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Distinctive Western Atmosphere Is Feature of Parting Celebration.

LEADING CITIZENS THERE

Hotel Portland Grill, Scene of Historic Gatherings in Past, Filled With Merry Company of

Convention Visitors.

As the final event of a series of entertainments tendered members of the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association visiting Portland yesterday, the members of the Portland local association last night provided the most magnificently appointed banquet ever served in the Northwest.

The banquet was spread in the grill of the Hotel Fortland, which has been the scene of many an historic gather-ing, the last being the birthday party tendered to George H. Williams. Among the men who gathered to welcome and speed the guests were rep-resentatives of the business houses, financial institutions and industrial and transportation corporations which have had part in the development of the Oregon country. The guest list numbered many of the isaders of the industrial activity of the city.

Western Atmosphere Marked.

Aside from the representative character of the banqueters, the background for the scene and the unique features of service were marked. It carried a distinctive Western atmos-

The banquet table occupied the full interest in the form of a hollow square. In the center of the square appeared a miniature of the exterior of the Hotel Portland, done in white sugar, and from either end of the sugar building fluttered a small airship.

Banked in the rear of each table was a solid mass of green, pink and white a solid mass of green, pink and white roses, spraying profusely over the table from the top of the heaped-up ferns. Around the walls were beauti-ful clusters of ferns in solid banks, hiding the frescoeing two-thirds the distance to the celling, and at intervals exponenced beautiful specimens of wisappeared beautiful specimens of wis-taria blossoms, clusters of fragrant lilies, red and white roses and yellow and red tulips.

As the guests were seated there suddenly appeared five dainty little Japanese girls, who pinned bouttonieres upon the coats of the guests. Between courses an octette of sing-

ers in the garb of cowboys sang. This was supplemented by a concealed or-chestra at the north end of the room.

Satan Serves Old Wines.

As Toastmaster W. D. Wheelwright As Toasimaster W. D. Wheelwright arose to extend a welcome to his guests he invoked Mephistophles to appear and at the word the Prince of Darkness and three imps shot through the floor amid a glare of red fire. As the lights came on again the devil and his aids served wines of a vintage of long ago. Satan's departure was has-xened by the appearance of a band of Indiana.

Indians. With the advent of the redmen came the peace smokes traditionally ten-dered to strangers in the wigwams of

Prominent Men Present. Members of the National Association members of the National Association present were:
E J. Carroll, Williams House, Manifowoc, Wis.; Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Ralor; Samuel R. Reed, Reed House, Chattanooga, Teon.; B. G. Vieth, Jafferson Hotel, Madison City, Mo.; Mrs. Vieth, Miss Vieth; W. A. Pocock. Hotel Ryan, St. Paul, Minn.; P. L. Carpenter, Capitol Hetel, Johnstown, Pa.; C. E. Bennett, Beckal Hotel, Dayton, O.; Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Reberts; John Irwin, Chieago, III; A. L. Severance, Hotel Phister, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Severance; Frad Van Orman, St. George Hotel, Evansville, Ind.; D. R. Hawley, Hawley Hotel, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Heawley, Hawley, Hotel, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Rest Haven Hotel, Waukesh, Wis.; A. M. Cleary, Hotel Cleary, Sloux City. Ia.; L. A. Medier, Hotel Reporter, Omnha, Neh.; Mrs. Medier; Charles C. Horton, Hotel Metropole, Omaha, Neh.; Mrs. Herton, Miss June Horton, T. J. O'Brien; Henry J. Bohn, Hotel World, Chicago, Miss Olive Bohn; George F. Titlow, Hotel Titlow, Unlontown, Pa.; Mrs. Titlow; J. F. Sweenes, Grand Hotel, Alanesville, Wis; A. T. Bell, Hotel Chaffonte, Atlantic City, N. J. Degenerate Youth Is Found Guilty-Ruth Wheeler to PRISONER STOLID AS STONE Sleep Comes in Cell While Jury Deliberates-Largest Crowd Since Thaw Trial Struggles for

ELECTRIC CHAIR

Be Avenged.

Admittance to Court.

the Nortonia, was chief hostess, the hotelkeepers themselves being led away to the grill.

