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A \$50,000 FIRE AT GRANTS PASS

Josephine County's Metropolis Is Again Visited By a Destructive Fire—Store Buildings, Railroad Shops, Residences, a Brewery and Baptist Church Are Burned.

GRANTS PASS, July 14.—A fire which is believed to have had its origin in a defective flue in a hotel this afternoon destroyed \$50,000 worth of property here. A southwest wind that was blowing a gale scattered the flying embers over all parts of the city and made it practically impossible for the firemen to keep the flames under control. The fire was a most remarkable one in that it did not sweep everything as it went, but skipped here and there, making the situation all the more difficult for the firemen and the citizens, who fought heroically to quell the destructive flames. Nearby all of the residences and buildings burned were insured for one-half or two-thirds of their value.

ORIGIN OF THE BLAZE.

The fire originated in the old City Hotel on Front street. Flames were discovered breaking through the kitchen roof about 1 o'clock this afternoon, and were probably caused by a defective flue. Fanned by the fierce wind, the flames had completely enveloped the City Hotel and the adjoining buildings before the fire department could reach the scene, notwithstanding its prompt response.

The Grants Pass brewery was next in the path of the flames, and in a few minutes was reduced to ashes. The blaze then leaped across the street to the railroad yards of the Southern Pacific, where are located the roundhouse, machine shops and woodyards. These were soon a mass of flames. Across the street were the residences of A. Lumpke, L. A. Heberle and G. Kutchell. These were the next to go. By this time the whole city was in great alarm. The wildest excitement prevailed, for the solid business portion of the town on Front street, and all the residences of the city, comprising half of Grants Pass, seemed doomed, as they were directly in the path of the flames. Every available team, dray and truck in the city were brought into use in getting the contents of stores and residences to places of safety. J. O. Booth, proprietor of the Western Hotel, offered \$100 for a dray for an hour's use. The locomotives and rolling-stock of the railroad company were moved out of the path of the fire.

FIRE OF A FREAKISH NATURE

It was the freakish nature of the fire, together with the heroic work of the firemen and citizens, that saved one half of Grants Pass from utter ruin. The flames leaped from the Southern Pacific shops a distance of two blocks to the brick residence of L. Heberle, then jumped to the residence of R. O. McCroskey and on to the large brick Colonial lodging house. The greater part of the contents were



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removed, though the buildings were totally destroyed. These structures were burning directly in the rear of the First National Bank building, the Josephine Hotel, Clement's drug store, the White House grocery and R. L. Coe & Co's store, all of which escaped damage. From the Colonial lodging house the fire leaped two blocks over eight or ten large buildings to the Baptist Church, which was destroyed before the fire company could reach it. A score or more residences over all parts of the city were set afire but were saved from destruction by the valiant watchers. Company H, of the Oregon National Guards, was stationed by squads over all parts of town to protect the residences and buildings from the flying embers.

Owing to the fire breaking out in so many different quarters, it was impossible for the local fire department to reach the many sections that were aflame or in danger, and accordingly aid was asked of the Ashland department. Mayor Thos. Simpson and Chief Evans, of the department of that place, with a hosecart and a number of firemen boarded a special train and came rushing to the rescue, picking up more hose and men at Medford. Arriving here, they did good work in subduing the flames that were burning in the Southern Pacific Railroad woodyards.

There were a number of minor accidents and three traveling men were injured in working to keep the flames from the Hotel Josephine.

LIST OF LOSSES.

City Hotel	\$2,500
Grants Pass Brewery	12,500
Bartlett grocery	1,000
Southern Pacific shops and woodyard	10,000
A. Lumpke, residence	1,500
G. Kutchell, residence	1,250
L. Heberle, residence	2,500
R. O. McCroskey, residence	2,000
Colonial Lodging House	4,000
Baptist Church	3,500
Other small residences	2,000

Sheep and Goats Wanted.

About 25 head each of sheep and goats are wanted. Address H. Dutton, Brownsboro.

Medford's Narrow Escape.

