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## CLACKAMAS AUTO CO. HAS $168,000 BLAZE

Burned to the ground by a fire of unknown origin, the Clackamas County Auto and Tractor Company, located in the Busch building at the corner of 11th and Main streets is a total loss.

The damage is roughly estimated at more than $100,000.

In less than a quarter of an hour the flames which broke out at 11:40 o'clock last night had the entire building beyond possibility of being saved. The oil and gasoline in the building and the inflamable character of the structure gave rise to an intense heat. The building itself was burned to the ground in less than an hour.

The individual damage, estimated last night is:

Clackamas County Auto and Tractor company, $50,000. This loss is two-thirds covered by insurance.

Damage to private cars stored in the garage, $35,000. Insurance unknown.

Busch building, $15,000. Partially insured.

Damage to Busch apartments, $1,000.

Damage to adjacent buildings, $500.

The alarm was turned in at 11:45 o'clock. The flames are believed to have started in the driveway on the 11th street side of the building. The entire building was engulfed almost at once. When fire department arrived it was impossible for the men to enter, and they concentrated their efforts on saving the adjacent buildings.

Fire Chief Priebe was successful in confining the flames practically entirely to the one structure.

Concentration of two hoses on the gasoline tank which was buried in the front of the filling station to the south of the building, prevented an explosion.

The fire was one of the most spectacular seen here in years. The oil gave forth white flames, visible as far as Portland. During the first half hour, there was little wind and a number of the buildings in the immediate vicinity were jeopardized. At 12:30 a stiff south wind came up, blowing the flames against the Busch apartment structure and endangering the houses to the immediate north of 12th street.

Efficiency on the part of the fire department saved the entire district from being burned.

Local officials who made a hasty investigation while the fire was at its height, were last night unable to ascribe any cause to the blaze. Jake Risley, manager of the garage, believes that it was impossible for any defective wiring or anything of that nature to have caused the blaze as it started near the display rooms where there was nothing of that nature.

The Busch building was constructed about ten years ago, and is separate from the apartment building, also owned by Busch and Sons, which is located about ten feet north. Thomas F. Ryan, president of the Bank of Commerce is also president of the auto company.

None of the occupants of the building were endangered, and the flames were discovered in time to give warning to an employee of the garage who slept in the building. There was very little loss to the personal effects of the residents of the Busch apartment, but some furniture, owned by Busch and Sons, which was stored in the top of the garage building proper was lost.

A crowd of several thousand people gathered to watch the conflagration.

Two P. R. L. and P. cars were unable to get through to Portland. Shortly after 12 o'clock, the guys of the trolley wire which were attached to the building gave way but the braces on the east side kept the trolley wire from falling into the street.

Estimates of the damage made last night are believed to be well within the limit but no official tabulation of the loss can be made until today. So intense was the heat from the building that all of the cars stored there will be a total loss, and the entire salvage value will be nil. The brick chimney of the furnace is the only portion of the structure which is still standing, a gaunt sentinel over a mass of black and smoking wreckage., reduced to the level of the ground.

The entire building collapsed as a whole, after the fire had raged but a half hour. The oil in the building and the gasoline in the tanks of the various machines, kept the flames fed so that even when the structure was razed, they reached a height of more than 200 feet.

None of the firemen were injured and all of the department's equipment delivered 100 per cent. There were no accidents or delays in the fighting of the blaze.

## CLACKAMAS GARAGE TO REOPEN BUSINESS HERE

The Clackamas County Automobile and Tractor company, which suffered a $90,000 loss in a fire in the Busch building last Thursday night, will continue business here as soon as a suitable location can be secured, according to the statement of Jake S. Risley, manager of the company. Definite plans have not yet been completed, but the company intends to hold all of its present automobile agencies.

Damage to the cars stored in the garage has been reduced from the original $35,000 estimate to $15,000. The list of owners, practically completed, is Steve Chambers, Harry Baxter, Louis Barry, George McLoughlin, R. Confers, .... Bohs and Art Smith. This reduction cuts the total damage figure to $148,500.

