

BANK STAFF HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Northwestern National Host to Happy Family of 100 in Banking Rooms.

DANCE FOLLOWS BANQUET

Menu is Arranged in Financial Terms and Much Amusement is Afforded by Various Impromptu Features.

From the office boy to the president the officers and employees of the Northwestern National Bank gathered in the banking rooms last night for one of the most unique, likewise most enjoyable and most interesting, Christmas entertainments of the present holiday season.

Many members of the staff were accompanied by their wives, the entire group of 100 or more forming a happy, congenial "family party."

Festivities began at 8 o'clock with a seven-course dinner, and continued until midnight with a lively programme of old-fashioned and modern dances to round out the evening.

An orchestra dispensed cheering airs while the party was at the table, and afterward produced the rhythmic strains to guide the twinkling feet of the merry-makers over the polished marble floor.

The Seattle quartet interspersed the instrumental numbers with a series of well-rendered vocal selections.

Counting Room Decorated. The entertainment was unique in that it was the first time, probably, that a banking-room was used for social amusement.

As soon as the doors closed for the regular day's business early in the afternoon a crew of decorators went to work and by the time the party returned early in the evening the place had been transformed into a veritable flower garden.

Long tables had been erected on the mezzanine floor overlooking the great marble lobby on the main floor. The meal was prepared at the Portland Hotel across Morrison street, and served by a steward and waiters from that hotel.

The menu, which was prepared by a committee of employees, had a distinctly "financial" flavor. One item, for example was denominated "Fancy Assorted Cashiers with Footnote explaining that it should have read "fancy assorted cakes" and an apology for the mistake.

The banquet and the entire entertainment programme were tendered the employees by courtesy of the bank itself. The staff was made exceptionally happy earlier in the day by the distribution of a \$25 Christmas present to everyone connected with the institution.

In addition to the officers the following members of the staff shared in the evening's enjoyment.

F. O. Bates, A. L. Frayley, Edgar E. Alger, Louise V. Alexander, Harry Avery, Sidney Booth, Hazel Bowman, Fred C. Brown, Walter H. Brown, George L. Burke, C. A. Caspers, Mabel L. Childress, Emma Christian, Gertrude Conroy, Helen Cowles, Chester G. Davis, Lynn W. Decker, J. Fay Douglas, Merrill T. Eastham, N. S. Freund, Frank Gordon, Gene Gunn, Earl W. Hammond, Arthur G. Harbaugh, Matthew Harris, R. B. Harris, Edgar H. Harro, Alex. J. Heup, Roy E. Hurd, Georgia Irvine, Alfred Ives, June S. Jones, Florence M. Johnson, W. J. Johnson, Kenneth Kramer, Walter W. Knack, William Knight, Max Kramer, Arthur C. Longshore, Robert Blair, Milton Mackay, J. J. McCall, J. H. Merriman, A. A. Morse, Clarence M. Olmstead, L. A. Perry, Ivan M. Pollard, Ralph F. Reed, Walter R. Reed, George S. Reed, Clyde J. Rupert, Victor Schneider, Fred Selberg, Lowell S. Claiborne, George O. Stearns, Frank E. Tomlinson, Henry A. White, James White, W. H. Whitmer, Layton Wisdom, Harold S. Yon, Mel M. Young.

MRS. J. A. CHILDS IS ILL

WIDOW OF EARLY DAY PHYSICIAN AT CONVALESCENT HOME.

Various Moves Made in Hope for Recovering Health, but All Are Without Avail.

Mrs. Josephine Childs, widow of Dr. John A. Childs, an early-day physician in Portland, who for some time conducted a drug store at First and Main streets that later was purchased by Bradon & Koehler, is critically ill at the Convalescent Home and little hope was held out last night for her recovery.

Dr. Childs, who came to Oregon about 1880, died in 1892. His name is associated with the launching of the Franklin Building & Loan Association.

FAIR WEATHER HOPE GONE

Kris Kringle to Wear Sou'wester Instead of Sleigh Bells.

There is no hope of fair weather for Christmas day.

This was the announcement made last night by Deputy Forecaster Drake, of the local weather bureau. Mr. Drake announced that it would be likely to rain or possibly snow.

CHARMING YOUNG WOMAN, FORMERLY OF THIS CITY, WHO YESTERDAY BECAME BRIDE OF SAN FRANCISCO WRITER.



Mrs. Ottorino Donatello Ronchi, (53 by Eileen Andrews)

Portland folk will be interested in the wedding of Mrs. Andrews-Smith, who was a resident of this city until a few months ago. The wedding was solemnized yesterday and her husband is a noted writer, Ottorino Donatello Ronchi, of San Francisco.

ORPHEUM BILL LONG

Columbian Ladies' Orchestra to Play at Midnight Matinee.

