

SERIOUS FIRE IN TOWN OF WILBUR

Depot, Store, Postoffice and Three Residences Quickly Burn to the Ground.

DAMAGE UP IN THOUSANDS

Conflagration Starts From Defective Flue in Residence of Mrs. Martha Reed—Strong Wind Helps to Spread the Flames.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—The little village of Wilbur, eight miles north of Roseburg, was the scene of a disastrous conflagration this afternoon. The fire started from a defective flue in the residence of Mrs. Martha Reed, and under the influence of a strong south wind, communicated to the general merchandise store of T. J. Williams, and from there to the residence of Mrs. M. Wilson, who was the postmaster and conducted the office in the front room of her dwelling. The fire also consumed a new house which had just been erected by Mrs. Wilson adjoining the one she occupied.

From the Wilson residence the fire swept across the county road and quickly consumed the Southern Pacific depot. Extent of the loss has not yet been determined, but will amount to many thousands of dollars.

STATE'S REVENUE INCREASES

Receipts From Insurance Tax in Washington \$143,653 in 1907.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 2.—Receipts of the State Insurance Department for 1907 aggregated \$143,653.55, an increase of \$19,747.27 over 1906, according to the report of Deputy Insurance Commissioner J. H. Schively, printed and made public today. The report shows 287 insurance companies doing business in the state, of which 54 are fraternal societies.

During the year 31 companies were withdrawn from business here. American fire insurance companies aggregated more than \$266,000,000, with gross premiums of more than \$4,900,000, and paid \$900,000 losses. Foreign fire companies wrote risks aggregating \$97,000,000, collected nearly \$2,000,000 in premiums and paid not quite \$500,000 in losses. Marine insurance aggregated \$67,000,000 in risks, \$475,000 premiums and \$5,279,152 losses. Life insurance risks written aggregated more than \$20,000,000, making more than \$100,000,000 of life insurance risks in force at the end of the year. Premiums paid for the year were about \$2,499,000 and losses paid were less than \$725,000. These figures do not include fraternal insurance, which wrote risks aggregating more than \$18,000,000 in the year, and at the end of the year had risks in force aggregating nearly \$125,000,000. On which assessments were collected aggregating about \$78,000, from which losses of \$882,000 were paid. An interesting feature of the report is the detailed statement of the business of the Washington insurance companies.

EASTERDAY SEEKS NEW JOB

Tax Commissioner Will Make Race for Attorney-General.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—Tax Commissioner J. H. Easterday, of Tacoma, will resign to make a canvass for the Republican nomination for Attorney-General. This announcement is positive, although the formal announcement may not be made for several weeks. Easterday will remain on the Commission until a number of important suits he has in charge for the Commission are cared for.

"Joe" Easterday is practically the father of the tax commission idea and author of the bill which brought the commission into being. It is a safe prediction to state that for a long time he has not been in sympathy with the other members of the Commission—Kocher, of Spokane and Frost of Ellensburg. The first biennial report of the Commission showed that the three members were at variance on the matter of taxation or exemption of money and credits. Easterday favored exemption and secured the passage of the Gunn bill last session, which permitted that exemption. Recently the two other members of the Commission, backed up by the Attorney-General, sent an authorization to all County Assessors directing that the Gunn law be ignored.

Easterday feels that as a minority member of the Commission he can accomplish nothing if opposed by his fellow-members and he has been considering the demands of his friends that he make the race for Attorney-General. While Easterday himself declines to discuss the matter, it is a safe prediction his resignation will be presented to the Governor as soon as Mead returns from his Eastern trip.

STEAMER LINDSAY IS SOLD

Brings \$20,000 at Receiver's Sale. Troubles Not Yet at End.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—The steamer A. G. Lindsay brought \$20,000 at a receiver's sale today. The buyer was Dr. Smith, who represents the local syndicate. The Lindsay was purchased at Cleveland, Ohio, a year ago with a fund subscribed by local capitalists and a lot of small stockholders. Before the Lindsay arrived the lumber market was dead and the original capital of the company had been swallowed up and debts amounting to \$30,000 accumulated through bad management and ill luck. The company then went into the hands of a receiver, and the sale of the Lindsay was ordered.

The Union Bank & Trust Company has a judgment against the vessel on a promissory note for \$4,500. In addition to these troubles, others have been several small stockholders having started suit against E. A. Rupert and others charging them with false representation in connection with the solicitation of stock. One of these suits has been started by Father Gribben, an aged Catholic priest, who was induced to place all of his savings, \$1200, in the scheme.