When the special Southern Pacific train having on board the Ashland and Medford fire companies bound for the Grants Pass fire, pulled out of Medford Monday afternoon the engine pulling the train scattered sparks broadcast in its wake and several small fires were started from them in North Medford. The engine was a coal burner and there was no spark arrester on the smokestack. The first fire started was near the barn of Andrew Anderson, which was heroically put out by Mrs. Anderson, that lady using her crutch in extinguishing the flames. The next one was near the barn of T. W. Johnson, which was discovered just in time to save all the buildings in that vicinity as the barn was filled with hay and would have made a very hot fire. This fire was put out by Mrs. Johnson, who carried water quite a distance and by dexterous efforts succeeded in putting out the blaze. The next in line was at Charlie Wolgamott's place, which was extinguished by Mrs. Wolgamott. J. V. Ehwegen's barn was next in line but this was not discovered in time to save the structure. A fire alarm was turned in and soon the hose cart was on the scene but the boys were handicapped to some extent by not having provided themselves with a spanner with which to open the hydrants and later by there not being water sufficient to do effective work, however, they succeeded in confining the fire to this one building and no other damage was done in this locality. Further out fire caught in some grass, north of the distillery, and burned considerable fencing, together with a small residence and barn.

The wind was blowing a gale at the time all these fires were started and it seems almost miraculous that a good part of the city was not wiped out.

Councilman Willeke has asked us to say to water users of the city that when a fire alarm is turned in they should at once stop using city water and see to it that all stand pipes are closed. This he asks of them that the fire company may have use of all the water in the mains in their efforts to save endangered property. When a number of pipes are open the force is much less and oftentimes there is scarcely enough water to effectually play on the flames.

Jeweler Pritchard Committed Suicide.

D. T. Pritchard, formerly, and for a number of years, a resident of Medford, committed suicide at the Layton Hotel in Grants Pass on Sunday night of this week. The act was committed with a revolver. The ball entered his left side near the heart, but he did not die until the following night. No motive was assigned for the act. He was sixty-five years of age; was a member of Roseburg Lodge, I. O. O. F., also of the Encampment. He had previously been engaged in the jewelry business at Roseburg but when seen by a Medford citizen in that town recently, he declared his intention of returning to Medford.

For Rent.

Small and large farms. Address Dr. C. B. Ray, Gold Hill, Oregon.

Preparing to Saw Lumber.

The Iowa Lumber Co. is making ready with all possible haste to commence operations in the timber belt which the company recently purchased. This tract of timber embraces 1700 acres and is situated about one mile, at its nearest point, west of Jacksonville. The purchase was made a few weeks since from C. C. Beekman and the price paid was \$15 per acre. It is estimated that there are 25,000,000 feet of merchantable sugar and yellow pine, together with a goodly amount of fir.

The company has one sawmill purchased and expect it to arrive next week when it will be put in operation. This mill will have a capacity of 30,000,000 feet per day of ten hours. Another mill of similar character and capacity will be put in just as soon as it can be gotten here from the east. It may be found that one shift a day for each mill will not supply a sufficient amount of lumber, in which event a double, day and night, shift will be put on.

The lumber is to be used principally in the manufacture of fruit boxes and a box factory is to be established at some convenient point in the valley. While the location of the factory has not been definitely settled it is conceded that Medford will get it—this point being more centrally located and thus more convenient for the distribution of the boxes among our fruit growers and at the same time on the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad and thus easy of access for shipments of boxes to other railroad points of the valley.

Mr. John N. Williams, vice president and general manager of the company, together with his wife, is now here and is superintending operations. Mr. Williams is from Boulder, Colo. R. G. Harrison is cruiser for the company and is now at work in the timber. Mr. Ernest E. Hart, president of the First National bank of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is treasurer of the company.

The enterprise which this company has undertaken will prove itself to be of great value to the valley and everything possible should be done by our citizens to encourage it. These people are right now being handicapped to some extent by not being able to secure help. They want to hire loggers, teamsters and mill men.

For Rent—

Farm containing 264 acres—215 under plow; water piped to house; two good barns; good house. Situated near Talent. Inquire of E. E. Miner, Gold Hill, Oregon.

