

MANAGES TO

Good Samaritan Hospital's Narrow Escape.

ONE WARD DESTROYED BY FIRE

Hard Work of Hospital Force, Fire Department and Citizens Prevents a Holocaust.

That the 22 patients who were in Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday are alive today is due only to the wonderful presence of mind of the nurses and house physicians, and the ability and energy with which the fire department combated flames that for more than an hour burned in one of the north wings.

The fire and water destroyed more than \$5000 worth of property before the blaze was checked, and every single patient in the burning ward was removed to the shady grounds around the building, and all were made comfortable on improvised beds before they fairly realized the danger that threatened them.

There was not a moment's confusion, not an instant's delay and not an indication of fright among the superintending, physicians and nurses of the hospital staff, when the shock and fright which necessarily accompanied the hurried removal from the wards and private rooms to the yard.

By the greatest good fortune the day was bright and warm, so that none of the patients suffered from removal into the outside air. Again, the fire occurred almost at noon, when streets were bound westward loaded with men on their way to lunch, and a force more than sufficient to accomplish the work on hand was on the spot almost as the alarm.

How the Fire Started. The fire was discovered shortly before noon by the workmen employed on the brick addition to the hospital, now under construction. At that time the flames had burst through the roof of the northwest wing, having evidently started from a defective flue, and the smoke was curling in a heavy column over the building.

Good Work of Department. There was no more confusion or delay in the work of the department than in that of the rescuers. Not a drop of water was wasted, not a stream was misdirected or astray. There was not a great deal of shouting of orders, and no faultfinding, but every man seemed to know just the right thing to do.

Exciting Scenes. In the meantime the scenes in the labyrinth of passages and halls, and among the trees on the broad grounds had been one of great excitement to every one, but the physicians, nurses and truckmen and women who were too busy saving patients to think of losing their heads.

One woman had been but lately removed from the operating-room, and was just reviving after the anesthetic when the fire broke out, and her suffering when she was moved was very severe. Thomas Willis, agent for the Northern Pacific at Seaside, returned to the hospital in a shock from fright, but is now out of danger.



SCENES DURING THE FIRE AT GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL.

George L. Baker, who was driving in a buggy near the fire with Alf T. Ringling, was among the first to come to the assistance of the nurses, and helped to carry many of the patients out, as did scores of other men, few of whom loitered after their work was done.

The two house physicians, Dr. Wood and Dr. Richardson, worked till they could hardly stand carrying patients out sometimes in their arms. Men with their arms bandaged up, hobbling on crutches or so weak they could hardly drag one foot after the other, formed a straggling procession toward the door, but every one of them willingly stopped to let a relief party pass carrying a cot with some helpless patient stretched out upon it.

The crowd outside grew larger and larger as time wore on, but remained quiet and orderly throughout. Scores of women came to Mrs. Wakeman offering to throw open their homes to receive patients. Others went among the patients on the grounds, rendering the nurses every assistance possible and bringing dainty dishes from their homes to tempt the appetites of convalescents. A number of Sisters and nurses from St. Vincent's Hospital came with their ambulance and a number of stretchers and took care of the severest cases, going with them to St. Vincent's. Miss King, one of the hospital nurses, joined forces with Driver Barber and Officer Johnson, of the patrol wagon crew, and directed the removal of patients by that means.

Hospital Needs Assistance. The result of the fire is to impinge the board of trustees with a determination to press the work on the new building more strongly than was being done before, and the situation is one which appeals most strongly to the hearts of the generous people of Portland, for substantial aid to this most worthy institution in this hour of its distress.

Street Fair to Aid. Entire Gate Receipts Next Monday Go to the Hospital. The managers of the Portland Street Fair and Carnival have led off in the work of coming to the relief of the hospital by deciding to devote the entire receipts at the main gate of the Fair next Monday to the hospital fund, and the people of Portland will aid a worthy cause if they will attend the Fair in large numbers on that day. There is abundant opportunity for other organizations to follow their example and assist the hospital in a like generous manner.

