

"DO NOT despise advertisements as a time to come—on though that time should be of another make from this, which is already come and is ours."  
—Faller. The author was not writing to advertise, especially—but he gave them correct advice in striking phraseology.

# Coos Bay Times

YOU DON'T buy goods to please the man who sells them—or because you think it a patriotic duty to support him. You buy goods to sell. Buy advertising that will sell the goods.

## "OLD WOOLEN MILL" BURNS AT NORTH BEND WITH \$134,600 LOSS

Fire of Unknown Origin Wipes Out Several Coos Bay Firms.

PRACTICALLY NO INSURANCE ON IT

Losers Plan to Resume Business Just As Soon As Possible.

North Bend Fire Losses.

Simpson Lumber Company:	
Building and machinery	\$80,000
Cable	20,000
E. M. Ward:	
Hardware stock	20,000
Bevier Engineering Works	5,000
North Bend Milk Condensary	2,000
Victor Anderson	2,500
J. E. Lyons	600
Frank Monroe	500
North Bend Hardware	4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$134,600</b>

E. M. Ward has \$1,000 insurance and may be \$10,000 more depending on the date of the expiration of some of his policies. The Bevier Engineering Works had \$2,000 insurance, but there is some question about its validity. No others carried any insurance whatsoever.

Fire early Sunday morning absolutely wiped out the building on the North Bend waterfront, known as the "Old Woolen Mill" and its contents causing a loss of about \$130,000 which is divided as above outlined. A heavy fog and practically an absolute calm are all that saved the numerous jobbing houses, factories and buildings on the remainder of the water front south, according to witnesses of the conflagration. The cause of the fire is unknown but is supposed to have been defective wiring in or just above the Bevier Engineering Works.

**String of Bad Luck.**  
While the Fates were apparently kind to North Bend, luck was against the city. The fire-alarm, which was set in about 1:05 a. m., Peter Oakley being one of the first to discover it. It was practically 2 o'clock before water was turned on and meanwhile the fire, which had a good start when discovered, in the interim had gained unapproachable headway. There was some delay in getting the fire company together, then the couplings of the hose wouldn't fit the water mains, a reducer on one of the mains bothered and the gasoline fire engine refused to work. On top of this, the Marshfield fire department which had been sent for was unable to get its chemical engine on a boat to take it to North Bend. In consequence, the blaze consumed practically everything, the building and foundation on the piling being almost entirely obliterated. A pile of shingles and lumber between the building and the water-edge of the wharf was partly burned.

**Calm Saved Other Buildings.**  
Absence of wind alone prevented it spreading to the Davis-Schultz building, containing the offices and stock of the Western Oregon Wholesale Grocery Company on the south. The flame from the "Old Woolen Mill" shot almost straight skyward and in about an hour or so, the three-story frame building, 100x200 feet, had been reduced to a few charred planks on top of the piling and an occasional small pile of iron, the other remnants having fallen through into the waters of the Bay.

**Doubt About Insurance.**  
As to the insurance, there is some question. E. M. Ward has only \$1,000 in one policy on his stock that he is sure of. He had \$10,000 more but owing to changes in the policies, he does not know whether it had lapsed on July 7 or not. He will not be able to ascertain until his safe can be drilled open and the policies secured. The safe was moved out and saved but not until it had been subjected to a severe heat. The \$10,000 insurance was originally taken out by the Pittinger and Ward Company through a Portland agency. When Mr. Ward purchased Pittinger's interest in the firm, the policies

were changed and extended and Mr. Ward hopes that they are still in force.

**Bevier's Policies Cancelled.**  
Owing to the extra hazard, the fire insurance on the Bevier Engineering Works was cancelled on May 19, 1908. Mr. Bevier then took out a \$2,000 policy in other companies in the name of a San Francisco firm from which he had purchased some machinery. He was notified six days ago by L. F. Falkenstein, the local agent, that the policies had been cancelled on account of the risk being too hazardous. Mr. Bevier claims that he is entitled to ten days notice of intended cancellation in order that he might place the insurance elsewhere. Whether he is or not will probably be determined in the courts.

