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SUNDAY AFTERNOON FIRE DOES DAMAGE

Fire of unknown origin played havoc with barns, woodsheds and automobiles on Fourth street, Sunday afternoon. The fire originated in the barn and garage of H. B. Fletcher, resident engineer of the State Highway Commission, and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. As all the fire company, except five, were out picnicing, it was impossible to save the barn and with it went a state car, a buggy and some discarded household goods. The winds carried the burning brands two blocks away and set fire to the O'Kelly-Johnson barn. The boys worked heroically to save it, but it, too, was destroyed. The Goff barn in the same district was also badly damaged. The Fletcher woodshed was so badly damaged it will be necessary to rebuild it. Fruit trees and berry vines and the grape arbor about the Fletcher place sustained much damage. The Fletcher flower garden which receives so much admiration, has undergone a change. The honeysuckle vine does not cling to the window as it did. The sweet peas are not so fragrant. The choice roses are faded. The pansies do not smile so cheerfully at passers-by. But just a little time and Mrs. Fletcher's faithful care will restore the beauties of the garden.

J. E. Hubbard Buys In With O. L. Foster

As further proof of his ability as a salesman, O. L. Foster of the Independence Realty Co., today disposed of a one-half interest in the business to J. E. Hubbard. Mr. Foster has enjoyed a prosperous business since launching into the realty line here and the addition of Mr. Hubbard will give added impetus to its growth. The firm name, Independence Realty Co., will be retained by Messrs. Foster and Hubbard.

How Our People Will Pass the 4th

It seems probable the people of Independence and vicinity will celebrate the 145th anniversary of the nation without special mention. It is hoped nothing will be taken off but the day. The usual custom of "following the crowd" will be adhered to and many local people will join in near-by celebrations. This locality being unusually inviting for picnicing and fishing, the desire will not be resisted and many trout pools will be visited. A number of motor parties will drive to the beaches to enjoy the sports. The stores will all be closed and those who remain at home will spend their money freely for all kinds of noise producing explosives and find plenty of fun in touching these off.

K. P.s Entertain Pythian Sisters

An enjoyable function in lodge circles this week was the hospitality extended to the Pythian Sisters with the K. P.s as hosts. So royally did they entertain that knighthood seemed in "full flower". Grand Chancellor Clark and Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Walter Gleason of Portland were present and made very instructive talks.

There were also present about twenty-five members of the Salem lodge and their presence added much interest to the occasion. Mrs. Claire Irvine sang a group of delightful numbers and Mr. Harris rendered a number of clever impersonations. A splendid banquet was served and dancing concluded the fraternal evening.

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore will go to Portland tomorrow to pass the Fourth with the O. A. Maacs.

Elsa Schwabbauer Drowned Last Sunday

The whole town is sorrowing with the Schwabbauer family so sadly bereft over the drowning of Miss Elsa Schwabbauer last Sunday afternoon. In company with Miss Frances Henkle of Monmouth, Charles Calbreath and Dean Craven formed a party of pleasure seekers rowing on the Willamette near the ferry crossing. With a couple of oars they had been rowing for some time. The ferry boat was resting and the party felt sure they had time to row to the other side of the cable, but soon the ferry started and the canoe was capsize by the cable wires, and the occupants thrown overboard. Miss Henkle was able to cling to the boat but the unfortunate girl and Dean Craven hung to the cable wire and as the ferry moved and the wires were drawn taut both were unable to get to the boat. Dean was impeded by both heavy clothing and the wire and while struggling to lend aid to the girl finally got to the boat, but the heavy wires kept the girl down. Charlie Calbreath, who is a good swimmer was unable to rescue the young lady as she was on the opposite side of the canoe from the others. The three who survived were rescued by the Mills boys in a row boat, but not until they had drifted to the Old Town Eddy near the wing dam. The rescued trio do not mind their hazardous experiences if they could only have saved their companion. Since Sunday afternoon at 5:30 the best efforts of the town have been directed toward recovering the body. Searching began immediately and lasted far into the darkness. Monday, James Jacobs and others of Salem began dragging the river but to no avail. Wednesday an airplane was ordered from the Forest Patrol in Eugene. Lieutenant Keel flew over the water several times hoping to locate the body, but many trees on the river bank, casting their shadows about, obstructed the view. The water was also roiled from constant dragging. Wednesday V. Bloom and Victor Clock, expert divers, arrived from Portland and have been "walking the waters" continually in hopes of recovering the body of the unfortunate young lady, tho up to this time every effort has proven fruitless. Until yesterday afternoon the two divers had hoped they would find the body before they ceased their efforts. However, late yesterday they gave up the search and returned to Portland. Today the river is being patrolled as it is thought probably the body will float the fourth day.

Miss Elsa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schwabbauer, a business man of this city. The family recently moved here from Silverton and at one time lived in Salem. The young lady was a junior in the Silverton High. Although here only a short while,

she through her magnetic personality had endeared herself to a large circle of friends. Besides her parents she is survived by four sisters, Amanda, cashier at Miller's in Salem, Mrs. C. W. Nelson who is visiting here from the East, Meta, Mollie with the Gray Belle in Salem and Emma Dell, also two brothers, Oscar with the Salem Statesman and Delbert. Many friends of the Schwabbauers from Silverton and Salem have been here this week, hoping they might be able to offer comfort and assistance.

