

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Mr. John A. Wilson of Hood River, gave the CHRONICLE office a pleasant call Monday.

Somebody has figured up that there is an average of 5,600,000 pills consumed daily in the United Kingdom.

William Taylor, of Dufur, brought in a small load of hogs Tuesday, which he sold for five cents a pound, gross.

The Hampton Bros., had a car of beef cattle at the stock yards Tuesday, which they shipped west the same evening.

Major Ingalls is now in Baker City gathering samples of the fruits, grains, vegetables and minerals of Baker county for "Oregon on Wheels."

Never hear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all that they have had, all that they have now, and all that they expect to have.

Orders have been given for the erection of a building 50x100 feet, on the May lot, on the corner of Federal and Second streets, for the firm of Mays & Crowe.

About twenty horses are in training at the fair grounds to compete for purses at the coming district fair. Quite a number of others will arrive in the near future.

An exchange says: "Take one hundred people and it is doubtful if ten per cent. could pronounce correctly such common words as conductor, diocesan, squalor and isolate."

Somebody claims to have discovered a substance sweeter than sugar. It is not known what the substance is but it is presumed to be about seventeen years old and to have a fondness for ice cream.

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Seventeen Blocks of Residents Laid in Ashes by the Fire Fiend—Nothing Saved.

Unfortunate Joe Fitzgerald Seriously Burned About the Face and Hands.

Hundreds of Citizens are Homeless today—A Relief Committee Appointed by Mayor Mays.

About one-third of the residence and business part of The Dalles is in ashes and perhaps not less than a thousand people, at this writing are left homeless.

The fire started about 1 o'clock in a store dwelling on the south side of Second street between Madison and Jefferson. The house was occupied by J. H. Larsen and at the time of the fire no one was in it. Before the engine had got to work the fire had spread to the houses on each side. In the time half an hour it had started in the old Grimes feed stable which was nothing but a huge two story fire trap and from that moment till seven or eight o'clock in the evening it carried everything before it. For hours after the fire started the wind blew a stiff gale from the northeast and the town was completely at its mercy, till it calmed down about 4 o'clock and gave a fighting chance to the citizens to save the entire city from ruin. As many as seventeen or eighteen blocks are in ashes. The Vogt block, the pride and beauty of the city, the opera house, the Methodist, Baptist and Congregational churches, the large implement warehouses and stores of Gibbons, Macallister & Co., Filion Brothers and E. P. Fitzgerald, and the handsome brick block of T. C. Nickelsen besides five or six hundred residences, all succumbed to the devouring flames. Every building between the railroad track on the north, the bluff on the south, Madison street on the east and Langhlin street on the west save the depot building and two residences are gone and nothing is left but a dreary waste of ashes and the charred trunks of the hounded shade trees. The region too, bounded by Third street, Washington, the bluff and Union street is cleared out, save only the brick school house and the residence of George Kuch and these were only saved by almost superhuman efforts. Not much less, if any, than a million dollars worth of property has gone up in the flames. Fortunately the Cosmopolitan and Umattila houses were saved and these two caravansaries furnished shelter last night, for hundreds whom the fire had rendered homeless. Others found lodging in the homes of the more fortunate neighbors, and still others spent the night on the long sleeping walk over the little hills that had receded from the flames. It is impossible, at this writing, to make any approximate estimate of the amount of insurance covering the property destroyed. It is safe to say that many who were well off yesterday morning are today ruined or badly crippled, while many poor people who had no insurance lost their little all. The only serious accident so far as we have been able to learn happened to Joseph P. Fitzgerald, son of Mr. E. P. Fitzgerald, who got seriously burned about the arms, hands, breast and face while making his escape through the flames in his father's residence. As he did not inhale any of the flames and is possessed of a good constitution, it is hoped he may recover. Early yesterday evening the mayor placed the city under martial law in charge of the sheriff and city marshal. About thirty citizens and members of the O. N. G., under arms paraded the town all night for the purpose of protecting property saved from the flames and scattered almost everywhere, but which it was found impossible to transfer to a place of safety. A number of suspicious characters were thrown into jail for the night and were released this morning and ordered to move off. This morning the Mayor revoked his order placing the city under martial law, and appointed the following persons as a relief committee to receive contributions for those needing help and to whom all applications for aid are requested to be made: Messrs. Thomas S. Lang, Smith French, J. O. Mack, N. B. Sinnott, B. S. Huntington, and Hugh Glenn, and Messrs. Geo. A. Liebe, George Rutch, M. A. Moody, D. M. French and C. N. Thornbury.

List of the Losses.

The following is a list, as nearly complete as possible at the time of the different firms who were victims of yesterday's fire:

