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Members of the Organization Gather at the Hotel Portland for the Fourth Time to Do Honor to Great American.

Thomas Jefferson, the father of the Northwest, the exponent of the simple life, the great American whose prophetic vision peered into the future and saw there the promises of the Western Empire—has it was who was the spirit guest of honor last night at the annual dinner of the American Patriotic Club, held at the Hotel Portland.

The Patriotic Club was organized four years ago, and upon its first session paid tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, the emancipator. The next anniversary saw the members gathered round the board to revere the influence that Andrew Jackson, the warrior, had cast over the land. Again, and the members met to honor another warrior—President Grant, the hero of the Rebellion. Last evening it was Thomas Jefferson whose life and achievements were brought into the present by the members in praise of the present-day patriots of Portland.

The club has been formed with one object in view—to keep alive the spirit of patriotism nurtured by the members—and each year they gather to bring back into fresh remembrance the deeds of those National characters who had to do with the molding of the Nation's early history. And so, last night the object of the order was accomplished, and more than that, for by the spirit of the gathering it was made manifest that in the city there is a band of men who have in their hearts the love of their country and the reverence of those who were responsible for its institutions and its early being.

Judge Bellinger Presides. The banquet in itself was a success. No dinner could have been better and no assembly more genial, but it was the method of the organization and the effect of its meeting that make it important as a body of the city and an institution of note. It stands as one of the factors which go to keep alive the spark of patriotism in this hurried present day.

Judge Bellinger sat at the head of the long banquet table, and presided over the after-dinner exercises of the evening. In presenting John M. Gearin, the first speaker, the president said it was only right and fitting that at this, the centenary of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the birthday of Thomas Jefferson should be celebrated. He by his foresight had sent the pathfinders into this country and had made possible the city which is now our home. He had seen the possibilities of the Northwest in almost prophetic manner, and to him was due in large measure the honor of the discovery and the fruits of the historic expedition.

Pays a Glowing Tribute. Judge Gearin, in responding to the toast of Jefferson, paid a graphic and eloquent tribute to the father of the Democracy and the exponent of the Democratic principle of man's equality to man. He traced the progress of the Nation from the early time of its birth to the present day, and outlined the changes in the spirit and attitude of its people. He called to mind

the lack of class, the equality of wealth and the brotherhood of the masses prevailing at the close of the Revolution, and from this he sounded the warning made manifest by the history of all nations and all republics as they have grown from simplicity of living and unity of class to the pomp and power of wealth and the overturning arrogance of the power of a few. The vast fortunes of the West were contrasted with the increasing poverty of the many, and the examples of Rome and Greece were pointed to as a prophecy of what might be expected. But the speaker was not pessimistic in his remarks. The spirit of National integrity and the justice of the American mind would arise as a barrier to prevent any recurrence of what had been. History might repeat itself in many things, but the spirit of Jefferson and the teachings of his life would arise in time to prevent the catastrophes of the ages past.

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Prof. Young on the Fair. Professor F. G. Young, of Eugene, spoke on the subject of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. In opening he spoke humorously of the prevalence of the advertising in the Exposition and told of the impossibility of banishing the Fair from the mind. But this was as it should be, said the speaker, for all should honor the memory of the great explorers and should be loyal to the Exposition soon to be held.

San Juan Imitates Portland. Charles E. Warner, of San Juan, is of the opinion that the Portland Chamber of Commerce is about right as far as organization is concerned. He was a former resident of Portland, and since moving to Porto Rico has remembered the good work done by the Portland organization and has made up his mind that he will promote one like it. He has therefore written to the secretary of the Portland body asking that copies of the constitution and by-laws be sent him, that he may have a tried and true model after which to fashion his structure.

Denies His Wife's Charges. Aaron Preston has made answer to the suit of Esther Preston for a divorce, denying all her charges, and accusing her of cruel treatment. He says that since their marriage, in Clatsop County, in 1888, he has provided for her, and conducted himself as a kind husband. She, on the other hand, he asserts, has been faithless and quarrelsome, and her children by a former husband have threatened to kill him and to maim him. Preston is 78 years old, and alleges that he is unable to defend himself against the charges. His remarks were timely, he states, to leave his home at Montavilla in December, 1904. He offers to give his wife a lease of the property for life and the use of the household furniture.

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Will Soon Have Motor Car. Harriman lines, has received word from Omaha that the new gasoline motor-car which has been built for use on the West Side lines of the Southern Pacific, is being tested daily by the engineers at the Omaha shops, and that it will be possible to ship the car to the Coast in a very short time. It is stated that the tests

have been proving very satisfactory and that the car will be a success in every particular.

Boy Sues for Damages. Arthur D. Sullivan, a minor, by his father, J. D. Sullivan, as guardian, has sued the Portland Consolidated Railway Company in the State Circuit Court for \$25 damages because of personal injuries. The boy is 15 years of age. He was a passenger on the Montavilla car which was overturned at East Clatsop and East Twenty-eighth streets, on February 8, and he was bruised and otherwise injured.

Colleagues Defeat Soldiers. WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 1.—(Special)—In one of the finest games of the year, Whitman College beat Port Walla Walla today by a score of 4 to 3. The game lasted 11 innings. Campbell, who twirled for the college ten years ago, pitched most of the game today.

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Tells of the Exposition.

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