

(Oregonian, Wednesday, Jan. 21.)

FIRE LOSS IS \$100,000

INSURANCE COVERS HALF OF BANK AND STORE DAMAGE.

Merchants' Trust Resumes Business. Blaze Laid to Defective Wiring or to Furnace.

THE LOSS IN DOWNTOWN FIRE TOTALS \$100,000.

A. & M. Delovage, Jewelers, \$ 50,000
Ordea Bros., owners of the building, 20,000
Nichols' candy store, 20,000
Merchants Savings & Trust Company, 5,000
Bank Stop, 2,500
Loss of contents, 1,500
Miscellaneous damage, due to smoke and water, suffered by loss of upper floors of building and tenants of adjoining property, 1,000
Total, \$100,000

Conservative estimates of the damage from the fire in the Merchants' Trust building, at the southeast corner of Sixth and Washington streets, Monday night, show a total of \$100,000, about one-half of which is covered by insurance.

One of the firms which may suffer more severe loss than estimated is A. & M. Delovage, jewelers.

!! FIRE SALE !!

A LEGITIMATE BARGAIN EVENT

That hundreds are taking advantage of in buying their Easter, wedding and other gifts. This is an absolute bona-fide sale of a magnificent \$128,000.00 stock of high-grade Diamonds, Watches and Sterling Silverware from the best makers only, and which is now being sold at tremendous reductions. We quote a few of the Fire Sale prices to demonstrate the unusual bargains we are giving

Sterling Silverware Sacrificed!

At prices never before quoted. All from the best makers only—Gorham, Wallace, Whiting and Durgin. We enumerate a few of the patterns we carry complete—Fairfax, Chantilly, Saxon, Violet, Mothers', Shirley, Madame Joumel. These prices are for any of these patterns:

Table Spoons sacrificed at	\$23.00 dozen
Soup Spoons sacrificed at	\$18.00 dozen
Dessert Spoons sacrificed at	\$16.00 dozen
Orange Spoons sacrificed at	\$16.00 dozen
Boullion Spoons sacrificed at	\$13.00 dozen
Coffee Spoons sacrificed at	\$7.00 dozen
Tea Spoons sacrificed at	\$7.50 dozen
Large Size Table Knives sacrificed at	\$21.00 dozen
Large Size Table Forks sacrificed at	\$22.00 dozen
Dessert Size Table Knives sacrificed at	\$19.00 dozen
Dessert Size Table Forks sacrificed at	\$17.00 dozen
Oyster Forks sacrificed at	\$10.50 dozen
Salad Forks sacrificed at	\$18.00 dozen
Butter Spreaders sacrificed at	\$11.50 dozen

Cheese Knives, Ladles, Servers and all small pieces at corresponding reductions. Sterling Silver Bowls, Bread Trays, Bread and Butter Plates, Sandwich Plates, Ramekins, Black Coffees, Boullions, Egg Cup, Tea Cup, Cheese Dishes, Coffee Sets, Mesh Bags, Vanity Boxes, Card Cases, Etc., at big reductions.

WATCHES At Tremendous Reductions

One of the largest and most complete stocks in the city. Howards, Hamiltons, Elgins, Waltham, Hampdens and Swiss.

\$200 solid 18-carat Gold Repeater	\$100
\$150 solid 18-carat Gold Repeater	\$90
\$150 solid 18-carat Gold Repeater, split second	\$98
23-jewel Riverside Maximus sacrificed at	\$50
23-jewel Vanguard, sacrificed at	\$30
21-jewel Hamilton, sacrificed at	\$25
17-jewel Elgin sacrificed at	\$6.85
17-jewel Waltham sacrificed at	\$6.85

Diamond-mounted cases in all sizes. Also a full line of the smallest and thinnest watches made in America, all of which are fully guaranteed, placed on sale.

SALE STARTS TOMORROW MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK

Extra Specials!

5-piece Fairfax silver handle Tea Sets, sacrificed at	\$128.75
5-piece Gorham silver handle Tea Sets, sacrificed at	\$114.50
5-pc. ebony handle Tea Sets, sacrificed at	\$110.75

One-Half Price
Entire Stock of Loving Cups
One-Half Price

DIAMONDS GREATLY REDUCED

Never again will such an opportunity present itself. During our 18 years in this city we have always purchased our diamonds for spot cash, taking advantage of every possible discount and selling our diamonds for cash only means that our prices have always been one-third less than any other store in this city. At this opportune time we offer to the public the choice of any diamond in our store at discount of.....25 PER CENT

\$25 DIAMONDS	\$18.75
\$50 DIAMONDS	\$37.50
\$75 DIAMONDS	\$56.25
\$100 DIAMONDS	\$75.00
\$200 DIAMONDS	\$150.00
\$300 DIAMONDS	\$225.00

We have Solitaire Diamonds as high as \$2500.00; also clusters, Banquet, After-Dinner Rings, Princess and Marquise Rings, Brooches, Lavallieres, Pendants and Diamond Scarf Pins. All to be sacrificed.

