

THREE BUCKS BURN

Loss at Bakersfield Will Reach a Quarter Million.

TWO DEAD AND ONE INJURED

Drunken Bricklayer Starts Blaze in Fire-Engine House and Charred Body is Found After Great Damage is Done.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Sept. 7.—Three entire blocks of the city have been destroyed by fire, two men killed and a third may not recover, and the property loss will probably reach \$250,000.

The fire started at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the engine-house of the Bakersfield Fire Department. William Saver, a bricklayer, entered the place in an intoxicated condition and lay down to sleep. It is possible that he was smoking and started the fire from his cigar. His charred remains were recovered after the fire.

It burned like tinder. The engine-house was surrounded on all sides by frame shacks and in a short time all these were ablaze. The flames spread north and south on K to Twentieth and Nineteenth streets. An extra supply of hose was obtained from Kern and assistance called for from Fresno.

The electric power was shut off and the water supply gave out almost entirely for lack of power for the engines. With their single engine the firemen did their best, but their efforts were unavailing. In a few minutes the entire row of brick buildings on Nineteenth street were ablaze, including the fine three-story Midland block.

Leaping across Twentieth street the flames seized two brick buildings and from there started a row of frame buildings, all of which were totally destroyed. The heat was terrific and the flames quickly reached the Windsor House, just across K street from the fire department. This was a frame building, and from it the fire spread to Rich's opera-house, a brick building. Both these were totally destroyed.

See Fong, a Chinaman, who entered one of the buildings to rescue property, was overcome by smoke and suffocated. Edward Baldwin, a musician, who was lying in the Midland lodging-house, jumped from the second story and will probably die.

HOPKICKING AND STATE FAIR.

Big Fall Events that Rouse Interest in Yakima.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Yakima is now going into the throes of the hopkicking season and this year will be no exception. More than the fever of the State Fair is upon the country. Hopkicking always attracts thousands of people from outside points. At present it is estimated that over 2000 people will be present in the city for distribution among the big hopfields. In another week 2000 more will have been received and distributed throughout the country. This event is of as great importance to the valley as that of the State Fair.

The State Fair will open on Monday, September 25 and close on Saturday, October 1. The management has made special pains in getting attractions that will interest and entertain the visitors. All the features of amusement will be first class, including the balloon performers.

There will be two important excursions to the city this year during the week of the fair. The first will be from Spokane under the auspices of the Board of Trade of that city. A low round-trip rate has been secured and 200 of the business men will come to this place, making a three-day trip on the occasion. The City of North Yakima will make special arrangements to entertain them. They will be given a banquet in the Commercial Clubrooms and probably a dance in the evening, besides the privileges of the grounds at the fair.

The Portland Board of Trade will also run an excursion to this point. They will be similarly entertained during their stay in the city.

BEFORE EQUALIZATION BOARD

Quartet of Counties Make Their Wants Known.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The State Board of Equalization listened to representatives from Pacific, Pierce, Chelan and Mason counties today. Pacific County was represented by County Auditor A. P. Leonard, Pierce County by County Auditor J. H. Davis and Assessor Edward Meath, Chelan County by Assessor F. R. Archer, County Commissioner G. L. Davis and N. Mills and by A. S. Hodgdon; Mason County by Assessor F. C. Willey and County Commissioner F. W. Daniel and W. S. Taylor.

All the counties asked to have their lands and improvements classified the same as last year, and none had any request to make regarding railroad valuations. Pierce County asks a reduction on a large acreage of prairie lands in the southern part of the county, and Chelan County called attention to 80,000 acres of logged-off lands equalized by the county at \$1 per acre and representing one-tenth of the acreage in the county. The representatives from Chelan County pledged their county as willing to bear its proportion in any increase in the general valuations of property throughout the state necessary to raise the proper amount of state funds. Action on the requests of the several counties will be taken after the schedule of hearings of all counties and railroads is completed.

HARMONY MARKED THE SESSION

Lewis County Republicans Quickly Agree on a Ticket.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The Republicans met in County Convention here today to nominate a full county and legislative ticket. The platform adopted by the convention strongly commended the National Administration, and pledged the strongest confidence in President Roosevelt. Roosevelt and his cabinet were named as the head of National affairs. It also pledged its hearty support to the state ticket and platform and to Mr. Mead, and also to the county administration. There was no friction in the party, such as marked the convention two years ago, and in a large majority of the cases the votes were unanimous. George E. Rhodes was elected chairman and Dan W. Bush secretary. A lively tilt was had on the question of whether the Commissioners should be nominated by district or at large, and it was decided to elect them by district.