The North Bend Hardware Company had practically all its supply of sewer pipe, brick, etc., stored in the building. They had \$1,000 insurance. As near as they can estimate, the stock was worth over \$4,000. None of the others carried any insurance. The Simpson Lumber Company has never carried any fire insurance, the belief of Capt. Simpson and L. J. Simpson, the owners, being that they can carry their own risk cheaper than the high rate which the insurance companies impose on the class of hazard under which their property comes.

**Night Watch Away.**  
A peculiar incident of the fire was that Saturday night was the first night in about four years that Night Watch Cranick was absent from the building. Saturday, he and a son determined to go up Coos River on a little fishing trip and as there wasn't anything in particular to do around the building, even the fires in the Bevier Engineering Works being left out all day Saturday, no substitute was secured. Mr. Cranick had not returned yesterday.

**Revives Fire Protection Talk.**  
The fire and the serious losses that it imposed upon a few has revived the fire protection discussion which has been rife in North Bend for some months and is resulting in rather severe criticism of some of the city councilmen who thwarted the efforts to improve it. There were two or three plans talked of, one being to buy a fire boat, another to lay an eight-inch main along the North Bend waterfront to be attached to three large pumps which L. J. Simpson installed and the other to put in a complete municipal water system and attendant fire protection in North Bend. The fire boat and the water main along the water front were the most feasible. The laying of the eight-inch water main along the water front would cost, according to estimates secured by the North Bend city council, \$10,000 exclusive of the pumps to pump water direct from the Bay which L. J. Simpson offered to furnish free. It is likely that steps will be taken at once to do this as it was announced yesterday that Sunday morning's conflagration would result in all of the fire insurance companies cancelling their policies along the water front.

"If we had any kind of effective fire protection, at least \$20,000 or \$30,000 worth of goods could have been saved from my stock in a half hour or so," said E. M. Ward last evening. "It hits a few of us awful hard but my hope and belief is that it has taught North Bend a lesson that will insure future safe guards."

**Saved Many Boats.**  
A score or more of gasoline launches and small boats that were anchored near the old "Woolen Mill" were cut loose and allowed to wash away with the tide to safety. They were later gathered up around the Bay and returned to their owners. One launch destroyed was a new gasoline boat belonging to Frank Monroe which was just being completed. Victor Anderson lost a few boats with his boat house which was located in the "Old Woolen Mill."

The North Bend Milk Condensing Company's loss was not as heavy as it might have been had they not recently started to use the North Bend city wharf building as a warehouse for their supplies. As it was, they had a large number of cans, etc., in the "Old Woolen Mill" and their loss is estimated at \$2,000. In addition to the tools and fix-

## MANY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Tire Catches In Steering Gear of Machine at Bellingham, Inflicting Fatal Injuries.

(By Associated Press.)  
BELLINGHAM, Wash., July 20.—A heavy automobile stage coming from Lynden last evening was wrecked at Dupont and 'D' streets in this city. Every one of the fifteen passengers were injured. The seriously injured are:

Judge J. R. Crites, internally injured and probably fatal.  
Rev. Joseph E. William, collarbone and ribs broken, internal injuries, probably fatal.  
E. McKay, driver, leg broken, internal injuries, but will recover. The seriously injured are being cared for in this city.

A fire stripping from one of the wheels was thrust into the steering gear, causing the machine to dash squarely across the street and turn somersault over a twelve-foot embankment.

## NEW LONDON'S BANKER BACK

W. F. Walker Wanted In Connecticut City For \$500,000 Shortage, Caught In Mexico

(By Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, July 20.—William F. Walker, the absconding cashier of the New Britain, Connecticut Savings bank, whose extradition from Mexico was achieved only after he had spent months in jail at Ensenada, departed today for New Britain in charge of Chief of Police Egan of that city. Walker talked freely of the crime to which he has confessed. He denies that he looted the bank of \$500,000 but refused to even estimate his shortage, saying he already had made a statement to the officials of the bank which they can make public if they wish to do so.

Walker said that he fled because he wanted to make restitution and is confident that he could soon repay every dollar through mining interests acquired in Mexico. He said, "I do not care to make any statement relative to the accusation. I lost large sums of the bank's money through gang-wire tappers and other swindlers, but I will state that I never received a dollar of the sum missing."

