

### FIRE IN WEST END

SUPPOSED TO BE THE WORK OF INCENDIARY.

Fred Lengever's Unoccupied Dwelling Buggy Damaged, and Much of the Contents Ruined—Covered Fully by Insurance—Fire Said to Have Originated in the Cellar—Discovered by a Party of Latecomers.

What is believed to have been the work of a firebug is responsible for a large amount of damage to the house owned by Fred Lengever on Jane street at an early hour this morning. The contents were practically destroyed by fire and water. Insurance adjusters and Marshal Carney and Fire Chief Withee are making an investigation with a view to bringing the guilty person or persons to justice.

The damage will approximate at least \$750. The insurance men, whose estimates are always declared by themselves to be high, place it at about \$500. Lengever and his family have been camping for several days at Lehman Springs and have a part of their furniture and other articles in the loss would have been much greater. There is an insurance of \$500 on the house and contents in the following companies: Citizens Insurance Company of St. Louis, \$400 on contents; Thurlingia Insurance Company, \$300; and Fire Association of Philadelphia, \$250 on the dwelling. The fire had its origin in the entrance to the cellar, where it would have been unlikely to start except by design. The flames were first seen by members of a card party about 12:30 o'clock, and an alarm turned in by Carl Churchill, a hackman in the employ of Carney & Kennedy. The department quickly responded but before the members arrived the flames had attained a good headway and it looked as if the building, which is a one-story structure, was doomed to total destruction.

By 1 o'clock the flames were under control and were extinguished shortly afterward. An examination showed that all the rooms had been completely destroyed. In the meantime a fire engine had been called and by Glenn Busbee, one of the unknown persons turned in a general alarm. Two men from two companies responded and the city by this unnecessary alarm will lose about \$200.

Suspicion of setting fire to the building has fallen on a person whose whereabouts at the time is being looked up by the authorities. He is known to have a motive for the crime if he should prove the guilty one.

### HOPE FOR DEATH

The hope of poor suffering women. I feel it my duty to inform you that the great blessing of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which has given me relief from my sufferings, is now available to all who are afflicted with the same troubles. I have taken several bottles of your medicine and I feel that I am entirely cured. I am a mother of five children and I have never before enjoyed such good health. I feel that I am a new woman. I feel that I am a new woman. I feel that I am a new woman.

### Very Thankful

I will be very glad to say a few words for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I was a sufferer from the same troubles for several years. I had tried every medicine and I had tried every doctor. I had tried every remedy and I had tried every treatment. I had tried every thing and I had tried every one. I had tried every thing and I had tried every one. I had tried every thing and I had tried every one.

### Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser

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Phillips Hydraulic Ram

### DITCHES BENEFITED BY RAINS.

Irrigan People Experience a Novel Benefit From Recent Floods.

The recent heavy rains did not come in vain to the people of Irrigan, and especially to the Oregon Land & Water Company, whose big ditches carry water to the new settlements.

Before the rain, much of the sandy land through which the ditches were built permitted a heavy seepage of the water to pass from the river to the land to be irrigated, and a very large amount of water has always been started into the head of the ditches in order to get a proper amount on the land. Fully 25 per cent of the water in the ditches was lost in seepage, because of the sand.

This condition has been changed by the rain, as the recent floods washed an enormous amount of silt and sand into the sandy ditches, and made them water tight. Since the rain, the ditches have been carrying their full measure of water over their entire length, and the benefit to the water users and ditch company has been incalculable. It would have taken years of wash to accomplish what has been done by this one rain storm.

No amount of "putting up with it" can accomplish such a complete job as the sudden filling of the ditches with wash silt from the hills, and instead of damaging the property of the Irrigan company it has added thousands of dollars to the value of their land and ditches.

### SKIN GRAFTING FINISHED.

Mrs. William Nave Proves Success of Delicate Operation.

Mrs. Mary Nave came up from Wallula yesterday to have the remaining wounds from her burns dressed, says the Wallula Union. Mrs. Nave is making progress to recovery, but the entire surface will not be healed probably for a month. Dr. Keylor thinks that no more skin grafting will be necessary. Mrs. Nave went home three weeks ago, but returns once a week to have the injuries dressed. Her general health is greatly improved and the suffering is decreased to such a degree that the patient sometimes is entirely free from pain.

### WANT A NEW BRIDGE.

People in Western Umattila County Want a Bridge Over the Umattila River.

D. C. Brownell, of Umattila, is in the city today, on business connected with his land interests in Western Umattila county, and says the people of the western portion of the county along the lower Umattila river are greatly in need of a wagon bridge

### NATIONAL BANK IMPROVEMENTS

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Among the important improvements being made in the First National bank building, is a contemplated second story, which will be added to the present building, which is situated on the corner of Main and Commercial streets.

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Under the floor of the building is a solid stone base, laid in cement and railroad iron 18x16 feet in size, upon which rests the vaults on the floor.

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