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FRUSTRATE ATTEMPT TO BURN BUILDING

Fire Fighters on Elmira Street Find Incendiary Evidence. No Clue to Perpetrator

At the mystic hour, forty five minutes after midnight when haunts awake and ghosts put on their spectral garb and prepare to make life a burden to the guilty conscience, when honest people are abed and crooks begin to ply their craft: at this hour last Saturday night, or should we say Sunday morning, another fire threatened Bandon. At 12:45 Mrs. Stevens living in a house on the east side of Elmira street, south of Second street, was awakened by smoke which penetrated her bed room. She aroused the other occupants of the house, consisting of her five small children and proceeded to give the alarm.

George Stoltz, passing by, was the first to reach the scene. He found the fire burning on the sill under the front of the house and threw a pail of water on it. In a short time he was joined by Tom Nielson, Rev. C. M. Knight and two or three others. With a few more pails of water they soon had the fire out.

As the group saw the blaze die away Mr. Knight reached his hand up over the sill and pulled forth an old piece of underwear. It was passed from nose to nose around the circle and each agreed that the rag had been saturated with kerosene.

"There" said Mr. Knight, "If W. J. Burns had that rag he could tell who tried to set this building afire." The evidence was plain and no one in that little group could doubt but that it was the attempt of a fire bug.

In the meantime the heads of the household had arrived and the five small children, whose lives had been imperiled and who had been standing around in their night robes, were again put to bed.

In the morning the trail on the sidewalk showed where the dripping rag had been carried, but unfortunately the trail did not lead anywhere.

The house was occupied by Stevens and Harter who operate the restaurant on First St., formerly run by Donny. Joseph Zamoski owns the building which is rented through Dippel & Wolverton. It is insured for \$1,000. Mr. Zamoski works on the railroad out of Marshfield in Camp 1 and lives in that city.

None of the people interested know of any enemies who would serve them such a dastard trick and the indications are that it was done by some one out of pure wantonness.

Marshfield has had its Bunker Hill fire and Coquille its Bledsoe building fire and now Bandon has a fire that gives room for more than suspicion.

Just what is the character of our own fire bug is hard to determine but public safety demands that he be discovered and put where he can ply his dangerous arts no more.

If the regular channels of the law are powerless private interest demand that the citizens organize to run down this dastard and put him where will do no more damage.

Victor Breuer a Benedict

That Victor Breuer the well known young First street shoe merchant has succeeded in capturing a bird from the cage he has been building up near the Ocean Drive is evident from an item in a recent San Francisco Examiner. Dated August 28th it says "Yesterday Miss Leta Wheeler a beautiful member of an old Santa Rosa family was married to Victor Breuer, merchant of Bandon. The happy couple are daily expected to arrive in Bandon."

Grace Dollar in Danger

Was on the Bar of the Siuslaw for Nine Hours Last Sunday and then Safely Pulled Off and Docked.

The steam schooner Grace Dollar was stranded for nine hours on the bar of the Siuslaw Sunday and was released by means of a line from the jetty at 7:30 in the evening.

The Grace arrived at Florence on the Siuslaw on Thursday and her coming was the occasion of considerable celebration in that town. She was the largest vessel that ever visited that port and the only steam schooner that ever crossed the Siuslaw bar. She came in with 17 feet of water and in the anticipation that she could go out easily put on a full load.

When released the Grace was towed back to the dock and will wait until soundings show she can go out with safety.

Wrestlers at Myrtle Point

Wrestling is to be a big feature of the entertainment at Myrtle Point on the occasion of the holding of the Coos and Curry County fair there beginning tomorrow and continuing up to and including Saturday. There will be a wrestling match each evening Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In the lineup for the four days' meet are several wrestlers who are well known to Coos county fans of the ring-side, as well as men from other States who will contest for championship honors.

The matches to be staged will all be catch as catch can style, two best out of three falls to a finish. The matches scheduled for the four days at the Oaks Pavilion near the Fair Grounds are:

Wednesday, September 8:
Chas. Rentrop, "the Flying Dutchman," Middle Weight Champion of Europe, and George Lamberts, the undefeated Middleweight of Power.

Thursday, September 9:
Costello, "the Belgian Tiger," and Charles Rentrop.

Friday, September 10:
Jim Wilson, the undefeated boy wonder and Costello, "the Belgian Tiger." Preliminary to the main event this evening, Art Parry will meet Frank Martin.

