

ABINGTON BLOCK THESE FLAMES

Blaze Spreads With Fury and Loss in Fire Amounts to \$334,000.

GREAT FIGHT BY FIREMEN

Entire Block Is Threatened for Time and Several Men Have Narrow Escapes — Many Firms Are Affected.

APPROXIMATE FIRE LOSSES.	
Real estate, owners of both buildings, including Van Schuyver Buildings, \$200,000	
Tenants in the Abington building, 20,000	
W. J. Van Schuyver, 15,000	
People's Clothing store, 40,000	
E. S. and M. J. Jacobs, 40,000	
Nicol, the Tailor, F. F.	18,000
Boody, A. A., wholesale	2,000
H. T. Hudson Arms Co., 2,000	
Dr. G. S. Story and William Jones, 2,000	
E. A. Parnes, agent Manhattan Life Insurance Co., 2,000	
Total, \$334,000	

Fire, supposed to have originated as the result of crossed electric wires, started in the upper floor of the five-story Abington building, 106 1/2 Third street, near Washington, early yesterday morning, ruined the building, swept into the Van Schuyver building immediately in the rear, destroyed the upper two stories of that building, damaged the McKay building, for a time endangered the entire block and raged for an hour and a half before firemen finally succeeded in getting it under control.

The fire entailed a loss estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Both the Abington and Van Schuyver buildings were ruined. Fire Chief Campbell estimates the entire loss at \$334,000.

Three Stories Guttered.

On the ground floor of the Abington buildings were the stores of the H. T. Hudson Arms Company; Nicol, the tailor; the People's Clothing store, and S. A. Arata & Co., liquor dealers. All of these stores were seriously damaged.

The fire completely gutted the two upper stories in the Abington building and practically ruined all rooms on the third floor. The second floor and business houses on the ground floor were heavily damaged by the flood of water which poured from above.

Half Million Loss, Says Campbell.

"It is impossible to estimate the loss at this time," said Chief Campbell, "but it may run as high as \$500,000. The Abington building is almost destroyed, while the contents may be a total loss. The Van Schuyver building is not a total loss, though the financial loss will be heavy."

Firemen exerted the greatest efforts and succeeded in preventing the flames from reaching the second floor of liquor in the Van Schuyver building.

Fight Until Ordered Away.

Battalion Chief Young had command of the firemen in Second street. From the Third-street side firemen were sent up into the building by means of the elevator, over the roofs of other buildings and on ladders. Even on the roof of the Abington building they worked until ordered off by the Chief.

Lines had been drawn by cordons of police around the entire block. Men and women who had apartments in various parts of the block reached the ground by fire escapes and ladders, though there were few thrilling escapes, because of the fact that the flames were confined to the two buildings and only three persons were in them.

Light Attracts Large Crowds.

Meanwhile the flames had complete control of the upper stories of the Abington building. Rearing high in the air they threw a lurid light over the city, attracting hundreds of people. Cornices began to fall and portions of the outer wall toppled to the sidewalk. Captain Bailey so arranged his men that they prevented injury to any one in the crowds. However, there were several narrow escapes during the progress of the fire.

Three Have Narrow Escape.

Three men were in the saloon of Arata Bros. on the ground floor as the fire spread. They were John Cordano, ex-Deputy Sheriff, Mr. Arata and S. Jamison. As they stood there a huge piece of pipe, several inches in diameter, came crashing through the wall overhead and fell upon the floor. None of the men was injured, though they abandoned the saloon at once.

Flames Rage Two Hours.

It was 12:30 o'clock when the flames were discovered by Night Watchman E. J. Wilkinson, on his rounds. It was after 2 before firemen had gained control of the flames, though at that hour they were still smoldering and prevented the fire from eating its way into the Concord, Merchants National Bank and Breeden buildings, which are directly contiguous to the Abington building.

Court Forms Great Foe.

In the center of the block is a huge court, surrounded by the buildings, which served as a vast fire for the flames. Heavy iron doors which are usually placed against the various entrances of the Abington building at night, had been removed because of the heat, and win-

dows were also left open. These apertures, with the aid of the big court, were a great aid to the flames which, fanned by the draft from these openings, were soon a roaring furnace in the rear of the Abington building.

Fireboat Gives Good Service.

