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CAUSE OF DEATH BY ELECTRIC SHOCK'IS NOT AS YET SOLVED

Albert Nachtigall Killed Bath Tub by Normal Current, Is General View.

MATTER IS INVESTIGATED

Patal Accident Result of Grounding of Circuit When Man Grasped Bulb, Says Claim Agent Boynton.

Although 10 days have elapsed since Albert Nachtigall was killed by elect tricity as he lay in the bathtub in his home, 568' Lexington avenue. Thanksgiving morning, no final and definite explanation has been reached as to the reason. Out of many theries, the consensus of opinion is that the young streetcar conductor's death resulted merely from the normal electric current flowing through the wires In the regular way-the danger and death coming because he was lying in

a tin bathtub filled with water. Inspections were made after the accident by City Electrical Inspector Dunlap, Coroner Sam Slocum and electricians of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. Of the three independent investigations, that ordered by the power company was made first. Dunlap did not reach the scene for 24 hours after the shock and half a day after the company men began the search for the cause

Numerous inquiries have reached The Journal regarding the cause of Nachtigall's death. Many household ers believed that they, too, were liable to just such accidents and they sought information that would protect them.

Current May Have Gupunded.

B. F. Boynton, claim agent of the P. R. L. & P. Co., said the young

Patrons of the institute include Mayor H. R. Albee, Mrs. Thomas Erskine, Mrs. Henri C. Labbe, Mrs. man's death unquestionably was caused by his "grounding" the circuit when he clutched the light bulb attached to an extension cord as he lay in the water. The voltage that passed Helen Ladd Corbett, Mrs. Albert through his body figured little in the Morrison, Mrs. Walter J. Burns, Mrs. case, he said, because the current kept William M. Ladd, Mrs. Robert Livingstone.- Mrs. Peter Kerr, Mrs. Robert flowing from the time he formed the contact until the wire was jerked loose at the ceiling and the circuit Taylor Honeyman, Mrs. Røbert Berger, Mrs. William R. Mackenzie, Mrs. The long extension cord is Frederick Eggert, Mrs. Roger Hastblamed entirely, because it had so much slack that the galvanic recall ings.

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entertainment committee The Nachtigall's muscles could not charge of the recital consists of Mrs. break the contact. . H. Roper, Mrs. I. F. Andrews, Mrs. H. Phillips, Mrs. Anna Ovens.

One theory held by some is that the Officers of the institute are as foltransformer at the pole was defective lows: Rev. E. H. Roper, chaplain; Robert Livingstone, president; Peter -that it "leaked" and allowed a high voltage to pass over from the primary to the secondary circuit and flow into Kerr, vice president; William R the wires into the boy's body. Elec-tric company inspectors say their ex-J. Burns, Samuel Connell, W. A. Dempsey, Judge W. B. Gilbert, J. K. amination disclosed no such condition. City Inspector Dunlap did not inspect the transformer at all. Private elec-Gill, J. E. Haseltine, R. W. Hastings, Peter Kerr, Robert Livingstone, Wiltricians doubt that such a condition liam R. Mackenzie, Dr. A. C. Smith, existed, because they say it would Rodney Glisan, directors.

ing equipment All Day Meeting Of Grange Planned The services followed a procession from the lodge Temple at Broadway and Stark streets headed by the Elks' Opinions at Variance. Another theory that a 'ground' existed at some point on the circuit has been advanced. Such a "ground" actually was found in a neighboring house



Left to right-Miss Eloise Lawffer, Mrs. R. Emerson, Mrs. V. Hayward.

Another full week and then "Colonial I Some of the features planned are nard, Miss Emily Rupert, Miss Gene-Beaux and Belles in Dixieland," the

Multnomah club show. Elaborate preparations are being nade for the event and when shown at the Heilig theatre, the evenings of December 14 and 15, it will be one of the must pretentious society entertainments ever attempted in Portland. Rehearsals will be held every night week putting the finishing touches to the many novel dances and choruses with which the piece abounds, and the "stars" will be given a last

chance to practice their lines. The chorus has been chosen for singing and dancing ability and those with

speaking parts are numbered from the best talent available in Portland.