Saturday, September 11:
George Lambert of Powers and M. G. Lutsey, the Pacific Coast Middle weight Champion.

Bandon Woman Wins Prize

Considerable local interest attaches to the announcement of prize winners in the Idea Letter contest, just concluded by the Rice Leaders of the World Association, of which Elwood E. Rice of New York is founder and president. This is because this city shared in the distribution of awards, and particular distinction is given the winner that her quality was recognized above that of many thousands throughout the country.

In this great contest \$29,000 in cash prizes was offered for idea letters, not exceeding fifty words in length. The letters were to deal with the following subjects: First ideas of the superior merits of or new uses of the products of the association. Second, new business ideas regarding the production or sale of members' products. The contest was open to the public and a grand total of 1,000 letters were received.

One of the prize winners in this contest was Mrs. M. W. Treadgold of this city.

The association has for its object the exploitation of the products of well known national advertisers.

To Tell Inside Story

Hon. C. R. Barrows of Coquille was a visitor in Bandon Friday on legal business. He is just returned from a visit at Portland, Salem and other places where he conferred with the governor and different members of the legislature concerning the Oregon land grant case. He expects to return to the state capital Sept. 16th when the conference will be held according to a recent call sent out by the governor. Mr. Barrows, while in the city renewed his promise to return here and deliver the lecture he promised the Bandon commercial club last spring to make. At that time he promises some very interesting information relating to the inside workings of the Oregon land grant case.

The Lyons-Johnson lumber mill at Prosper was bid in for \$9,400 at Coquille last Wednesday, by A. Baxter of San Francisco. The building was sold at the county court house to satisfy an execution in favor of Adam Persbaker. Mr. Baxter who was represented at the sale by his son, A. M. Baxter, is a manufacturer and dealer in poles, piles lumber and paving blocks.

Bandon School Teachers

List of Instructors in Grades and High School for the Coming Year

School begins next Monday and the following is the list of teachers:

East side: Miss Adele Huntington, principal; Mrs. H. Tegarten, Miss Miriam Smith, Miss Ethel Moore.

High school building, Miss Ida Gamble, 8th grade A;
Miss Wilhelma Loftus, 8th grade B;
Miss Tillie Hilde, 7th grade A;
Miss Kate Chatburn, 7th grade B;
Mrs. Ella M. Rea, 6th grade A;
Miss Berdina Hickley, 6th grade B;
Miss Mary Masterton, 5th grade;
Miss Margaret Dunphy, 4th grade A;
Miss Blanche Landrith, 4th B, 3 A;
Miss Mary Moore, 3 B, 2 A;
Miss Agnes Hughes, 2nd grade, B;
Miss Myrtle Baker, 1st grade A;
Miss Norma Venus, 1st grade B

High school: J. O. Ervin, prin.; H. W. Quigley, science, commercial and athletics;
Miss Elizabeth Rodgers, English and German,
Miss Alise Noren, history and Latin
Miss Erma Craine, domestic science
L. W. Turnbull, superintendent.

To Elect A School Clerk

B. N. Harington who was elected to the office of clerk of the Bandon school district in the annual meeting held June 21st has resigned the position. A special school meeting has been called for September 17th at which a successor will be elected.

One of the candidates talked of for the vacancy is the Rev. C. M. Knight and his name is meeting with approval wherever suggested. Mr. Knight is a man of liberal views and good judgment of unchallenged character awake to the best in modern educational development, and yet no faddist. His connection with Bandon schools would help to keep them on a high plane. He has been planning to leave the city this fall and this election would tend to keep him in the city. Mr. Knight is the type of a man Bandon can not afford to lose.

SOCIAL TIME WITH LEAGERS

Bandon M. E. Epworth League Spends Enjoyable Night at Prof. Ervin's

One of a series of enjoyable Socials the Epworth League of the Bandon M. E. church is holding occurred at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Ervine on the East side last Friday evening.

About seventy five people, young and old were present. They sat in a square out of doors in the pleasant evening air around a bon fire and farmed on camp cooking with sandwiches, and coffee. The grounds were lighted with Japanese lanterns and the effect was very pretty.

The League has one of those socials each month and one and all are cordially invited to attend.

A large shipment of Curry, Oregon cheese went out with the Elizabeth.

