

NOTABLES GATHER AT BANQUET BOARD

Head of National Manufacturers and Harrison Gray Otis Are Heard.

LABOR PROBLEM THEME

John Kirby, Jr., in Address at Commercial Club Scores Boycott and Picketing—Noted Editor Talks on Unionism.

Five hundred representative Oregon business and professional men attended a banquet at the Commercial Club last night, which was given by the Employers' Association.

The affair was highly elaborate and most successful. William MacMaster, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, acted as toastmaster.

As the principal speaker, Mr. Kirby gave a review of the problems which confront the employer in this country, particularly in reference to their dealings with organized labor.

Employers Urged to Act. He said it was time for employers to throw off the fetters of unionism and make a free and open fight for industrial freedom.

Referring to the National Association of Manufacturers, Mr. Kirby said that the organization had at no time anything to do with the efforts to exterminate unionism on the Pacific Coast.

The speakers, beside Mr. Kirby and General Otis, were Max Schmidt, of San Francisco; J. P. Bird, general manager of the National Association of Manufacturers; James D. Asher, deputy state president of the National Association of Stationary Engineers; Edgar B. Piper, managing director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; and General Otis.

The spacious banquet hall was beautifully and tastefully decorated with a display of American flags draped against the walls and between the windows.

The orchestra which had inspired the gathering during the part of the evening which was given to the speakers, as well as the Portland business men present, were all experienced in their respective turn of the speakers of the evening.

S. C. Schmidt, a manufacturer of San Francisco, started the meeting when he declared that he had met with complete success in adhering entirely to the open-shop system.

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General Otis expressed himself as much pleased with the efficiency and appearance of the troops. He returned to Portland in his machine about 4 o'clock.

New Laws Are Planned. SATEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Simplification of the registration law for

electors, so that it will be necessary for a voter to register but once as long as he lives in the same precinct, was one of the plans discussed today by the Marion County delegation to the State Legislature.

Another piece of legislation that the local delegation has in view is the securing of an appropriation of a fund to be used in hiring experts who will ascertain the nature of tree and fruit diseases in Oregon and determine in what manner these diseases may be eradicated.

The Marion County delegation has practically arrived at the conclusion that it will introduce no legislation which will be of state-wide interest.

Some Talk Heard That Another Candidate May Be Brought Out as National's Chief.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The consensus of opinion among baseball men gathered in New York today was that the National League club owners at their meeting here tomorrow reach election of officers, Thomas J. Lynch, of New Britain, Conn., who has had the office of president for a year, will be re-elected.

Mr. Lynch may not get the vote of all eight clubs, his supporters say he is sure to have the backing of John T. Brush, Gerry Heermann, John P. Harris and Barney Dreyfus, and he has the vote of Horap S. Fogel.

Fogel, however, wants to find out first whether the umpires are to be allowed the absolute powers they had last season. Charles Ebbets, who hoped to get John Montgomery Ward elected president last winter, and Charles W. Murphy, who aided Ebbets in this plan, may make some candidate in re-election whom they will run against Lynch.

Prosperous Suburb Raises Liberal Sum to Equip Building.

The Sellwood Branch Y. M. C. A., East Fifteenth street and Spokane avenue, was opened last night in the presence of 300 people from that suburb and other portions of the city.

Remarks were made by E. B. MacNaughton, architect of the building; J. A. Goddell, international industrial secretary; B. B. Rhoads, state secretary; and H. W. Stone, secretary of the city association.

CLUBMAN SHOT BY WIFE. Quarrel Over Closing or Opening of Window May Be Fatal.

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BOY KILLS HIS PLAYMATE. Rifle Accidentally Fired Sends Bullet Through Head.

AUBURN, Cal., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Louis Castle, six-year-old stepson of W. D. Castle, was accidentally shot through the head and killed by Otto Walters, 10 years old, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock near Walters' home at Ophir.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Late in the afternoon of yesterday

SMITH GOES BULL IN OGDEN, HE SAYS

Story Told by Bullion Robbery Suspect Not Believed by Officers.

WIFE NEVER IN ALASKA

So He Tells Detectives at San Francisco, as Nervous From Lack of Drugs, He Denies Theft on Steamer From the North.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—His nerves shattered and trembling from weakness in being deprived of drugs, E. L. Smith, held at the City Prison as the ringleader in the robbery of the treasure from the Alaskan steamship Humboldt last September, brokenly repeated his tale this afternoon of securing the Tanana gold bars from "Johnny" Gibson on a west-bound train at Ogdon three months ago.

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Treatment Complained Of. "I have been through hell-fire," he said, in telling his story. "It's not only doing without the drug I've been accustomed to, but what they've done to me since I was taken over in the post-office building without rest, sitting on a little round chair about so big."

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RATE CASE OPENS TODAY. Commission to Hear of Grain Handling on Lakes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—At a hearing scheduled to start Wednesday before C. A. Prouty, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, the matter of the complaint of the Chicago Board of Trade against the Evansville, Indianapolis and Eastern Illinois Railway Company and other transportation lines will be considered.

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AUGUSTUS T. POST SUES

ROMANCE WHICH BEGAN ON SHIP RETURNING FROM EUROPE HAS UNHAPPY SEQUEL IN COURT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Augustus T. Post, balloonist, who has figured in several daring flights, brought suit today for the annulment of his marriage on the ground that his wife never was separated legally from her first husband.

TEACHER DODGES LEMONS

ANGRY PUPILS BOMBARD PRINCIPAL WHO EXPECTS GIFT "SHOWER."

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A shower of nuts and lemons, hurled with force by her pupils, met Miss A. M. Murphy, principal of the Central School, when she took her place at her desk recently, according to a report which has just leaked out here.

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