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FIRE DESTROYS CLIFFORD HOME

Sunday Noon Blaze Totally Destroys Residence--Contents Saved.

TWO FINGERS LOST IN ACCIDENT TUESDAY

Mr. Clifford Sustains Two Severed Fingers While Making Butter.

Misfortune seems to be clinging closely to Tom Clifford and he is beginning to think he was born under an unlucky star.

Sunday noon the residence he and his family were occupying was entirely destroyed by fire. The following Tuesday while engaged in his regular occupation at the Independence Creamery he had the second and third fingers severed from his left hand by the machinery.

The fire Sunday originated in a defective flue but was discovered in time for the neighbors to form a rescuing party and all the household goods were removed from the house. The greatest damage was the breakage on a quantity of Haviland. The residence was located between 5th and 6th on E street and was purchased by Wm. McKinney about a month ago.

At the Creamery Tuesday, Mr. Clifford was making butter when the accident occurred. Fortunately he had a wrench in his hand which is thought to have prevented the entire hand from being severed.

This was not the extent of the list of accidents for Wm. De Selm, another employee at the

EMERSON GROVES HEADS COMPANY K

At a meeting of Company K, Oregon National Guard, held at the Armory last Tuesday evening, Emerson Groves was elected captain to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. W. Seggel. Mr. Groves is an Independence boy and is well liked by everyone. The choice is considered a wise one and it is believed that he will add strength to the organization. Captain Groves is a man of military experience and was among the first of Polk county boys to answer the call to the colors. He was in the service about two years, one year of which was spent overseas. He went over with the 20th Engineers Corps but was later transferred to the Motor Transport Corps where he declares he received "bumps enough for a lifetime."

K boys regret losing Mr. Seggel who resigned to take up his duties with the Union Savings and Loan Association of Portland, being assigned to the Astoria district.

Baby Home Tag Day a Success

The Tag Day conducted by the High School girls last Saturday for the Albertina Kerr Baby Home in Portland netted \$47 for the institution. With the \$35 cleared by the Civic Club at the silver tea given for the Home this makes a splendid showing for Independence.

same place, who was giving first aid grew weak at the continuous flow of blood, fainted and fell against a can sustaining an ugly gash in his forehead.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford are temporarily located with Mrs. M. E. Stansberry while Mr. C takes a vacation wearing his left arm in a sling.

Dokkies Tomorrow

Monster Gala Night Will Be Augmented by Dokkies from Every City in the State.

From six to twelve p. m. Saturday will be Dokkie night in Independence and every sign indicates that it will be some night. Our streets will be a solid mass of the elect who will come from every city and village of consequence in the state and finding "welcome" on Independence's doormat, there's no telling what it will amount to.

While primarily the visit is for the purpose of pushing fifty or more innocents over the hill into the D. O. K. K. there will be plenty of time to put on numerous side degrees on the street before the big show opens and do not be surprised if there are parades, street dances, minstrels, clowns, 'n everything.

Be around early and get a place on the sidewalk as the "standing room only" sign will be hung out any time after six o'clock.

MRS. BUTLER PASSES ON

Mrs. Elizabeth Butler Died in Portland April 5.

The funeral services of Mrs. Elizabeth Butler who passed at Sellwood hospital in Portland April 5th, were held at the Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Adah Chapter O. E. S. had charge of the services, Rev. H. L. Proppe reading the funeral rites. This makes the third funeral Rev. Proppe has conducted for the Butler family within one year.

Mrs. Butler was formerly Elizabeth Pettit and grew to womanhood near Monmouth where she has a wide circle of friends. She is survived by her husband and three children.

City Council Names Chatman Marshal

At a regular meeting of the city council last Wednesday evening Mr. Chatman was appointed city marshal to succeed J. H. Morgan. Chatman was formerly watchman at the S. P. warehouse and is familiar with such duties.

An ordinance which provides for bonding the city for \$4000 for fire equipment passed to the second reading.

Word Butler made a business trip to Newport this week.

J. D. STEVENS ANSWERS CALL

Independence Merchant Dies in Portland Hospital.

John Dee Stevens, who with his brother has operated a second hand store in Independence for the past three years, died in Portland at the age of 67.

Mr. Stevens was taken to a Portland hospital for treatment about three weeks ago and after a diagnosis no hope was held for his recovery.

Before coming to Independence, Mr. Stevens lived in Monmouth for many years and was well known to nearly everyone in Polk county.

He is survived by five sons, Roy R. and John D. Jr., of Independence, Robert N. of the U. S. Marines, Lee of Bend and Louis of Vancouver, Wash.

Mrs. Hollingshead Dead at LaPine

Relatives here received a telegram Tuesday night conveying the news of the death of Mrs. Hollingshead of LaPine, eastern Oregon, who formerly lived here. She is a sister of the late Mrs. M. A. Robinson. The funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Independence Chautauqua May 26-30. Forty guarantors. Forty boosters.

A. L. KUHLANDER IN NEW QUARTERS

A. L. Kuhlender moved his jewelry store from the O. A. Kreamer establishment to the Max Goldman building Wednesday.

The building has been repaired and a partition built which makes roomy quarters for both stocks. New fixtures have been installed on the jewelry side.

Roomy cases for displays and art panels around the work bench all lend attractiveness to the general appearance. The changes also makes cozy quarters for Mr. Goldman's stock.

O. A. Kreamer now has his entire building for his large stock of clothing and optical supplies. Plenty of show window room and display cases also add to Mr. Kreamer's convenience.

P.-T. Association Meeting Tuesday

The P.-T. association held a very profitable meeting at the Training School last Tuesday. Miss Brenton of the Normal was the principal speaker, her subject being Art.

B. R. Wolfe Purchases Dave Duvall Residence

B. R. Wolfe has purchased the Dave Duvall property on 7th street. Mr. Wolfe is having the residence modernized in every way and when changes are complete will have an attractive home.

Mrs. F. A. Spurr, who has been spending the winter in California, is expected home within a few days.

DIAMOND IS NOW IN SHAPE

Manager Williams Says That Tryouts Will Soon Be In Order.

TENNIS COURTS ARE BEING SHAPED

"Love-All" and "Love 1" Will Soon Be Heard on Courts.

Baseball fans have not only been "making hay while the sun shone" but they have been doing some valuable work getting the diamond at the Hi School ready for the approaching season. Last Tuesday each business house provided a man to assist the Hi School fans in making the grounds ready for the games that are to be matched.

Manager A. G. Williams says that he cannot tell just when the season will open but the diamond will be A No. 1. The first tryout for places on the team is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon.

Lovers of the racquet are also taking advantage of the favorable weather; Tennis courts are being turfed and soon "Love all" will be heard from some of the courts while from others the players will not display such generosity and the score of "Love 1, etc." may be a more familiar sound.

Odd Fellows to Put Up New Awning

The Odd Fellows awning is to be torn away and a new one erected the full length of the building on C street.

Better Clothes for Less Money

Economy is the watchword of the day. We save you money on clothes. We buy direct from the maker and give you the benefit. Prices range from

\$25.00 to \$75.00

and your money's worth with each suit, both boys' and men's.

YOURS TRULY,

O. A. Kreamer

Closing Out Dress Sale

My Ready Made Dresses will be sold at a sacrifice. The stock includes garments of Taffetta, Georgette, Tricotine, French Serge and Jersey.

Straight line, Surplice and Novelty Cuts. Some trimmed with braids, buttons, etc. Also some with pretty embroidered designs and beadings. All go at a Sacrifice Price.

You will be pleased with my showing of Spring Hats.

Alpha Bascue's Millinery Store