

ABERDEEN HAS DAMAGING FIRE

Lower Portion of City Wiped Out and Railroad Line Crippled.

ONE MAN LOSES HIS LIFE

Loss of \$75,000. Two-Thirds Insured, Extent of Damage—Valuable Property in Jeopardy Before Flames Under Control

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 29.—Fire swept over the lower portion of this city this afternoon, destroying nine brick buildings, damaging the Northern Pacific trestle, carrying the main tracks of the road into Aberdeen, and entailing a loss of approximately \$75,000. The insurance is \$50,000.

"Cedar" Wille, a saloon hanger-on, was burned to death. The property includes the complete destruction of the Johnson livery stable, two blacksmith shops, the New Brunswick hotel, and the "Mag," the "Whale," the "Coast" and the "Alaska" saloons. Besides these, adjoining wharves and docks along the river front were damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars. Shipping in general was saved, though about \$2000 worth of small boats went up in the flames.

Wille occupied a room in the garret on the fourth floor of the New Brunswick hotel, of which the Whale saloon formed the first floor. Tom Rainey, a bartender, raised the alarm. Wille responded to the call, but evidently fell asleep, too stupefied by the drugs he had taken to effect his escape. The body was found lying on the bed in the saloon ruins, having fallen the four stories of the building. The head was nearly burned off, and both hands and feet entirely so. Nothing is known of the man, as he had been here but a short time.

The wind swept the flames across the Whiskah River, threatening in its path the lumber plant of the Slide Mill Company, a large residence section and several factories on the opposite bank of the river. These industries were saved by mill employees, and property owners saved their own homes.

After an hour or more the fire was brought under control, the Hoquiam fire department having in the meantime responded to the call for help. The Northern Pacific may be tied up for several days, or until the damage to its tracks can be repaired, the railway effecting an entrance here over a bridge and trestle.

Make Run from Hoquiam.

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DISPUTE OVER FOUR HOGS

LITIGANTS IN SUIT FIND LAW EXPENSIVE.

Forkers Break into Albany Garden Year Ago and Feed on Babb's Cabbages.

ALBANY, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—Though they have long since died and have been served as a delicacy to hungry citizens of Albany, four hogs, which have figured in constant controversy and litigation, since September 18, 1907, are now the basis of an action in the State Circuit Court. A. Babb today filed a transcript on appeal from the Justice Court decision in the case, in which he was defendant and Arthur M. Holt, Representative in the last Legislature from Linn County, was plaintiff.

Early last Fall four hogs owned by the Albany Dressing and Slaughterhouse out of the company's slaughterhouse north of the city and invaded a cabbage patch owned by Babb. Babb took possession of the animals on September 16, 1907, had the hogs appraised by Justice of the Peace L. L. Swan and filed a formal entry notice in the County Clerk's office. Negotiations then began over the amount of damage done by the hogs. Holt, who is proprietor of the Albany Dressing and Slaughterhouse, tendered Babb \$1 for damage to his garden, but the latter demanded \$25. The beginning of the long holiday period last Fall prevented litigation, but the controversy became bitter.

Babb planned to sell the hogs at the expiration of the six months' period after filing his entry notice, but two days before the three expired, or on Saturday, 1908, Holt began a suit before Justice of the Peace O. T. Porter for recovery of the animals. Under a bond in this action Babb possessed the hogs and he butchered them. This case did not come to trial until June 23, when Justice Porter found that Babb should have accepted Holt's tender of \$1 damages and not solely on the basis of the total cost of six months' care of the animals, but should pay \$18 for wrongful detention of the hogs. Babb was also assessed \$44.15 costs.

Babb immediately gave notice of appeal to the Circuit Court and filed an appeal bond with City Councilman M. L. Wilmet as surety. This precipitated the next contest in the hard-fought case and the plaintiffs attorneys objected to the bond on the ground that Wilmet was not worth the sum of \$500, the amount which he qualified on the bond. So Wilmet appeared before Justice Porter, answered interrogatories as to his financial standing and he offered a bond for about \$700. The bond was then accepted and transcript made out and filed today.

The case has now reached a hearing before the Circuit Court, and if it is contested as strenuously in the future as in the past, it will likely go to the State Supreme Court. The costs in the case are now more than twice the total cost of the four hogs involved, and are growing rapidly.

WANT MORE SCHOOL ROOM

Clackamas Educators Build New Houses and Enlarge Others.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—Progressiveness in the educational field has struck Clackamas County and in almost every section school buildings are being constructed or enlarged, new grades established, more teachers em-

ployed and high school facilities provided. The district boundary board held a meeting this week and re-established a district between Upper and Lower Logans. This district was formerly known as No. 24, and lapsed a few years ago. The building and apparatus are intact and the only thing necessary to be done is to place the structure in order, engage a teacher and open the school. Some of the residents of that section send their children three or four miles to school over rough roads in winter, and the leading men of the district have promised County Superintendent Gary to levy a special tax to assist in supporting the school.

In Estacada there will be a four-grade high school established this Fall, and Professor H. M. James, of Minn, Mich., has been engaged as principal at a salary of \$100 per month. Last year only \$70 was paid and three teachers employed. Thomas D. Minor was recently elected principal, but decided to go to Eastern Oregon, and Mr. James was secured. A good school spirit is being shown and residents of the "East" in Clackamas town hope to build up a school second to none of its size. The grade teachers are Stella Womer, Eva Pruner and Mae Stevens.

The contract for the construction of a four-room addition to the Eastham building in Oregon City will be let Friday night. Every attempt will be made to have the work completed in time for the opening of the Fall term, September 21.

