

\$100,000 BAPTIST LOSS IN FIRE

Rev. Louis J. Sawyer Tells Graphically How Disaster Hit the Churches.

SIX BUILDINGS GONE BESIDES TWO MISSIONS

For the Benefit of Unfortunate in San Francisco, Dr. Brougner Will Make Appeal Tomorrow and Box Will Be Provided for Collections.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougner, pastor of the First Baptist church, has received a letter from a former classmate, Rev. Louis J. Sawyer, now pastor of one of the churches in San Francisco, graphically telling of the situation as far as the churches are concerned. Mr. Sawyer says that \$100,000 would barely pay the churches of the Baptist denomination in the same condition of material prosperity that they enjoyed before the earthquake.

Dr. Brougner will make an appeal tomorrow for contributions of money and of clothing, clean, mended and suitable for immediate use. There will be boxes where bundles may be deposited by people who attend services. Whatever may be collected then or in the next few days will be sent to the Baptist relief headquarters.

The letter to Dr. Brougner follows: "Hamilton Square Baptist Church, San Francisco, California, Tuesday, April 24, 1906.—My Dear Brother Brougner: You are informed by the press of the awful calamity which has befallen San Francisco, the details of which so far as the general situation is concerned, are before you. Twelve square miles of territory, including every combustible thing in the business district of the city, is destroyed. And by destroyed I mean annihilated so far as any possibility of recovery or repair is concerned. I write especially about our Baptist situation. In general every business man and every employed person has lost his occupation. All places of business are gone and the general public has no money to pay for services. The people are living as best they can in houses of friends, all of which are damaged, or in public parks in distressingly inadequate shelter. So unexpected was the onslaught of flames and destruction of the earthquake that many escaped only in night apparel.

Six Church Buildings Destroyed. Six Baptist church buildings were destroyed besides the quarters of the Japanese and Bohemian missions. This does not include the damage done to the First church of Oakland. Our own Fifth church building has not a stick to serve as souvenir. Three fourths of its members are homeless, and as stated above practically all are bereft of business. The Third church building likewise disappeared and probably all of our colored brethren lost their homes. Of the Chinese church property owned by our Home Mission society, nothing but returned bricks remain. Every Chinese in the city lost his all except what he carried on his back. Every member of the Covenant church lost his home and saved nothing but a little clothing and some bedding. They are camped in pitiful circumstances at North Beach. This is so far away from the saved district that unless means are provided they can not move as carriage charges are beyond their possibility. The Swedish church lost its building and most of its homes. The Free Baptist church was in the midst of the burned district and saved nothing. Emmanuel staid stands, damaged as is every building. Many of its members are burned out, some have been compelled to move out of town. They had only 125 members and were carrying a debt whose interest was \$25 per month. They are simply prosituted by their affliction. The fire caught within a half block of their church. The German church and the Bethel chapel are saved. Hamilton Square church stands firm although most of the plaster is detached. Sixteen of the church families were burned out from their homes and many more from their business.

Wood Funds for Carriage. Baptist relief measures will be in the charge of the City Church Extension Society, whose headquarters will be at the Hamilton Square church, 1215 Post street. Immediate needs are means to provide carriage, homes, clothing and such other necessities as the situation demands. Food is liberally furnished by the authorities. The future needs are appalling. Nothing but faith in God and trust in our brethren can redeem our Baptist situation; it was distressing before, it is almost despairing now. One hundred thousand dollars would scarcely put us where we were before in regard to property and with the exception of the Swedish and Free Baptist churches there was not one of our societies which was not considering an advance of some kind.

San Francisco is, and always will be the key to the Pacific Coast. No there is not the slightest thought of anything but a grander city than ever before. The idea of attacking by the things that remain. Brethren, stand by us. To see miles of ruins and thousands of homeless and to know of the months of deprivation before even a comfortable place of existence can be secured weighs upon us like lead. Our people are cheerful and hopeful, but the full significance of the stupendous calamity is but beginning to be apparent. Send your help. Arouse your people. Liberty is not the word. Sacrifice in fellowship with your stricken brother and in the name of our common Lord is the need. In His name, "L. J. SAWYER."

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HAS FIFE THAT WAS BLOWN AT BUNKER HILL

Mrs. Ed Simpson Possessor of Instrument Probably Century and a Half Old.

