



COST \$7,500

Discovered on Third Floor of Hotel Pendleton This Morning.

ALL GUESTS WITH THEIR EFFECTS WERE SAVED.

Damage Done by Smoke and Water—Quick Work of Firemen Prevents Disastrous Conflagration Fully Insured and Will be Repaired at Once.

Fire occurred at 5 o'clock this morning in a disastrous fire in the Hotel Pendleton which inflicted a damage of at least \$5000 to the building and probably \$2500 to the contents. At 5 o'clock a traveling man named J. D. Fulton, who was rooming on the third floor smelled smoke strong enough to excite his apprehensions, and he investigated and discovered the fire in the "hopper room," which was near his apartment.

Hose Failed to Work.

They ran to the fire hose in the hallway and only 30 feet distant from the "hopper room," and attempted to turn the water. Finding it would not come they turned in an alarm to the hotel office and aroused the other guests on the third and second floors. Lessees, Kaspar and George Van Dran turned in an alarm immediately to the fire department, and the firemen and other guests understood what they could do toward fighting the fire. They also attempted to turn on the water through the hose on both the second and third floors, but found they could not get an entire absence of water. The pipes supposed to supply the water of which there was 100 feet, all were connected, on each floor. In the meantime, the guests hustled their effects out of the house, and all succeeded in doing without loss.

SENATOR MORGAN HOLDS FLOOR

ALLISON OFFERS RESOLUTION CHANGING DEBATE RULES. Referred to Committee Which Was Authorized to Sit During Recess and Report to Next Congress. Washington, March 11.—Immediately after opening the senate today, Allison offered a resolution authorizing the committee on rules to re-examine the rules of the senate with a view to ascertain what changes, if any, were necessary or expedient to place a time limit on debate, and if so to what extent.

Was Quickly Put Out.

Effective work was quickly put as a matter of fact, the fire making very rapid progress, having much further advanced when the fire department had to work to save the building. From the time the fire after the arrival of the department it is certain that discovered by Fulton it had been very nearly the length and width of the roof, for before the fire on the third floor had their heads out of their rooms the entire floor was filled with smoke and things were beginning to drop and paper loosened by the heat between the ceilings and the floor.

Amount of Damage.

The building there was probably destroyed by fire and water, damage to the contents of \$2500. Nearly the entire loss on the Pendleton Hotel Co., was the building and the furniture of the kitchen, offices, guest and other fixtures. The company carried \$20,000 insurance on the building and \$3500 upon the contents. The Van Dran Brothers, carried \$1800 on their stock of which was on the third floor, and which was uninjured, and which is insured for \$2500. Mrs. Van Dran's effects, referred to, were not insured at all.

three years ago from Albany, and have been the managers of the Hotel Pendleton since that time. Kaspar and George both informed the reporter for the East Oregonian that they both supposed until this morning, as did also Mrs. Van Dran, that the fire hose could be depended upon in case of fire, and expressed great astonishment at finding it inoperative. The explanation given them is that the pipes supplying the fire hose and the water for the guest rooms were out of order and it was necessary, prior to the Van Drans' taking possession, to shut off the water from the outside. The Van Drans, of course, knew there was no water in the guest rooms, but state that they did suppose there was water behind the fire hose until their experience this morning proved there was not.

With the stiff wind blowing there were present nearly all the elements for a destructive fire. It would have been much worse but for the self-possession of the occupants, many of whom carried water in buckets before and after the arrival of the department, and so succeeded in confining the operations of the fire on the third floor, preventing it from getting any considerable foothold among the rooms.

Cause of Fire.

The "hopper room" is the room in which is temporarily thrown the waste paper which accumulates on that particular floor, and in which is a sink into which is thrown slops from that floor. It is believed that the fire originated in a box into which had been thrown waste paper and rags.

Hearing Begun.

Manchester, N. H., March 11.—Ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, was brought before the supreme court this morning and the hearing of the petition for release from custody was begun. The petition was refused and the court ordered Ames to be remanded to Minnesota. Exceptions were taken to the bail, which was fixed at \$10,000.

Going to the Philippines.

Fort Meade, S. D., March 11.—The remaining troops of the Thirteenth cavalry stationed at Fort Meade depart for San Francisco today to embark for the Philippines. Their place will be taken by the Sixth Cavalry, now on its way here from the Philippines.

World's Congress of Religions to Meet at Stanford.

Palo Alto, Cal., March 11.—An advance session of the World's Congress of Religions is to be held at Leland Stanford University during the coming week and elaborate preparations for the event are being made. These gatherings, composed of persons of all creeds and faiths, were begun at the Chicago World's Fair. Their object is mutual understanding, leading in the end to the lessening of religious prejudice, and, possibly, to the eventual amalgamation of all creeds.

Steamers Collide.

Manila, March 11.—The local steamers Navy and Multralourdes collided at Punta, Santiago today. Both sank and are a total loss. But few passengers and crew were saved.

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, March 11.—Wheat—74 1/2 @ 75 1/2 cents per bushel.

To Fight Tobacco Combine.

