

Where Fire Destroyed Thirty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Property Last Night.

## RISKS HIS LIFE TO SAVE HORSES

**Fireman Jack Baldwin Does Heroic Work at Mill Conflagration.**

## FLAMES EAT INTO LUMBER YARD AND CAUSE DAMAGE

**Hundreds of People Ride to Scene of Fire in Streetcars to Witness Destruction of Apex Mill and Other Buildings.**

In the fire at Nineteenth and Wilson streets last night that destroyed the Apex mill and damaged other buildings in the vicinity, causing a loss estimated at \$30,000, four horses were imprisoned in a burning barn and left to their fate. At the risk of his own life Jack Baldwin, a fireman, entered the barn and rescued the tortured animals.

The fire originated in a barn in the rear of the Apex mill. It is supposed to have been caused by the friction of a belt on the feed mill in the barn. It had gained fairly good headway when discovered by John Kilgore, night watchman at the mills, at 10:40 o'clock. He tried to extinguish it with a patent fire extinguisher, but soon realizing that his efforts were futile turned in an alarm.

West side engines responded at once, but before their arrival the flames had enveloped the mill and a ventilating and drying apparatus plant to the west. Leaping across the narrow street the flames fed quickly upon the large lumber piles of the Honeyman Hardware company and soon covered the rear portion of the plant.

The sky was luridly illuminated by

the flames and crowds from the city were attracted. Engines were rumbling through the streets toward the fire as the performance of the Royal Hawaiian band ended at the Hellig theatre, from which place the flames were distinctly visible. Hundreds followed the engines in the direction of the brilliant glow and street cars were crowded.

A cordon of police in command of Sergeant Jones stretched ropes about the place and it was with difficulty that the crowd was prevented from interfering with the work of the firemen. The flames rapidly ate their way through the huge lumber piles in the rear of the Oregon Planing Mills plant and for a time the Phoenix Oil works were threatened.

**Sparks Cause Anxiety.**  
Roofs of residences and other buildings in the vicinity were ignited by sparks, but firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the block bounded by Twentieth, Roosevelt, Nineteenth and Wilson. Only a small portion of the block was destroyed.

Firemen encountered difficulty in fighting the flames because of the location. Wilson street is being opened and extends for only half a block. It was crowded with wagons and freight cars on a siding which runs through the street. A freight engine from the terminal yards penetrated the burning area and succeeded in removing a car loaded with lumber. Another car was totally destroyed. A number of wagons in the street were also destroyed.

**Rescues Imprisoned Horses.**  
It was when the flames had reached their height that Baldwin rescued the imprisoned horses. The barn in which they were confined was immediately in the rear of the plant of the planing mill and was enveloped in flames. The horses were powerless to escape because each was hitched in its stall with a halter.

Uttering weird and unearthly screams they attracted the attention of thousands of persons who were watching the flames, but aid seemed impossible. Baldwin finally went boldly into the barn and with a penknife cut the halter ropes. The hair and manes had been burned from the animals and they writhed in pain. Three rushed from the building as soon as they were released. The fourth horse seemed dazed by the light. It ran recklessly about the barn still uttering cries of alarm

and pain. Baldwin finally succeeded in throwing a sack over its head and leading it from the building.

**Second Alarm Sounded.**  
On his arrival at the fire Chief Campbell turned in a second alarm. Every engine on the west side and two from the east side responded. The fireboat George H. William rendered efficient aid in checking the fire. It worked from the foot of Seventeenth street and sent three streams of water upon the flames.

**Loss Is Heavy.**  
Estimates of the loss resulting from the fire vary. The heaviest loser is the Enterprise Grain & Mill company, which controlled both the Apex mill and the drying and heating apparatus plant. The Honeyman Hardware company, which owns the planing mill and the piles of lumber in the rear, also lost heavily. The combined loss of the two companies is estimated at \$30,000, which is said to be fully covered by insurance.

A spectacular feature of the fire was the effort of a policeman to remove a portion of the lumber from one of the large piles in the rear of the planing mill. The patrolman mounted the pile and worked heroically throwing aside the boards in order that the firemen might more easily reach the flames with a stream of water. His work was witnessed by thousands of people. Finally he completed his efforts and the firemen who waited below shouted:

"Give her a—!"

Another feature was the drenching of Fire Chief Pilmora Tyson of Louisville, Kentucky. Chief Tyson is visiting in Portland and, with Chief Campbell, went to the fire last night. He wore civilian's clothing, which was almost ruined. He accidentally passed in front of a stream of water.

**Old Fellows Elect Officers.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
The Dalles, Or., June 8.—Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers for the term beginning July 1 and ending December 31: S. S. Smith, noble grand; W. E. Gilhousen, vice-grand; O. D. Doane, secretary; Ed Kuntz, treasurer.



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## RAILROAD SYSTEM IS STOLEN

**Portland Councilmen Commit Great Theft and Escape Arrest and Prosecution.**

**CARS, BRIDGES, TRACKS AND DEPOTS ARE TAKEN**

**Gigantic Steal Accomplished Under Eyes of Company's Officials, Who Make No Move to Save Their Property.**

"I'll just take the engine as a souvenir." "Give me one of those cars." "The drawbridge for mine." These were the words of the august city council of Portland grabbed whatever they could reach of a complete railway system, tucked the cars, track etc., under their arms and left.

This was the windup of the banquet given by J. Whyte Evans, president of the United Railways company at the Oregon grill last Tuesday evening to the city officials. Mr. Evans the week before had received a franchise for an electric railway on Front street, but by the time the officials were through with the railroad he had provided for their amusement there wasn't much remaining.

One of the oddest features of the banquet was a miniature railway, whose track was laid along the edge of the long table. There were stations, bridges, switches and every detail of a real live road.

