

## A Look at *The Veracious Chronicles of the Cliff Cottage Club*

by Carole Glauber

“THERE ARE SCORES OF MEN who have made large fortunes and some of them are fabulously wealthy. I wish I could find out the way to do it,” wrote Peter Kerr in November 1892, not long after he moved to Portland.<sup>1</sup> After traveling the world for several years, Scotland-born, Kerr did “find a way,” becoming a solid member of the city’s affluent Establishment. He had family connections to Donald Macleay and other Scottish investors in Portland and had visited the city in 1888.<sup>2</sup> He soon thought of himself as a “regular webfoot” and noted that the population of Portland was booming at around 80,000 or 90,000 people and that “electric cable cars run everywhere — even miles out into at present uninhabited country. . . . It is bound to be a big place someday if they don’t overdo things — and in every place the booming is done by local capital — absolutely no foreign or even local loans for improvement. . . . I may buy Walla Walla wheat.”<sup>3</sup> Kerr initially

worked as an agent for Dewar and Webb, wheat-shipping magnates based in London and, like many local grain merchants, he eventually accumulated a large amount of wealth through his business interests and real estate.

In 1893, Kerr joined the exclusive Arlington Club, established in 1867 by thirty-five businessmen who hoped to recreate a European style gentleman’s social club. Kerr initially paid the \$150 membership fee and \$10 a month dues; by 1894, he was living at the club for \$15 a month, with meals but excluding liquor for an additional \$2 a day. He hated the “wretched whiskey cocktails,” wishing club members would drink tea instead of whiskey.<sup>4</sup> The club occupied a luxurious building on the corner of Alder and Park Streets and had four bowling alleys, a mahogany-lined billiard room, a wine room, a coffee room, a library, private and open dining rooms, and five bedrooms. In 1896, Kerr was elected its president, joining the ranks of



*Patrick B. Gifford, Peter Kerr, and Thomas Kerr (left to right) pose for a photograph on the front steps of their home, Cliff Cottage.*

former presidents William S. Sibson and Donald Macleay.<sup>5</sup>

But Kerr did not spend all of his time at the Arlington Club. Around 1897, Kerr and two other bachelors — his brother Thomas, and Patrick Gifford — moved to a thirteen-acre

parcel of land, known as Elk Rock, about three miles south of Portland on the bluffs above the west bank of the Willamette River.<sup>6</sup> The land was in an area referred to as Rivera or Riverside, where many prominent Portland families constructed mag-



*Patrick B. Gifford (right) and an unidentified companion play golf on the lawn at Cliff Cottage.*

nificent homes and gardens often filled with plants imported from around the world. Among Gifford and the Kerrs' neighbors were banker and businessman Charles E. Ladd and his wife, photographer Sarah Hall Ladd, who built an estate named "Cedarhurst."<sup>7</sup> Kerr had formed his first Portland business with William Sibson in 1893, writing, "we intend going slow and avoiding treading on other people's toes, as far as is consistent with the making of money."<sup>8</sup> By 1899, the firm had become Gifford & Kerr, with Patrick Gifford his partner.<sup>9</sup>

The three bachelors lived in a house on the Elk Rock property named Cliff Cottage and declared themselves the "Cliff Cottage Club." Peter Kerr

