

NORTH POWDER HOME BURNED

SOLE OCCUPANT OF BIG HOME BARELY ESCAPES.

Awakened by Fire and Smoke Sam Vandecar Flees to Safety.

North Powder, July 17.—(Special) Sam Vandecar's residence was discovered to be on fire about three o'clock this morning by Mr. Vandecar. The noise of the flames and the smoke awakened him and he awoke to find his home a mass of flames which had gained such a headway that it was impossible to do anything.

Mr. Vandecar was alone at the time his family being in Baker, and he escaped from the house just in time and as it was he sustained severe burns about the hands. The total loss is about \$3500, covered only by a small insurance.

LAND SHOW PLANS GROW

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO GAIN PUBLICITY.

Oregon Immigration Commission Could Handle Fair Exhibit.

Union county by sections and collectively will have a big display of her soil's products at the land shows of the east next fall and winter if Robert Withycombe, director of the state experiment station at Union, has his way about it. The scheme which Mr. Withycombe presents is for the choice exhibits at the county fair here to be boxed and shipped to Portland at which place the Oregon Immigration commission will take complete charge of the exhibits and get them before the land shows of the east. The cost will be practically nil in this way and the result great. Union county cannot afford to let this opportunity pass. The experiment director in arguing his case recently, and his sentiments are voiced by Secretary C. M. Humphreys of the local Commercial club, and other clubs of the valley as well. The plan which this scheme is based on, is set out in a letter of instruction from the immigration heads which reads:

Expense and Credit.

The local organizations and growers are required to go to no expense other than that of gathering the specimens and getting them to the depot. We will arrange for them to be shipped here, and will also attend to the shipping east. Communities and growers will receive the entire credit for the exhibits from their sections. Our plan will be to maintain a tag on each specimen showing the name and address of the grower, and the local commercial organization represented.

Consignment Arrangements.

Consign all exhibit material to the Oregon State Immigration commission Commercial club building, Portland Oregon. Shipping tags will be forwarded to the Commercial clubs later to be distributed for this purpose. Label with these and ship by freight.

Packing Rules.

Pack with great care. These are not ordinary shipments, but are the cream of the country that are going to compete against the cream of the country from other states, and they must not be simply thrown into a crate or can promiscuously. Last year many choice specimens had to be thrown away owing to the fact that they were broken and mutilated on account of careless packing.

Good Material Wanted.

Quality rather than quantity must

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be our motto. We would rather have a few choice specimens from each community than tons of inferior samples that would be classed in the Land Shows as mere junk. Every community should, however, send something.

Will offer suggestions regarding selection and preparation of a few of the more common specimens. Other similar specimens will be handled accordingly.

Wheat Sheaves.

Sheaves of wheat should be gathered before the grain is so ripe as to shatter badly, and yet late enough to be properly colored. Great care must be exercised that the samples be selected at the most opportune time. Select large, well filled heads with as long a straw as possible, and grade with reference to uniformity of the length of heads. It is even better to select shorter heads if necessary in order to gain uniformity. Strip the straws clean of all blades or wrappings and arrange plumb at the tips of the heads. One effective system for securing an even arrangement of the heads is to select or make a long narrow box with no top and with one end knocked out, and by having the straws in the box and gently jarring against the remaining end and then tying, a perfect arrangement will be secured. The straw ends may then be cut off squarely with a sharp knife.

Tying Rules.

In tying great care must also be exercised, and especially next to the heads. Do not tie too tightly. Do not tie with a hard, sharp twine. A large soft twine is much preferable. If a sheaf is tied tightly next to the top the heads will soon fall over and break off at the point bound. By wrapping soft paper over the heads of the sheaves you will protect against shattering and also from the sun.

The Stools.

Select a few stools of wheat and other grains and pull out carefully by the roots showing the extreme length of the straw and also the number of stocks to the stool. These require scarcely no arranging but should be shown as nearly as possible in their natural state.

Threshed Grain

Threshed grain should be bright plump, and free from all smut, dust and weeds, and is more advantageously shown in lots of a bushel or more.

Alfalfa Exhibits.