LEWIS COUNTY FOR BRYAN

Democrats Also Go on Record as Opposed to Tightening of Lid.

CHESHAM, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—Lewis County delegates elected today to the Democratic State Convention: Cal Carson, C. W. Long, S. A. D. Eaton, W.

FIRST TRAIN OVER RIVER GRADE ROAD

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SHELBY EXTENDS THE SERVICE

Wells-Fargo Superintendent Doubles Delivery Area at Salem.

SALISBURY, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—In response to the request of the Salem Board of Trade, the Wells-Fargo Express Company today doubled its free delivery area in this city. There has been a demand for this extended service for several years, but no definite effort was made until the Board recently appointed Clarence Bishop, T. C. Smith, Jr., and G. G. Brown to urge the claims of Salem patrons of the company. Today the committee and Secretary A. F. Hofer took Superintendent Eugene Shelby, of San Francisco, for a drive over the city and immediately upon reaching Mr. Shelby ordered the establishment of the new service.

ONEIDA FOR BRADY AND TAFT

Pocastello Man Gets Social Delegation From the Southeast.

POCASTELLO, Idaho, May 2.—(Special.)—By instructing 39 delegates to the Republican state convention to vote for James H. Brady until he is nominated for Governor, Oneida County today brought the total instructed strength of the Pocastello man to 104 in the southwest, out of a grand total of 203 votes, in the convention.

MAY PRANK PROVES TRAGEDY

Seattle Boy Hangs Basket on Door and Is Shot for His Pains.

SEATTLE, May 2.—Eddie Gregg, 12 years old, placed a basket of flowers on the front door knob of A. W. Copeland's home at Foy Station, a few miles from Seattle yesterday, as a May day custom. He rang the bell, nobody came, he rang again. Mrs. Copeland answered, did not see the flowers, but saw the basket hanging on the door, when Copeland opened the door and fired with a shotgun. The boy received the lead in the thigh and may die of blood poisoning.

Democrats Indorse Barrett.

PENDLETON, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Democratic County central committee in this city this afternoon delegates were chosen for the state convention as follows: Will M. Peterson, James Johns, Colonel J. H. Raley, Will Moore, R. F. Johnson, David Taylor, J. N. Scott and D. N. Peehler. A resolution was also adopted indorsing the candidacy of C. A. Barrett, the former owner of the Miner, retiring from the newspaper business for the present. Mr. Allen has just sold the Enterprise to Mr. Ambion, former editor of that publication, but Mr. Allen is still the owner of the Ranger, intending to sell that plant.

Grant Papers Change Hands.

PRAIRIE CITY, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—The Prairie City Miner publication and printing plant has been sold to W. E. Weir, editor of the Long Creek Ranger, and Jesse A. Allen, editor of the Monument Enterprise, A. M. F. Kirchheimer, the former owner of the Miner, retiring from the newspaper business for the present. Mr. Allen has just sold the Enterprise to Mr. Ambion, former editor of that publication, but Mr. Allen is still the owner of the Ranger, intending to sell that plant.

Douglas Delegates Anti-Bourne.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—The Republican County Convention was held in this city this afternoon. Nine delegates were selected to attend the state and congressional conventions to be held in Portland on May 14. They are: Frank E. Alley, A. C. Marsters, F. H. Conn, H. Gallip, K. L. Miller, G. H. Sonnenman, W. T. Emmerly, John E. Love and J. H. Batty. This delegation in political complexion is decidedly anti-Bourne.

Local Option Issue in Douglas.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—A petition to put the question of prohibition up to the voters of Douglas County again was filed with County Clerk Agee on Friday. The petition bears 354 signatures, or 254 more than is required. In the election of 1904 the question of local option in the county carried by a vote of 2099 to 1382. In the election of 1906 the county defeated a proposition to amend the law.

Form New Lodge at Dallas.

DALLAS, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—A lodge of the Fraternal Brotherhood was organized at Dallas Thursday night, with 25 charter members. State Manager F. E. Taylor, accompanied by A. J. Starkey, deputy supreme president, were present to initiate the candidates. Elsie Boyd, a prominent merchant was elected president and Samuel Ray secretary.

Dasent to Boost for Linn County.

ALBANY, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—Burr I. Dasent, secretary of the Albany Commercial Club, took charge of the publicity work of the club today. The Commercial Club has secured temporary floors in the I. O. O. F. building, with Dr. A. J. Hodges, one of the club directors, and headquarters will be located there until arrangements are complete for permanent quarters.

