BOOM POWDER CITY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Hopewell, Va., and All Its People Desolate, but Nearby Mills Are Spared.

LOSS IS ABOUT $3,000,000

Thousands, Suddenly Homeless, Are Taken to Other Towns on Special Trains—Militia Is on Guard. Negro Looter Lynched.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 9.—Hopewell, Va., the boom town of 25,000, founded by the Dupont Powder Company, virtually was destroyed by fire late today. At 9 P. M. the flames still were uncontrolled, but it was said there was little left to burn in the town, and the company's powder mill, some distance away, was not believed to be in danger. The blaze started in a restaurant.

The financial loss is estimated roughly at $2,000,000 and thousands of homeless families tonight were taken to Richmond and Petersburg on special trains.

Wooden Buildings Burn Rapidly.

Nearly every building in the town, which had sprung up with sensational rapidity, suggestive of the Western mining settlements of the '60s, was made of wood. A high wind aided the spread of the flames, and within a few minutes after they were discovered several blocks were on fire. Firemen rushed from Richmond and Petersburg were powerless to check the conflagration.

Six companies of state troops were sent to prevent rioting and looting among the frantic laborers and their families. One negro caught looting was lynched. No other life was lost as a result of the fire, according to reports reaching here.

Still more troops were sent tonight to the stricken town and reports indicate that the military authorities had the situation well in hand.

Small Boy Rescues Babies.

The fire started at 1:45 o'clock. The alarm was given by Adam Drum, an 11-year-old boy, who saw smoke coming from the roof of a three-story restaurant building. He rushed into the building and soon afterward appeared at a front window on the ground floor with an infant in his arms. He shouted to the crowd below to hold a blanket. A bed covering was used as a life net and the boy leaped into it. Neither he nor the infant was hurt.

The boy then entered a building next door and brought out a second infant, this time from the first floor, that had been left to burn by its parents.

Hopewell until two months ago was a wide-open town, and there had been much trouble in maintaining order. Many men carried weapons as in the old days in the West.

Everywhere among the ruins tonight lawyers, doctors, business men and laborers were sitting on the goods they managed to save, with rifles across their knees or revolvers at their belts.

The stores, hotels, restaurants, office buildings and other structures destroyed will probably number 400. There was little insurance.

Incendiary Motive Credited.

Despite the fact the fire originated in a restaurant, there were persistent reports tonight that it had been started by an incendiary who might have been the accomplice of the employe of the Du Pont factory arrested last night. Officials of the powder company refused to discuss the incendiary theory.

The negro lynched was found carrying off clothing from a pile in front of a burning store. He was seized at once by a party of citizens and hurried into a side street. After a moment's consultation a rope was placed about his neck and he was hanged to a tree.

The town's two banks were burned. Officials of each had considerable trouble with foreign laborers, who frantically besieged the burning buildings in which their money was deposited. In one bank the cashier had to drive the frenzied men from the building with a revolver.

LOGANBERRY JUICE CURES

Oregon Product Declared Useful in Cases of Rheumatism.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Loganberry juice is now being used as a cure for rheumatism, according to word received here today from W. P. Woodward, of Woodard, Clarke & Co., druggists, of Portland.

J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruitgrowers' Association, received a letter from Mr. Woodward in which he said that the loganberry juice has been found beneficial. It is said the juice acts as a solvent for uric acid, one of the causes of the disease.

Local physicians say that if this is the case, loganberry juice as a drink will surpass other similar fruit juices. One physician said today any fruit juice tended to dissolve the uric acid, but that he believed loganberry juice was the most satisfactory of any.

LEBANON SHIPPING TREES

Christmas Supplies Prepared for Southern California.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Three carloads of Christmas trees have been assembled at the Southern Pacific station for Southern California.

Saturday, December 12, will mark the formal opening of the holiday season in Lebanon. The Women's Civic Club will decorate the business streets. The Civic Club has met with hearty cooperation.

A community tree will be placed at the intersection of Main and Sherman streets and a community "sing" will be given.