dancing specialties by Mrs. Rives Em-erson, a ballet composed of 16 at- A. Giebisch, Miss Katherine Pfeuffer, tractive young women, and J. E. Wer- Blaine B. Coles, K. P. Morrison, C. E. lein in the role of chief fun maker. Manning, Miss June Shea, H. M. Stead-Among those who will take part are: man, Mrs. Tony Metschan, Miss Mil-Pauline Miller Chapman, Goldie dred Kingsley, Miss Hazel Koontz, E. Peterson, Mrs. Charles Henney, Mrs. L. Williams, K. Herbring, P. R. Gun-Delphine Marx, Miss Marie Roberts, nison, Arthur Cook, Miss Colleita Miss Elois Lawffer, Miss Moreita Kenny, Miss Francis Kenny, Mrs. C. J. Hickman, Hartridge Whipp, Norman Rupert, Mrs. George Williams, Miss Hoose, O. W. Davidson, C. E. Patter-son, L. Serr, Pink Day, A. G. Tindolph, Miss Hazel Hagar, Miss Phoebe A. G. Harbaugh, H. H. Grady, J. H. Gage, Miss Edith Williams, Miss Ruth Berry, Warren Irwin, Dr. Emerson, D. Lange, Miss Ada Conry, Miss F. Shea, Griff, Eldon Stone, R. Feldenheimer, Miss V. Hayward, E. M. Barley, O. H. C. A. Woodworth, Miss Melba Westen- McPherson, W. C. Christensen, C. R. gard, Mrs. R. R. King, Mrs. P. L. Simpson, W. H. Drake, Gerald Barrett, Thompson, Miss Florence Westengard, R. E. Bafrett, Frank Mack, H. A. Bar- Louis Tingley.

Secretary Ralph Spaulding the esquire

answered "absent" and a bell was tolled. The services were closed by a benediction pronounced by Chaplain Backus. MEMORIAL SERVICES Centralia Elks Observe Day. Centralia, Wash., Dec. 7.-At the an-nual memorial services of the Cen-tralia lodge of Elks, held in the local in memory of dead ******************************* Several Hundred Members Satisfaction Participate in Ceremonies is the guarantee this in Honor of Absent Ones. store extends to men who buy their clothes The Portland lodge of Elks held its here. Just as true is nnual memorial services for departed this of our prothers yesterday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church, and several hundred members assembled to mourn Men's Suits for the 14 absent since the roll call a

Members of the lodge who died during the year and the dates of their death are as follows: George A. Price, Declub rooms yesterday, John T. Welsh of South Bend delivered the memorial address and music for the services cember 18, 1913; William C. Barbour, was given by Dr. C. C. Nelson, Herr January 1, 1914; T. D. Linton, May 2, 1914, and C. C. Taylor, September 5, Carl Pitzer, Mrs. E. H. S. Mulder, Miss Agnes Harwus and Mrs. Clara L. Sym-

D'Arcy Speaks at Eugene. .

Kubli at Walla Walla. Eugene, Or., Dec. 7 .- Memorial serv-

es for five members of the Eugene Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 7 .- K. K. Kubli of Portland delivered the memo ledge of Elks who died during the last rial address at the "Lodge of Sorrow" were held yesterday afternoon. conducted by Walla Walla Lodge No. P. H. D'Arcy of Salem delivered the memorial address and Attorney R. S. 287, B. P. O. E. in the Keylor-Grand ing ode; lodge members; invocation, firs Smith of Eugene delivered the eulogy, theatre yesterday afternoon. Everett Rev. C. W. Robinson; "What Is Life," ton.

J. Smith of the local lodge gave the male quartet; memorial address, Judge eulogy. Music was furnished by Mrs. R. R. Butler of The Dalles; "In C. S. Walters, Mrs. Roscoe W. Smith, Heavenly Love Abiding," Mrs. J. F. Miss Zilla Simpson and Guy Allen Tur-Risley; eulogy, Joseph E. Hedges; solo, "When the Roses, Bloom," Mrs. J. F.

Program at Oregon City.

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 7 .- Elks' annual memorial day address was delivered by Judge R. R. Butler of The Dalles. J. E. Hedges of this city gave

ley," male quart C W. Rebinson. the eulogy. The program was as fol-Bulgarian Embassy Established. lows: Opening ceremonies, lodge mem-New York, Dec. 7 .- Stephen Panaoribers, W. R. Logus, exalted ruler; openetoff arrived to establish Bulgaria's first American embassy in Washing-

Risley; closing ceremony, lodge members; "We Are Going Down the Val-

male quartet; benediction, Rev.



