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\$45,000 FIRE WEDNESDAY

A. A. White, W. F. King, Jack Curtiss, Geo. Wiley and Mrs. Estes Are the Principal Losers

Hotel Oregon and Wiley Building Completely Destroyed; The King Co. Loss Largely From Damage to Exterior and by Water; Losses Only Partly Covered by Insurance

Fire which perhaps originated in the Estes confectionery early yesterday morning destroyed the Hotel Oregon, the confectionery and adjoining building both belonging to Geo. W. Wiley, and the Curtis restaurant just north of the Hotel Oregon, besides doing considerable damage to other properties.

Only by the very prompt work on the part of volunteer fire fighters were many other buildings saved.

The W. F. King hardware store south of the Wiley building had the narrowest escape, the building being damaged by fire on the roof, side and front and by water on the interior as well as damage to the stock, which may bring the loss to this firm up to as much as \$10,000. The stock was moved into the streets by volunteers, and more or less damage and loss was sustained in the handling.

Fire was first discovered when the roof of the Wiley building was falling in, which would indicate that the blaze originated in the north room which contained Mrs. Estes' confectionery. This was discovered about 2:30 a. m.

There was no insurance on this building, which is a loss of perhaps \$3000. Mrs. Estes sustained a loss of perhaps \$1500 with insurance of but \$1000. The south room of this building was occupied by F. W. McCaffery's real estate office.

The Hotel Oregon which was comfortably filled with guests, was soon in flames, and the prompt work of Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Thompson in awakening everyone, allowed time for escape with some of the personal belongings.

A few of the fixtures were saved from this building before the fire became too hot to work inside.

The loss of the building and fixtures is placed above \$17,000 and the only knowledge local people

have of insurance is two policies totaling \$3500.

The hotel was owned by A. A. White, of St. Paul, who has contemplated a new building for some time. He was wired of the loss early yesterday by Mrs. Barber who was managing the hotel in the absence of her husband who is in California. Mother Thompson, who had charge of the grill at the Oregon sustained a loss of all her fixtures and stock with no insurance.

The building north of the hotel, which was owned by Jack Curtis and occupied by him with a restaurant, was burned down to the first story but the damage to the lower room was largely from water.

The walls of the first story of this building are of brick, which made the control of the flames at this point possible.

The loss sustained by Mr. Curtis, which includes the second story of this building and damage to contents will reach \$1500 or \$2000. The insurance on this building lapsed a few days ago and had not been renewed, although the adjoining building on the north which Mr. Curtis also owned was amply insured. It sustained but slight damage.

Buildings on the west side of the street were badly blistered by the heat and glass fronts were broken in a number of instances as far north at Ross Robinson's store.

The spread of the flames to the buildings in the rear was prevented by prompt and determined work, and the fact that there was no wind blowing perhaps saved farther loss.

The power lines of the Deschutes Power Company were rendered useless, which caused the town to be in darkness for the remainder of yesterday morning and an absence of power for a great part of the day yesterday.

\$100,000 BOND ISSUE TO BE SUBMITTED SOON

COUNCIL VOTES UNANIMOUSLY FOR MEASURE

PORTLAND FAILS TO MAKE GOOD

Makes It Again Necessary To Use Our Own Resources in Transportation Matter

At a special meeting of the city council Saturday evening it was unanimously voted to submit a measure to the voters of Prineville for an additional bond issue of \$100,000 to complete the financing of the City of Prineville Railway.

It was brought out at the meeting that this action is necessary because of the failure of Portland interests to make their promise of supplying funds good, and that some such action is imperative to complete the road which has been built with the money made available at the last bond election.

Fred Glenn, representing Keeler Bros. of Denver, who bought the first issue of bonds, was present and stated that the matter of a second issue is perfectly feasible, and that he felt sure there would be no difficulty in disposing of the bonds.

The road has been graded with the exception of a few short links that will be completed during the next two weeks, and is ready for the ties and rails.

The ties have already been bought and are on the ground, and much of the right of way has been fenced and the remainder will be enclosed soon.

The deeds have all been secured for the right of way, and were filed this week, which makes the matter in good condition so far as that feature is concerned.

The date of the special election will be set at the December meeting, at which time papers for the election will be presented to the council for their consideration.

The need for the road was never greater than now, and will continue to grow.

It should be understood that while the amount the council proposes to vote on is \$100,000, this amount of bonds will not be issued unless absolutely necessary, and perhaps \$30,000 will be sufficient.

Twohy Brothers Company has been experiencing great difficulty in getting supplies from Redmond and they have encouraged the council, as have Clark Kendall & Company and the officials of the Ochoco Irrigation District.

These men will lend their support to the move and hope to solve their transportation problem in this manner.

Regarding the support of the main line roads, we are reproducing herewith some extracts from a letter received from both roads and signed jointly by L. C. Gilman, president of the Oregon Trunk and J. D. Farrel, president of the O.-W. Railway Company, which was addressed to Mayor D. F. Stewart.

