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Entire Business Portion and a Dozen Dwellings Consumed—Fire Apparatus Tamped With Railroad Traffic Obstructed.

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Everything connected with the mammoth lumbering plant is totally destroyed, not a thing but a few ashes and debris now covers the ground where the \$250,000 buildings stood. With them have gone up in smoke nearly 8,000,000 feet of sugar pine lumber, immense quantities of manufactured sashes, doors and box material, the company stores, a dozen dwelling houses, two hotels, four grocery stores, postoffice and meat market, six saloons, two barber shops, two confectionery stores and lively stables—an estimated loss of over half a million dollars—on which there is stated to be only about \$50,000 of insurance.

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On the way up from Portland, at the suggestion of General Secretary Stone, of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association, a "general convention" was organized, with Rev. W. E. Randall, of the Second Church, Portland, chairman, under whose direction a delightful service of song, prayer and speaking was enjoyed, putting the delegates in a proper mood to enter heartily into the opening devotional session of the convention. The convention was conducted by the vice-president of the Ministerial Conference, Rev. M. M. Bledsoe, of Portland. The convention motto is, "The establishment of the kingdom of God," and the introductory sermon by Rev. F. W. Cline, of Salem, was in keeping with the motto on "the coming of God's kingdom." A large audience listened attentively to this highly interesting discourse.

INDEBTEDNESS IS DECREASING.

Showing by the Report of the Washington State Treasurer.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—The biennial report of State Treasurer U. W. Maynard shows that the indebtedness of the State of Washington has been reduced \$121,496.34 in the last two years. This is considered a gratifying showing, which indicates the appropriations made for necessary additions and buildings to the various state institutions and the Capitol annex.

The following is the comparative statement of indebtedness for the close of the two last biennial periods:

Table with columns for Sept. 30, 1920 and Sept. 30, 1922. Rows include General fund, State bonds, State school fund, State interest, State funding bonds, State interest, Actual indebtedness, and Indebtedness reduced.

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ELMA, Wash., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—The Green Star Sawmill Company has decided to discontinue operations at the present location, after examining the cedar timber owned by them near the present site of the mill. They concluded that it has been damaged by the fire that it would not pay to undertake the running of the mill at that point any longer. The company lost \$1500 worth of shingles, besides losing the dry kiln and considerable lumber. The machinery will soon be transferred to a new site.

Allen White, proprietor of White's mill and town, burned in the recent disaster, has taken a six months' logging contract near Elma, and will be busy rebuilding after the rainy season. His mill will not be run again on the old location.

Supreme Court Reassigns Grin Case.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The United States Supreme Court today reassigned the case of Grin v. Grin, for hearing on October 27. Grin is a Russian, who was arrested in San Francisco on the charge of embezzling about \$12,000 in Russia. He has sought to resist extradition by invoking the writ of habeas corpus, and he brings the case here on an appeal from a decision from the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of California denying his petition for a writ.

Bird Case Before Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The first case argued in the Supreme Court of the United States in the October term was that of Homer Bird, accused of murder in Alaska,