The patients for whom room could be found were brought into the hospital, and in three hours from the time the fire broke out only the broken-down fences, the charred north wing and the muddy lawn remained to tell the story of the nearest approach to a horrible holocaust that Portland has ever witnessed.

Protection Against Fire. The hospital fire apparatus, by the use of which the flames were held so well in check pending the arrival of the fire department, was recommended by Chief Campbell some years ago, after he had made an inspection of the premises at the suggestion of the executive board of the hospital. The system was planned by Colonel Isaac Smith, then chief engineer of the water committee, and provided for powerful streams of water in every ward. Had the hospital not been so provided, there is little doubt that the fire would have been beyond control before the arrival of the department.

The loss could not be exactly estimated, but will reach up well into the thousands. It is fully covered by insurance. The new building which the hospital is now erecting will be so constructed that a recurrence of yesterday's fire will be an impossibility. The walls are of brick, while every floor is fireproofed with asbestos and seaweed, making the progress of flames from floor to floor impossible. There will be no fire in the building, the heating apparatus to be in a separate and absolutely fire-proof apartment.

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THIS IS BIG CIRCUS DAY

RINGLINGS' GREAT SHOW WILL ARRIVE IN PORTLAND.

Grand Street Parade Will Be Given This Morning—Circus Stays Two Days.

Start Twenty-second and Savier. Twenty-first to Everett. Everett to Thirteenth. Thirteenth to Washington. Washington to Seventh. Seventh to Morrison. Morrison to Third. Third to Everett's street. Everett to Twenty-first. Twenty-first to show grounds.

As every person in Portland who is so fortunate to be intimately acquainted with any boy or girl knows, this is circus day. It is more than that—it is the biggest circus day Portland has ever known, for the Ringling Bros.' circus has been the biggest show in the country for a good many years, and this year it is bigger than ever.

The second day of the serving of lunches at the Red Cross tent, at Seventh and Alder streets, went off briskly, and the women of the Oregon Red Cross Society and Emergency Corps are well satisfied with the patronage the public is bestowing on their enterprise, the proceeds of which goes into their soldiers' relief fund.

RED CROSS LUNCH.

Special Bill of Fare Will Be Served at the Tent Today.

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Gospel Mission. The Church of God has opened a gospel mission at 243 Ash street, between Second and Third, second floor, where the pure gospel of Jesus Christ will be given, without money and without price.

At the Paris Exposition St. Charles Cream received the highest award, the gold medal. This celebrated article, in competition with the world, excelled in points of natural cream, flavor, color, richness, ease of assimilation and perfect sterilization. On land and sea, from the Arctic to the tropics, St. Charles Cream has stood the test and proven the best milk product obtainable.

THIS IS ELKS' DAY

They Are Here in Multitudes From Far and Near.

ABOUT 7000 ALREADY IN TOWN

Thousands More Will Arrive Today—Their Great Parade Gets in Motion at 1 o'Clock.

LINE OF MARCH. Column moves 1 P. M. sharp from Twelfth and Morrison. East on Morrison to First. First to Madison street, then to the Madison to Third. Third to Burnside. Burnside to Fourth. Fourth to Harrison street, then to the Counter-march Fourth to Thompson fountain and dismissal.

One of the chief events of the Carnival will take place today in the form of a stupendous parade of the visiting Elks of the Northwest. The committee in charge has spared no pains in carrying out its plans, and the thousands of participants will present a striking appearance as they file through the streets with waving banners and martial music.

