

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE AT NIGHT

Grocery, Lodging-House and Livery Stable Suffer From Flames.

ALL HORSES ARE RESCUED

Luckily No Lives Were Lost, Though Several Have Barely Time to Get Out Ahead of the Blaze.

Portland experienced a third disastrous fire within three weeks, when at 9:45 o'clock last night fire broke out in the grocery store of Kertz & Young, 208 Front street, spread rapidly to adjoining buildings and caused a loss estimated at \$14,000 before it could be conquered.

No lives were lost, and no one was injured, but great inconvenience was experienced by roomers in a house above the grocery store, which was quickly enveloped in flames. Only men lived there, and they all got out with most of their belongings. They secured temporary quarters in nearby places.

John Renke, proprietor of the Columbia Stables, lost personal effects and some of his clothing, but retired, and after being awakened, did not have time to secure his shoes, coat, hat or other outer garments. He slipped about in the street in bare feet, until a Good Samaritan was found, who took him in and kept him warm. This was just across the street, and Renke sat and watched the flames devour his property.

Damage Exceeds Insurance.

From what could be learned last night, the damage greatly exceeds the insurance. No one was certain as to the exact origin of the fire, but it was supposed to have started in the rear of the Kertz & Young grocery store. Official investigation will be made today to determine to a certainty.

Many horses, quartered in the two livery stables, were rescued, an every person took a hand and assisted in saving the animals from death in the burning buildings. The building in which the fire started was a two-story frame, recently constructed and of flimsy material. This aided the fire in gaining headway. The lower floor was occupied by the grocery and feed store where the blaze started, and rapidly extended to the upper floor of the lodging-house of Mrs. Pilkington, which was completely ruined. Its contents are a total loss. From this building, which is owned by Attorney Isaac Sweet, the fire extended to the adjoining junk shop of A. Seigle. This building was also ruined. The contents, consisting of rag, old rubber and bundles of trash, materially aided the flames, which rapidly extended to the large feed and boarding stable of A. Renke. This was damaged considerably.

Horses Are All Saved.

When the flames broke out there were 26 horses in Renke's stables, and an equal number in the Western stables, adjoining the grocery, to the south. All of the animals were got out before the flames reached their stalls. In Renke's stable were about 26 vehicles. Only six were saved, for men on hand at the time of the fire concentrated their energies in rescuing the horses. Renke had just put a stock of hay in the stable, and this added greatly to the conflagration. For the flames leaped high in the air and burning wisps of straw were carried by the breeze several blocks, threatening many frame structures. The fire department, under Chief Campbell and the fire department by the crowds of people for the manner in which they handled the blaze. It was one of the hardest in the history of the paid department, owing to the flimsy construction of the buildings and their inflammable contents. In the vicinity of the fire there are many buildings of the ramshackle variety, and here there is a high wind prevailing at the time. It would have been impossible to prevent a much worse blaze.

HE HIRES A UNION CREW

Contractor Tillotson Finds Nonunion Men Work Too Slow.

Contractor J. R. Tillotson, who is erecting the elevated roadway on East Taylor street, between East Water and Union avenue, yesterday morning discharged all his non-union crew and employed a full force of union men on the job. He made this change for the reason that the crew were making altogether too slow progress to suit him, only three rows of piles having been driven in a week's time.

Starts in Middle of Block.

The grocery store in which the flames started is situated in the midst of the block, and the flames ate their way to the upper portion of the building, which was occupied as a lodging-house and there was a wild scramble on the part of the roomers to reach a place of safety.

As the flames broke out at an early hour none of the lodgers had retired, and most of them managed to get their effects to places of safety without much trouble. Had the fire broken out several hours later several lives might have been lost. Only a few of the rooms were occupied. The house has changed ownership several times in the past few months, and the present owner was a recent purchaser.

The damages estimated last evening were: Kertz and Young's grocery, \$3,000; insurance on stock, \$100; Mrs. Pilkington, lodging-house, \$2,000; Isaac Sweet, building, \$1,000; A. Seigle, junk shop and contents, \$600; John Renke stable and contents, \$1,800; J. Weiss and J. Spies, building, \$2,000; insurance, \$200; H. W. Graham and Otto Bencke, horse-shoers, \$30; Western stables, 230 Front street, damage to roof, \$300.

Thousands Watch Fire.

