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NORTH BEND SUSTAINS FIRE LOSS OF ABOUT \$16,000

Blaze of Alleged Incendiary Origin Destroys North Bend Hotel.

ROBT. MARSDEN AND L. M. NOBLE LOSE MOST

Former Carried \$3,500 Insurance—Large Section Threatened.

Fire of mysterious origin last night wiped out the North Bend hotel and the hotel annex and did considerable damage to the North Bend livery stables, A. J. Davis' "White House Store" and S. W. Van Zile's furniture store.

The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock, S. W. Van Zile and watchman at the box factory being the first to detect it.

When the firemen reached the scene, the flames were shooting from the windows and roof and the annex and North Bend hotel buildings were gone.

The buildings were vacant, the only occupant being R. Marshall, a painter who was sleeping on the third floor of the hotel.

The fresh water pressure was not adequate to do very good work but soon the new mains supplied salt water and immediately the fire department began to get control of the conflagration.

A light, easterly wind was blowing and for a time it was feared that the whole section of the town between the North Bend hotel and the Coos Bay Grocery company would be wiped out.

An unusually large crowd had responded to the fire alarm, the flames shooting so high in the air that it attracted general attention.

The horses and rigs were taken out from the North Bend livery stables, which was directly across the street from the burning hotel building.

The firemen were somewhat handicapped by lack of a ladder to play the hose on the most effective places but succeeded in extinguishing the fires which frequently broke out in the fronts of the Van Zile, Davis and livery stable buildings across the street.

How the fire could have started is the cause of much speculation as the annex has been vacant for some time.

Marsden Hard It. Robert Marsden estimates that the North Bend hotel building had cost him \$9,000 and lately he had expen-

DOES DAMAGE TO HATCHERY

Freshet Cuts Away Bank and Main Building Falls In—Fish Saved.

The Fish Hatchery building on South Coos River was destroyed last night by the flood waters undermining the foundation and causing it to topple over.

Yesterday and the day before nearly all the young fish at the hatchery were removed to the ponds back on the bank and were saved.

The freshet last year cut away considerable of the bank near the hatchery but this was filled in and Superintendent Smith thought it was safe but the day before yesterday the current began cutting it away rapidly.

The apparatus and lumber was saved so that the hatchery building can be reconstructed further back on the bank without a great deal of expense.

L. M. Noble said that the annex building cost him about \$5,000. He had no insurance on it and he did not have any on the livery barn.

Mr. Noble says he is confident that the fire was the work of a "fire-bug."

When the fire was first discovered, an appeal was sent to the Marshfield fire department for aid but when the latter had turned out, word was received that the North Bend department was able to combat it.

A large number of Marshfield people went up on the Flyer and O'Kelly boats, arriving there shortly before the blaze was extinguished.

"Toots" Noble elicited much praise for the daring he displayed in fighting the fire.

The blaze did considerable damage to the Coos Bay Home Telephone company's lines and for a time stopped the service altogether.

The fire department was greatly handicapped by lack of water pressure. The department could throw a stream only about six feet and they were unable to throw water on the wooden awning.

The hose to the roof and letting the water fall downward. The new salt water system also failed because of lack of pressure the most effective work being done with the chemical engine.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to the people of North Bend for the assistance offered last night when the fire endangered my furniture store.

S. W. VAN ZILE.

ARE FOR CLARK.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 20.—The House of the general assembly adopted a resolution congratulating the democratic members of the House of Representatives on selecting Champ Clark as the caucus nominee for speaker.

NANN SMITH SAVES STEAMER LAKME

Capt. Olson Is Towing Water-Logged Craft to San Francisco—Captain and Crew Were Safe.

The steamer Lakme, waterlogged and in distress for several days off this coast, was picked up by the Nann Smith late yesterday afternoon and is being towed to San Francisco by Capt. B. W. Olson.

The captain and crew were all safe aboard and were transferred to the Nann Smith before the trip southward was started.

The Lakme was badly waterlogged and her fires had been out for some time, leaving her to drift almost hopelessly.

