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## \$10,000,000 FIRE SWEEPS SALEM, MASS. BUSINESS DISTRICT

Only One Life Lost in Terrific Conflagration in Eastern Manufacturing City  
OVER 10,000 ARE RENDERED HOMELESS

Burned Area Three Miles Long and Nearly Mile Wide—Incendiary Fire Also

SALEM, Mass., June 26.—A conflagration which laid waste more than a thousand buildings here is burning itself out today. The loss is estimated at \$10,000,000. The burned area is three miles in length and from a half to a mile and a half wide. Although many persons were injured only one life was lost. The charred body of a woman was found in the ruins of a tenement. At least 10,000 persons, one-fourth of the city's population, are homeless. Governor Walsh and Lieutenant Governor Berry and Secretary of State Donahue spent the night here. Governor Walsh announced that tents and rations will be supplied to the city at once. The militia was summoned to maintain order and patrolled the streets today. From 2 p. m. yesterday, when a terrific explosion occurred in the factory of the Korn-Leather Company, the flames raged practically unchecked until midnight. A separate fire, which the police said was of incendiary origin, destroyed thirteen dwellings in North Salem.

**RED CROSS AIDS.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—Ernest H. Blacknell, national director of the Red Cross, left today for Salem to direct the relief work. The Red Cross sent \$5000 and prepared to send more.

## CLAFLIN WILL START AGAIN

Creditors of Big Firm Co-operate in Reorganization—John Clafin Acts

NEW YORK, June 26.—With the assurance of cooperation from the leading dry goods firms, jobbing and commission houses and organization of merchandise creditors and holders of the firm's paper, John Clafin began today the task of reorganizing the H. B. Clafin Company, which went into the hands of receivers. The liabilities of the company are now placed at \$34,000,000, principally in the form of commercial paper. The assets are placed at \$44,000,000 and in addition John Clafin has pledged his personal fortune of \$10,000,000. A meeting of the creditors in a few days will determine whether the receivership is to be continued.

## RUMOR CAUSE WORRY HERE

INABILITY TO LOCATE A. K. PECK AND I. R. TOWER CAUSES ALARM OVER RUMOR OF TWO MEN DROWNED IN ROGUE.

Jay B. Tower this afternoon is investigating a report that two strangers had been drowned in Rogue River, near Agness, and some alarm is felt here because Arthur Peck and I. R. Tower, two well known Marshfield men, who were traveling through that section, have not been heard from for over a week. They were due here a few days ago. They made the trip by auto to Gold Beach and left there a week ago to go up Rogue River to Agness and thence to cross the country to the Eden Ridge section. Mr. Tower this afternoon called up J. E. Schilling at Myrtle Point and he said they had not reached there yet. Owing to line trouble, he had not been able to get hold of Curry county points to verify the drowning story. Al Jensen has just returned from Rogue River, but knew nothing of the report. Late this afternoon, Mr. Tower phoned to the Wedderburn Trading Company at Wedderburn and no report had been received there of any drowning, so he thinks the rumor is incorrect. The report is said to have come from the Cape Blanco Wireless station.

## \$65,000 PAID OUT AT BANDON

F. C. Shankland, Insurance Adjuster, Returns After Settling Fire Losses There

F. C. Shankland, an insurance adjuster from Portland, passed through here yesterday en route home from Bandon, where he has been the past ten days adjusting the losses in the recent fire there. The companies which Mr. Shankland represents will pay out about \$65,000 in Bandon. The other companies, represented by some other adjusters, will pay out about \$10,000, making a total of \$75,000 which the citizens of Bandon will receive. Mayor Mast estimated the total loss at \$260,000. In the bulk of the cases, the losses were total so that the adjustment was easy. In the others the adjustments were more difficult, but were believed to have been satisfactory. Practically all the property owners are arranging to put in temporary buildings.

