Chamber of Commerce.

ONE MAN FALLS TO HIS DEATH

## Floor and Make Rescue

Portland, April 7. - Flames that
sprang up as from as magician's wand sprang up as from a magician's wan
Bwopt the upper part of the Chamber of
Commerce block at $2: 30$ o'clock yeeterday atternoon, wrecking the Commer-
cial clat and imperiling ecores of livea.
With the swirling, fearfal speed of a With the swiring, rhets of fire and
whirwind, great red shoke pased from
dense volumee of emoke and room to room as it in a fiendish hunt
for haman lite. Dozens of people, caught unawares, scarried before the
deadly binet with death at their hheele.
The one to forfeit hie lite was Homer ette Valley Traetion company Willam- With
smoke and flame close bebind him, Mr. Hallock attempted to climb from a
Commercial club window to a fire escape leading down the interior court of
the building. The fire eecape was eix
feet away. It was a deperate undertaking, and the unfortunate man hared.
Hii body plunged down even stories to
a akylight on the second floor. He was killed instantly.
The fire department was quickly on The ifre department was quickly on
the scene, nearly every piece of fire ap-
paratus in Portland being brought into Bervice. The firemen performed conr-
ageons and effective eervice. While
part of the force busid iteelf laying others were at the equally dangeroue
taek of reesuing thoee whooe retreat
had been cat off in the upper stories. short of the imprisoned men, and scal-
ing laddera were used to reach the six men imprisoned on the eighth floor-
Tom Richardson, manager of the Com-
mercial club ned when the firemen reached him it
nooked as thoogh neither would get
down alive. Some 50 persons who were
in the npper atoriea reached astety by the fire eecapes.
The damage to the Chamber of Com-
merce building will reach $\$ 100,000$
rathe fully insured, and the Commercial club
$\$ 40,000$ with $\$ 20,000$ insurance. The
pereonal losees to occupants of the building, such as lawyers and phyeici-
ans, is not known, but it is estimated
they will reach several thousand dol-

INSURANCE REFORM BILLS. Rapid Progress in Driving Them
Through Legislature,
Albany, N. Y, April . . The bills
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solidated into seven-four have paesed
the third reading or final paseage in the
senate on the way to the governor.
Theee are the billa deeignated:
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iea; third, making contradictory etste. ments ander oath presumptive evi-
dence of perjury, and fourth, forbidAfifth, the bill further penalizing
faleificiation or omission of material faisicteation or the books and records of
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but was amended in the eenate, and but was amended in the eenate, and
the bill muat return to the aseembly
for concurrence. The so ealled "big bill" generally
amending the insurance laws and em.
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third reading in the senate todsy,
The seventh bill, that forbidding
campaign contributions by corporations, was temporarily lyid corpora- on the
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## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST



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| New Rail Lines for Lane. |
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| been entered into for the eale of land befort the irrigation canals were completed or exact eupply of water available known. In order that there may be no question in future, the board will insiat on knowing how much water is available for each segregation and the number of acres to be sold will in no instance be more than the visible supply of water will irrigate. |
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| water will irrigate. <br> Furnish Ditch is Completed. |  |
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| mount or land, and there area at |  |
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| under the ditch. This land is adjoining the big Umatilla reclamation project which the government now has in hand. The Furnish ditch is 30 miles in length, while the government canal will be 22 milee long and will aleo sup. ply water for 20,000 acres. |  |
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| ply water for 20,000 acres. <br> Cherry Crop Destroyed. Scappoose-Early cherries, with few |  |
| ceptions, are killed by the early |  |
| ts. Royal Annes are completely |  |
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| plee, prunes and plums are apparently |  |
| all in good condition, having been uninjured. Nearly all orchards in this |  |
| injured. Nearly all orcharc locality are being sproyed this reanon. Fruite from the Scappoose district are not inferiomioms won at the Lewis and Clark expoaition. |  |
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| Storing Wool in Heppner Warehouses Fieppner - Wool is beginning to ar- |  |
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| rive at the warehouses here, where it |  |
| will be atored until the sales days in the latter part of May and the first of | live, 16 @ $16 \%$ c; tur |
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| in this county this year, and very little <br> is being contracted, stockmen preferring to hold until the sales days, when |  |
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| Prineville -John Dee and A. R. |  |
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| Prineod were arraigned before Unitted |  |
| States Commiarioner M, R. Biggs last week on a charge of cutting timber on government land. They were held in |  |
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| sum of 850 to appear betore the |  |
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