Alfalfa is a nice exhibit crop if properly grown and selected. A fine stem and a thickness of leaves are the prime requisites of this crop. The extreme length is, of course, also important.

Fruit Shipments.

Most fruits should be left on the tree until sufficiently colored but picked before thoroughly ripened. Firmness is a great asset in keeping fruit. Do not pinch a piece of exhibit fruit. Do not polish exhibit fruit. Especially in the case of apples, a natural wax that is a great preservative is in this way removed, thereby deteriorating greatly the keeping qualities of the fruit. We will polish the fruit just before placing it on exhibit.

Vegetable Exhibits.

Vegetables should not be bruised or marred in any way. Leaf tops should not be cut off closer than three or four inches to the vegetable. Most vegetables should be cleaned dry rather than washing. In this way they will keep longer and look brighter.

Potato Shipments.

Potatoes necessarily are the best exhibit material of the root crops. Above all do not wash potatoes. It is much better to clean with a brush. Select potatoes of uniform size—commercial potatoes—the kind the housewife likes—not freaks.

MANY RECALL ELECTIONS

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and at the elections the law requires that the foes of the official may, in not more than 200 words, explain what the grounds are—in this particular case probably dealing with the crime of incorrect usage of "can't" and "cannot" as there is little material grounds to talk about.—and the official thus attacked has the right to defend himself in not to exceed 200 words. When the election is called there will be, if custom is adhered to, other candidates and the one obtaining the highest number of votes is elected, be he the old official or substitute. Who shall be mayor, who shall shoulder the expense of a personal campaign for a probable term of 40 days, and who shall weath-

er the stormy course over a municipal election of this sort, no one seems to presume or suggest, but if such candidates are advanced, they must come to the front and dress to the right over the usual petition route.

Only one man appears to be circulating the Hall petition and he is working on the outskirts of the city principally, obtaining signatures where he can in south and north La Grande.

WATER FAMINE STARTS

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sanitary problems even in a day caused the council last night to give sober thought to the problem. A trifling fire could become a conflagration.

The city engineer is now preparing plans and specifications for the construction of a reservoir that will be sufficient. The matter of finances came up last night and as the revenues of the water department will pay for the cost in about six months, the estimated cost of the reservoir being \$12,000, it was the general opinion that the city should no longer permit subjection of its inhabitants and property to dangers by awaiting a bond election but start the reservoir immediately. Next week more details will be worked out and it is likely that construction will start soon.

Even during the few hours there was a shortage last night some damage was done, though fortunately the famine came at night. The Blue Mountain creamery refrigerator was put out of commission with heavy loss by the failure of water to flow.

Ex-councilman Bernard Logsdon headed a group of remonstrances to the proposed sewer on Y avenue, by claiming that on lower Y avenue the cost had been \$17.48 and the estimated cost on the proposed project is \$26 per lot. Various taxpayers discussed the subject and time for remonstrances was held over until the next regular meeting when the final action will be taken.

A petition asking for Dollarway paving on the alley between Third and Fourth, Main and Washington was presented and referred.

J. H. Rush served a demand on the city for \$700 damages in connection with the paving of O street hill where a big fill has been necessary and which shuts off the Rush and Chas. A. small properties. The judiciary committee has the matter in hand now.

Spring Street Up Again.

That residents along Spring street actually want their street paved, and paved this year, became an established fact when last night F. L. Meyers appeared before the council with a supplemental petition and a solution of the problem arising on that street at the last meeting. It develops that 25 feet is all that the city gets for road purposes at the base of Spring street between the Methodist church and the Fred Holmes property. To dodge that problem, the property owners agreed mutually to have the Methodist church people build a five foot walk and the city construct the 25-foot gateway. Mr. Meyers suggested that where the street widens out again to the regular 40-foot width, a small park strip five feet wide might be built to reduce the harshness of the sudden break in the street. Mr. Meyers said that the property owners were anxious to have the work done this year. As the council meets in special session next week it is probable that the final details will be attended to at that time.

N Avenue Project Drops.