Growth of Schools Cited.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Showing the rapid increase in the number of high schools in Oregon, the State Department of Education announced today that while 13 years ago there were but five high schools in Oregon graduating as many as 12 annually, now the high school graduates yearly number more than 2000. The State Department of Education has completed the standardization of 165 high schools. Each of these schools is not only offering four years of work above the eighth grade, but all are well supplied with libraries and apparatus enabling them to do efficient work.

Canby Mayor Is Re-elected.

CANBY, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The following city officials were elected Monday: W. H. Bair, to succeed himself as Mayor; J. Lee Eckerson, re-elected Treasurer, and Ora Slyter, George Bates, C. G. Combs and P. C. Stacy as Councilmen, the last named being re-elected.

EBERELES TOUR TWICE TOGETHER IN 33 YEARS

White-Haired Pair Appear in "Daddy Long Legs" at Heilig After Long Absence—Wife of Dead Son Is Visited.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

HERE goes on record a little chat I had yesterday with the youngest old lady and gentleman on the stage—the Eberle youngsters—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Eberle. Mother Eberle is 74 years young and is the only woman in captivity who will admit to all of her years. This excellent pair have been wed 48 years, and in the last 33 years they only twice have had an engagement in the same company.

Their present tour is the second instance of a joint engagement. Mrs. Eberle plays the busy-as-a-pot-of-tea Nurse Semple in "Daddy Long Legs," at the Heilig, and Mr. Eberle has the role of one of the trustees and appears later as Walters, the butler, presenting quite as flawless and sincere a bit of character study as that of his wife.

First Visit 30 Years Ago.

It is 30 years since Mr. Eberle first visited Portland. He came with Robert Mantell and stopped at the Ohio House, down by the river. Again he visited us six years ago, as the doctor in "The Third Degree." Most of their theatrical years have been spent in original productions in New York or in Eastern companies. Last season Mrs. Eberle was the Nurse Semple with Henry Miller's company and came to California with the company, but her only visit to Portland was made in 1889, when she came in Daly's "A Night Out."

This veteran pair have two sons and a daughter back East, and their eldest boy, George M. Eberle, who used to be a druggist in Astoria and in Portland, lies buried in Vancouver, Wash., and much of their time here has been spent with his wife.

They have none of the hall-marks of the grease paint fraternity—these fine old folk. Mr. Eberle is a Bostonian; Mrs. Eberle was born Mary Ferguson in Scotland, and went on the stage in the ballet at 15.

"My parents never would come to the theater to see me—although they took great interest in my work," said Mrs. Eberle. "My father took me to and from the theater nightly, and mother helped me with my studies and my clothes, but their staunch religious upbringing forbade them to enter the theater."

The Eberles spend their non-working hours in reading, keeping up a busy correspondence with the folks back home in Chatham, N. Y., and in nosing quietly about investigating the scenery.

Vacations Renew Youth.

"We spend most of our time looking forward to the Summers, for we have such lovely times in the Berkshire hills. We forget the years, and are quite like school children on a holiday." Delightfully these sweet old folk tell of the artists of other days, kindly, reverently of the big stars, and always with dignity.

Oh, if only some of the little unheard-of young people of the stage could meet the Eberles and learn from them the lesson of kindliness to their fellow artists. They told of the three Booths, of Charles Keane; they delved into their own interesting histories; we came down to modern-day actors, and not one word save generous praise and loyalty to a fine profession came from the lips of the Eberles.

They are filled with enthusiasm and the joy of their work, and they ask only that they be permitted to play in the same company.

"It's so nice to have father to look out for me," says mother.

"Why, dearie," says the snowy-haired old gentleman," you know you look out for me."

OI predict that this is one stage marriage that will stay put.

5000 SEE CHICKENS

M. J. Myers Shows Barred Rocks That Won at Fair.

EVERY BIRD TAKES PRIZE

Pet Stock on Exhibition Drawing Card, but None Attracts More Attention Than Persian Cats Entered by Mrs. H. E. Allen.