## DESTRUCTION OF TOWER MARKS END OF BRIDGE

With the lowering of one of the cables and the removal of its supporting tower the last phases in the demolition of the old bridge commenced Thursday afternoon. The giant cable was lifted from the two towers by means of the big derrick which the contractors are employing on the new bridge. The same means was employed in the removal of the tower which was first sawed through near the base and then lifted bodily from its foundation. With the destruction of the remaining towers and the removal of the other cable the bridge of 1888 will have vanished from the annals of Oregon City.

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR TEACHERS MEETING

The program for the meeting of the teachers' institute to take place at the Milwaukie high school April 1, has been announced. Subjects up for discussion will include the suggested changes in the state course of study both elementary and high school. The county unit plan for school administration as it affects the teachers and the taxpayers, will also be discussed. The program as prepared by County School Superintendent Vedder has been sent to the various principals and teachers throughout the county.

## HEAVY SENTENCE GIVEN ORIENTAL MOONSHINER

The tinge of Oriental humor which prompted K. Suzuki to give the name of the Japanese delegate to the peace conference when he was arrested last January, must have stood him in good stead yesterday when, on a second liquor offense, he was fined $500 and given a year's jail sentence by Judge E. J. Noble.

Suzuki, when first arested, gave the name of K. Kato. Japanese names were all alike to the local officers and no one questioned. But when he was taken into custody a few days ago, a driver's license belied his efforts to establish the same nom de guerre.

The jail sentence was suspended by the judge on condition that Zuzuki leave the county.

### FRENCH DELEGATE NAMED

PARIS, March 28.—Minister of Justice Barthou was today appointed president of the French delegation to the international economic conference at Genoa.

## MANY PRIZES LISTED IN PICTURE WORD PUZZLE

With this issue The Enterprise announces a "Picture Word Puzzle" that will prove of interest to both young and old alike, and not only will it afford much interest and amusement but in addition to the fun derived winners will be well paid for the time devoted.

On another page of this issue is a picture of a typical village on a busy day and in this picture are dozens of objects that begin with the letter "T. At a glance you will be able to see several of these objects and with a little close study many more will be found

The object of this contest is to find the greatest number of these and those who succeed in naming the most will be the winners, the first may win $50.00; second, $35.00; third, $25.00; fourth, $15.00; fifth, $10.00 and the sixth $5.00. Whatever you win depends entirely upon yourself and the interest you take in the work.

You do not even have to be a subscriber to the Enterprise to enter this contest nor do you have to turn in a subscriber. You may enter at any time and without a cent of cost, not even for the paper, but if you do turn in either one, two or three or four subscriptons your winnings will be geater than if you work on the puzle alone. With one subscription the first prize jumps from $3.00 to $15.00, two subscribers, either old or new, the first prize is $25.00; with three subscribers, one to be new, the first prize is $35.00 and with four subscribers, two of them new, the first prize is $50.00.

There are six prizes and all of them increase with the number of subscriptions turned in. The rules are given on the page with the picture and a glance will show that they are easy to follow.

This contest will not be a long-drawn out affair, but will absolutely be closed on the night of April 17 and the winners will be named as soon as possible to make the count. Just four short weeks and this easy money will be awarded to the ones who devote a little time and energy to this pleasant little game. All answers must be mailed by April 17 and any bearing a later postmark will not be counted.

Get busy today. Study the picture and find all the objects that begin with the letter "T." The are all in plain sight and there are dozens of them. Read the rules carefully and send in your answer as soon as possible.

## BRAKES FAIL; TWO CARS COLLIDE; 1 OVERTURNED

Defective brakes on Lawrence Webb's car were the cause of a collision at the corner of Fourth and Center street early Saturday morning. Webb was unable to slow up at the corner with the result that he struck and overturned a car belonging to J. W. White who was proceeding down Center street. Webb had come from the direction of the hill and in turning out at Center street his brakes refused to act. Both cars were considerably damaged but no one was jured.

White's car had both rear wheels smashed and the fender badly crumpled. Webb's machine had the steering gear disabled and the front lights broken. A wrecking crew from the Capitol garage towed both cars to the garage where they are being repaired.

## MRS. EMMA MCKEEHAN DIES AFTER OPERATION

Mrs. Emma Day McKeehan, wife of J. C. McKeehan, of this city, died at Oregon City hospital Saturday morning at 5:45 o'clock, where she was taken a few days ago.