These roads have done all they agreed to do, and Mr. Stewart is now in Portland conferring with them in the matter of completing the line as soon as the matter of financing the construction is provided for.

These gentlemen say:

It will be agreeable to us to furnish the rail for this railroad upon the following conditions:

1. We to make you a lease of six per cent depreciation on the value of the rail furnished, at the price of \$30.00 per ton—depreciation to be waived for the period of three years.

2. You to have the option to

purchase this rail at the price of \$20.00 per ton, weight to be determined as of the date of delivery, at any time within three years from said date of delivery. In case said option is not exercised, the annual depreciation charge to attach at the expiration of three years.

3. Delivery to you to be made f. o. b., Redmond, or at such other point on the joint section as may be agreed upon between us.

4. The rail to be furnished to be second-hand 56 or 60 pound rail.

5. In accordance with our previous understanding, we must have satisfactory assurance that you have the funds available to fully complete this railroad and provide necessary equipment so as to put the same in operation before we shall be obligated to deliver the rail.

6. If you have not already done so, would require that you provide proper organization with which we could contract.

We would not, under any circumstances, be willing to furnish the rail unless satisfied that there is a certainty that the money will be forthcoming to fully complete the road and provide equipment, and we would expect that when completed the road should be entirely free from debt except for the metal we furnish.

STANFIELD OUT FOR U. S. SENATOR

R. N. Stanfield has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination to the United States Senate.

Mr. Stanfield is one of the men who is really big enough for the place, and will be a credit to the state should he be nominated and elected, which we believe he will be.

He is an eastern Oregon man, a big livestock man, and a big man, with a capacity for work that is possessed by but few of our public spirited citizens.

He is of the type that has the habit of going out and getting the things for themselves that they want, when they want it.

Mr. Stanfield has been immensely successful for himself by virtue of his ability for hard work and a clear head, is approachable and powerful, has more business than anybody for himself, yet has lots of time to assist the state and nation in the huge tasks before them.

We would have a much abler Senate if we had more Stanfields and less men of some other type.

He is a candidate to succeed Senator McNary whose term expires on March 3, 1919.

A. L. MACKINTOSH MAY BE LOST

Prominent Central Oregon Sheepman Sailed on Overdue Ship

Fear is felt for the safety of A. L. Mackintosh who sailed for Alaska on the Joseph Pulitzer which is now five weeks overdue.

Mr. Mackintosh was going to the Aleutian Islands in connection with the increasing of sheep production and some of these islands had been selected as especially adapted to grazing.

It is feared the Pulitzer was sunk in one of the terrific ocean storms that were raging not long ago.

STATE PRESIDENT IS HERE

Mrs. Mary E. Lancaster Is Visiting Rebekah Lodge in City Today

Mrs. Mary E. Lancaster, of Astoria, state president of the Oregon Assembly of the Rebekah lodge, is in the city today to preside over the district convention. The afternoon meeting began at 1:30 o'clock and at 6:30 a dinner will be served at the K. P. Hall to which all members are urged to come. Delegates are present from all of the principal towns in Central Oregon. Those attending the meeting in Redmond last night were: Mrs. Vira Cyrus, Miss Stella Hodges and Mrs. Wm. Arnold.

CROOK WILL EXCEED ITS Y. M. C. A. QUOTA

OVER SUBSCRIPTION MAY BE 50 PER CENT

DONATIONS OVER \$25 REFUSED

People Reminded of Future Call—Effort of Solicitors Was to Make Response General

That Crook County will reach more than \$3000 in the drive for Y. M. C. A. funds by the time returns are all in is the belief of county manager W. F. King.

To date, with returns yet on the way from some localities to complete the figures, a total of \$2864.40 has been reported officially to Mr. King, and volunteer subscriptions are coming in every day.

These will not be received after the outlying precincts are in, and the drive is already over, with these exceptions.

The amount originally asked was \$2000 which was increased to \$2400 when an urgent telegram was received by Mr. King from state headquarters asking that this be done. This also was the cause for allowing workers to do some final soliciting this week.

The amounts reported from the various precincts, and the names of the men making the drives are as follows in so far as the returns have been received:

North Prineville—E. E. Evans and James Cantrell...	\$176.75
Northwest Prineville—W. I. Dishman	167.00
Northeast Prineville—L. M. Bechtell	107.25
Southeast Prineville—Arthur Michel	177.25
Southwest Prineville—Robert Davis	202.00
Grimes Flat—H. W. Howard and John Grimes	108.50
McKay and Johnson Creek—James McClun	135.50
Lower Ochoco and McKay—Norris Morgan, J. W. Stanton and D. C. Ingram	239.15
Upper Ochoco and Summit Prairie—Alex Donnelley	150.50
Post—Homer Norton	155.00
Paulina—Mrs. L. M. Miller	
Wolf Creek—A. M. Logan; Beaver Creek—Ban Puett; Grindstone Creek—T. H. Brennan	285.00
Suplee—George Senecal	40.15
Fife—C. A. Sherman	140.00
Barnes—Frank Hackleman, Harry Barnes, F. C. Logan and T. T. Armstrong	190.00
Held—Alex Ammons and Chas. Houston	105.25
Roberts—James Cram, Mrs. H. C. Nelson and H. W. Carlin	78.75
Powell Butte—James McClun, A. W. Bayn, Walter Foster and Wallace Smith	178.10
Lower Crooked River—Henry McCall	159.75
Crooked River—W. S. Ayres and R. W. Douglas	36.50
Combs Flat—Ralph Breese	21.50
Dry Creek—James McClun	10.50

NEW STORE AT POST

Homer Norton Completes Structure Which is 24x52

Homer Norton has completed a new store building at Post and is busy this week hauling new goods from Redmond to go onto the shelves.

