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.

FEATURES OF BIG FIRE.

Loss to machinery and buildings, \$350,000; Insurance, \$237.500. Loss to grain in clevator, \$15,000; asurance, \$50,000.

Estimated value of mills warepourse and docks, \$500,000. Saved-Botlere main engine-room,

warehouse and etock in warehouse On hand in warehouse-About 100,-

Work of building new and modern plant will begin immediately. Shipments of flour and grain will ontinus uninterruptedly and receipts

will not auffer in any way. All customers will be taken care of. Fire department performs effective

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 de-stroyed the machinery and buildings. The loss is estimated at about \$425,000 on machinery, structures and grain with insurance amounting to \$325,000. The boiler-room, main engine, ware-

The beller-room, main engine, warehouse and contents were saved.
Customers of the Portland Flouring
Mills Company will not suffer as a result of the disastrous confingration of
yesterday. Receipts of grain will not
be lessened and business of the company will be hapdled 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. Oriental orders now on
hand, and orders for shipment to Callhand, and orders for shipment to Callrnia will be promptly filled and the apping interests of Portland not made to suffer in the least.

Will Rebuild at Once.

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

Thomas Gavin, driver of Chief Campbell's automobile, and James McKillop, a member of truck No. 5, were severely burned by the collasping of the north wall member of truck No. 5, were severely burned by the collasping of the north wall of the main building. McKillop asw the danger and escaped with bad burns of the face and hands. There was no chance to sound a warning and Gawle was frightfully burned about the head and shoulders. Both men were hurned to the hospital where everything was done to relieve their sufferings. The cideat of river craft. She took fire and track as a Japanese, fell from the roof of the warehouse and died late last shaight from the light from the light from the sponded to the alarm of fire. He was a building on a hose line on top of the slock when he fell. It is supposed that he slipped. He was taken in charge by his associates.

Hard Work Saves Warehouse.

Only the most strenuous efforts on the part of the fire crew and volunteers and the fire crew and volunteers and the warehouse and contents from destruction. Had a northwast wind been blowing at the time as worth of the property, it is said.

nothing could have saved a dollar's worth of the property, it is said. Within five minutes after the explo-sion, the alarm had been received by

the fire department and the fireboat George H. Williams was on the way. She made a record run, and during the next six hours gave a first-class ac-count of herself. The record for speed is held by Engine Company No. 8. This company made the run from Russell street and Williams avenue, over bad roads, in less than eight minutes. The explosion occurred on the fourth

floor of the mill proper, which was a six-story building. The fifth floor and roof were wrecked and the flames spread rapidly to the elevator. Employes made a hasty retreat and escaped without acci-Automatic sprinklers, with which the mills was well supplied, worked per-fectly but had little effect on the raging flames. A large part of the attention of the fire department after arrival was directed to saving the warehouse and stock. In this it was given valuable as-sistance by the Port of Portland tug, John McCraken, Captain Groves.

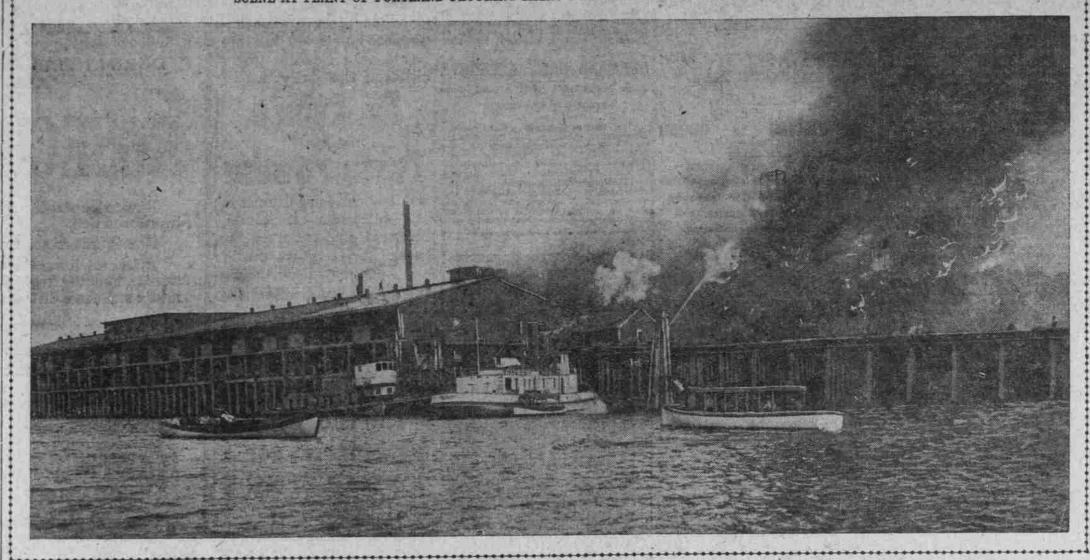
The McCracken played two streams of water on the warehouse for several hours. This tog, with Pilots Pease, Patterson and Snow on board, was on a sounding trip to the mouth of the river and on sight of the burning mill, put in and offored its services. Hot coffee was pre-pared by the cook of the McCraken and served to the fire-fighters.

