Spirit of Emulation Inspires Portland's Fireman to Great Deeds

Best and Bravest Men of Portland Were Members of Old Volunteer Department

Portland, Oregon, Sunday Morning, June 13, 1920

Volume XXXIX
No. 54

Columbia No. Three's Pump New Boat With Engine 15 at Wellington House

By W. H. Harter

The Portland Fire Department has a peculiar history that has made it one of the most interesting and famous in the world. Portland has always been a city of firemen, and the men who serve in the fire department are as well known as the city itself. The department was formed in 1857, and has been in existence ever since. The first fire engine was a small, hand-operated unit, and the first firemen were volunteers. The department has grown in size and strength, and now numbers over 500 men. The firemen are well paid, and their work is highly respected.

The firemen of Portland are well known for their bravery and skill in fighting fires. They have saved many lives and property, and have been credited with saving millions of dollars. The department has received many medals and awards for its work, and has been the subject of many stories and articles. The Portland Fire Department is a credit to the city, and is one of the finest in the world.