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HOMES GO UP IN SMOKE

Early Morning Fire in Uppertown.

PROPERTY OF MRS. PALMER

With the Utmost Difficulty Adjoining Property Was Saved—Slight Insurance.

At 1:15 o'clock this morning a general alarm called out the entire fire department of the city. The alarm was turnen in from the limits of Uppertown. It was afterwards discovered that the property on fire was that of Mrs. J. E. Palmer, who resides about three-quarters of a mile southeast of the Clatsop mill.

A few moments after the alarm was turned in the sky in that vicinity was illuminated for miles.

The property is located over the hill and it was with great difficulty and a loss of much time that the fire department reached the premises.

The home in which Mrs. Palmer resides had already been nearly consumed. A second building owned by Mrs. Palmer, and occupied by John Van Nozie and family, was only a short distance away. Within a few moments after the breaking out of the fire the second house was also in flames The firemen saw that it would be useless to attempt to save either one of these buildings and directed their attention to surrounding property. Immediately adjoining the Palmer residences is the home of Will Scofield, of the firm of Scofield & Hauke. In the rear was a large barn in which were horses and hay. To save these the fire department directed all of its energy. Several times, however, they caught on fire and persons were obliged to ascend to the roof to extinguish the flames. Several residences across the street were also at times in great danger, but neighbors who had volunteered to render assistance to the firemen succeeded in saving these without any material damage being done.

Comparatively nothing was saved from the contents of the burned buildings. Indeed, it was with much good fortune that the occupants escaped with their lives. The fire was well under way several minutes before Mrs. Palmer and members of her family were aware of it. Mrs. Palmer was the first to make the discovery and immediately aroused the family who were up stairs and asleep. Freddie, a 12-year-old son, narrowly escaped being smothered to death, staggering out of the burning building just in time to escape the flames.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. It started fully an hour and a half after every member of the family had retired. It is known, however, that the flames were first discovered in the kitchen, which leads to the belief that the fire arose from the stove.

Only one of the buildings—that occupied by Mrs. Palmer—was insured. The exact amount could not be ascertained, but it is understood to be small.

Mrs. Palmer is a widow and has two daughters and a son residing with her.

The fire continued until 3 o'clock this morning, before the fire department succeeded in getting it under control.

Little Pimples Turn to Cancer.

Cancer often results from an impurity in the blood, inherited from generations back. Few people are entirely free from some taint in the blood, and it is impossible to tell when it will break out in the form of dreaded Cancer. What has appeared to be a mere pimple or scratch has developed into the most malignant Cancer.

"I had a severe Cancer which was at first only a few blotches, that I thought would soon pass away. I was treated by several able physicians, but in spite of their efforts the Cancer spread until my condition became alarming. After many months of treatment and growing steadily worse, I decided to try S. S. S. which was so strongly recommended. The first bottle produced an improvement. I continued the medicine, and in four months the last little scab dropped off. Ten years have elapsed, and not a sign of the disease has returned."

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds were filed in Recorder Clinton's office during the past 48 hours:

James J. Stokes to W. E. Tallent, 12.80 acres in sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, T 9 N, R 7 W; $1,250.

United States to John G. Clarke, 160 acres in section 21, T 6 N, R 7 W; patent.

Hermosa Park Investment Company to Mira and Josephine Ferguson, lots 14 and 15, block 8, Hermosa Park; $400.

Mary N. B. Morrison to Mrs. Elizabeth Oman and Fred Oman, blocks 4 and 8, Clatsop Gardens; $700.

John Chitwood to John Finley, lot 8, block 61, Adair's, and the S E ¼ of section 26, and the N W ¼ of section 26, T 12 S, R 1 E, containing 320 acres, $650.

H. B. Ferguson and wife to F. J. Taylor, lots 13 to 18, block 3, Flavel Center; undivided half of lots 1 to 16, block 9, first addition to Kindred Park, and undivided half of lots 14 and 15, block 8, Hermosa Park; $1,000.

E. Z. Ferguson and wife and F. J. Taylor and wife to Alex Gilbert, C. W. and G. C. Fulton, lots 14 and 15, block 8, Hermosa Park; $400.

J. C. Rierson to Enburg Rierson, W ½ of section 25, T 5 N, R 8 W; $300.

ASTORIANS AGAIN DEFEATED.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—In the bowling contest between the Illihee Club of Salem and the Astoria Football Club, the former won four straight games, the score being:

Illihee	225	254	234	253
Astoria	202	216	182	105

GERMAN NAVY INCREASES.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—The naval bill which passed the Bundersrath today provides for doubling the present number of battleships and the construction of six large and seven small cruisers.

