

LACK OF LAWS TO PREVENT FIRES IN KLAMATH SCORED

Salem, Oct. 5.—Entirely inadequate fire fighting facilities, lack of city ordinances regulating fire hazards, lack of authority on the part of the fire chief, a disposition on the part of city officials to "pass the buck" and failure to act on recommendations made by the state fire marshal's office following a survey of the city in September, 1919, are held in a report filed with State Fire Marshal Barber, Monday, by Deputies H. H. Pomeroy and G. W. Allen, to have been responsible for conditions in Klamath Falls which resulted in the disastrous conflagration of September 6, 1920, in which nine people were burned to death and many injured in the destruction of the Houston hotel.

"We do not feel competent or called upon to place the blame for this terrible calamity," the report reads. "Nobody is willing to assume the blame or responsibility for the disaster personally nor to point the finger of accusation toward any individual or group of persons."

"The Houston hotel had long been known as a veritable fire-trap altogether without facilities or furnishings in the nature of fire protection, prevention or escape, the report points out.

The report calls attention to a previous report made by Deputies Allen and

Stokes following a survey made in September, 1919. In this report, it is pointed out, attention was called to the Houston hotel which was characterized as a "disgraceful and dangerous affair which should have been condemned and razed long ago in the estimation of the present and former fire chiefs of Klamath Falls, both of whom declare they would have condemned it had they been clothed with proper authority.

"The chimneys were supported by brackets, and some of the stores and flues were in extremely dangerous condition, electric wiring bad and there was but one (dry) fire extinguisher in the entire building and many other outstanding features which, in the estimation of your deputies as well as many citizens of Klamath Falls, constituted a menace to the lives it contained as well as to the community."

OFFICIALS FAILED TO ACT

The contents of this report, it is stated, were well known to the city officials of Klamath Falls, but the report had been pigeon-holed and no action was ever taken on its recommendations.

Repeated efforts on the part of the fire chief to eliminate fire hazards had only met with rebuffs from the mayor and city council.

"The mayor and certain other officials of Klamath Falls," the report continues, "showed a disposition to be resentful of and antagonistic toward the state fire marshal's department for the exercise of its good offices and legal function in the promotion of fire prevention and protective measures, and have assumed the attitude that the government of Klamath Falls is competent to take care of its interests without outside interference."

FIRE PROVISIONS INADEQUATE

"The fire department is utterly lacking and sorely deficient in mechanical and other fire fighting apparatus and equipment, and the man power is far too low for a community of the size of Klamath Falls.

"The water system, especially the mains of the business section, is wholly inadequate as was evidenced in the failure of the pressure when put to the crucial test. The mains are those originally installed for the small town of a

few hundred people and their capacity is not at all in keeping with the industrial and population growth of the city.

"The fire alarm system is not in keeping with the community of Klamath Falls and its rapidly developing proportions and responsibilities.

"The city is deplorably lacking in fire prevention and protective ordinances and easily in need of legislation to cure the evils which exist at present and which have been permitted to exist for more than a year past, and to clothe the fire chief with ample inspection and curative authority without being handicapped and hindered by petty political and factional strife and jealousies."

OFFICIALS DECLARED WORTHY

"The officials who shape the political destinies of Klamath Falls, from the mayor down, are men of sterling worth and unimpeachable character," the report concluded. "They feel and appreciate their duties and responsibilities keenly; their motives are unquestioned and their openly avowed ambition to clean up their proud city of its deadly menaces may be sincere, but they seem to lack the courage of their convictions."

"The mayor 'passes the buck' to the council and the council passes it on to the people," the report declares, referring to the lack of fire fighting facilities and city ordinances regulating fire hazards. "Klamath Falls, however, has learned her lesson in the hard school of experience, heartrending and regrettable though it has been, of the frightful cost of lethargic indifference and dallying with the serious problem of civic improvement along preventive and protective lines, and we feel sure—at least we sincerely hope—that those precious lives have not been sacrificed in vain."

Two Seek Divorce

Oregon City, Oct. 5.—Divorce on grounds of desertion is asked by Charles J. Towey in a suit filed Monday against Jane Towey. Virginia Van O'Brien asks divorce from Fred Van O'Brien on a charge of cruelty.

Family at Dinner, Escapes When Tree Crashes on House

Albany, Or., Oct. 5.—Destruction of the Fred Holmes residence near Albany on the Benton county side of the Willamette river, was caused by a falling alder tree two feet in diameter. Friday night, while members of the Holmes family, with a hunting party as guests were at the supper table in the kitchen. The kitchen, built as an addition to the house, was the only portion of the building that did not suffer. Fire insurance was carried, but no protection against damage of this nature had been provided.

The tree was uprooted by a heavy wind. It crashed through the roof and upper floor, carrying with it or damaging beyond repair the floor and supporting timbers.

The hunting party included Chief Forester Cecil of Portland.

Fred Valentine Is Dead From Sewer Cave-in Injuries

Injuries received Monday afternoon when a sewer caved in on him at East Twenty-ninth and Liberty streets caused the death of Fred Valentine, 33, this morning at Good Samaritan hospital. Valentine was in a 12-foot hole when the cave started. Fellow workmen rescued him within five minutes. A broken neck and internal injuries are given as the immediate cause of death. Valentine was stopping at 455 Market street, but his home is in Minneapolis. The coroner has the body and will investigate. Valentine was employed by J. F. Shea & Co., contractors.

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