Mrs. McKeehan had been ill for the past eight months, and underwent an operation at a hospital in Marysville, Calif., and about two months ago, after returning to Oregon, underwent a similar operation in the St. Vincent hospital, Portland, and was taken to the Oregon City institution for medical treatment.

Mrs. McKeehan was born July 7, 1860, and came West about twelve years ago, first settling in Central Oregon, and came to Oregon City about a year ago.

Deceased is survived by her husband, J. C. McKeehan, of this city; four daughters, Mrs. Hoveta Endres, of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Mrs. Floe Enloe, of Oregon City; a son Frank O. McKeehan, of Oregon City. She also leaves two brothers, William and Charles Brown, of Colorado; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Bell, of Knob Noster, Johnson county, Mo., died about a year ago.

Mrs. McKeehan's parents, the late Samuel and Sarah Brown, were early pioneers of Missouri, making their home for many years near Knob Noster. Her father and the father of her husband, Samuel McKeehan, were school boys together, spending the frontier days in Missouri.

### ROBBERS GET HAUL

CINCINNATI, O., March 23.—Within full view of hundreds of passersby and with a policeman directing traffic not a hundred feet away, three bandits today held up the Liberal loan office in the heart of the city and escaped with diamonds and jewelry estimated by Sam Sabin, owner of the pawn shop, at $100,000.

## COURT DECIDES AGAINST PARK AS CITY HALL SITE

A permanent injunction, restraining Oregon City from building a city hall in McLoughlin park, was granted by Circuit Judge J. U. Campbell Saturday. The decision was made in the case of Mary Norris and Mary Caufield against Oregon City which was instituted in the local court last August.

The order of the judge marks what may be the termination of the first cycle in the litigation over the municipal building. Whether or not the case will be appealed to the supreme court is still in doubt as this matter rests in the hands of the city council. O. D. Eby, city attorney, said yesterday that he would not advise the council to appeal the action other than to definitely settle the question of legal use of the parks as building sites. He is not overly confident of a reversal of the decision of the local court.

The decision was verbally given by Judge Campbell in open court and has not yet been written, but is based upon the contention of the plaintiffs that the original grant of the site by Dr. John McLoughlin, was decided for park purposes only and that the building of a hall there would infringe upon the patent purposes.

The $35,000 bond issue which was voted in 1920 for the building of the city hall is still unsold and cannot be disposed of until the legal points of question are cleared. There is no dispute over the legality of the bonds but the city does not desire to pay interest on a fund which is accumalated for a purpose to which it cannot be put.

The next step will probably be taken at the coming meeting of the city council April 5. A decision to appeal would continue the litigation and delay any immediate steps toward the securing of a new location.

## REBEKAH LODGE HOLDS 16TH CONVENTION HERE

The annual Rebekah convention of District No. 2, Willamette Lodge No. 2, was held in this city on Saturday, when Willamette Rebekah Lodge was host of the day. This was the 16th convention of the district, and was largely attended. Representatives from Oregon City, Gladstone, Milwaukie, Clackamas, Estacada and Molalla attended.

Presiding over the meeting were the following officers: Nellie Currin, chairman; R. W. Brown, vice-chairman; Eva Surfus, secretary; Grace Robinson, marshel; Mary Echerd, conductor; Mrs. Benvey, inside guard; Cordelia Carter, outside guard; Mae Waldron, chaplain; Izetta Albright, supporter to the chairman; Lillian Holcolm, right supporter to chairman; Mrs. Pinnell, left supporter to chairman.

The officers chosen for the next convention are: Mrs. R. W. Brown, of Milwaukie, chairman; Mrs. Blatchford, of Molalla, vice-chairman; May Esgelman, Estacada, secretary; Lucy Tralue, Clackamas, treasurer. The appointive officers are as follows: L. Rivers, conductor; Myra Shannon, left supporter; Mrs. Ridings, inside guardian; Mrs. Ewalt, outside guardian; Mrs. Harrington, caaplain; Mrs. Benvey, right supporter to vice-chairman; Mary Howell, left supporter to vice-chairman.

The next convention will be held at Milwaukie in the early part of 1923.

