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and Saturday.

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GROUP OF WAREHOUSES BURNED WITH LOSS OF MORE THAN \$50,000 IN SPECTACULAR BLAZE LAST NIGHT

Few Thousand Dollars of Insurance Carried to Offset Loss Occasioned by Destruction of Old Buildings Adjoining Railroad Tracks—South End of City Is Threatened.

FIRE LOSSES.
George Kohlhagen's loss estimated \$5,000. Loss included a carload of 10,000 feet of hardwood flooring, an auto truck, 5,000 yard rails, wagons, 12,000 pounds of baled and numerous other articles. No insurance.
James Newland's loss \$3,000, including six used cars, 1500 gallons of kerosene, stock of parts and accessories, and auto supplies. No insurance.
F. Barker's loss consisted of 10,000 pounds of wool valued at \$4,000. Insured.
California Oregon Power company lost \$10,000 in wire, insulators, arms, transformer oil, paint, etc. insured.
J. Lindsay lost \$6,000 in grocery items, feed and produce. Insurance.

B. Crouch, Stearns and Chenoweth and the State Fish and Game Commission estimate their loss at \$10,000. No insurance.
Southern Pacific company loss estimated by Superintendent King at \$50,000. Loss consists of damage to sheds, and several freight cars, contents, and warped track.

A most spectacular fire to occur recently in recent years, happened about 5 o'clock, when the flames situated directly across Southern Pacific tracks from the freight fire and were burned to ground with a loss of more than \$50,000. For a short time the entire end of town was threatened and small fires started in various places, but as the residents were awake to the situation, and were fighting their property against flying sparks, the flames were quickly extinguished.

The origin of the fire has not been definitely determined. The general opinion is that the fire started in Newgarage, where there were several used cars and a quantity of oil. The fire is believed to have resulted from a short circuit in the old machines, and to have had an explosion in a gasoline tank as a loud report was heard after the fire was first noticed. There were four warehouses in the block owned by O. J. Lindsey, James and George Kohlhagen and S. B. Barker. The fire was first noticed in the back smoke quickly attracted attention, and an alarm was sounded. An explosion of oil barrels and gas spread the flames almost instantly to all parts of the four buildings which extended along the tracks almost 100 yards.

The fire department was greatly surprised by the fact that there were three trains standing on the tracks. Train number 15, a passenger, standing at the depot, and was moved until one of the cars began to smoke. The south end of the tracks were blocked, and two freight cars stored on side tracks could not be moved. There was an engine in each part of the yards, but a line was crossed the tracks effectively blocked off that engine from any use. It finally found necessary to remove the lines of hose to permit the engine to get in to the fire and drag away one of the trains, but until one of the coaches was moved and several boxcars were on

the fire this was done the firemen started to fight from the tops of the cars, but this position quickly became unbearable because of the heat and the men were forced down and to throw streams over the cars. After considerable time the cars were cleared so that the trains were dragged away, permitting the men to get in to the blaze.

Chief Fletcher's first move was to move the hoses on the Sheridan side of the fire, in order to protect the buildings and prevent any fire in that direction. A line was run from the hydrant in front of Berger's store, and another from the Roseburg hotel giving fire protection of the front. The wind was blowing the fire directly towards these structures and the first thought was to move from the east side, so that water would be available for the protection of the business houses. This was very commendable, as the buildings on Sheridan

streets were ignited on several occasions but were not damaged. The stringing of these lines exhausted the amount of hose on Roseburg's one fire truck and it was necessary to return and reload. This was done in the shortest possible space of time, and another line was run from the hydrant at Berger's store corner, and hose was then put in from the west side.

The water had little effect, except to cool off the blaze. The buildings were very old and saturated with oil, and burned like tinder, and even the best of modern apparatus would never have been able to have prevented the destruction of the buildings. However, a fire engine, pumping four streams into a turret nozzle would have been able to have held the fire in a much better manner than the inadequate equipment with which the firemen were forced to fight the blaze.

The fire department did excellent work and is entitled to a great deal of credit. The praise, however, does not all belong to the organized fire department. There were a large number of volunteers who responded, and gave very valuable service. The fire department was altogether too small in numbers to cope with such a fire, and found much ready assistance who without remuneration of any kind, except the knowledge of a duty well performed, risked their lives, and endured the heat and smoke to help in extinguishing the fire.

