

LIKE PHOENIX FROM ASHES

Commercial Club Ready for Work and Luncheon at Noon Today.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTS

Concordia Club, Oregonian Office, and Tavern Will Serve as Meeting Rooms for Business and Luncheon of Members.

OFFER OF HOSPITALITY BY ELKS.

C. K. Rankin, chairman, W. W. Bretherton and J. P. Finley, comprising the board of trustees of the Elks' Building Association, at a meeting last night adopted a resolution...

With the same progressive and enterprising spirit that is part of the Portland Commercial Club, the officers of that organization have set about to make the best of the fire which destroyed its splendid quarters.

Luncheon at Noon. Luncheon will be served in the Tavern at noon today, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance of the members of the Commercial Club.

The promotion work of the Commercial Club, which is conducted by Tom Richardson, will be taken up this morning where it was left off yesterday afternoon when the fire broke it off.

Not at All Discouraged. While the officers and members of the Commercial Club feel deeply the loss of their magnificent quarters...

Assessor Sigler's Account. A special meeting of the board of governors was held last night, when the matter was thoroughly discussed.

Annual Dinner Postponed. The annual dinner of the Commercial Club, which was to have been given to-night at the quarters of the club, has been indefinitely postponed...

FIREMEN WHO DID HEROIC RESCUE WORK AND WHO WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR SERVICE DIPLOMAS BY CHIEF CAMPBELL



Jay W. Stevens.

C. E. Hewston.

J. T. Perkins.

K. M. Hewston.

will be refitted in a manner which will make them even better than they were before the fire. This was decided upon at the meeting of the board of governors last night.

TOP STORY SWEEP BY THE FLAMES

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The ladder to receive him. He was helped into a near-by store, where he telephoned to assure Mrs. Richardson that he was not hurt.

Crowd Gives Sigh of Relief.

When all those in peril had been safely brought to the ground the crowd heaved a great sigh of relief. The situation had not lost all its horror, however, as it seemed that at any moment some of the firemen might be struck down by the showers of flying stones and debris.

By a peculiar coincidence the fire seemed to lose its intensity when the prisoners it had been striving for had been released. The flames were gradually brought under control and "fire out" signal was blown in less than 40 minutes from the time of the spectacular rescue.

THEORIES AS TO ORIGIN

CARELESS SMOKER OR CROSSED WIRES THE CAUSE.

With Incredible Rapidity the Flames Once Started Ate Their Way in the Club Rooms.

There are two theories given for the origin of the fire. One is that it was started by an electric wire running along the baseboard in the clubrooms. The other, which is accepted most generally by the club members, who were in the club at the time, is that it was started by some careless smoker who threw a lighted cigar where it could come in contact with the curtains.

The fire was rushing along like a prairie conflagration. From the west end of the eighth floor the fire spread to the adjacent rooms, enveloping the billiard room, the parlor, dining-rooms, and last of all the bowling alley in the eastern end of the floor.

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As the flames rolled from the windows on the west side of the building smoke only was issuing from the windows on the east side, but these soon were broken by the heat.

lock, who was about 18 years of age, is survived by four children. Blaine, who is employed in the offices of the O. R. & N. Alma, a High School student, Mrs. James B. Welch and the little boy, Joseph.

HALLOCK'S FATAL FALL

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When Mr. Hallock was killed by falling into the court of the Chamber of Commerce building, his 9-year-old son, Joseph, was one of the thousands of persons outside the building who had been attracted to the conflagration.

SUFFERED AGONIES FOR FOUR YEARS

Whole Foot Nothing But Proud Flesh - Tried Different Physicians and All Kinds of Ointments - Could Walk Only With Crutches - Ohio Man Says

"CUTICURA REMEDIES THE BEST ON EARTH"

"In the year 1899 the side of my right foot was cut off from the little toe down to the heel, and the physicians who had charge of me was trying to sew up the side of my foot, but with no success.

When I first arrived it was switched in on Stark street, and the ladder was being raised to the scene of the flames from that street when Chief



Homer H. Hallock, who lost his life.

Campbell arrived and ordered the apparatus to the Fourth-street side, and the heavy truck was hauled around to that side by hand.

CRISSEY'S NARROW ESCAPE

TOM RICHARDSON'S SECRETARY TELLS OF DANGER. Was in the Tower Room and Flames Were Coming Through the Floor When He Flew.

W. L. Crissey, private secretary to Tom Richardson, was among those who had a narrow escape from the Commercial Club during the fire of yesterday afternoon.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING TAKEN WHILE THE FLAMES WERE RAGING



VIEW SHOWING STARK-STREET SIDE OF BUILDING, AS SEEN FROM THE PERKINS HOTEL. This photograph was taken from the Perkins Hotel and shows the Stark-street side of the Chamber of Commerce building as it appeared shortly after the fire broke out on the eighth floor.

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INTERIOR VIEW, SHOWING THE RUINS OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.