That she was not swept ashore by Wednesday night's storm is one of the unexplainable mysteries of the sea. She drifted over fifty miles from where she was last reported to

where Capt. Olson picked her up and part of the time the gale raged at 120-mile clip, according to reports of passing vessels to the local station of the United Wireless.

But meager particulars of the affair were contained in messages from Capt. Olson of the Nann Smith to the local station other than what is recited above. As she carried a cargo of lumber for San Francisco and the weather was clearing, Capt. Olson evidently decided that he could tow her there safely.

The Lakme left here last Saturday. She encountered the storm soon after leaving port and was buffeted by the gale for over four days.

The Lakme is owned by the Chas. Nelson Lumber company of San Francisco. She carries a crew of fifteen and has 366 horsepower. She was built at Port Townsend, Wash., in 1888. She is 176.8 feet long, 238.8 feet breadth and a depth of 12.6 and has a gross tonnage of 529 and net tonnage of 404.

HEAVY RAIN FLOODS TWO STATES

Train Service in Willamette Valley Tied Up—Washington Also Affected—Four Inches Falls.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—Weather conditions in Oregon and Southern Washington are greatly improved late today. The rain has practically ceased.

River conditions, however, are not so good but it is now believed the damage will not be as great as first expected.

Some small streams are out of their banks and the lowlands are covered, but no great damage has so far been reported from this cause.

Railroads south, north and east are greatly hampered by washouts and other conditions resulting from unusual rainfall and trains in all directions are greatly delayed.

The Shasta Limited from California which should have arrived yesterday afternoon did not get into Portland

until this morning. On the North Bank road a number of slides have occurred, delaying traffic and high water conditions are hampering the movement of trains from the north.

FOUR INCHES FALL.

Portland Inundated by Terrific Storm Lasting Thirty-two Hours.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—A rainstorm of almost unprecedented severity prevailed in the Willamette Valley for the past thirty-two hours with no sign of abating. Four inches had fallen here at noon today and in up valley points the rainfall was even heavier.

Railroads tracks at many points are flooded and near Albany 50 feet of the main line was washed out.

North bound train traffic is routed into Portland by way of Corvallis. Southbound trains are stalled at Salem. The Santiam and Galahooks are out of their banks and the Albany-Lebanon canal overflowed, flooding parts of Albany.

Water extinguished the furnace fires in Albany College and the building and dormitories are without heat.

PAUL MORTON IS STRICKEN

Noted New Yorker Succumbs Suddenly—Great Shock to Financial World.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Business and the financial world is slow in recovering the shock from the sudden death last night of Paul Morton, president of Equitable Life Assurance society and secretary of the Navy in Roosevelt's cabinet.

He died of a cerebral hemorrhage at Hotel Seymour where he had gone to keep a business engagement.

ARE CRUSHED BENEATH AUTO

L. M. Woolmine of Los Angeles Killed When Car Hits Wagon—Jap Fatally Hurt.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 20.—Attempting to pass a wagon on a road driven by a Japanese early today, Lewis M. Woolmine was killed when his automobile struck the wagon and turned over on him.

The Japanese became confused and drove in front of the automobile. The Japanese was fatally injured.

ANOTHER GIFT BY CARNEGIE

Iron Master Contributes \$10,000,000 More to Carnegie Institute at Washington

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Andrew Carnegie today announced the gift of \$10,000,000 to the endowment fund of Carnegie Institute for Research at Washington. This brings his endowment to the institute to a total of \$25,000,000.

FIVE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Four Others Fatally Hurt and Seven Others Injured In Virginia Mine.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 20.—Five were killed and four fatally hurt and seven injured in an explosion of dynamite or gas in the Gaylon mines, fifteen miles west of here, today.

SPRAY PUMPS at MILNER'S.

NEW ORLEANS WINS PANAMA EXPOSITION IN COMMITTEE

BALLINGER IS SCORED AGAIN

Senator Fletcher Condemns Administration of Secretary of Interior.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—Admitting that no question of criminal guilt has been involved in the case against Secretary Ballinger, Senator Fletcher of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, addressed the senate in support of the Hursell resolution declaring the secretary should no longer be retained in office.

