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These cool evenings suggest furs.

As usual, in fact always, the La Grande fire department was there with the goods again last night.

It is no longer "the public be damned." These are political house cleaning days. As President Roosevelt once remarked, "Strenuous days."

President Roosevelt made one swipe with his "big stick" and Haskell resigns. It is not probable that Mr. Bryan will ask the president to prove any more of his assertions.

Foraker had better follow Haskell, and resign from the United States senate. It will save him lots of worry and money. The result will be the same. He will never be returned.

The next legislature will be required to redistrict the state. If possible it would be desirable to form three congressional districts. This would practically permit Portland and a few close-in counties to form a separate district. As long as eastern Oregon is linked up with Portland, we can never exactly tell just where we are at. However, since the second district has been organized, Portland has never stepped in, because of her large vote, and captured the congressional nomination. She has demanded and secured the naming of United States senators, but even if she could under the primary nominating system, plead not guilty to this.

#### DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING.

Vice-Presidents Appointed and Will Hold Meeting Next Friday Evening.

The preliminary arrangements for an active campaign was partially perfected last night at a meeting of the Bryan and Kern club. President E. E. Bragg appointed the following vice-presidents: Herman Rothschild, North Powder; Dunham Wright, Big Creek; Fred Holmes, Island City; B. F. Wilson, Union; Luther Ward, Hilgard; Will Stoddard, Perry; Henry Chambers, Cove; J. A. Woodell, Allice; H. L. Alexander, Imbler. Other precinct appointments will be announced at the next meeting.

Permanent headquarters will be established and later it is the intention to have speakers visit the principal portions of the county.

#### HALL NOW OPENED.

Lights Will Allow Scrutiny of Exhibits at Night Time.

The Exhibit hall was opened today as announced yesterday evening, and from now on the fruit and vegetables will be on display both night and day. To make it possible for the night tourist to view the products of Grande Ronde, the hall has been equipped with electric lights, the connections having been made today.

In view of the fact that a large percentage of the colonists pass through La Grande at night, the light equipment is a boon for it and will allow a careful scrutiny of the shelves even at the dead of night. The exhibits are splendid, though limited, and from time to time Mr. Hall expects to add to his displays until the place is a veritable garden spot, representing the varied products of Grande Ronde soil.

#### CONFLAGRATION AVERTED.

No Wind and Quick Department Service Saves Big Fire Loss.

Timely arrival of the fire department, but above all, fortunate atmospheric conditions, are responsible for the intactness of a whole residence block on First street, between Main and Washington avenues. About 2:30 this morning, fire was discovered between the outhouse and woodshed of the E. W. Davis property, at the corner of First and Main. Pedestrians awoke Mr. Silverthorn, who recently moved into the place, and when he emerged on the scene it was only to find the building beyond the saving point. Engines in the O. R. & N. yards saw the blaze and let loose a populace-awakening blast. The fire bell pealed out its weak alarm on the early morning air, and in a very short time two streams of water were playing on the Davis house. To attempt to save the woodshed and outhouse was futile, and the large residence needed immediate attention. Garden hose was brought into play until the more efficient streams of water were pumped on the scorched residence. The damage to the residence alone is considerable.

There is no insurance on the destroyed buildings which are valued at \$125; but one cord of wood was consumed.

The air was still or else the fire would have been a conflagration. So close was the blaze to the Davis house that prompt action alone saved the building. Had a wind been blowing in the right direction the J. C. Clancy residence, the John Shea property and the Lloyd Smith property would now have been in ashes.

The origin is a mystery. Mrs. Silverthorn had emptied a shovel of wood ashes in close proximity to the outhouse, but on the opposite side from where the fire started. No credence is given the theory that the wood ashes were left smoldering and eventually ignited the buildings, as the ashes were dumped there in the morning previous.

#### MATCHES NUMEROUS SUNDAY.

Cochran-Bragg Match Tonight and Three or Four Sunday.

Last evening was a blank in the progress of the Algonquin tennis tournament, and with but one match set for tonight, interest centers principally on tomorrow afternoon's series. George T. Cochran and E. E. Bragg are slated for tonight. The Van Buren-Carr match did not take place last night due to the absence of Mr. Carr. Tomorrow afternoon, according to schedule, there will be at least three matches. William Selgrist and C. O. Ramsey, Harvey Bay and George Birnie, Willie Peare and Harris French, and possibly a ladies' single match will occupy attention during the afternoon.

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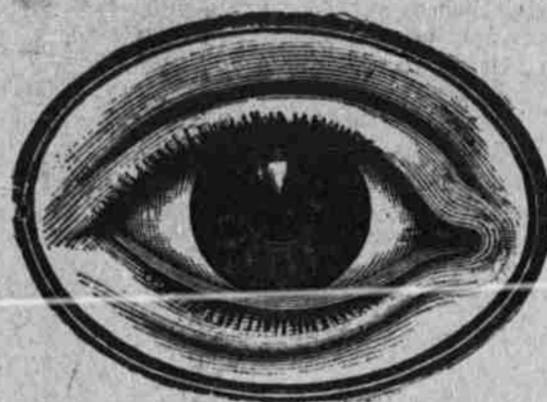
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