It is sad, doubly sad, that the body of this lovely girl must rest so long in the depths of the river and while these strange and heart-breaking conditions have drained the relatives' chalice of sorrow, we hope, we pray, we trust with them they may again be able to clasp the form of their loved one, but be it as it may—

"She is not dead, the child of your affection,
But gone unto that school
Where she no longer needs our
poor protection
And Christ, Himself, doth
rule."

Oregon Climate Better Than California's

Claud Hubbard of the Covey Motor Car company, has just returned from a 3500-mile trip lasting three weeks which he spent in his Cadillac in California. Hubbard and his party on the entire trip were not troubled even with changing a spark plug, nor were they compelled to refill their tires. They negotiated some fearful roads in the mountains coming over from the Coast and returned loud in their praise of the Oregon climate. In San Diego they found fog. In Los Angeles they wore their overcoats. In fact, their overcoats were in use the entire trip, Hubbard says.—Telegram.

Mrs. Catherine Getty Passes to Her Reward

Mrs. Catherine Getty passed away at her home in Buena Vista last Wednesday at about 11 a. m. The funeral will be directed by A. L. Keeney. The services are to be held from the Methodist church in Buena Vista tomorrow, Saturday, at 2 p. m. R. v. Cleo pastor of the Methodist church will officiate. The body will rest in the Buena Vista cemetery. Mrs. Getty is survived by her husband, Moore Getty, and a son, James, of Richmond, Cal. Mrs. Getty was 72 years of age, and a native of Iowa. She came to Oregon about 52 years ago. For the past 24 years she has resided at Buena Vista where many friends mourn her passing.

KINGS VALLEY DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT

Kings Valley will dedicate the McGrath new store building with a dance Saturday night, July 2nd. There will be good music and the good people of the Valley extend a cordial invitation to the public.

Harry Ord to Represent Legion at Eugene

Harry Ord will represent the Independence Post American Legion at Eugene tomorrow. Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Hewett, delegates from the Auxiliary, are unable to attend. Mrs. Sloper and Mrs. Girard are the alternates but previous plans interfere with their going.

O. E. S. Have a Delightful Meeting

Before suspending for the summer vacation, Adah Chapter O. E. S. held the last meeting Tuesday night. Mrs. O. A. Kreamer and daughter, Miss Madeleine, were initiated into the order. During the evening, Mrs. M. J. Butler and Mrs. Pember offered a vocal duet. The refreshment committee served a dainty repast and a social hour followed.

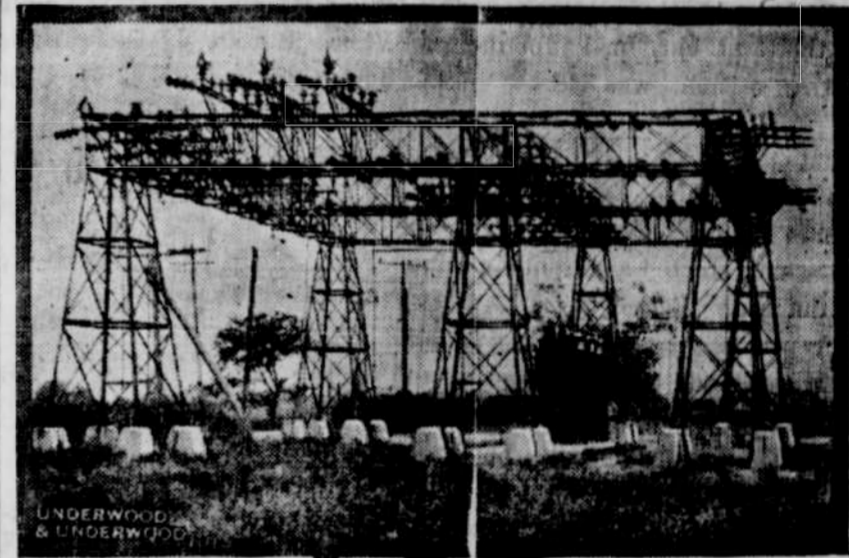
A charity department has been organized by the Auxilliary to the Independence Post American Legion. When worthy cases come under observation you are asked to report the case to the chairman, Mrs. C. O. Sloper or to the President of the Auxilliary, Mrs. Sherman Hays.

WHEN JOHNNY CAME MARCHING HOME



Although it was eleven o'clock Wednesday night when our boys "came marching home" on an O. N. G. special, Johnny received the "three times three" and we are glad to welcome them home. The boys have received twelve days' careful training and were all able to return except Francis M. Arant of Monmouth who is in the hospital recovering from measles. K boys reached Portland Wednesday afternoon in time to participate in the street parade. They received a rousing welcome in the Rose City. It is the expressed opinion of the boys that they acquired invaluable knowledge and each day's work disclosed increased interest as the carefully prepared schedule was executed. The boys however are glad to be home again and to engage in civilian life.

New Type of Electric Station



Sixteen electric stations of this new type, with voltage of 33,000 are being constructed in southern New Jersey, the power being supplied from Wilmington.

Summer Time is Clark Jewel Oil Stove Time

None better.
High speed burners
Direct flame on vessel.
Quick results with little oil.
They save time and oil.

Come in and let us show you.
You'll be convinced.

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Dress Up for the 4th

It's a satisfaction to look your best for your vacation.

Hats, Shirts and Ties

You will want for the Fourth.

Get them of

O. A. Kreamer

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