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NEW YEAR STARTS OFF WITH AN EARLY MORNING BLAZE

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN HOTEL REDMOND BAR BUT IS GOTTEN UNDER CONTROL BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BEFORE MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE TO HOTEL BUILDING—EFFICIENT WORK BY THE FIREMEN PREVENTS SERIOUS LOSS AND SPREAD OF FIRE—HOTEL BAR TOTAL LOSS, AND AGGREGATE LOSS WILL BE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$2,000, FULLY INSURED

An alarm of fire was turned in this morning at 2:15, caused by a blaze in the Hotel Redmond Bar. The fire department responded promptly to the alarm and in half an hour the fire was under control.

For a time it looked as if the fire would spread to the hotel building and endanger the balance of the business section of the city, but the fire department, under Chief Wells, did such efficient work that the fire was confined to the interior of the place where it originated.

The Hotel Redmond is located in the business center of the city, and had the fire gotten a good start the whole of the city was in danger of destruction. Across the street from the hotel is the large department store of Lynch & Roberts (the largest store in Central Oregon) and the Hotel Oregon, which would surely have caught fire had the Hotel Redmond begun to burn. The flames would then have communicated to other buildings north on 6th street, and taken out the whole business district.

Fortunately there was no wind blowing at the time and the fire department had only to confine their attention to the original blaze. The pressure on the water mains, which had recently been investigated, was good at the beginning of the fire, and for that reason the fire was held down to a small limit.

The origin of the fire, after careful investigation, tends to show that it originated from spontaneous combustion from matches kept in a locker underneath the back bar in the Hotel Buffet. This theory is borne out by the fact that the under side of the locker was burned and charred, while the top of the back bar was intact. A large hole was burned through the back bar from underneath, showing charred wood, which substantiates the above statement that the fire started from below the back bar. The matches that were in the locker were a quantity of Japanese matches, which are known to be susceptible to climatic conditions and spontaneous combustion.

The loss to the Hotel Redmond Bar is estimated at \$1500 and to the Hotel Oregon at \$500, fully covered by insurance.

One thing that prevented the fire from spreading from the originating place was the fact that the inside of the Hotel Bar was lined with Beaver Board, and after the fire it was found that this board had withstood the flames with remarkable persistency.

PRODUCTS FROM HERE BRING IN MUCH COIN

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS MADE OF HOGS AND CATTLE

Something Was Coming in Last Year Instead of All the Money Going Out

During the year just closed the farmers in this section enjoyed more prosperity than ever before. They had a means of getting their products to market and thereby getting hold of money, which in former years was a hard matter to do, when it was a case of "everything going out and nothing coming in."

Where, in former years the farmer did not raise any hogs to speak of, now he is going into that business extensively, for he can now get them to market without waiting for a car load of them to grow up and then ship.

Another factor that has worked much to the betterment of this section is the creamery located here, and which pays the highest market price for good butter fat. During the past year this plant has put a nice, comfortable sum of money into the pockets of the dairymen, and these dairymen are realizing that there is money in good dairy herds, and marketing a high grade product.

If you want to buy or sell an auto or anything else, advertise.

Order that job printing today and give us time to take pains with the work.

Newspaper advertising pays.

FARMERS MAY SHIP FEED BY PARCELS POST FREIGHT

Madras Pioneer: Speaking of the benefits of the parcel post service inaugurated by the postoffice department a year since, the people in the rural communities during the past year have used it in many ways that before had not been thought of. Under the new ruling of the department in the parcel post service that will go into effect January 1, some enterprising farmers in this section expect to take advantage in the way of marketing their produce in sections where transportation of heavy goods is very expensive. We understand that our enterprising neighbor O. C. Hale, has conceived the idea of sending some feed down into the Silver Lake country by this method. His first venture will be a ton, and for 50 pounds the cost will be 54 cents, this being considerably less than he could possibly get the grain out there by his own team or by the freighters.

