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## CITY OF ASTORIA IS NEARLY WIPED OUT BY CONFLAGRATION

### Response to Needs of Stricken People Immediate and Effective

### CITY WILL REBUILD

#### Thirty-five Blocks, Including Nearly The Whole Of The Business District, Wiped Out

In the midst of the busy hours last Friday, there was flashed over the wires and announced thru early editions of the press, the startling news that the Astoria business section was being destroyed by fire. The extent of the disaster was impressed more and more deeply as subsequent reports were received of increased areas burned and over 2,500 persons rendered homeless.

The fire started in an old downtown restaurant, according to report, and spread rapidly, being driven by undercurrents of air thru under-street tunnels, formed by the street surfaces being placed over pilings driven into the soft alluvial soil beneath. Flames broke out at various places almost simultaneously, rendering effective work by the fire department impossible.

In the losses are included the banks, hotels, garages and business houses of the stricken area. The homeless were left without food and shelter, nor was there any way to obtain money as the bulk of it was in the banks' vaults and in the safes of the merchant population.

Important buildings saved were the court house, Y. M. C. A., one garage, St. Mary's hospital and the postoffice. Aid was rushed to the homeless from every quarter of the state and even from outside, food and clothing were rushed to the stricken city. Portland and other municipalities sent relief. The former's bankers providing money to establish exchange. The National guard, Red Cross and civic organizations everywhere responded hastily to the call until the immediate need was provided.

It will be a long time before all those thrown out of employment will find work. It will be a long time before the rebuilding of the city will be completed, and there should be while the need lasts the same splendid response which has thus far met every appeal.

MRS. CHARLES STRAIGHT DIES AT LOCAL HOSPITAL. Mrs. Charles Straight of Clackamas Heights died at a local hospital at an early hour Thursday morning. The remains are at the Holman & Pace chapel, pending final arrangements for the funeral.

## BOOTH TARKINGTON



Of all the photographs of this distinguished man, we have never seen one that was not thoughtful, stern, in some cases even severe. In contrast to his pictures, his friends say he is one of the most genial of men, with a wonderful smile that is more habitual than any other expression. His writings exhibit fine thought, but certainly they are never gloomy; indeed they abound in the choicest humor. The greatest comedians seldom smile when at work, and Tarkington's pictured poses convey the impression that being funny is a serious business. Every story he writes is different from every other story, and there are more facets to his genius than to a diamond. Twice since 1919 he has won the Pulitzer prize for the best novel of the year. Indiana, famous for celebrities, proclaims him her favorite son.

The most delightful Christmas story that has come out in years is his "Beasley's Christmas Party," which will be printed serially in this paper. Read the first installment in this paper next week, or save your copies of the paper until you have the story complete.

## Falls Bakery Heavy Loser By Fire Monday Evening

Fire, believed to have started from an overheated furnace pipe, in the basement of the Falls restaurant and bakery Monday evening at 5 o'clock caused a loss estimated at from \$5000 to \$8000 before brought under control.

The building, a frame structure owned by Richard Petzold, is located between the Jones drug store and the Masonic temple. The building is occupied by the Falls restaurant and bakery and Ed. L. Johnson's O. K. barber shop. The fire was confined to the basement, the damage to the first floor being from smoke and water.

Ray Cameron, owner of the restaurant and bakery lost a heavy stock of flour, supplies and fountain fixtures. His loss is believed to be fairly well covered by insurance.

Chris Myers, who operates the bakery, sustained a loss estimated at \$400 without insurance. The fire department was hampered in its work by the large crowd which congregated.

During the progress of the fire, a fire alarm was sounded by a burning chimney at the residence of E. W. Kirk, at Fourteenth and Center streets. This call was answered by the chemical and the blaze was extinguished without damage.

## Gladstone Postoffice Again The Victim Of Safe Blowers

The safe in the Gladstone postoffice was blown sometime between midnight and 4:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, wrecking the safe, shattering the windows and postoffice boxes. Entrance was gained through the front door, which was pried open. The safe-cracker secured the necessary tools for his work from the Parkplace garage. In addition to the damage to the building and fixtures, \$100 in stamps and approximately \$20 in silver was secured.

The office of the water collector is in the postoffice. Several hundred dollars of the water funds had been turned over to the city treasurer the previous evening.