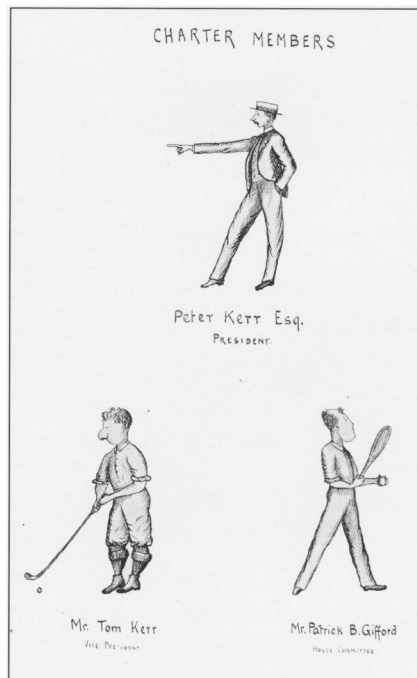
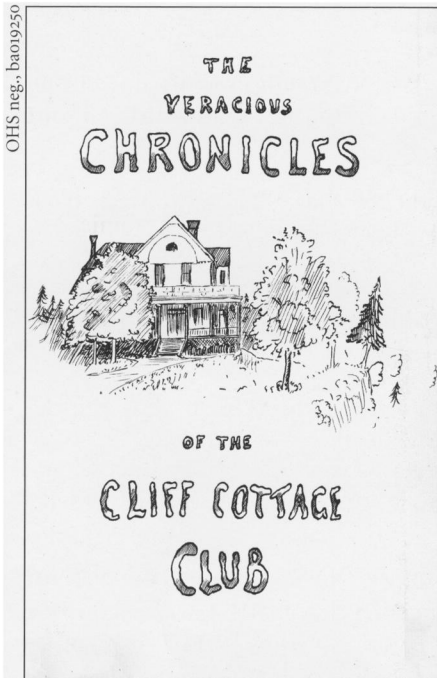
appointed himself president, his brother Thomas vice president, and Gifford as the house committee. To fill leisure time, members of the prosperous class played golf, tennis, and croquet. Golf was a winter sport in Portland, because the grass grew too high in the summer, and cutting it was too expensive and time consuming. In 1896, Peter Kerr and his brother Thomas became charter members of the Waverley Golf Club, the first golf club in Oregon. Waverley attracted the social elite of Portland including the Ladd, Ainsworth, and Macleay families.<sup>10</sup> In May 1897, "at its first annual meeting . . . the club had 74 male and 23 'lady' members."<sup>11</sup> Tennis was another new sport with growing

popularity, and both residents of and visitors to Cliff Cottage were among its most passionate devotees.

After his marriage to Laurie King in 1905, Kerr purchased the land interests of Gifford and his brother and began plans for a much larger house and gardens on the same bluff.<sup>12</sup> The house, designed by D.E. Lawrence to resemble a Scottish manor, was begun in 1914 and finished in 1916. When Kerr died in 1957, the property was donated by his heirs to the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon with the agreement that the gardens would be open to the public. Today, Kerr's property is known as Bishop's Close, and its garden is notable for exceptional native and exotic plants integrated in a landscape designed by

Olmsted and Sons, the designers of Central Park in New York City.

In May 1897, Kerr made his first entry in a scrapbook titled *The Veracious Chronicles of the Cliff Cottage Club*, which he kept until he was married in 1905.<sup>13</sup> *The Veracious Chronicles* provides a peek into the lifestyle and social activities of historic Portland's wealthier residents who visited Cliff Cottage from 1897 to 1905. Excerpts reproduced here show Kerr's witty writing and sketches, through which readers learn of club members' sense of humor, penchant for playing pranks, and ability to laugh at their foibles. Kerr illustrated the cover of *The Veracious Chronicles* with a drawing of his three-story cottage surrounded by



pages from *The Veracious Chronicles*

trees with a walkway curving toward the front porch. On the inside, he drew a coat of arms with the insignias of a pipe, a deer with antlers, and a third item, which could be golf clubs, surrounded by three "C"s followed by the "By-Laws and House-Rules." Kerr continued:

*On the first of May 1897*, the Pleasant Country Residence known as the Cliff Cottage was formally taken possession of by the club bearing its name and the members entered into residence. Thanks to the unwearied efforts and level head of Mr. Peter Kerr the President (although hampered by the advice of the Vice President and House Committee), all the various arrangements were successfully carried out. Such were the successful negotiations with the hard-hearted owners, per Major Wood, Agent. The Purchasing and Providing of the Household Furniture and Kitchen Utensils (in which connection the thanks of the club are hereby extended to that noble lady Mrs. W. S. Sibson). The engagement of that master of the culinary art, Tom Ching. The designing and laying out of the gardens and landscapes. And other important negotiations: The President, if may be here mentioned, received small thanks from his brother members for all his trouble. Which is strange, but true. And Mr. Gifford's dissatisfaction with the crumb scoop selected by the President (an elegant article of imported tin costing 10 c) reached such a point that Mr. Gifford had to be informed quietly but firmly, that if he desired anything different, he could provide it at his own expense.

