

FIRE CHIEF HOLDEN CALLS OLD BUILDING VERITABLE FIRETRAP

Flames Sweep Under Pekin Grill but Are Quenched in Time.

CHINESE LIVE IN SHACKS

Prompt Response on Part of Firemen Saves Structure at Sixth and Stark From Going Up in Smoke.

Had last night's fire at Sixth and Stark streets been a little harder to subdue, the lives of a number of Chinese who live in a veritable firetrap in the rear of the buildings that were burned, would have been sacrificed, is the opinion of Battalion Chief Holden, who made a thorough investigation today.

The fire originated in, and was confined to the Black and White Toggery, 95 Sixth street, owned by J. Weinstein and D. Bower. The Pekin grill in upstairs. All the structures occupying the quarter block are of wood and highly inflammable.

The Chinese live in shacks back of these stores. They are employed in the Pekin grill and reach their apartments in the rear by a bridge. The brick wall of the Wells-Fargo building rises 12 stories on one side, and the Elks' building on the other.

The Chinese escaped last night through the grill, and because of the small extent of the fire their lives were not endangered. Chief Holden said today, however, that the place is one of the worst fire menaces in Portland, and steps will be taken at once by the department to have it cleaned up.

Losses in last night's fire will aggregate about \$2500, according to the estimate of owners. The Toggery shop, where the blaze started, sustains the premier place on their dinner cards on all their lines Friday. Portland chefs have been lying awake nights to think of new ways in which to serve the kindly food.

The Northern Pacific has issued a special salmon menu card, showing the dinner that will be served in all its dining cars and restaurants, and the Milwaukee has issued a neat little salmon cook book, which, besides many appetizing recipes, contains several pages of information as to the salmon industry. A government bulletin is printed, showing canned salmon at the head of a list of foods in protein value. The list includes sirloin steak, sugar-cured ham, eggs, spring chicken and baked beans.

The building is owned by H. Wolf of 148 North Eighteenth street and M. Wolf of San Francisco. A number of guests who were in the restaurant when the fire started made their escape quickly.

The heat had sprung the main pipe, causing the gas to leak. After the accumulated gas had ignited the fire was quickly subdued.

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FIREMEN SAVE OLD WOODEN BUILDING FROM DESTRUCTION



Flashlight picture taken by The Journal staff photographer at 10 o'clock last night at Sixth and Stark.

Special Salmon Menus Planned

Leading Hotels and Railroads Will Help in Observing the Day Next Friday.

Special salmon menus will be served by leading hotels and railroads March 12, salmon day.

By reason of the designation of this gastronomic festival, the salmon has been exploited as a food from end to end of the country.

All railroads with lines in the Pacific northwest will give the salmon premier place on their dinner cards on all their lines Friday. Portland chefs have been lying awake nights to think of new ways in which to serve the kindly food.

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Football Interferes With War Progress

Since receiving a copy of a cable from Berlin members of the Portland Recreation league have commenced to hope that football and other games which they believe are wholesome for the public may also aid in ending the war. The cable reads as follows:

"The German army authorities have issued a general order prohibiting in future troops in the field from fraternizing with forces of the enemy as they did at several points in the western theatre of the war at Christmas.

To such an extent was this fraternizing carried out that at one place, where the Germans and British played football Christmas day, they agreed to suspend hostilities for two days more."

LORIS MARTIN, WHO SHOT GAME WARDEN, ACQUITTED BY JURY

Slayer Is Given Freedom on First Ballot and Returns to Homestead.

(Special to The Journal.) Medford, Or., March 10.—After deliberating over the evidence for four hours, the jury in the Loris Martin case acquitted the defendant on a charge of murdering Deputy Game Warden A. S. Hubbard last December by unanimous vote on the first ballot.

According to members of the jury, the testimony of Sheriff Singler in favor of the defendant, and Martin's own statement, admitted by the defense, that he asked from the witness of the tragedy, Constable Irwin of Ashland, only the truth, were the main factors in the decision.

Martin was much moved at the verdict and was unable to reply to the congratulations showered upon him. With his mother and sister he left immediately after the trial for the family homestead in the Trail district.

The verdict is regarded locally as a great legal victory for A. E. Reames, Martin's attorney. Neither Mrs. Hubbard nor Prosecuting Attorney Kelly were present when the verdict was announced.

Deny Mrs. Lord's Claim. White Plains, N. Y., March 10.—The declarations of Mrs. Eugene Lord that she married Thomas A. Lord, millionaire, in San Francisco in 1888 and is therefore entitled to his estate, was denied by affidavits filed in court.

Christina Goetz is dead in Brooklyn, N. Y., in her 100th year.

County Commission Lets Oil Contracts

Standard and Union Oil Companies Divide Almost Evenly Business Amounting to About \$36,000.

On recommendation of Purchasing Agent Nelson, the county commissioners yesterday awarded the furnishing of fuel oil to two companies, the Union Oil company of California and the Standard Oil company. The Union Oil company offered to deliver oil at the Multnomah farm for 98 cents a barrel, while the Standard asked one cent more. The contract amounted to \$3569.55 last year.