More About Indian War Veterans

Under the provisions of the law, recently enacted by congress, pensioning veterans of Indian wars in Washington, Oregon and other sections, pensions will be paid such veterans at the rate of \$8 per month from June 27, 1902. The rate not only applies to veterans, but to such widows as have not remarried, but in every instance is limited to citizens of the United States. Every applicant must establish his or her right to a pension and any person making false oath in order to secure a pension shall be guilty of perjury, dropped from the rolls and forever barred from receiving a pension. The law is held inapplicable to persons already receiving a pension of \$8 per month, nor to one receiving less than the above amount except for the difference between the amount received and \$8. In the absence of proof of enlistment and service proof of receipt of pay from the United

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Dates to Remember.

July 26—Indian War Veterans, of Southern Oregon, meet at Wilson's Opera House, Medford, at 1 o'clock p. m.
July 31—Grand opening ball, Wilson's new opera house.
August 15-16—Jackson County Fruit Growers' Association meets at Medford.
September 4th—Southern Oregon Pioneers Association meets at Jacksonville.
September - Southern Oregon Native Sons and Daughters Association meet at Jacksonville.
September 15-20—Southern Oregon Old Soldiers and Sailors' Association meet in annual encampment at Gold Hill.
September - Annual convention of School directors and clerks of Jackson County, to be held at Medford by Supt. P. H. Daily.
October - Annual Teachers Institute for Jackson County, to be held by Supt. P. H. Daily at Medford.

States shall be held as sufficient. It is also provided that all contracts made by applicants with pension agents or attorneys, for the purpose of securing pensions, before the date of the passage of the act shall be null and void. Several years ago many of the veterans contracted with agents and attorneys to pay a certain sum for services in securing pensions, but this provision sets those contracts aside. There is no need for intervention of an attorney under the provisions of the law, and blank forms of application for pensions will be sent to all veterans who will make application to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Chester A. Arthur Post, No. 47, is arranging a very cordial reception for the Indian War Veterans at their reunion in Medford, on Saturday afternoon, July 26, at Wilson's opera house. Congressman Thos. H. Tongue has been invited to meet the veterans and Hon. W. M. Colvig has been invited to make an historical address. The Medford school band will furnish the instrumental music and it is expected to have vocal solos by some of the leading singers of Medford. An enjoyable afternoon is promised for the veterans and the public is cordially invited to meet with them. F. M. Stewart has been authorized to act for Chester A. Arthur Post in arranging details.

How to Save Fruit From Birds.

Complaint is made each year about the birds destroying so much fruit. That the birds eat considerable small fruit, especially cherries, cannot be denied, but that they are neither pilferers nor debtors, who never pay their bills, is a fact known to all who will take the trouble to observe them in their daily life about a farm. A bird is never idle and the greater part of its time is put in hunting for insects and seeds, which is its staple article of food, it eating fruit merely as a dessert. Then it must be remembered that but a small per cent of the birds are ever in an orchard, the majority of them being in outlying fields and the woods, where they have nothing but insects, weed seeds and a few wild berries. The weed seeds alone that a bird destroys will more than pay for all the fruit that it will eat, with the insects that it destroys to go to its credit, with no counter charge against the farmer.

Recognizing the birds are his best helpers, Rev. J. Merley, the well known orchardist of Orchard Home, has planted bird fruit trees about his orchard especially for the birds, planting little, sweet cherries and other fruit that the birds are especially fond of. Rev. Merley never gathers the fruit from the birds' trees neither do they bother the fruit from his trees. Another thing that Rev. Merley does for the birds is to allow no hunting within his premises to scare the birds away.

In the line of bird fruits mulberries are among the best, for the birds are very fond of this fruit, and as it has the habit of not ripening all at once, but of ripening a few berries at a time for a month or longer, it affords a supply of food for the birds during the entire cherry season. The mulberry tree is very hardy and can be grown in fence corners and other out-of-the-way places to no expense to the farmer.

If the farmers would pay the birds for their work as they do their other farm help, there would be no further complaint regarding their depredation upon the fruit.

School Directors and Clerks to Meet.

