

HOOT, MON! DINNA YE KEN?

Elaborate Preparations for St. Andrew's Ball This Evening Completed—Decorations on a Magnificent Scale Never Before Attempted—Will Surpass Previous Efforts.

The small sized army of carpenters and decorators which has for several days been engaged in transforming the barren walls of the A. B. hall into a veritable thing of beauty ended its labors this afternoon and the result of the artistic skill shown will be as a picture from fairyland. Bunting and flags have been used with the greatest profusion, the riot of coloring blending most harmoniously. Harry Sedley, who is assisting Cox & Cloes, the decorators, has painted a setting which will adorn the rear of the stage, the scene depicting a camp of Highlanders in one of their mountain fastnesses. In the center of the stage suspended from the proscenium arch will hang the huge St. Andrew's cross composed of myriads of electric lights. Attached to the ceiling in the center of the room will be another St. Andrew's cross from which will run to the sides, ends and corners artistic effect is produced by the panels formed in the construction of the balcony along the sides of the room. There are five on each side, adorned with palms crossed over rosettes of bunting. Each of the pillars supporting the balcony is draped in a manner similar to the general tone and effect of the decorations taken as a whole. Over the main balcony are hung garlands and festoons in every conceivable shape thus affording a grateful relief to the bare ceiling which would otherwise be visible. Hanging from the front of the balcony and in its center is a large picture of King Edward likewise suitably draped.

The erection of the two extra balconies was a wise decision on the part of the executive committee as additional seating capacity to the extent of nearly 100 is thus afforded. From the rear of the balcony greater egress is given by an extra stairway which has been put in. In the ladies' dressing room, the large room directly in front of the hall will be a couple of maids to attend the wants of the fair ones and repair any trifling damage that may be inflicted upon their gowns in the crush of dancing. The ladies will also find at their disposal mirrors and all kinds of toilet accessories. The room adjoining wherein are the lodge lockers will be devoted to the gentlemen for smoking and cards. The gentlemen's check room

is found at the rear of the main balcony where ample provision has been made for checking and caring for their outdoor apparel.

The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. A. F. Friemuth will occupy the front of the stage. At the rear the tables from which supper will be served will be spread. Everything may be said to be in perfect readiness for the great social event of Dawson and tomorrow the executive committee and members of St. Andrew's Society will modestly receive the many encomiums they so richly deserve.

The Tide of Telephone Talk.

"It's very curious how talk ebbs and flows over the wire," said a New Orleans telephone girl. "Low tide is at 1:30 in the morning. Around that time several minutes will elapse when nobody in this whole big city is using the 'phone. When you come to think about it, that is something remarkable. Between 1 and 2 o'clock the calls will average from 160 to 180, rarely more, but for some reason I was never able to understand, business always picks up between 2 and 3—in fact, it nearly doubles. Then, for equally mysterious reasons, there is another lull, and the hour between 3 and 4 is almost as quiet as between 1 and 2. I have often tried to figure out some theory for those two curious fluctuations, but have never even hit upon one that was even plausible.

"After 4 o'clock, however, there is a steady and continuous increase in the stream of talk. We girls who have been in the exchange a good while get to know exactly how the city wakes up. The market men head the procession, and then follow the different tradespeople and clerks and office employees, according to the necessities of the various callings. All of them use the 'phone more or less, and it is very curious and interesting to watch the graduations by which the community settles down to its day's work. By 9 o'clock the rush of traffic has become something tremendous, and it grows by leaps and bounds until it reaches a climax at 10. From 9 to 10 the calls will often exceed 4,000. Then there is a slight falling off, becoming more marked as the day advances, and between 4 and 5 nine-tenths of the business 'phones have subsided. But,

oddy enough, the residence 'phones at that juncture suddenly take up the tale, and their heaviest business is between 4 and 6. I suppose the business folks are through then with the main cares of the day and have a little leisure for long distance gossip. Throughout the early evening calls don't vary much one way or the other, and, with 9 o'clock, they begin to dwindle steadily down to 1:30, which, as I said before, is extreme low water mark."

"How many calls can a girl attend to in an hour? Well, I have made connection for 300 talks between 9 and 10, exclusive of the numbers I reported as busy.

Made Herself a Baroness.

Passengers who arrived in New York on the White Star liner Oceanic yesterday, were on tipto with curiosity to learn the identity of a mysterious voyager who appeared on the passenger list under the title of the Baroness Bazus. Persons skilled in the family histories of the continental nobility had tried in vain to guess the nationality of this family.

It has been noticed that the baroness, who seemed an unassuming woman of rather more than middle age, wore many costly rings and that a crest appeared on most of her possessions. She had a small, long haired dog, of which she seemed very fond.

All the other passengers were on the alert at the dock to see what friends she had, because she did not approve of the policy of the publications which bear the Leslie name and did not wish longer to be identified with them.

"This title dates back to the time of Saint Louis, king of France," said the baroness. "Saint Louis conferred it upon Philippe Picote, the head of a family in southern France. He had, besides the title of Baron de Bazus, that of Count Latelyroche.