With the one exception, the companies' bids were identical: Eighty cents at Willbridge dock, 90 cents at the courthouse, the hospital, Kelly Butte and the three ferries. These items were about evenly divided between the companies, the Standard receiving \$18,828.16 worth of orders based on 1914 figures, and the Union company \$17,042.04.

The Clark & Wilson Lumber Co. offered green slabwood at \$2.10 a cord for the St. Johns ferry, and Superintendent of Ferries Welch will make a special report and recommendation April 1, the bid meanwhile being held in abeyance.

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COUNTY COURT NEWS

A petition by P. K. Enebo that he be allowed \$250, instead of \$150 damages to his property, as the result of opening of a county road petitioned for by Clara E. Larsson and others, was referred to Roadmaster Yeon by the county commissioners, to whom it had been submitted.

On presentation of a bill for \$112.37 by the Western Union Telegraph company for damages to property as the result of blasting on the Columbia river highway, the board entered an order disclaiming any liability for repairs listed by the company and notified District Attorney Evans and Roadmaster Yeon of its action.

TOTAL VOLUME OF TAX COLLECTIONS UP TO PRESENT SMALL

Amount for First Five Weeks Is Over \$310,000 Less Than Period for 1914.

BIG SUM TURNED OVER

Taxpayers Urged to Obtain Statements of Taxes at Once in Order to Save Time.

Tax collections for the first five weeks are over \$310,000 less than for the same period of 1914, according to turnover figures prepared by County Auditor Martin. For the first five weeks of 1915, but \$31,298.03 was paid in, compared with \$91,696.09 for the same period of 1914. Last week's turnover amounted to \$178,910.65.

But 15 full days of actual tax collection remain, as all taxes, or at least half payments, must be made by March 31, to escape penalty. Where first half payments are made by March 31, second half payments may be made up to September 30 without incurring any penalty. To save time, taxpayers should get statements of their taxes at once.

Flower Seeds to Be Provided Children

City Beautiful Committee Asks That It Be Supplied Information Regarding Gardens and Preferences.

The City Beautiful committee of the Rose Festival association, through the efforts of Mrs. J. K. Locke, chairman of the supply section, has arranged for a quantity of flower seeds for distribution among the schools and desires information, which should be addressed to Mrs. B. T. Voorhorst, secretary City Beautiful committee, care Rose Festival headquarters, as to size and shape of flowers available for planting, preference as to prevailing color and whether shaded or sunny location.

With this information available, a selection will be made of varieties that will insure a succession of blooms.

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A limited supply of plants for window boxes will also be donated, a little later, by local seed houses and members of Parent-Teacher associations.

The committee also wishes to be advised if further supplies of the printed folder, designated as Bulletin No. 1 are required. The pledge cards are temporarily exhausted and some requests are being held awaiting the printing of an additional supply. There are still on hand a few of the buttons, and those who failed to plant a rose heretofore should still do so and secure one of these emblems.

Sam Blahs yesterday brought suit against the Oregon Taxicab company for \$2000 damages, alleging that while a passenger in one of the company's taxis late last Christmas night he was attacked without cause by Wallace Bartle, driver of the machine, who, he said, was intoxicated. He alleges that Bartle used a pair of pliers as a weapon, and that the result has been a permanent injury to his head.

Horseshoers in Nome, Alaska, earn \$10 a day.

NEW SUITS FILED

Treble damages, amounting to \$1200, are asked by R. S. Greenleaf in a suit filed yesterday against W. S. Hunter. He charges him with cutting down one plum, one fir and nine walnut trees on the Greenleaf country home behind King's Heights. Hunter was cutting clover, it is alleged, and did not take proper precaution to prevent cutting the trees as well. Mr. Greenleaf valued his trees at \$400.

The Store for Everybody

25c-35c 'Kerchiefs

For women. All are made of linen and shantung lawn. Embroidered corners in 25 different styles. White and colored. Six for 75c—each 17c. —First Floor, Sixth-St. Bldg.

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Women's Mercerized Silk Sweaters \$5.50

Regulation style. Half-belted models \$8. Silk and wool sweaters, sash and cap to match, \$12.75. —Fifth Floor, 6th St. Bldg.

200 Pieces 19c to 35c Ribbons At 15c

Messalines, moire, plain tafeta, fancy Dredens, combinations and plain colors. Broken lines for hairbows, etc. —First Floor, Sixth-St. Building.

These New All-Over Scrims Tomorrow, Yard 12c

Ideal for all curtains—new, dainty color effects. Also 30c to 50c Curtain Lace Nets, yard 17c. —Temporary Annex—9th Floor.

These Fine \$5.50 Gray Blankets Pair \$4.45

Dark gray mottled, fancy borders, full size. \$2.50 Goose Feather Bed Pillows, \$2.05. —Temporary Annex—9th Floor.

Buy Tomorrow! "Yeloban" Milk Doz. 80c

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