

SOCIETY DANCES TO GAY MUSIC

SECOND ASSEMBLY BALL AT HOTEL PORTLAND A BRILLIANT EVENT

SCENE AT THE HOTEL PORTLAND BALL ROOM



The second assembly, held at the Hotel Portland last night, was one of the winter's most brilliant social events, being attended by several hundred society people of the city, besides a number of guests from Vancouver, Tacoma, and other points.

The handsome grillwork of the hotel had no decorations other than a few palms, but made a very beautiful picture as so many attractively gowned women were present. Supper was served about midnight in the main dining-room, and punch was served between dances in a cozy-corner adjoining the ballroom. The music was by the orchestra, and was of the latest popular variety. A jolly new two-step, "Uncle Sammy," was introduced and two delightful new waltzes, "Ma Chere" and "Under the Rose."

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IN DEFENSE OF HOWARD.

Major C. B. Hardin Approves Tribute of C. E. S. Wood.

Since making his defense of General O. O. Howard, C. E. S. Wood has received many letters of commendation, of which the following from Major C. B. Hardin is one of the most vigorous:

"Corvallis, Or., Jan. 2, 1904.—Captain C. E. S. Wood, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: Will you please congratulate me upon your excellent defense of General Howard, published in the Oregonian of December 27. Owing to illness I did not read the article until today. I was willing to hit Patterson but could frame nothing to suit me and at the same time confine myself to language suitable for publication. I was not with General Howard in 1870, but was East enjoying a vacation between two enlistments in Troop G, First Cavalry—in which troop by the way I was serving when you graduated from the military academy at Fort Bidwell in 1874—but I have heard much of that march from those who participated in it—quite enough to satisfy myself that Patterson is a liar.

"And there are others in this great country, all enlisted men known to me who served with General Howard and who agreed that he was quite swift enough to get the road between them and much too swift for the heroes' who from time to time joined in the chase for periods just long enough to work off the whiskey that had called forth their courage, and not one of these d-d cowards would dare compare his courage with that of General Howard by a practical test.

"When I was an enlisted man I had the habit of smashing the jaw of any alleged hero who chose to air himself in my presence after the manner of Patterson. As an officer, I was obliged to subside.

"You may be assured that many old soldiers have read your letter with delight and approval, and that they all feel personally gratified by you for it, as I do. Very truly yours,

C. B. HARDIN.

Major Twentieth Infantry, one time private, Corporal, and Sergeant Troop G, First Cavalry.

TOWIPE OUT COUNTY DEBT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPECT CLEAN SHEET IN 1905.

Indebtedness Has Been Reduced \$219,627, or 40 Per Cent, in One Year.

The indebtedness of Multnomah County has been reduced \$219,627, or nearly 40 per cent, on December 31, 1903, the amount of outstanding warrants was \$518,435.55, and on December 31, 1903, the total amount of outstanding warrants was only \$298,808.63. The County Commissioners expect to wipe out the debt entirely during the present year, and begin the year 1905 with a clean sheet.

The expenditures for county and road purposes in the year 1903 were \$412,923.55, and in 1902 \$254,887, making a saving in expenses for the year 1903 as against 1902 of \$158,036.55, which is a most creditable showing for County Judge Webster and the County Commissioners, as well as the various departments in the government.

The report of County Auditor Carl A. Brandes, which he and his deputy, F. Otto Burkhardt, have just completed for the six months ending December 31, 1903, is published in this issue in full. It shows all the expenditures in detail, and also contains a summary of the year's business.

The county expenditures have not been so low in 19 years past, and the record of the last 10 years on the contrary is one of yearly increase. Another thing that may be mentioned is that the work in the various departments has been kept up to date.

While there has been a substantial saving made and a 40 per cent reduction in the amount of indebtedness, in order to keep even and liquidate the remaining outstanding warrants the tax levy will have to be as high as it was a year ago. Considering that the school district needs money for building purposes, and that all departments in the government will have to make a high levy from one cause or another, Judge Webster thinks the total levy will reach 60 mills. But as property is now paying exceedingly well, better interest as a whole than ever before, taxpayers will probably not grumble at a high levy.

INSPIRED BY JEALOUSY.

Colonel Harvey Thus Explains Attacks on His Saloon.