The convention opened at 10:30 a. m. with the following program:

Song—"America;" Introduction of Grand Officers; Address of Welcome—Christena Barber, Willamette; Response from Milwaukie Lodge; Roll-call of officers; Reading of minutes; Appointment of committees.

**Afternoon Session**

1:15 p. m. Song—"Star Spangled Banner;" Roll-call and reports of lodges; Paper—Proper terms and expressions of Rebekah Oddfellowship—Lucy Trabne—Shamrock; Solo—Maud Lageson, Willamette; Procedure when an Investigating scommittee report unfavorable—Shamrock; Report of committee on Memorials; Report of committee on resolutions; Recognition of past chairmen; Exemplification of examining and introducing a visitor from another jurisdiction—Centennial; Solo—Maude Lageson; Paper—How officers may make a lodge meeting interesting—Cordelia Carter—Centennial; Reading, Miss Hargraves, Shamrock; Round table; Unwritten work; Election of officers; Report of committee on Press; Report of committee on Thanks; Installation of officers.

**Evening Session**

7:30. Vocal solo—Lyman Wornock, Willamette; Address by president; Degree work—Willamette.

Among the visitors were the following presidents, Mesdames Gustine, of Portland; Woodman, matron of the I. O. O. F. Home and W. H. Howell, trustee of the I. O. O. F. Home; Past Grand Representative, S. S. Walker.

There were also visitors from Wisconsin, Colorado, Washington. Shamrock Rebekah Lodge No. 113, of Clackamas, was awarded first prize for the best report of work done; Centennial No. 147, of Estacada was commended for its fraternal work.

### COAL PARLEY RESUMED

NEW YORK, March 27.—Labor members of the anthracite wage scale subcommittee returned from Cleveland today to renew negotiations with the operators in an effort to avert the strike called for April 1.

## RECALL OF ROAD BONDS NOT TO BE ON MAY BALLOT

### Delay In Filing of Petitions Will Prevent Action Upon Measure Until November; Activity to be Continued.

### FIFTY PER CENT MORE SIGNATURES NEEDED

### Circulation of Papers Starts For Repudiation of City Hall Issue of $35,000.

Failure to obtain the requisite number of names on the petition to recall the unsold portion of the $1,700,000 road bond issue precludes the possibility of the question being placed on the ballot at the forthcoming primary election. J. Dean Butler, attorney for the parties sponsoring the recall movement, states that although the question will not come up at the next election, it is the intention of those promoting the recall to continue the campaign for signatures so that the recall can be placed on the ballot at the fall election.

The petition as it now stands has 1245 names on it, this is 50 per cent less than the amount needed according to County Clerk Fred A. Miller. The clerk states that to put the petition in such a shape as to qualify it for the ballot the law requires that it be signed by 15 per cent of the county's voters or that it have in all 2496 signatures.

Besides the lack of names the petition was not filed within the prescribed time limit which in this instance should have been March 18 or sixty days prior to the election.

Petitions for the recall of the city hall bonds were being circulated Saturday. Conditions governing this movement are similar to the road bond recall except that in this case it will be necessary to obtain 15 per cent of the City's voting strength and the filing of the petition will have to be done prior to September 7th to insure the matter being placed on the ballot for the fall election.

## FISH WARDENS ARRIVE TO PATROL WILLAMETTE

Robert Stewart, Sr., and Frank C. Brown, state fish warden, have arrived in Oregon City where they are patrolling the Willamette river, their territory being from Sellwood to the falls. These officers are to remain here during the salmon fishing season, and will keep watch on the fish ladder when the salmon begin to make their appearance during the open season.

Robert, Jr., a student of the Aetna school, who made a record for himself when catching a salmon weighing 15 pounds, in 1918, then a lad of nine years of age, is enthusiastic as ever over the sport, and is looking forward to retaining his record during the coming season. A picture of the lad and his salmon appeared in the Portland Oregonian, and attracted Eastern publications, another picture coming out in the magazine—"Forest and Stream."

The lad accompanied his father on a patrolling trip a few nights ago, and although unusually cold and wet during the night, the boy was game.

## PASSENGER ON TRAIN IS HIT BY ROCK; HEAD HURT

Clyde Rogers, a passenger on the Southern Pacific south bound train en route to San Francisco, received a scalp wound Thursday evening when struck by a stone thrown by boys take on passengers. He was able to continue his journey, receiving first aid from the members of the train crew.

