STRONG WIND FANS WATERFRONT FIRE

Oregon & Washington Lumber Plant Burned; Much Property Threatened.

SPARKS ARE CARRIED FAR

Log Booms in River Hamper Work of Fireboat-Damage Estimated at \$75,000, Partly Covered by \$40,000 Insurance.

Fanned by a strong east wind, flames from the burning plant of the Oregon & Washington Lumber Company, at the foot of Hamilton street, for a time threatof Hamilton street, for a time threatened destruction to a great part of South
Portland and Fulton yesterday morning,
with a loss which might have totaled
millions of dollars. However, the herole
effects of ten companies of the Fire Department, working under an almost inconceivable handleap, configed the conflagration to narrow limits, except feat
here and there over an area of a square
mile or more, sporadic blance broke out
which were coped with by the neighborhood, successfully in all but one case.
The loss may reach #5,900 with insurance
of \$80,000 on the plant.

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Fire Started by Sparks.

Sparks supposed to have come from the adjoining plant of the Mulmomah lumber and box factory, ignited the abandened plant of the Oregon & Washington Company, at \$215 ociock yesterday merning, and within five minutes the entire group of buildings was on fire. The plant has been closed since last July, and only a watchman was present. He said that the lire sprang up on the pussible of the blacksmith shop, next to the river and to the Mulmomah plant, Immediately, before be could take steps to extinguish it, the blaze, fanned by a 20-mile gale from the east, galloped over the sawmill, dry kiln and planing mill and a pall of smoke and blazing bits of word rose many hundreds of feet in the air and whirled westward up the hill toward the residence district. Employees of the Mulmomah trunk factory rushed to the assistance of the watchman, but were powerless to get the fire under but were powerless to get the fire under control.

Twenty Streams Turned On.

Three successive glarms brought the Torse successive manner of the boat, every West Side company and some from the East Side, to the scene, and in a remerkably short time 20 streams were playing upon the fire and fighting it back from the adjoining fac-

showers of sparks, falling at points more than a mile distant from the fire, caused many new centers of danger to start and hundreds of householders

Destruction Held in Bounds.

The mill buildings which were degtroyed stood in an approximate square
on piling and were surrounded by a
wide dock. To those limits the fire was
confined, though the plant of the Multnomah company stands close on the north
side and the dry-shed of the Oregon &
Washington Company is equally close
on the south. To save these buildings
and those in train with them, the firemen
devoted their efforts, with marked success. Though scorched and seared by
tengues of flame that now and then
shot forth with extra violence, the firefighters remained at their posts and fighters remained at their posts and after an aour of hard work saw their efforts rewarded. Though untouched by the flames, the south side of the Multno-

Police Help Firemen.

The hardrat work done by the firemen was under the dock, where great masses of sandust and edgings retained the fire, leading it inexorably but secretly in a decision yesterday morning toward the adjoining property. "Smoke-eaters" butrowed under the planking and practice.

The conflagration was one of the most spectacular daylight fires ever seen in this city. A dense plume of black smoke, many nundred feet high, was seen from every part of the city, and sensational rumors were in circulation that Fulton was destroyed, with great loss of life.

hours, on account of the many lines of hose stretched across the track. Tons of household furniture were piled along the streets, the residents momentarily expecting that their homes would be in the path of a general conflagration, excepting everything west and south of the mill.

cient service by the fireboat George Efficient service by the fireboat George 14. Williams was greatly hampered by the fact that the frontage of the mill was occupied by a broad boom of logs. The boat was out of service half an hour at the beginning of the fire, seeking an opening to go close in, but finally was forced to lie outside. Had the wind been from any other direction its streams could not have been brought to bear. As it was, much of the water thrown by the boat was turned into spray before it reached the fire. reached the fire.

Booms Hamper Fireboat.

This is a subject upon which numerous reports have been made by Chief Campbell, contending that other disposition should be made of log rafts kept moored in front of the mills. He often has predicted that in case any of the sawmills on the river caught fire the work of the firehoat would be laterfored with to a disastrous extent, and the incident of resterday morning is pointed to by him

se bearing out his prophecy. It is thought probable that advantage will be taken of the lesson thus made im-pressive, and that better regulation of

pressive, and that better regulation of the mooring of rafts in the river will be sought for by Lie city officials.