*June 25, 1897.* Twelve eggs laid today by the twelve Wyandottes. Mr. Mat Sibson, however, once had a hen that laid three eggs daily for three months. Mr. Gifford made a note of it.

*June 28, 1897.* Mrs. Sibson, wearing a bright red shawl, had a running match with Rosie and won by short neck. The finish was close.

*June 29, 1897.* Visit from Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Ladd, who expressed themselves much pleased with improvements executed by the President. Very fine dinner executed by Ching, under President's direction.

*July 1, 1897.* Discovery of truffles on the riverbank by the President (Pronounced later by Dr. Bolander to be poisonous puffballs).<sup>14</sup>

*July 4, 1897.* Visit from Mr. and Mrs. C.E.S. Wood and family of which the following page is a memento.<sup>15</sup>

*August 5, 1897.* Weather torrid and well dry — No water to be had even for washing one's face. Mr. Tom however, being of a cleanly habit, washed himself in a bottle of beer.

*September 1, 1897.* Half a dozen fine fat pheasants presented to the club by Mr. and Mrs. Ladd of Cedarhurst. They appreciate good neighbors.

*September 5, 1897.* Twelve dozen jars of excellent jam put up by Ching from fruit presented by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Ladd of Cedarhurst.

*September 13, 1897.* Arrival of Towzer, wiry baby terrier, and commencement of trouble.

*October 1, 1897.* Re-opening of the golf season at Waverly. Mr. Tom Kerr did the long course in 120. Mr. Gifford said he did it in 100. The President talked vaguely about 80 — but was not observed to have played more than 9 holes.

*October 9, 1897.* Formal close of the tennis season at Riverside. Large, expensive and much enjoyed entertainment given by the members of the C.C. Club.

*October 15, 1897.* Mr. Gifford blew up the quail.

*November 1, 1897.* Sporting season still in full blast. Mr. Gifford very keen. Observing a grouse nestling on the tennis ground at daybreak his attention having been called to it by the wakeful and observant President, Mr. Gifford issued forth in pyjamas, bath slippers, and heavy rain, armed with a shotgun and game-bag. We should have had a delicious entrée for dinner had not the grouse proved to be a lump of wood.



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*A man works in the garden on the west side of Cliff Cottage, which sits on a bluff overlooking the Willamette River to the east.*



*Kerr's uncle and aunt, James and Edith Dewar, are pictured here during a visit to Cliff Cottage.*

*December 1, 1897.* Tom Ching, best of cooks, sailed for China "to see his mother" leaving behind him, in charge of our establishment, Ching Ben Yen, "good man all same me".

*December 20, 1897.* Arrival of Bulgar, youthful but promising red Irish setter — commencement of further household trouble.

*January 1, 1898.* Important occurrence. Mr. Gifford accompanied by the President attended a large reception in town.

*January 10, 1898.* Bulgar got the Rickets.

*January 21, 1898.* Reception given by the Members of the C.C. Club who very kindly entertained their visitors by listening to Elocutionary efforts on the part of the latter. Mr. Sibson led off with a highly entertaining description of Sauvie's Island. Mrs. Ladd gave an interesting speech upon the Ceramic Arts of Japan. Mr. Wheeler discoursed eloquently on Physical Culture.<sup>16</sup> Mr. Gifford preached about his practice of early rising, and the President spoke a few words on Matrimony. The feature of the evening however was Mr. Ladd's amusing account (which occupied 55 minutes) of his hotel experiences in the old country. It was

much enjoyed by those present, though Mr. Wheeler denies having fallen asleep. A magnificent supper closed the evening.

*February 13, 1898.* Vigorous path-making operations and landscaping gardening improvements by Mr. Gifford and Mr. Wheeler, under the active direction of the President, through the poison oak shrubbery. Violent attack of poison oak contracted personally by the President.

