

# 10-GALLON SPREE PACIFIES TUSKO

## Whisky Quiets Nerves of Big Elephant.

## MENACE OF ILLNESS FADES

## Content and Good Will Take Place of Bad Temper.

## "MOON" QUICK IN ACTION

## Sick Pachyderm Squeals in Delight When Liquor Brought In; All Quiet in Barn.

Tusko the unwanted, after cold, cheerless months which included foodless and heatless days in a goat barn, is at last content.

No longer does the jungle leviathan menacingly slap the air with his trunk at the approach of humans or flap his enormous ears in noisy protest of the cold weather. Instead he stands quietly in his new quarters at the foot of East Main street, prepared to lead a sleepy-eyed and mellow existence.

The ugly mood described as temporary insanity, has disappeared and Tusko is now just a big, playful elephant, his eyes, blood-shot and ominous a week ago, flashing contented glances at all within his vision.

The transformation, almost magical in its completeness, occurred yesterday and, according to Jack O'Grady, one of the animal's owners, was effected by the favorite remedy of all elephants—whisky.

Ten gallons of liquor, described by O'Grady simply as "moon," were given the behemoth and from every indication had an agreeable reaction. In fact, it can truthfully be said that Tusko had one grand and glorious time.

### Grave Illness Feared.

Chilled by the frigid air which swept through the many cracks in the old shed, Tusko recently became the victim of a bad cold that threatened to develop into something more serious. The huge beast perspired and his vast bulk trembled with each fresh blast of wind.

Any doubt of his illness was removed Thursday night when the big fellow commenced shivering, and for the first time in his eventful career spurned all offers of food. It was this last that convinced his trainers something was decidedly wrong, for Tusko's fondness for food of any sort is legendary.

Wise to the cures of ailing pachyderms, O'Grady took matters into his own hands, and from a source that he, obviously, left unnamed, purchased the liquor.

### Rum Diluted Mildly.

Ten gallons of it were rolled into the shed and given to Tusko in toddy form. Of course, it was only mildly diluted, a half barrel of water being mixed with the strong beverage.

Tusko must have been aware of the impending treat, for O'Grady said he instantly became a changed elephant, slapping his trunk wildly on the ground in happy anticipation and attempting to break the stout chains that bind his legs in an effort to reach the big, wooden tub.

When the vat finally was placed

Concluded on Page 3, Column 5.

were made.

## BIG SPREE QUIETS TUSKO

Continued From First Page.

within his reach, Tusko squealed excitedly and then buried his wrinkled trunk in the liquid depths. One huge gulp and the tub was half-emptied. At the first taste the elephant rolled his eyes much in the manner of a child viewing his Christmas presents for the first time and flapped his big ears in indication of perfect contentment.

Draining the tub completely, Tusko awaited the desired results, which O'Grady revealed, were not long in arriving. In fact, after only a brief interval Tusko's antics became decidedly strange. He thumped the ground wildly with his trunk and spent a riotous but happy five minutes in tossing a bale of hay around the barn.

Suddenly he espied a large piece of wood about the size of a railroad tie, and then the fun really started. Wrapping his snake-like trunk around the lumber, he attempted to use it for a toothpick, but only succeeded in getting it caught crosswise in his mouth. The combined efforts of three handlers were necessary to remove the wood from the huge mouth, reeking with alcohol.

When the liquor began to wear off, Tusko, after a series of yawns, finally flopped clumsily onto his mattress of hay and almost instantly was asleep.

On awakening, the elephant, from every appearance, had lost his cold as well as his unruly disposition, and at a late hour yesterday was playfully toying with the big piece of wood, still trying to use it for a toothpick.

An ordinance to waive the license fee on the exhibition of Tusko, the elephant, will be presented to the city council Wednesday by Mayor Baker so that school children and others may have a chance to see an elephant, as fierce as those that Mush Stebbins, the brave animal trainer, proposes to train when he grows up.

The fee for the exhibition of this sort where a charge of 50 cents or less is made is \$10 a day, \$40 a week or \$120 a month. Mayor Baker, in his ordinance, points out that it is important that the elephant be cared for this winter and that Messrs. O'Grady and Gray, Tusko's keepers, cannot feed and care for the elephant and also pay the license that the city demands.

The ordinance will carry an emergency clause because of the fact, so it recites, that it is necessary for the public health, peace and safety that the children of the city may see an elephant as quickly as possible.