Order of the Elks' Parade today will be as follows: Platoon of Police. Grand Marshal George C. Sears and Aids. Parade Committee—George L. Baker, Dr. H. Littlefield, Henry O. Griffin, Sig. Wehmer, Portland Lodge, B. P. O. No. 142. Bands. Salem Lodge. Roseburg Lodge. Heppner Lodge. Band. Cascade Lodge, No. 308. Pendleton Lodge. La Grande Lodge. Baker City Lodge. Band. Astoria Lodge. Eugene Lodge. Albany Lodge. Band. Tacoma Lodge. Spokane Lodge. Walla Walla Lodge. North Yakima Lodge. Hoquiam Lodge. Band. Seattle Lodge. Port Townsend Lodge. Everett Lodge. Olympia Lodge. Band. Representatives of Eastern and Southern Lodges.

CROWDS OF VISITORS.

Long Trains Bring Washington Elks to Portland.

Yesterday was a busy day in railroad circles, and the scene around the Union Depot was the gayest in its history. All the regular incoming trains were met by large numbers of people, and when the Seattle Elks' special rolled in at 5:45 P. M. the platform and corridors of the depot building were packed with spectators. The Elks' hospitality committee and members of the City Council were on hand to welcome the visitors.

The Southern Pacific overland express came in at 6:30 last night with 14 coaches, containing 700 people from Ashland, Grand Rapids and other points.

At 7:15 P. M. a second train from Seattle, consisting of nine cars, brought 350 more Seattleites who came to view the glories of the Carnival.

The big display of the evening occurred when the Tacoma special rolled through the Union Depot and up Fourth street to Morrison. The elaborate decorations and enthusiasm of this band of about 1000 men stirred up a corresponding spirit in the mass of spectators who lined Fourth street to watch the brilliant train pass.

At 10:30 P. M. the parade of the Elks' order, the end of the engine was a great clock with the hands pointing at the hour 11, when all Elks raise the cup in memory of absent brothers. The cars alternated with a great shield of purple and white, bearing in the center the inscription, "B. P. O. E., Tacoma Lodge, No. 174." With the shield bearing the order colors and inscription.

AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND—CALVIN HILLIG, Manager. Special Matinee Thursday and Saturday. "THE WAY—LIVE BROWNE, Real Fairies, in Palmer Court Grand Modern Opera. "BROWNIES IN FAIRYLAND."

METROPOLITAN THEATRE—THIRD AND YAMHILL STS., PORTLAND, ORE. ONE WEEK, BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPT. 2. MOCOY COMEDY COMPANY IN "LAUGH AND THE WORLD LAUGHS AT THEM."

ALSKY'S WINTER GARDEN. ALSKY'S WINTER GARDEN. ALSKY'S WINTER GARDEN. ALSKY'S WINTER GARDEN. ALSKY'S WINTER GARDEN.

VENETIAN LADY TROUPEBOURS. VENETIAN LADY TROUPEBOURS. VENETIAN LADY TROUPEBOURS. VENETIAN LADY TROUPEBOURS. VENETIAN LADY TROUPEBOURS.

REOPENING SATURDAY, SEPT. 1. An Easter A GREAT BILL. An Easter A GREAT BILL. An Easter A GREAT BILL. An Easter A GREAT BILL. An Easter A GREAT BILL.

AUCTION SALES TODAY. At auction, 152 First st., at 10 A. M. J. T. Wilson, auctioneer. At Central Auction Rooms, 407 Alder and Park Sts. at 10 A. M. Geo. Baker & Co., auctioneers.

DIED. CHASE—In this city, at 6:30 A. M. Sept. 5, 1900. Levi W. Chase, aged 52 years, 27 days. Funeral at 10 A. M. at St. Paul's church. Burial at Greenwood cemetery.

FINLEY, Kimball & Co., Undertakers. Lady assistant. 275 Third St. Tel. 9. F. S. Dunning, Undertaker, 414 East Alder. Lady assistant. Both phones.

NEW TODAY. MORTGAGE LOANS. On improved city real property. R. LIVINGSTON, 226 Stark st. BRICK FOR SALE. Any one wishing to buy brick will do well to see Cooke Bros. Ring up with a "Bygone" at our expense. The Kite Trust. This book is up to date. Buy it! Take it home! The J. K. Gill Co., Third and Alder.