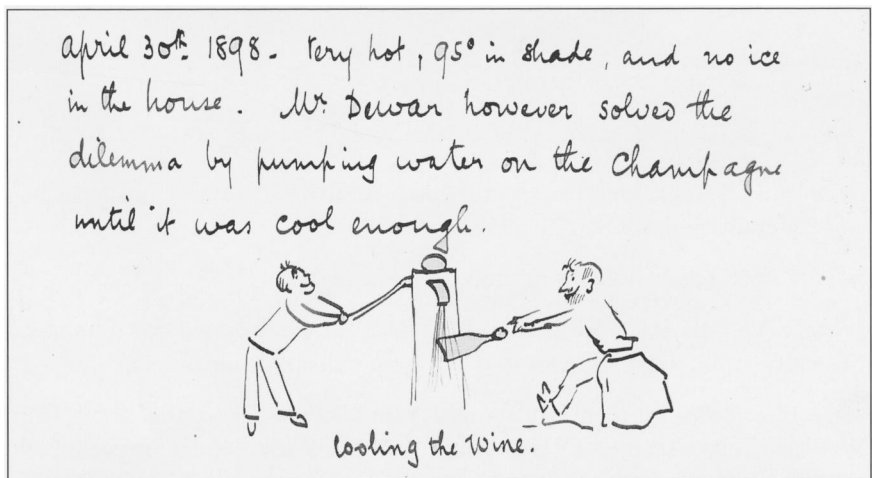
*March 1, 1898.* The President about better of his poison oak and looking handsome with the full beard he is compelled to wear, his downy cheeks being still unshavable.

*March 15, 1898.* Visit from Mr. Dewar the Liverpool wheat king, accompanied by Mrs. Dewar.

*April 30, 1898.* Very hot, 95 degrees in shade. And no ice in the house. Mr. Dewar however solved the dilemma by pumping water on the champagne until it was cool enough.

*May 10, 1898.* Arrival of Nib, smooth fox terrier. Nib with the sharp nose. First and best Nib.

*July 1, 1898.* Visit from Major Wood, for recuperative purposes after a heavy week in town. Immediately after dinner the Major made the mistake of falling asleep in his easy chair, which was quite amusing for us. The fire was at once lit, and all the doors and windows tightly closed; which as the weather was very hot, soon raised the temperature to about 150 degrees. Meanwhile the others retired to the veranda and awaited developments. When the Major awoke about an hour afterwards he had about melted. His collar was "withered," he was soaked with



*the April 30, 1898, entry in The Veracious Chronicles*





*Peter Kerr sits on the porch at Cliff Cottage.*

perspiration, and his temper was very bad. He also had a severe headache and was generally so upset that he had to go to bed.

*July 10, 1898.* Bulgar stole the salmon.

*July 15, 1898.* Miss Alice Sibson and Miss Belle McKee dropped down to have a game of tennis. Had a little tea first and forgot all about the tennis!<sup>17</sup>

*August 25, 1898.* Visit from Mr. Wm. M. Whidden special commissioner from Waverly Club in search of a new golf links.<sup>18</sup> Elk Rock country inspected and found unsuitable.

*September 5, 1898.* Return of Mr. Gifford from Europe. Principal event of his trip was the receipt of the can of sausages at his home in Scotland, with \$8.35 charges "collectable from consignee." The sender being Mr. Wheeler to whom it had been sent as a birthday present and who had been waiting a chance like this.

*September 16, 1898.* Formal closing of the Cliff Cottage Tennis Season. All the Members being present and assisted by Messrs. Mills, Wheeler, C.E. Ladd, and T. Wood.<sup>19</sup>

*September 22, 1898.* The little brown hen that Tom stole found to have raised a third family (of eight) out in the brush. Mr. Mat Sibson however once had a bantam hen that raised broods of about twenty each within three months and a duck that used to lay all winter at the bottom of a pond waiting for the summer sun to hatch out the eggs. One very hot July day five hundred ducks came quacking to the surface.

*September 25, 1898.* Tennis season finally closed. Those present being the President, the Vice President, and Mr. C.E. Ladd.

*September 26, 1898.* Mr. Gifford, with the remembrance of Europe still fresh upon him, busily engaged in reforming Yen's methods of cake-making. The only visible and evident results to other people were a raise of wages demanded by Yen, and heavy investments in weighing-machines, platters, tins, clippers, cutters, trimmers, jars, shapes, moulds, and other cake-making appurtenances. Also the purchase of immense stocks of cochineal, essences, syrups, jams, flavors, etc. Mr. Gifford for some reason irritable and unwilling to discuss the subject.

*October 1, 1898.* The President crazy on the subject of pigs and proposing large ornamental Piggery close to the house. Proposal being fought tooth and nail by Mr. Gifford and the matter stirring the club to its foundations.