Chief Campbell took personal charge of the work of fighting the flames. Streams were sent playing upon the burning building from every direction. The fireboat George H. Williams anchored at the foot of Stark street and crews from that vessel did effective work, not only in Second street but even in Third.

Firemen Worked Heroically; Linemen Braved Countless Hidden Dangers from Live Wires and Policemen Held in Check Many Wildly Excited Persons Who Were Attracted by the Spectacular Blaze.

Third street, immediately in front of the Abington building, is a network of electric wires. As the topmost floor began to fall and cornices and portions of the wall began to give way, the wires overhead began to snap. Many pyrotechnic displays were given by overhead wires falling upon trolley wires.

Lineman Does Heroic Work.

William Castleman, a lineman in the employ of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, walked calmly through this mass of snapping, sputtering wires, cutting and removing them, and smoked a pipe. Lives of many persons were endangered by the wires and falling debris, but no one was injured.

It was 12:10 o'clock when Night Watchman Wilkinson entered the Abington building from Third street on his rounds. As he reached the elevator shaft he heard a crackling, roaring noise above and peering up the shaft saw the flames. He immediately gave the alarm, which finally resulted in three alarms, next in importance to a general alarm.

Police Officer Lieser arrived almost simultaneously with the firemen. They entered the building and went up in the elevator, which was still running. On the second floor they found aged William Lord, of the Dalles, who had been sleeping there. He had been aroused by the noise and commotion and was making a hurried exit. Two other persons, janitors, were in the building, but they succeeded in escaping without imminent peril.

Spreads to Second Street.

The flames from the top of the burning Abington soon communicated with the rear of the building on Second street occupied by the firm of Howe, Davis & Kilham, big manufacturers of cigars. W. J. Van Schuyver & Co., wholesale liquor dealers. Both of these buildings are four-story, concrete front structures. The fire was not long in gutting the entire top floor of the Van Schuyver building, which was used as a storeroom for glassware and bulk liquors. Between 500 and 1000 gallons of half and pint flasks were destroyed. The loss to this firm is fully covered by insurance.

The firemen after a desperate battle with chemical hand-grenades, succeeded in checking the progress of the flames in the building occupied by Howe, Davis & Kilham. The loss to this building will be comparatively slight.

The wholesale liquor firm of W. J. Van Schuyver & Co. has occupied its present quarters at 105 Second street for the past 17 years, being the oldest occupant in the block. During that time the firm has never suffered any loss from fire until last night.

Damage to McKay Building \$5000.

Five thousand dollars damage was done to the McKay building. All the rooms facing the court on the north were burned out and damage to the interior of the building by water will be heavy.

Among the tenants in the McKay building, who lost all his records, are Thomas Melereberg, superintendent of building, who lost all his records; A. O. Sherman, tobacco merchant; Washburn & Co., hardware; J. M. Maden, E. T. Davis, J. Whalley, Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson, Deputy City Attorney Grant, Holling & Cochran, civil engineers; Horton & Morton.

H. T. Hudson, of the H. T. Hudson Arms Company, 110 Third street, estimates the loss to his stock of guns, fishing tackle and other line sporting goods at \$100,000, and possibly more.

Dr. George S. Story and Dr. William Jones, who occupied a suite of rooms on the second floor of the McKay building, sustained the loss of a number of valuable medical works in addition to diplomas, certificates and other articles that are impossible of replacement.

Damaged by Falling Roof.

S. A. Arata, who conducts a wholesale and retail liquor store at 104 Third street, is one of the heavy losers by the fire. Most of his loss was caused by water and falling portions of the roof. The collapse of this part of the building resulted in breaking of bottles and demijohns containing liquor as well as breaking the heavy plate mirrors, and practically destroying a number of oil paintings, among which were several which formerly belonged to the late Jack Dempsey. For two of these paintings Mr. Arata was recently offered \$2500, but refused to part with them.

The knowledge of the buildings in that block possessed by Night Watchman Wilkinson and ex-Night Watchman Herrmann aided the firemen in saving considerable of the adjoining property.

The new stock of the People's Clothing Company will be practically a total loss for the store was flooded with water. E. S. and M. J. Jacobs are the proprietors of this establishment. E. S. Jacobs estimated the loss of his firm at \$40,000, fully covered by insurance.

Eleven fire engines pumped water onto the flames and three streams were brought from the river by the fireboat.