Heading the delegation is President Fred Van Orman, of Evansville, Ind., who has been identified with the Na-tional Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit As-sociation for 20 of the 21 years of its existence. He will retire from the office May 1.

"I am glad of an opportunity to visit NEW YORK, April 23.-Albert Wolter Portland," said Mr. Van Orman. "and I think I speak for the entire party of hotel men who are here. a degenerate youth of 19 years, who gloated over lewd pictures and was "crazy" about women, must die in the

hotel men who are here. "You know we owe this city some-thing more than the presence of a few delegates. The whole crowd ought to have come and the majority of them would have done so but for the fact that they were traveling largely on special trains which were routed directly to California and return. The Interstate Commerce Commission would not con-sent to changing the flokes or the arelectric chair for the murder of Ruth Wheeler, a pretty 15-year-old stenographer After one hour and 50 minutes of de-After one hour and 50 minutes of de-liberation a jury in the Court of Special Sessions found him guilty of murder in the first degree at 10:30 o'clock tonight, bringing to a close a trial marked by its swift movement and its testimony of hot ent to changing the tickets or the arrangements, The boy's counsel said with eloqu "Portland, no doubt, remembers that

that Wolter was too tender-hearted to harm a cat, but 12 men decided tonight he had strangled Ruth Wheeler and thrust in 1996 the National Association was to have held its convention here, and that it was called off in favor of the Atlantic her, while yet alive, in his fireplace, where, soaked with oil, her crumpled body writhed and burned. Coast. I want to make the tardy ex-planation that we were scared because of the earthquake and fire at San Fran-With the same wax-faced indifference claco in April of that year. Many of the delegates could not understand that the disaster might not be repeated here at Portland, and they would not agree to he had shown throughout the trial, Wol-ter listened to the verdict. With almost inhuman complacency he had been found asleep in his cell while the jury was de-liberating. He will be sentenced on

"Mighty Lively City, This."

Wednesday. The jurors, themselves, showed emo "We have found a mighty lively city here at the junction of the Columbia and the Willametic, and as business men, we can realize what it means in any city to see so many skyscrapers in process of construction." tion, while the boy who must die showed none. When asked if they had found a verdict, William V. Kuth, the foreman, answered in a shaking voice "We have," and announced they ha found Wolter guilty of murder in the first degree. All eyes were shifted to-And then the president of the associa-tion deftly turned the conversation to the hotel business and wanted to know ward the prisoner. He was as stolld as a piece of stone. Wolter refused to talk. "I don't

how long the hotels of this city had been hanging out "standing room only signs," what the Norman brothers really want to talk tonight. I'm tired and I want a good sleep first." paid for the Portland, and where they made the money to buy it. The last chapter in the fight to save Wolter from the electric chair began William A. Pocock, president of the company which owns the famous Hotel Ryan at St. Paul, Minn., expressed his

when Wallace D. Scott, his lawyer, hegan summing up for the defense. Wolter himself was the chief witness astonishment at the opportunities evidently remaining for the development of Eastern Oregon. and remained on the stand three hours. Mother Sobs Over Him. "I was greatly impressed with what I have seen of the state as we came across it," said Mr. Pocock. "Espe-As Mr. Scott began, ... olter's par-

ents appeared in the courtroom for the first time. The mother burst into concially are there many openings apparent in the vicinity of Portland. This state is surely coming into her own at no vulsive sobbing as she saw her boy led into the room. distant day. Hundreds of thousands of "Circumstantial evidence is very danthe Willamette and the foothills of the gerous evidence upon which to convict," said Attorney Scott. "Instances have occurred where men have been mistaken-ly convicted. This boy has not nerve enough to kill a cat, let alone a human ranges, and there is nothing in the world that can hold your good state back. If all Oregon people are like unto those we have had the pleasure of meet-ing, they deserve it all." John Irwin, of Chicago, began looking for Hood Blyer and Medford soon after

"He is not a great criminal," said Assistant District Attorney Morse, "he is a dangerous criminal-a perverted char-acter and a scourge to the community. "There is no unexplained circumstances for Hood River and Medford soon after crossing the state line. "Last Winter we learned a lot about Hood River and Medford during the ses-sions of the Western Irrigation Con-gress held at Chicago." said Mr. Irwin. "The fruits those towns sent there were

here. There was never a case in which every circumstance was so straight." It was exactly 7:10 when Judge Foster "The fruits those towns sent there were ended his charge and the jury filed out. The crowd today was the largest in the criminal court building since Harry Thaw astounding to the people of Chicago. How far is it to Medford?"

