

HISTORIC STRUCTURE IS DAMAGED \$35,000

Willamette University Building Almost Destroyed.

BLAZE FOUGHT FOR HOURS

Rebuilding of Waller Hall, Dedicated in 1865, Is Counted Likely by School Authorities.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Fire, which is thought to have started from an explosion of chemicals in the laboratory or from a stove in the second room on the floor above, early today damaged Waller hall at Willamette university to the extent of \$35,000.

The fire was discovered by D. Morgan, a cook for the boys' club, and it was with difficulty that he made his way through the dense smoke and falling debris to give the alarm. Although hampered by the snow, the fire department responded promptly, but did not reach the scene until the interior of the structure was a mass of flames. The fire was fought for more than eight hours.

The entire third floor, used by the Websterian, Philadelpian and Philadelpian societies, together with their record room, and the entire fourth floor, which contained the dormitories, were wiped out. That part of the second floor which was utilized by the chemistry department also was badly damaged.

The Large Pipe Organ Damaged.

The large pipe organ, which was brought to the university two years ago from the Taylor street Methodist church in Portland, and installed on the first floor of the structure, was damaged by water.

Fred McGrew, a student, was sleeping on the fourth floor of the hall, and was not aware of the fire until his room was filled with smoke. He hurried his effects through a window, and in his nightclothes climbed out onto the cornice and made his way to the fire escape.

Waller hall was dedicated in 1865, and was named for Rev. Alvin Waller, one of the pioneers in Methodist educational work in Oregon. Last night's fire was the second to befall this hall. The roof and upper floors having been destroyed in 1894.

New Structure Likely.

Although no definite action toward rebuilding the hall will be taken until the directors meet, Carl Doney, president of the institution, said today that a movement already was on foot to raise a fund to replace the historic structure. A man, whose name is withheld, is said to have telephoned Dr. Doney that he would head a subscription list with a generous contribution.

MARION GETS PAVING BIDS

Awarding of Contracts for Purchasing of Plants Postponed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Six competitive bids were received by the Marion county court today for the purchase of two paving plants. Awarding of the contracts, however, will not be completed until the proposals have been given careful consideration. The bids follow:

Barber Asphalt company, 1250-yard plant, \$13,560; 1500-yard plant, \$16,442; 2000-yard plant, second-hand, \$20,000.

Road Builders' Equipment company, 1250-yard plant, \$15,333; larger equipment, \$16,490.

Howard Cooper company, 1500 to 2000-yard plant, \$18,150; larger equipment, \$19,500.

Hudson-Pennsylvania company, 1250-yard plant, \$11,750.

Willamette Equipment company, 1250-yard plant, \$15,000; two plants 1250-yard capacity, \$30,750.

Warren Construction company, \$19,650.

CENTER RANCHER IS SHOT

Beds Believed to Have Taken Revenge for Recent Activities.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 17.—W. H. Wood, a rancher, living near Center, Wash., was in a serious condition at a local hospital today, suffering from two bullet wounds inflicted by an unidentified person last night. Wood, it was learned, was working at a window in his house when the shots were fired.

Officers here today expressed the belief that Wood's recent active denunciation of radicals was responsible for the attempt on his life.

Obituary.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—John B. Trotter, who was operating under a lease the Smith and Dorris agricultural farm several miles north of Eugene, died suddenly yesterday while out in a field on the place. Mr. Trotter was aged 63 years and is survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. E. Craig of Junction City and Mrs. Hillman of Mabel.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Mettauer, wife of John Mettauer, a well-known farmer living north of this city, died at Mercy hospital here yesterday at the age of 64 years. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons, Herman, Albert and William Mettauer, all of whom were in the Oregon coast artillery in France and two daughters, Mrs. H. Baumgarten and Miss Anna Mettauer, both of Eugene.

HARRISBURG, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Ailie May Franzen, who passed away at Vancouver, was held here last Saturday. She was 24 years old and leaves a daughter, Lena, aged 14 years; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McMahan; three brothers, Arthur and Wheeler of Albany, Lionel of Eugene, and one sister, Mrs. Ella Cook of Bend.