Thousands of people were attracted from all portions of the city, as the red glare could be seen miles distant. A large cordon of police, commanded by Sergeant Hogboom, was necessary to keep back the crowds. Ropes were stretched, and good order maintained.

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Captain W. J. Kennedy, of the San Francisco Fire Department, said: "I never in my life saw a fire handled in a more able manner, and I must say that it is a credit to Portland to have such an efficient department. In San Francisco we have a much better equipped service, but your department is handled in a very able manner, which makes up

for many of the things you lack in up-to-date fire-fighting apparatus. I cannot understand why any of the citizens of Portland should kick against the fire-department. I had the pleasure of attending your fire-boat in action, and once you have a big fire on the waterfront you will learn the capabilities of this craft."

Woman in Patrol Wagon.

As a result of a report made to Captain of Police Moore against Patrol Driver Isaac last night, the latter will today be summoned before Chief Grismacher to explain why several women were in the patrol wagon at the fire. A large number of people discussed the unusual sight while the flames were devouring the structures, but C. L. Groul, who lives in a room on the foot of East Burnside street, went to headquarters, and there made known the fact.

Captain Moore called upon Driver Isaac for an explanation, and the latter stated that the women got into the wagon without his knowledge; that as soon as he became aware that they were there he ordered the motor, and they complied without hesitation. They were unknown to him.

It is strictly against the discipline of the department for any person not connected with police business to ride or sit in the patrol wagons, and it is especially humiliating, it is said, for women to climb in and cause discussion at a big gathering.

RAID A CHINESE LOTTERY

SECURE PARAPHERNALIA AND MAKE ARRESTS.

Place Is Conducted by Charlie Law and Is Patronized by Colored Men.

Policemen Evans and Maloney arrested Charlie Law, a Chinese, Sam Tribbs and D. J. Brown, colored, at St. Helier Colback, a white man, in a raid on a Chinese lottery at 94 Gilsan street last evening. This place has been watched by the police for several weeks, but owing to the secrecy in which it was conducted, it was not until yesterday that the officers were able to secure enough evidence to make a raid. The joint is located just off Seventh on Gilsan street, and has several entrances, the principal mode of approach being through an alley in the rear of the building. Charlie Law, the proprietor of the place, is said to be one of the most flagrant violators of the lottery ordinance in the city, and the arrest of himself and the patrons of his establishment is a source of great satisfaction to the authorities.

Captain Moore detailed Patrolmen Evans and Maloney on the case, for the wiley proprietor is familiar with the detective force, and whenever any of them move in sight he would close up shop immediately, or at least every evidence of a lottery joint would disappear. Law was caught unawares last evening by these officers who were in plain clothes and gained entrance to the place, making the arrests before the gamblers could hide their paraphernalia, which was seized and taken to the station as evidence against the prisoners. This lottery was patronized almost exclusively by colored men. The two men of that race arrested claimed to be railway porters and were released on \$5 bail each. The proprietor was held at the station owing to his inability to furnish bondsmen.

ITS CONTRACTS ARE LET

Women of Woodcraft Building Bids Aggregate Nearly \$40,000.

Contracts for the Women of Woodcraft building have been let at the East Side quarters of Chief Clerk Wright as follows: Carpentry work to E. A. Lynd; masonry to H. Reimer; cut stone to Heppner Bros. & Tenino Stone Company; plastering, W. E. Steese Construction Company; plumbing, Fox & Co.; painting, Martin Sattler; structural iron work, Pacific Iron Works; sheet metal work, Northwest Cornc & Roofing Company; electric wiring, Pacific Electric Company; heating, Gardner & Kendall Heating Company; elevators, The Otis Elevator Company.

These contracts aggregate \$38,721. The bid for the building was readmitted, E. W. Hendricks is the architect for the building. The structure will be a three-story brick of handsome design.

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NEW "POTTER" SCHEDULE.

Additional Trips to the Beach Arranged for Popular Steamer. The T. J. Potter leaves Ash-street dock for Astoria and North Long Beach points as follows: Tuesday, August 23, 1:30 P. M.; Wednesday, August 24, 1:30 P. M.; Thursday, August 25, 1:30 P. M.; Friday, August 26, 1:30 P. M.; Saturday, September 2, 10 A. M.; Particulars and O. R. & N. Summer book at City Ticket Office, Third and Washington streets, Portland.

