

FIRE THREATENS TOWN OF ATHENA

EARLY MORNING BLAZE DESTROYS BUSINESS HOUSE

Taggart General Merchandise Store
Totally Destroyed—Entire Business
District Endangered—Prompt
Work Saves Town.

(Special Correspondence.)

Athena, Ore., Dec. 18.—Fire broke out at 2 o'clock this morning in the heart of the business section and it looked for awhile that the entire section would be wiped out along with the rest of the city.

The fire originated in the general merchandise store of T. M. Taggart and destroyed his entire stock along with the building, making a total loss of about \$20,000. The situation was an extremely critical one, for the fire was rushing out of the front of the burning store and with a slight breeze blowing it made it so intensely hot that plate glass windows burst clear out along on both sides of the street, and with the paint on the woodwork scorching on the other business houses, it made things look as if there would be nothing left of the town by daybreak.

The fire companies were very prompt and it was only by their heroic efforts that the town was saved from destruction, for the citizens who witnessed the spectacle, say that they never saw such a hairbreadth escape of annihilation of the business section at least.

Mr. Taggart's accounts were destroyed along with the stock, for he did not have some of his books in the safe, and it took six men to keep the unfortunate man from rushing into the burning store in an effort to secure his books and papers, which act would have cost him his life. The strain proved too great for the stricken man and he fainted away and had to be carried to his home.

The business men were fully aroused to the situation and Judge Richards and Attorney Watts, who have offices near by, showed no hesitation in putting their books, papers, etc., out in the muddy street.

The building was owned by the Kirk estate and W. E. Ladd estate of Portland, and what insurance they have is not known at the present time, but Mr. Taggart has \$7000 in the Merchants' Mutual of Portland. The origin of the fire is unknown at the present time.

WOMAN PRISONER MADE ESCAPE SCANTILY CLAD

Spokane, Wash.—Robbed in a Salvation Army coat, the property of Lieutenant Katie Merritt, Nellie Nelson, alias Fox, who was committed to the Salvation Army rescue home after having been arrested on the charge of stealing a baby buggy, escaped through the bathroom window on the second floor at 8 o'clock last night. The Nelson woman was attired only in a night gown, a suit of underwear, nature's stockings and a pair of shoes when she made her escape, according to Captain Bertha Smith.

Lieutenant Merritt is the largest woman in the rescue home and none of the coats of the other officers would fit her, although she was detailed to go on duty at the city jail as matron at 11:30 o'clock. In the meantime the Nelson woman was wandering about somewhere in the city with the coat.

Captain Smith notified the police at once, and a search was begun. Captain Smith said: "The woman was taken ill shortly after being committed to the rescue home and Dr. Frances Rose was called. She gave the woman some medicine, after which she was some better."

"The woman was missed a few minutes after she escaped and upon entering the bathroom the officers discovered the window open leading to the room over the porch. The woman had climbed on the roof, slid over the cornice and either jumped to the ground or let herself down one of the porch posts."

Saved From Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald of Payetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. It is the best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhage, all bronchial troubles, it has no equal, 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. C. Keoppen & Bros.

SPOKANE EX-MAYOR TALKS OF SITUATION IN CHINA

Spokane, Wash.—"China's boycott on American-made goods has been lifted as a result of the visit of the honorary commercial commissioners of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific coast," said C. Robert Moore, former mayor of Spokane, on returning home after a stay of four months in the orient.

"There is every reason to believe that China will become one of the best customers of the United States," he continued, "and from now on the volume of exports to that country may be expected to increase very rapidly and substantially."

"In many places we found the intelligent and progressive Chinese eager for a representative form of government. This desire is spreading with rapidity and there are many in the orient who believe that the advocates of this reform will be successful. The plan to establish a parliamentary body is generally favored. "We were informed in many cities in the empire that the prominent Chi-

nese regard the United States as their best friend because of this country's firm stand as to the integrity of China and in favor of the open door policy. Another thing that has contributed largely to our relations with progressive, awakening China is the fact that the effective crusade against the opium traffic originated and is being largely carried on by Americans."

"The progressive signs of China's advancement toward modern improvement are in evidence on all sides. Railroad building is being carried on in many directions, and up-to-date methods and equipment are employed in transportation."

TEXAS TO HOLD GREAT LAND SHOW

Houston, Tex., Dec. 19.—Preparations are being made for the holding of a great Texas land show in Houston next March. The whole country is land hungry. Everywhere there is a longing to own land and all who can afford to make an investment are eager to buy land. This feeling is so general and so irresistible, as stimulated the land markets and created a demand for land shows. Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburg and Omaha, cities remote from where the land bargains await buyers, have held successful land shows. Texas, more than any other state, is in the public eye as a center for good land investments and Texas is therefore, the logical point for the next great national land show. All sections of the state will be represented and there will be exhibits of agricultural and mineral products from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande. Houston's new auditorium, the largest convention hall in the southwest, will be utilized for this first state land show designed to bring the land owners and the land buyers together.