A proposed expenditure on street improvement and sidewalk construction on N avenue pushing into the sparsely settled tracts west of the city, was dropped last night on grounds of popular objection and bids for construction that ranged around the \$10,000 mark were not even opened last night but ordered returned to the bidders. The N avenue proposition, however, went through the details of opening bids. The bids were referred to the street committee. A. S. Geddes headed the objections on N avenue with a verbal discussion of the situation.

A resolution was adopted which empowers the city attorney to require protection to the city in the string of lawsuits that are promised on North Second or any street. It is freely rumored that the objectors on that street intend to obtain injunctions as fast as they are dissolved until they either win their contentions or tire the city out, and to require a bond

MISS JESSIE WOODROW WILSON AND HER FIANCE.



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This is the first photograph ever taken of Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, second daughter of the President and her fiancé, Francis Bowes Sayre, together. The couple, who are to be married in the White House next November, were snapped as they left the old South Church, Cornish, N. H., where is located the summer White House. Miss Wilson will be the thirteenth White House bride but she does not regard that number as being unlucky. President Wilson was nominated for the presidency during his thirteenth year at Princeton University, and took office in 1913. President Wilson considers the "hoodoo" number a lucky one for him and frequently, from choice, sits in the thirteenth row at the theatre. Miss Alice Roosevelt, now Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, was the last White House bride.

of the objectors that will insure costs

and expenses to the city in case the injunctions are brought without cause is the purpose of the resolution. Councilman Haisten objected, holding that the property owners should not be curtailed in their rights but the other councilmen voted him down holding that their legal rights were in no way infringed but that the city should be protected from lavish expenses incurred through prolonged interest, by the requirement of a bond of the objectors. City Attorney Rusk pointed out that such an arrangement merely protected the city with the same degree that any other corporation or individual is protected. The city attorney can apply the rule in the future or past Action to ratify the John L. a Mrs contract on that project was also taken.

"Third Man" Order Exists.

A resolution suggested by Fire Chief Benham was adopted which provides that the janitor at the city building shall be made an assistant fireman who shall draw a salary of \$50 instead of \$25, as now, and thus give two men at the fire station at all hours of the day. The firemen's situation has been a sticker since the department was re-organized and the council believes that it has solved a man's job problem by adding \$25 to an existing salary.

Veto Is Overruled.

The contract through which the city was to pay for the street flusher recently purchased, and the ordinance for which action was vetoed but passed over the mayor's veto, came up last night and was railroaded into real existence. The mayor had refused to sign the contract even after the ordinance had been passed over his veto on the ground that the city has far exceeded its legal debt limit and that the contract would be void if it was signed. On motion of Councilman Davis the council ordered President of the Council Campbell, who was presiding in the absence of the mayor to sign the contract immediately and he so did. Men who are familiar with the situation claim that the contract is worthless.

The city has leased the disposal tank property to Ed Harding for \$100 a year.

The tool house will be moved to the McCall site on South Eighth at a yearly rental of \$200. This makes room for the new city library at Fourth and Pennsylvania.

Trespass Case Heard.

John Murchison of Summerville, was charged in circuit court today by Alex McKenzie of trespass and after hearing the preliminary evidence, Justice Williams sent the case to the circuit court. It involves a dispute over a property line.

Even Girls on Strike.

Calcutta, July 17.—Officials admitted here today that they have taken steps to prevent any possible demonstration of militancy by the Hindoo and Mohammedon women of Calcutta. Tiring of perpetual confinement in the "zenana" or closed quarters set apart for their use, the females of scores of high caste Indian households recently got up a petition asking that a park or public square be set apart for their use. The petition bore 300 signatures. A committee of the Municipal commission favored the plan on the condition that the place be surrounded by a high fence and that a heavy police guard protect the inmates from prying male eyes. The commission, however, vetoed the project on the grounds that to grant what the women want might encourage them to make "similar demands to the women of other countries." Immediately the ruling of the commission was made known, the 300 women threatened to escape from their households and walk in public with veils off. The authorities, horrified at the plan, have placed special guards in the thickly populated districts and in the vicinity of the houses where the would-be-militants are quartered.

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