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METTLE OF THE **CLUB IS SHOWN**

Takes Up Its Work in Spite of Fire.

SERVES LUNCHEON AS USUAL

Talks of Erecting Building of Its Own.

WHAT ITS PRESIDENT SAYS

Commercial Club. Endaunted by the Fire Which Destroyed Its Home, Goes on With Its Promotion Affairs.

COMMERCIAL CLUB SHOWS FINE SPIRIT.

2:50 P. M. Friday-Fire breaks out sercial Club and atterly destrays splendid quarters. Loss \$10,000. 8 P. M Friday-Board of governors decides to use the rooms formerly occupied by the Tavern remaurant for

S A. M. Saturday-Manager Tom Richardson and assistants resume pro-motion work in temporary offices in Oregonian building.

12 N Saturday Luncheon is served in the Commercial Club Tavern to about 200 members of the club. Great enthusiasin shown at luncheon, which WAS B Front Success.

P. M. Saturday-President F. W. Leadbetter announces that there is strong sentiment among the officers and members of the Commercial Club that a building should be erected.

Despite the fire of Friday, the Portland ercial Club continued its activities yesterday. In every particular the miscarried out The organization was homeless less than 24 hours, for at noon the business men's luncheon was served in the Commercial Club Tavern Alder atreets. For a gathering place of the members of the club the quarters of the Concordia Club, in the same building, were used. Early yesterday mornin the offices of H. L. Pittock, man ager of The Oregonian, Tom Richardson and his assistants were busily employed with the promotion work which is ducted by the Commercial Club.

Almost Without Precedent.

The Portland Commercial Club has ac complished something that is almost without precedent. Friday afternoon ization were utterly destroyed and all that was left was the members and members and its name. Everything else was gone. But the very next day the Commercial Clup The feat of the Commercial Club is the

talk of Portland. When it was learned that the club was homeless because o the disastrous conflagration, the majority of persons believed that the Commercial Club, as an active and social body, would cease to exist for many days yet to

But the far-sighted and enterprising sembers of the Commercial Club saw an opportunity which was not visible to most persons. They saw an opportunity to nake a record for the club and Portland and to demonstrate that the Commercial

Board of Governors Acts.

Priday night, almost before the steel girders on the eighth floor of the Chamer of Commerce building had cooled the board of governors of the Commercial Club met. With them were the heads of the different departments and members of the committees. Of about 29 or more astic. No one was discouraged or disheartened. They had learned that they could secure the present temporary quar ters, and without hesitation they took

Yesterday morning a small army took possession of the old Tavern, which has nce then been christened the Commer clai Club Tavern. The place was about as dirty as it possibly could be, but within a short time everything was clean and tidy. Wagons unloaded furniture, crock-

ry, glass and tableware and provisions. By noon, the Commercial Club Tavern class, up-to-date grillroom in nearly every When the doors were openmembers of the Commercial swarmed in by the degens, and for an your or more every seat was taken. Everything used at the luncheon yesterday had to be purchased. Credit for the splendid and prompt manner in which the Commercial Club Tavern was opened is due largely to Robert L. Stevens, man of house committee, and F. A. Clark. steward. The officers and members give worked late Friday night and showed up lussmuch as he is chairman of the house committee, he thought he was nsible for the opening of the quar-

Many Attend the Luncheon.

The Commercial Club was to have had had been held it could not have been a greater success than the luncheon of yes-terday afternoon. The enthusiasm manifested was exceptional. More than 38

at the old quarters, and all of them were bubbling over with enthusiasm. They were so delighted with the Commer cial Club Tavern that they for the time orgot the loss of their magnificent quar ters in the Chamber of Commerce build-ing. The enthusiasm was contagious, and all the employes became infected with it. After seeing all of those 200 happy and nthusiastic men eating luncheon, per ons who did not belong to the organiza tion could hardly realize that only the day before the quarters of the Comcial Club had been desiroyed by fire.

Tom Richardson's Announcement. When the crowd was the largest Man

ager Tom Richardson arose from his table o make an announcement. His first words were drowned in a great and sponaneous burst of applause. Some of those n the room could not see him, but all ined in the hand-clapping and cheering It was several minutes before Mr. Rich erdson could make himself heard above the applause to make his announcement which persained to the new quarters.