WILL USE PARCEL POST IN THE BUTTER TRADE

The Portland Journal says: Beginning with the first of the year, both city and country creamery men propose making good use of the parcel post for the shipment of butter to points both within and out of this state. For years the creameries have used the various express companies for the transportation of their butter. Rates have been rather high at all times, creamery men say, and these have had to be taken into consideration when prices were fixed for their product. The parcel post offers faster service and lower rates and as packages weighing 50 pounds can be sent by this method after the first of the year, the creamery men propose taking advantage of the opportunities presented by this branch of Uncle Sam's service.

Local news, general news and the latest news are features of this paper.

We have aided in building up good business for clever advertisers.

Watch the ads in this paper and shop early and often.

Advertising in a good medium always pays handsomely. The Spokesman is a good medium.

The Spokesman for good printing.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR 1914 SEASON

SIGNS ALL NOW POINT TO MUCH PROSPERITY

Citizens in This Section Are Optimistic in Regard to the Coming Year

Redmond business men and intelligent farmers in the district adjacent to this city, are very optimistic in their views regarding the business and prosperity outlook for the year 1914, and state they see no reason why the coming year should not be the best, and even better, than ever experienced in this section of Central Oregon.

During the past year all classes of business in Redmond has been good. The farmers have realized money from their products, and the better organization of business for the coming year means that all classes will benefit. The business houses in Redmond are now down to a solid basis, no one class of business, with the exception of one or two, being overdone or overcrowded. This will mean more prosperity for the mercantile trade. The farmers have now an outlet through the Redmond Union Warehouse for nearly all of their products, which will enable them to get hold of money, and in this way they will be in a position to meet their obligations.

Leading business men in Redmond state they see no reason why the year 1914 should not be a prosperous one for this section of the state.

NAMES FOR MAILING

The Spokesman has the name of every taxpayer in Crook county, with their postoffice address. Persons desiring names for mailing or other purposes can secure same at this office at a reasonable figure.

TAINTED SPUD IS BEING INVESTIGATED

AMERICA MAY BAR POTATOES FROM INFECTED COUNTRIES

Experts Advise Embargo On Tubers From Districts Where Disease Exists—Briton Protests

Whether common Irish potatoes from Canada, Newfoundland, Great Britain, Ireland and Continental Europe shall be barred from the United States because of the danger of importation of dangerous plant diseases or shall be admitted under the same restrictions as apply to nursery stock, was the subject of a hearing recently at Washington before the Federal Horticultural Board at the direction of Secretary Houston.

Senators and representatives of several states protested against any policy whereby diseased potatoes might get into this country. A few members, however, suggested that it would be wise to permit the entry of foreign potatoes in the hope of reducing the high prices of food.

The Board listened to representatives of several governments and to pathological experts of various states and then took the question of enforcing the embargo on potato importation under advisement.

The state pathological experts advised a strict embargo for a period of years on the ground that potato diseases are known to exist in certain portions of every foreign country included in the Department of Agriculture's notice on the subject.

Lord Eustace Percy, third secretary of the British Embassy, expressed regret that the United States should have suggested the embargo on English potatoes without co-operating with agricultural experts of that country in their investigation of conditions. To impose an embargo suddenly, he said, would be a disturbing factor in the scientific work of the nations. Great Britain, he added, wished to co-operate with the United States and other nations in a general policy of agricultural education.

The Spokesman for good printing.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

On the threshold of another year we want to pause to thank our friends and patrons for the very liberal business accorded to us during the past year. As one and all you will soon turn the corner into the New Year. Look back over the road you have traveled the past year. Have you saved anything for the "rainy day" that never fails to come? Have you been true to yourself and your family? If, not, once more before you step out into the New Year call at our bank and make a deposit, if only of one dollar, and in twelve more short months take another retrospective glance and see how much pleased you will be with yourself and the way your dollars have multiplied from the one little seed you planted in our bank January 1, 1914. We wish every young man in the community would start a bank account with the New Year. It would not mean much to us, but it would mean lots to them. How many will make the experiment? Have your idle money drawing interest for you on the first day of the glad New Year, 1914. This is our advice, and, like salvation, it's free. Try it. While the feeling of good fellowship is in the air and good resolutions are being made for the New Year, would it not be a good idea to resolve that you will save more money during the coming year than during the past one; then come in and open an account with us and watch it grow.

