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Fire in Woods Causes a Considerable Loss.

For a few hours last Sunday afternoon it looked as if several families would be homeless before nightfall—but, happily, the strenuous efforts of a couple hundred men prevented so dire a calamity.

About twelve-thirty a dense smoke arose from the timber in the vicinity of the brickyard. Many who saw it figured that it was simply a burning out of a pile of slashings or some waste stuff and paid no attention to it for an hour or so; and by that time the flames had gained considerable headway.

Just how the fire started is not now known. Some assert that hunters were in that vicinity prior to the fire and that considerable shooting had been going on; while there are those who figure that some boys in thoughtless mood had made a bonfire for the fun of it. Possibly no one will ever know just how the thing did start.

The fire covered an area of from seven to ten acres—starting on a tract belonging to Hartman, Thompson & Powers, and winding up by taking the two-acre tract belonging to the Urban. The slashings were very thick all over this tract and but for some roadways crossing the tract at various points nothing could have prevented the destruction of several homes. Even with these barriers it was found necessary to fell many trees along the edge of these roads.

Fire Chief Moses Tufts worked with much valor and determination and flitted from one end of the burning tract to the other giving directions to the many volunteers who were sweating at their labor. Scores of them were doing all in their power to aid in subduing the flames; and to mention a few and omit others would do an injustice to all.

Those whose homes were in danger of destruction by reason of the surrounding trees were Messrs. Wagner, Kealer, Lambert, Chaffee, Moon and Urban. There may have been others—but these were in the greater danger. All household goods were taken from the homes and placed where willing hands could conveniently carry them away from danger; while buckets of water were standing near dampened roofs ready for an emergency.

By five o'clock danger of the fire spreading any farther was practically averted—unless the wind should start fresh from a different direction; in view of which possibility a dozen men were engaged by Chief Tufts to remain on guard all night.

There was much trouble about water at the scene of the fire; and there was much digging along the line of the small main in order to find stop-cocks to which small hose could be attached. Of course there was not much force so far from the water-tank. Yet, all things considered, the water was a help above what many esteem it.

About fifty cords of wood in the pile belonging to J. S. Davidson were destroyed before it could be removed; and this is, of course, a dead loss to the owner. There was also a quantity belonging to other parties that was wiped out of existence; yet, figured all around, the fire was a very lucky one in that no homes were destroyed.

Will Now Move.

W. H. King has purchased the house and lot formerly owned by Mrs. P. T. Smith, back of Bickner's store. He will move into it soon and will sell his residence under the hill.

KETTNER KICKED.

Didn't Care About a Jail Sentence so Sought a Lawyer.

According to the Portland Journal John F. Kettner, an employee of the St. Johns veneer factory, was up against it in Portland Saturday night. He went into the Gem saloon, one of the tough places on Third street, and was skinned out of \$12. John didn't like that mode of procedure, so he at once made complaint to the police and had the drunken thieves therein arrested.

Then someone proceeded to stuff John, telling him that he would be jailed unless he withdrew his complaint and hiked away; and Kettner went after a lawyer. When he had departed the judge heard he had run away and then he was hot. But when the complainant returned and explained matters the judge allowed him to go on his recognizance until the trial was called Wednesday morning.

There are many saloons in Portland where cappers hang continually around for victims. A spurious bet will be made; the stakes given to the barkeeper; and a few minutes later a complete denial of having seen a dollar will be made. If the fellow who is skinned makes a strong kick he will be knocked down and kicked from the posthole. The only way to avoid such work is to either patronize a better grade of saloon—or, what is best, none at all.

HOLD BRIEF SESSION.

City Council Meets and Adjourns to Monday Night.

Owing to the death of the wife of Councilman Thompson the important meeting which was to have been held last Monday night was held over—and there will be something doing next Monday evening, to which date the adjournment was made.

At roll-call Mr. Edwards answered to his name—and the continuing of his name on the roster was a virtual admission that he was yet considered a member of the board. This was not anticipated, perhaps; at any rate, it was a surprise to some.

The meeting was ostensibly to consider attending the funeral of Mrs. Thompson, closing the city hall during funeral hours, and furnishing flowers. There was no acrimony—all hostilities having ceased for the time being. The meeting was brief and to the point. At the termination an adjournment was made to Monday evening, August 28.

Yeomen Hold Open Meeting.

The Yeomen of St. Johns held an open meeting last Thursday evening in Bickner's hall. After doing a little work in private, the hall was opened to the general public and a good program was rendered, as follows: Male quartet, Messrs. Southmayde, Stores, Hensel and Horseman; song by four little girls, Clara Davidson, Pearl York, Jessie Hearlad, Clara Nelson; recitation, Lloyd Davidson; (Lloyd is but four years old); Recitation, Clara Davidson; selection by quartette.

After the program J. B. Gossage, the coast manager, was introduced and proceeded to explain Yeomanry. He took about an hour to explain the principles of the order. Afterwards, a social dance was enjoyed and everybody had a fine time.

The Yeomen is a social, beneficiary order; the St. Johns Home-stead was recently organized by W. W. Raser, who is the state deputy organizer.

DEATH ENTERS HOME.

Death Robs Councilman Thompson of Loving Wife.

At an early hour on Monday Mrs. Carrie F. Spaulding, wife of George I. Thompson, passed from the Knowable to the Unknown—leaving a husband and son to mourn her departure. For several years she has been an invalid, although not at all times so ill as to cause fear; her trouble was of the heart.

Deceased was born in Clinton, Maine, August 10, 1850, and she has been a wife for more than 35 years. Her home has been in Wisconsin, California, and, for the past two years, here in St. Johns.

Death was not entirely unexpected; because physicians have declared that no remedy could do more than temporarily relieve the sufferer—not cure her. Yet the advent of death in any family comes with a shock of a sudden blow; and the sympathy of the people goes out to those who remain of the family.

Funeral services over the late Mrs. Thompson were conducted at the Methodist church Wednesday morning at ten o'clock and the remains were placed in the Love cemetery.

Goes to California.

It will be somewhat of a surprise to the many friends of Miss Lena Parker to hear of her marriage to Dr. J. P. Frizel. The ceremony took place on Wednesday of last week, at the White Temple—only members of the bride's family and a few chosen friends being present. Rev. Brougher performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Parker, and was born in Gaston, Oregon. She came to St. Johns with her parents last September. She is one of St. John's popular young musicians and THE REVIEW joins with her host of friends in extending the best of wishes to the wedded couple.

The groom is a native of Ireland, and is a graduate of a medical college there. He came to America when quite young and has been practicing in California for the last twelve years. He will be joined by Mrs. Parker at Kennot, California, in a few weeks—where he is at present established.

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