14-carat solid Gold Jewelry from the finest makers. Cigarette Cases, Match Boxes, Pocket Knives, Scarf Pins, Emblem Jewelry, Umbrellas, Links, Lockets, Brooches, Lavallieres, Coral Brooches and Rings, all to be sold at special sale prices.

Everything marked in plain figures. Orders from out of town given prompt and our most careful attention. Our guarantee with all merchandise. At the conclusion of this sale we will reopen with an entire new stock and fixtures in same location

A. and M. DELOVAGE

18 Years in Portland 324 WASHINGTON ST. BET. SIXTH AND SEVENTH

DIRECT ROUTE IS AIM

PORTLAND AND GALVESTON TO BE CONNECTED.

Hill System Is Completing Links Which Will Make Traffic via Denver Possible.

Portland and Galveston, Tex., soon will be connected by a continuous rail line under direct control of the Hill system that may, in a measure, effect the effect of the Panama Canal on the movement of transcontinental traffic.

To provide this important connection it is necessary to build 23 miles of railroad in Colorado, and for this purpose the directors of the Burlington, a Hill road, recently appropriated \$1,900,000. Work already has been started and will be finished within the present year. Meanwhile ties and rails are being laid on the 85 miles additional trackage in Wyoming, grading for which was completed last year. These are the only links necessary to give the Burlington a straight and direct line from Billings, Mont., to Denver, where it connects with the Colorado & Southern's main road to the Gulf of Mexico. The Colorado & Southern also is a Hill road, being owned entirely by the Burlington.

By using the North Bank to Spokane, Great Northern or Northern Pacific to Billings, the Burlington and Colorado & Southern to Denver and the Colorado & Southern to Galveston, Hill will have a short and direct route between Portland and the Gulf. The value of such a line is great because of the traffic moving between the two ports, but in the readjustment of traffic conditions following the completion of the Panama Canal, it is believed that it can be made decidedly useful and profitable.

It is evident that much traffic will concentrate along this route for transshipment. Galveston will be a convenient port on the south from which to send ships through the canal, while Portland will occupy a similar position on the north. With the Hill interests owning this through and direct line between the two ports it is probable that they expect to be in a position to compete with the water route for handling the business.

The effect of the connections now being built also will make themselves felt in the passenger traffic, for they will provide the Hill roads with a closer and more direct route between Portland and Denver and all points south of Denver. Now it is necessary to travel from Billings through a corner of South Dakota and across all of Western Nebraska in order to reach Denver. The new route will save about

200 miles and will avoid much adverse grade and curvature.

The old route between Billings and Alliance, Neb., will be eliminated in future travel between Portland and Denver. The road between Billings and Thermopolis, Wyo., will be used instead. Construction work between Thermopolis and Powder River, Wyo., soon will be completed. It is probable that between Powder River and Orin Junction the Chicago & Northwestern will be used, as the Hill interests now seem to have a working agreement with that line. From Orin Junction to Denver the Colorado & Southern operates over almost a straight piece of track. A connection now is being built between Greeley, Colo., and Hudson on the Burlington main line, which will allow the use of Burlington tracks entirely between Greeley and Denver.

In addition to providing a through route between the port on the Gulf and the port on the Wisconsin these connections also will enable the Hill lines to compete for Northwest business in Colorado and Wyoming, as well as in Texas. They will be in a position also of bidding for lumber and other material moving from this territory to the south.

If the proposed connection between Siltie, Idaho, and a convenient point on the Chicago & Northwestern is built, it will materially reduce the haul, as it will eliminate the circuitous routing through Spokane.

MAN SUES BRIDE'S FATHER

Writ of Habeas Corpus Asked by Bridegroom of Two Days.

To secure possession of his bride of two days, aged 17, Carl Foster, aged 21, who was clandestinely married to Marie Stark at Vancouver, Wash., Wednesday, yesterday applied to Presiding Judge Kavanaugh for a writ of habeas corpus. The writ is directed against the girl's father, Captain Stark, of the Volunteers of America, who lives at 6 Grand avenue North. The opposing parties will appear in court Monday.