#### Songs and Ballads

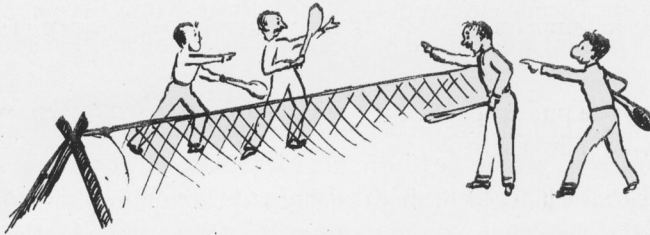
##### **Ode to the New fire Brasses**, by C.E. Ladd

As when on these brasses you set your feet  
You Tommy and Patrick and gentle Pete,  
May contented happiness be your lot  
As you sit and sip your Toddy Hot!

##### **Favorite Chorus**

We have a friend whose name is Pat  
We have a dog who's round and fat.  
We are going to have a cat  
Then we won't know where we're at.

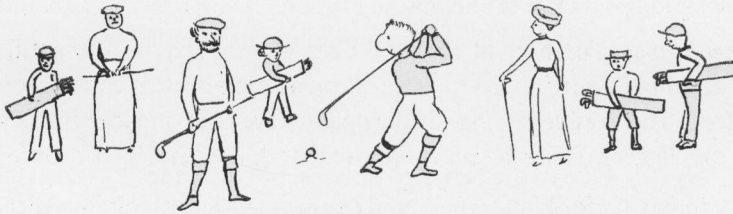
# PLEASANT MEMORIES



Row on the Tennis-court - "Over the net"! - Quietly settling the point.



"The Rank Decision" case.  
"Didn't stay in the box!"



Golf Foursomes

a page from The Veracious Chronicles

October 29, 1898. Delightful evening entertainment on the occasion of the President's birthday and collection for the poor of the parish, netting about five dollars, of which amount Mr. Ladd generously contributed a dollar. The supper was somewhat marred by the ice-cream sliding from the window (where it was put to keep cool) down on the grass. The dogs however did not get much of it and Mr. Tom succeeded in shaping it up so that nobody knew.

*January 1, 1899.* Encouraged by his success in the matter of cakes, Mr. Gifford still hot upon culinary improvements and bent upon a reformation in the soup department. Today being a holiday and very wet, Mr. G. took the opportunity of inaugurating kidney soup at Cliff Cottage. Yen's first attempt was a trifle thin and carotty but otherwise excellent, and we live I hope. Mr. G. and Yen both somewhat short in temper and the usual jokes and salutations conspicuously absent.

*April 1, 1899.* Tapioca pudding invented by Mr. Gifford, assisted by Yen. Wages of the latter continually advancing.

*April 2, 1899.* Towzer again admitted into the house after his record season of fourteen skunks.

*April 5, 1899.* Astounding occurrence. Marriage of Mr. Wheeler. Mr. Gifford's opportunity. It is said that Mrs. Wheeler was greatly delighted with the can of sausages which Mr. Gifford sent as a wedding present packed in many boxes and wrappings.

*May 1, 1899.* Visit from Major Webb of London. Special prize fight at dead of night got up in his honor.

*May 2, 1899.* Major W's boots wet by grass on way to train and polish taken off. There is no doubt the community is not quite civilized yet.

*May 10, 1899.* Major Webb greatly pleased with Kidney Soup and Tapioca Pudding, and protesting against any change.

*June 8, 1899.* Piggery matter up again. The President very much exercised by so many good vegetables going to waste.

*November 1, 1899.* Purchase of the Cliff Cottage property from the afflicted owners at a high figure. Plans of improvement immediately commenced by Mr. Gifford. The President however seemed to have only one idea in his head, namely the Piggery. This idea being opposed tooth and nail, by Mr. Gifford.

*April 1, 1900.* Mr. Gifford finally provided our present elegant solid silver crumb scoop at his own expense. Very irritating of Yen however, to continually forget to use it on special occasions.

*August 21, 1900.* Visit from Miss Kathleen Burns, Miss Nanny Wood, and Miss Jessie McTavish, escorted by Major Wood.<sup>20</sup> Miss McTavish showed us how tennis should be played.

