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Loss Announced at More Than \$150,000.

Local Lumbermen Say Loss is Probably \$75,000 However.

Exaggerated reports of the Baker fire Saturday evening have gone into print according to local lumbermen who dispute the possibility of a \$150,000 fire, and claim that \$75,000 a more correct estimate of the damage done by the blaze. The Sunday Morning Democrat says of the disastrous blaze, which among other things came near destroying the new fire truck at Baker, says:

Fire, entailing a loss estimated from \$150,000 to \$200,000, totally destroyed the plant of the Baker White Pine Lumber company at South Baker early Saturday evening. The fire originated shortly after 5 o'clock in the shavings room adjoining the engine room, presumably from a spark blown from the arches, and in a little over an hour the splendid plant, including planing mill and box factory, fine dry kiln and warehouses, recently constructed, was a mass of twisted and charred ruins. So fiercely did the fire burn and so rapidly did it spread that the fire department was absolutely powerless to check the flames, confining their efforts to saving nearby buildings. In this the fire fighters were partially successful, although three dwelling houses on the east and south sides of the mill were destroyed owing to a high wind, which carried the flames directly to them.

The fire broke out during the hour between shifts, the day crew having quit at 5 o'clock and the night force due at 6. Engineer S. J. King was practically alone in the engine room and he was first warned of the trouble when the flames suddenly flared up from behind him, burning his clothing and also burning him badly about the head and hands, when he remained long enough to sound the whistle. David Baird, the Sumpter Valley conductor, whose home is but a short distance away, was on the lawn and saw the first smoke from the shavings house that indicated something was wrong. About the time he got to the phone and turned in the alarm, Engineer King sounded the whistle. By the time the fire department had made the run to South Baker, the entire mill was ablaze, a lively breeze spreading the flames with great rapidity. The water main to South Baker is but six inches in diameter and consequently the pressure was not sufficient to give the firemen much chance to do more than save the offices, nearby buildings and lumber

ever, by hard work. The ruins yards, which was accomplished, how-tinued to burn a greater part of the night. The fire is the most costly that has visited Baker in a number of years. The plant which was destroyed was absolutely new in every detail and one of the finest in the Northwest. It was owned and controlled by Baker, Nebraska and Michigan capital, with Frank Gardiner of Baker as president of the company and its general. Mr. Gardiner was not in Baker yesterday, being at the company's sawmill at Austin on business. The fire comes at a most inopportune time. Just now the company is rushed with orders and for several months the mill has been running day and night in an effort to keep even. The amount of business even then could not be handled and a number of orders have been turned over to other mills the past week, so it was stated Saturday evening.

Residents of South Baker in the vicinity of the burned plant were kept busy with garden hose and buckets to save their homes and impromptu bucket brigades saved many houses from destruction. Heroic effort was also made by employes and volunteers at the W. H. Eccles Lumber company mill and the Oregon Lumber company's plant as flying sparks for several hours menaced all the mills and lumber yards. A young man named Caldwell, who was working at one of the threatened houses, was overcome by the heat and fainted, but he soon recovered.

An officer of the company Saturday evening said that the insurance carried would practically cover the damage to the plant, but even so, there was still a heavy loss on the burned stock. One of the heaviest items of loss was the destruction of the three-quarters of a million feet of specially selected high grade white pine stock, some of which was worth \$90 a thousand. The fact that wind was blowing almost due south alone saved the lumber yards of the company and the Eccles and Oregon Lumber companies' plants. Had the wind been blowing from the canyon south, it is almost impossible to estimate the loss that would have resulted.

All the fire fighting apparatus possessed by the department was called into play, the auto truck making two trips for extra hose, and ex-Fire Chief W. H. Ellis was also on the job as usual with two of his teams, bringing extra hose carts that had much to do with saving a number of dwelling houses in close proximity to the fire, and which for a time seemed doomed and from which all the furniture had been removed.

**VEILED LADIES.**

Three Men Who Won Literary Laurels Under Feminine Names.

One of the most famous cases of a man writer winning fame under a woman's name was that of the late William Sharp, who kept his identity with "Fiona Macleod" a close secret during his life, and it was only after his death that the public was made aware that "her" remarkable novels were the work of the well known critic and essayist. Their style seemed so characteristically feminine that even the most astute critics believed that they were written by a woman's hand.

Another famous writer, Laurence Housman, known already as a poet and artist, made a third and most successful appearance before the public as a "veiled lady." A remarkable book appeared entitled "An Englishwoman's Love Letters," which all the critics praised and all the clubs and literary circles talked about. Who was this woman who had laid her heart bare? The critics agreed that, whoever she was, she understood her sex to perfection. The secret was kept very close for a time, and then, to everybody's immense amazement, the real author was revealed as a man after all.

Very few people probably will recall the undoubted fact that one of the greatest of Victorian poets, Algernon Charles Swinburne, hid his identity occasionally under the very matter of fact feminine nom de plume of "Mrs. Horace Manners," while another and much beloved singer on the other side of the Atlantic, the charming Quaker poet, John Greenleaf Whittier, used frequently as a pen name the unromantic one of "Margaret Smith."—London Answers.

**A Contractor.**

"What's your husband's business?"  
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God gives every bird its food, but does not throw it into the nest.—J. G. Holland.

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