SHOW TO HAVE TEN ACTS

Blare of Melody Will Usher in New Year—Twenty-Minute Concert Will Include Lively and Be-fitting Ragtime Airs.

Once again a local act has won recognition by the Orpheum. The Columbian Ladies' Orchestra has been engaged to appear as the extra attraction in the Orpheum's midnight matinee next Sunday, to bid adieu to the old year and usher in the new with a blare of melody.

LOCAL MUSICAL ORGANIZATION WINS RECOGNITION FROM ORPHEUM.



COLUMBIAN LADIES' ORCHESTRA.

The Columbian Ladies' Orchestra is an all-Portland institution, and made its first hit here by an engagement at the Oaks which was continued from one contract to another, owing to the great popularity of the girl musicians.

at Minneapolis in July also was selected.

The election resulted as follows: James Peter Moffett, illustrious potentate; Captain William Davis, chief rabbi; W. J. Hofmann, assistant rabbi; A. H. Lea, high priest and prophet; Frank S. Grant, oriental guide; Hugh J. Boyd, secretary; A. M. Brown, treasurer; A. L. Tetu, first ceremonial master; H. T. Hutchinson, second ceremonial master; P. H. Dammasch, director; Ivan Humason, marshal; Harvey Wells, captain of the guard, and P. P. Kilbourne, outer guard.

C. W. Erskine Candidate.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—It became known here today that Charles W. Erskine, of Bend, is a candidate for the appointment as attorney for the State Land Board in the newly created county of Deschutes.

Six Freight Cars Jump Track. SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Six freight cars were derailed and four of them badly smashed, when part of a freight train jumped the track at Turley this morning. No one was injured.

NEW MOVIE HOUSE HAS BIG FIRST NIGHT

Renovated Building Opened by Edwin F. James Is Attractively Decorated.

GEORGE L. BAKER SPEAKS

"Idle Wives," as Premiere Offering, Depicts Those Who Forsake Important Things of Life for Empty Conventionalities.

The moving picture film has expanded to its full power in the elaborate production of "Idle Wives," a dramatization of the novel by Thomas Openheim, which served last night as the feature for the opening of the new James Broadway Theater.

The argument is resolved by showing the audience the parallel between the real characters of life and the characters which are presented on the screen. This piece of self-consciousness on the part of the producer, instead of lessening the reality of the interior play, has intensified its vigor.

City Life Portrayed. "The Mirror of Life" as the interior play was called, could not have given a more unwavering picture of the realities—the moments of unhappiness and moments of bitter grief that creep into the lives of real people who live in cities.

"Idle Wives" is a just and honest reflection on the people who forsake the really important things of life for those which are merely conventional, and it is an encouragement to those who are ready to face the risks and the hardships of real lives. It shows that the real profit from life comes to those who have the "fear of nothing."

Mr. Baker Makes Address. City Commissioner George L. Baker made an introductory speech at the opening of last night's performance, calling attention to the special significance of the large attendance on a night when so many other duties are uppermost.

The theater presented an unusual spectacle in itself, the new decorations having proved more than ordinarily attractive. New hangings, new lighting effects have been added, a rear room is in operation, and the entire theater presents an appearance less like a movie than any other theater in the city.

Music was furnished by the Broadway Symphony Orchestra of 11 pieces, and the director, George L. Baker, is in operation. The present programme will continue for an indefinite run.

UNCLE SAMS DEFEATED

VANCOUVER HOCKEY TEAM WINS 7 GOALS TO 4.

Lehman's Great Work at Goal Saves Millionaires, While Johnson's Rushes Feature for Portland.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—By outskating and outplaying the Vancouver Millionaires took the Portland hockey team into camp here tonight, seven goals to four, the brilliant work of Hugh Lehman in goal for the locals featured the game.

SHRINERS HAVE ELECTION

James Peter Moffett Named for Illustrious Potentate.

Al Kader Temple of Shriners held their annual election of officers last night at the Masonic Temple. A committee to attend the imperial convocation at Minneapolis in July also was selected.

Students Visit Electric Plant.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Twenty students of the Oregon Agricultural College who are taking the course in electrical engineering yesterday inspected the splendidly equipped power plant of the Oregon Power Company in this city.

Elks to Remember Poor Children.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)

Advertisement for Christmas Greetings and all Good Wishes to You from The Owl Drug Co. featuring an illustration of a woman and children.

ROAD CODE DESIRED

Commonwealth Conferences to Meet in Portland January 3.

ALL INTERESTS COMING

Effort to Be Made to Unite on One Measure to Be Offered to Legislature—Experts From Many States Are to Speak.

MRS. ROSS TO FIGHT ON

Attorneys for 12 Alleged Night Riders Are Accused.

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