

SPECTACULAR FIRE DRAWS BIG CROWD

Row of Frame Structures at Third and Ankeny Streets Quickly Destroyed.

SMALL INSURANCE CARRIED

Loss About \$12,000—Jefferson Street Car Collides With Truck and Puts It Out of Commission—Firemen Are Unhurt.

A spectacular blaze which attracted thousands of people practically destroyed the frame buildings on the quarter-block at the northeast corner of Third and Ankeny streets at 6:30 o'clock last night and entailed a loss to several small merchants of about \$12,000. Little insurance was carried.

The origin of the fire is unknown, although the blaze is said to have started in the rear of a lodging-house conducted by Mrs. M. L. Druby at 23 1/2 Ankeny street, and within a few minutes after the flames were seen the entire upper and portions of the two-story frame buildings were wrapped in flames. Several narrow escapes from the conflagration were recorded, and there were no deaths as due to the prompt action of Patrolmen Pat Maloney, Phillips, Harms and Wanless, who roused the occupants from their rooms and warned them to flee before they were cut off.

The fire department responded promptly to the alarm and soon had streams playing on the flames. It is due to the excellent work of the department that adjoining buildings, mostly inflammable structures like those consumed, were saved.

Streetcar Traffic Held Up.

Detective Price saw the fire break out and turned in an alarm from box 12 at Third and Washington streets, while Patrolman Wanless turned in the call from box 12, at Third and Davis streets. With the arrival of the fire apparatus a suspension of streetcar traffic on Third street, which was tied up for fully an hour while the department was engaged in fighting the conflagration, Captains Moore and Slover, of the Police Department, were on hand with 20 policemen, and the surging crowd of several thousand was kept back by ropes.

While responding to the alarm Truck No. 3, of the Fire Department, was run off by streetcar No. 4, of the Jefferson street division, at the intersection of Fifth and Everett streets, and while not getting damaged was prevented from getting to the scene of the fire. The accident came near being a repetition of the accident to Truck No. 1 at Third and Couch streets about one year ago, when several firemen were severely injured and the big truck put out of commission to such an extent that repairs have not yet been completed. The only damage to Truck No. 3 last night was the breaking of the tongue. One of the horses was slightly skinned and bruised. Captain Elliot and Driver Hutes had remarkable escapes from serious injury. If not for the death of the forward part of the truck was jammed between two cars. The south-bound Jefferson car smashed the big apparatus into the front end of a north-bound Fifth street car, which stopped in the middle of the crossing.

This was the fourth collision between streetcars and fire apparatus in the last year, and the firemen are rightly indignant over what they declare is carelessness of car crews.

Little Insurance to Cover Losses.

The scene of the fire was a row of ramshackle frame buildings fronting on both Third and Ankeny streets and owned by the Wiley estate. The structures were among the oldest in the city and have been familiar landmarks for years. As they were practically destroyed, it is doubtful whether an attempt to rebuild them will be successful, for they were within the fire limits.

The firms suffering by the fire are as follows: The Glendora Wine company, Joe Glickman, proprietor, loss smoke and water about \$2000; Little Insurance; Wah Hong, 8 North Third, damage to fallorin stock, printing and other goods, \$2,000; second-hand clothing, 4 North Third street, \$1500; Mrs. Druby, restaurant and lodging-house, 23 Ankeny street, \$800; Mrs. Wilson, lodging-house at 45 Third street, about \$500. On account of the high rate on these frame structures very little insurance is carried by the occupants.

HOLIDAYS GIVE EXTENSION

Work of Savings Bank Reorganization Will Be Continued.

During the continuance of the bank holiday, it is likely that Receiver Devin will permit the work of reorganizing the closed Oregon Trust & Savings Bank to continue, although it was his intention to wait not longer than today before disposing of the bank's assets, and winding up its affairs. It is probable that the reorganization work will be kept up until Monday at any rate and possibly longer. There is now reasonable hope of reorganization, provided the remaining depositors take advantage of the short time remaining to sign for telephone bonds and bank stock. Officers of the Depositors' Association made very good progress yesterday, securing a number of substantial subscriptions. The time remaining to complete this work is short, however.

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SEE KISER'S NEW STORE.

Scene Photos. 215 Alder street. Eyes fitted to glasses, \$1, at Metzger's.