It is believed that the fireboat from the freboat did the most effective work in quenching the flames. Three lines of hose of 180 feet each were required to bring the water from the river.

SHOT PLAYING WITH GUN

Boy Receives Ball of 22 Rifle in Breast.

While playing with a 22-caliber rifle in the yard of his home, 118 East Twenty-third street, North, Wednesday afternoon, William Irwin, 12 years old, was shot through the breast and may die. The boy had been shooting at target and neglected to remove cartridges from the gun. Thinking the weapon empty, he was swinging it by the barrel, when the charge exploded, the bullet entering his left breast and passing out his right. After the accident the boy was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital. At the hospital it was said that he had a chance for recovery, but that the wound was serious and might prove fatal.

BALLOON SAILS OVER OHIO

Leo Stevens and Two Companions Make Excursion in Air.

CANTON, O., July 23.—With Leo Stevens, of New York, as pilot and two others as passengers, the Berlin Sky-Pilot made its ascent yesterday. The air was light and the bag came down three miles southeast of here. Later it arose and, going eastward, passed out of sight.

Knight Shoe Co. are giving big reductions on Walkover and Sorosis Oxfords.

PILES PLEDGES WORD TO ANKENY

King County Political Leaders Will Keep Promise Made Four Years Ago.

BIG RALLY IN SEATTLE

Junior Senator Will Work for Re- election of Colleague—Frinck and McGraw Laud Ability of Walla Walla Banker.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 23.—(Special.)—United States Senator S. H. Piles; C. J. Smith, who managed the Piles' Senatorial campaign four years ago; J. M. Frinck, president of the Washington Iron Works, and John H. McGraw, former Governor, delivered speeches at the Moore Theater last night ratifying a deal made in 1904, whereby King County pledged its support for Senator Ankeny's re-election, and all four speakers urged that King County voters sustain the four-year-old agreement.

A big out-of-town delegation that included H. A. Fairchild, manager of the Mead campaign; State Senator E. W. Condon, of Kitsap; Thomas Esk, of Shelton, who managed Ankeny's campaign in 1904; a scattering representation from Pierce County and the Northwest at the meeting. Despite the fact that the July heat made the night oppressive, the Moore Theater, which has a seating capacity of 2500, was filled.

Piles worked up to a climax through a careful review of all the circumstances that made him a candidate for Senator and all the details of the struggle for election at Olympia, then boldly asserted his obligation to Ankeny. He declared that Ankeny and Charles Sweeney, of Spokane, has made possible his election as Senator, and said that through that action alone he felt obligated to Ankeny sufficiently to support him for re-election.

Then Piles took up his career in the Senate and showed how Ankeny had waived a place on the commerce committee to advance Piles, and for three and a half years had deferred constantly to his junior colleague, declaring as Piles said, in a generous spirit that he did not care who obtained credit for legislation so long as the state and the Northwest obtained practical results.

Senator Piles paid a high tribute to Ankeny as a legislator and vehemently declared that he did not care what the consequences might be if he supported Ankeny. His speech was received with close attention and was frequently applauded.

C. J. Smith, who managed the Piles campaign as a representative of the King County business men's committee, presided over the meeting. In an introductory speech, he declared he regarded any person in King County or the state who had received the fruits of Piles' victory and had accepted them willingly for four years was obligated morally to repay the obligation incurred in 1904.

J. M. Frinck, president of the Washington Iron Works, and Republican nominee for Governor in 1906, denounced the man who had attacked Senator Ankeny's character or work at Washington. He reviewed the Piles' business career, judging that thorough canvass of the state he had never found any person who ever sustained business relations with Ankeny and his business associates.

John H. McGraw evoked more applause than any of the other speakers by a denunciation of a local newspaper that has been fighting Ankeny, then launched into a review of past Senatorial fights. He declared that every Senatorial campaign since statehood had provoked agreements of reciprocal support, but up to 1896 there were verbal agreements. In that year, McGraw said, a written agreement was brought to him by an editor who now denounces him and the Piles-Ankeny cause, an agreement by terms of which McGraw was to be elected Senator ten years ago. McGraw insisted the Piles-Ankeny compact was one that morally bound the people of King County, and he bitterly denounced those who were trying to break it down.

BRYAN IS ASTONISHED

Amazed When Told of Decision in Oil Trust Case.

