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## CITY'S BIG STORE BECOMES A ROARING VORTEX

### \$40,000 GOES IN CONFLAGRATION TWO RAILROADS GET RIGHTS OF WAY OVER WATER STREET

#### BURNING FURNACE TAKES THE PLACE OF ELLIOTT BROS. STORE AND STOCK

#### NOT A SHOE STRING LEFT INTACT

#### Everything Goes Before Ravages of Demon and Crowd is Forced Back By Intense Heat of Flames

Forty thousand dollars worth of property was burned early Tuesday morning by the third midnight fire within three days when the store building and stock belonging to Elliott brothers at 807 Seventh street was totally destroyed. The origin of the fire is not definitely known, although it was the common opinion of all who saw the fire and knew the circumstances that it was of incendiary origin.

The fire broke out between midnight and 1:30 o'clock but it was 1:00 o'clock before the alarm was turned in and the department responded to the call. By that time the blaze had broken out through the roof in several places and the interior was a raging furnace.

Several lines were stretched from the hydrants one block west on 7th street and on 6th street. Within a few minutes after the first company arrived, several streams were playing on the blaze. The hottest part of the fire was the upper story of the building and the roof. In order to be able to play the water upon these places it was necessary for the firefighters to climb upon the roof of adjoining buildings. The fight was, at first carried on from the front and sides until the entire rear of the building had become one solid mass of flames and it was necessary to concentrate the force of several streams on that part.

After the fire had burned for some time and the department had found it almost impossible to make any headway against its fury, a general alarm was turned in and several other companies responded to the call.

**Fierce Battle.**  
The battle raged for more than an hour before the men were able to make any substantial headway against the flames. One part of the blaze would be quenched only to have another section break out again. Time after time the firefighters and the crowd thought that at last the fire was under control only to see the heavens lit up by an out break in another part of the structure.

Long before the fire was checked, the roof of the building had fallen in and the entire center of the large frame structure was a mass of roaring flames.

**Big Crowd Watches.**  
As soon as the alarm was sounded, the crowd began to collect until there were several hundred persons crowded along Seventh and Madison streets watching the fight between the fire and the department. They filled the sidewalk on the north side of Seventh street and toward the last were jammed so close together as to make it almost impossible to pass them without get-

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#### FIRE BUGS PUT MATCH TO BAKERY

#### BELIEF THAT SHOP COULD NOT HAVE BURNED FROM ANY DEFECTIVE WIRING

#### SOME FEATURES OF CONFLAGRATION

Work Through Mud and Slush to Get Water on Roaring Furnace That Has Big Start When Department Comes

Fire bugs probably started the blaze that destroyed the Home Bakery on Seventh and John Adams streets at 1 o'clock Monday morning.

William McRoberts, the owner of the stock had just completed the fitting up of the shop and had installed an entirely new set of equipment. Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts had returned from a visit to Portland when the fire was discovered and the alarm turned in. For the second time within 24 hours, the fire boys of the department were called out to quench a roaring blaze that had a good start before it was discovered.

**Flames High.**  
When the department arrived on the scene, the flames were shooting up into the air. The electric power and light lines were cut and the poles near the building were in flames. Water was turned on in a moment, however, as soon as the department reached the scene and three streams played for several hours on the burning building in the effort to get it under control. The neighbor buildings were well protected and though the sparks were blown by the cold wind in every direction, no damage was done to any of the abutting property. The case of the bakery, however, was hopeless from the start and though the building was thoroughly drenched by the oceans of water that the firemen poured into it, there was little chance to quench the blaze that had such a headway before the department was summoned.

**Wood Not Ignited.**  
The building is valued at nearly \$3000 and the furniture and fixtures at much more than that sum. One of the features of the fire was the fact that the wood had been laid in the furnace for the morning baking and in spite of the intense heat and the blaze all around the furnace it did not ignite.

Mrs. McRoberts had just gone into their private rooms and placed her furs over the radiator to dry. Looking down, she saw that a great noise had been burned through the floor and that the first story was aflame. Several alarms were turned in by telephone and by the fire alarm system in rapid succession and the department responded promptly. The fire boys had a difficult task to fight the fire as the streets were soaked by the rain and it was an almost impossible thing to push heavy hose carts through the mud and slush of the streets. At the same time, three lines

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#### BLAZE STARTS AT HIGH SCHOOL

#### SMOULDERING FIRE IN BASEMENT GIVES WARNING TO THE JANITOR

#### BURNS IN BIG PILE OF RUBBISH

Employe Attacks Embers and Gets All Under Control Before Teachers or Pupils Learn Real Truth of Trouble

Fire broke out in the high school in a pile of kindling and waste from the manual training room Monday morning but was extinguished before damage was done.