M. F. Henderson, vice-president of the Oregon & Washington Company, was at the scene of the fire and made a tentative estimate of the loss at \$75.00. Insurance is carried to the amount of \$60.00. W. A. Dempsey, president of the company, and its active manager, is confined to his bed by a severe illness. The damage to the Multnomah Lumber & Box factory is fully covered by insurance.

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Jack O'Breen, one of the firemen, with
a face scorched and blistered, was ordered out of the pit of fiames, where he
had insisted on remaining at his post,
by Chief Campbell. He was placed in an
automobile and taken to a physician.
Martin Metzler, another fireman, was
also severely burned. Chief Campbell
suffered abrasions of the legs when
climbing about the piling.

When the fire was under control, John
Kekel, proprietor of the Riverside boarding-house, near the scene of the fire,
spread a bountcous table at which every
member of the department was invited
to sit. The tired and hungry fire-fight-

to sit. The tired and hungry fire-fighters accepted his hospitality.

PROPERTY IS DEFENDED

FATHER WOULD KEEP CASH HE GAVE DAUGHTERS.

Chris Von Lodiges Gives Domestic Troubles in Court to Show How Agreement Was Broken.

To prevent all the property he has acquired from going to his two daughters, to whom, in a spirit of friendil-

to live in the five-room house he had prepared for her and the children. Not long after Lodiges' wife returned to him she became homesick for Ger-

many and he declared, made such a constant plea to return to that country he finally agreed that she should try he finally agreed that she should do so. After providing money for her and the girls to go back, he was induced, he says, by the girls to give each of them a promissory note for \$2500, secured on a third mortgage on his property, which already had two minor mortgages. The notes were given, he said, with the understanding that one of the girls, Elsie, should remain with him, while the other should go with her mother.

start and hundreds of householders manned the roofs of their houses with buckets and garden hose.

The home of J. G. Miller, 1254; Seymour avenue, more than a quarter of a mile from the mill, caught fire and was destroyed. Near it, the home of William Moran, lies Kelly street, began to blaze. Mrs Moran was alone and fought the fire single-handed until the neighbors went to ber assistance and extinguished the fiames with small damage.

Sparks were carried by the gale into the guich west of Corbett street and within half an hour the hillsides shove Fulton were ablane. There are no residences in this vicinity, and the brush fire burnt itself out without doing material damage, although the aspect from below indicated a menocing condition.

Destruction Held in Bounds.

FEDERAL JUDGE COMPLAINS OF ATTORNEYS' CUSTOM.

Taking of Civil Sults to State Circuit Court for Easier Verdicts

. Is Condemned.

The recent Oregon law providing for acceptance of three-fourths jury verdicts in civil suits in the State Cir-Heyend the dry-eded, south of the fire, is the plant of the Gold Medal shingle mill, littered about with great beaps of tindery cedar bark. From time to time a smouldering nest of fire would appear in this rubbish, but policemen and spectators lent a hand and saved the plant from cutching fire.

Police Mathematical distributions of the control of th

resident, it has been the practice to make the foreman a party defendant,

eaters' burrowed under the planking and met the insidious element at every point, under conditious that were almost intolerable. Several were severely injured, but all remained at their posts. All available police officers were called in and under the command of Captain Baty and Sergeant Riley, gave assistance to the firemen.

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the sides of the natural amphitheater, at the base of which it raged.

Railway Travel Suspended.

Traffle on the Oswego line of the Southern Pacific was suspended for two hours on account of the many lines of bose stretched across the track. Tons of the case in which this point area.

Tons of condemation suits for the bridge approaches pending the outcome of negotiations to be reported on tomorrow. Council Direction Denical.

"Well, what has that to do without approaches pending the outcome of negotiations to be reported on properly or guarded. The corporation obtained removal of the case to the Federal Court. The plaintiff sought to have it returned to the state court.

The judge said the petition for re-moval, and proof accompanying it, do not show Smith was in fact the fore-"The joining of Smith as defendant,"

he said. "is wrongful on account of a legal fraud upon this court. The mo-tion to remand is overruled." Oregon Pioneer Dies at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 28.-(Special.)—John P. Hill, an Oregon ploneer of 1875, died at his home in this city Monday. The body will be sent to Oregon City for burial, which will occur in that city Wednesday.

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Mayor Tells East Siders Innuendoes Harm Broadway.