H. C. Bowers, of the Hotel Portland, was chairman of the committee which arranged the entertainment, and was aswas on trial for his life. Men and we struggled for places, gowns were and hats were crushed in the fight for

crooks headed by Eddle Bush, alias Thomas Howard, alias Eddle Johnson, wanted, with his pals, Eddle Walters and Alfred Meirose, in Seattle, for a daring holdup of a grocery store at Green Lake last November, and six others, four of whom are women, the police say they have made one of the most important catches in years in Pacific Coast police annals. AWAITS WOLTER

The members of the gang held in the City Jell are Eddle Bush. Eddle Walters, City Jall are Eddle Bush. Eddle Walters, Alfred Melrose, Thomas Brinkley, Claudle Curtls, Mary Bush, Alice Bush (mother and daughter), H. S. Baxter, aged 60, Emellne Payne and Mrs. Alfred Melrose. The gang was operating as beggars in the residence districts, and when searched about \$5000 worth of diamonds were found in their possession. From Eddle Curtiss, a boy member of the gang, who says he was led into a life of crime-five years ago by Bush, admis-sions were secured implicating the others in more than 100 burglaries and holdups in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Fran-cisco and Vancouver, B. C. cisco and Vancouver, B. C. For five years, according to Curtiss, the gang has pilfered and plundered throughthe West



FLAMES DEVOUR RESIDENCE OF JOHN WHITAKER.

Family on Willamette Heights Has Narrow Escape in Fire That Destroys Home.

Four persons, nearly suffocated by

smoke, were rescued from a burning Iwelling at 130 Willamette Boulevard at 2:45 yesterday morning by firemen from Engine Company No. 14 and Chemical

Company No. 4 The rescued were John Whitaker, his wife and their two children, who were asleep on the second floor of the house when the fire started. Originating mysteriously in the attic,

the flames had gained good headway when the firemen arrived, and it was at the risk of their lives that they brought the near-dead Whitaker family to safety. The entire house, two stories and a half, burned.

The hydrants do not extend to the neighborhood and the fire-lighters were practically powerless.

ACTION IS RECONSIDERED

County Attorney Given Back Stenographer and Deputy.

CHEHALIS. Wash., April 23.-(Special.) -The Lewis County Commissioners yes-terday rescinded their action of a few days ago when they cut off the deputy and sienographer allowance of County Attorney J. R. Buxton. Harmony again relevan relgns.

The salary of Deputy Sheriff T. C. Fos-ter was raised from \$75 a month to \$100 a month. The board has let the contract a month. The board has let the contract for clearing and grabbing the right-of-way for the A. J. White road around the Boistfort hill, to William Young of Mossyrock, for \$240. Bids are being called for the grading and other improve, ment of this road, which is intendd to cut out a steep climb over a hill for several

The poolrooms of the county outside the incorporated towns have not paid any licenses yet, and a drastic resolution was passed fixing their annual licenses at

DAYTON PLANT NOT BOUGHT

Northwestern Corporation Fails to Acquire Holdings.

More Evidence of Kimball Durability

We recently ran an announcement publishing letters of greatest commendation from the Perkins Hotel, where there is today in use the 100th Kimball piano made; another from Mrs. N. E. Lathrop, of Tacoma, who owns the 10,000th Kimball, and also a picture of the 200,000th Kimball piano recently sold to C. S. Loveland, of this city.

Below is published the letter just received concerning the 100,000th Kimbali piano, also sold in this city:

Portland, Or., April 13, 1910.

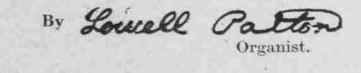
Eilers Piano House, 353 Washington street, city.

Gentlemen: Some time ago we purchased the Kimball piano, which you sold to the Mississippi Hall Association in June, 1903.

We are immensely pleased with this instrument and, although it has necessarily had hard usage during these years, it is in splendid condition now. Its tone is superb and the action is in firstclass shape.

