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Fire at Linnton

Burning over an area of five acres fire destroyed practically the entire property of the Western Oregon Lumber Company at Linnton, entailing a loss of \$150,000 with insurance probably totaling \$75,000.

The mill destroyed was one of the finest of its kind on the coast. Although the mill began to operate in April, 1910, it was not until a few months ago that the plant was entirely completed.

The fire was discovered by E. C. Morris, nightwatchman, a few minutes before 7 o'clock, and only 35 minutes after he had been in the engine-room, where it originated.

At first he saw a light and thought it was that of the millwright, but as it grew larger he investigated and discovered the blaze.

He shouted to the night fireman, who was the only other occupant of the mill at the time, instructing him to blow the whistle, while he started the pump. How the fire started is a mystery, as there was no debris in the engine room.

While the fireman blew the whistle Morris started the pumps, which had a capacity of 75,000 gallons of water per minute. Shortly after he had started the pumps the mill crew, started by the whistle, responded from the bunkhouse a few hundred feet away.

The fire apparatus of the mill was immediately put in service, but the flames swept through the mill with such severity that within five minutes the men had to leave their posts near the mill on account of the intense heat.

A minute later the apparatus was made useless by the bursting of the large main leading to the pump. Fire alarms sent in brought response from the station at 20th and Quincy streets and engine 24 was sent to St. Johns, but it was impossible to get across the river at that point.

Automobile hose cart No. 6 later responded with 1000 ft. of hose, but by the time apparatus arrived the fire was beyond control and there was practically nothing to do but let the fire burn itself out.

It was nearly 8 o'clock before the fireboat George H. Williams reached the scene of the conflagration. Its many streams aided materially in putting out the flames which had crept to the wharf and were rapidly eating their way toward the dry kiln, only a portion of which was saved.

The mill had a capacity of 80000 ft a day, much of the product being rail for cargo shipment. The firm also operated a yard at Arleta on the O. W. P., where it had a large retail trade.

For three hours the fire burned fiercely before it was brought under control. By 10 o'clock all the structure work of the plant, with the exception of the boiler room, containing three boilers, as well as most of the lumber on the wharf was destroyed.

An attempt was made to save the boiler room and Captain Johnson, of the fireboat, sent to Portland for more hose.

Part of the platform at the outskirts of the mill, containing several thousand feet of lumber, was saved. The bunkhouse, a plank passage-way leading to the railroad track, and a few smaller buildings were also saved.

As far as could be ascertained last night all of the machinery was destroyed with the exception of the three boilers, to save which an attempt was made.

Shortly after the fire broke out the members of the lumber firm were on the scene.

"I intend to rebuild immediately," said Mr. Kingsley Monday night. "From the present outlook I think the mill will be in operation again within 90 days. Until the ruins are examined I cannot tell whether the machinery is a total loss, but I do not think much more can be recovered than the salvage of the metal in the machinery."

The plant of the Western Oregon Lumber Co. was built in September 1909, and put in operation in April, 1910. In the frame of the work buildings alone were 1,000,000 feet of lumber. The roof was of galvanized iron. The main building was 56x249 feet. The mill was divided into two main departments, the sawmill proper and the planing mill. The property was insured for \$74,000.

The Nazarene Army of America will give a Christmas entertainment at 142 Russell street, Lower Albina, on the evening of December 24th, when the "Passion Play" will be portrayed. Proceeds go for benefit of the home for women and children. The mission of this organization is "to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless without money and without price." Tickets to the entertainment, 10 cents each.

Railroads Expensive

One-seventh of twenty-five and a quarter millions of railroad ties that are in the Pacific system of the S. P. roadbed have to be taken up each year and replaced with absolutely new ones. These ties, before being placed in the roadbed, must be treated either by creosote or with a chemical preparation, known as the Burnettizing treatment, before they can be used.

These interesting facts are taken directly from a statistical report of the maintenance of way department of the Southern Pacific Company. They are positively accurate. Besides this, they are a few truths about railroad operation that are seldom given to the readers of the newspapers.