*November 22, 1900.* Cliff Cottage shaken to its foundations by the marriage of the Vice President to Miss Mabel Macleay and his consequent retirement from the club.

*January 1, 1901.* Purchase of Aeriol Piano and beginning of aesthetic period.<sup>21</sup>

Sousa marches and other inspiring pieces giving great delight to the neighborhood, particularly when handled by Mr. Gifford.

*February 10, 1901.* Select party, including Rev. H.L.A. Rorke, Mrs. Tom Kerr and Miss King, enjoyed the hospitality of the club. Features of the evening, "Hot boxes" and aeriol music.

*November 15, 1901.* A welcome guest was Mr. James Dewar, the Liverpool Wheat King, on one of his periodical visits to Portland. A first class judge of port, he appreciated our hospitality.

*July 11, 1902.* At one of the club's frequent literary meetings Mr. Wheelwright was astonished to hear a Shakespearean misquotation on the part of Mr. Gifford.<sup>22</sup> The latter endeavored to explain that his lack of correct Shakespearean knowledge was entirely due to parsimony and lack of foresightedness, of the President who objected to the purchase of the immortal bard's works. A complete set of these works was immediately supplied by Mr. Wheelwright.

*December 1, 1902.* The fifth anniversary of Yen's service with the club was celebrated by a Banquet, at which we were the guests and Yen did the cooking and waiting. The standard C.C. dinner of

Kidney soup

Roast Beef

Tapioca Pudding

was served and much enjoyed by all present. A suitable presentation followed to Yen.

*March 29, 1903.* Arrival from Singapore of Mr. Andrew Kerr, brother of the President. He was immediately inducted into membership and residence in the club. His games of golf and tennis very good.

*April 18, 1903.* Pacific Coast golf championship won on Waverley Links by Mr. R.C. Macleay.<sup>23</sup> Great credit due to the President of the C.C. Club by reason of the training given by him to Mr. Macleay.

*August 1, 1903.* Visit of the President to Europe on business matters.

*October 21, 1903.* Return of the President from Europe. During his absence nothing momentous seems to have happened.

*May 14, 1904.* Arrival of Mr. David Kerr, brother of the President, for a visit of a few weeks en route from Singapore to Europe. Much was done for him in the way of tea and tennis and generally he was well entertained. In return, he presented the club with a very handsome (and expensive) carved oak table specially designed by Mr. W.M. Whidden.

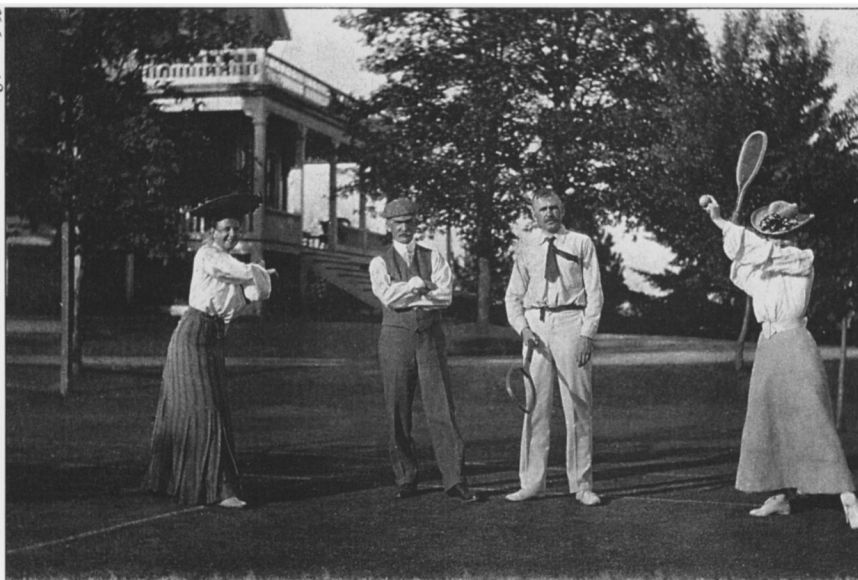
*November 1, 1904.* The President dined in town tonight at the Arlington Club,