## JAMES TAGGART DIES IN CAFE

Victim of Heart Disease Dropped Dead at First Attempt to Work in Several Weeks

James Taggart, aged forty-eight, dropped dead in the Blanco Cafe about 7 o'clock yesterday evening. Death was due to heart disease. Taggart had been ill for several weeks and was physically unfit for work. He was formerly employed as a dishwasher in the Blanco Cafe. Taggart returned to the cafe yesterday evening with the intention of resuming his duties about the place. He had just finished a meal when he walked to the rear of the luncheon and dropped to the floor. The proprietor of the cafe and a customer picked him up and took him to the street. In the hope that the fresh air would revive him, but he was dead before they reached the front door. Taggart had been living in Marshfield for about a year and was well known. He has a sister, Mrs. Aggie J. Whelan, of 1516 Alcatraz avenue, South Berkeley, and a brother, W. F. Taggart, living in Guerneville. Coroner Wilson notified Mrs. Whelan of the death of her brother by wire and received a reply from her this morning in which she stated that she did not have money enough to pay funeral expenses. She instructed Coroner Wilson to notify W. F. Taggart at Guerneville. Coroner Wilson is awaiting a reply from Taggart and the body will be sent to Guerneville for burial if so ordered.

**Celebrated Too Freely.**  
Early in April Coroner Wilson ascertained that Taggart had received \$140, his share of an estate. Immediately afterwards he went on a protracted spree and this probably hastened the end, Coroner Wilson thinks.

Besides his sister and brother, Taggart had a niece, Miss Ella Boyd, at Healdsburg, California, to whom he had apparently been sending money. Before coming here Taggart is said to have been at Gold Beach and Curry county points for some time. Dr. Taggart was called to care for the stricken man last evening. It was merely a coincidence in the names being the same, the two being no relation.

## NO CONFETTI HERE.

Dr. E. E. Straw received a telegram from a Portland man yesterday inquiring about the concession to sell confetti here the Fourth of July and the cheapest way to get here. Dr. Straw answered him substantially as follows: "No one who values his life will attempt to sell confetti during celebration here. Cheapest way to get here is to disguise yourself as a Greek laborer and go to employment office and get free transportation to Bandon and then walk in."

## PLANS OF CARRANZA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—Alfredo Breceda, personal representative of Carranza, reached Washington from Saltillo. He said that definite announcement as to the purpose of Carranza's visit to the United States is expected in a short time.

## PRESIDENT WILSON WILL NOT CHANGE FROM HIS PROGRAM

Declares Anti-Trust Bill Must be Enacted and Prosperity Will Follow—Business Interests are Interested.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—President Wilson's emphatic declaration of the administration's intention to go straight ahead with the anti-trust program and place their cases on the statute books of the country, with the prediction of unparalleled

prosperity to follow, attracted widespread attention here today. It is regarded as the most important message that President Wilson has given to the business world. In Congress the belief was expressed that the President's announced attitude would have the effect of rallying the democrats to the plan to dispose of the trust program. The belief is strengthened by the fact that the entire Missouri delegation in the House is pledged to the President's aid. The Senate had before it today for consideration the trade commission bill.

## SUMATRA HAS EARTHQUAKE

Many Killed and Injured and Much Damage Done—Few Details Obtained

BATAVIA, Java, June 26.—Many were killed and injured in a violent earthquake which caused widespread damage in southern Sumatra. The offices of the Dutch resident governor and many other buildings collapsed at Benkoelen, the capital. Telegraph and cable communication is interrupted.

## JAPAN'S VIEW OF CALIFORNIA

Publishes Correspondence With United States Regarding Alien Land Law.

TOKIO, June 26.—The correspondence between Japan and the United States in connection with the California anti-alien law was published here today. It was preceded by a summary showing that Japan abandons its proposal for a new convention but continues negotiations with the United States, contending that the land act is discriminatory.

## BIG RACES AT POUGHKEEPSIE

Cornell Favorite in Betting on All Contests—Washington Rival of Pennsylvania

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 26.—The six rowing colonies of Cornell, Columbia, Syracuse, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin were astray early today with 120 oarsmen keyed to a high tension for the contest on the Hudson. Cornell continued a favorite in the betting on all three races. There were many bets of even money on Washington against Pennsylvania. The junior eight race is set for 4:15 p. m., the freshman race at 4:45 and the varsity at 6:15.

**Old Rowing Records.**  
Judging from the fast time made by the college crews assembled at Poughkeepsie for the intercollegiate regatta meet, a new record for the course is not improbable if weather and water conditions are right late this afternoon.

