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ALBANY HAS A \$65,000 BLAZE

FLAMES PRACTICALLY DESTROY BANK BUILDING

CLOTHING CO. HEAVY LOSER

No Knowledge of How the Fire Started
Nightwatchman Discovered Blaze Too Late For Fire Department to Render Effective Service.

The fire at Albany mentioned in yesterday's Gazette-Times was a \$65,000 conflagration, the First National Bank building, one of the best in the city being gutted. The Blain Clothing Co. lost heavily. Of the fire the Democrat says:

"Just after one o'clock, an employe at Spires Stables discovered fire issuing from the tailor shop in the rear of the clothing store of the L. E. Blain Clothing Co., and gave the alarm, with a quick response from our volunteer firemen, who soon had streams on from the hydrants. The engines were slow, but did good work when well started. The flames spread until it was impossible to confine them to the lower part. They worked their way through into the second floor and into the garret under the roof, where it was impossible to reach them and they soon covered the upper part of the building, completely gutting it, but leaving the floor of the second story, before finally gotten under control, with eight or nine streams from the rear, side and front. Not until after 6 o'clock were the last sparks out. By that time the building was completely drenched with water and everything in it soaked.

The L. E. Blain Clothing Co. is the heaviest loser, carrying a stock of \$40,000 completely ruined except a few things gotten out from the front, with an insurance of \$20,000.

The wall of the building is unimpaired, but the damage must be close to \$15,000 with an insurance of \$12,000.

All the valuables of the First National Bank were in the vault, including all the papers. Three thousand dollars insurance was carried on the fixtures. The vault was hardly heated so well were the flames kept from that part of the building.

The second story occupied by law offices is a complete ruin: Hewitt & Sox got most of their things out, and \$500 will cover their loss, and the same is the case of the office of P. R. Kelley, with about a loss of \$200. L. L. Swan's office being in the rear suffered severely, a new typewriter going. In the library were some of the books of Judge Wolverton's library. The loss is about \$1,000. G. W. Wright got out part of his Oregon reports. His loss is about \$1,000. J. C. Christy had a large library costing \$4,000, and he only got out a dictionary and a code. He was the only one in the top story insured, carrying \$1,000, recently taken out. Judge Duncan's Oregon reports were in Mr. Christy's office and were burned. W. S. Riskey saved nothing, and losses about \$500 worth of property. W. D. Mixture had an office with L. L. Swan and lost a few things. How the fire started is a mys-

CORVALLIS, AS VISITORS SEE CITY

THE IMPRESSION THE STRANGER GETS ON A SHORT VISIT.

RESIDENCES GOOD; REST BAD

Main Street Sends a Chill Down Spinal Column of Men Charmed With Residential Sections--What They Suggest for Betterment of City.

A gentleman in this city yesterday who has seen all of the west a half-dozen times and much of the east said to the Gazette-Times man: "In all my travels I have never yet bumped into a business street that impressed me as your main street does. I walked over much of the residence section before I wandered down town and I was immensely pleased with the many nice residence properties I saw and the signs of progress manifest everywhere, but when I struck Main street the contrast was so great that it really depressed me. Main street looks old, dilapidated, discolored, woe-begone—and yet you have a business section of considerable extent and it could be made attractive. Get those old board walks off the street, condemn at least a few of the worst shacks, and at least level up the street with good macadam and your main street would not impress a stranger so adversely. Corvallis has far more nice looking residence properties than one usually finds in towns this size and it has a business section about as discouraging as one ever looks at. I am surprised at this, and no less surprised that your Agricultural College has no greater extent of buildings to care for its 1400 students. Most schools with half that number of students have more buildings. The Oregon legislature certainly made no mistake in providing \$200,000 for new buildings. From the reputation the school has, I thought I would find a large number of fine structures. Pres. Kerr very kindly gave me an insight into plans for the future, and with these carried out the institution will certainly be a superb one. I know something of Pres. Kerr's work and his general reputation as an organizer and I am confident the Oregon Agricultural College now has at its head the greatest executive and builder in the west, without exception."

Another Man's View.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Flint, of Middleton, Idaho, are in Corvallis visiting Dr. Johnson, who will go with them to the bay tomorrow. The Flints have been to the fair and down to Long Beach, Calif. This is their first visit to the Willamette valley, and Mr. Flint is charmed with the country. He finds the land selling at a very reasonable price compared with lands elsewhere, and he is enthusiastic about Corvallis. He thinks we have the making of a mighty fine little city here. Mr. Flint was particularly impressed with the uniformly good residence properties and commented on the absence of the small tery. There had been nothing doing in the tailor shop, where the start was, for a few days. It was either from an electric wire, combustion or mice in matches.



