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A \$100,000 BLAZE

Fire Destroyed a Portion of Oregon City Woolen Mills.

Flames Threaten Destruction of Adjoining Buildings, But They Are Saved Through Hard Work of Brave Firemen.

Spontaneous combustion in a carbonizer in the pullery room of the Oregon City Manufacturing Company's woolen mills Tuesday night caused a fire that destroyed the pullery, dye house, machine shops, picker house and boiler house. The fire was discovered shortly after half past eight Tuesday night by the watchman and he immediately went across the street to the Cataract Hose Company's house and turned in the alarm. In a few minutes the flames were burning furiously and every thing pointed to the total destruction of the mills. The fire ladders were quickly on the scene and got down to work without delay. Willing hands were there to aid in the labor of saving valuable property. For a little while the water pressure was low and the flames gained a great deal of headway going from the pulley to the picker house. The wind was blowing briskly from the north-east and the flames endangered the Portland Flouring Mills, the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's docks and the Crown Paper Company's pulp mill.

R. C. Ganong, agent for the Portland Flouring Mills Company's branch, was in his office when the alarm was turned in. Rushing out, he secured help, and inside of ten minutes had a stream of water on the roof and end of the O. R. & N. warehouse. He realized that the only salvation of his mill and of the adjoining property was prompt action. Some fears were felt for the pumping station of the city water works as it is encased in wood but the station was never in danger. A part of the shingled roof of the warehouse of the dock was burned off.

Down at Gladstone Park United States Senator Jonathan Dolliver, of Iowa, was entertaining a vast audience in the auditorium. About 9 o'clock he noticed that he did not have the undivided attention of his audience, some of whom commenced to get up and leave the auditorium quietly. Finally a telephone message reached the Chautauqua ground and it was announced from the platform that the Oregon City woolen mills were on fire and that all firemen that were in the audience were requested to go to the scene with all possible speed. Men rushed frantically to the Gladstone station of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, only to find that their haste had been needless for the regular car did not come through until ten o'clock, right on schedule time, but the wait seemed endless to the anxious watchers. The scene from the auditorium was terrifying and looked as though all of Oregon City was burning.

Led by Chief Ruconich, the firemen fought bravely. They were here, there and everywhere and braved dangers without flinching. Streams of water were turned on the main building and on the blazing wood piles between the brick mill and the burning structures with good effect. Chief David Campbell, of the Portland Fire Department, was notified that assistance might be necessary and

had apparatus ready to leave Portland on ten minutes notice but gradually after a stubborn resistance the flames were placed under control and outside help was not required.

G. C. Fields, assistant superintendent of the O. W. P. & R. Co. was active in saving the cars on the side track leading down to the river bank behind the mills and in taking measures for the preservation of the new warehouse of the company.

In the main building the windows of the upper floor were broken in and water was thrown on the eaves and on the roof from the inside of the building. The weaving room was saturated with water and all the goods on that floor were ruined. Streams of water were played on the interior of the building and everything was drenched.

The bravery of the volunteer firemen were remarkable. Men took chances that were startling and to this alone is due the saving of a vast amount of property. Vice-President C. G. Jacobs arrived from Portland a few minutes after 11 o'clock. He presented each of the drenched firemen with a new woolen shirt and citizens procured hot coffee and sandwiches for the tired workers.

At 11 o'clock the flames were under control but yesterday morning the firemen were still at work with streams of water upon the ruins. Twisted iron and machinery in fantastic shapes gathered large crowds during the day. The big smoke stack fell across the roof of the brick mill. Large shipments of wool had recently been received and nearly all of this was destroyed. Everything between the main building and the river is gone and the loss will aggregate \$100,000, and practically the whole amount is covered by insurance. Large quantities of oil were stored in the picker house and this only added fury to the flames. President Adolph Jacobs left Sunday for New York city with the intention of securing orders for the coming year's work.

It is expected that the mills will be out of commission for three or four months. The burned buildings will be rebuilt at once and new machinery installed.