The present record is held by the Cornell crew of 1901, which covered the four-mile course in 18 minutes, 53 1-3 seconds. Cornell crews also hold both the two-mile Freshman record and the two-mile varsity four-oared time. The Freshman eight record of 9 minutes 11 1-2 seconds was made by the 1909 crew and the four-oared figures of 10 minutes .61 second by the four which won on the same day.

**Race Tonight.**—In addition to the many events announced yesterday for the athletic contests to be pulled off at the Fair Grounds at 7 o'clock this evening, Sec. T. B. James of the Elks, Sec. J. B. Sneddon of the Eagles and Sec. George E. Cook of the Moose are to run a foot race.

**Case Thrown Out.**—Judge Bean in Federal Court at Portland this week threw out the big damage case of Victor Aho vs. the C. A. Smith company. Aho wanted damages because he was caught in a fall of rock. It was shown that Smith company had let the contract to Willett & Burr, who had sub-let the tunnel to Lundberg & Company and in consequence Judge Bean held that the Smith company was in no manner responsible.

**No San Francisco Building.**—L. J. Simpson has received a letter from San Francisco confirming the story printed in The Times as to the effect that Coos County could not erect a building there as was proposed. The Panama-Exposition management a few months ago decided not to permit any buildings on the grounds except National and State, with the exception of a few cities. In consequence, if Coos County has any exhibit, it will have to be in the Oregon building.

## SIBLEY'S LIGHT PLANT.

SIBLEY, Iowa, June 25.—Work on Sibley's municipal electric light plant is progressing nicely and it will probably be completed by October. Houses are being wired and the plant will carry a good load from the start.

Fourth of July Bargains. Ladies' Emporium, 78 Central Avenue.

## "THE SIMPSON" \$75,000 HOTEL TO BE BUILT AT NORTH BEND

1400 WORK ON RAILWAY LINE

Supt. Dixon Returns to Eugene and Reports Progress—No Date for Bridges

Thos. Dixon, superintendent of construction for McArthur Perks & Co., has returned from a trip over the line of the Willamette Pacific, having gone as far as Marshfield. He came back by the way of the Siuslaw River and inspected the work at the different camps. He reports that 1400 men are at work along the line and that everything seems to be going on smoothly. An additional steam shovel was placed in operation on the Coos Bay end of the line a few days ago, making a total of seven of them now at work. The rails have reached the second crossing of the Siuslaw River and it is expected that they will be over the bridge in about eight days, as the structure will have progressed sufficiently in that time to permit of the crossing of the rail crew. After this bridge is crossed there are seven miles of road before another bridge is encountered. Mr. Dixon said that construction work on the big bridge across Coos Bay will begin very soon, although no definite date has been set.

## LET CONTRACT FOR STREETS RURAL SERVICE ON SOUTH COOS

Peart Brothers and Schroeder Get Grading Job in First Addition

A portion of the street grading to be done in First Addition to Marshfield this summer was let yesterday to Peart Brothers and Schroeder. The streets included in the contracts just let are as follows: two blocks of Washington avenue, one block of California avenue, one block of Minnesota avenue and one block of Eleventh street, aggregating 3500 linear feet of street and requiring the moving of about 15,000 cubic yards of earth.

## THINK BALLOON STORY FAKE

HARRY KIMBALL GETS A TELEGRAM PURPORTING TO BE FROM LAKEVIEW—BEARS THE MARKS OF "FRAME-UP" HERE.

The bottom dropped out of Harry Kimball's pocketbook when he received a telegram purporting to be from Lakeview, Or., telling of the arrival there of one of the balloons containing an order for transportation to and from Marshfield during the Fourth of July celebration. Ira M. Baker, who found the balloon, informed Harry that the round trip fare, Lakeview to Marshfield and return, seventy-two dollars.

The following is the text of the telegram: "Found balloon here with your card offering a free trip to Marshfield. Wire me expense money. Will turn card over to the telegraph company. Fare to Klamath Falls twenty dollars. From here fare Klamath Falls thirty-five. Round trip seventy-two dollars. Wish to leave here Monday. (Signed) Ira M. Baker."

**Things It Frame-Up.**  
The message was first taken as bona fide but a little closer examination of it indicated that it was a "frame-up" evidently pulled off in Marshfield. The message was on a blank used for messages to be sent on and the envelope had been doctored. However, Mr. Kimball, before he noticed this, had sent a reply, asking for verification. He had been skeptical but did not want to take any chances.