The fire had been smouldering in the wood for sometime and was filling the rooms with smoke. The members of the faculty through the building thought that the furnace was smoking and merely raised the windows.

Janitor Myers, however, discovered the cause of the blaze and put it out before it had reached the violent stage. Most of the waste material from the manual training room of the high school was placed in the basement. By some mysterious method, fire broke out there while the children were in school. The fact that it smoked for sometime before the blaze started, served as a warning and the janitor at once located the cause of the trouble. No damage whatever was done. Had not the fire been found in time, it is possible that the entire building might have been destroyed even if all of the children managed to get away from the burning structure in time. The janitor allayed the fears of the children and the members of the faculty by announcing that he had extinguished the fire and that it might have meant the loss of the school had it not been discovered promptly.

This is the third fire within the past 36 hours.

**DAMAGE SUIT GETS KNOCKED BY COURT**  
Because every taxpayer of the county would be interested in the outcome of the suit and the plaintiff might not get justice at the hands of the jury, the litigation brought by H. M. Terry against Clackamas county was tried Monday in the circuit court at Hillsboro.

After the plaintiff had introduced all of his testimony as to the condition of the roads, Gilbert L. Hedges, county attorney, moved that the case be nolle prossed and was sustained by the court. The county, consequently, won the first suit without even the introduction of testimony.

of those were playing upon the fire in short order and the blaze was calmed down from a roaring furnace to one that was easily within control.

Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts, a short time ago suffered a similar fire at their other bakery in Hubbard. They believe that the fire Monday morning was deliberately planned and that the same person was probably responsible for both. Several who investigated the premises think there was a decided smell of kerosene about the place. Caleb Cross was owner of the building and little insurance was carried on the property.

If a man is too lazy to stand up and tell the truth he's apt to lie about it.

**WANTED!**  
Women and Girls Over 18 Years Old  
To operate sewing machines in garment factory  
Oregon City Woolen Mills

**ROYAL BREAD!**  
The best that money can produce.  
Always Fresh At  
HARRIS' GROCERY

**A Merry Christmas For All**  
This includes the poor. St. Paul's Brotherhood is undertaking to make this Christmas merry for the poor in and about Oregon City. It is for ALL the poor, regardless of religion. Send names of needy families to Rev. C. W. Robinson. Send money and gifts to Wm. Hammond, treasurer, or any member of the Brotherhood.

Share your joy with those who have little and you will have double.

#### ANNEXATION IS NOW POSTPONED

#### WEST LINN GETS WRONG DOPE ON SENTIMENT IN TOWN ADJOINING IT

#### WILL AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS LATER

Plan to See What City Does Now It Has Adopted Its Charter Again and Whether It Wants to Join Bigger Place

Because West Linn did not have the correct information on the sentiment in that portion of Willamette that it proposed to annex, the election there scheduled for December 31 has been postponed.

The town believed that the people in the neighboring city wanted to join West Linn and called the election for the purpose of giving them a chance to get into the larger town if they wanted to do so. The agitation now started to incorporate the whole town of Willamette with that of West Linn also had something to do with the determination to postpone the election.

West Linn could see no reason for a special election on the question of taking in any one part of the town if, later, the city were going to vote on that of taking in the whole corporation. At the meeting of the West Linn city council Saturday night, the matter was thoroughly threshed out and a resolution was passed inviting Willamette to join in boosting for all of the west side under one form of government. The sentiment has also been expressed that both of the school districts ought to be under one board and that the best interests of all of the people of the west side would be served were all of the government over there under one control. The sentiment now seems to have swerved against the division of that side of the river into two or more towns and school districts and the people have now seemed to be in favor of concentrating the governments of both places.

For this reason, the election has been called off and the people of West Linn will wait to see whether or not Willamette wants to become a part of the bigger corporation.