M. J. Myers, who maintains a chicken ranch on Division street, holds the distinction of being the only exhibitor in the seventh annual Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock Show who had an entry at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. His pen of Barred Rocks, on exhibition in the basement of the Yeon building, was not only an entry in the pen class of Barred Rocks at the San Francisco fair, but it won the first prize for Barred Rock pens, and every one of the 14 birds, all Barred Rocks, that Mr. Myers had entered were place winners.

Such distinction is noted when it is remembered that approximately 10,000 birds from all over the United States and Canada were entered in the poultry exhibition of the exposition. The space required to house the poultry show at San Francisco occupied three acres and five miles of cooping was required to accommodate all the entrants.

Besides taking places with all of his 14 entrants Mr. Myers won second, third and fifth in the Hogan system of judging birds that takes into account the laying capacity and quality of the bird. In the Hogan judging contest there were 151 entries and the achievement of Mr. Myers is taken as a signal success for Oregon and particularly Portland chicken breeding. Mr. Hogan, the originator of the scoring system, did the judging himself.

Approximately 5000 persons have attended the show in the basement of the Yeon building, and 7500 is regarded a safe estimate for the six-day exhibition.

Among the pets that have been on exhibition at the show none has attracted more attention than the Persian cats exhibited by Mrs. H. E. Allen, of 1079 East Thirty-second street North. She has on exhibition eight cats, all of the Persian strain, and two in particular have kept many persons amused.

Kewpie, a beautiful animal, of solid orange color and with copper-colored eyes, and Rajah Mack, another solid orange-colored animal, have taken prizes wherever shown.

ORENCO PIGEONS WIN PRIZES

Of 31 Birds Entered, 29 Bring Premiums to Exhibitor.

ORENCO, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Orenco certainly keeps itself prominent on the map with the new live "Walnut Club," having more than 275 members, organized in less than ten days, and the big showing at the Land Products Show, together with other features. And now it has come forth again by raising fine pigeons.

B. A. Mitchell, of Orenco, entered 31 pigeons in the annual Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock Show this week in Portland, and has been offered 29 premiums out of 31 birds entered. He sent 14 pair of pigeons, one pair of each kind he breeds, to the Oregon State Fair at Salem, and won a blue ribbon, first prize, for each bird entered. He also entered the same number at the Washington County Fair, where he received 13 first and one second prize.

BURGLAR 'SOOTHES' VICTIM

"Roll Over and Keep Quiet," Is Order to Sleeper, Who Loses $500 Pin.

"Roll over and keep quiet," was the injunction of a burglar that entered the bedroom of C. E. Hadley, a timber dealer, of Tillamook and Portland, at his home, 767 Wasco street, at 4:50 yesterday morning. Hadley obeyed.

A diamond, valued at $500 and a gold watch and chain bearing the insignia of the Elks lodge at Astoria were taken. The thief previously had tried to gain entrance to a house next door, but had been frightened away by the screamr of a woman.

ROBBER SUSPECT IS HELD

Arrest Made in Connection With Clear Lake Bank Case.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 9.—Suspected of being one of the men who robbed the First State Bank of Clear Lake, Wash., of $300 November 19, after locking the cashier in the vault, Sam Saloff, 27 years old, was arrested here today and taken to Mount Vernon for identification. Saloff denied any connection with the robbery.

Saloff was arrested in April, 1914, in connection with the robbery of the Elma State Bank, but was released.

Dollar Day Includes Weddings.

MASSILON, O., Dec. 7. — Peter Zorger, 70, of this city, a Civil War veteran, and Miss Verdi Kittinger, 27, of West Brookfield, appeared at the office of Justice of the Peace C. H. Wiseman and offered him a $1 bill and a marriage license. The marriage was a feature of a dollar-day sale held by local merchants. Justice Wiseman had announced he would marry all couples for $1.

Canby Masons Elect.

CANBY, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Canby Lodge No. 134 of Masons this week elected the following officers: Dr. H. A. Dedman, worshipful master; H. H. Eccles, senior warden; W. S. Maple, junior warden; H. B. Evans, treasurer; C. R. Gunzel, secretary; George Bates, senior deacon; J. L. White, junior deacon; J. Eid, senior steward; H. W. Hewitt, junior steward; J. E. Sutherland, marshal; E. A. Priest, chaplain.