Merchandise Purchased on Credit Today, Tomorrow, Thursday Will Go on September Acct.

The Meier & Frank Store

Portland's Largest and Best Store

Portable Gas and Electric Lamps—Beautiful New Styles at Very Reasonable Prices
Artistic Picture Framing to Your Order—Entire Line of New Mouldings—Second Floor
Custom Shade and Drapery Work Our Specialty—Lowest Prices—Best Workmanship

The New "Butterfly" Skirt



Has taken the town by storm—The latest Paris idea is the "Butterfly" Skirt—Stylish and serviceable, it is destined to become even more popular than the shir-top accordion pleated skirt of the past season—An original creation of the "Quality" skirt-makers—They are on sale in Portland at this store only—"Butterfly" skirts are for women and misses, made with three flounces, sunburst effect voiles, Panamas, and broadcloths, all colors, splendidly tailored; must be seen on the figure to be appreciated—Prices from \$6.50 to \$12

Magnificent showing of new Tailored Skirts in circular and 11 to 21 gore styles—Mannish mixtures, broadcloths, Panamas, serges and cravenettes in all the leading shades—The largest collection in the city to choose from—All grades from \$6.50 to \$18.50 each

Renaissance Lace Curtains \$1.89

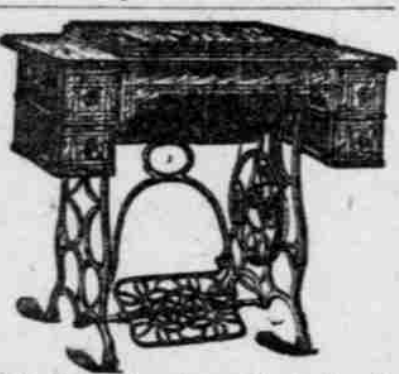
500 pairs of new Renaissance Lace Curtains: narrow inserting and edges: white or Arabian color; very best patterns: 45 inches wide by 7 1/2 yards long; regular \$12.50 values, for low price of, pair..... \$1.89
Figured Swiss Curtains, with plain ruffles, 3 yards long by 36 inches wide; best \$1.99 values, at, pair..... 78c
Scotch Madras, dark blue and green ground, floral and Oriental designs, 45 inches wide; best \$1.99 value, yard..... 68c
4-Temporary Table Covers, two-tone red and green, fringed all around; best patterns; regular \$1.85 value, on sale for this exceptionally low price..... \$1.15

GREAT SALE OF Axminster Rugs

Handsome Axminster Rugs, Oriental and floral patterns in great assortment; size 2x6 1/2 inches; grandest rug value for the money..... \$1.87
Axminster Rugs, 3x6 1/2 inches, Oriental and floral designs in great variety; best \$4.50 values, on sale for this low price..... \$3.47

\$26.50 "Willamette" \$19.49 Each

Another lot of 50 of our best model "Willamette" Sewing machines to be sold this week at a remarkably low price—Just think of buying a high-grade Sewing Machine, the superior of any advertised machine on the market, at less than half "agency" prices—This "Willamette" we offer has drop head, automatic lift, full ball bearing, best head, easy running, handsome piano finish woodwork and complete set of the most modern attachments—10 years' guarantee—A machine worth \$60.00, on sale at the special low price of..... \$19.49



Art Department Specials, 2d Floor

Lawn Bureau Scarfs with Dollies to match; regular 25c values on sale at this exceptionally low price..... 17c
Mount Hood Pillow Tops of printed art ticking; regular 75c values to be closed out at this very low price, each..... 49c
Special assortment of fancy Pillow Tops, front and back, plain stamped and tinted effects; regular 25c and 35c values..... 19c
New Mexican Hand Drawn Work; new ideas in Pillow Tops; new nautical Linens, new Scarfs, Center Pieces and Dollies..... Second Floor.

Neck Ruching

New Neck Ruchings, in chiffon, mousseline de soie, crepe and lace effects. All the new styles in big variety and full assortment of colors. Sir Walter Raleigh Ruchings in new effects and at all prices.

All Parasols at Half Price

Our entire stock of Parasols for your choosing at half regular prices—Best display in the city. Silks, Chiffons, Pongees and Novelties in all the most desirable styles, values range from \$2.25 up to \$20.00—Not one Parasol in reserve—Unrestricted choice from the entire stock—Sale continues all the week—Main Floor.

