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The Chronicle is the Only Paper in The Dalles that Receives the Associated Press Dispatches.

It is with feelings of profound gratitude to the kind-hearted people of Portland that we record the fact that our mayor, Mr. Mays, received a telegram yesterday, just as we were going to press, announcing that a thousand dollars were on the way from that city to help the necessities of The Dalles.

A CITY PARK.

It is undoubtedly not a time to talk of The Dalles spending money for a public park but one cannot help suggesting that the time may never come again when a block could be more easily procured for this purpose than it could at present. One of the burned blocks, in a central position, turned into a city park and properly improved would be a thing of beauty and a joy forever. It would not only add to the beauty of the town, as nothing else could, but in case of another devastating fire it would greatly conduce to the city's safety. Is it possible that public spirit or private beneficence would at this time, be equal to the procurement of a block for a city park?

THE WATER SUPPLY DURING THE GREAT FIRE.

When a true history of the great fire that has laid our city in ruins shall have been written one thing will be recorded which at the present moment may take many outside The Dalles by surprise, and that is there was never a half hour from the time the fire first started till it was conquered when the water did not flow out of the waste gate of the reservoir on the bluff. There was never a moment during all time when the draught made upon the reservoir by the fire engines seemed to have an effect on the supply. The reservoir at the beginning of the fire lacked eighteen inches of being full. In twenty-five minutes the water was running out at the waste gate. After pumping from the mains for twelve solid hours the supply had not diminished an inch—the reservoir was still overflowing. This is a simple statement of facts and the CHRONICLE defies any man on earth to contradict it. We ask those papers that have so freely tendered us advice about our water system to make note of this. The reservoir and mains were full of water all the time. Ten thousand pumps forcing water into the same reservoir from the Columbia or elsewhere could not have filled the reservoir and mains fuller than they were. This is our answer to those who, while bewailing our misfortune, suggest that if the council had adopted the pumping system we should have had plenty of water. Outside critics might well believe that five councilmen, whose honor had never been tarnished by a suggestion of corruption were as likely to know what water system was best adapted to the needs of the city as one mayor. The system adopted by the council is not yet complete. Till that time comes it is idle to blame it for inadequacy. It is worse than idle to say that if the pumping system had been adopted the city would have been spared destruction. Did we desire to recriminate we might truthfully say that at one man's door alone lies the whole blame of the fact that the water works were not completed months ago. For nearly a year ex-Mayor Moody held in his possession, and used in his bank business, over \$100,000 of borrowed money belonging to the water fund, while he successfully frustrated every effort of the council to spend it in the work for which it was borrowed. The pumping system never contemplated a higher water pressure than that adopted by the gravity system, now nearing completion; but the crowning disaster of the late fire was not caused by the adoption or rejection of either system. The fire began in a small, one story frame building. The nearest cistern is only about 100 feet distant at the intersection of Madison and Second. The hand pump was brought up to this cistern while the steam engine was stationed at another two or three blocks distant. The hand engine could not be made to work on account of a broken suction and the men were left helpless. By this time the old Grimes' feed stable was a mass of flame, the fire was beyond control and from then onward it wrought

its own will. An examination has since been made of the cistern at the corner of Second and Madison. It was found to be leaky and the one and a half inch lead pipe that supplied it with water from the main was found so completely filled with rust that no stream of water much larger than a lead pencil could pass through it. The lead pipe has since been taken out and a new and larger one put in its place. The old one can be seen by any one anxious to inquire into the matter, though a liberal offer was made for it by a Portland plumber who wanted to take it home as a natural curiosity. The disaster of September 2d did not occur then because of a defective water supply but, if from any avoidable cause, because of the criminal negligence of the paid servant of the city whose duty it was to inspect the cisterns and keep them in repair. It is true the wind was blowing a stiff gale and the fire might have spread in spite of the best efforts of the fire department, but the bare possibility that the fire might have been confined within reasonable limits if the cistern at the corner of Second and Madison had been in order, makes it imperative that the fire department, so far as the chief engineer is concerned, must be reconstructed.