Speier Helps Fire-Fighters.

Captain J. Speier, harbormaster, re-sponded to the alarm in his launch Dorothy, and during the progress of the conflagration, rendered efficient service as commander of a detachment of fighters. Captain Speler went into the thick of the flames and personally directed the movements of the men assigned to his command. Had the new patrol boat been in commission it would have been of able assistance. Injured could have received much quicker atten-

Between the main mill, where the fire between the main min, where the first originated, were recently erected two concrete tanks, rising from the ground to the top of the mill. It was largely due to these tanks that the engineroom and fireroom were not entirely destroyed. The tanks acted as a sort of fire wall. Pumps of the mill were kept working the entire day. The large generator was not touched by the fire but it is probably partially

The Portland Flouring Mills plant was built in 1883 and at that time had a caof 1000 barrels daily. Since then the mill has been enlarged and partially rebuilt several times. The daily output has been increased to 4500 barrels daily and during the greater part of the year this plant was operated 24 hours daily. The new structure will be thoroughly



land Flouring Milis Company, when no-tified of the fact yesterday morning that the mill was on fire, took the news in a philosophical manner. He did not go to the scene of the conflagration, entrust-ing the fire-fighting to the department and the supervision of other matters to Superintendent Hunt and other employes. He announced that he would build an-other mill, that customers would be taken care of promptly and that the receipts of wheat at Portland would not be in the least disturbed.

the least disturbed.

Pigeons, that for years had nested under the eaves of the buildings at the flour mill, were driven out by the flames and hundreds circled around the burnings buildings in apparent bewilderment Many mothers with squabs in the nest flew directly into the flames, sacrificing their own lives in a futile attempt to save their young. the least disturbed.

Mill Insurance \$275,000.

Insurance on the fixed property amounts to \$275,000. Of this amount amounts to \$275,000. Of this amount \$237,500 was on the mill property (buildings and machinery) and the remainder on the docks and warehouse on the waterfront adjoining the mill. Of the total insurance the bulk was placed by E. Quackenbush & Co., of Portland. Policies are split among about 58 companies, which will be called on for the payment of claims. It will require at least ten days for the adjusters to complete work.

Big Fires Along River.

With a few minor flames which were handled by the fire department without

MONEYPOLICIESCARRIED

FLOURING MILLS' INSURANCE IS \$237,500.

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

The general schedule of the insurance carried by the Portland Flouring Mills Company on its fixed properties is as fol-

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Fire Association
Hamburg-Bremen Insurance Com-Bany Germania Fire Insurance Company ...
National Insurance Company ...
The Phoenix Fire Insurance Com-

20,000

London, Lancashire & Globe Insurance Company.

Hanover Fire Insurance Company.

Anchen & Munich Insurance Company
Citizens Fire Insurance Company.

Queen City Insurance Company.

Commercial Union Insurance Com-Springfield Fire Insurance Company 13,500

Total \$237.500
The above schedule applied exclusively \$237,500 a new structure will be thoroughly to the fixed properties, such as buildings and machinery and does not include insurance on docks and warehouse, which were not burned.

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.

