

BAD FIRE HITS TOWN OF BROOKS

Store, Two Dwellings and Machine Shed Go Up in Flames at Noon

Considerable loss was sustained by the town of Brooks, nine miles north of Salem on the Pacific highway, Tuesday when flames for a time threatened the destruction

of the entire town. The Salem fire department responded but was able to accomplish but little as the fire was practically under control by the time the truck arrived. Included in the list of buildings destroyed were a house owned by Mrs. Ellen Aspinwall, on the north side of the road, and just west of the Howard Ramp store, which escaped; a house and machine shed also owned by Mrs. Aspinwall, and occupied by Carl Aspinwall, just across the street to the south, and an old store building on the corner, owned by W. H. Ramp. The loss was partially covered by insurance, it was said yesterday. Most of the machinery had been

removed from the shed prior to the fire and nearly all of that which remained was saved. Practically all of the household furnishings were carried out of the buildings. The fire started just at noon, presumably from a spark from the chimney in the house on the north side of the road, occupied by a family named Howard. The little Howard girl rushed into the house, calling that the grass was on fire outside, and when other members of the family investigated they found the entire roof ablaze. The flames were fanned by a strong northern breeze which carried sparks across the road. Other dwellings to the south were

threatened and the roofs ignited by embers several times, though the flames did not gain any headway.

NEW AND MODERN CLEANING PLANT

Mr. Doane, After Looking Over Other Cities, Decides On Salem as Best

A new and modern dry cleaning plant will be opened in the Bligh building on High street in the room formerly occupied by the Newton Chevrolet company about the 15th of this month. The proprietor, C. F. Doane, is a new man in Salem, but has had considerable experience in the business. Mr. Doane hails from Eureka, Cal., where he has been connected with some of the best plants of this sized cities. He has been looking over the territory for some time for a location and after making a thorough examination he has decided on Salem.

Mr. Doane was formerly in the government service doing scientific work. The Doane family have already taken their residence in Salem at 1388 North Cottage street. Mr. Doane intends to install a modern plant with the best of equipment and give the best of service.

FEW TOURISTS FROM FAR EAST

Wide Difference in Traffic at Camp Grounds Noted By Superintendent

Where are the eastern tourists? This is the question asked by Superintendent Albert at the Salem automobile camp, who reports a good business in north and south traffic, but little from east of the Mississippi.

"Last year at this time we had many eastern cars on our records, but machines from that part of the country are just beginning to arrive, the first pulling in a few days ago. Where are they, anyhow?" June, 1924, showed a gain of nearly 100 automobiles over the corresponding month of the previous year, Superintendent Albert said Tuesday night. This year there were registered 842 machines against 758 in 1923. Of this number practically 90 per cent were from California.

Forty-two new parties were registered up to 7 o'clock last night and there were 30 held over camps. It was estimated by this morning there would be at least 80 tourist automobile parties in the camp, the largest number to be in Salem at one time this season.

Large numbers of campers are being sent to the cherry orchards and berry fields and are helping the fruit grower to solve his employment problem, Superintendent Albert said.

Special Pictures Here Over Fourth

Three strong bills, led by "The Chechahcos," which opens at the Grand Thursday will feature the offerings of the Guthrie theaters over the Fourth of July, it was announced by Arthur V. Hile, manager, yesterday.

With Producer Lewis accompanying the picture and making explanatory talks before each performance, and with Gladys Johnson, who plays the ingenue role in the picture, appearing in person, "The Chechahcos" promises to be of unusual interest. It is the first and only production ever actually made in Alaska, and the settings and photography are said to be remarkable. The picture is a powerful epic of the frozen north, photographed on the death-lurking glaciers. It was more than six months in the making and the cast was recruited almost exclusively from the speaking stage.

Also commencing tomorrow the Oregon theater will offer Thomas Meighan in "The Confidence Man," portraying just such a role as has made him a favorite with the American theatergoers. The picture is said to be one of the finest adaptations of a crook story that has ever been filmed and Meighan sets a new record for excellent performance.

The Fourth of July offering of the Liberty theater will not open until that day, when "Fair Week," a Paramount production featuring Walter Hiers and an all-star comedy cast, will appear on the screen. "Fair Week" is proclaimed as one of the greatest comedies released by a Paramount in the past several months, and decidedly different from the ordinary run of productions of this kind.

Banks and safes are good, but the modern youngster thinks that the best thing to keep money in is circulation.

PORTLAND MAN IS KILLED IN CRASH

Automobile Knocked Into Ditch When Car Driven By Doctor Hits It

The second fatality within 12 hours to be reported to the coroner occurred about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning when E. F. W. Goodrich, 62, of Portland, was instantly killed in an automobile accident on the Pacific highway five miles south of Salem, and G. A. Dickson, a transient, received injuries which sent him to the hospital.

Goodrich had been working in a logging camp near Powers during the winter and was on his way home to spend the Fourth of July with his wife and family. His wife was notified and came to Salem yesterday. She will take the remains of her husband to Portland for interment. An inquest will not be held.

According to Dr. P. H. May, former Salem chiropractor now living in Portland, the machine in which he and his wife were riding had tried to pass the Goodrich machine for some time and he had repeatedly sounded his horn. Finding a favorable place on the pavement he drove around the other machine. He said he felt something jar and asked his wife to look around. She saw the other car in the ditch. In passing, Dr. May had evidently misjudged distances, for his rear right wheel had knocked the left front hub off

the other car and had caused it to swerve into the ditch. The May machine was stopped in about 100 feet and with the assistance of others along the highway, he lifted the wrecked machine from the main road.

Dr. May brought both to the sheriff's office where a medical examination was made and the body of Goodrich turned over to the coroner. Dickson was taken to the hospital to have a broken collar bone set. He had been walking along the highway near Jefferson when Goodrich asked him to ride, he said. Dr. May and his wife were returning from Corvallis where they had spent the week-end.

Both parties were traveling in light automobiles. Goodrich in a roadster, which was nearly demolished by its crash into the rocks that lined the ditch at the roadside. On the radiator is one of the "Safe Drivers club" placards.

William Sheridan Knocked Unconscious in Collision

SILVERTON, Ore., July 1.—(Special to The Statesman.)—William Sheridan of near Salem was knocked unconscious in a mix-up of a car and motorcycle at Silvertown Sunday night. The accident occurred at the intersection of Main and Water streets. According to reports a car driven by J. Bock approached from the right at the same time as the motorcycle reached the intersection. Although Mr. Bock threw on the brakes his car struck the motorcycle, throwing Mr. Sheridan to the pavement. He was taken to the offices of Dr. A. E. Wrightman for treatment and soon recovered. The motorcycle is said to have been somewhat damaged.

ANNUAL PICNIC SILVERTON, Ore., July 1.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Former residents of Hills, Minn.,

held their annual picnic Sunday June 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Nerison in Evans Valley.

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