

TRY AND FIND IT IN TOWN BEFORE YOU SEND AWAY--IT WILL PAY YOU

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FIRE THIS MORNING DESTROYED THE GRANDE RONDE CASH COMPANY'S WAREHOUSE---

SILER WILL REFEREE FIGHT

(Scripps News Association)
Goldfield Aug. 19.—It was announced today that Siler will referee the Gans-Nelson fight for five hundred dollars and expense. The work began on the arena today and will be finished within seven days. The committee are arranging tents for the accommodation of visitors who are intending to stop over night. The labor organizations are co-operating with the committee for the celebrated parade and labor day. Gans is in systematic training and is in fine shape.

LYNCHERS LAUDED BY NEWSPAPER

(Scripps News Association)
Atlantic Ga. Aug. 18.—The Evening News, owned by Colonel English who is also its editor, offers to his readers, this day of dollars for lynching in Atlanta. In his paper he lauds South Carolina mob and says "Honor may come to Georgia next." "In speaking of the recent lynchings which caused the wrath of the governor to overflow the editor said: "Those South Carolina patriots have upheld the honor and traditions of that state."

QUARTER PAYMENT DOUBTFUL

(Scripps News Association)
Springfield Ill., Aug. 18.—Examiner Jones reports that the Milwaukee Avenue State bank shows at least a million dollars lost, due to forged papers amounting to that figure. A one quarter payment to depositors is doubtful.

SUDDEN CHANGE OF WIND SAVES BLOCK OF RESIDENCES

Once more La Grande was awakened from its peaceful slumbers by the sound of the Round House whistles. At about one o'clock this morning the city was illuminated by the fire that devoured the Grande Ronde Cash company's warehouse, and the G. E. Fowler warehouse. The fire department responded to the alarm and soon appeared on the scene. But it was of no avail. The buildings were beyond the saving point. But there was another mission for the fire department and they proved equal to the occasion. That was protecting the surrounding residences and most of all the Standard Oil tank which stands in close proximity to the hay shed of Lewis brothers.

How the fire started is not known. Some think a spark from the O. R. & N. switch engine did it, but nothing is certain. It was shortly after midnight when Charles Merchuson, who lives just opposite, discovered the flames, which had then made considerable headway, and with all possible haste he gained admittance to the barn and saved the horses who were already growing frantic. Before he had completed his task however, Mr. Smith, who was sleeping in the warehouse proper, was awakened by heat, and catching up a few garments, dashed through the window to safety.

The two huge frame structures are so close together, that the minute the fire had gained a foothold in one, the other was ignited too. By the time a crowd had gathered, the flour and feed and farm implements in the G. R. C. Co. warehouse proper were furnishing fuel for the ravaging of the flames, and the firemen suffered greatly as they could not advance within many feet of the buildings.

FIREMEN WORK VOLUNTARILY

As soon as it was evident that the huge structure was beyond control the attention of the department was called to the coal oil tank. The fire by this time had spread to the west and caught the east side of a hay barn and here it was that the united force of the department was heaped. Had this building been

burned, a terrific explosion would have been inevitable. As it was the building was gutted and all the hay burned.

FOUGHT LIKE VETERANS

One gentleman, who has seen professional fire fighters in big cities, stated that any he had yet seen, could have been taught several lessons last night by watching the local company.

They did exactly the proper thing at the right time and did it like clock work.

RESIDENCES MENACED

The homes of Wm. Grant, David Bay, and Chas. Merchuson, whose residences were just opposite, were scorched and the shade trees practically ruined. These gentlemen, by an industrious application of water to their homes with a garden hose helped to save the buildings. For a minute it looked as though the whole block was bound to go. There was not a particle of wind but the suction seemed to serve the flames across the street and instantly the telegraph and light wires were burned, the sidewalk on the other side of the street ignited, and four houses began to smoke. Another minute the flames had receded and the homes saved.

FWOLER'S WAREHOUSE NEXT

A huge pile of wood ranked on the east side of the barn now caught and transmitted the blaze to Fowler's warehouse. Here was stored the household goods of John Scott and Edward Robinson's besides a portion of many other families' furniture. Mr. Fowler, who carried a small insurance on the building, had about three hundred dollars worth of coal in it. Mr. Coolidge had much lime and cement stored in the structure. The loss to this building alone is placed at \$1500.

Mr. J. L. Slater was also a heavy loser in lime and cement.

FOUR BUILDINGS IN ALL

In all there were four buildings destroyed. The hay shed of Lewis Brothers has a charred frame standing today, the G. R. C. Company warehouse is a mass of burned and twisted buggies, binders, headers and implements of all de-

scriptions. A carload of flour is still burning. The huge barn belonging to the same firm was so completely destroyed that there is not even a few coals to mark the spot. Fowler's warehouse is a heap of hot cement today.

THE COAL OIL TANK

It was emphasised last night what damage a coal oil tank and store house might do to a community. The tank is not over twelve feet from the structure where the firemen were expending their utmost energies to stop the advance of the flames. Without good efficient service by that body what would have happened is not to be thought of. The homes and lives of residents within a radius of an block of that tank are

constantly menaced. The place for an oil tank and storage is outside of the city limits. Every effort, on the part of the people who have their homes in that section, to have it moved has proven unsuccessful. There is still one resort and that it is in the council. Will they take immediate steps to remove this dangerous storage?

