

Scene at the Round-Table Dinner Given Paderewski by Samuel M. Shortridge at the Palace Hotel. [Sketched by a "Call" artist.]





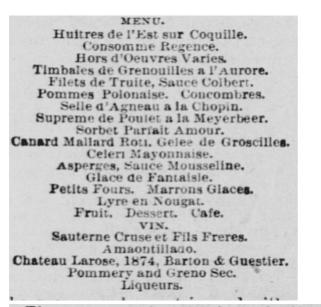
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Greer Harrison, J. O'Hara Cosgrave, Hugo Gorlitz, Colonel Isaac Trumbo, Hon. A. A. Sanderson, Colonel John D. Spreckels, Hon. D. M. Delmas and Hon. W. S. Van Fleet.

The musician was in his happiest mood and Mr. Shortridge, the fluent host, made his guests feel that the entire assemblage was of one family. The conversation was sprinkled with brilliant strokes of repartee and Paderewski absolutely lived the whole evening in the midst of representative American gentlemen. He expressed himself as delighted with the new West and found here an element of sociability that is not encountered the world over.

A lyre, constructed of California nuts and glazed over with native syrups, stood upon the mantelpiece as a compliment to the pianist, and the menu was an epicurean dream.



The menu card was trimmed with carnation and white ribbons, and the guests took them away as souvenirs of a dinner that is not likely to be repeated under such pleasant conditions and with so many genial guests for some time to come.

The feasters sat at the table putil nearly midnight, after which they departed for the apartments of Mr. Shortridge, on the fourth floor, and listened to the delightful music of the guest of the evening and the entertaining conversation of those who were present.

The memory of that feast will linger with those who were there for many years, and the divine interpreter of the old masters says it is one of the bright spots in his tour of America.

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