The Portland Union Stockyards Company began business yesterday morning in its fine new quarters on the Peninsula, adjoining the big packing plant of the Union Meat Company. No ceremonies of any kind marked the opening. It was purely an informal affair and everything was conducted in the businesslike way in

are highly gratified with the suc the opening, which was not disturbed by a hitch of any kind, and they received many compliments from the Portland business men who inspected the yards. The establishment, which is the largest in the West, as well as the most complete, is regarded as only a beginning and as the livestock business in Portland grows and the livestock industry of the Northwest expands, the business of the yards will grow with them.

Amusements

What the Press Agents Sag.

"Paid in Full" Tonight

"Paid in Full" Aonigat.

The attraction at the Bungalow Theater, Twelfth and Morrison streets, tonight at 8:15 o'clock and continuing tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday nights, with a special matinee Saturday, will be Eugene Walter's great American play, "Paid in Full." This trillant and interesting offering is presented by Wagenhais & Kemper, who have given it an excellent cast of players.

"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 Fitch comedy, "dirls," which is playing a week's engagement at the Star under the auspices of the Independents. There will be but three more performances—tonight, tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow night.

One of the great delights of this week's bill at the Orpheum is "The Big City Four." They are the classiest singers that have gladdened the hearts of Portland addiences in many moons. They have a splendid lot of fine songs rendered in the most artistic fashion. They are a decided bit, and you are sure to like them.

"Fifty Miles From Boston." No liveller, joiller musical comedy has been seen here for a long time than George 5L Cohan's "Fitty Miles From Boston," which is creating all kinds of merriment at the Baker this week. It is the season's real sensation at present, and in spite of all the meritorious attractions that are gracing the boards this week it is playing to crowded houses at every performance.

closed Sunday night until the opening of the 1910 season. Manager Cordray is al-ready engaged in securing brand new at-tractions for next year.

Pink Tea Matines Today There's a pink tea matines today at the Lyric, when the Athon players will be seen in 'The Wages of Sin,' the great object-lesson drama that has been giving such great satisfaction this week Great seenic production, with a large cast. Another matines Saturday. You'll like the Lyric.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"A Knight For a Day."

H. H. Frazee will present the big musical play, "A Knight For a Day" at The Bunga-low Theater, Twelfth and Morrison arcests, for three nights, beginning next Sunday, Soptember 19. This delightfully tuneful comedy set to music will be found to be a most pleasing offering; it made a decided hit when here last season.

"The Girl Question." "The Girl Question," the musical comedy which scored the phenomenal run of 460 performances at the La Salle Theater. Chicago, will be seen at the Baker all next week, starting Sunday matines. It is by the authors of "The Time, the Flace and the Girl," and "A Stubbern Cinderella."

Pantages Will Offer Three Demons The most sensational act in vaudeville, the Three Demons, will appear as the top-line attraction on Pantages bill next week. The act is presented by a trio of aerial cyclists who perform the most daring feats ever attempted, and many times during the act, take their lives in their hands.

For next week the Grand will have as the headline act Hall & Starke's ministures ministres. A complete but short ministrel show is given. An added feature will be the Five Merry McGregors in a breezy sketch from bonnie Scotland.

"The Missourlans."

Next week at the Lyric, commencing Sunday matthee, the Athon players will present 'The Missourians,' the famous drains. There will be a gorgeous scenic setting and a large cast of favorites. Seats now selling for the

STOCK COMPANY AT STAR

Big Productions Will Not Appear Until the Portland Is Opened.

On advices received yesterday afternoon from Messrs. Russell & Drew. of Seattle, the Shuberts' general managers for the Northwest, it has been decided to install the McRae Stock Company, a high-class organization, at the Star Thea-ter for the next few weeks, beginning

Sunday night. Sunday night.

The reason for this move is that the stage of the Star has been found inadequate to properly produce the big productions that had been blocked for the opening weeks of the season. The Star stage is not equal to such attractions as "Mr. Hamlet of Broadway." in which Eddle Foy is starring: "The Witching Hour," with John Mason as its star. with John Mason as its star "Midnight Sons" and other big New York successes, which are to be seen here under the auspices of the independents. However, Portland is not to miss these attractions, as their routes will be shifted so as to bring them here when the Port-land is completed next month. It is prac-tically settled that Eddie Foy in "Mr. Hamlet of Broadway" will be the opening attraction at the Portland.

