

SPECTACULAR FIRE IN HOTEL BERG

Thousands Gather to Watch the Firemen Fight the Flames.

INMATES ARE ALL RESCUED

School Children Returning From Their Studies Flock About the Burning Structure, but Are Kept Back by Police.

Thousands of people, among them hundreds of children returning from school, witnessed one of the most spectacular fires of recent months at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the Hotel Berg, at Thirteenth and Alder streets, was damaged to the extent of \$500,000 and every inmate driven forth into the open air to escape death by the flames and stifling smoke.

Flames Burst From Fourth Story. Firemen reached the scene when the flames were bursting from all sides of the fourth story, and ladders were quickly placed in position and lines of chemicals and water were soon playing on the fire with telling effect.

When the fire was at its height, those who were lighting it high above the pavements were loudly cheered by the throngs below. Long tongues of flame and black clouds of smoke leaped and curled from every window, and within was a veritable fiery furnace. It became necessary to turn on great quantities of water, and within less than an hour the battle was won and much of the structure saved.

Owing to the fact that many thefts have been reported recently during fire, many detectives were rushed to the scene from police stations, and took up positions inside the hotel to guard what property was left and to make sure every one was out of the building. No thefts were reported from the scene.

Shortly after the arrival of the firemen, an alarm was turned in from a box at Twelfth and Couch streets, and some apparatus was taken away for a short time to answer. In the excitement that prevailed, some one had pulled the box for the hotel fire, thus causing some confusion.

A strong cordon of police, under command of Sergeant Hogeboom, was required to keep back the crowds that gathered to witness the fire.

The hotel was formerly the Vendome, but was recently taken in charge by J. P. Berg & Sons. They estimated their loss at about \$500,000, possibly a little more. It is partially insured.

The fire was largely confined to the fourth story, but the damage to the lower floors by water was extensive. The origin is unknown.

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In the tent on Willamette Heights, hospital utensils, towels, clothing, silverware, blankets and other articles were found. Hosler used the tent only at odd times, and seldom stopped there himself. The superintendent of the hospital identified all the goods recovered as belonging to the institution, but there are many things missing which are still to be recovered.

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KILLS HIMSELF BY GAS

Despondent Merchant Ends Life After Being Robbed.

After being robbed in a Pullman coach on an O. R. & N. train from Pomeroy, Wash., N. Willoughby, a merchant, rented a room at 421 Sixth street and committed suicide by gas asphyxiation, yesterday morning. Willoughby, before his death, did not say how much money had been taken from him, nor did he leave a note giving a reason for ending his life. Willoughby arrived in Portland Thursday night, and was taken to a room by a hotel runner. He was without baggage. At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a strong odor of gas was noticed coming from his room, and as the man had not been seen since morning, the door was broken open. Willoughby was found lying on the bed dead. Life had apparently been extinct for many hours. A little money was found on his body, and a card bearing his name and address at Pomeroy. The windows had been tightly barred, and the

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OWN TRACKS TO PORTLAND

New Corporation Will Connect Nehalem and Tillamook Section With Outside World at Three Different Points.

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