More \$1.75 Waists 98c Ea.

Another great new lot of \$1.75 Shirtwaists on sale today at 98c each—White lawns, white and black polka dots in lawns and ginghams, trimmed with lace, embroidery and tucks—White and colored waists in great assortment, all sizes, best lot of season at the low price of 98c

All White Skirts Reduced

All White Suits and Dresses at Half Our Regular Prices
All Our Colored Wash Suits and Skirts Way Below Cost
Bargains in Silk Shirtwaist Suits, All Grades
Great Bargains in Silk Waists, Best Styles, and All Grades
Cleaning Up Misses' and Children's Apparel at Low Prices

Jewelry Specials

Fancy mounted Comb Sets, back and side combs in shell, gold mountings, set..... \$1.33
Nickel case stem-wind and stem-wind Watches, guaranteed, special at..... 98c
"Crosses," gold filled, with fancy stone settings..... \$1.29
Gold filled Purses and Handbags, beautiful new things in all sizes and patterns, at these low prices..... 75c to \$15.00
Cuff Links, silver and gold filled, best styles, special..... 19c
Sterling Silver Trimbles..... 19c
Enameled Souvenir Pins at these low prices..... 15c, 25c

Souvenirs

Souvenir Spoons, 25c to \$3.50
Headquarters for Portland, Oregon and Lewis and Clark Souvenirs. Every new, pretty idea is included. View books in many styles.

Portland's Leading Cloak Store

We have outstripped all previous efforts in the gathering of new ready-to-wear apparel for women, misses and children—Not alone have we collected matchless styles and assortments but the values are far ahead of what you can buy for equal money anywhere about town—in all lines, coats, suits, cravenettes, skirts, waists, etc., we have variety large enough to please the most fastidious—Fashions, materials and make the latest and best—If you want satisfactory ready-to-wear garments come to the Leading Cloak and Suit Store in the Northwest—Second Floor



The new Suits in Redingote, tight-fitting, Eton and jacket styles, medium and long lengths in Broadcloth, Tweeds, Coverts and mannish mixtures; green, red, gray, Bordeaux, tan, plum, back and navy; beautifully tailored garments from the leading makers in the country; \$100.00 prices range from \$16.50 to..... \$100.00
The new Coats in three-quarter lengths; Coverts, Tweeds, Cheviots and Broadcloths; tight-fitting, half-fitting and box styles; very handsome variety in plain tailored and trimmed effects; every garment unusually reasonably priced, \$8.50 to..... \$45.00
New Raincoats in the very latest styles; all grades.
New Walking Skirts, New Dress Skirts, New Coats for Misses and Children. New Waists, new Petticoats, etc. Second Floor.

Specials in Trunks and Bags

32-inch canvas-covered Trunk, covered top tray, heavy corners, two leather straps; a Trunk that will stand hard \$5.25 service; regular \$6.25 value, for this low price..... \$5.25
34-inch heavy canvas-covered waterproof painted Trunk; gem corners, steel angle-iron top and bottom, Excelsior lock, deep set-up and skeleton trays, full cloth lined; regular \$12.25 models, at a saving you'll appreciate..... \$10.75
36-inch leather-bound Trunk, water-proof painted, brass plated clamps, hardwood strips, best lock, full cloth-lined, skeleton tray and deep top tray, two leather straps, regular \$17.00 value, on sale for..... \$14.49
13-inch genuine Alligator Club Bag, leather lined, Vienna handles, brass trimmings, reg. \$4.50 value..... \$3.65
16-inch cloth covered Suit Cases, \$1.75 values for, each..... \$1.25
Rattan Suit Cases, \$1.75 values, \$1.25; \$2.75 values, \$2.25; \$3.75 values..... \$3.00
Steamer Trunks, Skirt Trunks, Hat Trunks, etc. Third Floor.

Indian Blankets

\$3.19 Each
In the Blanket store, Third Floor, we place on sale another great lot of Pendleton Indian Blankets, suitable for steamer rugs, couch covers, bath robes, etc., 20 patterns, new colorings and designs; great special at only..... \$3.19
Genuine "Navajo" Rugs, magnificent specimens in various sizes; our prices about one-half what you are asked to pay at curio stores. Third Floor.

