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PORTLAND LETTER

Our Reporter in the Metropolis.

Sees the Big Fire.

The Labor Situation Will Cause Stagnation in Business of All Kinds.

PORTLAND, June 25.—Last night occurred the second disastrous fire in this city during the past week. On Saturday night was witnessed the largest fire in the city in many years, causing a loss of \$400,000 and that of last night a loss nearly \$400,000. It was only a short time after the alarm was turned in that the entire block bounded by seventh, Park, G. and F. streets was a roaring mass of flame. We were returning from an evening spent with friends and as the bell tolled the alarm we looked up at the sky and found it a roddy glow. After a spirited run of about eight blocks we arrived with about two thousand others at the scene of the fire and a scene that our eyes that was fearful to look upon. The block was occupied by a stable and blacksmith shop and a lot of miscellaneous business and tenement houses. There was no loss of life so far as can be learned this morning, but it is phenomenal that there was not as the buildings were all occupied. One poor fellow had just got in good shape to make a little money this summer, having finished paying his debts and had a little nest egg in the bank of forty dollars. The only thing he saved was a pair of pants and his wife escaped in her night clothes. All his property went up in smoke without a cent of insurance. It was reported that thirty head of horses perished in the flames, but there was only a few, perhaps from six to seven. We saw the remains of two or three in the ruins. A few more such fires in the north end and the fire traps of that vicinity would be thing of the past. The Northern Pacific freight house had the west end burned out and the S. P. only saved their building from serious damage by the free use of a hand hose. Some narrow escapes of the firemen from injury or death were witnessed. Live wires played no unimportant part in the scenes. One hung down the side of the building on the corner for half an hour at red heat.

The fire Saturday demonstrated to the fullest the long felt want of fire boat in this town and no doubt something will be done after there has been destroyed more than a hundred times the value of such a boat. We visited the city park while here and saw some of the same old sights that greeted the eye six years ago. There has been some improvements made during that period of time. A few Kansas prairie dogs have been added and the park is full of guinea fowls. The house where the signs reads, foreign and domestic birds, contains a few more alligators, a bird common to Florida, than formerly and the monkeys were taking an outing. The bears are fatter than then and some other additions have been made. The rose show is said to have been the finest of the kind ever seen in the city. The

irrepressible Fred Merrill made a grand stand play in the way of advertising yesterday. He brought a car-load of bicycles up from the railroad and had the procession, which consisted of ten truck loads, led by the Third Regiment band and four automobiles.

Among the friends we met here were Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Ribser. We also had the pleasure of meeting J. B. Huntington, formerly Register of the Burns Land office, but now editing the East Side Herald. Jim Finch of Albany Herald fame is doing the city. We met our old time friend, T. M. Zoonsman, at the Tremont House. The French ship Asia has been repaired and is now ready to take on cargo.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—By a vote of five to four the house committee on coinage today ordered a favorable report on the bill to establish an assay office at Baker City. No action was taken on the Portland bill. Representative Moody, who introduced the bill, said the report was ordered on the showing that of \$1,000,000 gold produced in Oregon in 1901, all but \$300,000 came from the western part of the state, immediately tributary to Baker City. Moody and Tongue were both present and Moody said a motion was made to postpone the consideration of all bills until the next session. This was amended by one of his friends, who moved to amend for a report in favor of the Baker City bill.

"I do not hope to secure the passage of my bill this session," said Moody, "but will have it on the calendar and will try to get it through next session."

Representative Tongue said: "I will not do anything to retard the passage of the Baker City bill, in fact, I will do everything I can to secure its passage, because I am confident when it reaches the Senate it will be amended by striking out the words 'Baker City' and substituting the one word 'Portland.'"

