

STARBUCK HIT BY \$50,000 BLAZE

Fire Is Supposed to Have Started From Stub of Cigar.

BUSINESS SECTION GOES

High Wind Fans Flames, Which Spread So Rapidly That When Brigade Reaches Scene District Is Doomed.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special).—Fire, which is supposed to have started from the stub of a cigar thrown on the stairway of the I. O. O. F. hall in Starbuck, a division point on the O. R. & N. Railway about 49 miles northeast of Walla Walla, early this morning, was fanned by a heavy wind and quickly spread to adjoining buildings, practically wiping out the entire business portion of the city before it could be checked.

Flames Spread by Wind. There was a big dance in the hall just before the fire broke out, and it is supposed that some of the guests carelessly dropped the remains of a cigar or cigarette on the stairs, causing the disastrous results.

Business District Doomed. Even with this the fire-fighting apparatus was wholly insufficient to cope with the oncoming disaster and in a few minutes the business district was doomed.

By the utmost exertion a few buildings not in direct line of the wind-fanned flames were saved.

John Muntinga, a prominent business man of this city, who owned a large store building in Starbuck, received a telegram this afternoon stating that his property had been burned to the ground, entailing a loss of \$4000, which is covered by about \$2000 insurance.

For a time it looked as if the handsome store building owned and occupied by Jackson & Cline would be destroyed, but through the effective efforts of the fire company, assisted by the owners, the building and contents were practically unharmed.

List of Losers. The largest loss falling on one individual was that on Sprout & Barnhart, who witnessed their building and goods burn. This loss amounted to \$15,000 with \$4000 insurance.

Following is a list of the losers, with the amounts of each and insurance: Sprout & Barnhart, stock merchandise, \$15,000; insurance, \$4000; Walters Bros., stock merchandise, \$900; insurance, \$5000; L. O. F. Lodge, \$1200; insurance, \$400; Masonic lodge, \$150; no insurance; K. of P., \$300; no insurance; Firemen's lodge, \$100; no insurance; Engineers' lodge, \$100; no insurance; James McDonough, personal effects, \$350; no insurance; Telephone central, \$400; no insurance; J. G. Muntinga, building, \$4000; insurance, \$2500; Mrs. Stahl, building, \$200; Mike Roy, building damaged, \$50.

REPORT IS PESSIMISTIC

Receiver Says California Trust Company Holds Worthless Stock.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—In a report filed with the County Clerk, Edward J. Le Breton, receiver for the California Safe Deposit & Trust Company, charges District Attorney Langdon with having exaggerated and misrepresented the services rendered by J. Dalzell Brown to the receiver in recognizing securities. The \$1,000,000 worth of securities returned by Brown he says have an actual cash value of less than \$100.

Le Breton asserts that he has received valuable information from Barnett and Treadwell, as well as a return of all moneys in their power to return. At the time of the receiver's report the resources of the bank were \$12,247,856, of which nearly \$6,000,000 is represented by miscellaneous stocks, many having only a nominal market value. Of the liabilities, \$5,729,185 is due depositors. There is now on hand a cash balance of \$562,478. The market value of the resources is placed at \$2,482,223, which would leave 23.6 per cent for the general creditors.

The receiver estimates that it will take four or five years more to liquidate the bank and pay the final dividend.

The downfall of the institution is attributed to the loans made to John and James Treadwell, although it is asserted that its connection with the Western Pacific prolonged its life.

PEST-INFESTED ORCHARD DESTROYED.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special).—Fruit Inspector Eisman, of this county, has destroyed an old prune orchard on the Cass property which had become badly infested with scale and sawe. The local fruitgrowers union have now under consideration a plan to re-organize and adopt bylaws on broader terms than the present organization affords and for this purpose there will be a meeting of all the growers in the Commercial Club rooms next Tuesday.

Taft Jumps Into Fray

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four years ago we were told that if Theodore Roosevelt was put in power, he would go around this country with a chip on his shoulder and involve us in war; that he was waiting for somebody to tread on the tail of his coat in order that he might have a fight. What was the result? It is not necessary for me to detail it, only to state that never before in the history of the world has any administration or any Emperor or monarch, done more to preserve the peace of the world than has Theodore Roosevelt at the head of this administration.

Prosperity Unprecedented.

"Under the Dingley bill of 1897 we went ahead to a prosperity never before known in this country and indeed never before known in the world. The investment of capital and the expansion of investment funds, the expansion of business went to such a great extent that wages were increased and the standard of living of the wage-earner, of the business men, and of the farmer, was proved beyond precedent. But we found in the business world that we had expanded ourselves a little too far; that capital had become fixed in enterprises that did not make the return sufficient to induce further investment, capital became frightened and, now we have had a halt that prosperity. Capital is necessary if we are going on. A thing which leads invested capital to doubt the question whether a fair return will be paid affects injuriously both the wage-earner and the capitalist and the farmer.

"Now, what I say is that the introduction into power of the Democratic party under its present leadership will create doubt of the future in the minds of the people, in the minds of those who will invest capital. These are not all millionaires. Now, unless you assure the capital a return, unless you can bring about that confidence in what is to be done, you may be certain that the return to prosperity which is now gradually assuming a definite form, will halt again.

Will Curb Abuses of Greedy.

"In this great development of wealth, this magnificent stride onward and expansion of material prosperity, there crept in abuses growing out of the greed and unscrupulous character of some of the prominent men in business by secret rebates. We don't wish to destroy these great organizations that have a large wage fund when they are prosperous, that add greatly to the prosperity of the country, but what we wish to do is to keep them within that law. This is what the Republican party stands for and that is what the Republican party intends to do. If you give them an opportunity by your mandate to take the power.