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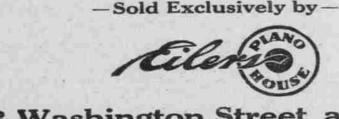
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Quality

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DAYTON, Wash., April 22-(Special)-It is now practically assured that agents of the Northwestern Corporation, of Portland, this week failed to close a deal for the purchase of the Dayton Electric Light & Power Company's holdings. J. A. Ralph, vice-president of the Day-ton company, who acts as business agent, refused to give out details further than the secret. Mrs. J. W. Goss, Port-land; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Goss, Port-land; tre

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the tribes. They passed cigars and rigarettes to the banqueters.

Among the speakers were Fred Van Orman, president of the association; Edgar B. Piper, Charles Horton, president of the Hotel Men's Asociation of Chicago; M. C. Dickinson, A. L. Sever-ance, of Milwaukee, and Henry Bohn, of Chicago.

Party of Visitors Kidnaped.

Having omitted Portland from the official itinerary of the delegates to the convention of the National Hotelmen's Benefit Association, a party of 28 en route to Scattle were yesterday literally kidnaped from their Pullman cars and forced to accept 24 hours of hospitality

Portland people were unwilling that a large delogation of representative business men should pass through the city without becoming acquainted. Be-fore the visitors were allowed to seek coose this morning they were willing acknowledge that Portland is worthy

to acknowledge that Portland is worthy of future consideration. The hotelmen came after a strenuous effort to disrupt their plans for a re-turn to their Eastern homes. During the closing hours of the ses-sion of the National convention it be-came known that a large number of delegates proposed to pay a visit to the Northwest, and through some mis-understanding the metropolis of the Co-lumbia would be viewed only from car lumbia would be viewed only from car windows. Members of the Portland Hotelmen's Association immediately wired an insistent invitation and arranged to secure one day for this city. All those who came north were in-duced to accept, and as they wearly wandered to their various hotels this morning they were sorry for those who

missed it. Caught up in a whirl of open-armed welcome as the wheels of their train stopped turning, the delegates from 11 stoppen turning, the decagates from an states were allowed but a few moments' rest during the day. Automobiles and hotel busses delivered the party and their baggage at the Hotel Portland, where breakfast was served.

Auto Trip Covers 100 Miles.

From 10:30 to 1:30 c'clock automobiles, under the personal direction of members of the Automobile Club, carried the visit-ors over nearly 100 miles of beautiful drives along the Willamette, around Portland Heights, down on the Penin-sula, out over the Base Line road to the clubhouses and the Country Club. With clubhouses and the Country Club. With ideal weather, flowers just breaking into bloom and the green of the hills of Ore-gon affording the most beautiful back-ground of any season of the year, the drive proved a tremendous success, and at 2 o'clock the caterers of the good things of the table in all parts of the country were deposited at the Commercial Club for an Oregon lunch. The menu was devoted largely to food-stuffs in the production of which Oregon

The menu was devoted largely to logar stuffs in the production of which Oregon asserts pre-eminence. Chincok saimon, fighted with crabs such as the Easterner sometimes hears of, Hood River and Med-ford fruit and Bull Run water graced the

Table. Following the luncheon, the hotelkeep-ers were shown through the rooms of the Commercial Club building, made ac-quainted with its purposes and met many of the members of the organization. A of the members of the organization A trip over the sight-seeing lines of the Portland Ballway, Light & Power Com-pany followed, and at 7:30 o'clock the most magnificent banquet ever served in the Northwest was tendered at the Hotel Portland bushes in his yard, which has a warm southern exposure, on Monday, April 18. Other blooms have since appeared. Portland

Divided into two banquets the women of the party were served in the parlors at the hotel, where Mrs. H. W. Hogue, of

sisted by M. C. Dickinson, of the Ore-gon, Phil Metschan, Jr., of the Imperial, and Theodore Kruss, of the Belvedere.



