

PLANT BURNS AT LOSS OF \$425,000

Buildings of Portland Flouring Mills Company Are Swept Away.

JAP KILLED; TWO INJURED

T. B. Wilcox Announces Concern Will Rebuild Without Delay and on Larger Scale—Insurance Amounted to \$325,000.

Spontaneous combustion and subsequent explosion of flour dust on the fourth floor of the local mill of the Portland Flouring Mills Company, set fire to the plant at 8:40 o'clock yesterday morning and almost completely destroyed the machinery and buildings. The loss is estimated at about \$425,000 on machinery, structures and grain with insurance amounting to \$325,000.

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Customers of the Portland Flouring Mills Company will not suffer as a result of the disastrous conflagration of yesterday. Receipts of grain will not be lessened and business of the company will be hastened as usual. In addition to the mill destroyed, the company operates 14 others, and it is the intention to divert a portion of the product of these mills to Portland for the purpose of protecting customers in this district.

Work of rebuilding of the plant will begin as soon as possible. As soon as the insurance adjusters complete their work, the process of tearing down the wreck will commence. The new plant will be larger and modern in every respect.

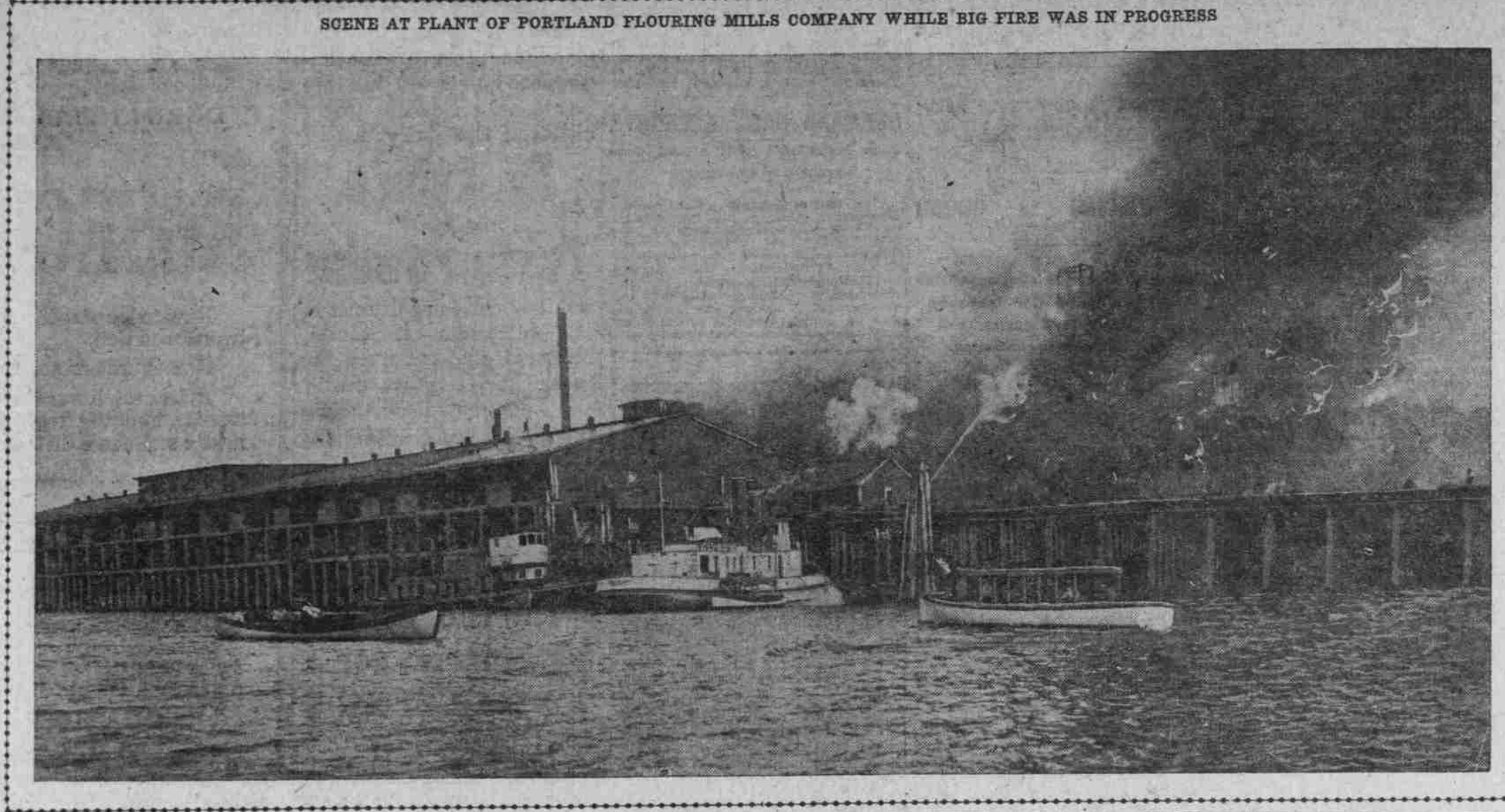
Thomas Gavin, driver of Chief Campbell's automobile, was killed as a result of a member of truck No. 5, was severely burned by the collapsing of the north wall of the main building. McKillop saw the danger and escaped with his life.

Hard Work Saves Warehouse. Only the most strenuous efforts on the part of the fire department and volunteers saved the warehouse and contents from destruction.

Spicer Helps Fire-Fighters. Captain J. Spicer, harbormaster, responded to the alarm in his launch Dorothy, and during the progress of the conflagration, rendered efficient service as commandant of a detachment of fighters.