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*Chin Ben Yen, Cliff Cottage's second cook, stands outside the house.*

the occasion being a dinner given by the exclusive "Wednesday Dining Club" to the railroad magnate Mr. E.H. Harriman. The members of the Dining Club (Dr. Mackenzie, Messrs W.D. Wheelwright, C.E.S. Wood, R.L. Macleay, C.E. Ladd, and Peter Kerr) were all present in person. It was Mr. Kerr's turn to arrange the menu and he very thoughtfully, as a rare treat, prescribed the Cliff Cottage party dinner which had for years given such universal satisfaction. When the kidney soup came on, Mr. Wheelwright (who was the only person who ever



*Peter Kerr (left) and his brother Andrew Kerr play at tennis with two unidentified women.*

suggested changes in the C.C. menus) looked surprised but remarked sweetly “I see you have selected Kidney soup — but this is really delicious.” The roast beef happened to be wonderful and nothing was said, but when Tapioca Pudding came it seemed to be more than Mr. Wheelwright could stand. His face pale with rage, he rasped in a hoarse whisper “you have a very peculiar sense of humour Peter.” What he was driving at goodness only knows, but Mr. Harriman seemed to enjoy his dinner all right.

*July 8, 1905.* Below is a newspaper account of the club’s last and best garden party, detailing the guests. On the following page are attractive photographs of the great function. The weather was perfect, the music wonderful and everybody came. Those not invited report very bitter. [Kerr included a newspaper clipping on the page:]

Peter Kerr was host at a delightful lawn fete last Saturday afternoon at Cliff Cottage, Rivera. A special car left at 4 o’clock and returned early in the evening. Mrs. Thomas Kerr helped receive and presided at the tea table with Mrs. Sherman Hall. Ices were served by Miss Flanders and Miss King.<sup>24</sup>

*November 29, 1905.* Breathtaking epoch-making occurrence. The President was married today to Miss Laurie King and thereby automatically ended the Cliff Cottage Club.<sup>25</sup>

## NOTES

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1. Peter Kerr to William McKinney, December 5, 1892, Kerr Letters, Oregon Historical Society Research Library [hereafter OHS Research Library], Portland, as cited in E. Kimbark MacColl with Harry H. Stein, *Merchants, Money, and Power: The Portland Establishment 1843–1913* (Portland, Ore.: The Georgian Press, 1988), 307; and *Arlington Club and the Men Who Built It*, (Portland, Ore.: Arlington Club 1968), 80.

2. MacColl, *Merchants, Money, and Power*, 307. Donald Macleay was an early Portland real estate and railroad developer and was a founder of the Arlington Club. He and his wife Martha had four children: Barbara, Edith, Mabel, and Roderick. Mabel Macleay married Thomas Kerr. See biography file, OHS Research Library.

3. *Arlington Club*, 80.

4. *Ibid.*, 79, 80.

5. *Ibid.*, 2, 31.

6. According to E. Kimbark MacColl, *The Growth of a City: Power and Politics in Portland, Oregon 1915–1950* (Portland, Ore.: The Georgian Press, 1979), 87, “In fact several years before his death, Kerr had presented Elk Island across the river — on which Elk Rock itself actually stood — to the city of Portland for use as a public park. He bought the land, he said, ‘to prevent its being sold for logging, to preserve it as a pretty place for all to enjoy.’”

7. See Carole Glauber, “Eyes of the Earth: Lily White, Sarah Ladd, and the Oregon Camera Club,” *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 108:1 (Spring 2007): 39.

8. *Arlington Club*, 81. William S. Sibson (1846–1929) was President of the Portland Grain Company by 1900; he married Mary E. Rogers of Astoria, and their daughter Alice Sibson married Chauncey R. Winslow in 1908. Biography File, OHS Research Library.

9. See *Portland City Directory* (Portland, Ore.: R.L. Polk, 1897, 1900); and *Arlington Club*, 88. An August 5, 1899, memo from Sibson & Kerr, Grain Exporters, stated “In retiring from the active Grain business lately conducted by us, we thank our numerous friends and beg to commend them to Messrs. Kerr, Gifford & Co., of which firm our Mr. Peter Kerr is a member. Our address for the future will be care of Messrs. Kerr, Gifford & C., who will occupy our present offices.” Microfilm #68, reel #4, Peter Kerr Correspondence and Records, OHS Research Library.

