

THREE FIRES AT SAME TIME

Crossing Telephone Wires Cause Havoc at Riverside, California—One Man Injured.

LOSS FIFTEEN THOUSAND

Peculiar Happening Which Terrified the Inhabitants and Overworked the Fire Department.

Riverside, Cal., June 6.—The crossing of telephone wires with a heavily charged power circuit near Colton tonight caused three fires simultaneously in this city, resulting in a loss of more than \$60,000.

At the same time a blaze broke out in a fruit packing house near the railroad tracks owned by the Riverside Fruit Company. From here the flames continued to the Riverside soda works and probably a dozen other small buildings were all destroyed.

A Salmon Panic.

Imagine yourself on the seashore in Alaska, in the month of September, rambling on for the pleasure of it and picking up a curious shell now and then. You see ahead a fresh water stream which is in your path.

you ever comes back alive. From the outset they neither eat nor rest, and as you follow them upstream you soon see the effects of their battle.

You are sickened by such a sight, and conclude that the shallowness of the stream will account for the condition of the fish.

How She Won.

She was in love with a young doctor.

"He's quite impossible!" cried her mother, when informed of it.

"He has fine prospects," insisted the girl.

"You can't live on prospects," said the father.

The next day she was ill.

"I can see nothing wrong," said the physician who was called to attend her.

Nevertheless, he left a prescription, but it seemed to be of no good.

"It's very strange," said the physician.

"If you do not understand the case, we must get some one who does," said the mother.

So, after a week or more of experimenting, another physician was called in.

"A trifling indisposition," said the second physician.

But in a day or so she had him rattled. Her lover had told her how to do it.

"Every time I see her," said the second physician, "there seems to be some new complication. I can't find anything radically wrong, but her statements certainly show that she is not a bright."

By this time the father and mother were worried and they sent for a specialist.

"I fear," said she, wearily, "that this trouble is going to continue indefinitely. Don't you think it would be wise to have a physician in the family?"

The father looked at her suspiciously.

"Perhaps it would," he admitted.

"And it's so easy to have one," she persisted.

"Arrange it to suit yourself," he said, resignedly, for he was a man who knew when he was beaten.

The next day she was able to sit up, and the day after she had entirely recovered.

But the father continued to look at her reproachfully, even up to the day of the wedding.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Special Excursion to the World's Fair.

The Denver & Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of personally conducted excursions to the world's fair during June.

Electricity's Part.

The many projects which are under way for the construction of electric railway lines are proof of the great importance of electricity in the development of the resources of the Pacific coast states.

The Pacific coast states offer far greater opportunities for electric lines than any other region in the United States, by reason of the water power which is present in such great quantities.

BID MUCH BELOW ESTIMATE.

W. A. Goodin Awarded Contract for Ninth Street Improvement.

The street committee of the council yesterday opened bids for the improvement of four blocks of Ninth street, from Franklin avenue to Jerome avenue.

W. A. Goodin ..... \$5,971 20  
C. G. Palmberg ..... 4,150 00  
J. W. West ..... 6,377 00  
Birch & Jacobsen ..... 6,430 00

The estimate of the cost of the work prepared by City Engineer Tee was \$6501.09, and the bid of Mr. Goodin was \$1429.89 below the estimate.

Porto Rican Drowned.

Williamsport, Pa., June 6.—Caesar Vivian, a Porto Rican student at Dickinson seminary, has been drowned in the Susquehanna river while swimming.

Vessels Reported Sunk.

Chefoo, June 6.—(2 p. m.)—The Russian consul here has received news that a large Japanese vessel has been sunk by a mine off Tallienwan.

An Ancient Locomotive.

An interesting railroad relic, reminiscent of the first days of the steam locomotive, has been discovered in the north of England.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

State Grand Encampment of Washington Odd Fellows Meets.

Tacoma, Wash., June 5.—The state grand encampment of Odd Fellows today elected the following officers:

Grand patriarch—H. B. Madison of Kent.

Grand high priest—G. W. Stocker of Spokane.

Grand senior warden—R. W. Starr of Wenatchee.

Grand scribe—Louis F. Hart of Tacoma.

Grand treasurer—John B. Kriendbull of Spokane.

Grand junior warden—W. H. Coffin of Buckley.

Grand representative—Charles B. Hathaway of Seattle.

The Astoria hose team will tonight begin practice for the coming tournaments and the big trip to the world's fair.

Manager Brown is anxious that all aspiring runners show up to take part in the practice.

"We want everyone to come out and make a try for place," said Mr. Brown yesterday.

The competition is open to all, and the best men will make the trips to the Oregon cities and to the world's fair.

Considerable enthusiasm is being manifested in the work of the team, and it is hoped to have the fastest aggregation this year that has ever represented this city in such competitions.

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Herman Wise

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- Anson, Antone
Baker, Jacob, Esq.
Basteen, Misses
Campbell, Clinton, Mrs. H.
Cawood, E. E. Dr.
Frogseth, Arne Mr.
Greenman, Peter Mr.
Hack, May Miss
Hall, Langley
Harvey, S. C. Mrs.
Hicks & McCounie.
Holbrook, Merrill & Section.
Hogg, John
House, J. A.
Hyle, J. A.
Kyra, William Mr. (3)
Lantree, Aug.
Leggert, C. T.
Mansfield, Henry Mr.
McLean, John Mr.
Meade, Jennie Mr.
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Tayala, Julia Mrs.
Wallace, Anna Mrs.
Westwood, Anna Miss
Wills, C. F. Mr.
Wilmott, Lollie Miss
Wood, J. M. Mr.
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GONG TO THE FAIR.

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