FAIRVIEW, Lincoln, Neb., July 23.—Not in some time has there been such a commotion reached here as that contained in the announcement from Chicago that the fine of \$200,000 imposed upon the Standard Oil Company by Judge Landis, had been set aside by the Appellate Court. William J. Bryan, when apprised of the decision, seemed astonished and was eager to know the grounds upon which it was based. He would not, however, permit himself to be drawn into a discussion of the case.

It is now reasonably certain that the notification of Mr. Bryan will occur on the grounds of the State Capitol. In view of the large crowd expected it was concluded that the single carline to Fairview would be unable to cope with the situation.

Mr. Bryan is beginning to outline his notification speech. He volunteered the statement today that his speech would not necessarily be devoted to the platform entirely, and that it would not be incumbent upon him to enlarge upon that instrument.

GERMAN CAR LEADS AUTOS

Crosses Frontier From Russia, American Far Behind.

EXTORONEN, East Prussia, July 23.—The German car in the New York-to-Paris motor race crossed the frontier at 8:22 o'clock tonight.

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Also Desires Roosevelt to Declare Openly for His Election.

DENVER, Colo., July 23.—Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican National committee, arrived here today in an automobile from Colorado Springs and, in company with other



Our styles for young men are designed by a regular genius whose whole sympathy and feeling is for this inventive line of work, producing new ideas in cut and in detail that give originality to clothing for the men who know. The son can see the difference if father can't between the style of a suit made for a man of twenty and a man of forty. We've just received by express the newest brown and tan shades in Autumn suits. We'd like to show them to you.



members of his party, left immediately on the 9 o'clock train over the Burlington route for Chicago. Upon his arrival there he will confer with a number of political leaders from the Middle West states and arrange a conference such as was held at Colorado Springs, to organize for the campaign in the West.

The Western politicians are very anxious that Judge Taft visit this section at an early day, and they will make an effort also to induce the President to visit the West. They told Mr. Hitchcock that the Republican situation in the West would be improved if the President would come out in a positive statement in favor of Judge Taft and give assurance that the Republican candidate for President unquestionably will carry on the policies of the present administration. This is a matter to which they intend to bring the attention of the President and Mr. Taft.

It is certain that a deal of campaigning in the West will be done by Senators Borah, of Idaho; Long, of Kansas; La Follette, of Wisconsin, and Dooliver, of Iowa. If possible, these men will be kept in the Western States practically the time of the National executive committee.

LOVERS TIRE OF WAITING

EVELYN WALSH AND EDWARD M'LEAN SUDDENLY WED.

Deaf to Mother's Pleadings for Fashionable Wedding, Millionaire's Daughter Elopes.

DENVER, Colo., July 23.—Evelyn Walsh, only daughter of Thomas F. Walsh, a millionaire 20 times over, yesterday practically eloped with Edward B. McLean, son of John R. McLean, of the Washington Post and the Cincinnati Enquirer, and was quietly married in St. Mark's Episcopal Church by Rev. H. C. Foster.

The only witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Hill, the former being a son of the late United States Senator N. P. Hill, and Colonel William Stapleton, of the Denver Republican.

Thomas F. Walsh, father of the bride, is in Kansas City and did not reach here until after the ceremony. Mrs. Walsh was not present and it is said she used her utmost persistence to prevent the couple from getting married.

Shortly after the ceremony the newly-married couple went to Colorado Springs in a big touring car belonging to the Walsh family. They will stay a week or so at the Springs, and then go East and to Europe on a wedding tour.

The decision to get married was made only yesterday. Mrs. Walsh was told of it and did not approve. She tried her best to dissuade them, but they were determined to go through with it. She wished her only daughter to have a big and fashionable church wedding. But the young couple insisted and refused to be put off. Mrs. Walsh would not accompany them to the church. She declined absolutely to discuss the wedding, but through her private secretary gave simply a confirmation of the report that her daughter was married.

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HALF-PRICESALE

Men's Suits at One-Half

Men's \$35 Spring Suits, now \$17.50
Men's \$30 Spring Suits, now \$15.00
Men's \$25 Spring Suits, now \$12.50
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Every Boy's Spring Suit in the house, Knickerbocker or straight pants, all this season's latest styles, ages 7 to 16 years.