CONTRACT UP TO SIMON

Executive Declares Push Clubs, by Blaming "Higher Ups" Cast Suspicion on Him as Obstructionist-Others Are Meant.

Intimating strongly that the people of the North East Side might yet defeat the Broadway bridge, the very opposite of the result they wish, Mayor Simon yesterday demanded to know of a large mmittee from East Side clubs, which waited upon him, whether they had referred to him as the "higher up" who is obstructing the progress of the span. Not one said he was the man, but those who spoke in reply cleared him of all connection with obstructionists and laid the blame on the O.-W. R. & N. Company, the City Council, Frank Klernan, W. F. Burrell, C. K. Henry and Attorney Duniway.

Mayor Simon indicated that, unless the members of the North East Side Improvement Club and other similar organizations desist from their course in sinuating that he is in reality obstruct ing the Broadway bridge, he will be unable to proceed much further. It is within his power to annul the present contract with the Union Bridge & Construction Company for the substructure, as, in drawing up the contract, he in-serted a clause for the protection of the city, in case the bonds are not sold and the money is not realized.

That the continual passing of resolu-ions and discussion about obstruction y "higher ups" by East Side improveby 'higher ups' by East Side Improve-ment associations has resulted in much injury to the Broadway bridge project, Mayor Simon made plain to the com-mittee, which was headed by M. G. Munly, one of the chief advocates of the spap. The Mayor said he had gone out of his way as Chief Executive of the city to promote the project and de-clared he is tired of the abuse that has

Mayor Tells Help Given.

"From the very first," declared the Mayor, "I have done everything I could to promote this bridge project. I tried to raise the necessary money to start the work by subscriptions and subscribed thereto myself; I also persuaded my brothers and some friends to subscribe. I have negotiated with the railroads and have facilitated the bridge in every way that I can as Mayor and as a citizen. Mayor, "I have done everything I could to promote this bridge project. I tried to raise the necessary money to start the work by subscriptions and subscribed thereto myself; I also persuaded my brothers and some friends to subscribe. I have negotiated with the railroads and have facilitated the bridge in every way that I can as Mayor and as a citizen. Not only have I tried to provide the funds for the work, but I assumed a very grave responsibility when I signed the contract for the substructure before the after doing all of these things, it does not set very well with me to be called an obstructionist and for you to be throwing out all kinds of innuendees against me; saying that I have tied the hands of the City Attorney and that I don't want to build the bridge. It strikes me you are injuring your own project more than you are me." Mr. Munly replied that he had never

referred to the Mayor as being the "higher up" who is obstructing the bridge project explaining that in all of his public and private utterances he

things. After denying every charge, the Mayor said:

Speeches Base Attack.

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"Now, I do not presume to hold you gentlemen directly responsible for this article, for this paper will publish anything for the sake of a sensation, but I do charge you with being indirectly responsible for it. You, by your insinuations and innuendoes and your passing of resolutions and by your speeches at your mestings, furnish a foundation for this trashy stuff, and I tell you that you are hurting your own cause more than you are hurting me. I have nothing to ask, no favors to seek and I do not need the bridge, but I am trying to help you people who do need it. Now, after doing my best to get the bridge for you, after adopting the type of bridge you asked me to adopt, after appointing the consulting engineer you asked me to appoint, and after doing all I can, I don't like to be called an obstructionist."

W. C. North, vice-president of the

W. C. North, vice-president of the North East Side Improvement Associa-tion, who declared last week at a meettion, who declared last week at a meeting of that organization that "some higher up' was holding up legal proceedings by the City Attorney." was asked by Mayor Simon to whom he referred. Mr. North said he had reference to the City Council, and said he confirmed his statement the following morning when he was told by the City Attorney that a committee of the Council had asked him to withhold the filing of condemnation suits for the bridge approaches pending the outcome of ne-

"If you direct the Council, it has, was Mr. North's reply.

"Weil, you know I do not direct the Council," replied the Mayor. "Furthermore, the request of the committee was made in open and public session, with good reasons; negotiations pending between the committee and the company might result favorably to the early adjustment of the case at issue; you led people to believe at your meeting when you mentioned 'higher up' that some one under cover, but high in authority, was doing this obstructionist work."