About five years ago fire destroyed everything except the main building and the pullery and in 1876 the mills were entirely destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Noe Not Seriously Injured.

Judge Ryan returned Tuesday night from Needy, where he went to make an inspection of the bridge which gave way Sunday night, precipitating Mrs. Noe and a party of three others into the Molalla river. He found that Mrs. Noe's injuries were not serious and she will probably be around and about in a few days. Her sister was slightly bruised. The other members of the party were not injured. One of the men of the party was walking behind the carriage and he was thrown by a loosened plank to the bank. The bridge was not an old one and was built ten years ago. Judge Ryan says that one of the sills gave way and the bridge slid into the river. He arranged for a foot and horse bridge and a ford for teams.

R. L. Holman, leading undertaker, Oregon City, Or. County coroner.

IS IN FULL SWING

CHAUTAUQUAS IN SESSION AT GLADSTONE PARK.

Dolliver Has Given Two Lectures and Burdette is Now the Center of Attention—Baseball is a Feature.

The Willamette Valley Chautauqua Assembly is in full swing and Gladstone Park is a lively scene with its hundreds of campers and daily visitors. Tuesday was the opening day and the main feature was the address of Senator Dolliver, of Iowa. Senator Dolliver delivered his second address Wednesday afternoon and last night the speaker was Rabbi Wise, of Portland.

The baseball games are exciting a great deal of interest and one is scheduled for every afternoon during the assembly except Sundays. Chemawa beat Sunnyside Tuesday and yesterday the Schillers were victorious over Oregon City by a score of 13 to 10.

Today is W. C. T. U. Day and this afternoon's program is given up to them. Tonight Bob Burdette, the famous humorist, will lecture and he will also deliver a lecture tomorrow afternoon.

This year's session promises to be very successful and profitable. The program is excellent and the weather is auspicious. The ball game tomorrow will be between Oregon City and Sunnyside.

REISSUE OF BONDS.

Directors May Take Advantage of Daily School Fund Unless Interest is Reduced.

The board of school directors of the Oregon City schools held a meeting Monday night and transacted routine business. The directors were unable to agree on the selection of a principal of the Eastham school. A large number of applications are on file and the matter was laid over until another meeting. A special meeting will probably be called later in the month to elect a principal and to let the contract for wood to be used during the next school year. Several bids have been received and the janitors of the buildings are inspecting the wood that has been submitted. Plans and specifications for the connections of both the Barclay and Eastham schools with the main sewers are being arranged, and connections will be made as soon as practicable.

The directors discussed the matter of reissuing bonds. Ten years ago bonds were sold to the amount of \$80,000, with 6 per cent interest. These bonds were known as 10-20 bonds, and the board was given the option of renewing the issue for another ten years, with the same rate of interest. The passage of the Daily Law, which enabled school districts, that have complied with the law, to borrow money from the state school fund at 5 per cent interest, has placed the board in a position where they may take the bonds out of the hands of the Eastern bond holders, unless the holders will agree to reissue for 10 years at 5 per cent. Should the holders of the bonds refuse to take up bonds for another term at 5 per cent, the directors will take advantage of the Daily Law. Negotiations are now under way with the bond holders.

Excursion From Dayton Sunday.

Manager P. G. Shark, of the Oregon City baseball club, has arranged an excursion from Dayton to this city next Sunday. The steamer Modoc has been engaged and will leave Dayton at 8 A. M., Mission at 9, Dundee at 9:15, Newberg at 9:30, Champeog at 10, Butteville at 10:15 and Wilsonville at 10:45. The steamer will arrive at Oregon City at noon, leaving here at 5 P. M., and arriving at Dayton at 8:30 P. M. With the excursion will come the St. Paul base ball team and a game will be played between St. Paul and Oregon City at the Canemah Park grounds. Dancing will be held in the pavilion to the music of Turney's orchestra. The last excursion from Dayton last May was very successful and the promoters of this one anticipate a large crowd and an enjoyable time.