The first offering of the stock company will be "Mrs. Temple's Telegram."

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 "Auntle" Paimer, a ne-gress, at \$90 Everett street. Richards then walked out of the house toward the Golden West saloon, at Seventh and Everett streets. The woman notified police headquarters, and Sergeant Goltz was sent to investigate the case, but Richards could not be found. It is believed he was playing a practical joke on the old woman. old won

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. Tick-ets on sale at Rowe & Martin's drugstore, also at Cain-Rice Shoe Company.

A KUHN ENTERPRISE.

Twin Falls Oakley Project-38,000 Idaho's Cholcest Acres. On Monday, September 20, at 10 o'clock A. M., at Milner, Idaho, a Carey act drawing under the supervision of the State Land Board of Idaho, will

L. O. Ralston Tells Why He Quit Old Oregon Savings.

NOT RUN RIGHT, HE SAYS

Papers to Protect Himself-Jury May Call Board of Di-

rectors to Probe.

L. O. Ralston, president of the Amer conduct of the wrecked bank by its of-

oaned.
"The Oregon Savings Bank was growth

the stock I know nothing. My record as a banker and a business man is open to anyone and in all my career I have done nothing of which I am ashamed, so that any investigation will have no relation to me. I have nothing to conceal and if I am summoned before the grand jury or into any court I will be glad to tell what I know, which is little. It is said that irregularities were practiced, but if such wars the case it was after my withdrawal

at various times, making the final pay-ment in full on this amount on Septem-ber 12, 1966. Shortly after the subscription books were open it was seen that there would be a remaining block of the stock, amounting to \$20,800, which had not been subscribed for.

not been subscribed for.

"I agreed to take this amount and made a payment on it. The balance of the amount due on this second block of stock was paid by me in several payments, the last of which was made on April 26, 1985. Mr. Moore bought all of this \$45,900 worth of stock. I hold now in my possession the notes for the stock I was responsible for, which were paid by me at the Oregon Savings Bank and bear the cancellation of the bank, so that my share of the stock was fully paid for, with interest, when I left the institution."

In view of the charges impending as the result of the present investigation of the bank's books, the reason attributed by Mr. Ralston for his retirement is reby Mr. Ralston for his retirement is re-garded as significant. Just after he had sold out his interest to Mr. Moore it was

Financier States He Has Retained

L. O. Ralston, president of the American Bank & Trust Company, and the former president of the Oregon Savings Bank, which, 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 of-

retired from the Oregon Savings Bank and sold out my interest to W. H. Moore, who afterwards became president of the reorganized bank, because I thought that the bank was not being conducted according to my views of how a banking business should at that time. I am not a believer in "high than a bank that a bank, to be a secure financial institution, should rely solely upon the difference between what it never for the use of its money and its never for the use of its money and the secure financial institution. It pays for the use of its money and what it receives for the use of it, for its earnings, bearing in mind that ample urity should be required for all money

ing rapidly. It had reached a growth where one man could not watch all its investments carefully, and as my method was not being observed by Mr. Morris, the cashier, I therefore determined to sell out my stock. I had known Mr. Moore for a long time. He and I became acquainted in Eastern Oregon when he was in the banking business there. As he had frequently expressed the desire to become engaged in the business in Portland, I let him have my stock. Be-fore the transfer was made I considered It my duty to point out certain things in connection with the conduct of the bank, but he said he was able to look after his interests and the stock was transferred. "What occurred after the transfer of the stock I know nothing. My record as

irregularities were practiced, but if such were the case it was after my withdrawal and I know nothing about them. Before I left the bank was in good shape.

"I can give information as to my stock, if that is desired. I still retain the papers in this matter. When the Oregon Savings Bank was formed on May 2, 1904, I took \$55,000 worth of the capital stock, one-half of which I paid for in cash and the other half I paid for at various times, making the final pay-

meritorious attractions that are gracing the board this week it is playing act drawing under the supervision of crowded houses at every performance.