10. Captain J.C. Ainsworth founded the Ainsworth National Bank. Ainsworth was president of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company when it merged with the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company. His son J.C. became president of the Ainsworth National Bank, the Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Company, and the Fidelity Trust Company of Tacoma.

11. MacColl, *Merchants, Money, and Power*, 340.

12. Laurie King was the daughter of William B. King, president of Oregon Telegraph and Telephone Company, *Portland City Directory*, 1896. After Kerr’s marriage to Laurie King in 1905, Gifford lived at the Waverley Golf Club until his move to Seattle in 1907.

13. Peter Kerr family collection, Coll 74, OHS Research Library.

14. Bolander is likely Dr. Henry N. Bolander, listed as a teacher at Bishop Scott Academy in the 1895 *Portland City Directory*.

15. The “following page” is a watercolor painting done by C.E.S. Wood. Charles Erskine Scott Wood (1852–1944) was a Portland lawyer and leading figure in the city’s cultural and political scene and was also instrumental in founding the library and Portland Art Museum. See Robert



Hamburger, *Two Rooms: The Life of Charles Erskine Scott Wood* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1998).

16. Frederick G. Wheeler was purchasing agent for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company.

17. Isabelle [Belle] McKee became a pianist and composer and married Leopold Bloch in 1916. After a concert tour of the Far East, she became the head of music department of the Washington College of Music in Seattle. César Saerchinger, ed., *International Who's Who in Music and Musical* (New York: Current Literature Publishing, 1918), 65–66.

18. William Whidden was a Portland architect who designed Portland's first public library, City Hall, and the Portland Hotel.

19. Abbott L. Mills was vice president of the First National Bank, secretary of the Portland Gas Company, and a member of the Arlington Club. See *Portland City Directory*, 1901–1902.

20. Kathleen Burns was the daughter of Walter J. Burns, who was a partner in Balfour, Guthries & Company, importing and exporting merchants of wheat, flour, cement, twine, tin plates, coke, and sulphur. Nan Wood (1881–1970) was the daughter of C.E.S. Wood and Nanny Moale Wood. She married David Honeyman in 1908 and served as a Democrat in the U.S. Congress from 1937 to 1939; she was the first congresswoman from Oregon. See Oregon Blue Book <http://bluebook.state.or.us/notable/nothoneyman.htm> (accessed February 21, 2008). Jessie McTavish was likely the daughter of William A. McTavish, a motorman for the Portland Railway Company. See *Portland City Directory*, 1901–1902.

21. The Aeriol piano was a self-playing piano invented in the late 1890s

and manufactured by the Aeriol Piano Company.

22. William Dana Wheelwright was president of the Pacific Export Lumber Company. He was twice president of the Arlington Club, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and a director and trustee of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. See Joseph Gaston, *Portland Oregon: It's History and Builders*, vol. 2 (Chicago-Portland: The S.J. Clarke Publishing, 1911); and *Arlington Club*.

23. Roderick Macleay, son of Donald Macleay, won four Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA) Men's Amateur tournaments. He was also a four-time champion of the Oregon Men's Amateur tournament: 1903, 1904, 1905, 1910. Also in 1910, he won the Swiss Men's Open Classic. Macleay married Barbara MacKenzie on April 24, 1917. MacKenzie was the daughter of Dr. Kenneth MacKenzie, whose family founded the University of Oregon Medical School. See [http://www.thepnga.org/AwardsAndHonors/halloffame\\_people/hall2001\\_2.asp](http://www.thepnga.org/AwardsAndHonors/halloffame_people/hall2001_2.asp) (accessed February 11, 2008).

24. *Oregon Journal*, July 16, 1905. The newspaper named fifty guests, including Charles and Sarah Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Ainsworth, and Mrs. C.E.S. Wood.

25. See "Society Hears the Chiming of Bridal Veils," *Oregon Daily Journal*, December 3, 1905. The newspaper described their wedding as "the most important happening of the week." It took place in the small morning chapel of Trinity Church on a Wednesday afternoon with about eighty guests. Andrew Kerr was best man, Roderick Macleay and Patrick Gifford were ushers, Mabel Macleay Kerr was matron of honor, and Louise Flanders was a bridesmaid. They planned to live in Cliff Cottage, Rivera.