

NEAR COXIE HOTEL AT GEARHART BURNS

Historic Beach Landmark of 25 Years Destroyed in Less Than Hour by Flames.

LOSS IS ALMOST \$25,000

As Blaze Progresses Frame Structure of 100 Rooms Razed and Contents Lost—Extension to New Hostel May Result.

GEARHART BEACH, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The Neahcote Hotel, formerly the old Gearhart Hotel, which for 25 years has been a historic beach landmark, burned to the ground here tonight in less than an hour. Only 218 remains, by the winter visitors to the beach were the inhabitants of Gearhart successful in saving the postoffice, an adjoining apartment-house and several cottages from the flames. The loss is between \$22,000 and \$25,000, it is estimated. The property was owned by the Gearhart Park Company, of which O. W. Taylor, of Portland, is the president.

The blaze is believed to have started in the basement of the hotel. The only occupant at the time was Mrs. Reese, who, with her husband, lives at the hotel during the winter.

The Neahcote was a three and four-story frame structure of 100 rooms. It was practically completely equipped, although some of the better furniture was in storage. Only this was saved, the entire contents of the hotel going up with the blaze. The hotel would have been used this summer to handle part of the summer traffic. It was practically booked for the season, beginning June 1.

The fire was discovered at 5 o'clock. The volunteer fire equipment was called out immediately and with the residents and guests of the beach resort the flames were fought. When it was seen that the hotel itself was doomed, the hose was played on the postoffice just across the street on the south side. The postoffice is scorched but not damaged. But for the work of the volunteers at the postoffice, the apartment-house and several cottages would have burned. About 100 people joined in the fight on the flames, which ran into the old structure as if it were a tinder box.

As a result of the burning of the Neahcote, it is likely that the Gearhart Company will add an extension to the new hotel this summer to care for the traffic, according to O. W. Taylor, president of the firm last night he said: "It is likely we will have to add to the new Gearhart as a result of the fire, although at this time we cannot say. The Neahcote was built by M. J. Kinney, of Portland, a good many years ago, possibly 25. We intended to use it this summer. The loss I should estimate is between \$22,000 and \$25,000, which is covered by insurance."

POE VALLEY WORK HURRIED

Reclamation Service Begins Active Operations in Surveys.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The Reclamation Service has begun active operations for the season, by sending a party of engineers to Poe Valley, to begin the survey. The measure of work being done by the contractors. The survey of the individual land holdings, to determine the irrigable area of each, will be made later in the season.

LIBRARY ONE STEP NEARER

Hood River Council Proposes to Effect Change in Charter.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The possibility of the loss of the present appropriation of \$17,500 by the Carnegie Commission for a library building here was eliminated Monday when the City Council adopted a resolution to proceed to change the charter of the city, which at present prevents the Council from purchasing any property for a library site. The freeholders of the town may vote bonds to the extent of \$1000 for the purpose of securing a building site.

W. B. M'GUIRE FIRE CHIEF

Hood River Department Gives Banquet to ex-Chief Ganger.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—W. B. McGuire has been made chief of the local Volunteer Fire Department to take the place of William Ganger, who has resigned. R. H. Hubbard takes the place of Mr. McGuire, who has been Assistant Chief. A banquet was given in honor of the ex-chief by the firemen. Mr. Ganger will move to Bull Run, where he has purchased an 80-acre tract of farming land.

RECOVERY OF LAND IS AIM

Washington Officials Prepare to Settle Dispute.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—Clerk Savidge, of the State Land Commission, and Attorney-General W. V. Tanner, say that following the signing of the bill appropriating \$20,000 for the work that negotiations will be opened at once with the Federal Govern-

MINISTERS ON WAY

Six Parliaments to Be Held in Northwest Cities.

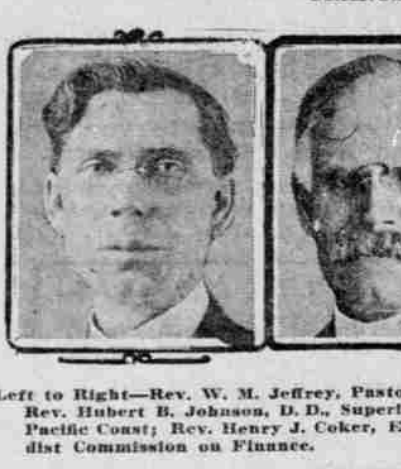
GRANTS PASS GETS FIRST Following Three Days' Conference Methodist Episcopal Church Folk Will Visit Portland, Then Tacoma and Seattle.

