

TWO BUSINESS PLACES DESTROYED BY FIRE

Curtis' Restaurant and Lakin's Confectionery Burn.

NIGHT CLERK MAKES DISCOVERY

Fire Was In Advanced Stage When Hose Company Arrived; Spread Prevented.

After a duration of over a year fire has again visited Main Street, this time taking as toll the wooden building across from the Oregon Hotel occupied by Lakin's Confectionery and the Curtis Restaurant.

John Henderson, night clerk at the hotel, first discovered the blaze at 12:40 Sunday night and though not exactly built for running made good time to the fire bell and turned in the alarm. The flames were then shooting high above the roof of the restaurant.

The direct cause of the fire is unknown, other than it started in the rear of the restaurant, where the tinder-like building gave the flames great headway.

It must have caught immediately after the place was closed for the night, as the cook left shortly after midnight and the blaze was reported a half hour later.

Hose Cart No. 1 arrived first on the scene and soon after the others arrived. After hurriedly making necessary hose connections the nozzles could not be found and some time was lost in bringing them from the hose house. The water pressure, weak at first, was speedily increased and in 25 minutes the fire was well in check.

Considering the advanced stage of the blaze the volunteer fire fighters did wonderful work in preventing the conflagration from spreading. With the height of the flames and the terrific heat a little wind in any direction would have been disastrous. The store of Stewart & Co. was saved by hard fighting, but not until it was scorched by the heat.

The restaurant was completely demolished and the confectionery escaped with only a few articles intact. Several show cases and contents were saved from Lakin's before the fire entered the front part of the building.

The sleeping quarters on the second floor of the Champ Smith property adjoining the restaurant were occupied by Frank Luce and Jack Curtis. Curtis escaped through a window to the next roof while Luce slid down a ladder placed at a window in front. The regular exit would have led directly into the fire. Frank Luce is becoming an attraction for fire, having had a room in the last three buildings burned.

C. M. Elkins is the owner of the structure destroyed and has the loss fully covered with insurance. Hugh Lakin has an insurance of \$1850 with a loss valuation of \$2250, while Jack Curtis has \$700 worth of insurance on his restaurant equipment.

Joel Johnson, Carl Wacker and Burnham Coe, the three minors arrested at Bend August 4 for burglarizing the Long Prairie Ranger Station near Crescent, were taken by officers to the St. Anthony, Idaho, Industrial School Tuesday. The first two mentioned boys were out on parole while Coe had escaped from the reform school about a month ago.

Ball Boys Banquet To Celebrate Victory

A joyous and rollicking party of loyal fans and baseball fellows met at a local hotel Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, where a banquet waited to help celebrate the victory of the day.

A four-course dinner was served to the merry-making crowd of 35 in number. Jay Upton handled the office of toastmaster in an able manner and allowed no dull moments to creep in.

Jokes, puns and happy incidents of the season were related with great gusto and good spirit. Music was furnished by the baseball club's lively trio.

SWARM OF BEES CAUSES NEIGHBORS TO QUARREL

A swarm of innocent young bees having arrived at the proper age for leaving the paternal hive, took their royal queen and departed to make themselves a new home, but the unintentional result was that two respected citizens in the vicinity of Prineville came to blows and then sought relief in the Justice Court here Monday. The parties in the case were O. R. Nicely and Tom Houston, who live between here and Redmond.

To return to the bees, they after swarming were traced to a hollow tree some distance from the owner's land and were left there temporarily while another swarm was secured. Mr. Nicely seeing the operations affixed his name to the bee tree, thereby hoping to secure the honey-makers.

When the owner returned to get the bees, the claimant stood his ground and said the bees were his by law. Words flew thick and fast until quite suddenly there was a scene that would put a Doc Yak comic to shame.

These two citizens, about fifty years of age, attacked each other furiously and simultaneously. Their sons standing nearby followed the example of parental fortitude and began pummeling each other. The combatants, were considerably scratched up when the fracas ended.