Fat Hogs Eat Poisoned Grain.

NORTH POWDER, Or., May 2.—G. A. Caspar, a prominent farmer close to North Powder, as usual with farmers in grain-planting season, put out squirrel poison, but was so careless as to allow hogs belonging to one of the town butchers, E. Jarman, the hogs having broken into the Caspar field yesterday morning.

Japanese Servants Form Union.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 2.—A meeting will be held in Vancouver this evening by Japanese for the purpose of completing the organization of Japanese servants. The Japanese boys who work in Vancouver have decided to form a union. They will demand an increase and establish a uniform rate of wages.

Will Tow Willapa South.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—The steamer Chelalis sailed today with a cargo for San Francisco, but will stop at Raymond en route to tow the new steamer Willapa, recently launched there, to San Francisco for her machinery.

Chicago.—Professor Henry Seeley White, of Yassar College, has been appointed professor of mathematics at the University of Chicago.

WEST FELS THOMPSON

IDAHO POLITICIANS COME TO BLOWS ON STREET.

Fight Culmination of Years of Bitter Factional Feeling—Injured Man Paralyzed in One Arm.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 2.—(Special.)—Goaded to frenzy over a signed article in an evening paper in which G. W. Thompson defended his faction, J. B. West, ex-Register of the United States Land Office, and now under indictment for alleged land frauds, made an assault on Thompson this afternoon, knocking his enemy down and attempting to stamp in his face.

The fight was the culmination of a bitter contest between Thompson and the "Independents," a news article of yesterday being the direct cause. Thompson, who is a cripple with one arm paralyzed, was surprised at the suddenness of the assault and had no opportunity to defend himself, according to statements made by witnesses.

West stated Thompson had attacked him during six years of political fighting, and that he was determined that his name should not longer be dragged into print.

West was arraigned, and asked that the case continue until Monday, when he will be tried before Police Judge George Ecb. Mr. Thompson says that he has been threatened with violence by three people during the campaign, but that this assault was unexpected.

Burglars Fire Residence.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—A fire believed to have been caused by burglars while rumaging in the house last night in the absence of the family, S. S. Busch, principal of Zillah School in the lower Valley, lost his new residence together with all of its contents, including a valuable library which had taken many years to collect. Busch and his family were visiting neighbors at the time.

Fire in Penitentiary Residence.

SALISBURY, Or., May 2.—Fire destroyed the roof and damaged the upper rooms of the residence of the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary today. The Penitentiary and Asylum fire departments got the fire under control after it had done damage to the amount of about \$1000. The building is owned by the state. The fire was due to defective wiring.

Walla Walla for Bryan.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—Democrats of Walla Walla County met in convention today and elected delegates to the state convention at Spokane. The attendance was large and enthusiasm for William J. Bryan apparent. W. J. Dupuy, a local attorney, was indorsed as National Committeeman.

Disabled by Bucking Auto.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—Henry W. Druse, prominent logging operator, suffered a broken right forearm today, his automobile kicking back while cranking.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES.

Vallejo, Cal.—Mrs. Joseph McCarty, wife of Dr. Joseph McCarty, prominent surgeon in the Navy and on duty at Guam, died here Saturday from an over-

Portland Still Has Lewiston's Key.

"We extend to you a most cordial welcome."

"Portland still has Lewiston's key," said Mayor Heffield, "and the city is yours today. When the business men of Portland visited Lewiston three years ago I gave the key of the city to Governor Chamberlain and H. L. Pittock and it has not been returned. The key-hole is the same; it has not been changed, and we invite you to make free use of it."

Mayor Yount introduced his remarks with the statement that there was about as much difference in the size of the cities as there is in the size of the Mayors, but no community could extend a warmer welcome to the business men of Portland than the citizens of Clarkston. "Look over the Lewiston orchards this forenoon," said Mr. Yount, "and come to Clarkston this afternoon. You will see the result of nine years and can foretell what Lewiston orchards will be nine years hence."

Wait 20 Years for Train.

"We have been waiting here for the coming of the train from Portland for the past 20 years," continued Mr. Yount, "and it is here at least, even if it is 20 years and 20 minutes late. We like the people of Oregon and of Portland. Many of our first settlers were from the good old Willamette Valley, and you will find Oregonians scattered through all sections of the inland country. We feel that we belong to Portland and the country is yours if you but claim it."

Portland One With Lewiston.

There is a limit, of course, to the area of this wonderful general herring in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley, but long before that limit is reached, the annual fruit output alone of this valley will amount to so many millions that an immense population will find homes here.