"But I am asked, what is the relation of the Republican party to labor? I want to make one statement first. Never in the history of my country has there been an administration that has passed more measures directly in the interest of the laboring classes than the present Republican administration.

RETURNS AFTER 35 YEARS

GENERAL M. CRAWFORD VISITS OLD OREGON HOME.

Is Much Impressed by Wonderful Development in His Native State.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special).—Brigadier-General Medorem Crawford, U. S. A., retired, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. H. C. Stevens, in this city, was for years a neighbor and personal acquaintance of Dr. John McLoughlin during the pioneer days. General Crawford was reared on a farm near Wheatland, where his father, Captain Medorem Crawford, who crossed the plains to this state in 1842, resided for several years. It has been 35 years since General Crawford left the state.

Since coming to Oregon, six weeks ago, General Crawford has spent most of the time on the old homestead where he was born, near the town of Wheatland, Yamhill County.

In 1863 he was appointed as cadet to West Point Military Academy, by Senator Nesmith. Graduating from the military school in 1865, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant and sent to Vancouver Barracks, Wash., spending several years in the service in Oregon, Washington, California and Alaska. He was promoted from one office to another during the Spanish-American War, he was chief ordnance officer in Cuba and had charge of the appraisement of all captured Spanish arms.

On January 25 last, General Crawford was 64 years old and had served 43 years in the Army continuously. Only once during his term of service did General Crawford vote and that was in 1872. At that time he was stationed at the Presidio at San Francisco and secured a leave of absence permitting him to return to this state and vote for President Grant.

Naturally, following an absence of 35 years, General Crawford found many changes by reason of the wonderful development in this state. He was particularly astonished at the growth of Portland, which was once a small town when he left the state, 35 years ago. In his search for familiar haunts in the metropolis he was disappointed, finding skyscrapers where formerly stood small frame structures.

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Will Survey Cowitz River. KELSO, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special).—A party of Government surveyors, under command of Major McIndoe, will commence the final survey of the Cowitz River from here to the Columbia, September 1, for the purpose of estimating the cost of deepening the channel sufficiently to admit deep-water ships. An appropriation for the work will be asked at the next session of Congress.

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MONEY FOR COOS BAY ROAD

Los Angeles Man Offer \$20,000 Toward Improvements.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special).—"A man named Crow, from Los Angeles, offered to contribute \$20,000 toward the improvement of the road from Maxfield to Roseburg," said Judge Scott today upon his return from an extended trip in the interests of the good roads movement in Oregon.

Judge Scott states that every place he visited is clamoring for a good roads convention during the winter. He looks to see a great highway constructed from one end of the state to the other, and also a road into the Coos Bay country.

AUTO RIDE FOR HARRIMAN

Invitation of Eugene Commercial Club Is Accepted.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special).—Late this afternoon J. H. Hartog, of the Eugene Commercial Club, received the following telegram in response to a message inviting E. H. Harriman to take a few minutes for an automobile ride in Eugene, if he could not arrange for a longer stay: "Your telegram today. All right, will be glad to take auto ride with you. Will advise later number in my party and time of arrival. E. H. HARRIMAN."

Seattle Shipping News.

SEATTLE, Aug. 29.—Steamer Watson left for San Francisco today with 2000 tons of cargo and 15 passengers. Steamer Dolphin arrived from Skagway this morning with 100 passengers and 5000 cases of salmon. She leaves again tomorrow with general cargo and 40 passengers. Steamer Portland is due here Tuesday night with 130 passengers, a large general cargo, including ore and salmon. United States transport Buffalo departed for San Francisco today after loading 300 tons of flour for the Atlantic fleet. British steamer Queen Amelia has left for Portland, after bunkering, to load grain. Steamer President sailed for



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W. B. Mack, of Aberdeen, was honored by the Hoo-Hoos by being recommended to the superior nine, the National body which is to meet in Chicago, in September, for vice-regent snark of the State of Washington. The recommendation is equal to an election and will give Mr. Mack the head office of the organization in this state. The position was sought by Seattle men for one of their number, but after speeches had been made in favor of a Seattle lumberman, C. C. Quackenbush presented the name of Mr. Mack for Grays Harbor, and after that no one else was considered.

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A sumptuous banquet followed, at which covers were laid for 150 guests. Forty prominent Hoquiam ladies were a committee of welcome and entertainment for their visiting sisters. About the same number were in the sister city of Aberdeen and this afternoon railway and automobile service was taxed to the limit in transporting the jovial crowd to Modjeska Beach, where a grand ball and banquet closed the meeting.

GROWTH SHOWN BY CENSUS

More than 250,000 Children of School Age in Washington.

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The 2800 schoolhouses in the state in July, 1908, and sites, libraries and other school property are valued at an aggregate of about \$15,000,000, as against but \$12,448,291 the previous year, a gain of about \$2,551,709.

Run of Salmon at Aberdeen Light.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special).—The run of salmon in the harbor has thus far been slow. The fresh fish dealers are paying 60 cents, while the canneries are paying 50 cents. Many Columbia River men have come to the harbor and more are expected, the Columbia River season having closed.

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of the Conried Metropolitan Opera Co. writes as follows of the Weber Piano:

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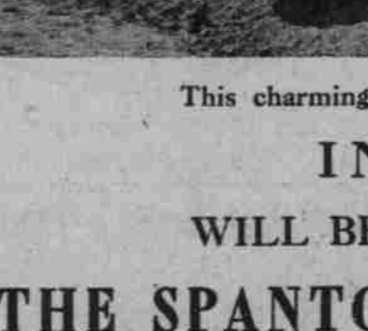
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