It is because, he does not buy his wet goods from local dealers that Colonel J. P. Harvey, manager of the Brook saloon, believes he has been attacked by the liquor-license committee of the Council. Complaints had poured into the ears of the Councilmen that at the meeting Monday they decided to order out the boxes and other attachments in this saloon before granting it a license. Colonel Harvey does not accuse the members of the liquor-license committee of fighting the battles of the local dealers and agents, but he does say most firmly that the complaints were instigated by those jealous because he had placed his trade elsewhere, and brought his liquors to Portland instead of buying from the local men.

"I heard knocks on my place and it was a long time before I understood why," said he last evening. "But it's just because we don't buy our goods here."

Three members of the liquor-license committee visited the saloon in question some months ago. As the place was then conducted, two of them didn't approve of it. As complaints continued to flow in, they held up the application of Louis Trummer for a saloon at this location, 225 Washington street, and finally decided that the boxes and attachments in the way of push-buttons must go or there would be no license for the Brook saloon. Harvey, the manager, more than intimates that these complaints came from persons desirous of seeing him out of business, or his business seriously curtailed.

"There is a wrong impression regarding my green room," said Colonel Harvey. "I try to make a place that will be sociable, especially for theatrical people. I have private parties in the green room, and the best people, married men and women, attend these parties. Now that's certainly not a deadfall. But if the Councilmen want it taken out, I suppose it will go. As to the rooms upstairs, I am trying to get them off my

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HONORED RESIDENT OF WINLOCK WASHINGTON

WINLOCK, Wash., Jan. 5.—At the home of his son, in Winlock, Wash., January 1, W. B. Wall, died, aged 82. He was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, April 26, 1821. Young when he moved to upper East Tennessee, residing in one neighborhood 31 years. In April, 1848, he embarked with his children and their families for the Pacific Slope, settling at Winlock, Wash., where he has since resided. He was a man of exemplary life and habits, conservative in all his actions. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, September, 1841, was one of the charter members of that church founded here in 1844. There being no church building, the first quarterly conference was held at his home in his home. He was passed to the third degree of Masonry in 1857.

Stearns, Robert H. Strong, Henry Shogren, O. M. Scott, Ben Selling, G. W. Thomas, George H. Thomas, William Turner, Martin Winch, R. K. Warren, Robert Wilson, Tyler Woodward.

Prominent Football Player.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 5.—Cecil Goodale, star player of the Michigan football team and prospective center for next year, died at his home here last night from typhoid fever. Goodale was injured in the Minnesota-Michigan game last fall. His parents believe that his constitution was seriously impaired by the hard usage he sustained in the game.

ROAD TO SPOKANE

Canadian Pacific Preparing to Build Branch.

THE BONDS ALREADY ISSUED

Opening of Office in Eastern Washington City Followed by Examination of Route-Line to Run From Nelson Southward.

A report to the effect that the Canadian Pacific is to build into Spokane and that work may be commenced in the near future is confirmed by local officials of the road. Several things have occurred lately which indicated that some building on the part of the Canadian Pacific was likely to be done in the direction of Spokane. These incidents, coupled with the confirmation of the report by local representatives of the road, are practically conclusive.

The first intimation of activity on the part of the Canadian Pacific was the issuance of bonds for \$14,000,000. A short time ago an office of the road was opened in Spokane. When this step was taken other railroads began to ask the reason. Then it became known that a special representative of the Canadian Pacific was in the vicinity of Spokane looking over the ground. Efforts have been made by other railroad men to learn just what he is doing, but as yet their efforts have been unsuccessful.

That there was a proposition on foot to build into Spokane was guessed by the other roads, and a local representative of the Canadian Pacific yesterday confirmed this opinion. "The prospects right now," said he, "are good for work being done in the near future. I cannot tell anything for the details of the route that will be selected, as these matters are still in the air."

It has been learned here that the probable route will be from Nelson, B. C., or some point along the road between it and Kootenay Bridge. From this place an almost direct line can be built, it is said. The grades are not heavy and little difficulty of construction will be encountered.

A preliminary survey, it is said, has already been made and a satisfactory route has been found. It may be changed a good deal before actual construction is commenced.

PORTLAND MEN DOUBT IT.