

LARMER BLAZE BEATS HISTORY

Early Morning Fire Wipes Out Warehouse; Loss Close to \$650,000

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The wall would continue standing until it could be made fast by anchors or else pulled to earth.

Building Inspector Bushnell said anyone living in the adjacent apartments would do so at extreme risk. He said the intense heat had taken the resistance from the concrete and made its stability most uncertain.

Not a family remained in the apartments yesterday or last night. Bushnell said that as soon as the burning contents had been turned to ashes, a crew might secure the wall to "dead-men" within the building enclosure and workmen, by constructing a scaffold, bring the wall to earth without danger to the Virginia apartment building or to life.

Until the wall is raised it stands as a menace to the building adjacent to it.

Larmer and the fire department were without a tangible clue to ascertain how the fire began.

According to Cox, the building was kept locked every night. He saw no one there when he went to get his truck in the morning.

The fire apparently had started in the machine shop in the basement where Larmer's trucks were repaired.

Larmer immediately announced that he would continue his full fleet of trucks, 17 in number after one was burned in the warehouse, in active service.

Temporary offices will be maintained at the Larmer home near the warehouse and some storage can be handled in the adjacent garage where the fleet of trucks is located.

Somewhat stunned and broken by his large loss, Larmer was nevertheless courageous and insisted yesterday afternoon that he would persist in his trucking business more ardently than ever until he could work out plans for a new warehouse.

It is 21 years since Mr. Larmer began his business in Salem, first operating a truck line with horse teams. Later he developed his storage business and owned a

large plant on Front street when he sold it a few years ago to L. E. Terminal Ice people. Following this transfer he built his new warehouse at Liberty and High streets.

All day yesterday the Salem fire department kept from three to five lines trained on the flames which persisted with the fuel of hops, paper and furniture on which to work. Only two mains were available for the pumps and much of the fire equipment, brought from the three stations in the city, could not be effectively used.

Larmer had provided no large mains within his building and no sprinkling system.

Throughout the day hundreds of spectators came from all parts of Salem and from out-of-town to see the remains of the structure.

A police guard was used to keep bystanders back a sufficient distance as some gasoline was stored in the rear of the warehouse and was in danger of exploding at any time. Tottering walls also were a menace to bystanders.

TROUBLES? SPEAK THEM NATURAL WAY

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the tube in his mouth, he can press the rubber handle of the horn and form words.

"Only Mr. Swift's wonderful stammering and aggressiveness has kept him going in the face of distressing difficulties, and because of them he has fought his way out," Dr. John Manning, his physician, declared while in Salem with Mr. Swift. Success of the operation itself may be seen in fact that Mr. Swift has gained 48 pounds since it. In July, 1928, he weighed 120 pounds.

State Witness In Bowles' Case Is Under Guard

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6. — (AP)—Investigation of the alleged knife murder of Mrs. Leona C. Bowles, 35, prominent Portland society woman, was resumed here today.

Nelson C. Bowles, 34, capitalist, and his former secretary, Irma G. Loucks, 28, were in the county jail awaiting action by the grand jury next week. They waived preliminary hearing of first degree murder charges in municipal court today.

COURT EXPECTED TO USE KEEN KNIFE

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county agent will have to repeat their efforts in future years—or else change the complexion of the court if they can do so. The understanding was on the county health program that the county court would match the city's contribution, which last year was \$8000.

Whether this means the county will now trim \$2000 off to play even with the city is another matter which only the publication of the budget will reveal.

One overdue cut which is proposed is to reduce the mileage allowance for officials using their own cars from 10c per mile to 8c per mile. With the county served by the finest system of paved and surfaced roads of most any county in the country, and with cars and tires much cheaper the county could not longer be justified in continuing to allow 10c per mile, especially when other counties in the valley made lower allowance.

Another allowance which is reported to have been eliminated is \$400 for the state chamber of commerce.

Sharp increases will be forced in the school budget on the new-fangled transportation law as well as increases caused by growth in the school population.

SEAL SALE BOOTH WILL OPEN MONDAY

First booth for the annual Christmas tuberculosis seal sale will be opened at the postoffice Monday morning. Mrs. J. E. Blinckhorn, general chairman of the county campaign, announced last night. Miss Priscilla Fry and Mrs. Harry Sinks, the latter chairman of both sales, will be in charge of the opening day.

The following Saturday seals will be sold through booths at the three banks, Miller's store and Penney's store. Mrs. William Schultz, city chairman, and Mrs. Sinks will announce later names of those who will be in charge of these booths.

With the seal sale now well under way, there are a number of persons who are asking the same old question: How is the money spent?