HARRISBURG, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Kate Windom passed away at her home here last Friday.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU BUY BUY EARLY IN THE MORNINGS THEN A MERRY XMAS

at the age of 59. She was born in Unadilla county and had made Harrisburg her home for 24 years. Besides her husband one daughter survives, Mrs. W. H. Davis of Roseburg. The funeral was held Sunday. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Hugh McElfresh, aged 47, died Monday at the family residence at Galvin. The funeral will be held today from the Christian church in this city. Mrs. McElfresh is survived by her husband and two children, Mrs. Violet Patnode and Floyd McElfresh, both of Galvin.

PENDELTON, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ida Fowler, 52 years of age, died here Tuesday after a brief illness. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Waffle, one of the pioneer families of this section. Two sons, Ned and Vernon, and her mother and three brothers survive.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 17.—William C. Mitchell, resident of Albany for the past 21 years, died at his home here Sunday, aged 67. He was a native of Ohio. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and of the local lodge of the Masons. Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife and three children.

ANNUAL EDITION IS APPEAL TO TOURISTS.

The annual edition of The Oregonian, to be issued January 1, will appeal especially to tourists, for it will tell in story and picture the big features of Oregon as a grand resort for them.

Stories detailing how and where the fish in stream and lake; where deer and bear abound; and the beautiful game birds to be found, are to be carried.

How to tour the state by highway routes of the official road system is told in stories by experts, illustrated by photos and pictorial maps, depicting the topography of the country through which each goes.

What scenic trips to take out of Portland for a jolly good time is another story of special value to tourists.

Every phase of state highway and other development will be fully told in articles, elaborately illustrated.

viewed by his widow and three children: Bruce Mitchell of Seattle and Lynn Mitchell and Mrs. Olive Burnett of Albany. Mrs. H. D. Burkhardt of Albany is a sister.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Margaret Ostrander, 82 years of age, died at her home Monday night. Mrs. Ostrander was born in Germany and came to Oregon in 1840 for more than 30 years. Mrs. Ostrander is survived by four children, Walter Ostrander of Portland, Stanley E. Ostrander of Salem and Clinton E. Ostrander of Akron, O.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Anna S. Miller died at her home Monday night after an illness of two years. She leaves one son, Harry Miller of Salem, and three brothers and sisters. She was a member of the Women of Woodcraft, Rebekah and International Union.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth May Estes, wife of William Estes, died here today of inflammatory rheumatism. She was 48 years of age. Mrs. Estes was a native of Iowa. She came to Oregon City 29 years ago. Mr. Estes is a merchant of this city.

Mrs. Estes is survived by her widower, a son, Albert Estes, and a grandson, William Estes, all of this city. Funeral services will be held Sunday.

Nicholas V. Van Patten, lumber merchant of eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and a resident of Pendleton, Or., died at a sanitarium in Portland following an illness of a year. He was 69 years of age and had been a resident of Pendleton for seven years. He was a member of the Pendleton Masonic lodge.

Mrs. Van Patten, a widow, and two children, a son and a daughter. Funeral services will be held under the auspices of the Christian Science church at this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Masonic ritual will be observed at the Portland crematorium.

William Sarver of Seattle, timber owner and sawmill operator, died at St. Vincent's hospital Tuesday night as the result of an attack of pneumonia. He was 67 years of age. The body will be sent to Seattle for burial.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters. Mrs. Sarver resides at Seattle and the daughters, Mrs. Emory Orestad and Mrs. C. E. Higgins, are residents of Portland.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Frank W. Beatty, 52, died at his home here this morning, following an illness of a week caused by pneumonia. He had been associated for some time in the undertaking business with W. H. Limber and had been a resident of Vancouver for 10 years. Mr. Beatty was a native of Illinois, and a member of the Elks and Oddfellows lodges.

Besides his widow, Mr. Beatty is survived by two children, William of Portland and Miss Tillie Beatty, who makes her home here. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

LANE'S JOB IRKSOME ONE

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by far than either the miners or the operators.

