

GERVAIS BURNED

Nearly the Entire Town Destroyed by Fire.

LOSS OVER \$100,000

Only Two Business Houses Left Standing—No Means of Fighting the Fire.

(Journal Special Service.)
GERVAIS, Or., Oct. 6.—Gervais, the live and bustling little city on French Prairie, the garden spot of the Willamette Valley, yesterday one of the most thriving little cities in the state of Oregon, is this morning a smoldering heap of ruins, and the inhabitants of the place are standing about on the streets sadly contemplating the havoc wrought in one short hour, when the fire fiend, for the second time in a decade, swept over the city, and destroyed the business part of the town.

WHERE THE FIRE STARTED.
At 10:30 last night a fire started in the building of McKinley Mitchell, in the center of one of the business blocks, occupied by Willie Thompson, as a confectionery store, and before the flames could be controlled, they were fiercely eating into the building adjoining the structure. The alarm was given by a party of young men, who happened to be out on the street, and within a few minutes the entire population of the city was out and eager and willing hands began the work of fighting the fierce element. But to no purpose. The entire block in which the fire originated was soon in flames. High winds arose and swept the flames northward, destroying in its order the John Weiss furniture store, McKinley Mitchell's office, the Kern building, the M. Becker saloon, the postoffice, the Gervais Star office, the Fitzgerald drug store, the Masonic hall, and the Tansler general merchandise store. Meanwhile the flames spread eastward, and the Nathan hardware store, and the F. A. Mangold hardware house, were destroyed, with but little chance to save the stocks.

A SHORTAGE OF WATER.
Every effort was made to check the flames, and the city water lower standing between the S. P. depot and the burning blocks was brought into use, but the water was insufficient to make an impression on the flames, and a small hand fire engine was brought out and used in pumping water from the wells of the town. These soon ran dry, and the citizens were compelled to stand helpless, and see the town burn.

The two business blocks flanked the railroad track on the east side, and the fierce flames swept down the range of buildings, giving but little chance for rescuers to save any of the stocks.

About 10:30 the wind shifted, and the flames leaped the wide street, and the two warehouses on the west side of the railroad track caught fire, and they were soon a mass of flames, while several residences near the fire zone also caught, and were soon destroyed.

NO HELP AVAILABLE.
When the citizens realized their desperate plight, Salem was telephoned for help, but there was no railroad, track, available to bring the fire department from that city to the scene. Portland was next appealed to, but it was then too late to give help to the doomed city. About 11 o'clock the telephone service was interrupted, owing to the burning of the office. The Southern Pacific passenger station was threatened by the fierce flames, and telegraphic communication was interrupted by the breaking of the wires, and Gervais shut off from outside communication, was left to its fate.

TWO WAREHOUSES GONE.
When it was found that no outside help could be secured in time to be of any use to the stricken city, the citizens renewed their efforts to confine the fire to the business section, which, it was early realized, was doomed. It was with a sinking heart that the people realized that the best portion of the town was hopelessly lost, and when the fire jumped the railroad track and the two big warehouses, one partially filled with grain, began to burn fiercely. These warehouses were but 40 feet from the passenger depot, and it was by a superhuman effort that the latter building was saved, and with it \$5000 worth of hops stored in the building. Several times the depot building caught fire, but fiercely the men of Gervais fought the fire fiend, and literally snatching the brand from the fire, they saved the structure. Three telegraph poles, immediately north of the depot, were burned, and the wires broken, thus cutting off communication.

HEAVY LOSSES IN MERCHANDISE.
Considerable quantities of the merchantile stocks were saved, but the percentage of the property taken out of the fire zone was very small.

Among the heaviest losers are Tansler & Co., general merchandise, with a stock of \$30,000, only partially insured; E. A. Nathan, building and stock of hardware, \$500, with \$300 insurance; F. A. Mangold, hardware, \$300, insurance \$170; the Masonic Lodge, \$150, no insurance; all the lodges of the city meeting in the Masonic Hall—Masonic, Old Fellows, A. O. U. W., Aristians, Rebekahs, and Degree of Honor—lost their paraphernalia

and fixtures, saving only the records. Mr. Tansler, the leading general merchant, and his chief clerk, J. H. Roland, were out of town, as was Postmaster W. J. Clark, who is also publisher of the Gervais Star, and these men could not be seen as to their losses. The postoffice and the newspaper office are a total loss, and Deputy Postmaster E. N. Stanche is doing business at the street, which is littered with furniture and merchandise of all descriptions.

TOWN WILL BE REBUILT.
The people of the city are not despairing, but say they will rebuild immediately. They are hard hit, and keenly feel their losses, but the energy of Gervais is proverbial, and the little city will, like the Phoenix, rise from its ashes with new life, and again take its place among the thriving towns of the valley.