SMYTHE ARRANGES FOR CONVENTION

Secretary Dan P. Smythe, of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, has returned from Portland and is perfecting arrangements for the annual convention January 3, the day preceding the opening of the National Woolgrowers' convention. Interest in the state gathering is absorbed by the greater work of the National association, but Secretary Smythe hopes to get up topics that will arouse his members to an appreciation of their own difficulties. District Forester C. S. Chapman, of this region, will speak to the woolgrowers on the work of the forest service, particularly about grazing, which has been the source of long negotiations.

According to Smythe county associations are arranging to have their annual meetings immediately precede the state gathering, and all go down in a body to participate in the state and national gatherings. The Malheur and Harney sheepmen will meet at Vale December 30, and hasten at once to Portland en masse. Eastern Oregon assures a tremendous delegation, as recognition of the holding in Oregon of the national convention. Idaho will be on hand almost to a man so far as sheepmen go, in the effort to land for Boise the next convention. Utah will also strive to the same end, in behalf of Salt Lake. And a big struggle will be made by the sheepmen east of the Rockies to take the next annual convention to that region.

A meeting of the heads of the several local committees handling details of the convention was held yesterday afternoon. There is much work to do yet in preparing to receive the 12,000 or 15,000 visitors, and the several committees named find it necessary to give most all of their time this month.

CALIFORNIA TAKES UP GROWING OF COTTON

Houston, Texas, 19.—There was received in Houston last week a car of cotton raised in California on irrigated land and is the first shipment of this character to reach this cotton market. The shipment comprised 41 bales and was of high grade. California cotton is a novelty but because of the long haul the price will be under the Texas and Oklahoma cotton is a cent lower in price than the South Texas staple. The cotton was shipped by a former Texan and it may mean the opening of a great new cotton territory through a Houston brokerage house. It is claimed that the staple can be shipped here and handled out of the Houston market to better advantage than by direct export from the Pacific coast.

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WALLA WALLA HOPES TO GET A CONGRESSMAN

Walla Walla, Wash.—That Walla Walla will soon be in a congressional district of its own, and which will enable it to have a representative in the lower branch of congress, is the belief of politicians of this city. With the announcement of the census of the state, it is noted that redistricting the state will make two more congressmen. One of these, it is believed, will be elected from a newly created district of which Walla Walla will be the center.

One of the new districts must surely fall this side of the mountains, it is pointed out, and if so, it is likely that Walla Walla will be in it, as North Yakima and Spokane each a representative in congress, and the middle eastern part of the state is represented by William La Follette of Pullman. Logically, then, the new congressman from east of the mountains should be taken from Walla Walla.

It is believed that the new districts east of the mountains would line up something as follows: One from Walla Walla, Columbia, Franklin, Yakima, Klallam, Kittitas, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan; the other from Spokane, Ferry, Stevens, Whitman, Lincoln, Adams, Garfield and Asotin.

Of course, if the present representation of one congressman to every 100,000 inhabitants is maintained, Washington would get three more congressmen. It is more probable, it is thought here, that the representation will be confined to one in every 220,000.

So certain of the new district and of a congressman from Walla Walla are people here that they have already begun to pick candidates. Republicans are favoring H. A. Reynolds, a farmer of the valley; Professor W. D. Lyman of Whitman College and J. L. Dumas, democrats, will probably pick Francis A. Garrett, recently elected to the state legislature, in case there is such a choice to be made.

With a representative in congress, Walla Walla believes that much needed legislation would result.

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| 6. Characteristic Piece—Cupid's Dream | Dehne |
| 7. March—A Frangese | Mario Costa |
| 8. Danse Styrene | G. Michiels |
| 9. Entr'acte—Bewitching Beauty | Laurendeau |
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We thought we were making tremendous reductions when we started this sale but they are nothing compared with the great slaughter we are now making in price. Any small dealer would be tickled to death to secure our remaining stock at the present prices. Think of buying a fine, new high grade piano at a less price than any of our small competitors would pay for the same grade and quality. At the start of this sale, wholesale prices prevailed, but now you have the opportunity of purchasing your choice of the HIGHEST GUARANTEED PIANOS at ACTUAL FACTORY COST. A call of investigation solicited. You are acquainted with the quality of our goods and the well known makes we handle. When you see our prices you cannot resist the temptation of buying.

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