To this query, the general chairman makes answer:

Last year six seals per capita were sold in Marion county; this year the aim is seven seals per capita. If the goal is reached, 55 cents of every dollar taken in will be kept in Marion county to fight tuberculosis; 40 cents of each dollar will be kept in the state for the same work; and 5 cents of every dollar will go to national headquarters for supplies. In other words, 95 cents of every dollar will remain in Oregon. All workers on the campaign are donating their services.

FLOYD W. HASKELL FUNERAL MONDAY

Floyd W. Haskell, 45, died at the residence, 1905 Fairgrounds road, Saturday morning at 10:20 o'clock, after an illness of three months. An infection in his heel, contracted in the early fall, developed complications which forced him to give up his work at a cannery and finally caused his death.

Surviving him are his wife, Nell Haskell, and three small children, Luella, Wesley and Vernon. Prior to moving to Salem served lodge No. 4, Masons, at the Masonic temple Friday night. Over 200 attended.

New officers were elected at the business meeting which preceded the main program of the evening. Those who will serve in official capacities for the coming year are: Harry Swafford, master; Ernest Peterson, senior warden; Douglas McKay, junior warden; Arthur Smithers, treasurer, re-elected; J. D. Berwick, secretary, re-elected; and W. C. Winslow, member Masonic temple board.

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SALEM, OREGON

Society

Hayesville Woman's Club Makes Plans

Hayesville — Mrs. Robia Day and Mrs. Clark were hostesses to the Hayesville Woman's club at the home of Mrs. Day, Thursday afternoon.

The members voted to each purchase a toy also to make up a box of jams and jellies to send to the orphan home at Corvallis for Christmas. Following a short business session the afternoon was spent socially. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

Members present were Mrs. E. M. Bailey, Mrs. W. E. Bailey, Mrs. J. L. Batdorf, Mrs. A. C. Boers, Mrs. G. W. Christofferson, Mrs. David Greig, Mrs. Jansen, Mrs. W. H. Kay, Mrs. Ray Kites, Mrs. J. L. Morrison, Mrs. Charles Reed, Mrs. Wm. Rickman, Mrs. Grace Snyder, Mrs. Bertie Taylor, Mrs. Mary Teel, Mrs. Fred Williams, Mrs. Claude Talmage and the hostesses, Mrs. Day and Mrs. Clark.

Silverton.—The Women's club which was to have held its regular December program and meeting Monday afternoon has postponed this until a week from Monday. The club also wants a fuller report from its welfare committee than it would be able to give Monday. It is felt that after another week of its work with the Silverton Emergency Employment bureau the committee will have more of interest to tell the other club members.

Mrs. Edson Comstock is in charge of the December meeting, she is being assisted by Mrs. Warren Crabtree, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. S. E. Gay, and Mrs. Vernon Day.

Miss Virginia Best entertained Friday evening with a delightful bridge tea in the Silver Grille room of the Gray Belle complementing Miss Pauline Campbell of the Oregon State college. Several members of the Phi Beta Phi of Oregon State college, sorority sisters of the hostess and honor guests, were present for the affair.

The women of the missionary society of the First Congregational church will present a play this evening at the church. The play is entitled "Missionary Arithmetic" and will offer attractive food for thought. Mrs. Mark McCallister is directing the play.

The Young Married People's class of the First Presbyterian church will meet in the social rooms of the church Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock for a pot-luck dinner, following by a program hour. Governor A. L. Norblad will be the speaker for the evening program.

The Thrift Links club will not meet on its regular meeting date December 12. There will be but one meeting during the month and that will be December 19, and at this time the Christmas tree and a Christmas program will be the feature of the meeting.

Initiation of new members will be a special feature of the meeting of Joshua Smith camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Women's club house. Commander L. C. McShane will make his committee appointments at this time.

Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Jackson have returned to their home after a two months business and pleasure trip through eastern Oregon.

What Paris is Wearing

By K. DORRAY

PARIS—The beret, with all its accessories, continues to be the standard equipment for fashionable women in Paris. The little Basque cap, originally relegated to small French schoolboys to top their black work-aprons, is now in high society. It is seen in the smartest shops and in the most fashionable places. It is even now appearing in Rue de la Paix jewelry windows to illustrate the wearing of the new jeweled buttons.

The beret in the sketch comes from Motmout; the jeweled button from a prominent Paris jewelry designer. The cap is of moosey brown antepe, of the type that is so soft and glossy that it appears to be some special kind of duvetya. It is pulled into shape at the back of the head by innumerable rows of fine gathers, centered around the button jewel.

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