This is the second robbery of the Gladstone postoffice within the past year. Postoffice inspectors were on the job early Wednesday morning. Finger-print impressions were made and the postoffice accounts were checked over to determine the exact loss. Sheriff Wilson, who made an early investigation, expresses the opinion that the work was done by professionals.

## Jail Terms And Heavy Fines Drawn By Offenders In Justice Court

Entering a plea of guilty to the charge of the unlawful possession of liquor, when arraigned before Justice Joble, Monday afternoon, Charles Hurlbert of the Sunnyside district, drew a fine of \$500 and costs, together with a six-months' term in the county jail. His wife, Mrs. Emma Hurlbert, arraigned at the same time, was fined \$250 and costs, together with a jail sentence of 60 days. They were both committed to the jail Monday evening. The liquor, sized by Sheriff Wilson in the raid—17 gallons—was destroyed by order of the court.

Hurlbert resided on the Ripley place, which he leased a short time ago.

## COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE IS POSTPONED

Decision to postpone a community chest drive for Oregon City has been announced, after investigation of conditions in the community by a committee recently appointed for this purpose. It is believed by the committee that while there is need of the drive for funds to meet present needs, now is an inopportune time, owing to a multiplicity of other drives scheduled or under way.

The committee is composed of Rev. H. G. Edgar, chairman; W. A. Huntley, F. J. Tooze, J. C. Cochran, John Humphreys, T. W. Sullivan and Arthur Beattie.

## A. E. Palmer Home Burns

The A. E. Palmer residence near New Era, burned Wednesday afternoon. The fire started in the attic. At the time of the fire Mr. and Mrs. Palmer were away from home, though the former returned in time to assist in saving a part of the furniture. Mrs. Hummel, mother of Mrs. Palmer, a maid and the youngest child were in the house when the fire started and took with them what they could from the burning building. Three children of the family were in school.

The place has no water system and the bucket brigade formed by neighbors and workmen nearby, was ineffective, except to save adjoining buildings.

## Funeral Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Norton, widow of the late Seba Norton, were held from the Holman & Pace Chapel, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. A. H. Lathrop of the Methodist church officiating. Mrs. Norton died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. Dundas.

## BATTLE FOR PRESIDENCY OF SENATE IS STILL RAGING

In the fight for the presidency of the state senate there are line-ups which, if carried into the session, will make the highest quality of needed legislation difficult, if not impossible.

The eastern Oregon bloc, consisting of seven senators, for the purpose of controlling legislation in the interest of their section, entered into a compact before any definite campaign was entered upon by any candidate for the presidency. Their purpose was to elect, by the help of eight other senators, whose votes they might obtain, one of their number president, or, if this were impossible, some other senator, and then control the committee appointments, which affects greatly legislative procedure throughout the session. During the last session and at the present time, Roy Ritner of Pendleton—and one of the eastern Oregon bloc—has been president.

B. L. Eddy of Roseburg, basing his candidacy upon his twenty years' record in the state legislature and representing one section, faction or bloc, began soliciting support. Upon the basis of his record as a legislator he accumulated votes rapidly. The alarm was sounded.

Portland's venerable senator, Gus Moser, began lining up his forces, though Kubli's election as speaker of the House was then conceded. Some

senators, including Tooze of Clackamas and Brown of Marion, didn't take kindly to the two heads of the departments of the legislature being selected from Portland. Others, for other reasons, demurred over the Moser boom, though he insisted that he could and would win, or at least name the next president. Farrell of Portland was also an entrant, but eventually went over to Eddy, who stepped aside temporarily in order to give Moser opportunity to make good his claim to 16 votes—which he did not have.

In the meantime, Charles Hall descends into the valley, wearing the insignia which has been his strength in previous battles. Moser still clung to his hope and brethren. Hall, next to himself, favored Upton of the eastern Oregon bloc. Eddy gained pledges. Moser delivered two or three votes to Upton in a meteoric fight for a seat on the Upton band wagon. Suddenly there were squeaks in the engine. Ritner, Strayer and Dennis of the "E" bloc didn't want the versatile Gus C. Hall-Moser political oil didn't mix. The line of cleavage became very plain. Eddy had made some political speeches for the party to which he belongs during the campaign, and for this hitherto common practice he must be punished. Both sides obtained signatures—the

Upton 16, Eddy 14—with three of the 16 opposed to Moser and balking. Upton defied the bloc and received the Portland solon with wide open arms.

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday of this week at Pendleton, was to determine whether the "E" bloc would remain intact or whether those adverse to Moser must sit upon the Upton wagon and be "good." The result as reported was the acceptance of the Moser mandate which had been reputedly by Ritner and two or three of his followers.