Real property and Chattel Mortgage loans. Abstracts furnished.

G. B. DIMICK, Attorney at Law, Oregon City, Oregon.

TO GIVE SOCIAL.

Maple Grange Will Entertain at Its Hall Next Saturday Night.

Maple Lane Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, will give an entertainment and social in the Grange Hall, at Maple Lane, Saturday next. The following program has been arranged:

Instrumental solo
Miss Mautz

Recitation
Shirley Swallow

Song
Aletha Jackson

Recitation, "A Dispatch to Fairy Land"
Pauline Koontz

Instrumental music
Mr. Henrici, Fred Worams

Recitation
Lambert Beard

Recitation, "The Perverse Hen"
Wallace Lewis

Graphophone selection
Mr. Hendricks

Farce, "A Night in a Sleeping-Car"
Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. C. W. Swallow

Aunt Mary
Mrs. A. J. Lewis

The Californian
Mr. A. J. Lewis

Mr. Roberts
Ben Beard

Willis Campbell
Laurence Mautz

Man in Upper berth
Clarence Allen

Conductor
C. W. Swallow

Porter
John D. Darling

Passengers
Mrs. Laurence Mautz, Mr. and Mrs. Beard, Wallace Lewis.

Proposed Postoffice Improvement.

Postmaster Tom P. Randall is trying to induce the department to enlarge the quarters of the postoffice here as they are entirely inadequate for the business of the office. The store which has been the postoffice building has closed its doors. The rent of the building is \$40 monthly and of this amount, the department allowed \$25 and the store paid the balance. The Odd Fellows offered its building on the opposite side of the street from the present location of the postoffice, to the department for \$85 per month and agreed to put in office furniture and fixtures to the value of \$300 and fit the building up in first class shape. But the department could not see its way to accept the proposal. Postmaster Randall is embarrassed over the cramped quarters, which will all the more difficult to work in after the establishment of the new free rural route through Mount Pleasant and New Era.

Ora Watson Sent to Asylum.

Ora Watson was examined by Justice of the Peace Levy Stipp Tuesday afternoon and committed to the asylum, where she was taken Tuesday night by Sheriff Shaver and her sister Myrtle Watson. Ora Watson ran away from her grandfather's home Monday afternoon. She was apparently insane and her relatives were intending to have sent to the asylum on the advice of the family physician. After leaving the house she wandered around in Kansas City addition until 9 o'clock Monday night when she took a car for Portland. The conductor of the car ascertained that she had no money and that there was something wrong with the girl and when the car arrived in Portland he turned her over to the police. Tuesday morning the authorities here were notified and Jailor Nehren, with the sister and brother of the girl went to Portland and brought her home.

New School District.

The district boundary board of Clackamas County, consisting of the county judge, school superintendent and clerk, has granted the petition of the Concord school district for a division of the district. The petition was agreed to by nearly all of the voters in the district, and the new district will cut off that portion of the district in which the little town of Oak Grove is situated. The place has sprung up and grown within a year, until it has reached such proportions to demand a school house of its own. As soon as Superintendent Zinser takes the necessary steps, the voters of the new district will hold a meeting and elect officers.

Suit to Recover Property.

David A. Close, through Hedges & Galloway, his attorneys, has filed a suit in the Circuit Court against Mary Olsen, to recover lots 6, 7 and 8, in block 4, in Edgewood. The complaint alleges that on November 11, 1901, Close delivered to a third person a deed to the property, to be held in escrow until his death, when it should be given to the defendant. Mary Olsen wrongfully obtained possession of the deed which she had recorded. The plaintiff asks for the annulment and cancellation of the deed.

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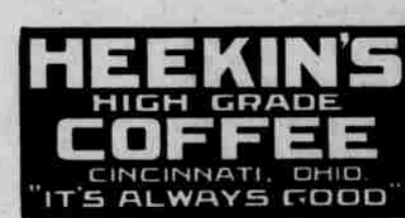
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