The Portland Flouring Mills plant was built in 1883 and at that time had a capacity of 1000 barrels daily. Since then the mill has been enlarged and partially rebuilt several times.

Features of Big Fire. Loss to machinery and buildings, \$350,000; insurance, \$325,000. Loss to grain in elevator, \$15,000; insurance, \$50,000. Estimated value of mill, warehouse and stock, \$500,000.



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SCENE AT PLANT OF PORTLAND FLOURING MILLS COMPANY WHILE BIG FIRE WAS IN PROGRESS

HUGE YARDS OPEN

Tacoma Buys First Carload of Cattle on Peninsula.

OFFICIALS HOSTS ALL DAY

Portland Union Stockyards Company Begins Business in Biggest Establishment of Kind in West. Many Sales Made.

Big Fires Along River

With a few minor flames which were handled by the fire department without trouble, there were no waterfront fires until the Summer of 1894, when the Pacific Coast Elevator burned.

Money Policies Carried

FLOURING MILLS' INSURANCE IS \$237,500.

This Amount on Fixed Properties Is Divided Among Large Number of Companies.

Table listing various insurance companies and their respective amounts for flouring mills' insurance, totaling \$237,500.

Amusements

What the Press Agents Say.

"Paid in Full" Tonight. The attraction at the Dungeness Theater, Twelfth and Morrison streets, tonight, 8:15 o'clock and continuing tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, will be Eugene Walter's great American play, "Paid in Full."

"Girls' Delights Star Audiences. It has been a long time since Portland theater-goers have been so universally delighted with an offering as with the sparkling light comedy, "Girls," which is playing at the present time at the Dungeness Theater.

"Big City Four" at Orpheum. One of the great delights of this week's bill at the Orpheum is "The Big City Four." They are the classic singers that have gladdened the hearts of Portland audiences many times.

"Fifty Miles from Boston." No it's not a long time since George M. Cohan's "Fifty Miles from Boston" has been creating a long time of merriment at the Baker this week.

Well-Balanced Bill at Pantages. Metekal, the wonderful illusion which puzzled all England last season while appearing at the Orpheum, is playing at Pantages this week.

Grand Musical Act. At the Grand this week there is a musical act which throws others into eclipse. The act is known as the Three Vagrants, and the trio are Italian musicians.

Four More Days at Onka. Only four more days remains of this season at the Onka. The grounds will be closed Sunday night until the opening of the 1910 season.

BANK METHODS BAD

L. O. Ralston Tells Why He Quit Old Oregon Savings. Not Run Right, He Says. Financier States He Has Retained Papers to Protect Himself—Jury May Call Board of Directors to Probe.

L. O. Ralston, president of the American Bank & Trust Company, and the former president of the Oregon Savings Bank, who after his withdrawal, was reorganized into the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, now defunct, and under probe for official mismanagement, authorized a statement yesterday relative to his retirement from that institution which indirectly throws more light upon the conduct of the wrecked bank by its officers.

STOCK COMPANY AT STAR

Big Productions Will Not Appear Until the Portland Is Opened.

On advice received yesterday afternoon from Messrs. Russell & Drew, of Seattle, the Shubert's general managers for the Northwest, it has been decided to install the McRae Stock Company, a high-class organization, at the Star Theater for the next few weeks, beginning Sunday night.

Poison Vial May Be Joke. "I am going to kill myself," said John Richards, a negro, from Vancouver, as he put a bottle labeled laudanum to his lips and drank the contents last night at the home of "Auntie" Palmer, a West, at 530 Everett street.

Portland Girl to Give Recital. Miss Margaret Cain, who has recently returned from Europe and achieved great triumphs in grand opera, will give a vocal recital in Masonic Temple Monday evening, September 27.

A Kuhn Enterprise. Twin Falls Oakley Project—38,000 Idaho's Choicest Acres.

On Monday, September 20, at 10 o'clock A. M., at Milner, Idaho, a Carey and Kuhn syndicate, representing the State Land Board of Idaho, will take place.

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Item Welcomed by Many Men

This recipe can be filled at home, so that no one need know of another's troubles, as the ingredients can be obtained separately at any well-stocked drug store. They are in regular use and many different preparations are constantly being filled with them.

JEWISH NEW YEAR HERE

ALL SYNAGOGUES CELEBRATE DAY FITTINGLY. Rabbi Wise Preaches at Temple Beth Israel—Services to Continue Today and Tomorrow.

In the opening service of the Jewish New Year programme held last night at Temple Beth Israel, Rabbi Wise proclaimed in his sermon on "The New Covenant," that all inherited superstition by the demands of the New Covenant must be shaken off and that religion must re-adjust itself to the truths of modern knowledge.

Costly Steamers for Pacific Run. VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 15.—The latest report with regard to steamship service for the Grand Trunk Pacific is that the company is negotiating for

THE WISE DENTAL CO.

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ALL GROCERS AND DRUGGISTS.

NEW FAST SERVICE.

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A pair of kids help a man to butt in. While the gloves are fresh they give a dressed-up air that adds to the effect of his outfit. We fit the hands all right for \$1.50 to \$2.

LION CLOTHIERS

166-170 Third St.

Two fine turbine liners, the Cairo and Hailopolis, for service in the Pacific. The report comes from a local shipping man visiting Glasgow. The steamer are reported to be two of the finest in Great Britain and fitted up in the most costly style.

THIS IS OPENING DAY.

The grand opening display and sale of new Fall and Winter merchandise today at McCallen & McDonnell's will attract thousands of people. As is well known, this store sells nothing but high-grade goods at the lowest prices.

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