For Senator, J. A. Veness, of Winlock, was nominated on the third ballot. For Representatives, George E. Miller, George McCoy and J. A. Ush were nominated. S. E. Grimm was nominated for Treasurer; H. W. Urquhart for Sheriff; E. E. Bennett for School Superintendent; G. W. Granger for Assessor; W. Swafford for County Clerk; J. R. Buxton for County Attorney; Joel Storm for

ADJUTOR, DR. HARDIN, CORONER, AND H. H. TILLEY AND C. YOUNG FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

PUGET SOUND CONFERENCE.

Montesano Entertains Clergy and Laity of the Methodist Church.

MONTESEANO, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The organization of the Puget Sound Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for its 21st session was completed this forenoon, and the committee have been busy at work ever since the statistical session this afternoon. The regular conference missionary sermon was preached by J. W. Satterthwaite, and evangelistic services conducted by Rev. W. B. McMillen this afternoon.

This evening, after the praise service, which was conducted by Rev. John Lewtas, at present stationed at Elma, the bishop of Japan, Rev. M. C. Harris, delivered a lecture on the foreign missionary work. The noted work which the bishop has done in the missionary field is so well known here that it is a pity the meeting was not arranged at the opera-house as many were not able to hear his lecture on account of lack of room. The committee in charge of the entertainment of the visitors have had greater success in arranging for their entertainment than it was anticipated they would have and many have expressed the same sentiment as that spoken by Mrs. James Clulow, wife of the pastor, one of the Tacoma churches, who favors meeting in small cities on account of the good done. The great heat experienced here today has been the only drawback so far. The extreme dryness is very depressing.

POPS HAVE NO STATE TICKET.

Played With by Committees of the Rival Big Parties.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—A handful of Populists caused trouble for both the Republican and Democratic State Committees, and both organizations were kept busy for several days. The curious result is more a Republican than a Democratic victory, though Populist leaders who had agreed with the Democrats to present the nomination of a state ticket kept that part of their bargain with the assistance of Ben Briery's delegation of Democrats.

Republican politicians attempted to force the nomination of a state ticket, which would draw Populist votes from Turner. With that end in view, overtures were made to "Farmer" J. H. Todd, a picture-maker, about noon, asking him to run for Governor. Todd claims his son, Judson F. Todd, Republican, was to be made Fish Commissioner if the plan carried. Todd did not join the scheme.

Todd is working with the Democratic State Committee now and in company with Van R. Pierson, nominee for Land Commissioner, he prevailed upon Edward Clayton, Sr., to prevent the nomination of a state ticket. Democratic campaign funds defrayed the expenses of the meeting.

CARTER IS IN CONTROL.

Montana Republican Convention in Session at Billings.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 7.—The Republican state convention at Billings today got under way about noon, consisting of electing George W. Irvin, of Butte, temporary chairman.

Upon the report of the committee on permanent organization State Senator W. F. Meyer, of Carbon, was elected permanent chairman with Irvin as permanent secretary. No contests developed. The forces led by ex-United States Senator Thomas H. Carter are in control of the convention and the nomination of William Lindsay, of Dawson, for Governor, and Joseph M. Dixon, of Missoula, for Congressman, seems assured.

BILLIOWS ROLL VERY HIGH.

Damage Done Along the Southern Coast of California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 7.—From many points along the southern coast today come reports of damage by great billows, which are rolling in from the sea, occasioned by some peculiar phenomenon, possibly volcanic disturbances, roll ceaselessly against the shore. Word comes that the wharf at Hueneene is doomed to total destruction. At Terminal Island the sea has wrought considerable havoc, and hundreds of men are at work piling up sacks of sand to form breakwaters. Several cottages are inundated. At Long Beach and at Ocean Park the pleasure wharves have been damaged considerably, and no one is permitted to go on them. The heavy sea has been running for several days, but today it is higher than before.

HOTTEST SEPTEMBER DAY.

Thermometer at San Francisco Shows Over 100 Degrees.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 7.—The United States Weather Bureau reports that this was the hottest September day ever in San Francisco. At 7:45 P. M. the thermometer at the observatory station on top of an 11-story building, indicated 102.2 degrees, and the temperature was considerably higher on the streets.