"Studying the secretary's own testimony, we are pressed to a conclusion," said Fletcher, "that the responsible functions seem to have been placed with subordinates and employes.

There has been lacking the constant presence of a guiding, directing forceful head, fully meeting and appreciating larger responsibilities of their office.

But for a few subordinates who have had experience, there would be demoralization in the department and thousands of cases left pending for years notwithstanding the appropriation by Congress March 14, 1909, of \$1,000,000 to bring up the work.

"The removal of those who have been unwilling to act as fawning sycophants or play the role of servile underlines at the sacrifice of public interest did not meet the trouble to overcome the difficulties. The trouble was with the head of the department."

In further indictments of the secretary he said: "After examining the whole record, we must believe the dereliction mentioned by Glavis was not real and not imaginary, and that the present Secretary of the Interior is not the man best fitted for the office he holds.

"That his conduct and associations and influence justly aroused suspicion, that he has and is inclined to favor private interests, rather than care for those of the public, that while no corruption is shown, it can scarcely be said he is guiltless of official wrong doing of a nature warranting criticism.

"That he has been unfaithful both to the public whose property he has endangered and to the president, whom he has deceived.

"Secretary Ballinger's methods we cannot approve. They are the ordinary methods of 'the Boss' in politics. His administration we cannot endorse as it is the form of administration well recognized as the machine stamp. His standards of official conduct and public duty we must condemn. They are the ideals of the professional politician, which lead to traffic in public offices."

EIGHT SHIPS FOR U. S. NAVY

Program For Increase Next Year Is Finally Agreed Upon.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—Two battleships, two colliers, eight torpedo boat destroyers and four submarines constitute the naval increase program for next year under the action of the House committee on Naval Affairs.

Committee Decides Against San Francisco by Vote of Nine to Six.

BILL IS REFERRED TO A SUBCOMMITTEE

Pacific Coast to Renew Fight In House Next Tuesday For San Francisco.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—By a vote of nine to six, New Orleans was selected by the House committee on expositions as the site of the Panama Canal exposition in 1915. The bill giving recognition to New Orleans was referred to a sub-committee for slight changes. It is expected that the appropriation item will be admitted.

FIGHT IN HOUSE.

San Francisco Will Appeal from Committee Report.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—New Orleans today won the first round in the fight for the location of the Panama exposition when the exposition committee of the House by a vote of 9 to 6 decided in favor of it as the site of the fair to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal in 1915. After a long consideration of the claims of the two cities, the committee voted to report favorably the Estopinal bill recognizing New Orleans and authorizing the selection of a board of commissioners, the making of a government exhibit and the like. No appropriation for financial aid was authorized.

It is understood however that the committee will favor extensive government exhibitions at a cost of approximately one million. The bill was referred to a sub-committee for perfection. This committee will report Tuesday and the bill then will be favorably reported to the House where the New Orleans-San Francisco fight will be renewed.

The members of the committee on Industrial Art and Expositions who voted in favor of New Orleans were Rodenburg of Illinois, Langley of Kentucky, Murphy of Missouri, Woods of Iowa, Rhinock of Kentucky, Hoffin of Alabama, Collier of Mississippi, Cullop of Indiana, and Irvington of Maryland. These who favored San Francisco were Gardner of Massachusetts, Southwick of New York, Steenerson of Minnesota, Poin-dexter of Washington, Maynard of Virginia, Nelson of Wisconsin.

A minority report will be made to the House by those who favored San Francisco.

DON'T GO TO CHURCH.

Over 8,000,000 Children Without Religious Training.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 20.—There are eight million young people between the ages of five and eight years in the United States not in Sunday Schools and in churches is the report of Rev. David Downey, corresponding secretary of the board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal church. "There are," said Downey, "over one million children in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota, not represented in Sunday schools."

Have MILNER do your PLUMBING and TINNING.

BIG CHICKEN DINNER 50 CTS. O'CONNELL BUILDING, SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 21, 5:30 to 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Episcopal church.