Mrs. Ed Simpson of 310 Second street has acquired recently what is probably the oldest musical instrument in Oregon, excepting a few violins of great



Bunker Hill Fife.

antiquity. The instrument is a fife which was played by a minuteman at the battle of Bunker Hill.

Mrs. Simpson got the fife as a present from Fred Kopperholt, a son of Captain Herman Kopperholt, who obtained it from George Razor, a grandson of the Bunker Hill fifer. The fife lay for 15 years forgotten in a country store at Waldoboro, Maine. The fife looks much like those in use now by Uncle Sam's soldiers. It is made of walnut, bound with brass. About the mouthhole the instrument is worn thin by long use, the fingers of the player's left hand having worn away the wood. Near the hole is a small metal plate which bears the inscription, "Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775."

EAST SIDE FRANCHISES STILL MUCH IN AIR

Another session of the street committee of the city council was devoted yesterday to arguments of rival railway corporations which are seeking franchises on the east side. An amicable adjustment of the struggle for franchises is apparently as far distant as it was a month ago.

The O. R. & N. refuses to accept the compromise franchises approved by the committee, which would give that corporation a franchise on East Third street from East Ash street to East Mill street, and the East Side Belt line a franchise on a number of east side streets, providing the two companies would accept a plan for interchange of freight by the committee.

TEN MILES AN HOUR DOWN TOWN LIMIT

No action was taken yesterday by the street committee of the city council on the proposed vacation of a large number of streets in North Portland on petition of the Northern Pacific Terminal company, which desires to use the land for terminal facilities. Representatives of the company asked that action be postponed pending a personal investigation on May 10 by the committee.

Sol Rasmusen, representing the Portland Automobile club, succeeded in securing a recommendation from the committee of an ordinance changing the speed limit of automobiles in the city. The proposed ordinance fixes the speed of automobiles in the city fire limits at 10 miles an hour and in other districts at 15 miles.

The Oregon Fuel company petitioned the committee to lease the Bark street wharf, the only public dock in the city, on which the company proposes to erect a double decked wharf. The matter was referred to the council.

The schedule of penalties which the city executive board proposes to inflict on delinquent city contractors was approved.

IMPROVEMENTS ERA AT ST. JOHNS

First Big Sewer Completed and Larger One Planned by Property Owners.

A SCORE OF STREETS ARE BEING OPENED

Fire Protection Greatly Increased and Streets Are Lighted Now by Modern Arcs—Year Ago None of These Advantages Were Possessed.

Best Side Department. The first sewer built in St. Johns has been completed, and with the exception of one block it is ready for the inspection and approval of the city engineer and council. This year a progressive campaign of street and sewer betterment is to be undertaken, the town having sufficient population and wealth.

The present sewer covers a territory three blocks wide and twelve long. It will drain the entire business district and a large part of the residence section and the cost to the property owners in the territory will be but three and a fraction mills per square foot, making the charge to owners of a 50 by 100 foot lot about \$8. The owner with a remote lot will pay as much for the main sewer as the man whose lot adjoins the drain, but when the branches are laid the man who has only to build a branch half the width of the street will pay as much as the one who has to take his branch three blocks.

Property owners of the adjacent territory of the town are now estimating the cost of a big sewer, the chief business district and extend from St. Johns Heights to North St. Johns, providing for the majority of the homes left unsupplied by the present conduit. Before the end of the summer, this improvement, or one of a similar nature, will most likely be made, and the fear of an epidemic from open vaults and cesspools will have been permanently removed.

Street improvements are being made by the property owners through the town. A year ago there was not a paved street in town and the only highways that approached the ideals of civilization were the two or three county roads. Jersey street, the chief business thoroughfare, was improved late last fall and several of the side streets have been graded and graveled since. There are about 20 improvements under way at present and all over the town streets are being opened, sidewalks built and the more important highways graveled.

A year ago, the town had two street lights, today there are more than 20 arcs of the new type scattered through the dark district of the town. A similar improvement has been made in the fire system, two volunteer companies having been formed and the water system improved until a fair pressure is secured through most of the place. A fire bell will soon be hung and with the completion of the \$10,000 city hall, bonds for which have been voted, the firemen will have modern quarters near the business center.