Kimball has sent the following message to Baker: "Have telegraph company send balloon ticket to bank here. Will wire transportation on receipt of same." Mr. Kimball does not wish to be the victim of a "job" or joke.

Kimball says that it cost him \$1.40 to send the message. It is understood that the message from Baker cost something over \$2.00.

The Times' Free Job Printing

Arrangements Practically Concluded With J. C. Hammel For Fine Building

SITE IS SECURED AT MONTANA AND SHERMAN

Simpson Property Chosen—Four-Story Structure of Concrete Faced With Brick

Arrangements were practically closed today for the erection of "The Simpson," a four-story concrete and brick hotel at North Bend. The hotel is to cost \$75,000 and will contain about 85 guest rooms. It is to be built on the Simpson property at the corner of Montana and Sherman. The hotel is the consummation of the plans of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hammel, recently of the Hammel Hotel at Albany, and the North Bend Chamber of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. Hammel taking an interest in the company, and a ten-year lease on the property. A stock company is being organized to carry the project through. L. J. Simpson, owner of the site, which is 100x125 feet, has agreed to take \$10,000 in stock in the company for the property. Mr. and Mrs. Hammel will take \$10,000 stock in the company and furnish the hotel. Their lease for ten years gives them an option for a five-year extension at the expiration of that time. They guarantee to pay eight per cent on the cost after the first year.

About \$20,000 of the balance of the funds needed were subscribed when the North Bend Chamber of Commerce was negotiating with Mr. Keavney, and it is expected that this will be available. Under the favorable terms of the lease, it is not expected that there will be any difficulty in getting the balance of the money subscribed. Will be Fine Building. Plans for the building have already been completed by Messrs. Atkins and Tourtelotte, of Portland, who planned the Idaho state capitol, a big hotel in Boise and the Reed College work. These plans are now on exhibition at the North Bend Chamber of Commerce.

The building is to be of concrete veneered with white brick. It is to be four stories and basement. It will have ground dimensions of 100x125. The site is a high, slightly one.

The basement will be equipped with a hot water plunge and steam baths in addition to sample rooms, etc. The first floor will be fitted up for business rooms with the exception of what is required for the lobby, etc. The other three floors will be devoted entirely to hotel purposes.

**Eight Months to Build.**  
The plan is to get the construction started some time in July and it is estimated that it will require eight months in which to complete the structure and have it ready for occupancy.

**Good Hotel Managers.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Hammel come highly recommended. They were located at Corvallis for six years and were later at Albany, where they erected the Hammel Hotel which they sold a short time ago. V. E. Watters, of North Bend, knows them personally and highly recommends them.

Their son is now managing the Gardner Hotel, having taken it over June 1. Mr. and Mrs. Hammel are now at North Bend. Mrs. Hammel was here a few months ago when she took up the hotel proposition with the Bandon Chamber of Commerce and on her return there became interested in the North Bend proposition.

The North Bend hotel committee, which is now working with Sec. Smith, of the Chamber of Commerce, on the matter, is composed of V. E. Watters, J. H. Graves, C. S. Winsor and F. W. Wood.

## ALONG the WATERFRONT

The Paraiso is due with passengers and freight from San Francisco Saturday.

The Hardy sailed yesterday with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco. The Speedwell is here from Bandon taking on railroad ties, etc., at North Bend and will sail tomorrow with a full load of lumber.

The Adeline Smith arrived in from San Francisco last night.

**Auto Taken.**—Warren Painter is looking for the individual or individuals who took his auto from in front of the Grand Theater in Marshfield last evening and ran it to North Bend and left it on a side street where it was not found until this morning. One tire was badly cut and the fender was bent. Last night he made an unsuccessful endeavor to get in touch with Marshal Carter in Marshfield, but could not. Marshal Anderson, of North Bend, found the machine today. It may have been a joke, but Mr. Painter thinks it was a poor one.

## FAIL TO CONVICT IN HENRYVILLE RIOT CASE

(Special to The Times.)  
COQUILLE, Or., June 26.—The jury in the Henryville riot cases today returned a verdict of not guilty. Dan Bravine and Jack Dempsey were indicted on the charge of rioting in connection with the Henryville fracas, in which Jas. Ferreri shot J. Kelly. Immediately after the jury returned the verdict, court adjourned until Monday.