

FIRE BURNS OUT ITALIAN FAMILIES

Blaze on East Side Does Damage Estimated Not Less Than \$10,000.

LANTERN KICKED BY HORSE

Flames Quickly Spread to Hay and When Department Reaches Scene Entire Block Is in Flames. Valuable Dogs Are Rescued.

One man was severely burned, half a dozen persons escaped from their burning dwellings clad only in their nightclothes, and 25 persons were made homeless in a spectacular fire starting when a horse kicked over a lighted lantern in a barn behind the house of Joe Battaglia, an Italian vegetable vendor, 326 East Eleventh street, at 11:20 o'clock last night. The loss is estimated at \$12,000.

The fire destroyed five houses and three barns. Jumping in a flash from the floor of the barn to several tons of hay stored in the loft, it spread from there with incredible rapidity to two other barns and five small frame houses. Inhabited by Italians on East Eleventh and East Market streets. In the house at 326 East Eleventh was Mrs. S. Sunseri, her husband and six children, and Mrs. N. Grego, with four small children. Mrs. Grego carried out her screaming youngsters in their nightclothes in a cloud of smoke so thick she could hardly grope her way to the door. She and the children, with the Sunseris, escaped unhurt save for inhaling more smoke than was good for them.

Directly behind the Battaglia barn on East Twelfth street was the residence of S. A. Chase, who lived there with his family and his brother, E. T. Chase. When the Chases were aroused by the tumult and noise of the fire, the rear corner of their house was in a blaze. They ran to the street in their night clothes. Walter Chase, 14 years old, was severely cut about the feet with glass.

Valuable Dogs Saved.

In a small barn in Mr. Chase's back yard he had a kennel in which were 14 valuable Boston bullterriers. Not one of them is valued at less than \$5. Several are first prize-winners in a number of shows and worth much more. After Chase had escaped from the house, in spite of the smoke and fire, which was already burning the kennel, E. T. Chase rushed back to get the dogs. He saved every one of them, but he was scorched about the face and arms in doing so. One of the dogs was Flashlight, a famous prize-winner, while another is a blue-ribboned owned by Sig. Scheel. Some of the dogs got them to the street. His own injuries, while painful, are not serious.

The small frame houses along East Eleventh and East Market were inhabited by Italian vegetable vendors and their families, two and three families being crowded into some of the shacks. Three brothers, Joe, Salvatore and Colangelo Battaglia, with their families, lived in three of the houses. They escaped with their clothes, but were able to save little else.

In two of the barns owned by the Battaglia brothers were 12 horses. Through the activity of Sunday, the horses were all saved, but one, which was so badly burned that Patrolman Larfield shot it, was saved. Kellers' men did efficient service in keeping back the crowds and taking care of the people who were made homeless. They also succeeded in carrying out most of the furniture from the Chase house. The firemen managed to save the dwelling itself after the rear part had been gutted.

The house and a house at 328 East Mill street, inhabited by E. J. Thompson, which was somewhat scorched, were owned by Dr. A. W. Moore.

Flames Spread Quickly.

Fed by the inflammable stuff in the stables, the fire spread so swiftly the whole row of small houses was in flames by the time the fire department arrived. Two alarms from the station, Chief Campbell himself in his automobile to take personal supervision of the work. A second alarm turned in by Battalion Chief Stevens brought nearly half the apparatus in the city skurrying to the fire. They made short work of it once they were in action. Engines 7, 11, 12, 1 and 4, hose companies 1 and 3 and trucks 1, 2 and 4 took part.

Many of the Italians were so distracted at the loss of all their small belongings they could make only faint estimates of the damage. Chief Campbell estimated the loss about \$15,000. Battaglia carried some insurance on his houses.

It is said one of the Italians was in the habit of entering the barn late at night with a lighted lantern to look after his horses. One of them kicked the lantern over and started the blaze.

SECOND FIRE HARD TO SUBDU

Part of Gas Company's Plant Burns

While East Side Blaze Rages.

While the major portion of the fire apparatus in the downtown district was battling with flames on the East Side, a fire broke out in the carpenter and blacksmith shops of the Portland Gas Company's works on the waterfront at Front and Everett streets. Owing to the scarcity of apparatus after the alarm was sent in, the blaze gained considerable headway, and the entire structure was ablaze by the time the fire had moved within effective distance.