The motive power of the engine was a strong hidden spring. The engine drew three cars, including a baggage car. The coaches would be loaded with cigars at the station marked "Hillsboro" and sent down the line to "Portland." Then they would be loaded with cigarettes and returned. Everybody at the table enjoyed the fun. The dignified councilmen threw the switch and shunted the train back and forth with great pleasure. It was voted one of the nicest railways in existence, and hints were thrown out that annual passes would be acceptable.

Just as the guests were leaving the table somebody began the raid on the railway's system. It made the much-touted raids of Hill, Harriman and the other big ones upon ordinary railways look like a circus ground after the show has left.

"Never mind, I've got a car," shouted John P. Sharkey, a member of the council. City Auditor Devlin grabbed another coach and a genial person who had been introduced as the "Duke of Manchester" seized another. Somebody else got the drawbridge, others took the pretty little painted depot, and then the raid on the track itself began.

When it was all over and the table cleared of the system, Mr. J. Whyte Evans found that he had remaining nothing but the franchise along the tablecloth.

## NEGRO PREACHERS NOT CHURCH OF GOD MEMBERS

The Journal has received the following communication relative to the arrest of two negro street preachers for using profane and abusive language on the public streets:

To the Editor—I notice an article in The Journal yesterday evening of the arrest of two negro preachers for using profane and abusive language while preaching on the streets. They also stated they were ordained ministers of the Church of God. I take this means to inform you and the public

that these people are in no way connected with the Church of God on Hawthorne avenue of this city. We have met one of these men and found him to be very badly deceived and far from the teaching of the Bible and the real Church of God, although they assume that title.

"You will find the real Church of God are quiet, law-abiding citizens. I am sure the panic-stricken people of San Francisco have our earnest prayers and heartfelt sympathy and not our chiding and abuse. Very respectfully,  
"ELDER G. T. NEAL,  
"Pastor of the Church of God, 430 Hawthorne Avenue, Portland, Oregon."

## POLICE PREPARE FOR ANNUAL INSPECTION

Captains, sergeants and patrolmen of the police department are busy brushing up their summer uniforms and polishing their brass buttons preparatory to the annual inspection to be held Saturday morning, June 8, at 11 o'clock in the Armory. Mayor Lane and the committee on police of the executive board will be in attendance, and the inspection will be under their supervision. The mounted police and their horses will also be inspected. Commencing with the inspection the summer uniform will be worn by all members of the department until fall.

On and after June 11 a vacation of one week will be granted to all mem-

bers of the police department. All policemen desiring to avail themselves of this privilege will have to file applications and it will be so arranged that not more than three patrolmen from each relief are to leave the city at one time.

## MASONS WILL CONDUCT BELLINGER FUNERAL

The funeral of Oscar H. Bellinger, assistant engineer of the O. R. & N., who died at his home in Woodstock Wednesday evening, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the crematory under the auspices of Washington lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M., of which lodge deceased had been a member for many years. Mr. Bellinger was 46 years of age and was the oldest son of the late Judge Bellinger. He leaves a wife and several children, two of whom are now living in southern Oregon.

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## CHINATOWN'S ELITE GRIEVED AT REPORT

There is grief in the home of Chinatown's elite, due to a combination of circumstances which resulted in the printing of a newspaper article which declared that at 142 1/2 Second street, during a recent fire, Chinese slave women were rescued with difficulty by firemen.

On the evening of May 21 fire broke out next door, and the firemen on climbing out onto the roof saw barred windows in the building adjoining. The bars, it seems, were placed on the windows to prevent thieves entering, not to keep any one in. But the firemen apparently did not know this and thus the story was started.

In the house in question live some of the best known Chinese in Portland, with their families. Field Back leases part of the building, and Wong Kim who conducts a saloon in it, is Field Back's partner in the lease, and lives upstairs with his family. Likewise Li Mi Gun, manager of the Kwong Leon Tai company, with his family; Mei Nam, with his wife and four children; Jew Yung of Wing, Man, Lung & Co., with his family; Wong Lung and Mrs. Wong and the little Wongs, and Li Foe and his progeny live upstairs. And they are all good Chinese.

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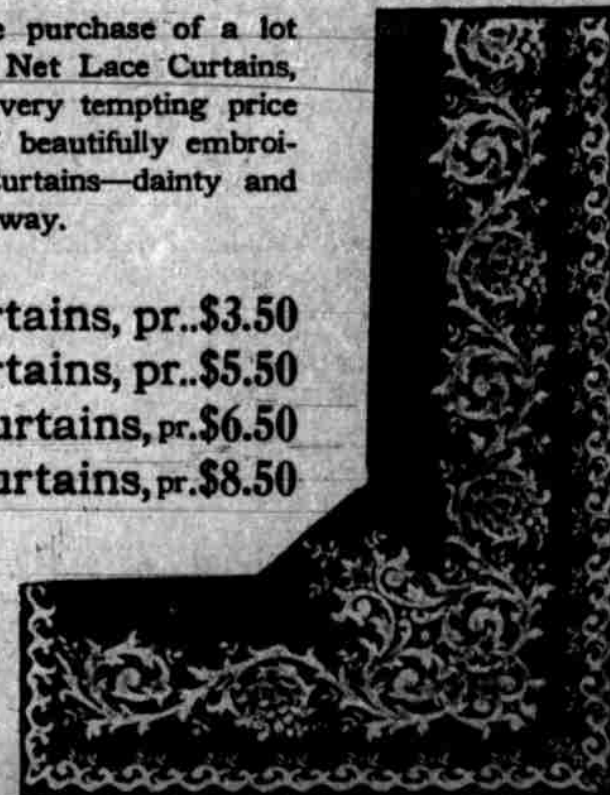
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