**W. F. VILAS DYING.**  
Prominent Wisconsin Democrat In Critical Shape.  
(By Associated Press.)  
MARION, Wis., July 20.—William F. Vilas, former United States senator and a member of Cleveland's cabinet had a hemorrhage of the brain. His condition is reported serious.

tures, the Bevier Engineering Works lost three engines which were just being completed. The loss falls hard on Mr. Bevier and the many friends he has made since he started the business and built it up sincerely hoping that he will be able to obtain the insurance.

**Will Resume Business.**  
E. M. Ward announced yesterday immediately after the fire that he would order a new stock at once and be ready to start business just as soon as he can secure suitable quarters.

Mr. Bevier said that he hoped to be able to do likewise. Victor Anderson will endeavor to replace his boat-house and resume business. It is announced that the Simpson Lumber Company will probably replace the building with a large warehouse. The structure destroyed was erected several years ago for a woolen mill which was closed in 1904. Much of the machinery used in the mill was still stored in the building, it and the structure representing an expenditure of nearly \$100,000.

The determination and optimism with which all interested met their misfortune, won them the admiration of the numerous friends who had hastened to extend sympathy and the news that they all will probably resume business will bring them all the support that Coos Bay loyalty can afford.

## AUGUST HELMING SHOT DEAD WHILE HUNTING IN CURRY

Well-Known Coos Bay Man Victim of Sad Accident Saturday Evening.

**FIND SKELETON NEAR EMPIRE**  
Roy H. Rozelle Discovers Remains On Beach This Afternoon.

Roy H. Rozelle of Empire City, found a human skeleton on the beach about two miles from that city this afternoon. It had just been washed up by the waves. Only part of the skeleton was intact but as the ribs were still attached to the backbone, he feels certain that it is not the remains of one dead as long as the absence of flesh might indicate.

He notified Coroner T. J. Lewis who left promptly for the scene to investigate the matter thoroughly. So far as known, no one has turned up missing in the time indicated and the find may develop into a deep mystery.

## ALLIANCE IN FROM PORTLAND

Arrives With Big Freight Cargo and Full Passenger List Today.

The Alliance arrived in this morning from Portland with a big cargo of freight and a full passenger list. Captain Olson reports a very good trip down, the wind being in their favor and the only handicap being the heavy fogs Saturday and Sunday nights. The Alliance will sail on the return trip tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

In the cargo was a large shipment of furniture for Perry and Montgomery's new furniture store in Marshfield, a large amount of machinery for Barker Bros.' new sawmill and some heavy machinery for the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Company.

The Alliance passenger list was as follows:  
J. L. Daggett, W. A. Stuart, R. J. Miller, Walter Larsen, Mrs. Larsen, Emanuel Larsen, Ruby Larsen, Olga Larsen, F. W. Weldon, C. Hickox, J. O. Gillen, L. A. Holebege, J. M. Arnold, Mable Davis, Elmer Davies, Owen Davies, James Davis, G. Ferguson, S. E. McCabe, J. M. Cole, Mrs. L. Shepard, Clifford Shepard, Mary Shepard, R. H. Wilson, R. G. Gale, Mrs. Reames, Mrs. J. C. Huff, M. B. Robinson, H. Twiss, Mrs. Twiss, Mrs. Smith, Howard Twiss, Thomas Smith, Mr. Smith, Miss Bache, Geo. L. Weldon, D. S. Ames, J. W. Dunn, L. E. Bliven, J. H. Morgan, H. Aoke, Y. Kigono, E. E. Williams, Henry Fors, F. A. Haines, Mrs. J. A. Haines, Mrs. J. A. Whitten, Mrs. P. B. Chaney, J. E. Higgins, Jr., Mike Lewis, J. G. Hurt, T. H. Haradon, W. E. Stack, Frank Johnson and twelve steerage.

**ALLIANCE SAILS FOR PORTLAND AT 3:30 TUESDAY, JULY 21.**

**ECONOMY and Knowlton, fruit jars—best on earth, at the Coos Bay Cash Store.**

**HOLE IN THE SHOE.**  
When your shoes wear out you rush over to the shoemaker for repairs.

But you oftentimes overlook the fact, that your fire insurance policy is worn out and at a time when an unlocked for fire comes along.

