

\$80,000 LOSS BY FIRE

Lutke Manufacturing Company Almost Completely Burned Out This Afternoon, Losing Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars.

DAMAGE TO BUILDING IS FIFTEEN THOUSAND

Insurance Carried on the Stock Covers a Third of the Loss—Flames Started in the Dry Kiln in the Basement—Varnish Made the Blaze Fiercely Hot.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Lutke Manufacturing company, at Sixth and Hoyt streets, between 12 and 1 o'clock today, causing a total loss of approximately \$80,000.

The fire started in the dry kiln, where a large amount of lumber was being dried preparatory to being worked up into fixtures and furnishings. Many of the workmen were away for luncheon and the flames were not discovered until they had gained considerable headway.

By the time the fire department arrived the flames had eaten their way through the floor of the building and had reached the second story. The fire spread rapidly among the light combustible material and before the firemen could get water on the upper floor the entire plant was ablaze.

Hard Fight With Flames.

The center of the fire was the eastern end of the building fronting on Fifth street, where the heavy machinery was located. Several streams were turned on the flames at this point and it was not long until the fire there was nearly extinguished, but it spread rapidly to the north half of the structure, where it raged for nearly an hour before it was brought under control.

When the flames reached the varnish room they leaped high into the air and the smoke so thick that it drove the firemen back. For a few minutes it looked as if the flames would spread across the street to several small wooden buildings, but reinforcements arrived and the firemen succeeded in driving the flames back and confined them within the walls of the building.

Amount of the Loss. After the fire was brought under control in the main part of the structure the firemen directed attention to a hidden fire in the sawdust and lumber in the basement, and kept several streams playing on the building all afternoon.

The manufacturing plant was in a large two-story brick building covering half a block. Robert Lutke, the president of the company, said that his plant and the lumber and fixtures were valued at \$75,000. A large amount of the heavy machinery located in the eastern part of the building was saved, but his loss will be approximately \$80,000, with insurance of about one-third its value.

Robert Lutke has been in the business of manufacturing builders' furnishings for 23 years. For 13 years his plant was located at Front and Washington streets and he moved to the present location five years ago. There were 18 men employed in the factory, and last year the company did a business of \$100,000.

The building was owned by A. W. Oebbeck and is valued at about \$16,000. The loss to the building is estimated at approximately \$15,000, partially covered by insurance.

Fireman W. Baldwin of truck company No. 3 had his left wrist nearly amputated by glass in breaking in a window. The artery was severed and his condition is thought to be serious.

In responding to the alarm of fire the wagon of hose company No. 1 overturned at Seventh and Burnside streets, but none of the occupants was injured. The wagon was badly damaged. This is the second run the wagon has had since it came from the repair shop after tipping over at a recent fire on the east side.

During the progress of the flames many of the employees in the manufacturing plant arrived and made a successful attempt to rescue their tools. They reached the workrooms in the second story by a ladder and threw their tools into the street.

SALOONMEN MUST PAY CHILDREN OF VICTIM

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The jury this morning returned a verdict against three saloonkeepers for \$17,500 in favor of the five children of John Madlund, a carpenter. The plaintiffs alleged their father was ruined by drink that the defendants sold him.

MRS. MINER MORRIS IN DANGEROUS CONDITION

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—It was stated at the New Willard hotel this morning that Mrs. Miner Morris, who was forcibly ejected from the White House a week ago, is in a dangerous condition, occasionally lapsing into a comatose state.

Phonograph to Give Benefit.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 11.—Bob Fitzsimmons has arranged a benefit for the blacksmith whose floor was caved in by the weight of a crowd pushing in to see the pugilist make souvaris here.



James Cole, Assistant United States District Attorney.

JAMES COLE VICE "UNITED OREGON" W. W. BANKS THE SLOGAN

Young Attorney Enters Bristol's Chamber of Commerce Elects Office Today as Assistant District Attorney. Officers and Announces Big Plans for Future.

