

# Six Lives Lost and Many Injured in Bunker Hill Fire

## SIX ARE DEAD AND SEVEN BADLY INJURED IN EARLY MORNING FIRE

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Had it not been for his speedy errand, it is believed that the list of dead would have been considerably larger.

Ed Banderob, in charge of the stables immediately below the boarding house, was aroused at two o'clock by the crackling of flames as they burst the windows with cannon-like reports. He ran to the telephone and turned in the first alarm to the fire department, hurrying back to get the 35 head of frightened horses out and into a place of safety.

**Makes Speedy Run.**  
Exactly three and one-half minutes after the alarm was received at the station, Gordon Smith had covered the distance to Bunker Hill with the big auto fire engine at a 45-mile clip over the plank roads. Two lines of hose were shot from the hydrants, supplementing the one line that a few minutes previously had been brought up from the mill yard.

Fire Chief Keating was called and came whizzing in an auto to the scene. But already the boarding house was beyond the point of saving and the firemen did very efficient work with their streams of water, saving the buildings in the vicinity that were seriously threatened.

**Breaks Glass to Escape.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Craig, with their two children, were asleep on the first floor of the south end of the building. Homer, a boy of 11 years, being in bed with his grandfather on the floor directly above. They awakened at the first alarm, found the hall blocked by flames and dropped to the ground through the windows. Homer Craig, aged eight years, was imprisoned inside. His father called to him from the ground and he smashed the window pane and jumped. He was but slightly injured.

Byron Craig fled to the fire escape and there fell fainting, suffocated with the smoke and there he lay until volunteers climbed the ladder and brought his limp body to the ground.

**Falls Suffocated.**  
Too late the alarm came to A. A. Craig, father of George W. Craig and a feeble old man of about 65 years. Once he came to the window and then went back where rescuers found him lying on the floor stifled, slightly burned but with his lungs full of smoke. He died almost as soon as he reached the ground.

**Saved by Rope Ladder.**  
Frightened by the fire that three weeks ago completely gutted a garage close to the boarding house, Gus Hodney had gone down town and secured a long rope for use as a life line in time of fire. His forethought probably saved his life last night. He was asleep on the third floor and finding his room on fire, threw the rope from the window and slid down to safety.

Presence of mind never left Oliver Thornton, a young man on the upper floor. When he found that escape through the halls was impossible, he came running back into his rooms and tying the sheets and blankets together, made a rope and came to the ground uninjured.

Other lodgers took time to throw their bed clothes to the ground before jumping. They were saved, though some were badly injured.

P. J. Casey broke his window casing and clambering through the opening lowered himself to the window below him on the second floor. This in turn he knocked out with his bare feet and securing a hand-hold came to the next landing from which he dropped to the ground. He was badly cut by broken glass.

**Attempts to Save Dog.**  
A little dog, a pet, that whimpered and howled in his room, trapped there with his master, touched the heart of J. Johansen, a blacksmith, and his attempt to save the animal came near causing his own death. Too long he delayed in making his escape through the halls on the third story and forced to jump, he fell and now is in Mercy Hospital in a serious condition. It is expected that he will recover, though he was badly injured.

**Doctors Hurry to Scene.**  
A call was immediately sent in for doctors and at once Doctors Dix, Minkus, Houseworth and Horsfall answered the summons and by the light of the fire worked incessantly on the injured as they were brought from the building. Those who were in a serious condition were rushed at once to Mercy Hospital and given medical aid.

With the exception of the body of A. A. Craig, none of the men burned were taken from the ruins until this morning. One body fell through from the third floor into the very room that was occupied by the father of George W. Craig, and there it rested, burned to a crisp and in plain sight of the watchers until late this morning.

**Those Who Are Dead.**  
The body of Luis Kalowonski, aged 22 years, was discovered in the fire on the first floor. He still lay on a portion of his bed that had fallen through from the third story. Most of the flesh was burned from the bones. He was a young Pole and had been here about a year and a half, making friends among those with whom he came in contact. In an accident at the mill the young man lost a portion of his hand and then became a night watchman which position he held until two months ago when he became a waiter at the boarding house. He will be buried by the Catholic Church of which he was a member.