Nicely then had Houston brought before court on a charge of assault and battery, which resulted in dismissal by the jury.

The question is, who was stung? Probably the county for the cost of the trial.

Will Make Preliminary Survey 850 Sq. Miles

Thos. G. Gerdine, head of the Northwest division of the U. S. Geological Survey, was in Prineville yesterday as overseer for preliminary surveys of a quadrangular map including 850 square miles from Culver to Bend.

These maps are of great value to the sections included, as they show all important features needed by surveyors, engineers, railroads and forest service.

It is unfortunate that this section of country will not be included in the survey, as only enough money has been apportioned for the Cline Falls map. Much of the work has already been completed through irrigation projects, such as at Tumalo.

Mr. Hartman, who for the past month has been doing the triangulation and baseline surveying, also was in town yesterday after completing observation from Lookout Mt.

N. F. McCain was here yesterday on business.

WARD RANCH STRUCK BY A CLOUDBURST

Hay In Shock Badly Scattered and Grain Lodged.

STORM STRUCK 5 P.M. SUNDAY

Deluge Settled Into a Heavy Rain Which Lasted Over Half Hour.

A cloudburst struck John Ward's ranch at the east end of Powell Butte Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock and nearly made a clean sweep of everything movable.

The water dropped in great sheets during the first few minutes of the deluge and then settled into a steady downpour which lasted a half hour. In a very short time two feet of water was in the house and torrents were raging across the fields.

Hay in the shock was badly scattered and standing grain lodged. Mr. Ward had a fine garden which was completely ruined, a field of potatoes was washed out and a large number of his chickens were drowned.

The rain touched Prineville only slightly, but two miles out on Grimes Flat the precipitation was great. Saturday afternoon there were showers and heavy wind.

There will be railroad rates on Central Oregon roads during the Crook County Fair. The rates are to be one and one third fare from Portland to Bend with sales dates September 26 to 30 and a return limit of October 2. Even the railroads recognize a good thing when they hear of it. Write now and tell your friends to come.

COMMERCIAL CLUB'S EFFORTS BEAR FRUIT

New Mail Route Will Begin Operation October 2

FARMERS AND CLUBMEN WORK

Establishment of Route Proposed Six Months Ago; Pursued to Successful End

Becoming effective October 2, Prineville will have a long sought for rural free delivery covering the farming district just north of the city.

This was the stated fact sent to Oregon Congressmen Monday from Washington, D. C. The legislators from this state handled the petitions for the route with dispatch and especially influenced its passage.

The local Commercial Club looks with pride upon its achievement of an R. F. D. Route No. 1. This is a fitting proof that the farmer's problems have the Club's undivided attention and is a direct argument against the thought that the Commercial Club has only its own interests at heart.

The route will extend east from Prineville to the Ochoco school house, thence to Johnson Creek and back around Barnes Butte to the Lower McKay. Grimes Flat is well traversed with the delivery as far as the Circle Ranch where it returns to the Crooked River road at Rye Grass and then back to town on the north side of the river.

John Sundquist and the farmers of Grimes Flat have tried for three years to secure a rural route, but met with obstacles and discouragement at every turn, and finally

Over 150 Attend Lawn Party at Howard Home

Over one hundred and fifty invited guests from Prineville, Bend, Tumalo and Redmond enjoyed one of the most highly pleasing lawn parties at the Roscoe Howard home in Deschutes Saturday evening that has ever been given. Mr. Howard is manager of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company and has a beautiful home and exceptionally fine lawn upon which the party was held. Games were played to orchestra music and the visitors made merry until a late hour when refreshments were served.

gave the matter up. At this time the Club became interested and set to work with a will to obtain the appointment.

Petitions were circulated by clubmen and an additional petition was signed by business men of the city which was sent to the post-office department. Representatives N. J. Sinnott and Pat McArthur were asked for aid and Inspector Linebaugh of Portland was called upon to look over the proposed route.

Finally after a lapse of six months a rural route of standard regulations is the reward for earnest effort and co-operation.

