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GOOD WORK BY GOOD MEN.

MARSHFIELD HAS REASON to be proud of its fire fighting ladies and its citizenry. Yesterday's incipient conflagration developed latent qualities in each that are admirable. The volunteer fire-fighters demonstrated their competency and capacity in actual service under trying circumstances and the results are sufficient evidence of their efficiency. It is doubtful if any city in the country with either a paid or volunteer fire-department could have made a better showing than the Marshfield fire corps did yesterday. The alarm was a long time sounding and would have been much tardier were it not for the excellent work of Dr. J. T. McCormac's auto and its accompanying horn. While an effort was being made to give the alarm by telephone the Doctor's auto carried the news direct to the fire house. When the firemen arrived the interior of the building was a roaring mass of flames and the firemen were compelled to make their fight from the outside and against odds of a strong blaze and a heavy wind. They did excellent work, but the result even then would have been doubtful were it not for the superior fire extinguishing qualities of the salt water from the bay and the valuable assistance of Captain Peters with the dredge which assisted in the pumping. The city water pressure was fine but the fresh water did not blot out the flames like the salt water. Two times it seemed that the fire was getting away from the firemen's control but twice the angry flames were curbed. If the flames had gained any headway in the adjoining buildings it would have resulted in a most disastrous conflagration.

When the danger was passed and the goods from the various stores had been hurried into the streets had to be taken back or into the buildings, Marshfield citizens with one accord gave a helping hand. The attractions of the dinner hour were forgotten while Banker M. Horton, Dr. E. Mingo and other more or less distinguished citizens worked like beavers carrying boxes and barrels to places of safety. The spirit of helpfulness and cordial cooperation was good to see.

During the progress of the fire, Col. Wm. Grimes distinguished himself by playing the heroic rescuer to the young lady who was driven to landing from the second story window. When the young lady appeared at the window the Colonel hurried forward and his outspread arms furnished a happy haven of security for frightened femininity fleeing from the flames.

Some members of the North Bend fire department with characteristic enterprise and neighborliness were also on hand to render valued aid.

Lawson Olson of the Nann Smith, also rendered valuable assistance in his actual work of fighting the flames and his appearance after the fire was evidence sufficient that he was in the forefront of the fighters.

Hats off to Tom Nicols and his fire brigade. They are fire-fighters of the first water and are there with the water where the flames are rampant. They are deserving all the honor that may be shown them. They did good work yesterday not alone for the parties immediately concerned but for all the people of Marshfield.

Marshfield has good reason to be proud of its volunteer firemen and its good citizens.

NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE YET

Breakwater Management Has
Not Decided On Faster
Round Trips.

The Breakwater sailed this afternoon for Portland with a large freight cargo and an average passenger list. As yet, the management has not decided to change the Breakwater's schedule. They are still contemplating the change so that she will make the round trip in six days instead of seven.

Among those who sailed on the Breakwater were the following:

A. Knight, Mrs. Knight, Miss Knight, Miss N. Knight, G. W. Hunt, A. H. Johanningsmiller, L. C. Weigel, Chas. Weigel, M. Baruth, J. C. Garvin, Mr. Tally, Mrs. Tally, Mrs. Boyle, C. Schroeder, T. Hyland, H. Bjorg, W. A. Weberg, G. Ramberg, B. J. Garritt, C. A. Hof, E. R. Crawford, F. A. Gordon, J. B. Mahaling, C. F. Edridge, F. Schroder, M. Thomas, G. A. Smith, Mrs. Whittey, E. C. Holloway, Mrs. Holloway, C. Welbon, R. A. Copper, J. D. Farrell, E. C. Moore, J. C. Lee, J. Bower, S. R. Hayworth, Miss M. Closkey, Mrs. Stevens, H. McLain, A. Neff, Mrs. Chapman, Wm. Turpen, J. Hyland, J. H. Girard, G. Comoty, L. F. Steloring, A. Patsen, J. Floss, F. Link, J. Boyle, Joe. Barker, W. Carlson, R. McDonald, Miss Hirschberger, W. M. Hazelton, L. F. Ervine, James Hubbard, L. Nicols, Fred. Puher, Fred. Matson, A. F. Burkhardt, L. Banan, O. E. Benn, A. W. Hartman.