Various members of the committee spoke, disclaiming any responsibility for the allegations and insinuations against the Mayor and the members of the committee said they have given him credit for being friendly to the bridge and of trying to further it as rapidly as postrying to further it as rapidly as pos-

"If you people on the North Bast Side would devote one-tenth of the energy to helping me to sell the bonds for the bridge that you have been doing in defaming me and in spreading statements damaging to me as a man and as Mayor, we might have been a good deal further along," the Mayor concluded.

The Mayor said that it is money and money alone that is needed to build the bridge. He urged the committee to assist the city in disposing of its bonds for the purpose and not to discredit the

dayor and to misconstrue and misinte-ret his actions and to give circulation bits of sensational rumor.

Burrell Case Argued.

Arguments in the case of W. F. Burrell to enjoin the city from continuing the contract for the construction of the Broadway bridge were begun before Presiding Judge Gantenbein, of the State Circuit Court, yesterday afternoon, and will be completed this morning.

Attorney Duniway, representing Mr. Burrell, contended that the contract for the substructure of the bridge, given to the Union Bridge & Construction Company, was not in accordance with the law. He maintained that the Mayor had entered into a secret agreement with Raiph Modjeski by which Mr. Modjeski was to receive, supposedly, \$50,000 for serving as supervising engineer of the bridge, and contended that the charter made it necessary for the City Engineer to do that work. He also said the contract would cause a waste of \$100,000.

Judge Gantenbein ruled that the law authorizing the construction of the bridge permitted the city to employ necessary engineering talent. Attorney Duniway argued that such is necessary only when the City Engineer is not competent to perform the work.

Deputy City Attorney Benbow opened the argument. He said there was nothing in the complaint to show that Mr. Burrell had in any way been injured by the proceedings of the city.

COURSE WILL BE MODER

REED INSTITUTE TO EMPHASIZE PRACTICAL SIDE.

College of Liberal Arts Is True Mission, Dr. Foster Tells Members of Rotary Club.

Reed Institute's mission is that of a college of liberal arts, Dr. W. T. Foster, president of the institute told the members of the Rotary Club at a luncheon yesterday. Emphasis will be laid upon the practical in education.

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contract for the substructure before the cash was in the city treasury. I am financially responsible and it required a good deal of determination to take the chances which I took. Now, gentlemen, after doing all of these things, it does not set very well with me to be called an obstructionist and for you to be throwing out all kinds of innuendoes against me; saying that I have tied the

COTTON YET IN QUANDARY

Harriman Attorney Sees No Hope of Adjusting Bridge Tangle.

his public and private utterances he referred to others.

"There is a prevailing impression among the people," said Mr. Munly, "that the O.-W. R. & N. Company is behind the obstructionists and while it perhaps could not be proved, there is reason to believe it is true. I told Mr. GBrien this a year ago and he got prestry wrathy. I have never, however, had reference to you as the 'higher up.' Mayor Simon them cited an article which charged him with double-dealing; with being an attorney for the railroad company; with being secretary of the North Pacific Terminal Company, and of being opposed to the construction of the Broadway bridge, and other similar things. After denying every charge, the

day afternoon.
"I have been giving the subject very little thought since the last meeting. said Mr. Cotton yesterday, "and don't know what report I will have to make. I wish some well-informed citizen would come in here and tell me what to say to those gentlemen tomorrow morning. They have made a certain proposition, which I could not accept proposition, which I could not accept last Friday, and I don't think that I am in any more of a position to accept it now. I am not at liberty to trade off valuable property belonging to the company for the legitimate use of streets which should be granted without cost, and I don't think the company will be ready to do business in that way.

"Til meet with the committee in the morning and I wish that I could suggest something that would be of mutual satisfaction and aid in the speedy erection of both bridges, but I can't think of any plan right now that will even approach that end, to say nothing of accomplishing it."

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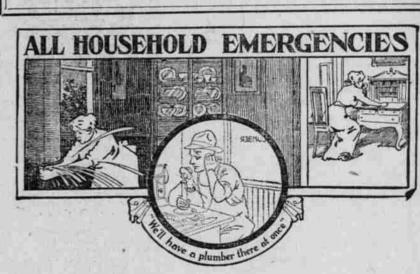
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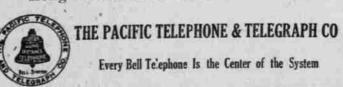
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