DROWNED WHILE SWIMMING.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Sept. 7.—Frank Rhoner, a Bohemian of Seio, while swimming in the river at the Church Hill place, five miles south of Independence, was killed in a swift current. Another Bohemian was nearly drowned, but was saved by a pole thrown out by another swimmer. Rhoner was about 50 years old, had a good reputation. A daughter, Mrs. Schuller, lived with him. The body has not been found.

CARPENTER STRICKEN AT PENDLETON.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 7.—Carpenter work on two Pendleton business buildings in process of construction has been suspended by the action of five carpenters, who refused to work. The men belong to the union, and walked out because the contractors, Boothby & Hale, refused to discharge a nonunion man. The contractors are hunting for nonunion carpenters, and declare they will erect the buildings in spite of the labor organization.

Water is Getting Scarce.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The long spell of dry weather has brought almost a water famine in the city. Residents on high ground have been without water from city mains for weeks, and the mills will have to shorten their running hours if rain does not soon come.

DIES OF HER WOUNDS

Inquest Over Mrs. L. B. Jones Held at Oregon City.

PREMEDITATION OF CRIME

Witnesses Testify That G. W. Lauth Hinted Before the Shooting That He Was About to Be in a "Big Fight."

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lenore B. Jones died at Portland at an early hour this morning and G. W. Lauth, her slayer, will in all probability be formally charged with murder in the first degree by the coroner's jury, which will conclude its investigation tomorrow morning. The remains of the dead woman



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were brought to this city this afternoon, when Coroner Holman impaneled a coroner's jury and proceeded with an inquest. Testimony was offered by Policemen Noblett and J. M. Wood, the woman's father, who told of seeing Lauth come to his house on the morning of the shooting. He said that Lauth went into the bedroom and was joined within a few minutes by Mrs. Jones, who was at work in the kitchen when he heard some loud talking, followed by four pistol shots. Rushing from the house he collided with Lauth, who surrendered himself and accompanied the witness down town, where he was delivered to the authorities.

MADE A SMALL HAUL.

Nervous Idaho Robber Overlooks Large Sum of Money.

WEISER, Idaho, Sept. 7.—(Special.)—A daring hold-up was perpetrated at Weiser, about 60 miles from here, early this morning. About 1 o'clock a man entered the saloon at the Overland Hotel and at the point of a revolver compelled the bartender and another man to hold up their hands while he went through the money drawer of the bar table. He got two sacks, containing \$500 in paper and currency, but overlooked a note, containing \$500 in gold, which was in the same drawer.

Intimation of Coming Crime.

Charles Wright, a local barber, whose shop Lauth visited just before the shooting, gave important testimony showing that the shooting was not without premeditation on the part of Lauth. The witness stated that he had seen Lauth at the shooting, Lauth stopped at his Main-street barber shop for a shave, while Lauth was waiting his turn, the recent fight between "Battling" Nelson and Herrera was discussed. After he had been shaved and while he was adjusting his collar, Lauth remarked:

"Well, boys, this is probably the last time you will shave me." He was asked if he expected to leave the city and responded negatively, and in explanation of the original statement, continued:

"No, but there is going to be a big fight pulled off at 10 o'clock this morning."

One of the curious auditors ventured to ask if the expected contest would be of a pugilist nature. To this Lauth replied: "No, it is a personal fight and if you will listen you will hear."

With these significant words he left the barber shop and within an hour had done the shooting and was lodged in the County Jail.

Monday night Lauth played poker in a local saloon the greater part of the night and when he separated from the other players, said:

"Boys, this is the last night I will play with you."

Dr. J. M. Norris and Lowe this afternoon held an autopsy and will give testimony as to the nature of the wounds he bore the coroner's jury, which has been adjourned until 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. It happened at my father's house at Purdon, A. B. Moore, W. H. H. Sams, John Younger, J. L. Tutts and A. M. Frost.

Weeps With Woman's Father.

Lauth continues remarkably cool and collected. His extreme nervousness of yesterday has disappeared and the announcement of the death of his victim this morning apparently did not affect him greatly. J. M. Woods, father of the dead woman, visited the murderer at the County Jail this morning and the interview was the occasion for much weeping on the part of both.

This afternoon Lauth consented to sit for a picture and was photographed in the County Jail.

Mrs. Jones' Ante-Mortem Statement.

Late Tuesday night at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Mrs. Jones made the following ante-mortem statement.

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