The boy scouts are also deserving of recognition for their able assistance. The boys, naturally, were among the first on the scene, and the value of their organization was quickly shown in the manner in which they assumed control. Patrol leaders without loss of time assumed command, and within a few minutes the boys had established a fire line which they maintained with the ability and precision of a veteran police department. Traffic was kept directed away from the hose lines, and many other valuable services were performed by the boys.

Many of those who reached the fire first parked their cars on Sheridan street, and within a few minutes these cars were in danger because of the intense heat. Several were blistered before the scouts removed them from the scene and took them to side streets.

As soon as it was realized that the fire was menacing the entire south end of town, the power company took steps to give the best possible water service. The huge Winchester pumps were connected up directly to the mains, and were operated at their highest speed, immediately jumping the pressure to a higher degree, and giving all of the hose lines more effect.

The Southern Pacific company brought out all of its hose, and another stream of water. The Southern Home hose cart, was brought to the scene and held for emergency use but was not needed. The fire department had in use practically every foot of hose which the city owns, and was forced to reload later in the evening with wet hose.

The loss is estimated at around \$50,000, although it will probably run over that figure.
George Kohlhagen is perhaps the heaviest loser, his loss being estimated at about \$15,000. He had recently purchased 10,000 feet of maple flooring, which he had piled in his warehouse, and which burned like tinder. He had also just put in a carload of salt. There was an auto truck, baled hay, and many other articles stored in the building.

James Newland, the local Dodge dealer, estimates his loss at about \$3,000. The six cars destroyed were all old machines with little value he claims. There was about \$1,000 worth of oil and grease in the building, together with some parts and accessories which had been moved to make room for the building which is now being constructed as an addition to his garage.
J. F. Barker just purchased 10,000 pounds of wool yesterday and stored it in Lindsey's building. This was bought by Mr. Barker as an agent and was fully covered by a blanket insurance policy taken out by the Salem company for which Mr. Barker purchased the wool.
O. J. Lindsey's loss was insured for about half of its value. He had his warehouse filled with grocery supplies and buildings on Sheridan

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VERDICT FAVORS BANKER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, May 23.—A verdict in favor of Harry H. Haynes, Portland baker and banker, was returned late yesterday by the jury in the action brought by Mrs. Alice Robertson, a nurse, who sued Haynes for \$85,000 damages. Mrs. Robertson alleged that Haynes had courted her and proposed marriage, representing himself to be unmarried.

BALL FOR QUEEN MARY IS SUCCESS

Opening Dance of Carnival Draws An Immense Crowd.

KING IS UNMASKED

Entrance of Queen and Court Beautiful—Heralds, Prime Minister and Court Fool Entertain.

Different in every respect from any Queen's Ball of previous years, the annual opening Carnival dance in honor of Queen Mary at the armory last night entertained one of the largest crowds to gather at the armory for some time. Long before the entrance of the Queen and her party the balcony was filled with spectators, and a third of the dance floor was taken up with seats for the carnival merry-makers.

Shortly after nine o'clock Umpqua Chief Horace Berg heralded the approach of Queen Mary with a command for everyone to arise, and the royal party entered with the acclaim of trumpets. In the royal party were the trumpeters, in full court costume, Wayne Pickens and Clair Taylor, the Prime Minister, V. M. Petterson, Queen Mary and the mysterious king, the four ladies in waiting to the Queen, and the tiny pages, Phyllis Ann Bolter, and Helen Wetherell. After the promenade about the hall, the party took their seats upon the richly decorated throne which took up one entire end of the hall, and the masked king was revealed by the prime minister to be Frank Clemens, a prominent Roseburg man. The court jester, Mildred Sinner, a talented young dancer, danced for the queen and her subjects. Miss Sinner, in clown make-up, and the cap and bells of the court fool, was one of the outstanding features of the evening, and her dancing won prolonged applause. The proclamation of jollity, commanding her subjects to "an evening of pleasure and merriment, was read by the prime minister, and the grand march led by the king and queen, the ladies in waiting and their escorts finished the prologue.

The Douglas County Concert band played for the prologue.

The selection of the lucky ticket in the automobile contest was made by Queen Mary, assisted by King Frank, and Mr. Petterson. The selection was made from a basket and each ticket counted until the twentieth was reached, and the lucky number read. The lucky number was held by Jack Shields, leader of the Douglas county Concert Band, and was one of a pool held by a number of their candidate who was successful, Queen Mary.

Informal jitney dances will be held tonight and Saturday at the armory, and will be attended each evening by the queen and her ladies in waiting. The dances will start each evening at 7:30.

