

NORTH BEND WAREHOUSE IS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Conflagration Causes Loss of
Between \$75,000 and
\$100,000.

WAS BEYOND CONTROL
WHEN DISCOVERED

Many Sustain Losses But
Simpson Lumber Company
Hit Hardest.

The large warehouse of the North Bend city dock and the warehouse of the North Bend Sash and Door Factory, the two in reality being one building, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The loss will be between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and not a cent of insurance. It is divided between a large number, the full list of losers not being obtainable now.

The origin or cause of the fire is unknown. There are various theories one being that it was due to spontaneous combustion, another to the electric wiring and still another that it might have been incendiary. Little confidence is placed in the latter, though. Owing to the fact that there had not even been a fire started in a stove in the building for two or three days, complete mystery envelops the origin.

List of Losers.
North Bend Sash and Door Factory, finished output of sashes, doors, mouldings, paint, oil and stock, over \$30,000.
Simpson Lumber Company, building and goods stored, over \$10,000.
Coos Bay Grocery Company, goods, etc., over \$2,500.

Tom B. James lost heavily, an estimate being impossible to obtain owing to the absence of Mr. James being in Portland. He will return on the Alliance Monday.

North Bend Hardware Company, stock amounting to several hundred dollars.

City of Coquille, sixty sections of treated wooden water piping.

North Bend Mercantile Company, stock valued at over \$1,000.

R. D. Hume estate, about fifty tons of merchandise, supplies, etc. Estimate of value not obtainable.

There were about eight or ten shipments of household goods, some that was to be shipped away on the vessels next week and some that had just arrived. A list of the owners cannot be obtained until the safe in Agent Tom James' office is opened.

In addition to these, a number of North Bend firms and individuals had small quantities of goods stored in the building or shipments that had not been removed.

Had Gained Great Headway.

The fire had gained great headway when it was discovered about 11:30 o'clock last night. Those first on the ground said that the fire must have started near the center of the building or in the north end as it was burning with the greatest fury in that section.

The North Bend fire department soon had several streams of water playing on the building from the new salt water system and did effective work. The Marshfield fire department quickly responded to the call, the tug Glenner from Gardiner which was lying at the Marshfield wharf taking them and their apparatus to the scene.

The Gleaner proved a valuable aid in fighting the fire. Equipped as fire boat, it pumped several heavy streams of water and with the aid of the Marshfield department saved the wharf between the warehouse and the water line.

There was little wind blowing and to this was largely due the fact that the fire did not spread to the Western Oregon Grocery Company's building on the North or the Sash and Door Factory, proper, on the south. Manager Wornick of the Sash and Door Factory, got out his men and

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BOYS COLLIDE ON BICYCLES

Carl Lattin and Phillip Lee
Severely Hurt While
Coasting.

Phillip Lee about fourteen years old, was critically injured and Carl Lattin, about the same age, was seriously hurt as the result of a collision while coasting on bicycles on the West Central Avenue hill last night. For a time, it was feared that both lads had been perhaps fatally hurt but both were greatly improved this morning.

The Lattin boy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lattin, proprietors of the Lattin hotel, and the Lee boy lives with his parents on Fourth street, having recently come here from the east. The former was badly bruised and the cords of his neck and back severely strained. The Lee lad had his nose badly crushed and is feared to have sustained severe internal injuries and also injuries to his head.

The two boys with a crowd of youngsters had been playing around the steep grade on Central Avenue in West Marshfield, where the street is divided, one-half being a steep incline. One lad was coasting down on his bicycle and the other started to see how far up he could ride. They met near the base of the incline, the impact being a terrific force.

Aid was quickly summoned and the boys removed to their homes. The Lee boy was unconscious and the Lattin lad was suffering intense pain.

CASTRO BETTER; AWAITS NOTICE

Vegezuela's "Soldier of Fortune" Can Remain Only
Until He Can Leave.

(By Associated Press.)

PORT DE FRANCE, April 9.—Castro health seems to be improving. He has received no official notification of the determination of the French government to expel him from the island.

LET CASTRO REMAIN.

Will Not Be Expelled If It Endangers
His Health.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, April 9.—If Castro's health is so grave that his removal from Fort de France would be dangerous, the French government is prepared to suspend temporarily the decree of expulsion against him.

JOKE ON PUPILS.

Teacher at Centralia Fails to Appreciate
"All Fool's Day."