Governor Chamberlain was called upon and he made a brief address. He was also given a great ovation. Whitney L. Poise took the floor and suggested that a fund be raised for the gallant fireman who had done such heroic work the after-noon before. Dr. R. C. Coffey was the first one to subscribe. He headed the list with \$5. Tom Richardson was the largest subscriber, putting his name down

m the list for \$25. About \$176 was raised during the lunchon. G. A. Peel, assistant secretary, war swamped, as dozens of men swarmed about his desk anxious to subscribe. He was not able to get the names of all those who gave money, but when the rush was over he had about \$179 in cash. It is understood that the money will be

urned into a relief fund for the firemen It is possible that the Portland Commercial Club will erect a building of ts own. The Club is in good financial condition and the officers and many members of the organization believe and are confident that sufficient upney could be raised to erect g building. The Commercial George will remain in its present temporary quarters for a nonth or even longer.

The first thought of the officers of the club after the fire Friday aftersoon was to have the Chamber of Commerce building repaired and the quarmade more elegant than be They thought it would be best to have an additional story erected on Chamber of Commerce building which would be occupied by the Commercial Club with the eighth story.

Strong Sentiment for Building.

Since they have had time to consider he matter many suggestions have been made. There is a strong sentiment that a building should be erected, but beyond discussion nothing has been done. The club is free from all indebtedness and has about \$6000 in the treasury. The exact amount of meur once carried by the club was \$14,500. This gives the club a working fund to start on of about \$23,000.

"The Commercial Club may erect building," said President P. W. Lendbetter when seen yesterday afternoon "It is being seriously considered. It is possible that we shall retain our tem porary quarters for several months cerdia Club moves into its new building in about a month, and it is most likely that we shall move into the rooms it leaves vacant. We shall tot make our permanent there. President Max Fleischner and Vice-President Edward Ehrman, of the Concordia Club, have extended courtesies of their organization to us

"I think that but little difficulty yould be experienced in raising enough money to erect a building. Some of the members have already ex pressed their willingness to subscribe large amounts.

Club Not Worried by Fire.

'The Commercial Club has not been paralyzed by the fire, and we will carry on the work on a larger scale

HEAPS CURSES ON HIS ENEMIES

Dowie Approaches and They Prepare.

THREE PLANS TO CHOOSE FROM

Prophet Will Be Arrested or Declared Bankrupt.

HIS FUNDS RUNNING SHORT

Telegraphs for Money-Voliva Tells Where He Squandered Millions and Gave Thousands to Women-Ready for War.

CHICAGO, April 7.-(Special.)-Consternation continues to spread in Zion as the wrathful figure of John Alexander Dowle ome larger on the Southwestern horizon. Dispatches from San Antonio say the old man is unusually healthy and is nursing a rage that will fairly burn up

"Curse the devil-heridden dogs, ingrates. covotous scoundre's! They will die in poverty and distress. They have conspired against God's chosen prophet, and I shall be the instrument to punish them. tors and trample their faces in the dust." This is a mild type of the spirit in which Moses II is hastening north, and the opposing forces in Zion are hastily and feverishly fortifying themselves for

Voliva's Plans for Fight.

The plans of Overseer Voliva and his ters for the reception of the depowed "first sportle" are now said have been made. It is asserted that they have agreed upon three different schemes one of which is to be selected at the last nt, as conditions demand. These schemes are believed to be: Pirst-His arrest as he steps from the

train at Zion City, on the ground that he Second-The fling of involuntary bank ruptcy proceedings by creditors outside of

Third-The filing of voluntary bank ruptcy proceedings by the people of Zion, who are larger stockholders than Dowle

Arrangements, it is atleged, for the carrying out of any one of these plans have n already perfected, and the overseers are only waiting for Dowle to show his

Millions Dowie Squandered.

Voliva today made the following stateover \$7 500,000 of Zion's funds by extravagance and mismanagement:

\$1,773,749 In addition to the foregoing sums, Dowie is alleged to have squandered over

Spent \$1100 a Week in Jamaica.

"When Dowie left for Jamaica, he was given \$4500 out of the Mexican funds," said Mr. Volica. "It lasted but a few weeks. He expended \$1100 in one week only, although he had with him at the time only Dezcon Reece, Nurse McLen-nen and a colored man. In this period his expenditures aggregated between \$500

The following cash gifts to women are alleged by Vollyk to have been made by Dowie as proof of his extravagance and

character

ead in Stilloh tabernácie tomorrow, showing that Dowie effected his "marvelous cures" by means of galvanic batteries concealed under ample robes, and as a result of which the upper part of his body terribly burned.

Many of the students at Zion College have quit their studies and left in disgust rather than face the prospect of become ng involved in the coming brotl

Sheriff Prepares for Trouble.