Boys' \$5.00 Suits, now \$2.50
Boys' \$6.00 Suits, now \$3.00
Boys' \$8.00 Suits, now \$4.00
Boys' \$10.00 Suits, now \$5.00
Boys' \$15.00 Suits, now \$7.50

Men's Fancy Vests at One-Half

Men's \$6.00 Fancy Vests, now \$3.00
Men's \$5.00 Fancy Vests, now \$2.50
Men's \$4.00 Fancy Vests, now \$2.00
Men's \$3.00 Fancy Vests, now \$1.50
Men's \$2.50 Fancy Vests, now \$1.25

Men's Straw Hats One-Half

Men's \$5.00 Straw Hats, now \$2.50
Men's \$3.00 Straw Hats, now \$1.50
Men's \$2.00 Straw Hats, now \$1.00

At One-Quarter Off

The following items—Young Men's College Suits, Young Men's Spring Suits, Every Blue and Black Suit in the house, Men's, Boys' and Youths'.

Washable Suits

\$1.00 Washable Suits, now \$75¢
\$1.50 Washable Suits, now \$1.12
\$2.00 Washable Suits, now \$1.50
\$3.00 Washable Suits, now \$2.25
\$5.00 Washable Suits, now \$3.75

Young Men's Outing Suits One-Half Off

\$15.00 Outing Suits, now \$7.50
\$10.00 Outing Suits, now \$5.00

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DENIED LOVE; TAKES LIFE

Disappointed Seattle Girl Drinks Poison When Parents Object.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 23.—(Special.)—Catherine Dot Holley, 16 years old, committed suicide tonight at the home of her brother, Lon W. Holley, 1208 Third street, by drinking carbolic acid. The refusal of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Holley, of Oakland, Cal., to sanction an affair of love between her and a young man of that city, is believed to have made her despondent. She

left no note and said nothing to either her brother or her sister-in-law why she should end her life.

Twice in Oakland she tried to kill herself. Her relatives here know only that she did try to end her life before, but knew nothing of the reason. For several weeks she has been melancholy at intervals.

The young woman had for three months been employed as an operator for the Independent Telephone Company. She did not go to work Tuesday. In explanation she said she did not feel like work.

Rosenthal's winnows are money-savers.

Beaverton Suit Drags in Court.

HILLSBORO, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—The famous Oregon Electric condemnation case against David Rehgito et al. is still in court and will not be concluded before tomorrow. The right-of-way covers acres of onion and asparagus land and the contending attorneys are making strenuous fights for their clients. W. D. Denton, Rufus Mallory and E. B. Tongue are for Rehgito and Carey & Allen, of Portland, are for the railway company.

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\$1.50 Long Lisle Gloves 55c

2400 pairs 16-button length fine Venetian Lisle, white, tan, black; all sizes, \$1.50 quality, 55c per pair.

\$2 Kayser Silk Gloves 98c

16-button length "Kayser's" patent tipped pure silk, black, white and all colors; \$2.00 quality, per pair 98c.

75c Kayser Silk Gloves 39c

Women's 2-clasp "Kayser's"; two-clasp patent tipped pure silk; also lisle thread Gloves; black, white and all colors; 75c 39c values, per pair.

25c Misses' Lisle Gloves 9c

Misses' one-pearl clasp fine Milanese Lisle, 25c quality, reduced to, per pair 9c.

\$1.50 Mocha Gloves 45c

Women's 1-clasp black pique mocha; regular \$1.50 quality, per pair 45c.

\$1.50 Chamois Gloves 45c

Women's 6-button length genuine French wash Chamois, 45c \$1.50 quality, per pair.

\$2.50 Long Chamois Gloves \$1.19

Elbow length genuine French wash Chamois, \$2.50 value, \$1.19 cut to, per pair.

\$4 Long Kid Gloves \$2.39

16-button length fine French Kid Gloves, tans, black, white and colors; \$4.00 quality, per pair \$2.39.

GREAT HOSEIERY BARGAINS

25c Women's Hose 19c

1200 pairs women's fine Maco Yarn Hose, Albion make; tans and black, 35c value, pair 19c.

75c and 50c Women's Hose 29c

800 pairs Women's Silk Lisle Hose, best Gordon make; black, tan, white, pink, blue, etc.; values up to 75c, per pair 29c.

29c Children's Hose 17c

Children's high-grade fine ribbed Stockings, also children's and infants' Half-Hose; tan, black and white, 29c quality, pair 17c.

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