There are a little more than twenty-five and a quarter million ties on the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific. At the renewal rate of one seventh each year, and an average of 2800 ties to the mile, more than 240 miles of the Southern Pacific roadbed is rebuilt earth 12 months. During the last ten years 20,098,490 ties in the roadbed of this road were taken up and replaced with new ones.

Pine, fir, oak, cedar and redwood are the woods used by the Southern Pacific for its ties. With the single exception of redwood, all are subjected to the preservative process.

The Burnettizing process consists of forcing chloride of zinc into the wood cells. A vacuum treatment is first applied. The ties are first placed in a cylinder, steamed for the purpose of softening the wood cells, then the vacuum is applied to extract the sap and water from the wood. After this the chloride of zinc is applied. More than a half a day is required for this process after which the ties are treated to a sun bath for several weeks. The creosoting process is essentially similar to Burnettizing, except that dead oil of coal tar is used in place of zinc solution.

There are four spikes in each tie and two tieplates. Bring your mathematical talents into play. The answer is 101,000,000 spikes and 50,500,000 tie plates in the Pacific System of the Southern Pacific. The tie plates weigh 6 1/2 pounds each, the spike a half pound, making a total of 681,950,000 pounds of metal attached to these ties, not counting of course, the rails which weigh 90 pounds to the yard and the numerous tie rods.

The following new arc lights were ordered installed by the city council at its session last week: One at the corner of Burr and Fessenden streets.

One between blocks K and L, on Tyler street.

One at the corner of Willis boulevard and Buchanan street.

One at the third pole from Richmond street on Ivanhoe, south.

Change—one at Portland boulevard and Richmond street to East Charleston and Portland boulevard.

Change—one at South Edison and Pierce to Willamette boulevard and Fessenden.

Lights installed this week: One at corner of Tacoma and Crawford.

One at corner of Charleston and Fessenden.

One at corner of Burr and Dawson.

Mrs. Mathews Entertains

Mrs. Emma Mathews entertained a number of her friends last Thursday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gillmore, in honor of her cousin, Miss Ethel Bridges of Ellensburg, Wn., who had been visiting her since Dec. 3. The evening was spent in playing games, and with music by Emery Gillmore on the trombone.

Those present were: Misses Malette and Lulu Rushford, Beulah and Pearl Titus, Lulu Gillmore, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gillmore, Mrs. J. F. Gillmore, Emma Mathews, and Messrs. C. G. Hartman, Oliver LaFave, Emery Gillmore and J. C. Brooks. Miss Bridges left for Ellensburg Friday morning.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

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A Mail Order Deal

Down in Oklahoma the other day a man went into the store to buy a saw. He saw the kind he wanted and asked the price. It was \$1.65 the dealer said.

"Good gracious," said the man, "I can get the same thing from Sears, Roebuck & Co. for \$1.35."

"That's less than it cost me," said the dealer, "but I'll sell it on the same terms as the mail order house, just the same."

"All right," said the man, "You send it along and charge it to my account."

"Not on your life" the dealer replied. "No charge accounts. You can't do business with the mail order house that way. Fork over the cash."

The customer complied. "Now 2 cents for postage and 5 cents for a money order."

"What—?"

"Certainly, you have to send a letter and a money order to a mail order house, you know."

The customer, inwardly raving, kept his agreement and paid the pennies.

"Now 50 cents expressage."

"Well, I'll be—," he said, but he paid it, saying, "Now hand me that saw and I'll take it home myself and be rid of this foolery."

"Hand it to you? Where do you think you are? You're in Oklahoma and I'm in Chicago, and you'll have to wait two weeks for that saw."

Whereupon the dealer hung the saw on a peg and put the money in his cash drawer.

"That makes \$1.92," he said. "It has cost you 27 cents more than taken you two weeks longer than if you had paid my price in the first place."—Square Dealer.

