

MICE START BIG FIRE

Sherlock Building Was Badly Damaged Yesterday.

FIREMEN RESCUE DAZED MAN

Blaze Eats Its Way Into Many Rooms and Is Subdued Only After Perilous Fight of Five Hours' Duration.

Mice nibbling at matches accidentally left among waste paper in the janitor's room started a fire at the Sherlock building...

Thought It Was Burglars

At the same time he heard the sound caused by the breaking of window glass in different parts of the building...

MAHOMET AND MOUNTAIN

Portland Basket-Ball Team Considered Going to Seattle.

The All-Star basket-ball team of the Y. M. C. A. is still trying to arrange a game with the much-vaunted team of the Seattle Association.

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PLACES FOR CLERKS

Legislature Will Need Much Clerical Assistance.

TO OBSERVE KUYKENDALL LAW

Compensation Varies from \$5 to \$3 Per Day, and the Hours of Labor Must Not Exceed Eight Out of Twenty-Four.

At the organization of the Legislature two weeks from today there will be quite a crowd of young men and women around the Capitol seeking employment as Legislative clerks.

Under Supervision of Chief Clerk.

The expert stenographers and committee clerks shall be under the supervision of the chief clerk, to be assigned by him to duty on such committees as may make application to him for clerks.

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CITY'S GREAT FUTURE.

Influential Scotchman Praises Portland's Progress.

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Great Annual

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Advertisement for The John Barrett Co., established 1868, featuring 'We will announce on this page tomorrow (Tuesday) morning a magnificent lot of surprises in store news.'

6th & Alder Sts., Portland, Or.

SAYS HE IS NOT THE MAN

EUGENE COWLES SUFFERS FROM CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Famous Basso Is Accused by San Francisco Newspaper of Some-what Sensational Career.

The newspapers of San Francisco are publishing stories about Eugene Cowles, the big singer who appeared to such good advantage here Saturday night, that have caused that gentleman more astonishment than he ever experienced before.

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LOW EXCURSION RATE.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company has named a very low excursion rate to Kansas City and return on account of the National Livestock Association meeting to be held in that city in January.

Business Items.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth, Be sure and use that old and well-remembered Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children's teething.

Going to Memphis?

Before starting call up O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington, and learn about the new tourist car service via Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis, City ticket office, Third and Washington.