The Civil Service examinations for rural mail carriers held in the Forestry offices Friday, were taken by three applicants.

ROAD TO EAST LAKE DISCUSSED AT LUNCH

A communication was read at the weekly luncheon from Forest Ranger Smith, of the East Lake Reserve, in regard to the proposed road to that place from Millican.

In the letter were specifications for a new nine-mile road from the end of the Millican road into East Lake, at a point close to the hot springs. The needed equipment, men, supplies, tools, etc., were carefully enumerated by Mr. Smith, so that the cost could be estimated at about \$500.

Since an opening to this new mountain playground would be of interest to tourists and to the people of the county at large and not to one community alone, it is probable that the county court will see fit to bear a large share of the expense.

The Forest Service has expressed an opinion that the new road would be worth at least a fifth of the cost to them, and with hearty co-operation usually apparent in Prineville this road should become a permanent fixture by fall.

The LaPine people are building a way to Paulina Lake from their side and with one to East Lake from the east, a connection of the two would be an added attraction to tourists on the highway to Crater Lake, and at the same time eliminate the badly cut up road by Cinder Butte.

A committee met with H. J. Overturf Monday and the possibilities of aid from the county discussed. The matter will be taken up in the September term of court and aid is expected. The Millican people have raised some money toward the work.

A Mr. Shintafer owns the hot springs at East Lake which are mineral in formation and of good medicinal qualities. Baths have been installed and a swimming tank will be built later.

Ernest Lindmark, of Bend, is confined at the court house because of insanity. He will be taken to the asylum this week.

COUNTY FAIR THIS YEAR WILL BREAK RECORD

Many Will See Aeroplane for First Time.

RACES BY ALL-HOME HORSES

Exhibit of Farm Products Will Eclipse Anything Seen Here Before.

The Fair is rapidly drawing near and this year the Fair will be far better in every respect than last year.

The exhibits will be better and more of them because crops are better this year and there are more products to be shown.

The crowds will be larger this year because all who were here last year were well pleased and are coming again and those who were not here and heard about it say they will surely be here this fall without fail. The races will be better this year because there will be more horses than were here last year and the best part of the race program will be the fact that all the harness and running races will be run with Crook County horses thus insuring clean and honest races. The livestock show will be as large or even larger than last year and a number from a distance have already notified the manager of their coming.

The street amusements will be larger and better this year because the concessions all made money last year and they say they are coming this year and bring others with them.

The aeroplane alone will be worth several times the price of admission and all should see him perform his thrilling Death Dive and other stunts. This same attraction was at the Oregon State Fair last year and was the main attraction and they would have had the same man this season had the Crook County Fair not beat them to him.

There will be numerous frontier exhibitions by local buccaroos and arrangements are now being made to have Buffalo Vernon the famous buccaroo at the Pendleton Round-Up here to give an exhibition daily, bulldogging a steer from an automobile, rope a steer from an automobile and tie him down and do trick and fancy roping.

The band this year will be a Portland band of fourteen pieces and about six men from Bend and Prineville will swell the organization making one of the best bands ever heard in this section.

The winners of the Inter City League are coming for three games of baseball with the Prineville team and these games will be staged at the downtown ball ground, one each morning at 10:30 on the last three days of the Fair and this will give the farmers a chance to see some baseball that will be of a higher class than ever witnessed on the local diamond.

It looks very much like the Baby Beavers of Portland will be the winners and if so they are coming with sixteen of the best ball players in the city of Portland and with the aid of 500 rooters Prineville will be able to capture two of these three games thus giving Prineville the State Championship for a semi-pro team.

If you have not received your premium list yet, don't wait but send a card to the manager at once and receive one by return mail. Don't forget the dates, September 27, 28, 29, 30.

Days You'll Never Forget

THE DAY YOU CARRIED WATER FOR THE SICK ELEPHANT, AND BY THE TIME ITS THIRST WAS QUENCHED THE CIRCUS WAS OVER.