**ULTIMATUM GOES TO COMPANY**  
CITY FATHERS GET AROUSED OVER FACT OF CARS STANDING ON STREET  
PROPOSE TO REVOKE FRANCHISE

Decide to Bring Matters to an Issue At Once and to Take Trains Off of Main—Want Work Started on Yards

Unless the Portland Railway, Light & Power company comes to time within the next 30 days, the city council plans to revoke its franchise.

Jack Albright moved, at the meeting Monday night, that the city recorder be instructed to notify the company that it was violating the terms of its franchise and that the city would take action within 30 days unless the concern mended its ways.

The city fathers believe that the company has no right to allow its cars to stand on the tracks as they claim it has been doing for the past few weeks and think that some action should be taken to prevent trains standing on the line along Main street.

The franchise is also said to contain a provision that the company is to build yards inside of the city limits for its freight "within a reasonable time." The council believes that the company has now had plenty of time and that it has delayed matters for a year. Unless the concern puts in these freight yards and also takes its trains off the tracks on Main street in accordance with the wishes of the council, the franchise may be revoked.

Under the provisions of the ordinance itself, the city council may, after 30 days' notice, revoke the franchise given to the corporation if any of the terms have been violated. The council believes that the company does not have the right to allow its cars to remain on the streets and proposes to bring the matter to an issue at once.

Livy Stipp, as city recorder, will send the notice to the company. Unless the demands are met, the city proposes to take action and to attempt to revoke the franchise, according to the motion that carried.

An exchange says: "Silver is less valuable than eggs." Perhaps it is, but a pocket full of silver causes less uneasiness.

O, well, whatever has or hasn't happened, let's have a cherry Christmas season anyway.

#### TWO TOWNS GET NEW CHARTERS

#### WILLAMETTE AND MOLALLA TO VOTE ON MEASURES SUBMITTED AT ELECTIONS

#### BOTH CARRY BY BIG MAJORITIES

People Favor Regulations and Adopt Them After Campaigns—West Side Celebrates With Fireworks.

Two Clackamas county cities, Willamette and Molalla, adopted their respective charters Monday by large majorities.

In Willamette the vote was two to one in favor of the new charter of 88 to 44. This is the second election within the past five weeks, the first one being held on November 17. At the first election, the charter carried by a majority of 78 to 70 but the question of its legality was raised and the council to be on the safe side, determined to hold another election at which the same charter would be voted upon for a second time.

James Downey, who raised the objections to the first election will, it is said, protest this second one on the grounds that the charter has been changed by numbering the sections differently. Mr. Downey has been able to nullify several charters which the voters of the town have passed upon in the past.

At Molalla the vote was light, probably due to the fact that there was almost no opposition to the new set of laws. The final vote stood 63 for the final returns, celebrated the victory by shooting off fire works in front of the polling place.

After the election at Willamette, when it was certain that the charter had passed by a large majority, the large crowd, which waited for the final returns, celebrated the victory by shooting off fire works in front of the polling place.

**RELATIVES GET WORD OF DEATH IN FAMILIES**  
Word has been received in the city that Mrs. W. E. Hoyt, mother of John R. Humphrey, died at her home at Woodstock, New Brunswick, after a lingering illness. Death came Sunday morning. The funeral will be held at the family residence Tuesday.

Mrs. Hoyt is survived by a brother and sister, also of New Brunswick. Thomas Forest L. Sinnott, brother of A. M. Sinnott, died at his home at Rosebanks, N. Y., leaving a widow and four children.

Just as good a tariff bill could have been passed in June; just as good a currency bill in September.

**What to give father**

**SUIT OF CLOTHES**  
LIBRARY TABLE  
TIE AND HANKERCHIEF  
SET  
UMBRELLA  
HEATING STOVE  
EASY CHAIR  
HAT  
SHAVING SET  
POCKET BOOK  
WOOD BASKET  
PAIR OF BLANKETS  
DAVENPORT  
INITIAL HANKERCHIEFS  
RUBBER BOOTS  
FUR TOP SLIPPERS

Big Selection At  
**Adams Department Store**

The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

#### MAYOR THREATENS EXECUTIVE VETO

#### CLOUD OF OFFICIAL DISAPPROVAL LOWERS OVER CITY COUNCIL'S ACT

#### FATHERS FACE CHIEF'S DISPLEASURE

Pass Ordinances Even After He Says They Should Be Held Up for Further Consideration and Changes

Mayor Linn E. Jones has threatened to veto at least one of the franchises as passed at the meeting of the city council Monday night.