Where Portland Money Is Invested.

A number of the visitors later in the afternoon went out to the immense reservoir, which the Lewiston Land & Water Power Company has undertaken. This dam, one of the largest in the world, when completed, will cost \$175,000, and it will hold a sufficient water supply to irrigate 10,000 acres of land. This enterprise is backed by Portland men and is headed by Walter Burrell.

The Clarkston district is steadily increasing its area and is already supporting a population of 8000 people. One of the greatest attractions at Clarkston was the "one-acre" farm, which was recently written up in an Eastern magazine in the elaborate detail. On this single acre more than \$1000 per year is cleared, the owner making an excellent living for himself and family.

The visitors were royally entertained wherever they went, no cut-and-dried programme being adhered to, but each visitor being permitted to follow his own inclinations and go where he pleased. The Lewiston papers were exceedingly complimentary in their notices of the event, the Evening Teller this afternoon commenting editorially as follows:

Alliance of Mutual Benefit.

Lewiston, at the head of navigation, and Portland at tide water, are natural links in the commercial chain that holds together the business interests of the country, that should flow between these points in the metropolitan at the Coast. Barriers have imposed and deflected the current of business that should flow between these points to the detriment of both, but today these obstructions are removed and natural, full, free intercourse will be resumed. It is a matter for congratulation for both cities and the representative citizens of both

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Gland Extracts cure more nervous and chronic diseases than all other treatments combined. The reason why is explained herewith. Glands are the organs that produce the physiological elements of your anatomy and are derived from the glands of young, healthy sheep, and when transplanted in you through the digestion furnishes your anatomy with the wanted pabulum or elements that you have lost and which is causing your present condition or ill health.

We treat successfully all manner of nervous and chronic diseases by this method. All diseases of the human family are the result of three things only: First, a lack of the secretions of the glandular system; second, an over-sufficiency of the same secretions, or the third, a perversion of the two; so you see how important it is to study the trinity of the glandular system. The disease you are suffering with comes from a trinity or the multiples thereof. The multiples make the difference in the disease and the different forms and kinds of diseases. Any well informed or unprejudiced physician will tell you that the above statement is true, and that many about your system with drugs and chemicals which are no part of you and are only administered in order to hold your system in abeyance until nature can do the curative work.

Why not give this some thought? You owe it to yourself. If you will call or write, we will hand you a copy of our descriptive treatise on our scientific treatment. There have been many cured in and around Portland who have realized the curative powers of Animal Gland Extracts.

We have been located in suite 705, Dekum building for the past three years, where we have competent physicians to diagnose your case, free of charge, and to give physicians instructions such as are necessary to prescribe the Gland Extracts. The trade and physicians' patronage solicited.

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Our stock is being taken up with surprising rapidity. The millionaire, the merchant, the doctor, the lawyer, the mechanic, are all buying it. Why not you? And do it now. We want to hear the hum of the wheels of our mill within a few months, then the shipping of our lumber, and then the life income. Will you be one of the lucky ones to share in the profits? \$100 invested now will give you a life income.

I can positively convince you that there is no better investment on the present market than the one here offered.

Think of it! Four billion feet of high-priced, hardwood, merchantable timber, located on the Coast, accessible and easily logged, on good, wide, tidewater rivers.

The market for every foot of this vast tract is already established, and the profits will be enormous. Ten million feet per year can be sold in the immediate vicinity of our plant. This one market guarantees a net profit of 30 per cent on the entire investment, and represents but a small proportion of our output.

This large tract of timber is located on the Pacific Coast, where we have the best shipping facilities to any port in the world available.

The timber consists principally of the highest-priced woods used in the manufacture of pianos, hotel fixtures, shipbuilding, railroad and electric cars, house and office trimmings, furniture, and many other indispensable wood commodities.

The woods comprise MAHOGANY, LIGNUM VITAE, EBONY, CEDAR, ROSEWOOD, OAK, RUBBER, BALSAM, COPOBEA, COCOCOLA.

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The Board of Directors of the Northwestern Exploration & Development Co., which controls this timber, has authorized me to sell a limited number of shares of its stock at 50c per share (par value \$1.00), for the purpose of installing a plant of sufficient size to meet the demands of the market.

I have on exhibition at my office samples of wood (highly polished), cut from this tract; also cruisers' reports and other data, which will convince at once the most skeptical of the wonderful money-making resources of this enterprise.

Call or write and secure subscription blanks. Do not delay, or you may miss the opportunity of a lifetime.

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