MRS. ELBERT H. GALBRAITH, OF

Crossing Busy Street When Auto Strikes Her and Front Wheels

Pass Over Her Body.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 23.-(Special.) -Fearfully injured by an automobile's front wheels passing over her stomach, Mrs. Elbert H. Galbraith, pioneer resident and well-known club woman, wife of County Assessor Galbraith, is believed

to be near death tonight.

to be near death tonight. She was crossing a busy street in the business section when a car driven by Edward Newman, in the employ of the Dulmage-Rose Automobile Company, struck her, knocking her to the ground. She was draggged and carried underneath the car, the front wheels passing over the body. When the car was stopped her form was lodged against the rear wheels.

The automobile was stopped and the driver alded in getting her from under-neath. He asserts she was bewildered and dodged in front of the car, which he says was going slowly. Other witnesses are of opinion the ten miles an hour. the speed was more than

PIEMAN WAS MURDERED Mystery Deep in Case of Chicago

Man, Dead From Poisoning.

CHICAGO. April 23.—Charging mur-der by arsenical poisoning and urging the police to discover those responsible. the police to discover those responsible, a Coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict on the death of Alexander J. Moody, ple manufacturer, who expired at his West Side home February 20. Peculiar details of a trip through the West which Peter Peterson, the Moody's coachman, took with Mrs. Moody and a media Armee Hastwick a few years are maid, Agnes Hartwick, a few years ago were brought out by Coroner Hoffman just before the conclusion of the In-quest. Peterson said that Mrs. Moody was III and took the trip for her health. He said he accompanied her with Moody's consent nsont

J. A. Pettit on Monday.

The roses are of a white tea variety.



Ruth Wheeler was killed March 24. Failing to dispose of her body in the fire-place. Wolter cut it apart and left the

bust and head, wrapped in burlap, on a fireescape, whence it was pushed into the yard below. He was arrested March 26 and placed on trial Monday last. He denied having known Ruth Wheeler, but testimony showed she had been sent to his rooms, expecting to obtain work as a stenographer.

GENERAL MANAGER CHOSEN Earl E. Clark, Former Sales Man-

ager for Columbia Trust Com-

pany, Takes Important Real

Estate Position. The Union Bank & Trust Company has secured Earl_E. Clark, for three years sales manager of the Columbia Trust Company, as general manager of the real estate business of the company. While with the Columbia Trust Company Mr. with the Columbia Trust Company Mr. Clark made an enviable record handling sub-division property. His brother, Frank N. Clark, president of the company, gives the young man much of the credit for the big records made by that company during the three years he has been con-nected with it. His energy is exhaustless and his ability ranka, with those having many more years of experience. He not

and his ability ranka, with those having many more years of experience. He not only understands the real estate buziness from dirt to dellars but he understands men, a most valuable knowledge for those who would achieve success in any business line, and during his service with the Columbia Trust Company has gathered about him some energetic cap-able spirits like himself, four of whont go with him to the new position. The field of the Union Bank & Trust Com-pany will allow him a latitude for his natural ability and his friends are pre-dicting a flattering future for the young



Seven Have Miraculous Escape in Ohio Horror.

STEUBENVILLE, O., April 23 .- The lives of 18 miners were shuffed out in a tremendous explosion in the Yough-logheny and Ohio Coal Company's mine at Amsterdam last night. Seven men bruised and burned were rescued from the mine and their escape from death is reproded no mineratory. FIRST ROSE ON APRIL 18 'Two Blooms Appear in Yard of Dr death is regarded as miraculous. The interior of the mine was wrecked and all ventilation shuit of. The cause has not yet been determined. Credit for the first rose of the season is claimed by Dr. J. A. Pettit, of East Thirty-fourth and Belmont streets. Dr. Pettit says two roses appeared on the

SPOKANE CROOKS CAUGHT Police Make Brilliant Catch of Ten

Men and Women.

SPOKANE, April 23 .- With the acrest in this city today of a gang of alleged

and hats were crushed in the table of the points of vantage. When Wolter was led back to his cell Light & one young woman pressed forward and attempted to hand him a rose. A court refused

ton company, who acts as business agent, refused to give out details further than that the deal has not yet been made. The consideration involved is said to be about \$150,000, this price to include power rights of way and the plant at Dayton.





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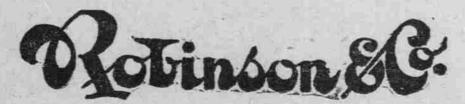
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