Active preparations for serious trouble are being made by Sheriff George Powell. of Lake County. The Sheriff is prepared to take whatever measures are necessary to preserve peace and prevent riot Zion City when Dowie returns. He will not interfere unless the local police fail to the situation in hand, but he has been informed that, in view of the factional differences, it is extremely doubt ful whether the ten officers and men of the force will be able to quell the disturbances that are apt to arise when the first apostle makes his sensational entrance into Zion City.

Had to Wait for Funds.

Late reports tonight from San Antonio Tex., where Dowie had to halt until be was supplied with \$500 by wire from some one in Chicago, say that he will break his rule of not traveling on Sunday and They shall rot. I will cast out the trai- hasten north from there tomorrow afternoon. Dowle asked that Deacon Wilbite neet him with a special car at St. Louis Monday night.

That Dowie still possesses much power s shown in the fact that a big Board of the speciacular storm that will break Trade house here gave him the use of its ersonal Texas wire for three hours, while he gave orders for his reception and laid other plans for his entry Tuesday.

Dowie is especially wrathful at his wife and son, whom he threatens to banish atter darkness unless they repent in sack-loth and ashes.

Creditors Take Pledge and Zion's People Will Do Likewise.

CHICAGO, April 7 .- While John Alexander Dowle is traveling from Mexico to Zion City, measures are being taken by the officers of the Zion church to render him absolutely powbe reaches Zion City the last vestige

Three hundred officers of the church ed a statement upholding Voliva in his fight against apostle. Each member of apostle. the Zion City community will tomor-row be asked to swear allegiance to the present officers of the church, and at the mass meeting which is to be held in the afternoon all of the people will be asked to put their signatures to a document renouncing their for-

Gladstone Dowle says that his father has no money uside from the Zion properties, and intimates that Dowle's personal expenses in Mexico are being paid out of the Mexican plantation funds If Dowle is in financial straits, he

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Man Bruin Arrested is Allowed to Go.

PROVES IDENTITY AND ALIBI

Pointed Out by Fisherman, Who Then Disappears.

FIRST GETS THE REWARD

Informer Makes Dicker for Blood Money and Tells Officers He Must Go to Australia to Escape the Mafia.

On a blind "steer" which cost \$500, Fred Sibaldi, supposed to have been Pietro Tortorici, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of having murdered B. Vilardo In San Francisco one year and two days ago, decapitating the body and throwing the torso into the street. The wires were kept hot between San Francisco and Portland to find out whether Sibaldi was the right man or not. Six hours after the arrest was made the police became satisfied that Sibaldi was not Tortorici, and suspected man was given his liberty.

Arrested in Saloon.

Sibuldi was arrested in a saloon at Second and Market streets by Captain Bruin, who, placing his hand on his hip in anticipation of a battle, threw back his cont, displayed his star and commanded Sibaldi to surrender. Captain Bruin was backed up by Detective Joe Day, who had worked up the case, and by Detective Carpenter, who had assisted Day. He was handcuffed and taken to the City Prison, where he was put in a cell. Chief of Police Dinan, of San Francisco, was mediately notified, and was asked to WILL SWEAR TO AID VOLIVA scription by which he could be identified. send pictures of Tortorici and a full de-Chief Gritzmenher aus dountful that the right man had been captured, and was st backward in expressing his belief that Sibaldi was not guilty.

Italian Fisherman Informant

The \$500 which the informant demanded before he would point Sibaidi out to the detectives was deposited in the form of a vertified check in one of the banks by Joe Day, who, in preference to letting the suspected man get away said that he Gorky and other Russian revolutionists will and had the engineers and soldiers erect would not the money up himself. If the Tour America, Page 3. of his authority will have disappeared would put the money up himself. If the except in so far as he may restore it informant gets away from Day he will in one place Detective Day had been working on the case for days, and everything led him to believe that he had found the right man. An Italian inform knew all about the whereabouts of the murderer, told the detective that he knew Tortorici well, had known him in San Francisco, and had followed his move-

Money Placed in Bank.

The informant appeared to be frightened, and refused to give any information Hill and Harriman will settle difficulties amicably at Seattle, Page 6 without being given assurances that he would be given the entire reward and be

allowed to leave the city as soon as detectives. The money was deposited in the bank for the benefit of the Italian. who got out of the city as soon as pos-sible. Fearing that a vende(ta would be declared against him if his name became ent swore the detectives to secrecy. Th informer said he would go to Australia o escape the Mafia.

