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OLDENBURG PROPERTY IN PENDLETON RAZED BY FIRE

In a most spectacular fire lasting over an hour Wednesday morning the residence on the hill north of the Umatilla river known as the Dickson house and occupied by James Johns of the Hartman Abstract company, was totally destroyed, says the Pendleton East Oregonian. Nothing to speak of was saved and Mrs. Johns and the baby, who were in the house at the time the fire started, narrowly escaped perhaps serious injury by a mere accident.

Mrs. Johns was attending to her house work about 10 o'clock and hearing a noise outside, went to see what caused it, and upon opening the door the flames burst into her face, and grabbing her baby she ran outside to find the entire dwelling enveloped in flames.

As the house is out of the city limits and situated at a great distance from the nearest hydrant, it was impossible to get water to it and although a large crowd immediately went to the assistance of Mr. Johns, it was impossible to check the flames

or to save any of the furniture. There was no wind blowing at the time and the dwelling burned for fully an hour and being located on the hill on the north side of the river, could be plainly seen from every portion of the city.

The residence was owned by L. Oldenburg of La Grande and when it was erected was considered one of the best houses in the city, costing about \$6000. It was erected by Haldane Dickson about 12 years ago, but has changed hands several times in the past few years. Mr. Johns rented the house from Oldenburg about two years ago.

Mr. Johns' loss, including furniture, bedding, clothing and practically everything in the house will reach to about \$2500, with but small insurance. There was a small insurance on the house also.

The Johns family went to the home of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Quinlan this morning to remain until a temporary home is secured.

It is not known how the fire originated.

BASKET BALL GAME LIKELY

Two prospective games of basketball are talked of today and tomorrow it will be definitely known if North Powder girls are coming here to play with the local quintet, or whether the local boys' team is going to North Powder.

Negotiations have been on for two days, and the ultimatum of the North Powder management is that the girls from that town cannot come to La Grande until later in the season.

It is possible, however, that La Grande girls may go to North Powder one week from tomorrow. On that date, too, the local club boys are very likely to play at North Powder. These two games will be decided upon tomorrow, at which time the North Powderites are to give definite answer.

Joint Installation.
All members of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. are requested to attend the joint installation Saturday, January 25. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 12 o'clock noon. The department president, Mrs. Davis of Union, and Past Department Commander A. J. Goodbrod, will be present and address the meeting. Mrs. Davis will install the W. R. C. officers and General Goodbrod the G. A. R. officers. Refreshments will be served prior to the installation.

Notice to Friends.
I, the undersigned, having been released from the employment of the Grande Ronde Meat Co., have taken an interest in the La Grande Cash Meat Co., and would be pleased to meet my friends in either of our markets. Phones Main 96 and Main 16.
1-21-23 WIN BUNKER.

Current Topic Club Friday Night.
Mrs. Kirk and Miss Margaret will entertain the Current Topic club on Friday evening at the home of William Miller in South La Grande. The subject for consideration is the practical side of airships and wireless telegraphy. Mr. Miller has charge of the program.

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Official information concerning the reduced rates to be granted westbound traffic by the Harriman lines this spring has just been received here by Agent Keeney. The special colonist rates will be in effect from March 1 to April 30 and will be as follows:
From Chicago to Portland, Astoria and Puget Sound destinations and points on the Southern Pacific and branches north of and including Missouri river common points (Council Bluffs to Kansas City, Mo., inclusive) also St. Paul and Minneapolis, the rate will be \$30; from St. Louis, \$35.50, and from Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, \$39.
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