"This last title is now in the family. I have just come from visiting them, and I have had a delightful time.

"Ancestors of mine came to Louisiana from France on account of the Huguenot persecutions. About ten or fifteen years ago my aunt established her right by birth and marriage to the title of Baroness de Bazus, and she decided to claim it for the benefit of her son. This son died seven or eight years ago, and as my aunt too is dead, the title passes to me. The family in France received me with open arms and were glad that I had the title. As they have the title of Count de Latelyroche they could spare the other one.

"By an act of the French parliament in 1847 the Barons de Bazus are mentioned and their rights of procedure and the like are confirmed."

Upon the accession of the baroness to the title, which took place in Paris the Baroness Salavador gave a soiree for her.

This is the fifth name the Baroness de Bazus has acknowledged as her own. Originally she was Miss Marian Florence Follin. She married E. G. Squier, afterward United States minister to Peru, and after she separated from him married Frank Leslie. After Mr. Leslie's death she married in 1891, William C. K. Wilde, from whom she obtained a divorce. Among her ardent admirers before her marriage to Mr. Wilde was the Marquis de Leville, who freely offered his title. It was not accepted, and it was shown afterwards that the "marquis" was not a Frenchman at all, but a London tailor's son.

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The large church auditorium was comfortably filled and the services throughout were in accord with the spirit of the day.

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COMING AND GOING.

J. H. France and J. Ellison of Hunker are guests at the Empire hotel.

Messrs. Chas. Worden of 16 Eldorado and John S. Day of Cheechaco Hill are registered at the Regina.

L. McDonald and A. James of Bonanza, and John Payne of Dominion, are registered at the Empire hotel.

Mr. Peter Dowe, the sour dough miner who arrived from the Koyukuk on Tuesday evening is making the Regina hotel his headquarters during his stay in Dawson.

Capt. Donovan, of 6 above lower Discovery on Dominion is in town for Thanksgiving and is a guest at the Regina. The Captain reports a big stampede from lower Dominion to Mail creek, caused by a report of a big strike made there recently.

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Still, there are Chinese characters whose heroism we can admire. One of them—and a great favorite with Chinese historians and poets—is Queen Mi, wife of the Emperor Liu.

During the rebellion of Tsoo a great battle was fought, the chronicles relate, in which the forces of the emperor became scattered and his household dispersed. While the combat still raged Queen Mi found herself alone, abandoned, cruelly wounded by an arrow—and tottering feebly through the bloody grass on her "three inch gold lilies" (compressed feet), bearing in her arms the little A-tou, heir to the line.

She was not his own mother, but her maternal devotion was none the less perfect. Dragging herself painfully to a half ruined hut, she crouched against the wall with the baby wrapped in her robe. Presently a horseman rode up and discovered her. He proved to be Chao-tzu-lung, a faithful general of the emperor. Prostrating himself at her feet he begged her to mount his horse with the child; he would fight on foot at their side and endeavor to break through the enemy's lines to the royal army on the farther side.

Ceremoniously bidding him rise, the grateful queen in her turn knelt, not to her general, but to his loyalty, and assured him that she trusted him to rescue the heir, but that he must leave her to die. A warrior on foot, with a wounded woman as well as a baby, would be at a fatal disadvantage. He must ride and carry the child.

"Place him beneath your corslet, next your heart," she said, "with me tightly nor yet so very loose."

But Chao-tzu-lung could not bring himself to abandon the poor, wounded woman at his feet and running to the last muster of her strength he knelt near at hand sprang down to his death.

Then, indeed, the general knelt to the baby as she had hidden him, and charging the enemy in a hot, mad grief and rage broke through their lines, bore the heir in safety to his father, Liu, and told him of the sacrifice—YOUTH'S COMPANION.

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St. Andrew's ball, the first of the year, has once more... of the past—a memory of, gossiped about and... the next twelve months... judge by the past performance of the society, there will be a... into the splendor of last year's... The society has... reputation for lav... and its guests... been disappointed in... content offered them, last... having been the grand... conducted affair 'that... and the hearts of Dawson... The hall, the music, light... refreshments, entertain... in short, everything... one harmonious whole... by the experienced... who had charge of the... and the result... already been stated, the... event ever witnessed...

the stage which was the... with the eye on entering... willfully lighted w... lamps, and over the... most beautiful St... in the different col... and gave a very striking... end of the hall. The... stage was draped in... also the balcony which... the hall, and from the... ceiling was suspended a... from the points... of the sides, ends and corners... hall.

Without doubt the music, in... other detail of the ball, equal mention, and by the... that mention cannot... in praise of Professor... whose leadership... last music error heard... in Dawson. And speak... for it is music to ev... let us not forget Piper... and his pipes.

Up in a corner of the bal... included banner at that... and champagne that was... all there was no more to... of this happens after a... had been served, and the... was brought in, and the... the way of all wise, as... had been serving the... stage tub of water on the... in the stage Caterer... directing the work of... seated waiters who... used to partake of the... The refreshments... in buffet style, as it... not admit of more... more, but after all that if a...

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