As noses are now counted the eastern Oregon-Hall-Moser bloc has 16 votes, or enough to put Upton over and assure a legislature dominated by the above named combination, through the committee appointments of the president.

Later reports today—Thursday—however, claim certain disaffection of at least one solon from the Upton to Eddy camp, which would mean at least a deadlock.

Whatever the outcome, "Oregon First" must be the slogan of every member of the senate. The people of the various counties and of the entire state will and should demand of their legislators genuine service which will relieve burdens and add prosperity, and which is more vital to them than any or all political units or organizations with single viewpoint or purpose.

## Oregon City Resident Held In Los Angeles Charged With Forgery

C. H. Nelson, of Oregon City, was arrested in Los Angeles, California, last Saturday, and is being held for the officials of Clackamas county, according to telegraphic information from the sheriff of Los Angeles to Sheriff W. J. Wilson. Armed with a requisition from the governor's office, Deputy Sheriff H. H. Hughes left Monday afternoon for Los Angeles, for the purpose of bringing Nelson back to Oregon City for trial on a charge of forgery.

The complaining witness is Mrs. Mary Grisco, who has been acting as the guardian of the estate of Julia Rinna. Nelson was acting, according to the complainant, as her bondsman. There was a deposit of approximately \$450 in the Bank of Oregon City, to be drawn only by a joint check signed by Mrs. Grisco and Nelson. It is charged that Nelson forged Mrs. Grisco's name to the check, withdrawing the funds from the bank.

Nelson is well known in Oregon City, being a skilled auto mechanic, and was at one time associated with William Weismandel in the automobile business.

## COUNTY JUDGES TENDERED LUNCHEON BY LIVE WIRES

Speeches Favor Road Improvements—Inspection of New Bridge and C. W. P. Mill Made

One of the big events of the week is the meeting, in Portland, of Oregon's county judges. About seventy judges and county commissioners are in attendance. The meeting is being held at the court house, room 520. The program is in charge of Ralph W. Hoyt, president, H. E. Cross, vice-president, and H. L. Hasbrouck, secretary-treasurer.

Among subjects discussed have been county indebtedness, scenic preservation and contract work for all county work. Relative values of "black-face" and cement pavements were subjects of debate.

On Thursday, R. A. Booth, chairman of the state highway commission, answered the criticisms directed against the commission by Governor-elect Pierce, during the recent campaign. He made it clear that none of the commissioners would handicap in any way the new governor, and that both his and Mr. Yeon's resignation would be forthcoming within reasonable time. Meanwhile, the commission is going on with the road program in a methodical way.

On Wednesday, the judges and commissioners were given a luncheon at the Commercial Club, at which there were about seventy in attendance. After a welcome by J. E. Hedges, several of the visitors were called on for speeches by President Hoyt. Judge Smith of Lake county responded, complimenting the high school girls' quartette, which sang for the visitors. Rufus Holman endorsed the investment of money in good roads and was followed by Charles Rudeen, commissioner, and J. H. Rankin, commissioner-elect, of Multnomah county. The responses were expressive of the spirit of progress in road improvement and other county affairs.

An inspection of the new bridge and a visit to the C. W. P. mill followed the luncheon.

## ORCHARD COMPANY HAS A NEW REMEDY

Messrs. W. D. Morehouse and John H. Spear of Woodstock, Oregon, have been in the city this week in the interests of the Morehouse Orcharding Co.

This company handles "Morehouse's Fruit Invigorant," which is a chemical food product containing a chemical plant food, which is a curative for plant diseases and a food for fruit and flowers.

By treating the bark of the tree, the liquid food reaches the cambium layer of covering and circulates through the tree, hastening fruitage and improving the quality.

The operation of the company include pruning, spraying and other scientific orchard work.

## Parker Home Damaged

On Tuesday morning the cog of the range in the O. L. Parker home exploded, shattering kitchen utensils and endangering the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Parker, their little son and Mrs. Parker's mother.

Not only was the stove blown to pieces, but windows were shattered by the force of the explosion.

Budget Meeting Friday Evening. The budget meeting of the Oregon City council will be held at the council chambers, Friday evening, December 15th.

Read the Banner-Courier's plan for starting a bank account—editorial page.