Venezuela's 12 railways have 934 miles of trackage.

CLARKE'S ELECTION SLAP AT PRESIDENT

Democratic Senator Is Leader of Bolters From Late Ship-Purchase Caucus.

PARTY STRENGTH SHOWN

Administration Supporters Fail in Opposition to Head of Upper House Based Upon Action at Last Session of Congress.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 9.—The re-election of Senator Clarke, of Kansas, as president pro tem. of the Senate is construed in Washington as a slap at the Administration, notwithstanding President Wilson refused to take sides in the Democratic quarrel in the Senate.

The fact that most of the staunch Administration leaders in the Senate arrayed themselves against Senator Clarke and undertook to punish him simply and solely because he refused to take dictation from the White House and from the caucus while the ship-purchase bill was pending in the last Congress is likely to lead to further trouble in the Democratic family later in the session.

Had the opposition to Senator Clarke been strong enough to defeat him for re-election as president pro tem., that result would have been heralded as a great victory for the Administration, for there was, in the Administration, a strong desire to punish the Senator from Arkansas, and in Administration circles he was held largely responsible for the failure of the first shipping bill to pass.

Others Follow Lead.

Not that he conducted a filibuster against that measure, for he did not; but he did lead a bolt from the Democratic caucus, after the White House had sent word that the shipping bill "must be passed." That bolt of seven Democratic Senators gave aid and encouragement to Republican Senators who did the actual filibustering. Therefore, Senator Clarke was held accountable.

At the time Senator Clarke bolted, attempts were made on the floor of the Senate by Senator Stone, of Missouri, Senator James, of Kentucky, and Senator Williams, of Mississippi, to read him out of the Democratic party, and no Senator of recent years has been more scathingly denounced than was Senator Clarke on that occasion. He stood his ground, however, and denied the right or the power of any Senator to read him out of his party. The Administration was greatly pleased with the manner in which Senators Stone, James and Williams walked over the Senator from Arkansas, and Secretary McAdoo, of the Treasury Department, the true father of the ship-purchase bill, gave approbation to the words of the three Senators named.

McAdoo's Part Unknown.

It is not positively known that Secretary McAdoo took any part in the fight to punish Senator Clarke by denying him a second term as president pro tem., but there were many indications that he conferred with various Democratic Senators in the hope of winning them over. And for a time it was believed that Senator Clarke would have few supporters, other than the six or seven Democrats who bolted with him.

Senator Clarke, however, forced the fight into the open; he compelled his opponents to make clear the ground, and sole ground, upon which he was being opposed, and when he had done that Senators normally with the Administration swung over to his side and he had a comfortable margin on the rollcall.

The election of Senator Clarke as president pro tem., following close upon the re-election of Senator Kern as Democratic floor leader, disclosed the fact that the Administration crowd in the Senate is far from being in absolute control, and that the majority party is far from being a unit. A month ago it was thought certain by Administration leaders that they could unload both Kern and Clarke, but on both issues the Administration Senators were defeated.

DAIRY CLUB IS FORMED

Students at Corvallis to Entertain During Farmers' Week.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The students in the dairy department at the Oregon Agricultural College have organized a dairy club to further the interests of that industry among the students.

The club will send a representative to Spokane in February to compete with other Northwest colleges in a butter-judging contest. Arrangements are being made also to give a banquet to the visiting members of the many dairy associations during Farmers' and Home Makers' week. Frank T. Baldwin, of Bakersfield, Cal., is president of the new organization.

Coos Bay Resident, 59, Dies.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Julia Durrand, aged 59, died of paralysis at her home in Bunker Hill. Mrs. Durrand was born at Gardiner, Or., and lived there until 1881, when the family moved to Coos Bay. She leaves three children.

COUGHED NIGHT AND DAY

How This Little Orphan Boy Was Cured.

We want the people of Portland to know that all letters like the following are truthful and genuine:

Towanda, Pa. "I took a little orphan boy to live with me and last Christmas he contracted a hard cold which developed into bronchitis. He was very ill and a bad cough set in so that he coughed night and day. After trying everything, nothing seemed to do him any good, until along in February I got a bottle of Vinol. After using half the bottle his cough began to improve, and two bottles entirely cured his bronchitis and he gained in weight so that he doesn't look like the same child." Harry A. Stephenson, Towanda, Pa.