IF Baby is Cutting Teeth

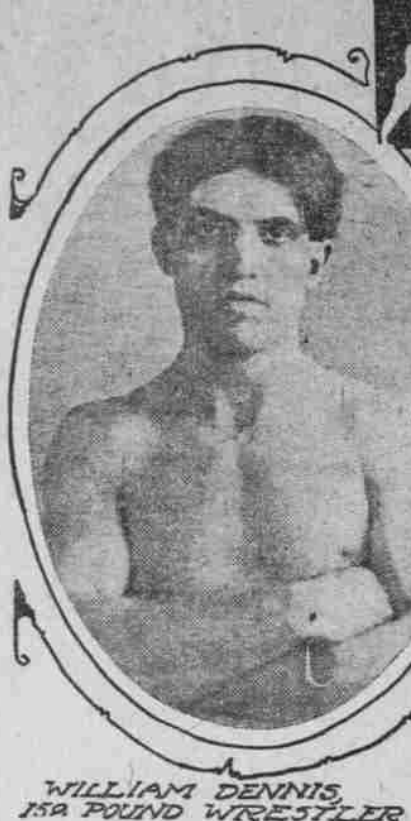
Be sure and use that old well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, cures the gums, relieves pain, cures the bowels, and keeps the child comfortable.

NEW SWITCH ENGINES HERE

Arrive Just One Year After Order Was Placed.

Two new switch engines just received from the shops of the American Locomotive Works, at Schenectady, and valued at \$28,000, have been put into service by the Northern Pacific Terminal Company. These engines were ordered last October,

ATHLETES WHO WILL REPRESENT MULTNOMAH CLUB IN MEET WITH SEATTLE NEXT WEEK



WILLIAM DENNIS, 150 POUND WRESTLER



EDGAR FRANK, 125 POUND WRESTLER



JACK WALSH, 130 LB. BOXER



ED C. JOHNSON, 175 POUND BOXER

The Multnomah Club is preparing to send her best athletes into the coming interclub boxing and wrestling meet with the Seattle Athletic Club, to be held at the local club, Friday night, November 8. Ed Johnson, Jack Walsh, Edgar Frank, Will Dennis and Omar Dranga have been chosen to represent the club in the different events. Johnson is one of the oldest and best boxers in the club. He has been in the amateur ring for the past 19 years and in that time has also won fame as a wrestler. In 1902 Johnson was sent to the Olympic Club in San Francisco to represent the Winged M. in a big inter-club meet, where he fought Sam Berger, then an amateur, but lost. While on the mat, Johnson won a number of contests, and defeated Wiley, Cornell and other crack men at Olympic Club. He is a strong aggressive fighter, willing to take punishment, and always ready to hand out a stiff wallop. He will fight at 175 pounds Friday night. He is at weight now, in first-class condition, and ought to be able to do good work. His opponent will be Sam Peck.

Jack Walsh, who will enter the 158-pound boxing class for the club, is really a 140-pound fighter, but because of the lack of a good man in the 158-pound class, the club has been forced to put Walsh in above his weight. Jack has a good record as a fighter, and has been in the ring for the past four years. He won the Coast championship in his class at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and took the Northwest championship at Spokane last year. He is aggressive, clever, and possesses a good punch. Omar Dranga, in the 130-pound class, is one of the best boxers produced by the local club. He has figured in a number of ring contests and has held the club championship in his class for the past three years. Dranga is not a fighter, but a technician of the Welsh style, being more of a defensive boxer. Edgar Frank, who will enter the 125-pound wrestling class, needs no introduction. He has been on the mat for the past seven years, and last Spring was sent to Newark, N. J., to the National Wrestling Tourney to represent the club. He has won the Northwest and Coast championship in his class several times, and is considered Multnomah's most scientific wrestler. Will Dennis, who enters in the 158-pound class, has also been in the game a number of years. He is a strong man, scientific and an all around wrestler.

COURT SIGNS ORDER

Grants Injunction Asked by the Oregon Lumbermen.

AGAINST RATE INCREASE

Judge Wolverton, of Federal Court, Follows Precedent Set in the Seattle Tribunal—Outsiders Must Intervene.

Recruits Go to Sound.

Eighty sailors, newly enlisted for service on warships now on Puget Sound, passed through Portland last night on their way to their new stations. The men came from San Francisco on Southern Pacific train No. 14, reaching the city at 11:30 last night, and leaving at 11:45 P. M. over the Northern Pacific.

Rate Hearing Postponed.

The hearing to be held by the Oregon Railroad Commission on the complaint of the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce against distributive rates in effect out of Portland, was postponed yesterday and will be held next Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock P. M. in the offices of the transportation committee.