Old Continental is a standard high grade Kentucky whisky. Absolutely pure, and can be recommended to those seeking a stimulant for medical and social use. Sold by Aug. Danielson, Astoria, Oregon.

TO STOP LOBBYING.

Postmaster General's Orders to Postoffice Employes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—A special to the Times from Washington says:

Some time ago Postmaster General Smith reissued an order made by Postmaster General Wilson, in 1895, prohibiting postoffice employes from visiting Washington to influence legislation. The order carried dismay to the hearts of employes in the railway mail service who had been planning a vigorous campaign in support of their contention for a reclassification of the service. Mr. Smith, however, had no intention of leaving them in the lurch or of having the plan defeated through lack of support. He has himself laid before the committee on postoffice and post-roads the claims of the employes with a strong argument in favor of increase in pay.

He points out that the United States expects more from its employes in this service and pays them less than the leading countries of Europe. Compared with France, our railway mail employes do the work of two men and receive comparatively less pay. In England appointment to the railway service comes as a promotion from city postoffice work and carries with it an advance of from 30 to 80 per cent. Germany increases the salaries of its railway mail employes according to the length of service, the average being 30 per cent.

IMPORTANT MISSION.

Director of Manila Observatory Coming to America.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Father Jose Algue, director of the Manila observatory, the largest and most notable institution of the kind in the Orient, and his assisttan, Father Jose Cics, have arrived here en route to Washington with many folios of valuable scientific data which they hope to have published by the government. They have come to America upon the urgent invitation of President Schurman, of the Cornell university, who was president of the Philippine commission, and also by request of Governor General Otis, of the Philippines. Both of them are Spaniards and Jesuit priests. Father Algue is a typhoon expert and his companion is an authority on earthquakes. They bring with them besides twelve manuscript volumes on scientific subjects, many valuable maps of the Philippine islands.

HELEN GOULD'S BENEVOLENCE.

Enormous Sums Donated to Naval Branch of the Y. M. C. A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Details of Miss Helen Gould's benefaction to the naval branch of the Y. M. C. A., Brooklyn, have just been made public. She has given $125,000 to the institution and has secured title to adjoining property for a site for a new five story building. The new building will be a memorial to Miss Gould's father and mother. It will have a frontage of 90 feet and will combine the features of a mission, hotel and gymnasium. There will be a good library, a swimming tank, baths and restaurant where meals can be secured by sailors for a nominal sum.

ROASTS THE COURT.

French Paper "Touches Up" Jay Gould's Son-in-Law.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The Figaro publishes this morning a fresh cablegram from Count Boni de Castellane, to M. de Rodays, its editor, to which it appends the following:

"Spurning with our feet the insults, we find but one thing in this document. That de Castellane energetically refused any intervention of the inspector of finances in his adventure. We are now enlightened respecting his desire for light.

"He seems, moreover, to reproach us for the outlay of the 200 francs which his dispatch cost him. This is already the commencement of confession.

"There cannot fail to be surprise that Gould's son-in-law should become so careful in money matters. This is the second time he asks us for 100,000 francs. It needs but little to induce him to demand that we reimburse to him his 200 francs. Decidedly he cannot have grown richer just recently."

Pears'

Get one cake of it.

Nobody ever stops at a cake.

DON'T WANT BIG CROWDS.

Steamship Lines Refuse to Book Exposition Excursion Parties.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The passenger-carrying trans-Atlantic steamship lines are almost uniformly refusing to book large excursions for passage to Europe this summer. Parties have been formed to go to the Paris exposition and some of them number as many as six hundred persons. It was said at several steamship offices that the refusal was caused by the desire of the lines to refrain from overcrowding their steamships and to be able to provide accommodations for their regular yearly patrons who might not apply for state rooms so far in advance.

ANOTHER PUGET SOUND WRECK.

Pacific Coast Company's Fine Steamer Miami a Total Wreck.

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—The steel collier Miami, belonging to the Pacific Coast Company, was wrecked this morning on a reef near Oyster bay on the east shore of Vancouver island.

She is a total loss, as in the afternoon she broke in two and went to the bottom. Her entire crew were saved.

She was on her way to San Francisco with 4,00 tons of coal. She struck midships and when the tide receded the weight of the cargo broke her back.

The loss is estimated at $250,000 with $10,000 additional for cargo.

AWAITING HER HUSBAND'S BODY

Mrs. Major Logan Arrives in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Mrs. John A. Logan, jr., widow of Major John A. Logan, jr., who met his death in the Philippines, with her children and accompanied by her mother, Mrs. C. H. Andrews and a friend, Miss Parmalee, of Cleveland, O., has arrived here to await the arrival of her husband's remains on the transport Thomas, due in a few days from Manila.

