



## TEXAS KIWANIS SOLIDLY BEHIND EL PASO FOR NEXT CONVENTION

Local Club First In Field for Honor of Being 1921 Host to International Kiwanis. Hadfield Heads El Paso Convention Committee.



### Convention Chairman Tells Why El Paso Should Be Host



HARRY P. HADFIELD  
Secretary

HARRY P. Hadfield, chairman of the convention committee of the El Paso Kiwanis Club is confident that the local delegation to Portland next June, will succeed in landing the honors for 1921.

"El Paso is entitled to the 1921 convention," said Mr. Hadfield, "we have one of the oldest, and one of the liveliest clubs in the entire international organization. We are the biggest club, and the

biggest city in the one quarter of the country yet unvisited by the international convention. The northeast, the southeast have had their innings. The northwest gets her chance at the bat next June. Surely the southwest is entitled to consideration, and we propose to get the 1921 convention on the strength of it.

"An item in our favor is the fact that we are located on the boundary of Mexico, where the visitor from the east and north may see the contrast between America and Mexico. We have the national pastimes of two republics with which to entertain our guests. We are at the boundary dividing 20th century civilization from scenes and customs of almost mediaeval times. We are in the heart of the oldest settled portion of the United States, with more history behind us than the people of the east and north even dream about.

### El Paso Offers the Entertainment of Two Republics for the 1921 Kiwanis Convention.

An intensive advertising campaign, including the use of space in the Kiwanis Torch, the official organ of the international organization, and personal letters to the clubs all over the country, is being conducted. Advertising space in a number of periodicals issued by local clubs is also being used.

At Portland, where the June convention will be held it is planned to exhibit motion pictures of El Paso, showing some of the attractions of this city. One of the films to be displayed is a picture of a bull fight in Juarez, which will be one of the events on the entertainment program, if the conventions decision is favorable.

There probably will be forty delegates from El Paso Kiwanis at Portland, and present plans propose at least two special cars, and if arrangements can be made to get a large enough crowd a special train will be chartered. The Houston Glee Club, with the Houston delegation, and other Texas delegations probably will join the local crowd here, and proceed to Portland in a body. Stops may be made en route at one or two points to further boost El Paso's candidacy.

"I believe that if we can sufficiently impress the convention at Portland of our ability to give them the kind of entertainment that we really are in a position to give them, we will have no trouble landing the convention in 1921. Most people fail to realize what a wonderful country this is—in fact many of us fail to realize it ourselves, but if we get that message across, we will get the convention across."

### Not Less Than 5,000 Delegates Are Expected

FIVE thousand Kiwanians representing clubs in every principal city, and many smaller ones throughout the United States and Canada have been invited to attend the 1921 convention of International Kiwanis in El Paso. The committee of the local club under the management of H. P. Hadfield has launched an enthusiastic campaign to secure the next convention, and prospects for success grow brighter daily.



JUDGE SAM GILLETT  
President

The support of the solid Texas delegation has been pledged, and the Glee Club of the Houston organization is preparing a special musical program to help the cause along. Word from Joe Gerrity, governor of the Texas district indicates that he will use every effort to win the honor of being the 1921 host, for El Paso.

Albuquerque which has one of the liveliest clubs in the country has assured El Paso of her support, and Phoenix is also heartily in favor of the enterprise. Clubs in the Middle West are being approached, and the solid support of that section of the country is expected.

### Music Department

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Woman's Club of El Paso) was organized under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Brown, one of the most enthusiastic and prominent musicians of the city, in 1918. Mrs. Brown has served as chairman of the MacDowell Club since its creation. The object of this Club is the study of music in all phases, and to give the younger musicians of the city an opportunity for public display of their talents. There are thirty-four members of the Club; meetings are held in the auditorium of the Woman's Club house twice a month. The programs rendered have at all times been enjoyable and of great benefit to students of music. The officers are:

Mrs. W. R. Brown—Chairman  
Miss Nellie Mae Bowen—Vice-Chairman.  
Miss Florence Crissey—Recording Secretary  
Mrs. W. T. Ponsford—Corresponding Sec'y.  
Miss Julia Pool—Treasurer  
Mrs. D. L. Pickens—Asst. Treasurer.  
Miss Kathleen Faris—Librarian  
Mrs. Bryan W. Brown—Social Committee, Chairman  
Mrs. Oscar Lesser—Chairman of Concertos.  
**Woman's Chorus Club.**

The organization of the Woman's Chorus Club has just recently been effected as an auxiliary to the El Paso Woman's Club. There are forty members of the Club, with Charles J. Andrews, Director, and Miss Mary Heermans, Accompanist. Mrs. W. D. Howe is secretary-treasurer. Rehearsals are held weekly. The first public appearance of this Chorus at the Chamber of Commerce during "Music Week," was a distinct surprise—the work done by the Club was of such a high order that it is destined to rival the Orpheus Club in due time.

## Washington Department

Departments and while these take up a large part of my time, it is a great pleasure to do this kind of work, and I hope our members will make use of this office more and more.

I believe the work already accomplished has amply repaid the expense incident thereto and am firmly of the opinion that it has paid its cost in dollars and cents many times over. Without some representative of our organization being here on the grounds during the past year, much of the construction already completed and about to be started would certainly not have been allowed, nor would the land purchase matter been as satisfactory a condition as it is now; not to speak of other work briefly outlined above.

I cannot close this report without expressing to the officers and members of our organization my appreciation of the fairness and courtesy extended to me by our General Manager, Mr. Roberts, and our Traffic Manager, Mr. Tadlock, who have always co-operated

with me in every way they could to help out at that end.

To our Senator Sheppard and our Congressman Hudspeth, we are under obligations for their very active support and assistance in everything that tends to El Paso's growth and prosperity. I earnestly recommend that suitable acknowledgment be made to them by our organization for their efforts and assistance.

So many matters are constantly coming up and so many important matters are still unsettled, that I earnestly recommend that you continue the maintenance of the Washington Bureau as a regular policy, and as a permanent part of your organization.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Happer.

The Sterchi Furniture Company is now established in its new quarters in the Times Building, on San Francisco Street, having moved from the old location at Myrtle and Stanton Streets early in the month.