ASKS TO BE SENTENCED

Riley Burden Sent to Federal Prison for Six Months.

IDLE MEN THROING CITY

Stopping of Railroad Construction Work Has Wide Effect.

All over Oregon the work of dismissing crews of workmen on railroad construction went on yesterday and idle men poured into Portland on every train. John Anderson, an employment agent on Burdette street, estimates that there are 3000 idle men in Portland who have been dismissed during the present week and who are eager to work if the chance is offered. Mr. Anderson says no orders for men are coming in with the single exception of the logging camps. He favors a cheap rate to the East for laboring men who have been laid off without employment, for large numbers of laborers came out earlier in the year to engage in railroad work. These men would be glad to get back East but in nearly all cases are short of money and must have cheap rates if they are not to stay in the Pacific Northwest and swell the ranks of the unemployed during the winter.

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COAST STATES CO-OPERATE

MAY DECLARE BANK HOLIDAYS FROM TIME TO TIME.

Portland Financiers Think This Plan Will Tide Over Present Lack of Gold Coin.

That the five-day bank holiday declared last Tuesday by Governor Chamberlain may be continued from day to day, as the situation warrants, is the probable outcome of present unsettled financial conditions. Bankers hold that the three states of the Pacific Coast should act in harmony and that the Government should declare further holidays as occasion may require. That there is need of bank holidays here next week is likely. This will depend, however, upon arrangements now being made for the importation of gold coin from other states.

Improving Streetcar Service.

Additional cars will be put on the Twenty-third street line, and also on the new cars ordered by the company arrive from the East, other city lines will have additions and the consequent improvement of the service. The additional cars for Twenty-third street will be put on during the rush hours, making the service during the morning and evening a five-minute one.

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Charged with perjury in proving up on a homestead near Pendleton, Riley Burden was brought before Judge Wolverton of the Federal Court yesterday, and upon pleading guilty was sentenced to serve six months on McNeil's Island, and to pay a fine of \$250. The charge was lodged against Burden several months ago, and also against two witnesses who assisted him in proving up on the land. He grew weary of waiting for sentence to be pronounced after his plea had been entered, came to Portland yesterday, and after a special effort succeeded in being brought before the court.

STORES WILL ACCEPT CHECKS

Merchants Sign Statement Bearing on Present Situation.

A statement bearing the signature of several of the largest commercial establishments in the city was yesterday given circulation for the purpose of gaining a clearer understanding of the new system of exchange which has been inaugurated. Owing to the fact that it was late in the afternoon before the paper was sent out, the clerk wrote into the papers that the circular is as follows:

We, the undersigned, merchants of Portland, hereby notify our customers and friends that we will accept checks stamped "Payable only through Portland Clearing-House" in payment of bills or accounts in exactly the same manner as though not stamped. We further advise our friends that this system of payment has been adopted generally throughout the United States during the present financial disturbance and results in no inconvenience.

BENEFIT AT THE MARQUAM

Proceeds of Performance Monday to Go to Woman's Exchange.

The annual benefit of the Woman's Exchange will be given at the Marquam Theater Monday night, when "The Nightingale" will be sung by the San Francisco Opera Company. This is one of the principal social events of the year in Portland, owing to the position which the ladies who constitute the membership of the exchange enjoy. Every year the exchange gives a benefit at one of the local theaters, the proceeds going to alleviate the pecuniary embarrassment of deserving women. This year the benefit promises to be one of the most memorable in the history of the organization. There is every indication that there will be a crowded house to greet the performance of "The Nightingale" and all prospects are pleasing.

Uncle Sam Can't Stand Luxury.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The postoffice at Canto is of bygone days, the Government having notified the postmaster, John Karsche, that as he was the only person receiving mail at that office the Government would not pay a mail-carrier to deliver his mail to him, but if he could arrange to hire a carrier for an amount not to exceed three-quarters of the amount of his salary as postmaster, he was authorized to do so. As his salary amounted to \$12 per annum, he immediately resigned.

GILBERT PRESTON GUILTY

Defendant in Idaho Land Trials Admits Conspiracy Charge.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The procuring of a jury for the trial of William Dollar, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government out of title to public land, will begin in the Federal Court Monday morning, Judge Dietrich having set the case for trial at that time. Gilbert Preston, the defendant alleged to have been implicated with Dollar and whom the District Attorney sought to try jointly with him, pleaded guilty this morning, which leaves Dollar for trial alone.

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For \$3.00

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