On Monday, September 7, the district board will hold its last meeting until next April, and all pending matters must be settled at that time or be laid over until next Spring. The board on Tuesday denied petition for the creation of a new district to be formed out of the territory of Browns, Phelps and Mundorfs.

"JOE" CARROLL LOSES ARM

ACTOR RUN OVER BY STREET-CAR.

Singular Actions of Unfortunate Man as Seen by Motorman of Tacoma Car.

TACOMA, Wash., July 29.—(Special.)—Joseph Carroll, an actor with the Frawley stock company, was run over by a car about 3 o'clock this morning and had his left arm crushed so it was necessary to amputate it at the shoulder. Carroll, whose home is in Seattle, where his wife lives, has been playing with the company about 3 weeks. He took the bus to the Tacoma car on Tuesday night, which opened last night at the Savoy Theater.

From the report made by the motorman he first noticed a suit case on the track about 2 o'clock on his trip out. On the return trip the suitcase had disappeared. When he came in again with his car the suitcase was near the same place and the body of a man lay near the track with his arms spread out. Before he could stop his car the wheel had passed over the man's arm.

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DRAWN GUN ON LOG

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CHARGE STRIKES ABDOMEN

Doctor Is Summoned Hurriedly, but Victim's Life Already Extinct When He Arrives on Scene of Tragedy.

WALLOWA, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—Eugene Pointer, 12 years old, who lives some 15 miles east of this place, was accidentally shot when holding a shotgun by the muzzle and drawing it over a log. The hammer of the gun caught on the log and Pointer received a charge of shot in the abdomen, from which he died an hour later.

Pointer was picking blackberries near the home of Nancy Malloy and his father. The accident was witnessed by only one person, Mrs. Malloy, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen. She heard the report of the gun and looking up saw Pointer falling. Dr. Gregg hurriedly summoned from Wallowa but the boy was dead before the doctor arrived. The body was badly powdered and a halter which the boy had around his waist was cut to pieces, parts of the leather being blown into the wind. Pointer was the son of Mrs. P. C. May of Howard Meadows.

E. C. Haines, while pitching hay near this city ran a pitchfork into his leg, the point of the pitchfork passing from the leg. The wound is not thought to be serious.

TWO BOOTLEGGERS CAUGHT

Secret Service Men Appear Quite Unaware at Stiles.

LEWISTON, Idaho, July 29.—(Special.)—After walking some miles from Nez Perce to the Clearwater, staying out most of the night and halting the early morning train for a ride into the country, two bootleggers, James J. Gorman and Joseph M. Gorman, Government secret service men, were enabled to make an unexpected raid on the bootleggers at Stiles today and secure evidence that will land at least two more behind the bars.

They secured about 2000 pints of gold, a "near beer" preparation, brewed for the purpose of producing intoxication and evading the excise act. Those arrested were: Edward Lane and J. L. Stonebreaker, both proprietors of soft drink joints at Stiles. As the result of several successful raids these officers have terrorized those engaged in the illicit traffic. Several days ago they left the country, ostensibly for Spokane. Their appearance on this raid was very unexpected and their success complete.

FALLS OFF LOG BOOM

Greek Millman Working at Astoria Is Drowned.

ASTORIA, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—Billy Paulos, who was employed on the log boom at the Hammond Lumber Company's mill, was drowned Tuesday night in the currents of the falling overboard while at work.

A man who was working with him heard his cries and ran to his assistance with a pike pole, but Paulos, in his excitement, refused to grab the pole and sank. His body was recovered shortly afterwards but life was extinct.

Paulos was a native of Greece, 22 years of age and unmarried. The remains were shipped to Portland this evening for interment.

ON MISSION TO ROSEBURG

Talk by Local Men on Behalf of Exposition.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—Hon. W. H. Wehrung, of Hillsboro, and M. D. Wisdom, of Portland, will meet with the Roseburg Commercial Club tonight in the interests of the Oregon exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle next year.

COYOTES COMMIT RAVAGES

Farmers Organize Clubs to Make War on Menace.

ALBANY, Or., July 29.—Residents in the hills east of this city say that the coyotes, besides being held in their raids upon sheep herds are proving a real menace to the farmers through

DIPHTEHRIA CLAIMS VICTIM.

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Long-Distance Cable Breaks.

ASTORIA, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—The long-distance telephone cable which extends from Fort Stevens across the Columbia River to the north shore has parted, and is supposed to have been broken by the derelict steam schooner Kello during her erratic trip about the lower harbor yesterday. A force of men left this morning to pick up the ends of the cable and splice them.

Escaped Insane Man Retaken.

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Bank Cashier Resigns.

VALE, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—The directors of the First Bank of Vale held a meeting Monday, July 27, and elected Edward Clark as cashier. In place of A. W. Gipson, resigned. They also elected new directors in place of those also resigned, whose stock was recently purchased by



Out-to-day New Victor Records

The complete list for August will be found in the August number of Munsey's, Scribner's, McClure's, Century; and September Cosmopolitan. Hear the records at your dealer's.

A Victor for every purse—\$10 to \$300. Victor Talking Machine Co., Camden, N. J. Beriber Gramophone Co., Montreal, Canada Distributors. Preserve your records and get best results by using only Victor Needles

WHALE ENTERS FISH TRAP

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Owner of Gear Resorts to Dynamite After Killing Young One With Rifle Ball.

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The mammal entered the trap with a young calf, and in attempting to drive it out the calf was killed with a rifle shot. The body sank and the cow refused to leave the carcass. The animal viciously attacks every boat that approaches.

An attempt to kill the whale by rifle fire failed yesterday, but without effect. Fears are entertained that the beast may destroy the trap in her rage. She is 40 feet in length.

More than \$2000 worth of fish per day has been lost to the packer through the presence of the whale.