Steamer Vulcan's Hulk After Flames Demolished Her.

FROM UNKNOWN CAUSE STEAMER VULCAN BURNS

Fire Occurred While Crew Was Ashore—Mate and Cook Have Narrow Escape—Flames Failed to Melt Ice Stored in the Cook's Galley.

The steamer Vulcan caught fire from some unknown origin at 9:30 o'clock last night a few minutes before her time to leave for down the river for a tow. The crew was ashore, only O. Graham, mate, and Miss Laura Hardy, cook, being on board. It took only a few minutes to transform the boat into a mass of flames, and the two occupants found themselves cut off from shore.

The Vulcan was moored with her bow to the dock off Supple's boat yard and her stern away from the wharf. Mate Graham leaped into the river and swam to a raft of piling near by, and called upon Miss Hardy to follow. After hesitating a moment the woman, too, cast herself into the river and she was soon picked up by Mr. Graham and escorted safely to shore.

The boat is believed to be a total loss, although some of the machinery may be saved. She belonged to the Willamette & Columbia River Towing company and was rebuilt about a year ago, although the original hull was launched some 10 years ago. It is understood that Manager W. E. Jones is already planning the construction of a new hull for the machinery.

A strange feature of the fire was the fact that while nearly all of the upper works was destroyed, the zinc-lined wooden ice chest remained intact so that when opened this morning it still contained a good-sized chunk of solid aqua.

The ocean-going steamer Sue H. Elmore was slightly scorched by the flames, but nevertheless she left for Astoria this morning. The Elmore had been at the shipyard for repairs.

Captain Smith of the fireboat George Williams says his crew is being unjustly criticised for the work in handling the fire on the steamer Vulcan. He denies that the boat was unusually slow in getting to the blaze.

"It takes a minute and a half to spread the fires before the boat can leave her dock," said Captain Smith this morning, "and that was all it took last night. Then we had to wait for the draw to open. I should judge it took us from 5 to 10 minutes to get to the fire. People must understand that a boat is not a team of horses. You cannot swing it around in the twinkle of an eye.

"The Morrison bridge tender says he opened the draw for us and then shut it. I know we had to repeat our signals for the bridge and consequently lost some time. The bridge man could have saved the situation by turning in an alarm from the box in the bridge office had he been so alert, but I suppose he did not know anything about the fire until he heard the alarm. I was told that the man who did turn in the call from the box at the east end of the bridge failed to understand the workings of the signal box and thus caused some delay.

"Another thing, and perhaps the most important feature is that a fireboat cannot be operated unless moored. The Vulcan was a sheet of flame when we reached her, which made it impossible for us to make fast to her. We had to tie up to the dock in order to hold against the terrific pressure of the large turret and by that time the Vulcan began drifting away, her lines having been cut by a man ashore, who figured on saving the dock and the adjoining craft.

"After having subdued the flames nearest our boat we managed to make fast to the burning boat and then followed her over the harbor until the flames were finally extinguished. We drifted nearly across the harbor as a result of the pressure of the streams that we played on the fire."

AT THE THEATRES

"Dolly Varden" at the Marquam.

Next week's offering at the Marquam will be "Dolly Varden." The San Francisco opera company has scored a continuous hit since the beginning of its engagement in this city but it is likely that the production of "Dolly Varden" will eclipse all former efforts.

Elaborate Costumes at Marquam.

Since the beginning of its engagement in this city the San Francisco opera company has not offered a more elaborate production than the famous old French opera, "Girofle-Girofla." The costuming in the Marquam production is most magnificent and costly.

"Never Again" at the Baker.

Don't fail to see "Never Again," that side-splitting farce that is being offered at the Baker this week. It is the last week of the Baker stock company this season. There will be a matinee tomorrow.

"The Prince and the Pauper."

"The Prince and the Pauper" will be the bill at the Baker next week. It is the dramatized version of Mark Twain's beautiful story. The piece will serve to introduce little Ollie Cooper, one of the most wonderful child actors on the stage.

"The Belle of Richmond."

"The Belle of Richmond," a romance of the south, which has not been seen in this city before, will be the attraction at the Star theatre next week, with usual matinees.

"Darkest Russia" Matinee.

There will be a matinee performance of "Darkest Russia" at the Star theatre tomorrow. Sunday afternoon and night will be the final performances. Seats now selling at box office.

"The Walking Delegate."