## State Fire Marshal Files Charges Of Arson In Jennings Lodge Fire

H. H. Pomeroy, state fire marshal, recently sent here to investigate the origin of the numerous fires that have been of monthly occurrence in Oregon City since last January, Saturday filed a complaint in the justice court, charging William Barry and his mother, Mrs. Mary Barry, with the crime of arson, as a result of the burning of their home in Jennings Lodge last July.

The fire that destroyed the Barry home also destroyed the home of Mrs. Ingalls on the adjoining lot. Mr. Barry, father and husband of the defendants, at the time of the first was a patient at the Oregon City hospital. Their home and contents were wiped out with a loss, estimated at the time, at from \$2,000 to \$2,500. The insurance on the Barry property amounted to \$1,400.

## School House In District No. Ninety-Six Dedicated Friday Evening

The recently built school house in district No. 96, Pete's Mountain, was dedicated last Friday evening. Brenton Vedder, county superintendent, and Grant B. Dimick, were the principal speakers. Following the dedication exercises, a bazaar and basket social were features of the evening's program. Judge Dimick served as auctioneer.

The school house, a neat one-room structure, was completed October 1st. This district was formerly a part of district No. 43, and has an enrollment of 23 pupils. Miss Leone Cole is teacher. The board of directors are: John Hellberg, chairman; E. Nordurt, John Vlahos, directors; John Kaiser, clerk.

## Precautionary Measures To Guard Against Fires By School Board

Gladstone school directors at a meeting held Saturday evening for the purpose of affording better fire protection to their school, decided to lay a six-inch water main from Dartmouth, with standard fire hydrants on the school property. A two-inch main will be run through the building with hydrants in the basement and on each floor. Other precautionary measures will include chemical fire extinguishers on each floor and in the basement and attic. A sprinkling system will be installed on the roof.

## COUNTY TREASURER WILL ISSUE WARRANT CALL

Another warrant call to the amount of approximately \$25,000, will be issued by County Treasurer W. W. Everhart, December 19th. At the present time the outstanding warrant indebtedness of the county is \$374,246.87. The call to be issued will reduce the indebtedness to \$349,246.87.

## McConnell Named For Sherwood Postmaster

Lawrence S. McConnell has been recommended for the appointment as postmaster of Sherwood, according to advices received from Washington, Monday.

## Basketball Players To Compete

The Oregon City basketball team will play the North Pacific Dental College team, Friday, December 15, in the High school gymnasium.

## Poultry Breeders Plan For A Big Exhibit At Hubbard

A real poultry show, resounding the glories of purebred Clackamas and Marion county bird aristocracy, has been scheduled for Hubbard, on Friday and Saturday, January 12 and 13. These will be red-letter days in the purebred poultry calendar of 1923. Poultrymen, poultry lovers and citizens—clip this date and paste it in your hats.

The exhibit is purely a Marion-Clackamas affair. Entries will be accepted only from flocks owned within these counties. The premium list is large and still growing. The special prizes are tempting, many of them being offered only to those breeders who have never before placed their birds in competition.

The extension department of O. A. C. will co-operate and the most experienced poultrymen of the two counties will be on hand with their enthusiasm and knowledge to make the exhibit the biggest possible success.

The affair is backed by the recently organized poultry association of the two counties, business men of the district and other live wires, who are determined to encourage the production of purebred poultry for commercial purposes.

Any information desired may be obtained from T. J. Kinley, Hubbard, Oregon. Remember the dates, place and occasion—Hubbard, January 12 and 13, and the Purebred Poultry Exhibit.

## "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" to be Shown Sunday Evening

A six-reel picture, entitled "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," will be shown at the First Congregational church next Sunday at the popular evening service. Rev. Morgan will review the book and deliver an address on it together with the pictures. There will also be the usual special music by the orchestra trio. No charge of admission will be made, but an offering will be made to defray expenses. The public is cordially invited to see this wonderful and instructive picture.

## "Beasley's Christmas Party" Will Appear Next Next Week

Continuing the publication of a fine serial story for the pleasure of its readers, the Banner-Courier will offer next week the first installment of "Beasley's Christmas Party," by Booth Tarkington, America's great story-teller.

We hope and trust that our readers will find as much enjoyment in this story as the Banner-Courier does in its presentation to them. If they do, it will be well worth while.

## Irrigation Meets Defeat In Special Election Held At Canby

In a special election held at Canby last Saturday, for the purpose of creating an irrigation district that would have afforded water for several thousand acres, the proposal met defeat by a vote of 140 against to 11 for the proposal.