French Lingerie at Special Prices

Our entire stock of hand-made, hand-embroidered French Lingerie is on sale at unusually low prices—Magnificent styles in gowns, skirts, chemise and drawers—Many of the handsomest pieces we have ever shown—The great manufacturers' sale of domestic muslin underwear continues to offer splendid bargains in all styles and grades—If you have muslin underwear needs this is your opportunity—2d Floor

French hand made laundered Chemise: beautiful pieces at low prices: \$2.50 Chemise \$2.75 \$4.00 Chemise \$3.00 \$5.00 Chemise \$3.75 \$5.99 Chemise \$4.48
French Hand-Made Drawers \$1.75 Drawers \$1.33 \$2.50 Drawers \$1.08 \$3.00 Drawers \$2.33 \$3.60 Drawers \$2.85 \$4.00 Drawers \$3.00 \$5.00 Drawers \$3.99 \$5.93 Drawers \$4.35 \$5.50 Drawers \$4.85
Hand-Made Skirts
In magnificent styles great values: \$2.00 Skirts, \$4.50 \$5.00 Skirts, \$6.00 \$10.00 Skirts, \$7.35 \$12.00 Skirts, \$8.00 \$18.35 Skirts, \$13.75 \$22.50 Skirts, \$16.00 \$25.00 Skirts, \$19.75 \$35.00 Skirts, \$27.00 \$45.00 Skirts, \$35.00 \$50.00 Skirts, \$38.75

French Gowns of the finest quality, hand made and hand embroidered; high, round and square neck; long and short sleeves; pretty styles: \$6.00 values, \$3.08 \$7.00 values, \$4.38 \$7.50 values, \$5.63 \$9.00 values, \$6.48 \$10.00 values, \$7.48 \$11.00 values, \$7.08 \$12.00 Gowns, \$8.00 \$12.50 Gowns, \$8.25 \$13.50 Gowns, \$10.15 \$14.00 Gowns, \$10.75 \$16.00 Gowns, \$12.75 \$16.50 Gowns, \$13.25 \$22.00 Gowns, \$17.00 \$25.76 Gowns, \$19.00
Unlaundered French Gowns, high or low neck; regular \$5.00 and \$5.00 values on sale for..... \$3.75



Dinner Set and Cut Glass Bargains in the Basement

The big Basement Store advertises for this week very special values in high-grade Dinner Sets, Cut Glass, Silverware and Bric-a-brac, useful and ornamental articles at prices that mean a saving of a third or more—Every housewife should read this carefully

4-piece silver plated Tea Sets, \$12.50 val \$9.96
4-pc. silver plated Coffee Sets, \$17.50 val \$14.17
Child's Mugs, assorted shapes and sizes, ea. 78c
Silver plated Butter Dishes, \$3.50 vals, ea. \$2.79
Silver pl'd Nut Bowls, French gray finish, \$4.13
Silver plated Bread Trays, \$5.50 values, \$4.56
Bronze Candlesticks, 6 inches high, \$1.00 values, .78c
Nickel Chafing Dishes, best burner, \$9.50 values, \$7.87
CLOISONNE WARE HALF PRICE
Our entire stock of Cloisonne Ware on sale all this week at one-half regular prices.
60-piece Haviland China Dinner Set, purple and green decoration, regular \$33.50 set, on sale \$28.61
for the exceptionally low price of..... \$28.61
\$47.00 100-piece Set, same as above..... \$39.42
100-piece German Dinner Set, \$24.75 value..... \$17.95
100-piece German Dinner Set, 4 designs..... \$11.95
Cut glass Nappies with or without handles \$1.42
Cut glass Jelly or Bon-Bon Dishes, \$3 val. \$2.38
Cut glass Olive or Pickle Dishes, \$5 value, \$4.25
Cut glass Flower Vases, 8-inch, \$3 value, \$2.39
Cut glass Bowls, 8-inch, pretty cut, \$5 val. \$3.98
Cut glass Water Bottles, \$7.50 values..... \$5.98
60-piece Haviland China Dinner Set, blue forget-me-nots, decorated with gold edge; very neat; \$32.50 value for this low price..... \$21.60
\$48.00 100-piece Set, same as above..... \$37.50
Extra special in a 100-piece Haviland China Dinner Set, pink decorations; extraordinary value at this low price..... \$21.50
60-piece German China Dinner Set, pink morning glory decoration, gold on knobs and handles; regular \$17.50 value, for..... \$13.95
100-piece Set, same as above, for..... \$18.65