

MERCY HOSPITAL ON FIRE AGAIN

Blaze This Morning Results In Large Amount of Damage to Building.

ROOF IS DESTROYED

Firemen Do Fine Work in Extinguishing Blaze, Which Had Gained Great Headway When Alarm Was Turned In.

RATS START FIRE, IT IS BELIEVED.

That rats gnawing off the insulation from electric wiring were responsible for the fire at Mercy hospital this morning, is the opinion held by several nurses at that institution.

For the fourth time, Mercy hospital caught fire this morning and by dint of hard work only, on the part of the fire department assisted by volunteer helpers, was it saved from complete destruction.

The fire was first seen by students looking from windows of the high school and the alarm was turned in from there.

As quickly as possible a stream of water was playing on the blaze from the interior of the building, while firemen perched perilously on the roof, with the shingles blazing under them, fought the fire from the outside.

While this was going on, industrious civilians were busily engaged in removing the patients and furnishings from the building.

The fire started directly over the quarters occupied by the nurses and in the north end of the building.

the flames reached the roof, an explosion would have resulted, which doubtless would have caused the complete destruction of the building and possibly personal injury.

As it was there were few injuries, Woodley Stephenson was burned about the face and eyes with the chemical, which contains sulphuric acid.

The cause of the fire is as much of a mystery as those previous to this one. After the fire a few months ago, all of the wiring was inspected, the fuses were repaired and every precaution to prevent a recurrence taken.

How the fire originated is a complete mystery and is causing considerable questioning. Firemen who investigated following the affair could find nothing to show the manner in which the blaze started and are at a loss to account for it.

The exact amount of damage could not be determined today. The entire roof must be replaced and the walls of the top-story were burned in several places.

Volunteers assisted in the work of cleaning out the building, there being a great deal of litter on the top floor caused by the falling in of the roof.

Caucuses Delay Idaho Convention

COEUR D'ALENE, April 28.—Caucuses among several factions delayed the calling of the Idaho republican convention which met here today to choose eight delegates to the national convention at Chicago.

Relatives of Thompson Here

C. R. Thompson and H. G. Phillips, father and father-in-law of Arthur Thompson, held for the murder of Odie Bates at Riddle, arrived in Roseburg today from Texas.

Fire Department To Get Profits

Those who were present at the Mercy hospital fire today know of the excellent work done by the Roseburg Fire Department. Those who arrived early at the scene of the conflagration were anxious in their verdict that the flames could not be halted.

TRYING TO SOLVE SCHOOL PROBLEM

Nation Wide Campaign Been Started By National Committee of 64 Cities.

FACING GRAVE CRISIS

Are Enlisting the Aid of Chamber of Commerce All Over the Country to Acquaint the Taxpayers With the Facts.

NEW YORK, April 28.—A nation wide campaign to "measure service of teachers, school equipment and courses of instruction," so that every municipality may know how to deal with its public school problem, has been started.

On the ground that the public schools of the United States are facing a grave crisis due to the alleged loss of \$2,500,000,000 to provide adequate buildings, and \$200,000,000 for raising salaries to stop the increasing shortage of teachers.

The conference decided that the Chambers of Commerce could render effective aid only upon the basis of a careful survey of local school conditions for the purpose of comparing them with other cities, the idea being thereafter to enlist all community forces for the development of the public school system.

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Letters received from Coquille and other coast points would indicate that there would be a market for a large amount of seed in that vicinity and this would indicate an opportunity here for developing of a seed growing farm that would not only be profitable to the owner but would assure a crop of broccoli to the producers of the Roseburg vicinity.

CATTLE TO SMITH RIVER.

CORVALLIS, April 28.—Seven registered Jersey calves, just purchased from C. R. Burkhardt near Albany, will be shipped immediately following the Jersey Jubilee to the Smith river section in Douglas county where they will be distributed among calf club members.

Mental Culture Club Meets

The regular meeting of the '95 Mental Culture Club was held in the Parrish house yesterday afternoon and a good attendance from among the members was present.

Fine Picture Display Shown

A fine display of pictures, showing the agricultural, fruit, scenic and other advantages of Douglas County, has been placed by Photographer C. W. Clark, proprietor of Clark's Studio in the show window of the Rice and Rice real estate company office.

Major A. Smith Praises Oregon

"Oregon has gone more towards promoting aviation activities than any state in the union," declares Major Albert D. Smith of the army air service, in a letter to Governor O'Leary who has enjoyed a number of flights in company with the major during his sojourn in this state as a member of the air service forest patrol last summer.

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Korean Women Start Business

SEOUL, Korea, March 18.—(By Mail.)—Korean women are forming an exclusively feminine corporation capitalized at 400,000 yen to buy and sell clothing, lingerie and toilet accessories, according to an advertisement in the first issue of the new Korea daily, the Chosen Ilbo, just issued here.

MANY TOURISTS VISIT ROSEBURG

Camp Grounds Filled With Autoists Some of Whom Will Stop In City.

RIVER FAME SPREADS

Umpqua Becoming Widely Known As Fishing Stream and California Tourists Come to Enjoy the Sport Catching Salmon.

Although the roads are in fierce contention, and in spite of the uncertainty of the weather, there is no doubting the automobile tourists who are already beginning to throng the roads along the coast.

Last night the auto camp ground was filled to capacity, there being 27 cars in all parked in the space provided, six of these cars were from California, and three remained in Roseburg to spend a week or ten days here while the members of the party fish for salmon in the waters of the North and South Umpqua.

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FIRST ROSE IS A HERALD OF SPRING

What is believed to be the first rose of the season was struck this morning by James Hitchings of the Model bakery at his home on Main street, and is now on display in the bakery's window.

MARKET QUOTATIONS. PORTLAND, April 28.—The market quotations today are as follows: Cattle weak; hogs, sheep, butter and eggs steady and all are unchanged from previous quotations this week.