Dig up your old policies and have the necessary repairs and renewal made so.

When a fire occurs, see Henry Sengstacken, agent for the leading Conflagration Proof Fire Insurance Company.

## DEER HUNT ENDS IN A TRAGEDY

H. A. Reynolds' Gun Accidentally Discharged While Loading in Woods.

Few details of the affair have been obtainable here. In a telephone message to L. R. Robertson, manager of the Pacific States Telephone Company, whom he was having notified relatives of Helming, Mr. Reynolds told the story of the shooting substantially as follows over the long distance phone from Bandon this morning:

"We were out Saturday evening hoping to get a deer. It was bright and we were coming down a trail. My magazine of my gun was empty as I started to fill it. Somehow it was discharged, the bullet struck Helming who was walking in the path ahead of me. He died almost instantly."

It was sometime before Reynolds was able to reach camp and get a **Brought Body to Bandon.**  
They were hunting in a lonely part of Curry county and were unable to secure the coroner. They came Bandon last evening, that city being the nearest point. Arrangements are being made today for the inquest. Whether Coroner T. J. Lewis of Coos county can officiate or whether it is necessary to secure an official Curry county had not been determined.

Mr. Helming's body will be brought here for burial.

**Were Close Friends.**  
Reynolds is broken hearted over the shooting. He and Helming were close friends, Reynolds rooming at the Helming home. Both were well known in Marshfield and have numerous friends who sincerely regret the accident. Reynolds has been in Coos Bay for some time, has made his headquarters here a year or more and has offices in Helming's. He represents the J. Arthur Company of Portland, dealer in gasoline engines and supplies.

Mr. Helming was about thirty years old, and had been a resident of Coos Bay for several years, coming here from Portland and engaging in business. He is survived by a wife and two children, one being a child. A brother, Fred Helming, works for Bissinger & Company in Portland, and has been notified of the accident. A Mr. Whobrey, former partner of the deceased, who is now traveling for him, called in from Gardiner today.

It is expected that the men of the party will return to Marshfield with the body tomorrow.

her daughter were induced to return to this country on the promise of riches and that Eberhard would marry the daughter. She brought \$2,600 with her which was changed to American money, after Eberhard lodged his aunt and sister in a lodging house. Yesterday the body was found and the man is missing. The girl who is ten years old, refuses to believe the cousin murdered her mother carried her money in the body of her dress.

**LAY CRIME TO MISSING CLERK**  
Police Search For Hackensack Youth Who Is Suspected of Killing Aunt.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, July 20.—The police and detectives of many cities are searching for August Eberhard, a grocery clerk, who is suspected of knowing something of the death of his aunt, Mrs. Ottilie Eberhard, who arrived from Vienna last week and whose horribly mangled body was found on a railroad track near Hackensack yesterday. The woman and

## WILL DISCUSS DRAIN LINE

Coos Bay Business Men Meet Tonight to Take Matter Up With E. H. Harriman.

A meeting of a number of prominent Coos Bay business men has been called for this evening at the Chamber of Commerce to discuss means of hastening the completion of the proposed Drain-Coos Bay railroad. The meeting is of rather a private nature, invitations having been extended to those who are desired to attend.

As near as can be gathered, it is the intention of the meeting to select a couple of delegates to take the matter up personally with E. H. Harriman or other high officials of the Southern Pacific. The delegates will have data showing the probable business that would fall to the line. Unless plans are changed, it is proposed to select C. A. Smith of the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Company, and L. J. Simpson of the Simpson Lumber Company as the delegates. In addition to the data on the business awaiting the road, assurance of all the aid and friendship that Coos Bay people can give the new road will be carried to Mr. Harriman or the Southern Pacific officials with whom the matter will be taken up.

Mr. Harriman is expected to spend the major part of the summer at his country home near Klamath, Oregon, and it is barely possible that the delegates will call on him there.

C. J. Millis, the representative of the Southern Pacific's present interests on Coos Bay, is expected to be in attendance at tonight's meeting.

**LOUIS H. BOLL, TEACHER, PIANO, First Trust and Savings Bank building.**