AMERICAN KILLED IN AFRICA.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Word has been received here of the tragic death in South Africa of Ervin Hopkins, jr., son of Ervin Hopkins, a veteran member of the Chicago board of trade.

Hopkins was interested in a rubber concern which had obtained concessions from the republic of Colombia. He represented his company at Bogota where he had made his headquarters for a year. While on an exploring expedition in the interior his boat ran aground on a sand pit. It is supposed that in trying to float his craft, standing in the water himself, he was bitten by a poisonous reptile, death resulting quickly. His body was found several days later by a native employed by the company. Indications of a terrible struggle were apparent.

MORE BIG COKE OVENS

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 25.—The Universal Fuel Company of Chicago announces that it will soon begin the erection of a cokeirg plant at Ottumwa, with one hundred ovens. As soon as it is completed, a second plant of like capacity will be built at Des Moines. The company's experiments have determined that Iowa coal will produce good coke. Plants will be established later at Davenport, Dubuque and Council Bluffs.

WHO WANTS THE BIG FIGHT?

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—At a meeting between representatives of James J. Corbett and James Jeffries, it was decided to set February 1 as the closing day for bids from clubs for the boxing contest between these two men for the championship of the world. Bids must be made, sealed, sent to Al Smith at the Gilsey house, and will not be opened until 6 o'clock on the evening of February 1.

FATAL FIRE AT DUNKIRK.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Jan. 25.—A fire this morning did $200,000 damage at Fredonia, a village three miles south of Dunkirk. The yower house at Dunkirk and the Fredonia Street Car Company was destroyed, together with all the cars.

Miss Alice Huntington and Warren Bretsgki were burned to death.

Love that Alters.

"Love is not love that alters when it alteration finds."

That is one of the sublimest lines in all literature. It is the final definition of love by the world's greatest reader of the human mind.—Shakespeare. Nearly all women who truly love, love in this sublime way. Men seldom do.

Woman's most glorious endowment is the power to awaken and hold the pure and honest love of a worthy man. When she loses it and still loves on, no one in the wide world can know the heart agony she endures. The woman who suffers from weakness and derangement of her special womanly organism soon loses the power to sway the heart of a man. Her general health suffers and she loses her good looks, her attractiveness, her amiability and her power and prestige as a woman. Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N.Y., with the assistance of his staff of able physicians, has prescribed for many thousands of women. He has devised a perfect and scientific remedy for women's ailments. It is known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is a positive specific for all weaknesses, diseases, disorders, displacements, irregularities, and debilitating drains peculiar to women. It purifies, regulates, strengthens and heals. Medicine dealers sell it, and no honest dealer will advise you to accept a substitute that he may make a little larger profit.

"I was afflicted with kidney trouble and I have always had a torpid liver," writes Mrs. E. Crosswhite, of Duffau, Erath Co., Texas. "When I commenced your medicine I was not able to stand on my feet. I used one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and five vials of his 'Pleasant Pellets.' I am now well. I had not walked in four months when I commenced the treatment; but in ten days I was able to walk everywhere."

BIG CIRCUS COMBINATION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Relative to the reported negotiations between Jas. A. Bailey, the Sells' Brothers and W. W. Cole, for a circus combination, it is stated that Mr. Bailey already owns a half interest in the Sells' Brothers and Forepaugh show. Mr. Cole lives in New York, but is out of town and no information can be obtained as to his plans.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Charles Richel, has this day retired from the firm known as the Astoria Meat Company. All outstanding obligations of said firm will be assumed by the remaining partners, and all accounts of said firm wil be payable solely to them.

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In the matter of Benjamin L. Ward and the firm of Howell & Ward, bankrupts.

To the creditors of B. L. Ward and Howell & Ward, of the County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, and district aforesaid, bankrupts.

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of January, 1900, the said Benj. L. Ward and Howell & Ward were duly adjudicated bankrupt. And that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at room No. 4, Page building, corner of Commercial and Twelfth streets, in the city of Astoria, on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1900, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

CHAS. H. PAGE, Referee in Bankruptcy.
Astoria, Oregon, January 16, 1900.

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p. m.	a. m.			a. m.	p. m.
5:00	11:35	Lv	....Astoria....	Ar 7:40	4:00
5:25	11:55	Ar	...Warrenton...	Lv 7:20	3:35
5:50	12:13	Lv	...Warrenton...	Ar 6:52	3:10
6:30	1:00	Ar	....Seaside....	Lv 6:15	2:30

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