STILL ANOTHER WIN FOR WILSON

Eighteen Year Old Wonder Proves Too Much For European Champion. Smiling Dutch Comes Back

Wilson won again Saturday night. Wrestler Chas. Rentrop was the third wrestler to go up against Wrestler Jim Wilson and the third man to succumb to the prowess of the 18 year old wonder. It was a rough contest with enough action to suit the most exacting. It took 47 minutes for Wilson to get the right hold, a crotch hold, and lay the shoulders of the champion of Europe upon the mat. The same hold sufficed for a second fall, this time in 17 minutes.

Rentrop, whose wrestling endeavors in this section have not so far been crowned with a single success is prompt to admit that Wilson is the better man.

"He is well called a wonder" said Rentrop, "and it will take a good man to beat him. I don't think there are any of his class that can do it."

This last contest which took place in the rooms of the Bandon Athletic club, also witnessed the recrudescence of Smiling Dutch. Or perhaps renaissance would be a better word. Dutch has not been winning many battles recently. He has been content to act the part of an exerciser for more ambitious and more muscular men but Saturday night he saw his chance and went after it. George Parry had been able to hold Martin the wrestling boot black, to a draw. But he didn't draw much water along side of Dutch. Compared to Parry Dutch was a full rigged ship in the China seas. Fourteen minutes it took for the first fall with a body scissors and the second was achieved with a head chancery and body scissors in exactly one minute to the second. Finding this so easy, Dutch was sorry he had not challenged one or two more for the curtain raiser and he will try and take a bigger bite next time.

Curry County Old Settler

Thomas Smith of Rogue river gave us a pleasant call today, enroute home from Oakland, where he had been for some time past under medical care. He had recovered much of his former strength, and the call for home was so strong that he only took time for a two day survey of the fair and grounds. "I cannot give any details of it," he said when speaking of it, "only that it was all fine, the most beautiful that man could make." He considered the Canadian building a little better than anything else.

Mr. Smith was born in Antwerp, seventy six years ago, and has lived in the Rogue river country for over forty years, and there took up a homestead eight miles up the river from Gold Beach on which he has lived since 1876. The Hume estate entirely surrounds him above and below but he has steadfastly refused to give up the home place. When he first saw Bandon there was only one small house surrounded by a big fence, the home of John Lewis. He came up on the Speedwell, via Marshfield and it will take him as long to travel from Coos bay home as it took from San Francisco to Marshfield.

THE FOUR THIRTEEN CLUB

Meets for a social time and to Elect Officers for the Coming Season

The 4-13 club of the Presbyterian church gave a basket social at the church parlors to its immediate members and a few guests, Friday, Sept. 3.

At six o'clock the company assembled in the tastefully decorated parlors to partake of the very enjoyable supper. A business meeting was called to order after supper for the purpose of electing new officers.

Helen Thornton was elected president; Glad Boak, vice president; Hazel Gibson, secretary; and Rose Liebbrand was appointed historian. Mildred Langley was elected chairman of the social committee and Mary Thornton was elected chairman of the Look-out committee. At an early hour the crowd departed for their homes, every one having enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Circuit Court Once more

Deputy sheriff Davis was in this city the latter part of last week serving jury subpoenas and other summons and getting ready for the September term of the circuit court which opens Monday. The adjourned term begins today at which motions and demurs will be taken up in preparation for getting cases ready for trial next week.

Judge Skipworth of Eugene will preside

The grand jury will also be in session this week. There appears to be very little business for next term other than quite a number of important cases held over from the preceding term on which Judge Coke is disqualified.

A Successful Recital

Pupils of Prof. Richards Make Excellent Showing at Studio Recital.

Prof. Richards held his last studio recital for the present season in his rooms in the Fay-Morrison building last night.

The following program was given: Aragonaise (From the Ballet Cid) J. Massenet, Alva Button Duet: La Gracieuse Waltz, Bohn, Theresa Button and Carrol Garfield Chapel in the Woods: Valse Lent (from Naïlia)—Leo Delibes, Miss Clarice Danielson Baccuse—Ludwig Schtte Miss Theresa Button Mazurka, Ops. 67 No 2—Chopin Miss Dolly Bowman Violin Solo (Four hand accompaniment) Lustspiel Overture, Ops 73—Keler-Bela Theresa Button, Miss Danielson, Melford Wesleder Thine Own—G. Lang .. Miss Theresa Button. Tarantella—A Pieczonka Carrol Garfield Vocal solo "Just Because"—Prof. Richards with violin Obligato, played by Melford Wesleder, accompanist Cecil LaChapelle. Mazurka—Bachmann.. Carrol Garfield

The next to the last number had been originally set for Hubert Robbins but as he was unable to appear Prof. Richards made an acceptable substitute. His selection was very fine.