BANDON LIBRARY BENEFITS

Tag and Trade Day Proves Attractive to Many People.

BANDON, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—It was "tag and trade day" yesterday. Tags were sold for the benefit of the Bandon Public Library and many of the leading merchants gave appreciable concessions to their customers and to the library in order that a larger number of people than usual might be attracted to the town and the library benefit thereby.

PREACHERS WHO FIGURE IN IMPORTANT COMING MEETING AT GRANTS PASS.



Left to Right—Rev. W. M. Jeffrey, Pastor of Grants Pass Methodist Church; Rev. Hubert B. Johnson, D. D., Superintendent of Japanese Missions for the Pacific Coast; Rev. Henry J. Coker, Educational Secretary for the Methodist Commission on Finance.

commission and finance, representing the benevolent boards of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

NEW MILL'S CAPACITY HIGH

Luedinghaus Bros.' Electrically Operated Plant Now Busy.

DRYAD, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—Luedinghaus Bros. new electrically operated sawmill yesterday cut the first lumber under the present arrangement of the plant, or since it was changed from one operated by steam. The mill is the first of its kind to be built in this vicinity, and, from present indications, will prove a greater success than its owners at first anticipated.

DIPLOMA CANDIDATES OUT

University Students, 113, Would Graduate in Two Departments.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 19.—(Special.)—One hundred and thirteen students expect to receive diplomas from the colleges of liberal arts and of engineering of the University of Oregon next June. The list of candidates for graduation was given out from the registrar's office today.

GRESHAM WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. W. R. Biddle, Victim of Cancerous Growth.

MONMOUTH, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. Stella C. Biddle, wife of W. R. Biddle, died yesterday at her home in Gresham. Mrs. Biddle has been a sufferer from cancer for some time, and her death was not unexpected. Mr. Biddle came to Gresham about a year ago and last year Mrs. Biddle taught the Cedar School and also assisted in her husband's store.

Jacob Stocker Best Orator.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Jacob Stocker last night won the local trial out of the Willamette University Prohibition League. Three orators spoke. Fred McMillan was second and Harvey Tobie third. The winner of this contest will enter the state prohibition oratorical contest from which a representative will be selected to compete in the National contest. Willamette is believed to be very strong this year in oratory and should make a creditable showing wherever competing.

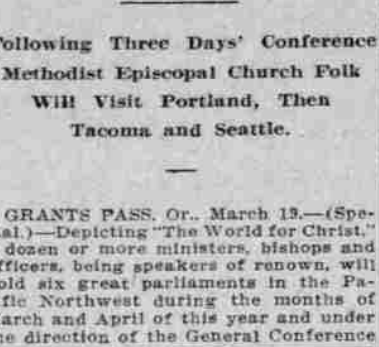
Temperature Rises at Montesano.

MONTESANO, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—Snow to a depth of two inches fell in the Chehalis Valley last night. The cold northwest wind swept the valley for 48 hours prior to the snowfall. The weather is much warmer today.

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3 Local Trains

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	LOCAL	LIMITED	LOCAL	LIMITED
Leave Portland.....	6:30 A. M.	8:40 A. M.	11:00 A. M.	2:25 P. M.
Arrive Salem.....	8:30 A. M.	10:10 A. M.	1:00 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
Arrive Albany.....	9:40 A. M.	11:15 A. M.	2:05 P. M.	5:35 P. M.
Arrive Corvallis.....	10:07 A. M.	11:39 A. M.	2:30 P. M.	6:00 P. M.
Arrive Eugene.....	11:15 A. M.	12:30 P. M.	7:10 P. M.	8:50 P. M.

Portland time shown is at Jefferson-street Station; at North Bank Station time is twenty minutes earlier.

TWO LIMITED AND THREE LOCAL TRAINS CORVALLIS TO PORTLAND

Trains leaving Portland start from North Bank Station, making stops to accept passengers at Tenth and Stark street, Tenth and Morrison streets, Fifth and Salmon streets, Second and Salmon streets and Jefferson-Street Station.

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PASSENGER STATIONS

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EXPERIENCE OF MOTHERHOOD

Advice to Expectant Mothers

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother's results.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

Every woman at this time should rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a most valuable tonic and invigorator of the female organism.

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