Through the efficient manning of the tug and excellent manipulation of the eight lines and the powerful turret, the flames were kept from spreading.

When the alarm was given at the fire headquarters at 11:32, No. 5 engine company, which was substituting for No. 1 engine company, while the latter was responding to the East side fire, was dispatched to the assistance of the tug, to be followed by Truck No. 3 and Chemical No. 2.

Despite the valiant efforts of the handful of sturdy fire fighters the blaze increased with intensity. Considerable apprehension was felt for a time when the immense boiler room, which was endangered. After an hour's effort, the blaze was beaten into submission, with a consequent loss, estimated at \$500.

The fire was discovered by J. H. Sunday, night foreman of the works, who smelled smoke and set out to investigate. After making a tour of the plant he eventually discovered the fire in the southeast corner of the workshop. Owing to the fact that the building was old and formerly occupied as a dock, measuring 180 feet along the waterfront, it furnished adequate fuel for the flames.

The entry on duty at the fireboat station, a mile up the river, detected the blaze burning through the roof and sent in a simultaneous alarm to headquarters with Sunday. Eight min-

utes later the fireboat had moored alongside the scene and was playing nine effective streams on the blaze.

When the blaze had reached its height Department Chief Campbell, who was supervising his men at the Hawthorne Park fire, ordered his spare apparatus to hasten to the waterfront. Although nearly four miles from the gas works blaze when issuing his commands, four minutes later, with the aid of his blissing red buzz-wagon, he was directing the firefighters on the waterfront.

Considerable mystery surrounds the origin of the blaze. It is presumed, however, that a passing spark from the structure. According to Superintendent Donald, of the Portland Gas Company, the loss is estimated at \$5000, and fully covered by insurance.

ELOPEMENT IS SPOILED

Eugene Young Woman Runs Away With Traveling Man.

Cruel police of Portland nipped in the bud an amateur elopement from the East side. Miss Tena Fisher, aged 18, came to this city with A. C. Thompson, a traveling salesman of Chicago, with the avowed intention of getting married. Shortly thereafter she came Sheriff Brown, of Eugene, who put a quietus on the scheme, and, furthermore, told the local police something that caused them to take into custody Miss Fisher and her young fiance.

Miss Fisher, it is understood, has lived in Eugene for two years, and during that time has not had pleasant relations with her mother. Thompson is representative of the Austin Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, a plumbers' supply house. The two came to Portland yesterday afternoon and put up at hotels on the East Side. After dinner Sheriff Brown met them and then all plans the young people had entertained of their happy marriage were over. A tearful young woman and a highly indignant young man were taken to the police station and locked up.

Eugene, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—Miss Tena Fisher has been employed at the ticket counter of a local moving picture theater in this city. She is an attractive young woman and bears a good reputation. Her mother is a widow.

COLUMBIA CLAIMS VICTIM

Young Man Drowns at Pasco, Despite Boy's Efforts to Save Him.

PASCO, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)—After a desperate and futile attempt yesterday afternoon to rescue his hapless companion who was vainly striving to reach the shore, Delbert Kene, aged 13 years, watched the swift current of the Columbia River take the frail body of his bosom friend, Harry Jones, beyond all possible help.

The tragedy, witnessed by young Kene, occurred just north of the Columbia River bridge near this city. Early in the afternoon, Jones, who was employed with the bridge crew as a blacksmith, and Kene rowed to Indian Island, where they boarded a small wooden raft, which they used to fish from. Engrained in the sport, they did not notice the raft sweep slowly into the swift current. As soon as they discovered their plight Jones, with a cry of warning, jumped into the river. It was only neck deep, but the swift water soon forced him into deeper water. Raising his own life, Kene attempted to reach him with a fishpole, but without avail. With almost superhuman strength, the youth, after giving up the fight to save his companion, braved the swift current and reached the Pasco shore.

Amusements

"Three Weeks" at Bungalow Theatre.

The attraction at the Bungalow Theatre, Twelfth and Kellom streets, tonight at 8:15 and every night this week, with a special matinee Saturday, will be the brilliant actress, Hery Hope, and her excellent supporting company in the widely discussed play, "Three Weeks." This play will be found equally as interesting as the book.

Oaks Ideal for Summering.