At last "The Walking Delegate" is a character which every one knows and the man who calls the strikes is appearing at the Grand this week. This week's vaudeville entertainment is a cure for the blues.

Entertainment for Children.

A special invitation to children to visit the Oaks tomorrow has been issued. There will be plenty of amusement for them and plenty of free amusement. Every child who visits the grounds will be given a free ride on the chutes. The "bumps" are free, and hours may be spent in "bumping the bumps." And every child will want to see Dora and Ted, the wild animal chums in the menagerie.

Lyric's Big Melodrama.

Have you seen "Sins of a Father" at the Lyric this week If not you should make arrangements to do so before the week ends, or you will miss the biggest melodramatic success of the season.

At the Lyric Next Week.

It will be a source of genuine pleasure for local theatre-goers to learn that the Allen company will appear next week, commencing Monday night, in William Gillette's greatest comedy success, "All the Comforts of Home."

Leslie Carter at Heilig.

Mrs. Leslie-Carter and her excellent company will present the famous success "Du Barry," at the Heilig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight at 8 o'clock. Tomorrow night "Zaza" will be given. There will be no matinee tomorrow.

Otis Skinner in "The Duel."

What is declared to be the greatest modern drama that has come to us from France is "The Duel," in which Otis Skinner will be seen at the Heilig theatre next Monday and Tuesday nights. "The Duel" appeals to all classes of theatre-goers. Seats are now selling at the theatre box office, Fourteenth and Washington streets.

Dockstader's Minstrels.

Lew Dockstader and his big minstrel aggregation will be the attraction at the Heilig theatre next Thursday and Friday nights, June 13 and 14. Seat sale opens next Tuesday at the box office of the theatre.

TOWN TOPICS

Masonic throughout will be the program at the laying of the corner-stone for the new Commercial Club building at Fifth and Oak streets, at 2:30 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon. Dr. W. T. Williamson, grand master of the grand lodge of Oregon, will conduct the services. A Masonic parade will form at Third and Alder streets and will march to the scene of the ceremonies. Addresses will be made by President Hodson, T. B. Wilcox, president of the building committee, and others. The detailed program will be decided upon at a meeting of Masons today.

Bon Ton homes on Portland Heights.—I have several highly desirable residences for sale on Portland Heights. One of four lots and house $27,000. One five lots and house, $18,000. One two lots and house, $13,000. One with one lot and house, $12,000. All of these are highly improved, choice locations and unobstructed views. Also a number of cheaper locations ranging from $2,000 to $5,000. R. F. Bryan, 505 Chamber of Commerce building. Phone 1963.

Fred S. Walton, J. L. Berry and Winnie E. Hammond this morning filed articles of incorporation of the firm of Walton & La Fayette in the office of the county clerk. Their object is to manufacture and deal in patent medicines. Capital stock, $1,000.

Other opticians charge from $6 to $8 for the same eyeglasses that Dr. George Rubenstein, the reliable optician, fits your eyes for from $1 to $5. Satisfaction guaranteed. 188 Fourth street, between Yamhill and Taylor.

Articles of incorporation of the Behnke-Walker Business college were filed in the office of the county clerk this morning by H. W. Behnke, I. M. Walker and M. A. Zollinger. Capital stock, $50,000.

The public is invited to attend the Woodmen memorial services in the east side hall, East Sixth and Alder streets. Hon. George E. Chamberlain and Rev. George B. Van Waters will address you. Fine musical program.

Multnomah Camp, No. 77, W. O. W., have arranged a splendid musical program for Sunday evening. Public invited; 8 p. m.

Hon. George E. Chamberlain will address the Woodmen of the World in east side hall Sunday evening, 8 o'clock.

Diamond W—it's a coffee—ask for it at your grocer's.

Monday positively the last day of discount of west side gas bills.

RAISE SALARIES OF POSTMASTERS

Federal Appointees at Huntington and Wasco Are Only Ones to Lose by Change.

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP OF UMATILLA QUADRANGLE

C. H. Birdsete of Geological Survey Is Preparing Document to Aid in Working Out Irrigation Problems of Eastern Oregon.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., June 7.—Only two Oregon postmasters were reduced in salary when First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock made the annual readjustment. These were Huntington, which lost $100 a year, and Wasco, which was decreased $300. It is claimed that these changes were due to local causes, such as the opening of other postoffices in contiguous territory, which took away business formerly done at those offices.