In the view of observers he has sought to be a great public servant, and not a politician, and he has never concealed his pride over having been associated in public life with Theodore Roosevelt. He was opposed to the president's trip to Europe and favored the appointment of a bipartisan peace commission composed of men who sensed the sentiment of the people of the United States and would voice it in the peace settlement.

It has been understood here ever since the war ended that Mr. Lane was displeased with the president's methods in handling the peace negotiations in such a manner as to antagonize the senate and a very large element of the American people. It was said here today that Secretary Lane has been unfriendly to the league of nations, but that conclusion probably grew out of his failure to get out and shout for the league covenant.

It is true that he has never shown any wild enthusiasm for the Versailles document, but perhaps he should be counted at least among those who are for the league with reservations. David Lawrence Washington, the writer who always stands ready to absorb the shock of any thrust at the White House, said in his daily article today, as evidence that Mr. Lane was supporting the league of nations, that the latter made an earnest plea for the league in a speech at a private dinner last Saturday night.

In the interest of accuracy your correspondent has heard the speech which was delivered at the quarterly banquet of the Gridiron club, must needs that Secretary Lane make not the remotest reference to the league of nations or to any issue of politics. Regardless of any of the inside stories of his decision to resign, keen

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LOVE FOR AL BARNES TOLD

PORTLAND WOMAN FIGURES IN DIVORCE SUIT.

Miss Vivian Bordeaux Tells of Traveling in Private Car With Circus Magnate.

Lively testimony of a Portland woman, Miss Vivian Bordeaux, in the divorce suit of Al G. Barnes, widely known circus magnate, now in the Los Angeles courts, is reported to be the pivot on which hinges disposition of the circus property. Miss Bordeaux, who has admitted on the witness stand that she has been married three times, and whose story of her relations with Barnes is being told, she asserts, "is right a wrong."

Senator Hoke Smith, democrat, of Georgia made another plea for a revival of the treaty and its ratification, saying that he was not in agreement with those who would try to shift all the blame for the present situation on the republicans. He said that the first attempt to sound the sentiment of the senate will show that far more than the 64 senators necessary to ratify are standing ready to support the Lodge reservations or anything similar.

An announcement in surprise. This announcement was somewhat of a surprise because it had not been suspected that the democrats were in any mood to go so far as that in effecting a compromise. The readiness of several senators who have insisted on some kind of action to ratify the treaty with the league covenant entirely eliminated has been indicated. This sentiment has appeared both on the democratic and republican side, and Senator Nelson of Minnesota, one of the most devout advocates of the league of nations, said this afternoon that he stood ready to ratify the treaty at once, with or without the league.

Senator Underwood is one of these. In a statement which flung defiance at the president's statement of Monday Senator Underwood said: "The reaction of the senate's failure to do anything on the treaty is now being clearly seen throughout the country. The people want peace and there must be peace. My first position was one of supporting unreserved ratification, but as we cannot have that it is the senate's duty to get together and try to ratify with mild reservations. If agreement on the basis of mild reservations is impossible I then am in favor of the Knox proposal, that is, to ratify the treaty and leave the league of nations to be decided upon by the people."

"If we get peace I am not afraid to leave the league question to the people and bring it up on another occasion," but if it is impossible to obtain action on the Knox proposal for separate ratification of the treaty, then the senate should accept the inevitable and declare peace by a resolution of some kind."

SECRETARY WILL QUIT LATER

Lane Averse to Adding to President's Worries Now.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Lane today issued a statement denying published reports that he had placed his resignation before President Wilson, but disclosing that he intends to leave the cabinet when he can do so without adding to the president's "burdens or worries."

This is Mr. Lane's statement: "With reference to my talked of resignation, I have not sent it to the president nor even written it, but I do contemplate going out of the cabinet and have withheld talking to the president about it because I do not wish to add to his burdens or worries at this time. Nor do I know when the time will come when I can. This is a full statement of all the facts. I have thought it unkind to say anything to him about the matter and that any mention of it now by any one would be a needless annoyance."

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