TWELVE THOUSAND

The loss to Mr. Coolidge is \$2000. Just what the total loss is, including Messrs. Lewis', is conservatively estimated at twelve thousand dollars. Mr. Press Lewis has not stated his loss and this figure is arrived at by close estimation.

There is also an insurance on the G. R. C. company's building, but just what it is has not been stated by Mr. Lewis.

MUTINEER IS EXECUTED

(Scripps News Association)
Warsaw, Aug. 18.—Three bombs were thrown into the carriage of Governor-general Foul this morning two of which exploded. Occupants of the vehicle were uninjured, but houses in the neighborhood were damaged to a considerable extent.

Warsaw, Aug. 18.—An attempt was made today to assassinate the Governor of Warsaw.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—Eighteen mutineers were executed this morning. The peasants of Astrakan province have seized the land and drove out the proprietors. The owners are prepared to defend but the troops had to be called to quell the disturbance.

RECEPTION FOR SAILORS

(Scripps News Association)
Rockport, Mass., Aug. 18.—Today is a holiday for the sailors of Admiral Evans' fleet and with the permission of the commander they are enjoying shore leave to the fullest extent. They are guests of the citizens of Rockport, who have subscribed liberally for the entertainment of the boys. A big reception has been arranged in honor of the sailor boys and they will be wined and dined to their heart's content. This morning there was a big parade, which made a highly favorable impression.

STRATFORD SHOAL CRUISING RACE

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Aug. 10.—The annual Stratford Shoal cruising race under the auspices of the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club will be sailed this afternoon and judging from the number of entries and the quality of the entered craft, the race will be unusually interesting. The principal prize will be a trophy.

WRECK ON O.S.L. THIS MORNING

(Scripps News Association)
Salt Lake, Aug. 18.—Passenger train number 10 from Butte to Salt Lake on the O. S. L. ran into an open switch on Barrats siding in Montana this morning. The flying passenger struck a freight and killed Conductor Shewalt who was on the freight. Engineer Fusse and Fireman Sappington were seriously injured. None of the passengers are hurt seriously.

STRICKEN CITY OF VALPARAISO RAISO A MASS OF FLAMES

(Scripps News Association)

London, Aug. 18.—A heavy loss of life and an immense damage to property in Valparaiso, according to messages from officers of the Pacific Steamship Company resulted from the earthquake yesterday.

The dispatches say that the company's offices are wrecked and the buildings on several avenues are destroyed. One firm covering two blocks was wrecked.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—The bank here has a dispatch from Valparaiso which says that half of that city is destroyed, a distance from Almendral to Bellavista Streets.

PARTICULARS NOT KNOWN

New York Aug. 18.—The West Duval and Company have received a cable from Valparaiso this morning saying "Town nearly half destroyed. We will send particulars when the shaking ceases."

Berlin Aug. 18.—A private telegram the first news, from Iquique says the place is unharmed.

Little insurance was carried by American companies in Chile. If a fire follows it is thought that the English Companies will be hard hit.

Hamburg, Aug. 18.—The North German bank today received from banco DeChilly at Valparaiso the following statement, "All is well in the bank building, although slightly damaged. Many houses destroyed. The bank is closed."

New York Aug. 18.—The Central and South American telegraph company reports that the situation at Valparaiso is similar to the San Francisco disaster. The city is still burning.

Santiago, Chil., Aug. 18.—A fearful earthquake visited here this morning. Consternation prevails and people are fleeing to the mountains like mad men.

The chief official of the telegraph company at Taona wires that Valparaiso is in flames resulting from the earthquake. Troops are shooting pillagers and many are being killed by falling walls. The seismic disturbance on the Chile side of the Andes continues. It is expected that full particulars of the disaster will be wired soon, but as yet all reports are brief and say nothing of the total or estimated total of lives lost.

BECKWITH IS CAUGHT

(Scripps News Association)
Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 18.—Beckwith, the defaulting cashier of the California Fruit Distributors, was caught last night in Woodland and is now in the city jail here. He refuses to talk other than to say he did not know the association was short.

PORTLAND SUFFERS FROM FIRE

(Scripps News Association)

Portland, Ore., Aug. 18.—Fire from an unknown origin starting in the Lewis bakery this morning swept clean a greater portion of the block surrounded by Burnside, Couch, Fourth and Fifth Streets. Thirteen frame buildings were destroyed and many others severely damaged.

Nineteen horses in the livery stable and four valuable dogs were incinerated. There was a panic among the guests of the Quinby hotel, a four story frame building which was partially gutted by the fire. A hundred and fifty lives were endangered by the terrible flames and many narrow escapes are recorded. The loss is fifty thousand.

TRYING TO DEFEAT LITTLEFIELD

(Scripps News Association)
Bath, Me., Aug. 18.—Samuel Gompers and John Mitchell have started a vigorous campaign with the ultimate end to defeat Congressman Charles E. Littlefield, a Republican, for re-election in the Second District. Gompers began his stumping tour today and will deliver addresses denouncing Littlefield as an enemy to organized labor, in this city, Livermore Falls, Rumford Falls and Rockland.

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