William Glover, dead, was about 58 years of age and was employed at the mill, where he was an edgerman. It is not known whether he has any close relatives.

S. E. Lewis, dead, was a young man of about 23 years, and is known to have a father at Klamath Falls who was immediately informed of his son's death. Lewis was an off-bearer at the mill.

Little is known of William Ward, a young man who came to the boarding house a few days ago and has been since that time looking for work. The fact that there are two men missing has led to Charles Skerrett, who lived on the first floor and who spent this morning checking up the dead and injured, to believe that they too might have been burned to death in the flames.

One of those missing is Roy Askew, a laborer at the mill; the other man was a stranger who had been at the house but a few days.

Several hundred volumes of books belonging to Mr. Skerrett were completely destroyed, though they were covered with insurance. Very little furniture was removed. A piano, a phonograph and a few

sacks of flour were about all that remains of the furniture in the building. This all belonged to the Smith interests and was covered by insurance.

For the second time in three weeks fire destroyed the power line of the Oregon Power Company that leads from the mill to Marshfield and North Bend. They were burned in two, but were replaced shortly after daylight by linemen who hurried to the scene.

**Company Will Aid.**  
Arno Merceen, vice president and general superintendent of the C. A. Smith company, was soon at the scene of the fire and extended every aid possible.

He gave orders that all the victims should be provided with everything necessary. Nearly all the men staying at the hotel were employees of the mill. As nearly all of them lost their belongings, they needed clothing, etc., and for all of the company's employees Mr. Merceen made arrangements to have their wants supplied.

**List Checked Up.**  
Chas. Skerrett, a brother of Mrs. G. W. Craig and former owner of the Bunker Hill auto line, was one of the first to get a correct list of the dead, missing and injured. Skerrett knew all of the boarders well, as he stopped at the hotel. He was one of the efficient workers during the fire, aiding greatly in the relief of the injured.

A. L. Butz, timekeeper at the mill, also had a good check on the list of the men there and until he and Mr. Skerrett had gone over the list of about forty-five who occupied the boarding house, it was uncertain as to the number of victims.

## BUILDINGS SAVED BY FIRE ENGINE

Marshfield Fire Department Did Efficient Work—Made Quick Run There.

Engineer Gordon Smith, of the Marshfield Fire Department, said that when they arrived at the scene of the Craig Hotel fire, the building was too far gone to hope to save it. He said that it would have been impossible to pump sufficient water on it to stay the flames in that building.

However by prompt work, the big barns near the hotel were saved. When the first water was turned onto the barns, the building was just beginning to smoke and for three hours, nearly, it was doubtful if it could be saved.

If the fire had spread to the stables, it is likely that the A. E. Gagnon residence would have also caught and later probably spread to the Smith mill office building. Had it not been for the work of the Marshfield fire department and apparatus, it is hard to tell where the conflagration would have ended.

There was quite a brisk wind blowing at the time.

**Looked Like Explosion.**  
It was just 2:10 when Engineer Smith received the notice by phone of the fire. He immediately started and says he was at the scene in less than four minutes.

While going down Broadway, he said that the fire splurged upward as though there was an explosion of some kind. For a moment, it burned briskly, the flames shooting far higher than before, and then it subsided some.

**Pumped From Main.**  
The fire engine pumped from the water main of the Smith mill, the mill pumping into it from the bay. At times there was not sufficient water in the main to furnish the big engine with sufficient water and this handicapped its work some.

**Firemen Worked Hard.**  
The members of the Marshfield Fire Department especially, and many others, are today receiving much praise for the valiant efforts they put forth. A number who had witnessed severe conflagrations in the cities said that they never saw a force of men work harder and more effectively with what means and equipment they had than the force did at Bunker Hill last night.