## Two Divorce Suits Filed In Local Court

Two applications for divorce were filed in the circuit court here Thursday. Isabel Young seeks freedom from her marriage to Joe Young which took place at Goldendale, Wash., November 28, 1917, alleging desertion. Ramona Eugenia Werschkul files suit against Robert Frank Werschkul on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. The pair were married at Salem February 17, 1921.

### POSSES SEEK BANDITS

PORT ANGELES, Wash., March 27.—Armed posses today were continuing their search for bandits who have terrorized the logging camps of this district with murder and robbery in the last week.

## ACTIVE WEEK PLANNED BY FARM ORGANIZATION


HISTORICAL SOCIETY Auditorium Portland, Oregon


An elaborate series of meetings ranging from demonstration lectures to motion picture exhibits, have been scheduled for farming communities in Clackamas county during the first week in April. The meetings are arranged through the local farm bureau and with the co-operation of County Agent W. A. Holt.

On April 4 and 5 Clayton L. Long, extension horticulturist of the Oregon Agricultural College will lecture on spraying and general orchard pest control. The lectures are the second of a series of four upon horticultural problems, scheduled for Clackamas county this year. The first lecture, April 4, will be given at Carus at 9:30 a. m. On April 5, the lecture will be delivered at the Garfield Grange hall at 2 p. m.

A series of motion picture exhibits prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture will be in Clackamas county during the week beginning April 4. Three films will be shown, "Milk and Honey," dealing with dairy culture, "Trails that Lure," a scenic film of the Columbia River Highway, and "The How and Why of Spuds," dealing with potato culture, based upon developments in research in Aroostook county, Maine. Mr. Holt has booked four of the six meetings at which these films will be shown. They are: Carus, April 4; Garfield Grange, April 5; Union Hall, April 6; and Cottrell Parent-Teachers' association, April 7.

Arrangements have been made for a series of lectures and demonstrations here during the middle of the month by George W. Kable, new drainage specialist for Oregon of the O. A. C. Meetings in cooperation with the county agent are to be held and it is planned to give practical aid to the farmers in the solution of their drainage problems. The definite date for Mr. Kable's stay in this county has not yet been outlined, but the county agent is already listing requests from farmers over the county who are to avail themselves of Kable's advice.

A seed potato lecture and demonstration is to be given by the county agent at Wilsonville on April 8. The lecture, booked for the afternoon, is to be held at the grange hall. More than 20 potato meetings have been held throughout the county during the past few months, Mr. Holt reports, in line with the project of the county farm bureau for improving the crop. Considerable interest has been manifested in the study of seed selection and treatment, as well as concerted effort toward the controlling of any potato pests.

An effort is being made to standardize the varieties of potatoes grown in the county and to foster the use of certified seed. So universal is the demand for good seed becoming that the farmers in a number of cases were forced to go outside the state to purchase seed of the desired quality in quantities sufficient to satisfy the demand here. Plans for cooperative marketing are also being worked out by the farm bureau to include the local potato crop.

This week a series of demonstrations upon the subject of sheep management are in progress under the direction of H. A. Lindgren, live stock specialist of the O. A. C. These meetings are: March 28—9:30 a. m., J. W. Smith farm, at Macksburg; 2 p. m., S. A. Cordill farm, near Molalla. March 29—10 a. m., Drexel White farm, near Monitor; 2 p. m., Gust Jaeger farm, near Wilsonville. March 30—9:30 a. m., W. W. Harris farm, on Beaver Creek road; 1:45 p. m., C. B. Sprague farm, Upper Logan.

## LOCAL OFFICERS MAKE RECORD LIQUOR CATCH

What is declared to be the largest liquor haul ever made in Clackamas county, was effected by Sheriff W. J. Wilson and his deputies Friday night.

More than 200 gallons of saki, or rice whiskey, and 950 gallons of rice mash were confiscated by the sheriff, along with a complete saki press.