Portland's postmaster is increased from $4,000 to $5,000. Other increases are $100 to $300. The entire list for Oregon follows:

Ashland, now $2,100, increased to $2,200; Aurora, now $1,100, increased to $1,200; Burns, now $1,300, increased to $1,400; Coquille, $1,400 to $1,500; Corvallis, $2,000 to $2,100; Dallas, $1,600 to $1,700; Elgin, $1,400 to $1,500; Hood River, $2,000 to $2,200; Huntington, $1,200 to $1,100; Jacksonville, $1,100 to $1,200; Junction City, $1,300 to $1,400; Klamath Falls, $1,600 to $1,800; La Grande, $2,300 to $2,400; Lebanon, $1,300 to $1,400; McMinnville, $1,900 to $2,100; Marshfield, $1,800 to $2,000; Medford, $1,800 to $2,000; Monmouth, $1,100 to $1,200; Mt. Angel, $1,400 to $1,500; Newberg, $1,500 to $1,600; North Bend, $1,100 to $1,400; Oregon City, $2,300 to $2,400; Portland, $4,000 to $5,000; Prineville, $1,500 to $1,600; Rainier, $1,200 to $1,400; Roseburg, $2,100 to $2,200; St. Johns, $1,100 to $1,500; Springfield, $1,000 to $1,100; Tillamook, $1,300 to $1,500; Wasco, $1,400 to $1,100; Weston, $1,000 to a fourth class office.

Map of Quadrangle.

C. H. Birdsete of the geological survey is making a topographic map of the Umatilla quadrangle, for use in studying the irrigation problems thereabouts. He is working in connection with the state engineer of Oregon.

William M. Morgan, of the Moscow, Idaho, law firm of Morgan & Morgan, has filed with the forest service petitions signed by numerous citizens of northern Idaho for the exclusion from the Shoshone national forest of about 60,000 acres of land consisting of township 43 north range 5 east, township 43 north range 4 east and township 43 north range 3 east. Mr. Morgan made an argument before the service officials alleging that the lands in question should be restored to settlement because they are in a region mostly owned by private persons and are more valuable for agricultural purposes, two arguments which heretofore have been accepted by the forester as valid when petitions have been offered for restoration of forest lands which have been withdrawn. Mr. Morgan was assured that the government would at once cause examination to be made and that if possible the lands would be recommended for restoration, to the secretary of the interior.

OAK GROVE WILL CELEBRATE JULY 4

Arrangements Completed for Carrying Out Appropriate Program on Independence Day.

Arrangements for holding a celebration July 4 at Oak Grove were completed Wednesday night at a largely attended meeting of the Oak Grove Improvement association. The working force of the organization was divided into numerous committees and the work systematized so that everything is complete for holding a fitting celebration.

The general committee that has supervision of plans has undertaken the work of soliciting funds and distributing them among other committees includes: George Hansen, chairman; S. L. Casto, H. Heitkemper, L. F. Armstrong, and H. G. Starkweather.

Other committees are as follows:

Sports—S. L. Casto, E. O. Allen, Fred Harris Jr., William Stein and C. W. Risley; music, George Hansen, Julius Broetje, Charles Bigham, Mrs. Moody, and E. E. Howard; fireworks, H. Heitkemper, C. W. Myers, L. E. Bentley, George B. Miller, and F. W. Harris; program, L. F. Armstrong, Kate M. Colburn, Mrs. J. L. Vosburg, C. A. Lewis and M. O. Proctor; vocal music, H. G. Starkweather, Mrs. John Risley and Miss Pearl Allen.

Wednesday night the annual meeting of the Oak Grove Improvement association occurred and an election of officers was held. Incumbent officials were continued in office. They are: B. Lee Paget, president; E. O. Allen, vice president; S. L. Casto, secretary; H. Heitident; S. L. Castro, secretary; H. Heit-

IMPORTANT CHANGE

Don't Miss Your Train Sunday Morning.

The O. R. & N. will put its new schedule into effect early Sunday morning next, by which three of its principal trains will leave earlier than at present. The Biggs local will leave at 8 a. m. instead of 8:15. No. 2, the Chicago special, will leave at 8:30 a. m. instead of 9:10, and the Atlantic express, No. 6, will leave at 7:40 p. m. instead of 8:15. There will be no change in the Spokane flyer No. 4, which will continue to leave at 7 p. m.