The colors of the recital were gold and white and dahlias of both colors entered largely in the decorations but other varieties of flowers were made use of. Those who appeared on the program used the color scheme in their garb as much as practicable.

There were a number of excellent musical critics present and all commended the performance with words of unstinted praise.

The program was presented by pupils of the third and fourth grades and all the music was committed to memory. Many commented on the fact that the pupils seemed to be imbued with the spirit of the melodies played and gave fine expression to their rendering of the selections. All had been Prof. Richards pupils from the start.

Dancing was indulged in at the close of the program and refreshments in the shape of candies, all in the recital colors were served.

The recital is remembered with pleasure by all who attended.

There were 52 people present.

Prof. Richards' annual recital will be given in Dreamland about Sept. 15 and will be for the benefit of the library.

Some rare musical treats are promised.

Plays with Margaret Anglin

Hubert Robbins who clerks in at Mar's store has received word that his half-brother, Paul Harvey, has accepted an engagement with Miss Margaret Anglin, familiar to the public through her interpretation of Shakespearean roles. The company starts from Los Angeles and appears for a short time in San Francisco. From there they go to New York for the season in a Broadway theater. His wife, Allice Harvey is a character actor in the same company. They play all winter in one of the largest theaters in New York. Mr. Robbins is a man of ability and was formerly connected with the Margaret Hise Co.

HINES BUILDING A TOTAL LOSS

Wednesday Night Blaze Destroys Store at the Eastern End of First Street

The S. E. Hines building on the east end of First street took fire Wednesday night shortly after midnight and was totally destroyed. Mrs. Wm. Sellmer was the first to see the blaze creeping up the back part of the store and telephoned the alarm. The response was as quick as possible under the conditions that prevail in Bandon's fire fighting capacity. The hose cart was rushed to the scene and the hose attached to the nearest hydrant which was on the corner of Filmore and Third street. This attached, it was found the hose was a length too short and there was delay until another length could be obtained.

The hose had been used washing down the streets and was fixed up with the sprinkling nozzle. This was tight with corrosion and several minutes elapsed before it could be got off and the other nozzle on.

The fire had started in the rear of the building near the place where the electric meter was placed. This was well up on the wall where a smaller addition was attached to the main building. One theory of the origin of the fire is that friction in the partitions wore a hole through the insulation of the wires and when the residents and business lights were turned out for the night the full current started the damage. Possibly a tramp and his inevitable pipe caused the trouble.

The charred skeleton on two sides of the ruins are all that was not entirely consumed. Some partly dried onions, apples and oranges are mingled with charcoal on the floor which was not burned through. Many responded to the call of fire and most of the fruit and vegetables which comprised the stock in the building was saved. Also a few articles of furniture which were stored in the rear rooms of the building. A small structure with in the rear was totally destroyed.

The buildings had formerly been occupied by Pollock and Pollock with a stock of groceries. When they moved out about four months ago, in order to put the building into use, Mr. Hines put in a stock of fruit. He did not live on the premises but had some furniture stored in the rear. The building was valued at \$1,500 and insured for \$800.

The Boys and the Melons

Then the Lizzie was starting from San Francisco for Bandon last week, on her last trip up the coast, she docked at Pier 39 and took a couple of carloads of watermelons which were gently laid on a bedding of bales of hay. During the handling of this very popular fruit a melon was occasionally broken and the big bunch of boys on the boat feasted a repelion on the fragments. As they could not get away with all the damaged goods in that line, they carefully stowed away a dozen of the melons with which to regale themselves on the morrow. It was growing dark when the Lizzie passed out through the Golden Gate and the boys who had been wonderfully hilarious while the boat was loading were soon enjoying the seclusion of their berths—and perhaps dreaming of the morrow's banquet. But the morrow came and went and still another morrow, and nothing was heard or seen of them on deck nor did any of them tip the steward to serve them with melon in their berths. On the third day while the boat was lying off Bandon in a thick fog, with a sea as smooth as glass the boys began to reappear—but when asked if they wanted some melon, although deliciously sweet ones were served for dinner, they protested with great vehemence that they would eat no more while the world stood. Sometimes the most unfortunate thing that can happen to mortals is to get all they want we have read of "the curse of an answered prayer."

A bunch of these melons, however, were brought up on the Capital Saturday evening, and some people here were enjoying them for their Sunday dinner.—Coquille Sentinel.