At the meeting Monday morning, the mayor informed the council that he would veto the franchise if it passed through in the shape that it was then in and believed that he would be justified in doing so. At the night session, in the teeth of that threat, the council passed both measures without crossing a "t" or dotting an "i."

There are several provisions in the measures that passed through the council to which the mayor took exception and he believed that they should be changed in order to better protect the interests of the city. He thought that the ordinances were being hurried through too rapidly and declared that were they passed before the first of the year he should refuse to sign his name to them when they were brought to him by the city recorder.

In spite of that declaration, the city council passed the measures without making the slightest changes in them and decided that, if the mayor were going to veto them, he had the chance to do so after they came to him for signature.

On account of private affairs, the mayor did not attend the night session Monday. Councilman Holman was in the chair while the following members were present: Holman, Horton, Albright, Tooze, Metzner, Beard, Hall; absent, Long, Myers.

Several of the members favored the franchises as they stood and argued against any change believing them for the best interests of the city even if there are a number of tracks on the streets over which the franchises are operative.

The motion to pass both franchises was made by Councilman Albright. The vote on the Clackamas Southern line was unanimous while Tooze alone voted against granting the franchise to Carver. He left the council chambers immediately afterwards and did not wait for the vote on the local company's franchise.

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#### FRANCHISES RUSH THROUGH COUNCIL

#### DISCUSSION CUT OFF AND BOTH LINES GET RIGHTS ALONG WATER STREET

#### LITTLE ERRORS CREEP IN UNSEEN

Companies Get More Than City Had Bargained But Members Still Believe Grants Will Mean Much to Town

Both the Carver and the Clackamas Southern franchises were rushed through the city council Monday night in spite of the threatened veto of Mayor Linn E. Jones.

Only Councilman Tooze voted against the Carver franchise. The one granting the right of way up Water street to the Clackamas Southern went through without opposition. Speeches in favor of a progressive stand for the roads and arguments that the city ought to encourage the lines to build as many tracks on the street as their business would justify were made by several of the council members.

It was a quiet, orderly meeting that gave two franchise to railroads Monday night. With little argument and discussion, the council voted to give the two lines right of way up Water street for a period of 25 years, keeping the companies under the control of the council at all times.

Both companies were granted the right to build double tracks the street. Under the provisions of their franchise, they may have single or double tracks through the street. This means that if the companies believe they need them for their business, there will be four tracks on the street.

Under the provisions, the council also granted right of way on Center street where the Southern Pacific now runs and on Fifteenth street where the Clackamas Southern already has a franchise.

**Council Regulates.**  
The life of both of the ordinances is for 25 years. They give the city council the right to regulate and control the traffic on the streets and allow the representatives to determine just how and when the freight may be brought in and out of town. After 10 years, the council may also demand compensation of some sort from the companies and may make them contribute into the city treasury a certain per centage of their gross receipts.

But the franchises now provide that the companies must improve. Water

### SPECIAL SALE

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 23d and 24th

At Anderson's Confectionery Store on all dolls, meerschaum and briar pipes, bulk and box candies.

All one-half pound box candies.....20c  
All one pound box candies.....40c  
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**STAR**

Tomorrow Night

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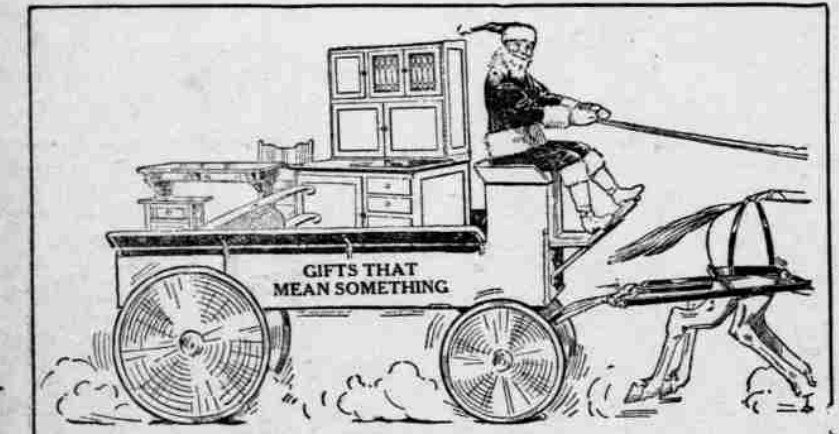
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