An Awful Sick Man

Pat, experiencing sharp pains on his right side, was advised by his doctor that he had appendicitis, and that the appendix would necessarily have to be removed before he could become well. Pat agreed to have this done and went to the hospital for an operation. Never having seen or heard of an appendix, he wished very much to see the thing when it had been taken from his carcass. The physician agreed to place it upon the window sill near his cot, so that he could see it the first thing upon coming out from under the effects of the ether.

Pat was operated upon, his appendix was removed, and he was placed near a window. In the meantime a pet monkey climbed on the window sill. Upon regaining his senses the first thing Pat saw was the monkey. The monkey began to grin and chatter. Pat blinked at it hard a couple of times, his eyes full of sorrow and reproach, and said: "Don't do it, me son, don't do it. Yir mither is an awful sick mon."

A Merry Party

A merry party of ladies enjoyed the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Condon, Wednesday of last week, when the Rose Leaf 500 club of Portland met there for an "afternoon."

Mr. and Mrs. Condon have a beautifully appointed little home and Mrs. Condon is a most delightful entertainer, so the verdict of the fair guests: "We had just a lovely time," was only to be expected. It is the kind of a time everybody has who visits their home.

Those present were Mesdames Beaudette, Hamilton, Allen, Worth, Doyle, Singleton, Dohl, McDonald, Schmale, Reyse, Gordon, of Portland; Mrs. Griffith of Kenton, and Mesdames Valentine, Condon, Windle and Roberts of St. Johns. It was the happiest bunch that has gathered in this pretty Richmond street home for many days.

More Than Skin Deep

More than a skin salve is needed to cure piles permanently. Don't be disappointed if you fail to get a lasting cure of piles with salves. The cause of piles is more than skin deep. It is sluggish, flabby veins—pockets filled with thick, bad blood.

HEM-ROID, a tablet tonic remedy, is taken inwardly, acts on the circulation and cures all kinds of piles thoroughly. \$1 for 24 hours treatment at Jackson & Thompson and all druggists. Dr. Leonhardt Co., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y., mail free booklet.

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Christmas Proclamation

The fight against consumption has broadened. It includes all Oregon. The fund obtained from the sale of Red Cross Seals will be spent this year where it is contributed. This may mean new life to some victim of the Great White Plague within your own acquaintance.

Suppose some one you knew was stricken with tuberculosis and that one became no longer useful, but a menace. Would you be willing to contribute a few cents to help the sufferer back to health?

There are thousands of unhelped victims of tuberculosis in Oregon. Other thousands are exposed to infection. We must not only help the sick, but we must protect the well. Red Cross seals sold at a cent each will provide a fund with which to finance the campaign to keep the Great White Plague away from you—out of your home—as well as seek out those whom a little care may save.

Buy the Red Cross Seal! Have a part in a splendid fight. Every Seal is a bullet. Fire bullets against disease. Buy Red Cross Seals NOW! Paste one on the back of every letter you mail. Each is a message of hope. You will never have a larger, nobler opportunity to do real good at so little cost.

Public Health Committee, Oregon State Federation of Women's Clubs, Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The Labor Unions

As it seems to us the labor unions are standing at the parting of the ways.

For a long time in the Western Federation of Miners, the violent and conscienceless men in the organization were the leaders and directors, and they perpetrated many outrages in several states.

A bad lot have been in control of the iron men. I. W. W.'s do not include in any legitimate organization. It was organized by men who were not only determined to have something for nothing, but to have the lion's share.

But the great majority of men in labor unions in our country are as good men as live in any country and only demand a square deal. When we say the unions are at the parting of the ways, we mean that since the unmasking in Los Angeles, the unions will have to decide whether they will elect their wisest and most conservative men to fill their offices or whether they will elect the loud mouthed and vicious element which has crept into their associations.

If the former, they will grow in strength, usefulness and standing right along; if the latter, then the time will come, and come soon, when no man known to belong to a union can obtain employment, for the public will not long live with the feeling that there is a lawless force in the country which they must cater to and obey, or be treated as the ordinary hold-up or assassin treats his victim.

