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### SHANIKO VISITED BY DISASTROUS FIRE

Two Business Blocks Destroyed and  
Entire Town Threatened in  
Early Morning Blaze

Two blocks of buildings in the heart of the business district of Shaniko were wiped out early last Friday morning in a disastrous which for a time threatened to destroy the entire town. The value of the property destroyed amounts to about \$25,000 with a small part insured. The blaze started from an unknown cause in the Midway bar, owned by A. L. Howell, at 3 o'clock in the morning, and from there swept to the harness shop owned by G. H. Reeder. Several unoccupied buildings year the saloon and harness shop also were destroyed. The burned buildings occupied a quarter block which remained untouched by the fire of a year

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ago. The fire jumped across Broadway and in a few minutes the livery stable and a small grocery next door, owned by John Flanagan, were in flames.

Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan barely escaped with their lives, saving only a small amount of clothing caught up as they fled from the burning building. Three horses perished in the livery stable.

From the Flanagan barns the flames extended across the alley to several empty buildings belonging to O'Neil Bros., Hatton's blacksmith shop, the stables of the Cornett Stage & Automobile company, Rinehart's saloon and a number of empty buildings.

A. L. Howell's loss, including building, fixtures and stock, was \$4000, with about \$1000 insurance; John Flanagan's loss was \$5000, with no insurance; G. H. Reeder, \$3000, with \$500 insurance; Rinehart, \$5000 loss, with \$1700 insurance.

G. H. Reeder was severely burned about the hands in trying to save the stock from his harness shop. Postmaster John Holstrom was injured in the right eye by fire.

Robert Workman, a young laborer, was overcome by smoke, but was not seriously injured. Rinehart will rebuilt and Reeder and Flanagan will at once resume business in other locations. Wilson's drug store and the tele-office are the only two places of business remaining in the two blocks.

### WATER POWER SITES COVER MANY ACRES

Withdrawals Made in Aid of Possible Legislation to Develop Valuable Properties

The last issue of the U. S. Geological Survey Press Bulletin, from Washington, D. C., has the following to say regarding the conservation of water power sites:

Investigations of possible sites for developing water power on public domain are being pushed by the United States Geological Survey, with resulting withdrawals of land from entry where it is found that valuable sites exist. In July 31,725 acres of such land were withdrawn, including a great number of power sites. No estimate has been made of the horsepower involved, but owing to the character of the power sites withdrawn it is believed to be very large. These July withdrawals make a total outstanding area withdrawn of 1,546,258 acres, based on the examination and recommendation of the Geological Survey, and involving thousands of power sites and doubtless millions of horsepower. The withdrawals are made in aid of proposed legislation by Congress which shall provide for the fullest possible development of these enormously valuable properties and at the same time guard the public interests.

### Killed in Mysterious Way

Richard Conroy, about 28 years old, engaged in herding sheep for Lafe Penland about 25 miles south of Heppner, was found August 23 with his face blown off. Conroy lay on one side of a

log and a shotgun on the other. He stated he did not know how it happened. The chin, cheekbones and eyes were gone. Conroy died before medical assistance could reach him. The authorities are unable to locate his relatives.

Optimist.  
Since the appearance of the above article in The Dalles Optimist, a message has been received by John Conroy, a brother of the deceased, telling him of the accident and asking him to notify relatives, who are now residing at Vancouver B. C.

### \$15 AND COSTS FOR SLAPPING WOMAN

Grover Condon, Homesteader, Pleads Guilty and is Assessed Above Amount by Judge Jackson

For slapping Mrs. Wm. Bagby last Saturday afternoon, Grover Condon, a young man who has a homestead a few miles from town, was arrested by Dick Dove, night marshal, and after pleading guilty to the charge, was assessed a fine of \$15 and costs which he paid.

The defendant stated that he met the woman on the street and after passing a few words he alleges the woman became abusive in her remarks and he slapped her.

"Perhaps the woman had some cause to address you in a harsh manner," said the judge.

"I guess she did," replied Condon. And he further added, "I have given her all I made for the past six months."

"What did you get in return for what you gave her?" he was asked.

"\$15 and costs," replied the farmer as he handed his assessment to the judge.

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