Five generations of the Henkle family, Jacob Henkle, his daughter, Mrs. Rachel A. Kitson; granddaughter, Mrs. Emma E. Mason; great-granddaughter, Mrs. Iva E. Staines, and great-great-grandson, Terrence Henkle Staines, were all gathered here at one time.

Jacob Henkle is in his 84th year. He crossed the plains with ox teams from Iowa to Oregon in 1853, and settled in Benton county four miles southwest of Philomath, where he has since resided. His wife, Elizabeth Wood Henkle, died in 1904.

Stayton Buys Auto For Train Service

Not having satisfactory train service, Stayton citizens have bought an automobile and now run it between that town and Salem. The Stayton Mail says of the undertaking:

"At a meeting of the citizens of this town one day last week it was decided that if enough money could be raised an automobile would be bought and placed on the road to carry passengers from here to Salem and intermediate towns. About \$1500 was raised for the purpose in a few hours and enough more was promised to assure a success of the undertaking.

"Last Saturday a young man came over here from Albany with a big touring car and offered to put his machine at the disposal of the citizens of Stayton if they would do the advertising and fix a few of the bad places in the road. This they readily agreed to do and another meeting was held Monday night to raise money for advertising purposes and work on the road. In less than half an hour after the petition was drawn up enough money had been subscribed to go ahead with the work.

"Tuesday morning the big automobile made its first trip loaded down with Stayton boosters on their way to Salem to consult with the Board of Trade of that place to co-operate with them in the undertaking and to petition the court for assistance in making repairs on the county road."

and squalid homes found in most towns and cities. He thinks our Main street lacks much of being in keeping with the rest of the city. Mr. Flint is a fruit grower in the Boise valley, one of the finest valleys in the west, but he may invest in orchard land here, as prices look good and the possibilities unlimited. If the beach looks good to him he will buy, and build a cottage for summer use, Mrs. Flint being afflicted with hay fever. Dr. Johnson hopes that Mr. Flint's enthusiasm will not run out until he actually gets located here.

SERIES OF FORTUNATE ACCIDENTS

THREE DIFFICULTIES THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SERIOUS.

TWO RUNAWAYS IN TWO DAYS

Man and Boy Slightly Injured in Accident Today; Woman Escaped From Very Dangerous Runaway Yesterday on Lebanon Road.

An Albany man and his son were slightly injured in a runaway in this city early this morning. They were driving in a buggy when the horse became frightened by an auto and dumped them from the vehicle near Mrs. Arch Johnson's property. The gentleman's heel was badly wrenched and the boy was scratched up considerably.

About half way to Lebanon yesterday, Dr. Pernot in his machine met Dr. Guthrie driving a team and his wife driving behind in a buggy. The horse driven by Mrs. Guthrie became frightened at Dr. Pernot's auto and ran away. The buggy was upset with Mrs. Guthrie beneath and the horse tumbled over on the wreck. Dr. Pernot ran his machine into a ditch and went hastily to the woman's assistance, expecting to find her at least badly hurt. Instead, she was only bruised and her temper was so little disturbed that she had no disposition to blame anyone. This was a peculiarly fortunate accident, no damage being done other than to the buggy top.

Joseph Dixon, one of this county's best known farmers, is having quite an experience with his hand. Two months ago a thistle pricked one of his fingers and a portion of the weed broke off in the wound. Mr. Dixon reached for the knife with which he cuts his tobacco, trims his corns and peels his apples and proceeded to gouge out that offending thistle. He got rid of the obstruction but he let in a great mass of germs and within a week his hand was terribly swollen. The difficulty was so serious that the hand had to be lanced a

THE TENNYSON ANNIVERSARY

LADIES REVERE MEMORY OF ENGLAND'S POET LAUREATE.

AFFAIR AT MISS KLINE HOME

Beloved Poet Would Have Been One Hundred Years of Age had he Lived Until Yesterday--Gone, but Will Never Be Forgotten.

Last night a number of ladies who knew the poet Tennyson in his youth—their youth—celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth. They gathered at the very pleasant home of Miss Pauline Kline and there in the evening's twilight glow, augmented by Edison incandescents, quoted verses learned while sitting at the feet of the poet laureate—metaphorically speaking. Those who couldn't quote, read; those who could do neither looked wise, or tried to. The editor was one of the latter. After a season of this mental strenuousness the guests adjourned to the spacious parlors decorated gloriously with a profusion of lovely roses, sweet peas and ferns. By special petition signed by half the property owners the writer attempted to sing "Sweet and

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half dozen times and now after two months is just getting in such shape that Mr. Dixon is certain of keeping it. The one pleasant feature about this difficulty was the charge of the surgeons, the bill being considerably less than the old gentleman anticipated, and he is jubilant.

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