The new structure is 24x52 and adjoins the former store, which will be used also.

He makes a round trip each day from Redmond hauling 2500 pounds of freight on his Republic truck.

WORK ADVANCED ON OCHOCO CANAL CUT

30 PER CENT OF DIRT MOVED IS ESTIMATE TODAY

WILL BE COMPLETE IN JANUARY

Main Canal Practically Completed For Almost Six Miles—Work Advancing Rapidly

Work is advancing rapidly on the cut that is being made for the main canal on the Ochoco Project. This work, although through difficult construction is thirty per cent completed according to estimates, and will be completed in January.

This will make water possible from McKay to the lands on the west end of the project, a great part of the main line having already been blocked out, and many laterals made already.

This cut and the lateral work is being done by the district and about 80 head of stock are busy at the combined task, most of that number being in the cut. This work is being done under Mr. Fuller.

The canal on both sides of McKay creek is progressing well, Mr. Shotwell having completed about two and one-half miles of canal which is nine feet wide on the bottom, six feet deep with a carrying capacity of four and a half feet, and has a width of twenty-seven feet at the water line.

The slope of these banks is one and a half to one, and the water capacity is 140 to 150 second feet.

At the McKay crossing a concrete structure is being prepared for. It will be of concrete, will absolutely control the flow of water, and will make it possible to divert any part or all of the creek into the canal without the construction of any dam.

The west end of the canal is progressing more rapidly than before, Mr. Newport reports the steam shovel doing exceptionally well.

The canal at this point is 16 feet wide on the bottom, has the same depth as the west end of the canal, but is 34 feet wide at the water line. This has a carrying capacity of 200 second feet.

Work on the tunnel will be started soon, delay having been experienced because of a shortage of lumber. The camp will be erected here during the week however, and work started soon.

The huge pumps, one piece of which weighs 14,000 pounds, were brought in from Redmond yesterday and last night, after some difficulty, for work on the reservoir.

Mr. Grier reports progress on all points at the reservoir, and twenty-four hour shifts will be put on very soon.

Many people were at the reservoir last Sunday, and cars are parked along the roadway every day.

Mr. Rea has requested us to state that water will be on the lands for everyone next spring, and that all who have sage brush lands to clear should get them ready for the water.

50,000 SACKS OF POTATOES

Central Oregon Growers Harvest a Good Crop

At a recent meeting of the Deschutes Valley Potato Growers' Association, reports indicated that there are now 50,000 sacks of marketable potatoes stored at the ranches and warehouses throughout Central Oregon. The association is at present busy filling orders and will ship about seventy-five carloads of potatoes during the season. About one hundred and twenty-five of the most prominent potato growers of the valley are members of the association.

LYON MEETINGS OPEN WEEK FROM TUESDAY

One week from next Tuesday evening the Lyon meetings will open in the Baptist church in this city.

The party is now holding a six weeks' meeting in Bend, from where reports are coming of a growing interest and much good being done.

Dr. Lyon is an able speaker, knows his subject, the Bible, and confines his sermons very closely to its teachings.

Many will remember the meetings he held here last winter, and his coming is looked forward to with great interest by all who heard him then.

LUNCHEON AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Promises to be Another Bountiful Repast—You Are Invited

The luncheon tomorrow will be at the Baptist church and will be another of those meals that make the church ladies famous.

Business of importance will be discussed, and all are urged to attend. The price of these church meals in the future is fifty cents and they are worth twice the amount.

HAS BLACK LEG VACCINE

County Agent Has Enough Serum to Vaccinate 700 Head of Cattle

County Agent R. A. Ward has just received a fresh supply of U. S. vaccine sufficient for 700 head of cattle and an effort will be made to vaccinate, during the present week, the herds of cattle that have not been treated. Apply to R. A. Ward, Redmond, for particulars.

ERROR IN POLLING PLACE

Will Vote at Davidson's Instead of Gates Home

Our attention has been called to an error in a recent issue in the matter of polling place for the district election District 1 in which we said the polling place will be the Gates home. W. R. Davidson's home is the place instead.

LEASED HOSPITAL

P. B. Poindexter and Family Will Winter in California

P. B. Poindexter has leased the Home Hospital and will spend the winter with his family in California.

Mrs. Warner is the new manager. She will assume possession on December 10.

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