TAMMANY COMMITTEE WILL RETAIN POWER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, May 23.—A committee of seven appointed after the death of Charles F. Murphy to administer the affairs of Tammany Hall, will remain in power, it is announced, until July 15, when the democratic Governor Smith will be chosen to head Tammany Hall, should delegates to the convention blast his presidential hopes. Prominent members of the committee of seven is headed by Frank J. Goodwin. Three women are members.

SCHOOL PARADE IS BIG FEATURE

March of Children This Morning Is One of the Most Enjoyable Events.

GLIDE TAKES HONORS

Rural School Entries Feature Procession Held Today—High School Boosts for Athletic Field.

WINNERS SCHOOL PARADE.

City Schools—1st prize, \$50, Benson school; 2nd prize, 25, Rose school; 3rd prize, \$15, Fullerton school; 4th prize, \$4, High School.
Open Features—1st prize, \$25, Glide school; 2nd prize, \$15, High school; 3rd prize, \$10, Melrose school.
Rural Schools—1st prize, \$35, Glide school; 2nd prize, \$15, Camas Valley school; 3rd prize, \$10, Melrose school. Honorable mention, Sutherland school.
Honorable mention, Green school.

With more than two thousand school children in line, clad in gorgeous and brilliant colored costumes, the school parade held this morning was one of the finest ever witnessed in the city. A record breaking crowd thronged the streets as the children marched this morning, and everywhere expressions of praise and pleasure were to be heard.

The parade was led by Chief M. E. Cooper in full Indian regalia riding a pony. Chief Cooper is the representative of the Umpqua Chiefs who are sponsoring the carnival and to lead all parades of the festival.

Following the 50's band came the colors and then the pre-school children of the Benson school. These youngsters, still too young to enter this live wire school rode in baby buggies, go-carts, pushed doll carriages or travelled on scooters.

Then came a whole host of butterflies, roses, lilies, prunes, broccoli, etc., the costumes being those worn in the pageant presented last night. There was King Oregon and his court and body guard, all in human strawberries, and then came a group of Indians, with a very pretty Indian float. Maggie and Jiggs, created much amusement along the line.

Fullerton school followed with decorated bicycles, a group of costumed children, fairies, flowers, and maypole dancers.

Rose school also reviewed their parent performers in their costumes, Shepherds, flowers, roses, a float, flags, elves, cowboys, mechanics, etc., participating in a riot of color.

The high school put in a boost for the athletic field which they are purchasing. A hollow square was formed with the marchers carrying small trees and boughs forming a representation of Laurelwood park, and in the center paraded the football team, track men and baseball players.

The children of St. Joseph's school had a maypole and a huge strawberry on a small cart.

The Greens school children presented the Mother Goose characters, and also their industrial clubs.

The South Deer Creek school had a large Red Cross float.

The Glide school entry was of a very unique and unusual character. Mace Tipton, the last surviving Chief of the Umpqua tribe rode on a large float on which was a tepee among a bow of evergreens, marching behind the float came the children all dressed in their costumes.

Their costumes were exceedingly clever and they carried bows and arrows, and other tribal implements. Two ponies dragging regular Indian travois and the girls carried tom-toms.

As the parade returned the Glide feature was stopped in front of the Judge's stand and Mace Tipton made a speech in Indian jargon, after which the children put on the regular Indian war dance.

Mace Tipton's speech translated into English was as follows:
"Whitemen: Not many snows have fallen since all this great land was ours, the home of our fathers."
"When the white men first came to our land we met them with open hands. We gave them food to eat and horses to ride. We took them into our tepees and gave them a place to sleep. Some were kind and helpful to us, others were not."
"The Indian and the white man can not live in the same land in peace."
"In the summers that followed the coming of the first white man many of your people came. The elk and the antelope were killed or driven away. Food became scarce. Our children starved on strange

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BILL IS PASSED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, May 23.—In the record breaking time of fifteen minutes the senate today passed the annual agricultural appropriation bill, carrying in a total of \$60,000,000.

C. S. Richardson and wife of Medford are visiting in the city and attending to business matters. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are registered at the Grand Hotel.

PRIZE WINNERS OF ROSE SHOW

Beautiful Exhibit on Display at Women's Club's Show in Hochradel Bldg.