## THIRD ARREST FOR COUNTERFEITING

Robert Baker, Partner of J. S. Stevens, Taken Into Custody for Bogus Money

Robert Baker, a partner of J. S. Stevens in the Parisian Cleaning & Dye Works, at Market and Second streets, was arrested today by Wm. A. Glover, of the U. S. Secret Service,

## CORONER'S JURY PROBES IN RUINS

Seek Cause of Fire—Man Thought Dead Is Found on Scene Among Seachers

With a coroner's jury, Fred Wilson went to the scene of the fire to hold inquest as to the cause of the fire. It is practically assured now that all bodies have been taken from the ruins, the last count being six dead. They are in the morgue at the Wilson Undertaking Parlors.

The first count included a man named Hunt among those dead. Searchers this morning, armed with sticks and shovels went probing about the ruins looking for his body when a man spoke up and asked who they wanted.

"Hunt," he was told.  
"Well, I am Hunt," he replied, "and I guess there's no use looking any farther." The men came over, shook hands and congratulated him. Hunt explained to them that he happened to spend last night at the boarding house of Mrs. E. Grandell, across the street from Craig's place.

J. Falbe, a young man on the third floor, barely escaped by leaping from his window onto a low porch and clambering down to the ground. It was in this south wing that three were killed.

**Machine Sets Record.**  
A man was taken from the fire with his underclothing burned from his body and his legs a mass of burned flesh and blood. He was put in an automobile driven by Richard Behr and accompanied by Officer Richardson and hurried to the hospital. The men claim that they made the trip to North Bend in less than four minutes. The man was saved and is expected to recover.

Another wounded man, Ed Shearer, was put in one of the White Star stages driven by Paul Zeilke. Below Eunker Hill the machine slid off the plank road and turned over. No one was hurt and after the car had been tipped back the trip was resumed.

**Finds Money.**  
Several hundreds of dollars were in a pocket book, together with checks and receipts, owned by Geo. W. Craig, manager of the boarding house, and these were thought a complete loss until Frost McDonald, a son-in-law, searched through the ruins this afternoon and turning over the charred remnants of a mattress the money and receipt book were found none the worse for the experience.

**Men Are Heroes.**  
Much credit is given Max Kruger, a fireman, and James Merchant, who went into the burning building to recover A. A. Craig, who was brought out alive from the second floor, but who died a few moments later from suffocation.

With wet blankets over their heads, the men climbed the ladder at the north end of the building. Kruger was severely burned about the neck and arms, but refused to stop work until the engine was back at the station shortly before 4:30 this morning.

A man named Langdon, a lodger next to the room occupied by Homer Craig, came down the fire escape only to find that the boy was still in the building. Back again he went and groping through the hot smoke found the boy lying senseless inside the door of his room. In danger of losing his life, Langdon forced the door open and took the lifeless form in his arms, dropping him to the waiting hands on the

and Marshal Carter for complicity in the counterfeiting deal.

The officials would not give out the nature of the evidence against Baker. He has not been in Marshfield long, becoming a partner of Stevens about January 1.

He will be arraigned with Stevens and Harshman before U. S. Commissioner A. K. Peck tomorrow afternoon. A deputy U. S. marshal is expected here on the Breakwater in the morning to take them north, as it is not expected that bail will be allowed.

Stevens, who was formerly at Camp One, is alleged to have remarked to friends a couple of weeks ago that he would soon be getting a good living without working. Recent development tend to indicate that he meant something beside the cleaning and pressing business.

## MANY SUITS FILED IN JUSTICE COURT

Joe Coach Sued by Bartlett Mineral Springs Company—Other Actions Are Filed

After a long wait, E. H. Joehnk has secured service in a suit which he started in Justice Pennock's court against F. J. Bingham, the South Inlet excelsior man. Joehnk wants \$23. Justice Pennock said that he was informed that Bingham had Joehnk sue another man and lost in the lower court. Then it was appealed and Joehnk put up the expense of the appeal. They lost on the appeal and Bingham then refused to pay the bill.