The losses are estimated by conservative business men at over \$100,000, with insurance at possibly one-fifth of that amount. Among the losses ascertainable at this time are the following:

- THOSE WHO SUFFERED.
- E. A. Nathan, building and stock of hardware, \$500; insurance, \$300.
 - J. H. Swingle, butcher shop, \$150.
 - August Nibler, butcher shop, \$150.
 - W. S. Taylor, small building and stock of salt and other wares stored, \$150.
 - F. A. Mangold, hardware and stoves, \$300; insurance, \$170.
 - F. A. Mangold and Mrs. W. S. Taylor, building, \$500; small insurance, McKinley Mitchell, two store buildings, office, safe and furniture, and potato warehouse, \$500.

WENT ON RAMPAGE

Mad Elephants Charge on Crowd of People.

KILL TWENTY-EIGHT

Sixty-three People Seriously Injured at a Circus by Frenzied Monsters.



GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH, FOUNDER OF THE SALVATION ARMY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 6.—Twenty-eight people were killed and sixty-three others seriously injured by eight elephants that escaped from a circus at Nijni Novgorod yesterday.

A dispatch which has just been received here from Nijni Novgorod states that eight elephants that were being mated by their attendants broke loose from their "trottoirs" and went on a rampage. Their trumpeting was terrifying to the large crowds which had assembled to watch the performance of the circus to which the animals belonged and there was an immediate stampede. Men, women and children scrambled down from their seats and made a frantic rush for the main exits to escape the ferocious onslaught of the enraged beasts. Many of the weaker ones were trampled under the feet of the panic stricken people and placed at the mercy of the maddened animals. The brutes charged upon the unfortunates and picking them up with their trunks, hurled them clear across the enclosed area and crushed many others under their massive feet.

The scene was most heartrending and little babes in their mothers' arms were frightened into convulsions, and small children were left to shift for themselves in the frantic mob. Everyone seemed to be bereft of their senses, so great was their fright, and the strong took advantage of the weak in their efforts to get out of the way of the raging monsters.

CARR LOSES LANDS

A Decision of Interest to Southern Oregon Settlers.

(Journal Special Service.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6.—The Circuit Court of Appeals today affirmed the decision of the lower court in disposing Jesse D. Carr of Government lands in Southern Oregon. This case has attracted much attention throughout the country. Carr is a wealthy stock raiser and banker of Salinas, Cal., and owns large interests in Southern Oregon. For years he has had thousands of acres of valuable agricultural and grazing lands fenced up, on which he has pastured numerous herds of horses and cattle. His appropriation of these lands has caused intense feeling throughout that section, many battles having taken place between the settlers and Carr's employees, but all efforts to oust him were futile until last spring, when the Government took the matter in hand and Deputy Marshal Morse, of Portland, was sent to the scene with a posse of determined men under orders to remove the fences. A stay of proceedings was secured, and the battle was fought out in the court. An appeal was taken to the United States Circuit Court. The latter court has affirmed the judgment of the lower court, and Carr's fences must come down, thus throwing open to settlement an immense body of very valuable land.

CRUSADE GROWING

Merrill Goes Before the Grand Jury

TO EXPLAIN TALK

Journal's Fight Commended by Mayor, Pulpit and Public.

The movement inaugurated by The Journal for the restriction of vice, by the enforcement of the laws now in force is gaining strength every hour. The people are aroused and powerful influences are rallying to deal the death blow to the violators of the laws and their supporters.

POSTPONE TRIAL

The Case of Molinoux Put Off One Week by Illness of Judge.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—Owing to the illness of Judge Barrett the trial of young Molinoux, who was convicted on the charge of murdering Mrs. Adams, was adjourned at noon today till next Monday. The father of the alleged murderer has brought powerful influence to bear in order to secure for his son a new trial. There will likely be some sensational developments, involving prominent people, before the case is ended, as the elder Molinoux declares that he can prove the innocence of his son.

CENSUS DIRECTOR

General Joseph Sanger Appointed for the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—General Joseph Sanger, of the United States Army, has been designated as the director of the Philippine census with Victor Olmstead, of the Bureau of Labor, as his assistant. It has also been given out that 12 other appointees have been selected.

GIRLS WILL STRIKE

Three Thousand Factory Employees Wish Union Recognized.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—Three thousand girls employed in the paper box factories of this city will be called out on a strike unless their employers recognize the union. One hundred girls quit today and others will undoubtedly follow tomorrow. It is understood that the employers will decline to accede to their demands.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED

Court of Appeals Reverses Case of Big Oregon Mine Suit.