BRIEF STATE NEWS.

Junction City is to have a bank.
The dam across Rogue river will be completed within a week, after which a large force of men will be put to work sluicing the river bed for three miles.
Fifty wagon loads of immigrants have passed through Prineville during the past week. They are on the way to the Willamette valley, from Kansas and the Dakotas.
The Siuslaw country is settling rapidly. The hill locations of Lane county are numerous and the land is rich and profitable for fruit, vegetables, and every product of the soil.
The residence of Arthur Cloake, three miles below Roseburg, caught fire from a defective fire and burned to the ground. Mr. Cloake was away from home at the time, and his wife and children having no assistance succeeded in saving but very few articles from the flames.
George W. Atchison, of Baker City, aged seventy-five years and possessed of considerable wealth, has been adjudged insane. He has been gradually losing his mind for some time and the other day, after having attacked his house-keeper with a knife, he was taken into custody.
The news from the Roseburg-Cove Bay railroad is encouraging. During the present month the tracklaying from Marshfield to Coquille City, a distance of twenty miles, will doubtless be completed and the cars running regularly that distance. This will be a great step in the onward progress of the road, and every indication is that the road will be pushed on to Myrtle Point—ten miles from Coquille—before the rainy season sets in.
B. M. Huston, who has the contract of taking the machinery into the Santiam mines for the Albany Mining and Milling company, has five yoke of oxen and eight horses now at work hauling in the company's new ten-stamp mill. Nearly a month will be required to take all the machinery into the mines. Two shifts of men are at work in the tunnel. The lower level is 215 feet and the upper one 280 feet. The character of the ore grows constantly better as the work proceeds.
There is likely to be litigation at Ashland over the water in Ashland creek. The fruit growers use so much of it as to subject the mills in town to serious inconvenience. The peach growers argue that the peach crops bring in from \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year to that place, an amount far exceeding that realized from any other one source, and they have made up their minds that they will encourage peach culture to the utmost extent, even if it takes every drop of water in Ashland creek to give it the necessary fostering care.

length figure in marble of the butter model of the "Sleeping Jolante," which attracted wide attention at the Centennial exhibition in Philadelphia. Mrs. Brooks has had a studio in New York, and prefers butter to clay for modeling.
Alexander Hudnut is now an European fixture, having sold for a large sum his well-known estate on Orange Mountain, near the residence of General McClellan and Dr. E. E. Marey. He owes his prosperity to his early friend, James Gordon Bennett the elder. They were fellow Scots and the latter became much attached to the genial druggist.
Christian Reid, the southern novelist, lives in an old-fashioned gray house near Salisbury, N. C. It is a relic of before-the-war architecture, with its big Greek columns supporting the portico at the entrance, and is in a somewhat dilapidated condition. Surrounding the mansion is a grove of old oaks and cedars. Christian Reid is the daughter of Colonel Charles Fisher, who fell at the battle of Manassa, and she was married three years ago at the age of 45, to Professor J. M. Tierman.
Fred Vanderbilt took his money to British carpenters and got his yacht built \$34,000 cheaper than it would cost him in his own country. Fred is a free trade fellow, and he is disgusted at the action of the treasury in appraising his yacht at \$34,000 more than he paid for it. Fred has great financial weight, but his soul weighs less than the faintest conception of a pin-feather picked from the unreliable tale of Job's turkey.
An incident worthy of mention, and one probably without a parallel in this state, happened in Astoria last Friday morning, says the Dispatch. Thirteen editors, representing different sections of Oregon, walked into the Parker House, and after registering, the proprietor said, "Gentlemen, if any of you are thirsty, follow me, and I think your thirst will be quenched." Strange as it may seem, not a man moved.
The Russian fleet has gained entrance to the Dardanelles, the insurgents have taken Santiago, Emin has retaken the equatorial provinces and the American hog has captured Germany. "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war."—Spokane Review.
The assessed value of property in the last ten years as shown by the last census report, seen in our dispatches today, shows Oregon second in the list of increase. Our increase is \$113,504,000. All states showing a respectable increase are Pacific coast states.

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