T. B. Rose has begun suit against John Huys for \$15 which he claims is still due him on a board bill for \$66 which Huys contracted.

**Sues Joe Coach.**  
Joe Coach, the former Bandon liquor dealer, who has been much in the limelight the past six months owing to the Simpson-Treadgold-Coach embroglio, is defendant in another suit. The Bartlett Springs company has begun suit in Justice Pennock's court against him for \$33.60, which they claim is still due them on an old account for mineral water furnished him.

Walter L. Cappious and Lottie B. Cappious have begun suit against C. A. Howard and Mrs. Della Howard for \$100 which they claim is due them for furniture leased to the Howards.

**ROOSEVELT WITNESS.**  
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 16.—United States Marshal Smith announced this afternoon that Col. Roosevelt had been summoned to appear in Washington before a subcommittee on judiciary to testify in the impeachment hearing of Judge A. G. Dayton.

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## JITNEY BUS HERE FOR TIRED PEOPLE

Machine of Five Cent Fares Makes Early Morning Appearance on Streets

Well—it's here—the jitney bus. When did it come? That's hard to tell. There it was running full blast this morning and on the front of the double-seated machine was a big sign that read "Five Cents."

In the shape of a figure eight the one machine now on the route will be run. L. W. Stine is the owner, manager and operator. Should business warrant, he expects to have two machines on the road shortly.

The plan is to go out to Ferndale by way of Front street and back into Central avenue through Eighth Terrace and from down town out again the other direction, traversing Fourth street to Johnson, and thence down Fifth street to the high school and back again into Central, ready to start over again toward Ferndale. This is the route as Mr. Stine has outlined it.

With men still at work on Tenth street, he will not be able to make the north wing of the route at present and so will go out Front street to Ferndale and back again over the same road.

The machine will be on the run from eight in the morning until about ten o'clock in the evening.

And so Marshfield has assumed one more metropolitan air. Now will probably come more jitneys, envious investors declare that the field is large and the water fine. They, too, wish to dabble. Then with the struggle in full tilt, the city fathers, in solmen session, will have to make jitney laws, adding a second point to the city's "cittification."

## WATERFRONT NEWS

Coming in at 9 o'clock on Monday evening after her near record trip of 81 hours to San Francisco and return, the Adeline left down at 10 o'clock this morning for the south.

Early in the morning the George W. Elder is expected to arrive in from Eureka and will leave at 1 o'clock for Portland.

The Breakwater is scheduled to arrive in from the north tomorrow morning.

## WALTER OLDLAND LOST WIFE AND

He and Wife Make up and Now He Charges Fleece Him of Cash

Walter Oldland of South Inlet, having more matrimonial trouble than fall to the lot of the average individual. A short time ago he caused him to file suit in Justice Pennock's court an dthe latter their troubles, but only for a time. Yesterday he had a suit left and that he would sue her for responsible for her debts.

Last evening Oldland appeared in court and secured a restraining order and went up to the room. Pendergrass, having seen the notice, went up and told Oldland he would either have to sue away. Oldland protested that was his wife and finally was added "and wife" to his name.

Soon afterwards Oldland left the room. He had been dressed. In about two minutes Oldland dashed down the stairs into the streets and away.

Oldland was down about ten minutes later and declared that he fleeced his clothes of two dollars and some change. He tried to get her, but was unable to.

Oldland gave up and started to his room. He found that Meaney of South Inlet, who had latered for another room, had been celebrating too and gone into Oldland's room and bed. Oldland finally secured the room and spent the night there because of his wife he does not know whether he will take further action against her is uncertain.

Oldland is only about two weeks old and his wife about three weeks formerly Miss Mason, having moved from Coos Bay near Libby some time ago.

Late yesterday afternoon Oldland appeared before Justice Pennock and wanted to see charges of non-support against land. However Pennock took thing of the case, and took der advisement, especially since land told him that he was and able to support her, she would not stay at home.

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