James Cole has been appointed assistant United States district attorney, and he entered this morning on his new duties. Though comparatively unknown to the general public, for he has been a resident of Portland for only 11 months, Mr. Cole has won the esteem of those with whom he has been thrown in contact. When United States District Attorney Bristol was asked the reasons which led him to select Cole as his assistant, he replied tersely: "His energy and honesty."

James Cole was born in Wisconsin 28 years ago. His knowledge of law was gained in Madison, South Dakota, where he spent three years in the office of J. H. Williamson, with whom he subsequently formed a partnership. After two years in this partnership he determined to establish himself in Portland. It was the latter part of 1904 that he arrived in this city and opened offices in the Macleay building. Later his brother, Bartlett Cole, became associated with him, under the firm name of Cole & Cole.

The position to which James Cole has been appointed came to him unsought. He is a Republican, but politics played no part in the appointment. Soon after W. C. Bristol had become United States district attorney he broached the proposition of making Cole his assistant. The matter was virtually decided several weeks ago and Cole was sworn in last Monday, although the fact was not made public at the time.

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BONDS FORGED BY PRIOR

Fraudulent Municipal Securities Marketed Throughout Country by Broker Who Committed Suicide.

FAILURE WILL AMOUNT TO AT LEAST MILLION

Detectives Seeking to Find Confederates and Engravers—Books of Firm in Fearful Chaos—Dead Man Heavily Involved With Customers for Whom He Carried Accounts.

(Journal Special Service.) Cleveland, Jan. 11.—The cause of the suicide of Leland W. Prior, the financier and broker, is believed by bankers who are probing his accounts to be due to the fact that he sold forged municipal bonds in various parts of the country. He was also heavily involved with customers for whom he was carrying New York exchange accounts.

Detectives employed by the bankers' committee are seeking to find out who engraved the bonds and who assisted in their disposition. Sensational arrests are expected to follow.

It seems clear that Prior had a number of confederates. The forged bonds were sold in small lots, some to investors in the west and others in the east. It has been discovered that none were sold in large quantities to any one investor.