County Superintendent P. H. Daily is making the necessary preparations for holding a convention of the school directors and clerks of Jackson County at Medford sometime in September. Supt. Daily expects to have a full attendance of the directors and clerks of the county, and many questions of much importance to them, as well as to the welfare of the schools, will be up for consideration. The better the directors and clerks understand their duties, the more successful will be the schools, and the greater returns will the taxpayers receive for the large sums of money spent each year to keep up the public schools of this county. No person should hold an office unless he is willing to fulfill the trust imposed to the very best of his ability, and to accomplish that end he should embrace every opportunity to better fit himself to meet the every requirement of his office. These directors' meetings are quite as important and necessary as are the teachers' meetings, and every director and clerk in Jackson County should arrange to attend this meeting. Supt. Daily has done a great deal to advance the standard of the schools of this county and they now rank with the best in the state.

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Seven to Five—Ashland.

The first game of the season between Ashland and Grants Pass was played at Jacksonville on Sunday. It was one of the most closely contested and interesting games ever played in Southern Oregon; but much of the pleasure of witnessing it was marred by the accident which befell Entriken of Grants Pass in the seventh inning. He was at the bat when Somers sent a high incurve toward the plate. Entriken failed to judge the course of the ball correctly and just before it reached him it took a shoot to the right and struck the unfortunate batsman squarely on the head, knocking him senseless. He was carried from the field and Smith took his place. The accident threw a damper over the enthusiasm of the crowd.

Ashland was first at the bat but it was the fourth inning before any of them crossed the rubber. It happened thus: McNeill and Miller both succumbed to Martin's curves. With two down Stanley picked out four bad ones and walked to first, making second on Carter's hit. Then Robley slammed a high fly to center which Doyle couldn't quite reach. When the noise had subsided, Stanley and Carter had both reached home and Robley was waiting on second. Hulen got one way out in left field but was caught out at second, while this was going on Robley cauntered home making three runs two, of them earned.

For Grants Pass, with two out in the first inning, Erle got a life on a bunt which Miller juggled in the pick-up. Miller threw low to second a moment afterward and the runner made third, scoring on Anderson's single. In the fourth inning with two out McCarty singled and scored on Poole's hit over left field fence. Dolan went out on Robley's assist to Derrick.

Grants Pass made another in the fifth inning the score. There was only one out with Erle on first, and Anderson at bat. He sent a hot one to McNeill who tossed it to Hulen on second and the latter shot the ball to first, making one of the prettiest double plays on the diamond. In this inning, Martin, in running to first, tripped over Derrick and turned a complete somersault in the air, striking on his back and so dazing him that he turned the wrong way and was touched out before he could recover himself.

With the score three to three neither team could get a man over the plate until the ninth. With one out Stanley and Carter both walked and Robley hit to left filling the bases for the first time in the game. Hulen sent a hot one to right; when the dust had

settled Ashland had three more tallies and Hulen was on third. Clyno scored Hulen on a single but was caught out trying to purlin second. Somers fanned, retiring the side.

Grants Pass couldn't overcome the lead in their half, but made a strong effort. McCarty and Poole both went out. The former on McNeill's assist to Derrick and the latter on three strikes. Then Corliss slammed one up against the left field fence reaching second, and scored when Williams lifted the ball over the aforesaid fence. Martin picked out a two bagger scoring Williams but Erle hit to McNeill and was thrown out on first, ending the game.

The sensational features of the game were the stopping of hot drives by Somers and Martin, the catching of a high foul nearly back to the grandstand by Somers, who ran in from the pitcher's box, Miller being unable to locate the ball on account of the sun; Williams' brilliant running catch of a pop fly in the middle of the diamond and the double play of McNeill, Hulen and Derrick.

The line-up is as follows:

Ashland	Grants Pass
Hulen	2 b McCarty
Clyne	c f Doyle Entriken
	Smith
Somers	p Martin
Derrick	1 b Poole
McNeill	a s Williams
Miller	c Erle
Stanley	r f Anderson
Carter	1 f Corliss
Robley	3 b Dolan

Pat Donegan, of Jacksonville, umpired the game in a satisfactory manner. C. C. Wood, of Ashland, was the official scorer. Attendance 1500.

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