The men tried for the murder of the governor of Idaho were acquitted, and that ends the case with them, but the whole West knows he was killed because, as the executive of the state, he performed what he believed to be his duty.

The whole West knows that killing of men in the two or three years of violence that ruled in Colorado, was all due to a determination of the Federation there to rule or ruin. All that will have to stop or the unions will have to go. It is up to them to decide.—Goodwin's Weekly.

Still Improving

Manager Brokaw of the Multnomah is further increasing the attractions of that popular resort. Four reels instead of three are shown with a complete change each day. The quality of the pictures, in spite of the increase in quantity, has not been lowered in the least. Few picture houses in the United States show four reels with a daily change of program. The increased attendance is ample proof that the public fully appreciates the enterprise of the management. If a person thinks he does not get his money's worth every day in the week at the Multnomah, it would be hard to imagine what he would expect. St. Johns should feel proud of the fact that it has one of the finest and most enterprising moving picture shows on the continent.

An ordinance providing the time and manner of improving Gresham street from Buchanan to Ida passed on motion of Alderman Valentine; all yes.

An ordinance granting a franchise to the O. W. R. & N. Co. to lay a sidetrack to connect with Lauthers' warehouse on Bradford street passed to third reading. A franchise for this purpose had been previously granted to the O. R. & N. Co., but the change in the title of the company made a new franchise necessary.

For Sale or Trade—18 acres of land, house, barn and other out buildings, fruit and berry land, 1100 cords of wood on the place, half mile from the depot and river, 32 minutes ride from St. Johns. \$600 down and balance in nine years. H. S. Hewitt, 1124 South Gresham street.

Council Proceedings

With the exception of Councilman Perrine, all members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening.

The first matters to be taken up were petitions for arc lights at the corner of Hayes and Alma, and Allegheny and Hendricks avenue. Both were referred to the water and light committee.

The contractors on South Edison asked that the city pay for the use of a man on the filling of lower Burlington street with the earth taken from Edison, claiming that they are now paying a man \$2.50 per day for this purpose, while the city was getting the benefit. Council decided that the city could not bear any of this expense, but as the property owners were specially benefited by this fill, they would be the proper parties to collect pay from by the contractors if any pay was forthcoming.

The following bills were allowed on motion of Alderman Horsman; all yes: C. C. Oihus, \$6; B. J. Simmons, \$24; Thurston Johnson, \$27.50; H. A. Harrer, \$33; D. A. Anson, \$2; E. O. Magoon, \$3.50; P. W. Hinman, \$2; J. L. Shurts, \$2; Wm. Skans, \$15; D. J. Horsman, \$25; H. C. Stevens, \$5. Total, \$145.

Upon recommendation of the water and light committee the following additional arc lights were ordered installed, on motion of Alderman Horsman: At Burr and Dawson, Tacoma and Crawford and Charleston and Fessenden.

T. D. Condon applied for a liquor license, to run from January 1st to July 1st, 1912. Granted on motion of Alderman Hill; all yes.

The special election canvassing board, composed of Messrs. Hinman, Shurts and Rice, reported the vote as follows: First ward, 107 for ratification of the ferry bonds; no. Second ward, 95 for; 4 against. Total vote 212; 202 for, 10 against. Report was ordered filed.

The improvement of Dawson street was discussed to some extent, and fear was expressed by one or two of the members that it would be next to impossible to have this street hard surfaced in the near future, owing to anticipated objections. However, Alderman Hill volunteered to interview Mr. Fuller of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co. in regard to the company's attitude relative to this proposed improvement. If found impracticable to improve Dawson Street in the spring, it was decided to make an attempt on either Jersey or Willis boulevard, as the necessity of an improved thoroughfare to Portland is fully appreciated by the city dads.

Complaint as to the poor condition of Portland boulevard near the Catholic church having reached the council the chairman of the street committee was authorized to remedy same.