Well-Balanced Bill at Pantages.

Menstekel, the wonderful linsion which pursied all England last season while appeared as the England last season while appeared the England last season while appe

E. Lytle, president of the Pacific Rail-road & Navigation Company, who was formerly one of the directors of the bank and who, in connection with the United Railways deal, recently said that loans had been made without his knowledge. If it is the contention of Mr. Moore and

If it is the contention of Mr. Moore and Mr. Morris that these loans were laid before the board of directors, it is highly probable that the entire board of directors will be asked to testify before the inquisitorial body before the inquisitorial body before the investigation of the matter is finished.

The work of the expert accountants, Lester, Herrick & Herrick, is rapidly approaching completion and a summary of their findings will be placed at the disposal of Attorney Gruber, who, representing a number of dissatisfied depositors, has persistently asked for an intors, has persistently asked for an investigation and prosecution if the facts disclosed warranted such action. The action of the District Attorney's office in placing the matter before the jury will depend upon the evidence this report cites as conclusive.

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. Rabbl Wise pro-claimed in his sermon on "The New Cove-nant," that all inherited superstition by the demands of the New Covenant must be demands of the New Covenant must

The Jewish New Year's celebration was formally opened in the various syna-gogues of the city last night and will be

ontinued today and tomorrow. At Temple Beth Israel the choir was composed of Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer, so-prano and choir director; Mrs. Rose Coursen Reed, contralto; William H. Boyer, tenor, and W. A. Montgomery, baritone, the latter substituting in lieu of Dom J. Zan, who is now in California. Edgar E. Coursen presided at the organ. The music, written especially for the day, is of a dramatic and fervent style and especially adapted to the voices of the quartet. In addition to the service music the choir gave a charming inter-pretation of Schnecker's "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," with violin obligate y Waldemar Lind, and soprano and con-

Excellent music will be given at the service this morning, with a violin solo, by Waldemar Lind; a cello solo, by Mr. Reff. and a cornet solo, by David Rose-

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

PRESSED HARD

Coffee's Weight On Old Age. When prominent men realize the in-jurious effects of coffee and the change n health that Postum can bring,

are giad to lend their testimony for the benefit of others.

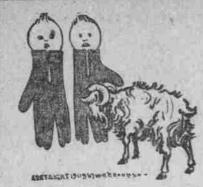
A superintendent of public schools in North Carolina, says:

"My mother, since her early childhood, was an inveterate coffee drink-er and had been troubled with her heart for a number of years, and com-plained of that 'weak all over' feeling "Some time ago I was making an official visit to a distant part of the

official visit to a distant part of the country and took dinner with one of the merchants of the place. I noticed a somewhat peculiar flavor of the coffee, and asked him concerning it. He replied that it was Postum.

"I was so pleased with it, that after the meal was over, I bought a package to carry bome with me, and had wife prepare some for the next meal. The whole family liked it so well that we discontinued coffee and used Postum entirely.

entirely. "I had really been at times very anxious concerning my mother's condi-tion, but we noticed that after using



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are constantly being filled with them.

This will prove a welcome bit of information for all those who are overworked, gloomy, despondent, nervous and have trembling limbs, heart palpitation, dizziness, cold extremities, insomnia, fear without cause, insomnia, fear without cause, timidity in venturing, and general mability to act naturally and rationally as others do, because the treatment can be prepared secretly at home and taken without any one's knowledge.

Overworked office men and the manny victims of society's late hours and dissipation will, it is said find the restorative they are in need of.

If the reader decides to try it, get three ounces of ordinary syrup sarsaparilla compound and one ounce compound fluid balmwort; mix and let stand two hours; then get one ounce compound essence cardiol' and one ounce incture cadomene compound (not cardamom), mix all together, shake well and take a teaspoonful after each meal and one when retiring.

A certain well-known medical expert asserts that thousands of men and many women are sufferers all because of downant circuiation of the blood and a consequential impairment of the nerv-

men and many women are sur ferers all because of dormant ci-culation of the blood and a cons-quential impairment of the ner-ous force, which begets the mor-dreadful symptoms and untol misery.

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