BLOSSOMS ARE CHOICE

Mrs. W. S. Hamilton Wins Many Firsts and Seconds in Awards Made Late Yesterday

The Annual Rose Show which started yesterday to continue for the three days of the carnival is attracting large crowds and those who love beautiful flowers should not fail to attend the exhibit of choice blossoms. The exhibit has been arranged upstairs in the Hochradel building.

The Roseburg Women's Club is sponsoring the show and has spent a great deal of time in selecting the marvelous blooms for the display. Many new roses were brought to the exhibit today and many peonies, sweet peas and iris are included in the show.

The prizes were awarded late yesterday afternoon and the awards were as follows:

Section A, Class 1:
First prize, "Harry Kirke" rose, Mrs. W. S. Hamilton. Second prize "Madame Cochet," by Mrs. W. R. Nerbas. Third prize, "Jean Note," by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton.
Section A, Class 2:
No first prize announced. Second prize, "Wm. R. Smith" rose, Mrs. M. E. Kidder. Third prize, "Lady Pinks," by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton.
Section A, Class 4:
First Prize, "Lady Battersea," by Mrs. Washington Hughes. Second prize, "Richmond," Mrs. W. S. Hamilton. Third prize, "Elsie Brunner," by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton.
Section A, Class 5:
First prize "Instituter Surdy," by Mrs. M. E. Kidder. Second prize, Madame Ravary," by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton. Third prize "Lady Hillington," by Mrs. S. D. Evans.
Section A, Class 6:
First prize, "Lady Roberts," by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton. Second prize, "Mrs. Aaron Ward," by Mrs. Ed Von Poesl. Third prize, "Fleet D'Orr," by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton.

Section C, Class 1:
One basket white roses: First prize by Mrs. A. G. Sutherland. Second prize by Mrs. S. D. Evans.
Section C, Class 2:
Basket pink roses: First prize by Mrs. Washington Hughes. Second prize by S. D. Evans.
Section C, Class 4:
Basket red roses: First prize by Mrs. Nancy Gibson, "American Beauty." Second prize by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton, "Red Letter Day."
Section C, Class 5:
Basket yellow roses: Mrs. A. C. Kidd, "Marshall Nell."
Section C, Class 7:
First prize "Agnosta Kompt" by Mrs. S. D. Evans. Second prize: Mixed blends by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton. Third prize, mixed blends by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton.

Section E, Class 1:
First prize "Irish Elegance," by Mrs. S. D. Evans.
Section E, Class 2:
First prize "Baty Doll" by Mrs. S. D. Evans.
Succapatoes rose:
"Hon. Ina Bingham" rose by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton.
Iris Entry:
Best single stem, light color, first prize by Mrs. S. D. Evans.
Best single stem, dark color, first prize by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton, second prize by Mrs. M. E. Kidder, third prize by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton.
Collection of Iris:
First prize by Mrs. A. C. Kidd, second prize by Mrs. W. S. Hamilton.
Peonies:
Best white, first prize collection by Mrs. Harry Pargeter.

SON OF CHICAGO WATCH MANUFACTURER SLAIN BY KIDNAPERS WHO DEMANDED RANSOM OF \$10,000

Death of Boy Baffles Chicago Police and Is Considered Strangest Homicide Case in History of City's Crime—Parents Receive Warning From Kidnapers Preceding Discovery of Nude Body.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, May 23.—The kidnaping and ransom theory in the mysterious death of 14 year old Robert Franks, a millionaire's son, came to the fore today when the coroner's chemist declared there was no evidence of a degenerate attack as officials had announced earlier.

Poison, Dr. J. W. McNally, the chemist said, might have caused external evidence from which the earlier theory of his mistreatment was drawn.

Coroner Oscar Wolfe accepted Dr. McNally's theory.

Ivan May, an elderly watchman living near the culvert where the body was found, was taken into custody and held as a witness. He said he saw no one near the spot Wednesday night.

Franks started to walk three blocks to his home late Wednesday afternoon after unprying a ball game and was not seen again until his body was found nude and bruised under a culvert several miles away.

Soon after the kidnaping and before the probable hour fixed by the coroner of the death, Mrs. Franks received a telephone call from a suave speaking man that the boy was held for ransom, and warning her not to trace the telephone call.

The injunction about tracing calls was disregarded. Next morning about the time the body was discovered the family received a letter which police and school instructors said was written by a well educated person, demanding \$10,000 ransom.

Investigation as to whether it was copied from some well known magazine stories produced no known analogy.