The strained situation with regard to summering sheep in the mountains grows more and more intense. While the sheepmen this side of the mountains are "resolute," the settlers on the other side are shooting sheep on government land within the dead line they arrogantly established in the Camp Watson mountains. The latest sheepman to suffer is Wm. Mascall of Grant county, whose range is just beyond the Wheeler county line. Mascall's sheep were driven into the Black canyon district for summer range, and there about ten days ago 153 head were killed by 12 masked men. Later a large quantity of stock salt mixed with strychnine was found on Kenton creek where sheep are accustomed to pass en route to the mountains. The Woolgrowers Association of Wheeler county held a secret meeting at Mitchell the other day, to devise means to protect their rights. Many herders are quitting, as they do not like to pose as targets for the guns of infuriated ranchers.—Fossil Journal.

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NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not

Cullings From Our Exchange News Notes of the Week Timely Topics

Though Dalles dancers are slow about taking up with the new dances (probably on account of lack of instruction) it may be interesting to them to know that at the convention, June 13, in New York, of the National Association of Dancing Masters of the United States and Canada, three new round dances and an original lancers have been chosen as the correct thing for the coming season. The new steps are known as the "Military dip," "Antlers gavotte," the "Olympia" and the "Drawing room lancers." The first named is a waltz, differing from the old dip waltz danced a generation ago by having a dip to each move instead of every third movement.—Dalles Chronicle.

There is more than the bitterness of death to the mother of a young woman at Medford, Or., who committed suicide in San Francisco this week. Infatuated with a soldier, this foolish young woman followed him from her home to the Presidio, and, deaf to the appeal of her aged mother to return and assist her in the battle of life, finally made an end to her existence. How insignificant seems the ordinary trials and common vicissitudes of life over which the multitude groans and under which it chafes when confronted by an incident like this! Well may the conscientious, hard-working parents of virtuous daughters and upright sons exclaim, "Poverty is nothing and hard work is nothing; even sickness is nothing, and death is not the gravest of ills. Only filial ingratitude and regret, the waywardness of children and resulting disgrace can be ranked in the dark catalogue of trouble."—Heppner Times.

Abner Robbins Dead.

Abner Robbins, the well-known pioneer merchant, stock raiser and landowner of Drewsey, died at the family home in Union, June 14th 1902. Mr. Robbins' death followed a very short illness of spotted fever, with which he was attacked while at Ontario on the return to Drewsey from a visit at his home in Union. The funeral occurred on Monday of last week. Mr. Robbins left a widow and one daughter, the latter being Mrs. Eunice Luckey of Portland. The only other child born to Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, a son, Tommy, died at Prineville in 1882.

As nearly as we can learn at this time, Mr. Robbins was 68 years of age. He was born in Maine and came to this coast in the early days. He was among the first miners to work along the John Day River, having been at Mount Vernon in 1861. Afterward he became one of the pioneer settlers in what is now Crook county, residing in the Ochoco Valley. In 1882 he made a settlement near Drewsey,

which he maintained up to the time of his death, from which he gave supervision to his large land and livestock interests. In 1883 he took part in forming the mercantile firm of Robbins & Purrington, in the business now owned by Daly & Robbins. He owned large interests at Union, and was one of the wealthy men of Eastern Oregon. He was widely known, and his death is universally regretted.

Closing School Exercises.

Mr. J. E. Calavan closed a very successful school at the lower Mc Kay school house on Tuesday June 10th. The pupils of the seventh grade have been very successful this term of school, doing nearly half a year's work in three months and will no doubt finish the eighth grade if they get to go about seven or eight months next winter. Those finishing the seventh grade were Miss Liza Powell averaging 95, Miss Jennie Templeton 96, Miss Belva Templeton 95, Mr. Lloyd Powell 91. The school closed with the following program:

Song The Little Red School House, by the School. Rec. Lillie Len by Marie Stewart. Rec. A Child's Reasoning, Mary Rasmussen. Rec. Pulling A Basting Thread, by Ida Stewart. Rec. Only Playing, by Liza Powell. Rec. Car Tracks, by George Stewart. Song, Willie and Birdie, by the School. Dialogue When I Grow up by Roy Ritter and Eliza Ritter. Reading Mrs. Caudle's Lecture on Shirt Buttons by Jennie Templeton. Rec. Millard Templeton. Rec. An Extra Ordinary Sale, by Belva Templeton. Song Away to School, by the School. Rec. Recipe for Courtship, by Johnnie Templeton. Dialogue How to Keep Cool resolves by Belva Templeton, Liza Powell and Lloyd Powell. Rec. A Smack in School, by Jennie Templeton. A Pastor Wanted, by Lloyd Powell. A Man who had all diseases at once by Fred Grimes. Song, Vacation, by the School. Rec. An Inventors Wife, by Mrs. Calavan. Rec. The Unfinished Letter, by Belva Templeton. Dialogue A Strike, by Fred Grimes, Lloyd Powell, Johnnie Templeton, Harry Rasmussen and John Rasmussen. Song Goodbye, by the School.

Visitors present were, Mrs. B. F. Jones, Mrs. Calavan, Mrs. Stewart, Misses Bessie Severn, Grace Evans, Edith McCord, Vida Jones, Laura Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Powell, Mrs. R. M. Templeton, Messrs. Chas. Lewis, Grover Young, Verl Jones, Mrs. Minnie McCord, Master Roy McCord and Guy Sumner. The pupils desire to thank their teacher for his kindness and faithfulness during this term of school.

By a Pupil.

How to Avoid Trouble.

Now is the time to provide yourself and family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over, and if procured now may save you a trip to town in the night or in your busiest season. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful medicine in use for bowel complaints, both for children and adults. No family can afford to be without it. For sale by all druggists.

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Additional Locals.

Great interest is being manifested in the Willamette valley towns regarding the extension of the C. & E. railroad into this county. Failing an early extension there is strong hopes of a wagon road being opened this fall over the Minto pass to Detroit. The railroad people have authorized the use of their grade for the wagon road and this will save a considerable amount of work on that side of the mountains. Our people should at once take up the proposition of opening this road into the county line as it means much for this county.

Genial Jack Edwards of the Baldwin Sheep & Land Co., has returned from a four months trip to Europe where he went on business and pleasure combined. While over the water Mr. Edwards visited the big sheep breeding farm in France, and purchased the Grand Prix winner Rambouillet ram, raised by Thourin & Sorreau, and five ewes, one a grand prize winner from the same firm. Mr. Edwards also selected the rams and one ewe from Victor Gilbert, the top of his herd, which are now on the way to the United States in charge of Mr. Cloe, of Mt. Pleasant Utah. This is without doubt the most select and finest importation of Rambouillet sheep ever brought to America and the Baldwin Sheep & Land Co. deserves great credit for the good they are doing the sheep industry of this country.—Rural Spirit.

B. J. Pengra was down from his ranch near Lava Monday and in conversation with our reporter gave out some valuable information regarding the Salt Lake and Coos Bay road. He said that the road would cross the mountains near Odell Lake and perhaps pass through Eugene or near there. It is to be a trans-continental line and will be a great benefit to this part of the state. A feeder can be built from this town to intersect the road near Lava and thus place us in direct communication with the east by the shortest possible road. It would give us an outlet to all the best bodies of virgin country that yet remains in the Union and will be the means of bringing more settlers to this state than any other one thing that could happen.

List of Patents.

Granted to Pacific State Inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C.—J. P. Adams, Garfield, Wash., Bagholder. T. Bambauer, Volts, Cal., Pillow sham, holder. W. N. Best, Los Angeles, Cal., Apparatus for supplying air and hydrocarbon. E. Christenson, Portland, Ore., Variable speed sheave. F. Dyer, Pasadena, Cal., Hinge. J. H. F. Evers, Walla Walla, Wash., Poultry roost. C. W. Gardner, Portland, Ore., Gold separator. E. C. Gladwin, Oakland, Cal., Mustache-guard. G. Hare, Los Angeles, Cal., Bronzing machine. H. Maxwell, West Oakland, Cal., Locomotive valve gear. A. E. Roe, New Watcom, Wash., Gang-edger sawing machine. C. H. Truay, Berkeley, Alameda, Cal., Attachment for letter boxes.

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