The reason that cough syrups fail in such cases is because they are palliative only, while Vinol removes the cause, being a constitutional remedy in which are combined the healing elements of fresh cods' livers, together with tonic iron and beef peptone. It strengthens and revitalizes the entire system and assists nature to expel the disease. The Owl Drug Co., Portland, Oregon. P. S. In your own town wherever you live, there is a Vinol Drugstore. Look for the sign.

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C. D. GILLETT, OF PORTLAND, IS NO RELATIVE OF WOMAN.

Explanation Is That Mother in Need Dare Not Write to Son Direct Because of His Wife.

C. D. Gillett, of Portland is not a relative of the woman who recently made a plea for aid in a letter received by mistake by C. D. Gillett, of Flavel, Or., and turned over to the newspapers for publication when neither he nor the postal authorities could locate the rightful addressee.

C. D. Gillett, of Portland, yesterday explained that the letter was meant for him, but that the woman was not his mother. The mother wrote to Mr. Gillett, whom she intended to transmit the message to her son. The mother, Mr. Gillett explained, does not write to the son for fear the son's wife will destroy the letter without handing it over to him. There has been friction between the son's wife and his mother.

"Because so many people suppose I am the son I would like to have it cleared up," said Mr. Gillett yesterday. "I have transmitted the news of the mother's plight to the son and he has sent her some money."

C. D. Gillett, of Flavel, gave the letter out for publication after it had been returned to him twice. He turned it back to the postal authorities. "Inasmuch as the Postoffice repeatedly returned it to me after I had disclaimed it, I give it out for publication, thinking the letter may reach the right man in time that way," said Mr. Gillett, of Flavel, in giving the letter publicity.

ALCOHOL QUERY IS ASKED

Monmouth Druggist Wants Recipe for Denaturing Product.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Any method which will render alcohol unfit for drinking purposes will be held sufficient, according to Attorney-General Brown, who today received an inquiry from a Monmouth druggist asking for the legal method of denaturing alcohol. The druggist explained that he wished to offer alcohol for sale for bathing and for use as an antiseptic, but the usual method of mixing wood alcohol with grain alcohol, he pointed out, made the product poisonous.

The Attorney-General said that the United States Internal Revenue Department prescribes several methods for denaturing alcohol, several of which make the liquid non-poisonous, but unfit for drinking purposes.

EGG FAME HEARD ABOUT

Oregon Agricultural College Gets Foreign Orders.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The work of Professor James Dryden, of the Oregon Agricultural College, in the production of world's record egg-laying poultry has attracted attention abroad. This week orders for breeding stock from the famous Oregon strains of egg-producers have been received from South Africa and Ireland. The orders will be filled.

Recently orders have also been received from Australia, Hawaii and Canada and within the past year from almost every state in the Union.

The Oregon Experiment Station announced the first 300-egg hen two years ago. Three more have been produced this year.

Card Games Ordered Stopped.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Card games in confectionery stores at Falls City are to be taboo by order of the City Council of that city. There is no ordinance governing the matter, but at the regular meeting of the Council held last night the Marshal was instructed to notify the proprietors of the stores to prevent further playing. Steps were also taken to prevail on the District Attorney to stop the use of punch boards. The presence of minors in these confectionery stores, engaging in card games and operating the punch board, led to this action on the part of the Council.

Governor Appoints H. N. Lawrie.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe today announced that he had appointed H. N. Lawrie commissioner of the Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology. Mr. Lawrie is now in New Jersey. He will represent the state at the convention of mining men to be held at Washington, D. C., December 16, when certain revisions of the Federal mining laws will be considered. The Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, the American Institute of Mining Engineers and the American Mining Congress will be represented at this convention.

Mrs. John Manning Is Recovering.

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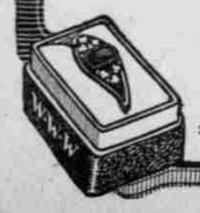

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