(Journal Special Service.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6.—The Circuit Court of Appeals has reversed the case of the Oregon King Mining Company, of The Dalles, versus T. J. Brown and B. W. Maddox, in a suit to procure a patent for the claim called the Silver King. A new trial has been ordered.

FAMOUS CHINAMAN

Death of Viceroy of Nanking, Prominent in Boxer Affairs.

SHANGHAI, China, Oct. 6.—Liu Kan Yi, the famous Viceroy of Nanking, died this morning. For over a quarter of a century Liu Kan Yi has ruled the Yangtze Valley. He gained a great deal of notoriety in his strenuous endeavors to quell the Boxer uprising in China and in the following peace negotiations, was one of that government's peace envoys.

MITCHELL RETURNS

Arrived at San Francisco Today on the Sierra.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6.—Senators Foster, Thurston, Mitchell and Burton arrived here today on the Sierra.

EX-GOVERNOR OF IDAHO

COLUMBUS, Oct. 6.—John Neill, Governor of Idaho during President Hayes' administration, died here this morning.

A BLAZE OF GLORY

Washington Has Latch String on Outside.

VETERANS ARRIVE

Every Train Crowded With Delegations of Soldiers and Many Sightseers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 6.—The latch string is on the outside and the national capital has put the big pot in the little one. Old Glory was unveiled to the breeze this morning and thousands of visitors are expressing their gratification at the warm, sincere and thoroughly hospitable reception tendered them by the people of Washington. During Sunday local railroad men estimated that fully 30,000 strangers arrived over the various lines with terminals in this city. Today there was twice the confusion and twice the crowds about the depots, and up to noon the morning trains had brought fully 50,000 additional people to the city. While the Grand Army veterans were in the majority it was a notable fact that hundreds of the arrivals were merely sightseers attracted by the low excursion rates and a desire to view the sights of the national capital. All day Sunday the streets presented a crowded appearance. Sightseers were on every thoroughfare in the central portion of the city, viewing the other people, the crowds, the government buildings and the decorations and arrangements made for the reception and entertainment of the veterans.

GENERAL GRANT WILL RETURN TO AMERICA.



WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—General Frederick D. Grant, now in the Philippines, has been ordered to return to the United States and assume command of the Department of Texas. He is expected to arrive in a short time, probably during the coming two weeks, and proceed directly to his new post.

Councilman F. T. Merrill is before that body to make good the allegations of wholesale graft to which he gave publicity. His bald statement that thousands of dollars were each month being exacted from the gamblers and fallen women by officials connected with the administration of public affairs, is being sifted to the bottom.

The Journal's fight has kindled an apathetic police department into activity. The past laxity of the guardians of law and order has brought down a storm of protest from the taxpayers.

Incompetency, corruption or criminal negligence are openly talked. Many a head that wears a helmet is resting uneasy, and if the work of the Grand Jury is successful, a number of stars will cease to shine on the bosoms of some of the members of the force.

POLICE FORCE WAKES UP
Under iron-clad orders from the Chief, on Saturday evening, a number of saloon keepers were taken to the station for violating the 1 o'clock closing ordinance. Among those who fell victims to the momentary violence on the part of the police were Baron Schenk, of the Quelle, August Kraiz, John Colfelt and J. Hahn. They were released on putting up bail of \$25 each.

On the gambling issue the officers were as blind as usual in the past. A number of games were running in the city of which most everyone with the exception of the police were aware. Constable Jackson went out on his own responsibility and made them close. He notified them that if in the future he again caught them committing the violation, he would not deal with the offenders in the same lenient manner.

THINKS POLICE ARE SLOW.
Mr. Jackson stated that he had no other desire in taking a hand in the matter than that of performing his duty. He said: "I would have made the fight long ago, but conditions were never so favorable as they are at present. The Journal in its fight has stirred up the feelings of the better class of people and put the gamblers on the run. The talk of the police that they are not able to cope with the problem and are doing the best they can is nothing to their credit. Gambling can be closed and would have been out of existence long ago if they had been active."

Fred M. Morley, the boy from Silver-

BEFORE THE JURY

Merrill Reiterates Statements, but Has No Proof.

Nothing Sensational.

There was nothing sensational in what occurred in the Grand Jury room," Mr. Merrill said when he finally appeared.

"I simply reiterated my statements as they appeared in my letter to The Journal Saturday evening. "You know and I know that money has been paid for protection in the past, al-

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\$18,000 SHORT.

HONOLULU, Sept. 29.—The Territorial Treasurer disappeared yesterday, leaving a shortage in cash of \$18,000.

Governor Dole suspended Auditor Herbert C. Austin for giving his personal checks on banks in which he had no funds. The Democrats named Wright as delegate.