L. L. Cooper was desirous that Hayes street be opened up between Mohawk and Tyler streets, and he was advised to get the property owners interested together and mutually agree as to what they were willing to do. There is a dwelling in the center of the proposed street that would have to be removed.

Daniel Brecht wanted a franchise to operate a ferryboat between St. Johns and Whitwood Court until the new ferry is completed. Matter was held over a week for further consideration.

Mayor Couch stated that the St. Johns Transportation Co. placed a value of \$8 per day for the use of the ferry boat, provided the city wanted to lease it, which was more than the aldermen seemed willing to give. The county has the proposition of operating and maintaining the ferry free until the new one is constructed under advisement. But unless a better rate than \$8 per day for the use of the boat can be secured, it is likely that a free ferry for the present will be out of the question.

An invitation was extended to council to attend the Food Exposition in the Gypsy Smith auditorium in Portland Thursday evening. Accepted on motion of Alderman Hill; all yes.

All penalties incurred by exceeding the time limit on the improvement of Macrum avenue were remitted on motion of Alderman Bredeson; all yes.

Ordinances declaring the cost of improving Edison street between Burlington and Fessenden, and Philadelphia street between Jersey and Hayes were passed on motions of Alderman Valentine and Horsman, respectively; all yes.

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The Library

Open Hours: 1:00 to 5:30 and 7:00 to 9:30 p. m. Sundays: 1:30 to 5:30

The library year closes with October. The half year since the opening, May 1, shows an attendance of 17440 and a circulation of 14856.

The Literary Digest has been added to the magazine list, having been especially requested. Mr. Perrine has presented the library with a year's subscription to the Coming Nation. Charles Edward Russell, the well known magazine writer is one of the editors.

The following works on the textile industry have been loaned to St. Johns by the Sellwood branch library: Weaving—Nelson; Textile Design—Umpleby; Woolen and Worsted Finishing—Timmermann.

These volumes are put out by the American school of correspondence of Chicago and are especially adapted to the purposes of self instruction and home study, fitted not only to meet the requirements of an instruction manual for the beginner in the work but also to serve as a complete reference work for the most advanced and experienced textile worker. It is hoped that those who are interested in this industry will make constant use of the books for the time they are here.

The books arriving during the past week show an unusual number of attractive titles. Among them are: The Royal Family in the Temple Prison—Clerly.

There is no period in history more productive of thrills, of dramatic situations and of tragedy in its most striking setting than that of the French revolution. This book shows us yet a new phase of it and in the most intimate fashion—that of a private diary. Jean Baptiste Cant-Nanet, called Clerly, was personal attendant of the king and his family during the five months that they were held in the Temple prison, and when the unhappy Louis ascended the scaffold he did so leaning upon the arm of this faithful servant. Clerly's graphic account of these trying days is that of the most fervent loyalist, whose heart is bleeding for his beloved king, and no one can read his book without feeling to some degree his pity if not admiration, for the deposed ruler.

Mark Enderby, engineer—Hoffman. Strenuous is a mild word to describe this book. How could it well be otherwise when it is a story at once of New Mexico and of the railroad? In the words of one of the characters—"Things are happening all the time you know, boys, and will always be, more or less." Not even with the ending do things stop happening for the last words are: "There seems to be a lively time not very far ahead," with the reply by the hero: "It seems mighty likely." The book is dedicated to—

"Men who know the cunning of the desert. Men who meet the sun upon the height; Men who ride in thunder-tones of storm winds; Men who know the voices of the of the night." If you are in need of readings, stories, dialogues, essays or suggestions of any sort for the holiday season come in and look over the Christmas shelf.

A first class job for any Man, who has a contract has Found that it pays to be Dead sure that his work is In good hands, as shoeing is A special feature; or make a wagon Box, or any other repair work Found that needs to be done By a first class workman. J. T. Harbin with 20 years' experience, The principal thing for a good Smith. Call, you will find him In. Give us a trial and see The class of work new and Old, and be convinced. Latham shop at St. Johns.

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A Grand Old Man

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