The police are enlisting the help of Franks' school mates in the hunt for his slayer. Irvin Hartmann, 11 year old school mate of the victim said he saw Robert Franks leave the school, Wednesday afternoon and saw a big gray auto standing at the curb a half block away as Robert was approaching it. When he looked again, Irvin said, the car was starting but Robert was not in sight.

Richard F. Williams, the athletic instructor at the Harvard school, a fashionable private institution which Robert Franks attended, when questioned by the police said he left the school about 4:45 Wednesday p. m. in company with Thomas Skillman, a pupil. He said he went to the Skillman home where he remained during the evening.

Mott Kirk Mitchell, the English instructor said he left the school after 4:15 p. m. and went to his home where he worked in the garden until dark.

Neither Williams nor Mitchell knew anything of the movements of the Franks boy after he left the ball grounds, they said.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Slain while kidnapers demanded a \$10,000 ransom, the nude body of Robert Franks, 14-year-old son of Jacob Franks, millionaire watch manufacturer found yesterday in a railroad culvert five miles from his home, brought to light the strangest and most baffling homicide in Chicago's history.

Unaware that the body, found yesterday, was that of his son, the father was arranging to carry out the kidnapers' demands, sent to him in a neatly typewritten special delivery letter.

Coroner's physicians who made a necropsy were unable to fix the

manner of his death. They indicated that the slaying may have been done through a sponge or rag saturated in acid pressed to the mouth. The stomach and lungs, surgeons said, were in a pathological condition.

The boy's body was found half extending out of a culvert under the railroad tracks. It had apparently been tossed into the water head first.

A man walking along the tracks found it and with the aid of section hands hauled it to dry land.

A stocking, identified as worn by the boy, and a pair of horn rimmed eye glasses were found on the bank. The father said his son never had worn eye glasses. Police called to the scene assumed the then unidentified boy had been drowned and waited several hours before sending general word around of the discovery.

According to officials of the Harvard school the boy was last seen alive late Wednesday afternoon. He had acted as an umpire in a baseball game, but left before it was over. When he failed to arrive at home a search was made.

Alone at home while her husband and Samuel Ettelson, a friend of the family, searched, Mrs. Franks received a mysterious telephone call about 10:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. "This is Mr. Johnson," a voice said. "Of course you know by this time that your boy has been kidnaped. We have him and you need not worry; he is safe. But don't try to trace this call or to find me. We must have money."

After hours of waiting for another call or further word from the kidnapers the police were informed. The letter demanding the ransom was delivered at the Franks home at 9:30 yesterday morning, a few minutes after the boy's body had been recovered. "As you know by this time, your son has been kidnaped," it read. "Allow us to assure you that he is at present well and safe. You need fear no physical harm to him providing you live up carefully to the following instructions and such others as you will receive by further instructions."

"Should you, however, disobey any further instructions, his death will be the penalty."

"1. For obvious reasons make absolutely no attempt to communicate with police authorities or any private agencies. Should you already have communicated with the police, allow them to continue their investigations but do not mention this letter."

"2. Secure before noon today ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars. This money must be entirely of old bills of the following denominations: \$2,000 in twenty dollar bills, \$3,000 in fifty dollars. The money must be old, any attempt to include new or marked bills will render the entire venture futile."

"3. The money should be placed in a large cigar box or if that is impossible, in a heavy cardboard box, securely closed and wrapped in white paper. The wrapper should be sealed at all openings with sealing wax."

"4. Have the money with you as directed alone and remain at home after 1 p. m. See that the telephone is not in use."

"You will receive a future communication instructing you as to your future course. As a final word of warning, this is a strictly commercial proposition and we are prepared to put our threat into execution should we have reasonable grounds to believe

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Official Carnival Program

Saturday, May 24
"PORTLAND DAY"

10:00 a. m.—Grange and Industrial Parade.
Industrial Prizes, 1st, \$50; 2nd, \$25; 3rd, \$10.
Grange Prizes, 1st, \$25; 2nd, \$10.
In each of these classes there must be two or more exhibits or organizations competing.

1:30 p. m.—Livestock Parade, in charge of County Agent Cooney.
(See Rules and Prize List following program.)

3:00 p. m.—Ball Game at Laurelwood, Roseburg vs. Reedsport, admission 50 cents, proceeds to be divided between ball team and carnival fund.

7:30 Community hour at Court House Grounds.

7:30—Jitney Dance at Armory.
Carnival Attractions.