W. S. Graham, \$3000, no insurance; L. Rorden \$8000, insured; William Nield \$5000, no insurance; I. C. Nielsen \$38,000, insurance \$12,000; Geo. Rowland \$5000, fully insured; James Blackner \$4000, no insurance; Gibbons & Macallister & Co. \$20,000, insurance \$8000; Mrs. A. P. Brooks \$1500, insurance \$1000; Congregational church \$10,000, partly insured; W. T. Jones \$2000, no insurance; Ben Wilson \$2000, insurance \$1500; Chrisman & Corson \$3500, insurance \$2000; Chrisman Bros., 4000 insurance \$3000; French & Co., \$4000 insured; Clark & Larsen \$3000, insurance \$1500; Harry Clough \$800 insured; Peter J. Nicholas \$4000 insurance \$2400; Snipes & Kinerly \$4000 insurance \$1400; O. Kinerly \$2500 insurance \$750; W. H. Lochner \$2000, no insurance; Wigan Oregon Co-operative association \$6000 insurance \$3000; Mrs. Langhlin \$2000 insurance \$1200; Lord & Langhlin \$9000 insurance \$4500; W. Lord \$1800 insured; Mrs. F. Dehm \$2500 no insurance; Mrs. Bolton \$500 no insurance; B. Wolf \$9000 insurance \$2800; N. B. Whyer \$3000 no insurance; R. A. Boscoe \$3000, insurance \$1500; J. P. McInerly \$4500, insurance \$2500; H. Wentz \$2000, no insurance; Mays & Crowe \$20,000, partly insured; W. C. Alloway \$2000, no insurance; Mrs. Jaker \$1500, no insurance; Mrs. Krause \$3000, no insurance; F. P. Mays \$3000, insurance \$2000; William Michael \$2000, part insured; Wiganman \$2000, no insurance; E. B. McFarland \$12,000, no insurance; Mrs. Pease \$2400, insurance \$1800; Mrs. Davis \$2000, no insurance; Max Vost \$225,000, no insurance; Max Vost \$225,000, no insurance; G. Ranch \$2000, insurance \$2000; High Glenn \$1000, insurance \$500; Glenn & Handley \$2000, insurance \$1000; N.

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The residence of Ad Keller was saved, though how it escaped while everything near it was destroyed is a miracle.

Two other very curious animals are found in Australia that are unknown in any other part of the world. These are the echidna and the ornithorhynchus. This latter is a species of beast shaped like a beaver, but having web feet and a bill like a duck. Their size and appearance, about half the size of our common mouse and of a bright red color. It has a very long, furry tail, which is used as a rudder and looks much like a feather when fully expanded.

The trees are always in full leaf, but shed their bark every year, which fact alone would be sufficient to make the Antipodean continent a wonderland. The leaves of nearly all the trees are highly aromatic, but the native flowers, though of most brilliant tints, have no fragrance whatever. In writing of the backward order of things in Australia, Mr. M. W. Ullathorne says:

Australia is the antipode of the entire world. In that country a rising barometer indicates rain, and a falling barometer fair weather. The clouds are black and the eagles white; the mole is viviparous and has a duck's beak; the dogs have a wolf's head, a fox's tail, and never bark. They also have a bird with a tongue like a broom, and a fish which has part of the body belonging to the genus Gana and part to the genus Squalus. Many winged serpents are found there and fish with large feathery wings. The emu is a bird as large as an ostrich, but instead of feathers has hair. One bird has a note like a bell, another like a child, while a third laughs as though his sides would split.—St. Louis Republic.

Hawthorne.

Ancestry and local surroundings, mental gifts and mental defects, unite to make Hawthorne the greatest master of the preternatural, the magician of the spell of supernatural awe. From every side come the elements which produce the effect of unsubstantiality—his power of pensive brooding, the brown twilight which wraps his figures in a strange, hazy atmosphere, the coldness of his analysis, the self possession of his style, the indefiniteness of his thought, the indeterminateness of his end. His heroes and heroines have little warmth; they scarcely talk like ordinary men and women; they move self consciously; they speak constrainedly, as though there is something present which reads their thoughts, notes and registers their actions.

The human interest is never so overpowering as to break through the film of the atmosphere. A master of the by-play of suggestion, his hints meet at every turn. His subtle mind and fertile imagination give ghostly significance to the commonest objects. He works out the central idea in marvelous detail, never presenting it nakedly, but always giving it concrete shape, exhibits it from fresh points of view, offers it in new combination, till the reader ends by feeling that he is himself haunted by the impalpable, inevitable presence of Hawthorne's thought.—Edinburgh Review.

One of the attendant physicians informs us, just before going to press, that Joe Fitzgerald passed a very restless night and that he may have a hard time to pull through. The flesh on his hands and arms from the finger tips to the shoulders is burned to a crisp and almost to the bone, so that if he should recover his arms and hands will be crippled for life. He is extensively burned about the face, head, back and chest and will have a hard time to pull through.

MARKET REVIEW.

THURSDAY, September 3, 1901.

Owing to the recent great fire the city yesterday, we are compelled to omit our review of the current events of the grain market, and notes in general. There are no changes in the quotations of the local wheat market and nothing to report of material interest.

The Dalles wheat market is firm at 50 cents per bushel for No. 1, and 70 cents for No. 2.

BAGS—Calcutta, 9 1/2 @ 9 1/2 by bale with an upward tendency.

WHEAT—The market is in good supply with more frequent offerings. Owing to the near approach of the new crop, a decline has taken place. We quote \$1.00 per cental. Market is weak.

BARLEY—The barley supply is fairly good with a limited inquiry. We quote \$1.00 per cental sacked.

FLOUR—Local brands \$4.25 wholesale and \$4.50-\$4.75 retail; extra, \$6.00-\$6.25 per bbl., and firmer on quotations.

MILLS—The supply is in excess of demand. We quote bran and shorts \$17.00 per ton; total \$10.00 per 100 lbs. Shorts and middlings, \$20.00-\$22.50 per ton.

HAY—Timothy hay is in good supply at quotations \$15.00. New wheat hay is in market at \$10.00 per ton loose, and \$11.00-\$12.50 per ton baled. New wild hay is nominally quoted at \$14.00 per ton.

POTATOES—New potatoes, 2 1/2 @ 1 cent per lb.

BUTTER—We quote A1 .40@.50 cents per roll, and cream.

EGGS—The market is in average supply at 18@20 cents per dozen.