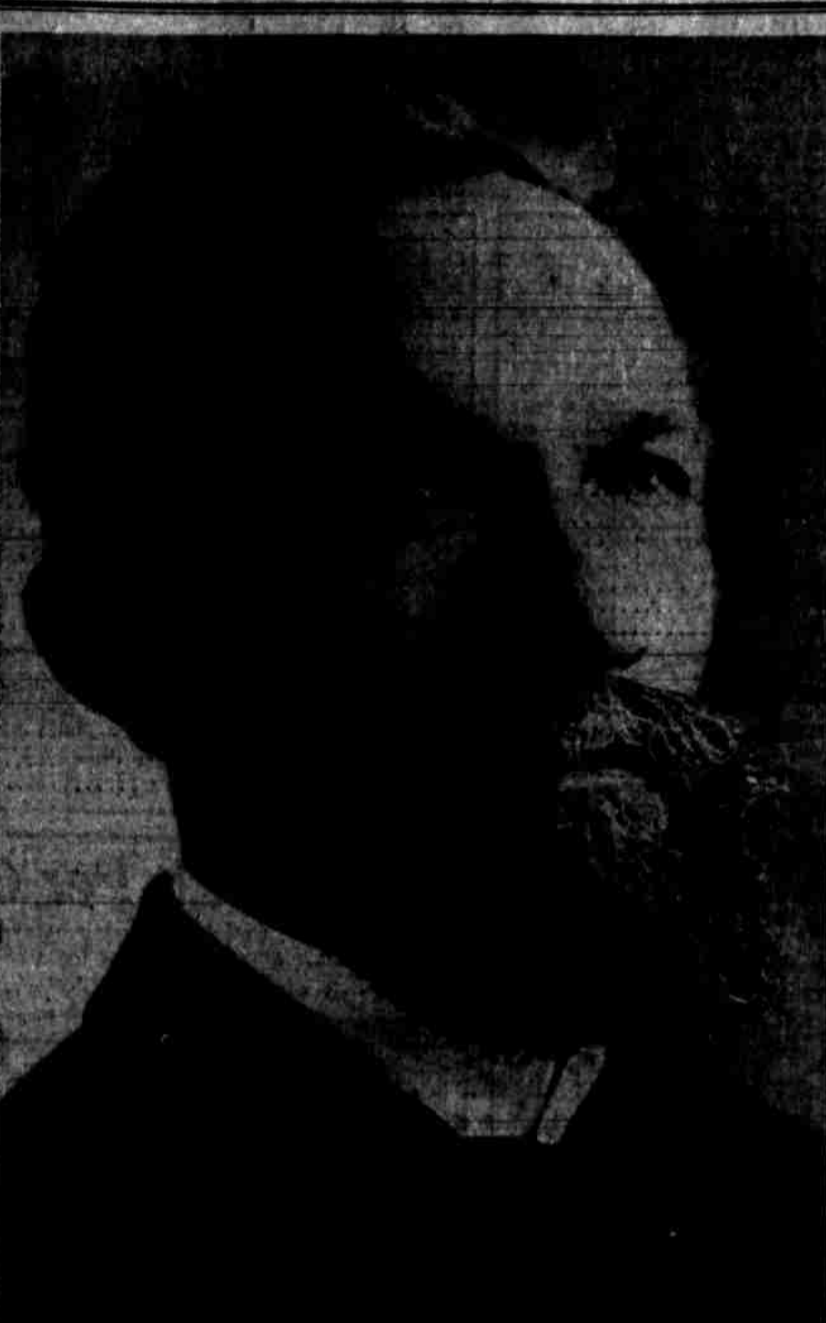
One of the men investigating said that the failure will probably amount to \$1,000,000 or \$1,500,000. The suspended firm's books are in a terrible state of chaos. All the irregularities are laid at the door of the Cleveland office, but the investigation may extend to the Boston office, of which Charles E. Donahoe was in charge. The committee has also discovered that Prior took money for clients for purchases of stock which he never bought, and used the money personally. The amount of money so obtained is said to be over \$100,000.

Prior was one of the most prominent financiers in the middle west. He was formerly president of the Cleveland stock exchange and was a member of the (Continued on Page Three.)

BRYAN TELLS OF TOUR 'IN SERIES OF LETTERS'

Everybody knows, William Jennings Bryan. Everybody knows that what he has to say on any subject is interesting. Just now Mr. Bryan is making a tour of the world. He is everywhere the guest of the highest dignitaries of the lands which he visits. He is able to see the inside of the big movements, social and political, in the far east. He is in a better position than almost anybody else to know and understand what these great movements are. In view of all these things the Journal, recognizing the importance of these letters, secured the exclusive right to their use in Oregon. The first of the letters will be published next Sunday morning. If you want to keep up to date you must read them.

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Former United States Senator George W. McBride.

PNEUMONIA SEIZES MARSHALL FIELD

Multi-Millionaire Chicago Merchant Critically Ill in New York Hotel.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Jan. 11.—Marshall Field, the multi-millionaire Chicago merchant, is said to be in a most critical condition with pneumonia at the Holland House.

Dr. W. B. James, physician attending Marshall Field, this morning issued a bulletin saying that Field has pneumonia to a moderate extent, but is in no immediate danger. Stanley Field denies the reports that the patient spent a very bad night.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon it was announced that Field's condition was unchanged. Dr. Glegg remained in attendance all day. Members of the family now here remained at the hotel all day, showing the serious condition of the patient.

Marshall Field is one of the richest men in the United States. His advanced age, 70, makes recovery doubtful. Despite his years he has been very active and keeps in close touch with the details of his great wholesale and retail establishments and his numerous financial and manufacturing enterprises, employing many thousands of persons.

It has been said of Mr. Field that he is a stockholder in so many companies that it would take him 10 minutes to (Continued on Page Three.)

G. W. M'BRIDE VERY LOW

Former United States Senator From Oregon Is Reported to Be Critically Ill at Sacramento, California.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN THE CITY ALARMED

Practiced Law, Engaged in Business and Became Prominent in Republican Politics—Elected Member of Lower House of State Legislature, Then United States Senator.