## CARL GREEN HOME FROM ATLANTA MEET

Carl Green, delegate to the Klan meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 27-30, returned home on Saturday.

On the way home, by chance, he met a former Oregon City boy, the brother of "Cy" Mosher, at Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Mosher is now with a New York firm as traveling salesman.

## Ray Littlefield Paroled

Ray Littlefield, sentenced in October to serve six months in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$350, on a charge of moonshining, has been paroled by Judge Campbell. Littlefield paid, at the time of his parole, 75% of the amount of his fine and is to pay the balance at the rate of \$15 per month. He is to report by letter or personally once each month during the period of his parole.

## Remodeling County Jail

Contractors commenced work on the reconstruction of the county jail Monday. The contract was awarded several months ago, but actual work has been held up by reason of delay in securing material, the steel being fabricated in the east. The present county jail has been the object of criticism by nearly every grand jury of Clackamas county for the past ten years.

## Marriage License Issued

A marriage license was issued Saturday to Fred Edward Stoller, 27, and Laura Madge Pennell, 23, both of Canby.

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## HIGHWAY ROUTING TO AWAIT ACTION OF THE NEW OFFICIALS

### Highway Commissioners Say They Will Do Nothing More In Matter

### UP TO NEW OFFICIALS

#### Negotiations Have Extended On Past Eighteen Months, Come To Naught.

In the days of Caesar, when all roads lead to Rome, there is no record that would indicate that the roads of the Roman empire were administered by a highway commission. If they had been so handled, and had the commissioners of those stirring days had as much trouble with the council of Rome as the Oregon highway commissioners are experiencing with the council and citizens of Oregon City, Mt. Vesuvius would have experienced more than one eruption, and Caesar's throne would have been overturned daily.

The above remarks are preliminary to breaking the news gently that the official routing of the Pacific Highway through Oregon City, has been abandoned by the present commissioners, who will retire from office with the outgoing administration. Negotiations pending for the past eighteen months, with the city council are at an end, and the problems of finding an outlet satisfactory to the highway department, city officials and individuals will await the coming of the New Year, when new officials in state and city will inherit more trouble than the ordinary mortal should be called upon to bear.

The difference of opinion arises as to whether the commissioners name Seventh street and Railroad avenue to Fifth street or whether the routing shall be down Main street to Fifth and thence east to an underground crossing of the Southern Pacific tracks. Confronted with threats of injunction suits by both sides, and a petition by Chris Schuebel protesting against vacating Third street unless the Main street route was taken. The state highway commissioners chose the easy way out of the difficulty and passed method of final settlement to their successors to be.

The selection of the Fifth street route was made possible through contributions by the Southern Pacific company, The Portland Railway Light and Power company, The Hawley Pulp and Paper company and the Crown-Willamette company. The combined contribution of the companies being \$110,000. In return for these contributions the Hawley Pulp and Paper company were to secure the vacation of Third street from Main street to the S. P. Railway right of way. The P. R. L. and P. company secured an extension of their freight franchise until 1943, a reduction of their franchise tax from \$1000 per year the amount they are now paying to \$500 per year, and the privilege of operating freight trains during the day. As the matter stands at present, all concerned will mark time until the beginning of the new year, when the echo of the Christmas bells may possibly have created a spirit of harmony that will make possible concerted action in a matter of vital interest.

## ASSESSED VALUATION OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

The assessed valuation of the property of Clackamas county, exclusive of public service corporations, is \$24,682,815, according to figures compiled by William B. Cook, county assessor. This is a net increase since 1921 of 179,650.

In addition to this increase the amount exempt to soldiers was increased this year by an additional \$30,665, making the total soldiers' exemption \$96,450.

The increase in the assessments comes from an increase of \$55,000 in the valuation of improved lands, \$35,000 increase in the value of town lots and \$70,000 in town improvements.

## MONEY GIVEN AWAY TO BANK DEPOSITORS AT SANDY.

The Banner-Courier has arranged with the Clackamas County Bank at Sandy to help every Banner-Courier reader to Start a Bank Account during this holiday season. The plan includes Giving Away Fifty cents with which to open the account also a beautiful Liberty-Bell bank in which to accumulate your money.

Read the Banner-Courier coupon and plan on the Editorial page of this issue. Clip the coupon and take it to the Clackamas County Bank where it will be worth fifty cents to you. Do not delay. The Best Time to Begin Regular Saving is Today.