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 9.—Last Friday was the annual thrashing day in the Centralia schools. The occasion is the aftermath of All Fool's Day. On April 1 the teacher was fooled by the unexpected absence of practically all of the boys in his room. April 2 those same absentees were treated to a surprise party given by the principal, M. L. Carrier, which consisted of the vigorous application of the birch to 23 individual cases. Protests were of the usual variety but of no avail. The programme was carried out on business lines and with the principal's usual vigor.

E. A. HITCHCOCK STRICKEN TODAY

Noted Secretary of the Interior Who Prosecuted the
Land Fraud Cases, Succumbs After Short Illness.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Ethan Allen Hitchcock, secretary of the Interior under President McKinley and Roosevelt, died this morning aged 74. He had been critically ill for several days.

Hitchcock's body will be taken to St. Louis tomorrow, arriving there Sunday night. The funeral will be held Monday.

His passing marked the close of a career whose pre-eminent feature was an administration of the Interior Department that stirred the land problems as never before.

BAD EXPLOSION IN BIG OIL PLANT

Two Killed and Three Badly
Hurt In Conflagration at
Stand Oil's Property at Port
Richmond, Cal., Today.

(By Associated Press.)

POINT RICHMOND, Cal., April 9.—Two men were burned to death and three others, one of whom may die, seriously injured as a result of the explosion of one of the oil tanks

of the Standard Oil Company's plant here this morning. Fifteen hundred men are alleged to have been called out to fight the blaze. The oil from the exploded tank burned over eight acres. The fire is under control. At noon, the danger of the other tanks igniting was almost eliminated. The oil tank contained 500,000 barrels. Sixty other tanks containing fifteen million barrels of oil were in the immediate vicinity.

WILL START NEW BRANCHES

Marshfield School Board Arranges For Domestic
Science Department.

At a meeting of the Marshfield school board yesterday afternoon, arrangements were made to start the domestic science department of the Marshfield public schools next fall. Miss Elizabeth Kaufman, daughter of I. S. Kaufman, who has been taking a course in domestic science in Brooklyn the past year was elected instructor in domestic science and sewing at \$75 per month. Miss Kaufman will return this summer and be ready to assume her new duties when school opens in the fall. Miss Laura Escott was elected principal of the grades in the new high school building at a salary of \$70 per month.

Superintendent F. E. Golden was re-elected superintendent for another year at a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

The election of the remainder of the corps of teachers was postponed until the next meeting.

FEAR THREE AERONAUTS LOST

Empty Balloon Comes Down
Near Milan Without Its
Passengers Today.

(By Associated Press.)

MILAN, Italy, April 9.—An empty balloon came down near Conto today and there is apprehension for the safety of the three aeronauts from Paris. Captain Mayer, Lieutenant Gardiot and A. Patterson. It is supposed they were caught in a storm and the occupants thrown out. Searching parties have found articles belonging to the occupants.

"EASTSIDE" is a winner.

E. H. SULLIVAN IS DISCHARGED

Contempt of Court Charges
Against Spokane Jurist
Are Dismissed by Court

(By Associated Press.)

SPOKANE, Wash., April 9.—Superior Judge E. H. Sullivan will not be punished for contempt of court although he confesses he told his brother, Attorney H. C. Sullivan, what he had testified to before the grand jury. Superior Judge Huneke today dismissed the charges against two brothers, also against N. E. Nuzum, counsel for former Judge Gordon, whose alleged embezzlement of \$60,000 from the Great Northern and reported undue influence with ex-Justice Root of the State Supreme Court, is now being probed by a grand jury.

ROOSEVELT IN EGYPT.

Former President and Party Reaches
Port Said.

(By Associated Press.)

PORT SAID, Egypt, April 9.—The steamer Admiral with Theodore Roosevelt and party arrived here this evening.

EXPLOSION ON SHIP IS FATAL

Six Killed and Large Portion
of Sarnia's Cargo Destroyed
at Port Limon.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, April 9.—Reports today tell of a disastrous fire on the Hamburg-American steamer Sarnia at Port Limon, British Honduras, April 1. Six lives were lost and a large portion of her cargo was destroyed.

There wouldn't be so many sinners if people struggled to get into heaven as they do to get into society.

HOUSE INDICATES IT WILL VOTE DOWN FREE LUMBER

BIDS TOO HIGH FOR ROAD WORK

County Commissioners Hold
Up Contracts On Account
of Contractor's Greed.