Hartford, Conn., March 11.—To combat the tobacco combine, leading Connecticut valley tobacco growers have organized the New England Tobacco Growers' Corporation. Conventions are being held at several points in Connecticut and Massachusetts this week and it is expected to solidify the entire New England tobacco industry, which represents a 15,000-acre crop having an annual value of upward of \$5,000,000. When the organization has been perfected it is proposed to impose a penalty on any member found guilty of selling to any outsider.

Missionary Senate Yesterday.

The Missouri senate yesterday passed the bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers to children under 18 years of age. The same bill has passed the house.

CITIZENS' MEETING AT THE COURT HOUSE TONIGHT

The School Bond Issue and New School Building Will Be Discussed.

A public meeting of the taxpayers of Pendleton school district will be held at the courthouse at 7:30 this evening, for the purpose of discussing the proposed school bond issue.

The school board requests every taxpayer in the city to be present and take part in the bond issue discussion; it is a matter in which the city must decide. The decision should be a just expression of the sentiment of the district. On March 26, the taxpayers will be called upon to vote the bond issue.

Thorough discussion of the subject and a full understanding between the people and the school board, is necessary to insure an intelligent vote upon the question.

You are invited to express your opinion. The school board wants to hear it. The people who pay taxes and keep the wheels of progress moving are interested in knowing how public funds are expended.

The only way to insure a right expenditure, is to discuss public questions in a public way, direct those who are the custodians of public institutions and add the elixir of experience to the policies that direct the government.

The needs of Pendleton school district will be the happy theme tonight. A cordial invitation is extended to the citizens to overflow the court room.

The one object of every citizen of Pendleton is to improve the public schools; there are different ways to reach this worthy object, and this is one of the occasions on which the different means should be discussed.

BIG GOLD DISCOVERY RIVER STILL RISING

DUNCAN CREEK IS THE LATEST BONANZA.

Pay Streak Is Seven Miles Long—\$100 Daily Taken Out Per Man—100 Feet to Bed Rock.

Tacoma, March 11.—There is great excitement in the upper Yukon over another gold discovery compared to the Klondike on Duncan Creek. One hundred dollars daily per man is being taken out. The richest claims are on a pay streak seven miles long and the bed rock is 25 to 100 feet deep. The Yukon government recommends to Ottawa an expenditure of \$4,000,000 for installing a water system for all the producing creeks to supply water for the purpose of tread-mills and other concessions.

IN RELIGION'S NAME.

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Nearing Highest Point.

New Orleans, March 11.—The water is now within a foot of the high water mark of 1897. Six hundred armed men are patrolling the levees shooting down hogs whenever they get on.

CRUISER COLORADO.

Philadelphia, March 11.—Work on the armored cruiser Colorado, which is destined to outrank anything in the cruiser line in the United States navy, is being pushed with all possible haste by the Cramps and unless there is an unexpected hitch the vessel will be given its baptism in the waters of the Delaware early in the coming month.

CASES DISMISSED.

The Contests of Parties for Reservation Lands, Heard.

A contest case, Bartholomew B. Gervias vs. Charles Sevey, on Umatilla reservation lands, was heard before Joseph Parkes today. The testimony of two witnesses was taken. The contestant was represented by T. G. Halley and contestee by James A. Fee. Motion was made by T. G. Halley, attorney for contestant that the case be dismissed. The case of Frel Brown vs. Rosa Carroll, a contest over Umatilla reservation lands was also heard. The contestant was represented by T. G. Halley and contestee by James A. Fee. On motion of T. G. Halley, attorney for contestant, the case was dismissed.

WITH MAD MULLAH.

Abyssinians Lose a Thousand Men—British Forces Lose Heavily.

Aden, Egypt, March 11.—A report has been received here that the Abyssinians have had a battle with the Mad Mullah at Somaliland and 1,000 were killed. The mother of the Mullah was captured. The British forces in the engagement are said to have lost heavily. The report says the Mullah is in flight.

PLAYED WITH DYNAMITE.

Five Small Boys Are Injured—Three Fatally.

Buffalo, March 11.—A crowd of small boys found a stick of dynamite where it had been thrown carelessly by an Italian, into a shallow creek, this afternoon, and began playing with it. They threw it on the pavement, when it exploded. Five were injured, three fatally. The oldest boy is 8 years of age and the youngest is 5.

SENSATION AT SEATTLE.

Mayor, Attorney and Chief of Police to Be Tried for Malfeasance In Office.

Seattle, March 11.—The grand jury has voted to indict Mayor Thomas J. Humes, Prosecuting Attorney Walter S. Fulton and Chief of Police Sullivan for malfeasance in office, permitting gambling and other unlawful vices to flourish.

PATIENT ESCAPED.

Kaiser's Tutor Thought to Have Taken Ship for America.

Hamburg, March 11.—Captain Sidney O'Danne formerly the kaiser's tutor, who has been confined in an asylum here for insanity, escaped yesterday. There are no traces, but he is believed to have taken a ship for America.

TO RAISE THE MAINE.

Spanish Government is Going to Obtain the True Cause of Explosion.

Madrid, March 11.—Minister of Foreign Affairs Abarzueza will propose at the next meeting of the council of ministers that the government float the American battleship Maine, in Havana harbor, to obtain the true cause of the explosion.