The young man's action is said to have been precipitated by a telephone message smuggled to him by his wife in which he was told that he had better "get busy" and take her away from her parents if he wished to retain her love and respect. Young Foster immediately consulted Attorneys Jeffrey and Parkison and the habeas corpus action followed.

The couple had taken up their home at 420 East Everett street. When policemen went there to arrest them they found the marriage certificate already framed and in the window. The arrest followed complaints from the girl's parents. Mrs. Foster was taken home after an understanding that the marriage should not be annulled, at least for the present, and the husband was released.

POULTRY CAR TO TOUR

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO SEND ONE ABOUT STATE.

Demonstrations Will Be Made for Purpose of Increasing Interest in Chicken Culture.

Poultry raising in Western Oregon will receive substantial encouragement by the movement of a poultry demonstration car over the lines of the Southern Pacific in the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue river valleys, beginning Saturday, April 6.

The tour has been planned by Harvey Lounsbury, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, who believes that the western part of the state can be made the greatest poultry and egg producing section in the world. The soil and climate are particularly adapted to it but the industry has not been given sufficient attention in the past to develop its possibilities.

The idea of equipping a car with practical poultry houses and placing thereon a colony of poultry and placing to Mr. Lounsbury as an effective means of showing the people of the Southern Pacific territory what can be done to stimulate the industry. Accordingly he secured the co-operation of the instructors of the Oregon Agricultural College, who are now engaged in preparing the exhibit. It will be equipped with all modern appliances used in the business of poultry raising. It will

carry exhibits consisting of the principal breeds of poultry and will be in charge of Professor C. C. Lamb, principal demonstrator, and R. B. Thompson, L. R. Atterman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has arranged for school children to visit the car at each stopping place. It is believed that much good work can be done by arousing interest among the children.

The car will leave Corvallis early on the morning of Saturday, April 6, arriving at Albany at 7:10 A. M. where it will remain all day. The itinerary will cover a month. Stops will be made at the following places: Medford, Central Point, Ashland, Merlin, Gold Hill, Glendale, Riddle, Myrtle Creek, Roseburg, Wilbur, Sutherlin, Oakland, Yoncalla, Cottage Grove, Drain, Creswell, Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, Eugene Junction City, Harrisburg, Halsey, Albany, Lebanon, Jefferson, Turner, Brownsville, West Selk, Salem, Woodburn, Gervais, Woodburn, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Aurora, Canby, Oregon City, Sherwood, Newberg, St. Joseph, Carlton, McMinnville, Gaston, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, McCoy, Lafayette, Sheridan, Dallas and Independence.

BRIDGE PROJECT INDORSED

Portland Realty Board Sees Need of Bistate Structure.

The interstate bridge project, which would not only bring Portland and Vancouver closer together but also would form the connecting link in the Pacific Highway, received strong indorsement of the Portland Realty Board Friday. Representatives of the bridge com-

mittee of the two cities explained the advantages of the project, declaring that the benefits would extend indirectly to the entire territory traversed by the Pacific Highway. As a result of the discussion, a concerted effort will be made to get financial aid from the Government. Members in Congress from Oregon, Washington and California will be urged to secure an appropriation sufficient to cover at least half the cost of the bridge. It was announced that the cost of the project would not exceed \$1,000,000.

Modern Woodmen Lose Case.

ASTORIA, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—The Circuit Court jury in the case of Bertha Lowery against the Modern

Woodmen of America returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$2000, being the sum asked for, with interest. The action was brought to recover on a life insurance certificate held by Ole O. Vigle, who went to Alaska and has not been heard from since July 7, 1905, when he was in Dawson. The plaintiff's case rested principally on the statute which provides that the unexplained absence of a person for a period of seven years raises the presumption of his death, so the presumption was that Ole Vigle died seven years after he was last heard from, or in July, 1912. The defense contended that since Vigle joined the defendant society, that organization has amended its by-laws to provide that no lapse of time or absence of any member, without ac-

tual proof of death, should entitle his beneficiary to recover on the certificate. The defense failed to prove this contention to the satisfaction of the court and it is possible that fact had some bearing on the result.

Naramore Succeeds Stevens. F. A. Naramore, a structural engineer, has been appointed secretary of the Oregon Society of Engineering, to succeed J. C. Stevens, who has accepted a commission in Spain. The appointment of Mr. Naramore was made at a meeting of the executive board of the society last week.

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