George W. McBride, former United States senator from Oregon, is dangerously ill at Sacramento, California. His condition is so serious that his gravest fears are entertained by his family and friends, who are anxiously waiting from hour to hour for decisive tidings.

Senator McBride's wife is in Sacramento with him.

Mrs. William H. Dolman of Portland, a sister of Senator McBride, received a dispatch last evening saying that he was very dangerously ill, but had rested more easily during the day. Later news has been less encouraging. Relatives of the sick man are in constant telegraphic communication with Sacramento, and they do not disguise the fact that his condition is causing them serious alarm.

Senator McBride went to California about three weeks ago and has been visiting Alfred Tolman, publisher of the Sacramento Union and formerly an aging editor of the Oregonian. They are old friends and Senator McBride is at Mr. Tolman's home.

Another Is Called.

For a number of years Senator McBride has been afflicted with rheumatism and his health of late years has not been good. After reaching Sacramento his falling strength excited apprehensions and his brother, Dr. James McBride, was summoned from Pasadena. Dr. McBride is an expert of wide reputation in nervous diseases and testified in the trial of Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield. But in spite of all that the medical skill of Dr. McBride could do, his brother's condition has grown steadily worse. William H. Dolman of Portland, a brother-in-law, is at Sacramento.

George W. McBride comes of a family that has figured conspicuously in the political history of Oregon and he was himself the first native Oregonian to fill the office of secretary of state. His father, Dr. James McBride, was a distinguished physician and the oldest son, John R. McBride, was a representative in congress from Oregon, being elected in 1852 on a Union Republican ticket. Another son, Thomas A. McBride, has served for a number of years as judge of the fifth judicial district. George W. McBride served successively as a member of the state legislature, as secretary of state and finally as United States senator.

Wife One Term Old.

Born March 15, 1854, in Yamhill county, George W. McBride was educated at the common schools, at the Menmouth Normal school and at Willamette university. He studied law with J. C. Moreland of Portland but did not engage in active practice and finally devoted himself to business, being engaged for 10 years in mercantile business at St. Helens. He became active in Republican politics and for a number of years was identified with that wing of the party of which Joseph Stinson was the recognized leader.

In 1887 George W. McBride was elected a member of the house of representatives in the state legislature and when the legislature convened he was made speaker. Four years later he became the Republican nominee for secretary of state and was elected.

His second term as secretary of state was drawing to a close when the legislature of 1895 convened. A United States senator was to be chosen and Senator Dolph was a candidate for re-election. On the preliminary ballot, when the two branches of the legislature voted separately, Senator Dolph, who was the Republican caucus nominee, received more than the number of votes required to elect, his vote in the house being 20 and in the senate 19.

Defeats Dolph for Senate.

But the law requires that the senator shall be chosen by joint ballot of the two houses and when they met in joint convention there had been just enough defections from the ranks of the Dolph supporters to prevent his election. Senator Dolph's attitude on the silver question had aroused strong opposition and in spite of being the caucus nominee he could not muster strength enough to win the fight.

Senator Dolph's competitors before the caucus were G. W. Fulton, now United States senator, and Thomas H. Tongue, who was elevated a year later to congress. During the 40 days of the legislative session the fight between the supporters and the opponents of Senator Dolph was waged bitterly and without surface indication of any thing but a deadlock. But quiet and effective work was being done by George W. McBride and his friends and on the last night of the session, as the clock was nearing the stroke of 12, Thomas H. Tongue, a member of the House from Multnomah county, sprang to his feet and in an enthusiastic speech nominated McBride for senator.

McBride's Election.

The 10th legislature of Oregon met at Salem, Oregon, on January 11, 1906. The session was opened by the reading of a message from Governor Fairbank, who had just returned from his tour of inspection of the coast.



Scene at the Annual Banquet of the Commercial Club, Last Night. Flashlight by Elmer Photographical Company.