The development of the Oaks as an amusement park has just reached that ideal stage where the natural and the artificial beauties harmonize. The rose gardens are unsurpassed in the West; hundreds of imported varieties are now in perfect bloom; they can not be seen anywhere else in one garden. Donnell's famous Italian band and Miss Beulah Bulpin, soprano, are heard in concert twice daily. A car, a minute, and five minutes' cool and delightful ride, and you have arrived at the "Oaks" Island of the West.

"The Pagoda" at Lyric.

At the Lyric this week the Imperial Musical Comedy Company is presenting the delightful, delightful comic opera, "The Pagoda," with a number of song hits, special scenery and costumes and gorgeous light effects. There are matinee today, Thursday and Saturday, and two performances each evening, at 8 and 9:15 o'clock.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS.

Margaret Bill at Orpheum.

Dainty Mary Marble and Sam Chip, musical comedy stars, whose fame extends from Coast to Coast, are repeating their former triumphs in this city by their delightful performances at the Orpheum this week. John W. Dunne, who appears in the sketch, one of America's foremost character comedians, having originated a number of those delightful characters in the never-to-be-forgotten Hyatt comedies.

"Commencement Days."

Dainty, charming little Phyllis Lee and her six singing cadets are scoring heavily at Pantages Theater this week in her one-act musical comedy, "Commencement Days." The act is presented in two scenes, the first depicting "Morning Wash-Up" at camp and the second showing a panorama of the famous "Filtration Lane" at West Point Academy.

Mining Camp Idyl.

A dainty and quaint mining camp story is the headline attraction at the Grand. The characters are a square gambler, like the Sherida in "The Girl of the Golden West," and the other is a miner's daughter, who is opposed to gambling. The situations and dialogue are original and amusing.

Pictures at Star Theater.

Miss Jessica O'Neil, the feature at the Star Theater, is a scoring big success. This little lady, in her Parisian novelty, is as graceful and as clever a dancer as the Paris public has ever had the opportunity of witnessing. The picture feature is entitled "The Girl of the Golden West," a film which is as interesting as it is educating.

Show Well Staged.

A. L. Jeancon, lately of the "Yankee Regent" company, has been engaged to stage the three-act musical comedy, "The Adorable Fritzie," to be presented by the National Letter Carriers' Association this week Thursday and Friday at the Baker Theatre. The purpose of giving the play is to raise money for paying the expenses of the delegates in the National Letter Carriers' convention, to be held at Pasadena, from August 20 to September 4. This will be the first time the comedy has ever been given in Portland. It was portrayed in Seattle with great success by the Bankers' Association recently. There will be in attendance at the National convention at St. Paul 1200 delegates, representing all the principal free-delivery offices throughout the United States. Six delegates will be sent from Portland.

Today is positively the last day for discount on East Side Gas bills. Read Gas Tips.



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Expansion Sale Continues in All Departments

Embroidered Swiss at 50c Per Yard
60c Printed Silk Mulls 35c Per Yard

3000 yards of printed Silk Mulls in new, pretty styles for Summer apparel of all 35c kinds; great variety; regular 50c and 60c values, on sale at, special, yard—see them. 1000 yards white embroidered Swiss in very handsome styles; 75c values, at the yard. 50c 30c Towels 2000 dozen hemstitched Huck Towels, size 24x40 ins.; best reg- 19c ular 30c values, on sale at the remarkably low price, each. At 19c Ea. 5000 yards of 17-inch linen Crash—the grandest value ever offered at this low price, the yard—take advantage of this sale.

\$15,000 Stock Oriental Rugs at 1-4 Off Reg. Price



This week we offer unrestricted choice from our entire magnificent stock of Oriental Rugs at 1-4 off the regular selling prices—We present for your selection an assortment by far the largest and best to be found in the West—Rare rugs and antique rugs in small, medium and large sizes—Hall runners, carpet rugs, etc.—The personal selections of our native rug expert and every rug marked at a reasonable commercial profit. We sell Oriental rugs the same as we sell domestic rugs—on a basis of cost of doing business plus the usual interest on the investment; When you buy here you buy right—\$10.00 to \$3000 1/4 values today at exactly off

Great "Hourly Sales" at The Meier & Frank Store Tomorrow

See This Evening's Papers for the Full Particulars

\$13.50-\$20 French Gowns \$9.95
\$4.50-\$6 French Drawers \$2.75

A very attractive bargain in women's fine French hand-embroidered Nightgowns, made of the best quality French nainsook and batiste, also lace-trimmed novelties; all new \$9.95 exquisite pieces, selling regularly at \$13.50 to \$20 each—choice at low price, each. Special lot of hand-made and hand-embroidered Drawers, also lace-trimmed novelties; finest materials, etc., \$4 to \$6 values, on sale at the low price, per pair \$2.75