Although the case against Sibaldi looked good when the arrest was made. he bottom soon fell out of it when the man was questioned by the Chief. Sibaldi fenied all knowledge of the murder when told that he had been arrested on picion of having murdered Vitardo, and soon had witnesses summoned claimed that they could prove a complete libi for the accused man,

Does Not Resemble Tortorici.

Sibaldi has resided in Portland for II nonths, having come to Portland from Seattle, where he tended bar in the retricted district. With exception of oca Seattle for the last five years. He denles that he has ever been in San Fran cisco. And furthermore, he does not an swer the description of Tortorici. There was no evidence upon which to hold him and San Francisco has been notified of his release. Yortoricl's description fol lows: Five feet six inches tall, weight 140 pounds, has black hair and eyebrowand lips almost like those of a negro.

President's Wife at Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 7.-Mrs Theodore Roosevelt and party reached Savannah this morning from the West Indies. They came up the river on the Wisterla, having met the May flower about 18 miles from Savannah. They left this afternoon for Wash ington

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Flee In Terror From Burning Mountain.

PURSUED BY FIERY FLOODS

Torrents of Lava Pour Down Sides of Vesuvius.

VILLAGES ARE THREATENED

Orchards Razed and Crops Destroyed by Molten Streams From Old and New Craters_Sacred Image Retreats Before Advance.

NAPLES April 7 .- Mount Vesuvius is a lossal cauldron of fire and the town of Boscatrecase, on its southern declivity, has been transformed into a gray faland of ruin by the ashes from the crater of the voicano. Torrents of liquid fire, resembling in the distance serpents glittering yellow and black scales, are coursing in all directions, amid rumblings, detonations and earth tremblings, while a pall of sulphurous smoke that hovers ver all makes breathing difficult

The streams of lava are resistless. They snap like pipestems the trunks of chestnut trees hundreds of years old, and blight with their torrid breath the blooms on the peach trees before the trees themselves have been reached. The molten streams do not spare the homes of the peasants, and when these have been razed they dash into the wells as though seeking to sinke their thirst, and, after filling them, continue their course down the mountainside.

Pitiful Scenes Among Peasants.

Everywhere in the vicinity of the volcano pitiful scenes are witnessed-women are tearing their hair in their scief and old men crying aloud at the loss of their beloved homest-ads

Janillery carts have been sent to the sistance of the fleeing peasants, and the Duke of Aosta, Cardinal Joseph Petisco and all the authorities, despite the rain today, went to the portions of the mountains most threatened in order to succon or comfort the people The Duke of Aosta was especially ac-

tive. He explained what means he thought best to save lives and properly. parapets and dig trenches in order to change the course of the lava at bituminous miners at land at times gav energy by working himself. Cardinal Petisco distributed the naces

saries of life to the peasants, and even went so far as to give away the rings he wore on his fingers. Repeatedly he exclaimed to the frightened peasants: Pray, my children; you may be sure God

Sacred Image Threatened.

The statue of St Agne, which was taken to the mountainside to confront the lava, is frequently moved backward as the tide advances.

Considerable apprehension is felt because of the earthquake shocks, which are growing stronger and are felt even at Castellamare, 15 miles southeast of this city. Each shock is accompanied by deep and prolonged detonations. Ottajano, at the northeast foot of the mountain, is threatened by a stream of

lava and the people are beginning to

derert the town. The populace of Torre,

town. This request has been granted and trains are now ready to proceed thither in case of need. Signor Matteucci, director of the observatory on Vesuvius still continues to occupy a most dangerous position. With

him is an American engineer named Perret. Many New Craters Opened. New craters have opened at different oints on the mountain, but it is im-

possible to ascertain their number or

where they are situated. Naples is the Mecca of the alarmed country people and they have been flocking into the city in great numbers. The influx of refugees began yesterday norning and steadily-growing streams of people have continued to pour into the city ever since. The villagers are bringing their families and such househ turried flight, and vehicles of every deseription have been pressed into service for this purpose. The traffic on some of the roads is so great that the highways have become blocked and it is with difficulty that the carts and wagons are able

o make their way. The military has been used to advantage in assisting the villagers to escape and to save their goods. The soldiers have worked hard to assist the peasants and military vehicles have been offered freely for the transportation of goods. Carabiniers have been stationed along the roads to point the dangerous points and

assist the refugees in passing them. Crops Dumaged by Heat.

The lava flow approached the outskirts d the village of Clarem and then suddenly ceased advancing. Fifty acres and the crops ruined.

and the crops rulned.

The cruption has caused a great deal of damage, as the heating lava streams have withered vegetation, while the names have settled on everything.

There have been no fatalities at Bos-