The effort of some of the road contractors to raise prices beyond what the Coos county commissioners thought was a reasonable price resulted in most of the bids for highway improvement being rejected at the adjourned session of the commissioners at Coquille this week. According to the commissioner's knowledge of the cost of road construction the bids on planking were about \$1.50 per rod too high and for grading, the bids were similarly high.

In District No. 15, at Coquille, the low bid for grading was \$8.50 per rod and for planking \$6.96 per rod, making the total cost of road building there \$15.46 per rod. This, the commissioners decided, was away too much for the kind of improvement required but there was nothing left for them to do but to reject all bids. In consequence, the proposed work will be held up for sometime.

In District No. 31, known as the Lee District, an \$800 contract for grading and clearing was awarded at the rate of \$5.15 per rod. The commissioners are having difficulty in getting the road supervisors to do work of a permanent nature in repairing slight damage to the various highways resulting from the heavy rains. In pieces of stone road, some of the supervisors started to fill in the small washouts with dirt instead of using stone but Judge Hall promptly put a stop to this.

FEAR TEN LOST IN LAKE GALE

Cabin of Tug George Floss
Washed Ashore Near Cleveland
Without Crew.

(By Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, April 9.—The deck cabin of the tug George Floss was washed ashore twelve miles east of here. There is no tidings of the captain and crew of nine men. The tug was caught in Wednesday's gale.

There is no longer any doubt but that the tug George Floss with a crew of six and three passengers, sank in Lake Erie during Wednesday's gale.

CAN'T AGREE ON WAGE SCALE

Operators and Miners of Pennsylvania Unable to
Agree.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—The operators and miners who have been holding conferences in this city considering the wage conditions in the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania, failed to reach an agreement and have adjourned finally.

According to the mine workers' officials, there will be no strike.

Call at the LADIES EMPORIUM and see the swell line of Spring SUITS and COATS now on display.

First Vote On the Payne Tariff
Revision Bill Is Taken This
Afternoon.

LONG WRANGLES ON
LUMBER SCHEDULES

Tawney Amendments Affecting
It Are Voted Down—
Changes Made.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—At 3:04 o'clock this afternoon, the House began voting on the Payne Tariff Revision bill. The voting on the first ballot being on the committee amendments. The committee amendments to the Payne bill with exception to those affecting tea, coffee, barley and barley malt were adopted in lump without revision. The House adopted the committee amendment placing tea on the free list without restriction.

After the committee amendments had been disposed of, a long wrangle ensued as to the order in which the amendments to the lumber schedules should be voted on. The chair decided on votes on the amendments in order to the paragraph affected. The first aye and nay vote was on the amendment eliminating the hewn timber tariff, one of several that Tawney will offer in the lumber schedules, with a view of subsequently putting the articles on the free list. The Tawney amendment to strike out the paragraph placing a duty on hewn lumber was defeated 185 ayes and 198 noes, indicating that the House will vote against free lumber.

The Tawney amendment reducing the duty on finished lumber eighty per cent and striking out the duty on rough lumber was defeated, 180 ayes to 200 noes.

The amendment by Dearmond to exempt from the countervailing duty all lumber imported from countries in the western hemisphere was defeated by a vote of 133 ayes and 244 noes.

At the suggestion of Chairman Payne, the action of the House in fixing a rate of one per cent on crude petroleum and its products was by unanimous consent reversed and the articles placed on the free list.

The House adopted the committee amendment to Payne bill which is intended to prevent the use of draw back privileges for the purpose of speculating in grain.

POWDER WORKS EXPLOSION.

One Killed and Five Injured In New
Jersey.

(By Associated Press.)

PATERSON, N. J., April 9.—One was killed and five injured in an explosion at the Wayne Powder Works at that place today.

CRAWFORD IS DEAD.

Noted Novelist Succumbs In Italy
Today.

(By Associated Press.)

SORRENTO, Italy, April 9.—F. Marlon Crawford, the novelist, died here tonight. He was born in 1845.

HONOR DEAD EXPERT.

New York Pays Tribute to Late
Lieutenant Petrosini.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 9.—Flags flying at half-mast above the city hall and police headquarters marked the arrival on the liner Slavonic of the body of Lieutenant Joseph Petrosino of the New York police department, who was assassinated at Palermo, Italy, March 12, while engaged on a mission looking to the keeping of Sicily criminals out of the United States. Mourning flags were flown from hundreds of windows in the Italian quarter.