S. Suzikai, who is renting the farm owned by T. W. Saggert, is in the county jail, being held to await a hearing before Judge E. J. Noble today. Suzakai was arrested January 23 by Deputies Long and Hughes and Justice Moore of Tualatin. At that time he gave his name as K. Kato. He was fined $500, which he paid. Three Japanese, with him at the time, were deported by the Immigration authorities, as it was found that they had entered the states after jumping from a Japanese liner.

The liquor which was found last night was in the same place in the upper story of the house as the 100 gallons of liquor and the 800 gallons of mash found in the raid last January.

### UNLIMITED OIL IS AIM

DENVER, Colo., March 27.—Oil to supply the world for thousands of years has been made available by an invention said to rank with the steam engine, the telephone, the automobile and the wireless.

The machine is a series of revolving retorts which not only extract the oil at the rate of 100 to 200 barrels a day, but also fractions the oil into gasoline, phenol and other products of commercial value.

## ACTION PUT OFF UPON CITY HALL BY LIVE WIRES

### Resolution Against Recall Is Tabled; Speakers Declare Time Not Propitious for Further Efforts In Case.

### PROPOSAL LAUDING FIRE STAFF ADOPTED

### Assembly Commends Work of Department In Recent Main Street Conflagration.

What might be construed as tacit approval of the movement to recall the $35,000 city hall bond issue, at present unsold while the location of the projected building is being cleared in the courts, was given by the Live Wires of the local Commercial club who at their meeting Tuesday noon tabled a resolution calling for an expression of sentiment against the recall and the appointment of a committee to further attempts to bring about a settlement of the present contensions over the project.

Characterizing the present period as not propitious for the erection of a new municipal building, Al Price opposed the resolution, favoring the purchase of additional fire apparatus instead of spending the funds for a new building. He pointed to the recent fire in Oregon City where the loss totaled over $150,000, as evidence of the need and dilated upon the predicament the city would have been in without its present equipment.

A similar position was taken by O. D. Eby who took issue with the wisdom of added municipal expenditure in building projects at this time. Reverend H. G. Edgar urged a definite expression upon the project rather than sidestepping it for the time being, as the recall petitions were in circulation.

The resolution was:

Whereas, the construction of a suitable city hall in Oregon City adequate to the needs of the city administration, the police and fire departments, is an immediate necessity and

Whereas, the courts have decided that the city hall cannot be built on McLoughlin park and there is no doubt but that this decision will be sustained and

Whereas, the way is now cleared for the selection of a new site, therefore be it

Resolved that the Main Trunk be and he is hereby empowered to appoint a committee to further activities in this regard, which committee shall stand until the successful termnation of their efforts or the appointment of a new committee and be it further

Resolved that the Live Wires go on record as opposed to the projected recall of the $35,000 city hall bonds.

A resolution introduced by O. D. Eby was unanimously adopted commending the fire department for their showing last Thursday night when the Busch building was burned. A number of similar expressions of commendation were made from the floor.

Resolution as adopted is as follows:

Whereas, on the 23rd day of March 1922, a fire occurred at 11th and Main streets of Oregon City, which entirely destroyed a valuable building belonging to Frank Busch, and its contents belonging to Clackamas County Auto and Tractor Company, and,

Whereas, for a time it seemed that said fire threatened to destroy all other buildings in close proximity thereto and would have destroyed the same had it not been for the brave, skillful and energetic work of the Fire Department of Oregon City, Now therefore be it

Resolved by the Live Wires, that we express our sympathy for all those who sustained loss by reason of said fire, and we heartily commend and praise the efficient work done by the Fire Department of Oregon City, in saving all other buildings and much more property from loss.

## PARTIAL TAX RETURNS IN COUNTY TOTAL $129,418

Collection of taxes on the first half of the assessments due in Clackamas county totals $129,418.28 for the first period of 30 days, according to a report of I. D. Taylor head of the tax collection department. The largest single payment was made Monday by the Weyerhauser timber company upon their holdings in Clackamas county. The first half of their taxes totals $10,970.26.

During the period from February 21 to March 7, a total of $35,127.56 was collected. In the three days from the 7th to the 10th of March, the total ran $39,539.05. From March 10th to 22nd, the total was $54,751.67. The first half of taxes become delinquent after April 5.

### SENATE TO PASS BONUS

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Passage of a soldier bonus measure by the senate before adjournment of this session appears to be assured.