TO PROSECUTE CUNNINGHAM

UNITED MINERWORKERS CHARGE HIM OF MURDER.

They Will Employ Noted Attorneys to Conduct Prosecution and Will Open a Million Dollar Fund.

Indianapolis, March 11.—The United Mineworkers' national organization has formally taken up the recent killing of three miners at Buckley, W. Va., which they declare was deliberate murder by Marshal Cunningham and his posse. It is announced that they will open a million dollar treasury fund to prosecute Cunningham, who, they claim, was employed by the operators, to terrorize the strikers and intimidate others against a strike. Cunningham is also charged with several similar murders before. They will employ a staff of widely-known attorneys to conduct the prosecution.

ALBA NOTES.

Weather Rough and Stormy—Kirk-Baldwin Marriage at Ukiah—Wants to Irrigate Camas Prairie.

Alba, March 9.—The weather is very rough and stormy with frequent squalls of snow making it harder on stock than at any time previous this winter. Hay is getting short, but most of the stockmen will be able to pull through this month. There has been no loss of stock in this vicinity, though the season has been very bad.

Grandpa Kirk and Mrs. Jane Baldwin were married yesterday at Ukiah.

Mr. Kirk is in his 74th year and Aunt Jane is on the shady side of 50. The bride and groom will take a trip to Echo to spend their honeymoon, after which they will return to Camas Prairie, settle down and grow up with the country.

Uncle Jimmie Ellis has just returned from Nebraska, where he negotiated for the sale of a large number of mutton sheep.

Robert Watt has come back from the Juniper country with a large number of cattle that he wintered there. The cattle belonged to different parties here and look as though they had been well cared for.

The north fork of the John Day, which affords as much water as the Umatilla River in this county, would irrigate all of Camas prairie. While irrigation is on the boom, why not tackle this proposition. It is practical and perfectly feasible.

YET MORE MYSTERY

Man Dead and Wife Dying Because of Knowledge of Burdick Murder.

MURDERED MAN'S BODY IS A SHAPELESS MASS.

Had Sent for a Private Detective to Investigate the Burdick Matter—Was Much Excited When Questioned Last Week.

Buffalo, March 11.—The Burdick affair is taking on a much more serious aspect. Just as the police thought they had found a witness of much importance, he is murdered.

Last night Mr. Pennell was found in his house dead beaten into a shapeless mass. His wife was found fatally hurt, with gashes and bruises over her body.

Mrs. Pennell Dying.

Buffalo, March 11.—Mrs. Pennell, at 9 o'clock was still unconscious, and it is believed is dying. The surgeons are doing everything to prolong her life. Detectives are present and hope to learn if she knows anything of the Burdick murder.

Cannot See Remains.

For some unknown reason the district attorney's office at 9:30 issued an order that under no circumstances were the remains of Pennell to be shown to anyone. Not even the police captain or detectives were admitted into the dead house. It became known this morning that Pennell was surprised into a remarkable state of excitement while being questioned. He was asked if he knew that a messenger boy saw a man emerge from the Burdick's house the night of the murder and said he could positively identify him if again seen. Pennell, who during the interview showed extreme nervousness by drinking large quantities of whiskey, sprang up excitedly and nearly collapsed. He asked a number of questions barely above a whisper without waiting for an answer to any.

He then refused to discuss the case longer and ordered Bowen, the interrogator, from the room.

The official report of Pennell's injuries as made by the medical examiner this morning, shows literally a crushed head, shapeless legs, with ribs and shoulders broken.

Employed Detective.

He had employed a private detective in New York to come here and conduct an investigation of the Burdick murder. The detective arrived here this morning and heard of the death of his employer while en route. He says in his correspondence Pennell said he was innocent of any connection, but was hounded to death by the police and reporters. Hence he was willing to pay for a private attempt to capture the murderer.

COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION.

Met Last Night and Organized With New Committees—Efforts Made to Get President to Visit Pendleton.

The Commercial Association met last night and the new president and board of directors and other officers were installed. President Dickson appointed the following committee: House—C. E. Roosevelt, J. F. Robinson and Robert Forster. Library—F. W. Vincent, T. C. Taylor and W. H. Jones. Finance—H. F. Johnson, F. E. Judd and T. W. Ayres. Roads—C. J. Smith, J. A. Borie and F. F. Wamsley. Transportation—Leon Cohen, Jesse Failing and W. J. Clarke. City interests—R. Alexander, E. D. Boyd and W. E. Brock. Public policy—T. G. Halley, Lee Teutsch and C. B. Wade.

An invitation was unanimously extended to President Roosevelt to make Pendleton in his forthcoming itinerary, and the secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the invitation to Senators Mitchell and Fulton and Congressman Williamson.

The association voted that the forthcoming session of the Umatilla County Sportsmen's Association should have the use of the association parlors and library during the convention of the 21st inst.

A motion to discharge the committee having in charge the raising of subscriptions for the new association building was defeated. The committee on public policy has the question of entertaining the Adventist convention the coming summer, should the convention be held here, submitted to it.