NEW MILL READY SOON.

St. Johns Lumber Company's Big Plant Will be in Operation by June.

The new mill of the St. Johns Lumber company, that is to replace the two establishments destroyed by fire last year, will soon be completed and will be cutting lumber, if present plans are carried out, by May 15. At first it was planned to have a plant big enough to cut 50,000 feet of lumber a day, but before the building work was well started it was found that orders were accumulating, and the mill was enlarged when complete it will cut 100,000 feet daily. The only thing that may delay the completion of the plant will be the lateness of the arrival of machinery ordered from the east. One of the most complete outfits on the coast has been ordered from a large eastern machine works and some delay may be experienced in getting the entire shipment by the time the buildings are ready.

Two big steam engines, run by five large boilers, will furnish the motive power of the mill and besides the mill proper, a planing mill and dryer will be operated.

CUT DOWN DEBT.

Montavilla School District Retires Three Thousand Dollars in Bonds.

When the Montavilla school district becomes a part of District No. 3, the city district, it will come in with but little debt. Montavilla some years ago borrowed \$12,000 to erect its school and since then it has been an annual struggle to pay interest and meet the principal. The property valuation of the suburb has until recently been low, and school levies of from 10 to 25 mills have been made without complaint. To meet the \$3,000 worth of bonds that came due this year, the taxpayers of the district instructed the directors to levy a tax of 13 mills. On May 1 there are nearly 500 pupils in regular attendance at the Montavilla school. The building is being crowded in every room and will probably have to be enlarged before another school year. There are 10 teachers employed besides Principal Bowland.

GIRLS ALSO ENTER CONTEST

School Prizes for Flower Raising to be Sought by Score of Pupils.

While the boys of the St. Johns public school are preparing to compete for the potato prizes offered by the association of county teachers, the girls are not idle. A club has been formed among them to compete for the flower prizes, also offered by the association. The girls will have their flower beds, will secure seeds from a Portland firm and will individually care for their plants, which will be devoted to sweet peas and asters. Seventeen St. Johns girls have joined the flower club. The officers of which are: President, Prudence Gailand; vice-president, Beulah Maplethorpe; secretary, Clara Rutherford, and treasurer, Louise Sterling. Several of the schools have taken up the contest and owing to the large amount of idle land available on the east side it is most probable that the chief interest in the unique school contest will be displayed by students of the East Portland schools.

KILL BEAR AT HOME.

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and returning with a bear. This week L. A. Foster of St. Johns killed a black bear in the hills adjoining Linton and not more than a mile from the Wilamette. The skin was removed and tacked on the Linton roadhouse in the regulation pioneer way, and since the news was spread that real live bears browsed in the St. Johns outskirts hunters old and young have been polishing ancient gun barrels and preparing for the slaughter. Residents of Linton report traces of big game in the wooded districts inside the city limits, and there is reason to believe that during the winter season bear come to the thickly settled portions of the east side in search of some better food than the bleak foothills afford.

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Special Tonight at the Baker. The New Century Girls burlesque company, which has been playing to immense success at the Baker all week, will give the last performance tonight at 8:15 o'clock. A new feature has been added for this one night in the way of a cash prize offered for the best amateur act. Any ambitious young amateur or team of amateurs is eligible. Judgment of the merit of these acts will be left entirely to the audience.

"A Thoroughbred Tramp" Tonight. Only one more opportunity is left to see "A Thoroughbred Tramp," which has been pleasing large audiences at the Empire all week long. Tonight at 8:15 o'clock the closing performance will be given. The play contains all the elements of a successful melodrama.

The Pollards Tomorrow Night. Seats are now selling at the boxoffice of the Hellig theatre for the Pollard Lilliputian Opera company, which comes to the above theatre for an engagement of one week, beginning tomorrow (Sunday) night. The musical comedy success, "A Runaway Girl," will be the opening bill. Popular prices will prevail. Curtain at 8:15 o'clock.

"The Silver Dagger." "The Silver Dagger" will open at the Empire tomorrow matinee. A great deal has been written about this big melodrama and its visit to Portland has been looked forward to by the large class of theatre-goers who hunger for realism on the stage. "The Silver Dagger" will doubtless prove one of the season's sensations at the Empire. It will be the attraction all next week.

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