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UTILIZING FIREMEN.

Cincinnati is attracting the attention of the country by its efforts to utilize the wasted time of the men on its fire department in a way which will lessen the chances of fire in that city.

Acting on the ground that firemen are usually capable, intelligent men, whose knowledge and training fits them to act as inspectors, it has devised a system of dividing their time between their regular engine houses and inspection work in the city.

In an address delivered a short time ago, Mayor Hunt of Cincinnati declared that the plan had been highly satisfactory. He said in part:

"Considerable time was devoted to the system of building inspection by firemen, which was started on April 1st, 1911, and the plan has been slowly extended until now there are practically 50 members of the department engaged in this work each day in the week. Since this method of making inspections was started more than 6000 inspections have been made, and, with very few exceptions, there has been no trouble in securing betterment of conditions by owners or occupants of buildings."

"The world has come to realize that preventative medicine, with all the inspection and supervision that it implies, is the way to assure the health of not only cities, but of the nation as well. It is the same with fire waste. The way to stop the enormous loss is to prevent fires."

"Rigid inspection by fire departments would solve the problem of the individual building by eliminating the careless handling of gasoline and other explosives, the poisonous and dangerous parlor match, accumulations of rubbish, congested conditions of buildings and lack of easy entrance and exit. In a word, through the building and fire departments we have the direct avenues of elimination, if we are to take the experience of foreign countries as our examples."

The difficulty which presents itself immediately when this plan is considered is in arranging the schedule of the firemen in such a manner that they

will be at their posts when needed.

That the plan has succeeded in Cincinnati, is of course in its favor. But the fact remains that there is a great mass of detail which must be worked out before it can be put into successful operation in any city. It is only in the experimental stages, yet in the Ohio municipality, and until it has had a severe test the statement that it is a success cannot be wholly accepted.

Women at Bar Harbor are said to have have taken up walking canes and cocktails as fads. If they continue at it long enough they will have to discard the canes for lamp posts.

Lillian Russell's latest husband is suffering the consequences of marrying a beautiful specialist. He has been obliged to take up bag punching and regular gymnastic work.

A Cleveland lineman was shocked fifty feet in the air, but it is quite possible to stay on the sidewalk and be shocked nowadays, if one looks at the summer styles.

The Populist national convention was held in a hotel parlor. It will soon be possible to add it on the back platform of a street car.

German scientist has invented an aeroplane that will stay stationary in the air. But if it does, how can it ever get anywhere?

OREGON INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

W. S. Chandler plans two brick blocks for Marshfield.

The Corvallis creamery paid \$500,000 for cream last year.

The Oregon Electric may build from Eugene south this year.

Home-made bread is the best bread. So is the home-made baby.

September 19 was Made-in Medford day at the Jackson county fair.

The Corvallis & Eastern railroad is being extended from Yaquina to Newport.

A thousand acres of flax was grown in Baker county this year for the Portland oil mills.

The Oregon hop crop is larger than was expected, and will bring about six millions to the state.

W. L. Crissey of Portland is establishing gladiolus bulb growing as a new Oregon industry.

Florence will raise \$7500 subsidy to enable the Porter Bros. sawmill to operate on a large scale.

The 74 new residences going up at Corvallis have been delayed some for lack of finishing materials.

The grand jury of Douglas county for the fifteenth time recommends that the county build a new jail.

The cannery at Newbridge in the

Eagle valley, Baker county, is working on fruit and vegetables.

L. W. Robinson and associates have started a state bank at Molalla. Capital \$15,000. The bank fixtures should be Made-in-Oregon.

The new Hammel hotel at Albany is six stories and costs \$125,000. It will be equipped largely with furniture Made-in-Oregon.

The Port of Coos Bay commissioners will offer the general government \$150,000 towards improving the harbor to get forty feet of water on the bar.

September 15 the Presbyterians of

Lebanon dedicated a \$17,000 church, and it is to be hoped for the welfare of the Presbyterians in the world to come and in this world, that it was largely Made-in-Oregon, and furnished with home equipment.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Claude Derrick, formerly of the Athletics, who has been playing with the Baltimore team, is to get another trial in the big show, this time with

the New York Highlanders.

Baseball promoters of Hutchinson, Kan., are trying to purchase a Western League franchise to give Hutchinson class A baseball.

Hal Chase, the Yankees' star first baseman, says he doesn't see where the Giants have a chance to take four games from the Red Sox.

It is said that Hugh Duffy will be the successor of Mike Kelly as manager of the St. Paul team. Kelly goes to Indianapolis next season.

During the past two seasons Pitcher Lew Richie, of the Cubs, has won twelve of the fourteen games he has pitched against the Giants.

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