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500 pairs women's Summer weight black lisle finished Hose, with white tip heel, all sizes, full-fashioned, on sale at the low price, each pair 28c regular 50c VALUES, AT THE PAIR. 3000 pairs of women's outside black cotton Hose, elastic ribbed top, full-fashioned, Hermsdorf dye; come in all sizes, great 35c special values. 50c VALUES, AT, PR 35c Misses' fine ribbed lisle Hose, extra long; blacks and tans, all sizes; best 35c val. 25c at this unusually low price, the pair. 5000 pairs of boys 1x1 black cotton Hose, medium weight, great values at, the pair—take advantage of low price. 12 1/2 ac

TURK HERE TO MEET BERG

Mahmoud Yousiff Ready to Test Strength With Local Expert.

Mahmoud Yousiff, the big Turk, arrived in the city yesterday morning for the second match with John Berg, to be held at the Exposition Rink next Thursday evening. Berg says he is in the pink of condition, and that he expects to give the Turk a run for his life. He has been training faithfully for the past few weeks in anticipation of his match with the Turk. His training programme is as follows: About 30 minutes every morning climbing the stairs at the City Park; a work-out of about 30 minutes during the forenoon at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium; wrestling from 10 till 11 o'clock and an hour's rowing in the afternoon on the river. Berg now weighs 177 and expects to go on the mat at that weight. The Turk will be allowed to wrestle barefooted, but Berg says that he does not fear the toe hold. He is training especially to meet the scissors and hammer holds, which are the Turk's strong holds. "I expect a hard battle," said Berg last night, but I expect to win out finally by my endurance. I hope that there will be no fighting or slugging, but if there is I will be there to meet it.

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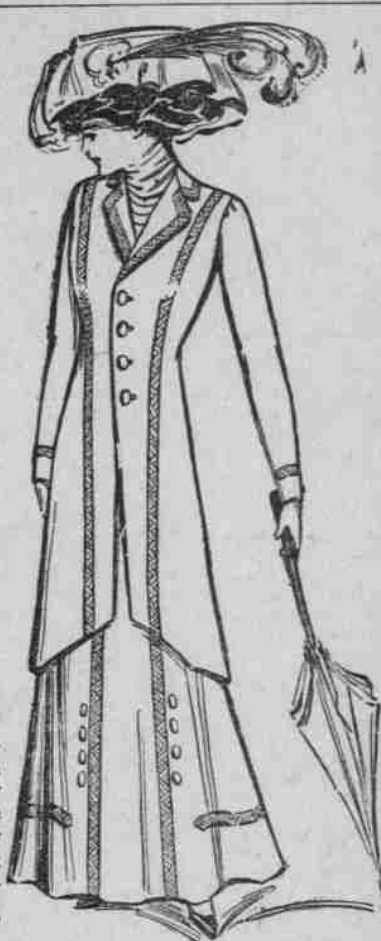
Just received, another great shipment of the popular linen and rep Suits in tailor-made effects; long jackets with three-seam or French backs; single-breasted, notch collar and small revers; white, blue, pink, natural, lavender, green and tan; well made and finished—\$5.98 values up to \$10.00 a suit; your choice at this low price, suit—see them. We have a complete line of women's Riding Habits and Skirts at all prices—See them.

Women's \$20 Coats at \$8.85

In the big Second-Floor Garment Store

another sensational sale Women's Coats in long, short and medium lengths—Great special purchase from a leading New York manufacturer enables us to offer values up to \$20 each at the low price of \$8.85.

