

**Fire Equipment or Loss!**

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ing to pass out of control. Save for the fact that the only adjoining building was of fire proof construction, the flames would have spread.

Equipment was concentrated upon the blaze and a protracted fight conquered it.

That night Salem learned to know what it means to face the possibility of wholesale loss by fire. For several moments prior to the arrival of the fire equipment—through no fault of the department—sparks were falling on the shingled tops of buildings within a radius of at least three blocks.

The character of the fire in the stables was such that great pieces of burning matter fell upon these roofs, the flames leaping well into the air as the living fire continued on the house tops.

Fortunately, a light rain had fallen during the early evening. Home owners and store owners, on top of their roofs intent on keeping their own structures from burning, communicated each other in the early morning hours that the preceding rain had protected them from being driven from their homes by spreading flames.

This is neither an exaggeration of facts, nor a scene from a sensational movie. It is a true account of the menace Salem faced on the night of March 16.

Suppose roof tops had been dry? Suppose, during the first moments when present fire equipment was concentrated in trying to check the blaze in the stables, other fires had started in adjoining blocks as a result of the burning debris falling upon roofs?

Salem's fire force was taxed in conquering the main fire. There would have been no additional pumpers to send to fires that might well have assumed equal magnitude in other portions of the city.

When dawn broke, a vast section of Salem might easily have been in ruins, had the weather been dry, and the flames spread.

This potential source of danger the city will face until additional equipment is purchased. One fire of size requires the concentration of all available equipment. What could the fire department do in case another fire of consequence should start in a remote portion of the city?

The department would not have had a fair chance.

This is the potential disaster which Alderman W. H. Dancy and the city council seek to eliminate in requesting funds for the purchase of two new pumbers which, if authorized, would enable the department to give adequate protection in case fires should break out in remote portions of the city.

Those who think back at the fire of March 16 will readily admit additional equipment is needed.

distinct probability. North Salem and South Salem, rapidly expanding, should be given better fire protection than is now possible. Purchase of two new pumbers will make full protection possible. Additional equipment will prevent recurrence of such potential hazards as were faced by the city that night.

These are the answers to the questions raised in this paper on Sunday. The problem of men, and more housing, will be trivial once equipment is on hand.

A vote "yes" on this measure is a vote to protect the city of Salem against a recurrence of the potential hazard it faced on the night of March 16.

**TUXEDO TRACT BALLOT IS CALLED FOR TODAY**  
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pils need playgrounds and for this reason parents of south Salem are asking for the school to be located on Tuxedo Park, and not adjoining the Lincoln school where soon there would be six or seven hundred pupils crowded on one block with absolutely no playgrounds.

According to the discussion last evening, voters are those who are on the tax rolls or who own stock in a corporation.

Due to legal wording required, the ballot will read "Bonds, Yes or No," although the bonds were voted three years ago. As was stated last evening, as long as the junior high school building is to be erected either on the crowded Lincoln school block, or on Yew Park, it is held no more than right that the south Salem people should be given support in their desire for Tuxedo Park.

It was pointed out that the people of all parts of Salem voted for the Parrish school site, although it was not the site intended on the ballot three years ago and that the vote this afternoon has similar intent, merely changing the location of the school.

Due to the fact that the election will be in a much larger room and that there will be additional judges of election to hand out and receive ballots, it is felt that a heavy vote can be taken care of, although the voting hours are only from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 7 o'clock.

At all meetings held for a discussion of the election, the progressive element of the city has been in favor of a "yes" vote, giving to south Salem and the school board the location desired, Tuxedo Park.

**LATE FIGHT NEWS**

VERNON, Cal., May 18.—(By Associated Press)—Pat Lester, Arizona heavyweight, knocked out Tony Fuente, who claims the Mexican title, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10 round bout here tonight.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 18.—Declaring both fighters had stalled, Referee Tom Watters tonight called the bout between Benny Dotson and Frankie Lewis

**At the Theatres**

Oregon—Cullen Landis and Dorothy Devore in "The Midnight Flyer."

Heilig—"The Big Parade."

Bligh—Hoot Gibson in "The Arizona Sweepstakes."

no contest at the end of the 10th round. The men are lightweights. Dotson claimed to have broken his hand in the 9th round.

VERNON, Cal., May 18.—Musky Callahan, Los Angeles lightweight, won a decision over Jimmy Goodrich, former lightweight champion, in a 190-round fight here tonight.

**100 CHERRY MEN ATTEND MEETING**

**Organization Being Perfected to Fight Fly When First Seen**

Over 100 cherry growers of Marion county attended the meeting in the auditorium of the Salem chamber of commerce Tuesday evening to discuss the best method of combating the cherry fly.

Action was taken by the growers requesting the experiment station of Oregon Agricultural college

to try to find an effective way of combatting the syneta beetle. The beetle is causing more than usual trouble to cherry growers in this community this season.

The beetle eats its way into the cherry at an early stage, causing the cherries to appear rotten, making it worthless either for the fresh fruit market or for the canneries. So far, the best known method of exterminating the beetle is that of spraying the trees just before bloom and just after bloom. The spray should be made up with four pounds of arsenate of lead to every 100 gallons of water.

As for the cherry fly, it is expected to put in its appearance in this vicinity any time now. Growers present at the meeting were warned by Prof. C. L. Long, horticultural specialist of OAC, to be on the lookout constantly.

As soon as the fly makes its ap-

pearance, an organized fight against it is to be launched by the growers. The fly can only be exterminated just after it has appeared. The method is to apply a spray on the upper portion of the outside leaves. The spray should be made of  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound of arsenate of lead,  $\frac{1}{2}$  quart of molasses and 10 gallons of water. It was brought out at the meeting that 4 pounds of sugar could be used instead of the molasses.

If the fly has an opportunity to lay its eggs before it is killed, there is no way of exterminating the plague. The eggs are laid just under the skin of the cherry. The maggots develop, eating its way through the cherry until they drop to the ground. They burrow under the soil, lie dormant in the larva stage all winter, and appear about this time of the year as flies. It is only just after they ap-

pear that they can be successfully killed.

W. L. Teutsch, of the extension department of OAC, attended the meeting of Polk county cherry growers at Brush college, and reported that the meeting was well attended. The same problems were brought up. Fred Ewing presided at the Polk county meet.

George H. Grabenhorst, president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, presided at the local meet-

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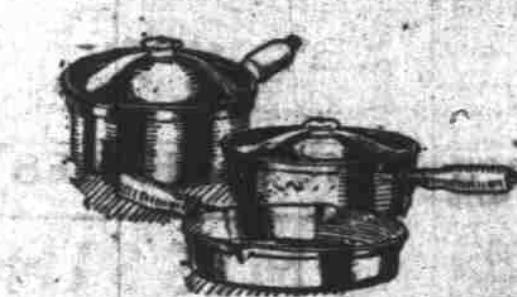
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