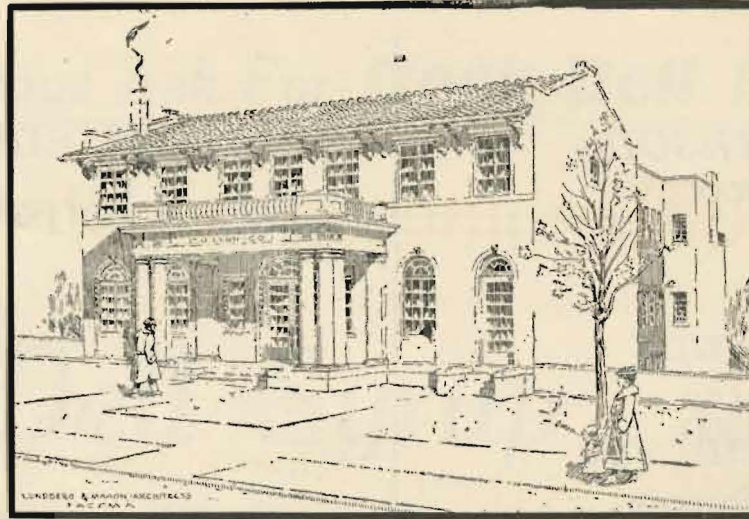
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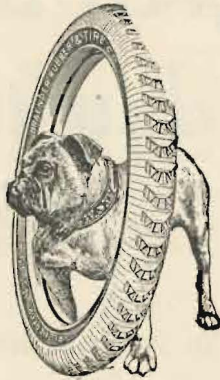
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