Included are strictly tailored coats in covers, serges and worsteds, tight and semi-fitted effects, single or double breasted—Silk coats in taffeta or bengaline, plain and braid trimmed—Three-button styles with notch or standing collars, also full length coats in bengaline silks, taffeta silks, serges, rajahs and worsteds—Tans, navy, white, champagne, rose, black, blue, copenhagen and green, also checks, stripes and mixtures—Coats for all occasions and all purposes—Values up to \$20 each—Your choice \$8.85 at this exceptional low price



Tailored Suits \$13.65

An exceptional offering of women's tailored Suits in serges, panama cloths, tweeds and worsteds; navy blue, black, green, tan, rose, wistaria and all the leading shades, as well as checks, stripes and fancy mixtures; long jackets, semi or tight-fitting effects; strictly tailored garments or fancy braid and Persian trimmed; all sizes, large assortment; values up to \$35.00, at, suit—\$13.65

\$2.50 Embroidery Flouncing 98c
\$2.00 Waist Nets at 79c Per Yard

1500 yards of 27-inch Swiss Embroidery Flouncing for lingerie gowns, waists, etc.; 98c beautiful designs in filet, eyelet and Japanese effects; values up to \$2.50 a yard. Two big special lots of 45-inch Nets for Waists, yokes and sleeves; white, cream and colored effects; stripes, dots and figures; all new, handsome styles and the best values ever offered at these low prices. On sale at the following special prices. Let us show you: Regular \$1.50 values, special, yard 59c—Regular \$2.00 values, special, the yd. 79c

10,000 yards of swiss, nainsook and cambrie Embroidery Edges and Insertions; very large variety of patterns, suitable for infants' trimmings; immense variety, values up to \$1.00 the 49c reg. val. to 45c, yd. 19c Great special sale of white and cream imitation Irish and Venise Lace Bands, Edges and Appliques, 1 to 3 inches wide; suitable for dress trimmings; immense variety, exceptional values, on sale at \$1.25 val. 25c—\$2 val. 39c

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Sweeping reductions on women's fine Lingerie Waists, both Paris and American models, in beautiful styles. Short and three-fourth sleeves. They are trimmed in fine and coarse laces, pin tucks, German laces, round mesh laces, Venise laces, plat Val. laces, Irish crochet and medallions; all new styles, in variety large enough to please every individual fancy. Waist bargains you never before had the opportunity to share in; take advantage. In the Second Floor Suit Section—See them. Regular \$5.00 Waists on sale at \$2.50 Regular \$6.00 Waists on sale at \$3.00 Regular \$7.50 Waists on sale at \$3.75 Regular \$9.00 Waists on sale at \$4.50 Regular \$10.00 Waists, at, each \$5.00 Regular \$12.00 Waists, at, each \$6.00

Regular \$15.00 Waists, at, each \$7.50—Regular \$25.00 Waists, at, each \$12.50 Regular \$18.00 Waists, at, each \$9.00—Regular \$27.00 Waists, at, each \$13.50 Regular \$20.00 Waists, at, each \$10.00—Regular \$30.00 Waists, at, each \$15.00 Regular \$22.00 Waists, at, each \$11.00—Regular \$35.00 Waists, at, each \$17.50

\$10 Combination Garments \$5.98

A great offering of fine cambrie and nainsook Combination Garments, trimmed in lace edgings and insertions, embroidery edgings and insertions, beading, ribbons, etc. \$5.98 all new, beautiful styles; values ranging from \$7.50 to \$10, on sale at low price, each

DUPED WOMAN, IS CHARGE

R. E. Gould, Arrested Here, Is Wanted by Seattle Police.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)—R. E. Gould, a so-called hypnotist, who is under arrest at Portland, is wanted by Seattle authorities on a charge of robbing Mrs. Nora Campbell of \$50 by representing that he was organizing a theatrical company and intended to make her the star of his cast. She was stage-struck and says she gave him the money on his representation that he had some lithograph letter-heads and posters in

Milwaukee that would be forwarded on receipt of \$50.

After receiving the money from her, he notified her that he had suddenly been called out of the city on business, but omitted to say where he was going, whereupon she filed an information charging him with larceny.

Bieriot Will Attempt Flight.

PARIS, July 19.—M. Bieriot tonight announced his intention of attempting to cross the channel Thursday in his aeroplane.

Today is positively the last day for discount on East Side Gas bills. Read Gas Tips.

Smith will pay 8 1/2 cents for good young veal up to 130 pounds. Smith will pay 10 1/2 cents for dressed pork that is sweet, young and fat. Any size. Smith can use large veal of any size and will pay what it is worth. Smith wants spring chickens and will pay from 15 cts. to 18 cts. for them. Smith will pay 14 cents for hens. Smith will pay 25 cents for good fresh eggs. Ship all of your produce to Smith direct and you will get your check by mail at once. Address FRANK L. SMITH MEAT CO., "Fighting the Beef Trust," Portland, Or.