BUILD HOMES THIS SUMMER

Orders Placed For Construction of Large Number of Residences.

During the past week, a greater building activity has manifested itself on Coos Bay than in any similar period this spring. Heretofore, a number of business buildings have been projected and some of them have been started but so far, few new residences have been started. During the past week, orders have been placed with the C. A. Smith Lumber Company for material for the following residences:

Carl Matson, fine new house on his Isthmus Inlet ranch.

E. J. Coffelt, house on his Coos River ranch to replace residence recently destroyed by fire.

E. C. Drews, residence in South Marshfield near F. C. Burch home.

Mrs. Peachy, residence in East-side.

Peter Peterson, residence at Peterson's Landing on Larson's Inlet.

E. A. Todd, bungalow on North Fork of Coos River, two miles above Allegany.

O. M. Johnson, cottage on his North Inlet homestead.

Capt. Olson of the Esther Buhne, bungalow on his North Inlet homestead.

A number of others are talking of building residences this summer but the contracts have not been closed for any of them yet.

MORE AID FOR FAIR PROJECT

Coos County Commissioners
Appropriate \$500 More For
Exhibit.

Yesterday the Coos county commissioners appropriated an additional \$500 for advertising Coos county at the Seattle exposition. They had previously given \$1,000 for the purpose and had arranged to pay Orvil Dodge's expenses while there attending to the exhibits so that in all they will expend about \$2,000 for the purpose. The action taken yesterday was in response to requests from leading business men of Bandon, Coquille, Myrtle Point, North Bend and Marshfield through the recently organized Coos county Chamber of Commerce. As the money will be of advantage to every property owner of Coos county, the action of the commissioners in providing the additional funds which will defray part of the cost of the 50,000 pamphlets advertising Coos county's possibilities which will be distributed at Seattle, is being unreservedly approved.

The commissioners also decided to extend the county road through Bay Park another mile. Next year, this road will be finished and will make a more direct route between Coos Bay than the old Libby road.

The commissioners also sent out circular letters to the road supervisors urging them to repair all bridges and pieces of highway. The bridges on the Coquille-Coos Bay road will especially be improved.

The new road being constructed to South Inlet is declared by many to be one of the best pieces of highway recently built in this section. It makes one of the most scenic drives in this section.

NOTICE TO ALUMNI.

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Jumps From Speeding Auto
and Strikes Pavement Head
Foremost.

Tom Hall today is thanking his lucky stars that he is even able to be up and around and listen to sympathetic words from his friends for his badly swollen face and black eye instead of bemoaning the fact that his smiling visage is somewhat disfigured. The more Tom thinks about it, the more convinced he is that it was simply a miracle that he escaped without a broken neck or fractured skull.

In all happened yesterday during the excitement over the fire, Dr. J. T. McCormac who ran his automobile down to the city hall and turned in the fire alarm had started back up in his auto to the scene of the fire. Tom Hall got in to ride with him. As they were swinging the corner at 'B' and Front streets, Tom thought it would be a good thing to get out and see that his office effects were in shape so that he could move them in case of danger. He didn't want to stop the auto so thought he would just jump out.

Tom's experience with autos was limited and he didn't realize the speed the machine was making. Consequently, instead of lighting on his feet he struck the pavement head first.

His left cheek is swollen to twice its normal size, his left eye is so swollen and blackened that he cannot get a glimmer of light through it. Both knees were scraped to the flesh and he is otherwise bruised, but he is congratulating himself that he only needed the services of a physician instead of an undertaker today.

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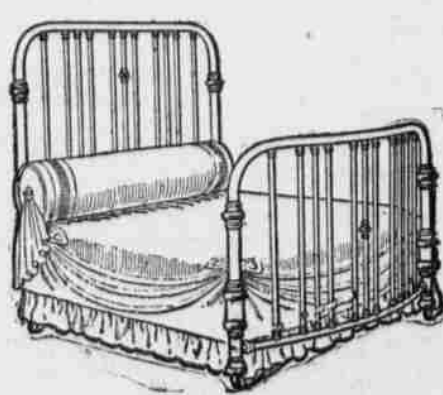
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