Redmond Bank of Commerce

REDMOND, OREGON

COMPLETION OF NORTH CANAL HELP THIS CITY

WILL OPEN UP LAND TRIBUTARY TO REDMOND

Some of the Best Land in Central Oregon Located Along Line of This Canal

One of the most prominent factors that will aid the growth and prosperity of Redmond and the whole community surrounding the city, is the completion of the North Canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation Co.'s segregation. This land joins the city on the east and is composed of some of the best producing soil in Crook county.

Gov. West is trying to get the federal government and the state to take hold of this proposition and complete it, and he is receiving the unqualified support of every live wire citizen and farmer in this section.

Redmond will be, primarily, a strictly agricultural city—supported by the farming community surrounding it—and the sooner the good land tributary to it is thrown open to settlement the sooner will the city begin to grow and take on the importance that is her due.

Every citizen should exert his or her influence to bring about this desired result, and it is hoped that the governor will be successful in his efforts to get the aid he desires to complete this much needed adjunct to Redmond's prosperity.

Our prices are all fixed at as close a figure as GOOD PRINTING and prompt service will permit.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES HELD IN REDMOND

GOOD PROGRAMS GIVEN AT THE CHURCHES

Large Audiences Attend Both Presbyterian and M. E. Houses of Worship

The Christmas program at the Presbyterian church was opened with a Processional by the Sunday School that marched in singing "Shine Out, Oh Blessed Star," led by Clifford Buckingham and Forrest Ehlers, who carried silver stars. This was followed by a tableau posed by Freda and Kenneth Buckley, and Harry and Sam Bates, while the Girl's chorus sang a lullaby. During this time the lights were turned off and the Christmas tree was illuminated by tiny electric lights and a large star. Then came the following program:

Invocation, by Rev. Harvey.

Exercise of welcome by the infant class.

Recitations by John Bates, Majorie Brewer, Geo. Bradley, Harold Cline and John Bradley.

Song, "The Birthday of a King," by the school.

Dialogues, by Cynthia Hobbs, Winifred Munz, America Rodman, Marcia Brewer and Irene Kendall.

Recitations, by Kenneth Buckley, Langdon Rodemyer, Henrietta Jensen, Ida May Bradley, Maida Ehlers, Edgar Brown and Meda Gillette.

Piano duet, by Marjorie Brewer and Irene Kendall.

Drill, by seven Juniors.

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PARCEL POST HARD ON RURAL CARRIER

PARCELS OF FIFTY POUNDS TO BE SHIPPED

The Bend-Silver Lake Mail Contractor Stands to Lose Heavily After January 1

A Bend dispatch says: The parcel post is playing havoc with the purse of the contractor on the star mail route between Bend and Silver Lake, it being reliably stated that he is losing from \$10 to \$12 a day, with an outlook of even greater damage after January 1, when larger parcels will be mailable. During the past year the mail has been so heavy that there has been little chance to carry express and baggage, as formerly, and the automobiles have taken nearly all the passenger business from the stage line.

Reports from towns south of here are that the merchants are going to make up much of their freight after it reaches here, into parcels of 50 pounds each and mail them from Bend, as the postage will be practically the same as the charges of the freighters for the 95 mile haul.

If such steps are actually taken it may result in bankrupting the contractor, G. M. Cornett of Prineville, as he will be forced to put on teams to haul the freight mail. Mr. Cornett is under a \$15,000 surety bond, and there is no escape for him. His contract does not expire until June 30, 1914.

If you want to sell, advertise—if you want to buy, read the advertisements in The Spokesman.