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CAN REDUCE INSURANCE

Seven Per Cent May Be Saved by Installation of Modern Alarm System.

SAVING WOULD PAY COST

Fire Chief Vaughan Makes Recommendations in Annual Report to City Council—Total Loss Last Year Was Twenty-Three Thousand.

Showing that eighteen fire alarms were turned in during the year of 1911 and the total loss by fire to have been \$23,350, Fire Chief John Vaughan last night submitted his annual report to the city council.

In his report, the city fire chief again takes occasion to point out the obsolete method of alarm now in vogue here and to recommend the installation of a modern system, which, he says, would result in a 7 per cent reduction in insurance rates.

Following is the report of the fire chief in full: To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council, Pendleton, Oregon.

Table with columns: Months, Alarm, Damage. Lists data for January through December and a total for 1911.

Cause of Fires. One false alarm, four defective flues, one boy and a match, two gasoline explosions, six unknown cause, one fire cracker, three cigarette or cigar trash pile.

Our fires get greater headway than they should on account of our seemingly poor method of communicating the fact that there is a fire to our volunteer firemen.

I have written to the underwriters of the Pacific coast several times and they have told me that the installation of a fire alarm system of at least 15 boxes would reduce the insurance premium of Pendleton 7 per cent, and 7 per cent of the premium on the business district would pay for an up-to-date system, of which Pendleton is sadly in need.

Therefore, I will recommend to your honorable body that you purchase at an early date a fire alarm system of 15 or 18 boxes, distributed through the city at points most effective.

I have been urged by a few of our largest property owners to make an effort to get the insurance premium reduced in our city, and I believe that this to be the most economical means for the city to accomplish this end.

Very respectfully yours, J. L. VAUGHAN, Fire Chief.

WALLA WALLA GRAIN BAGS TO COST 7c

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 11.—The state board of control, which has been in session at the penitentiary for the last few days, adjourned yesterday afternoon and the members left last night for the sound. The price of grain bags was finally fixed at seven cents, although the price will be changed as the retail market for bags fluctuates.

Jury Has Smythe Case.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 11.—The taking of testimony and arguments in the case of Attorney Dan P. Smythe of Pendleton, against the Northern Pacific Railroad company for \$50,000, were completed today and the case went to the jury this afternoon.

PORTLAND THUGS SHOOT 4

Fight Battle With Police After Holding-up Pedestrians.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 11.—A large squad of plain clothes officers are today scouring the city in an effort to locate three thugs who last night held-up and robbed a number of pedestrians at Park and Oak streets, forced the proprietor of the La Salle hotel to hand over \$35 from the cash drawer and then repaired to the water front where in a battle with the police they shot Patrolman Amundsen through the hand and Special Officer Edward Gasset through the neck, seriously wounding the latter.

SALOON RULES ARE MODIFIED BY CITY

Owners May Now Enter During Closing Hours if Necessary

Henceforward, it will be possible for saloonmen to enter their places of business in cases of emergency during the hours when their doors are closed to the public and they will not have to hunt up a policeman to do so, either. Action of the council last evening made this possible, the marshal being instructed to notify the saloonmen that they would be permitted to do so until an amendment to the liquor ordinance made such action legal.

According to a strict interpretation of the liquor ordinance, it has been unlawful for the proprietor of a saloon to enter his place of business on Sundays, at nights after the closing hour or at any other time when the doors of the saloons are closed to the public, unless he be accompanied by an officer. In consequence, many of the saloonmen were forced to stand on the outside during the cold nights and last Sunday and watch their water pipes and their liquor freeze. They also claim that in case of fire they would not have been allowed to enter their saloons.

The matter was brought up for discussion last night by Councilman Cole and, after considerable argument, was finally settled when Recorder Fitz Gerald announced that the intent of the law was to prevent traffic during those hours and that no court in the country would convict the proprietor for entering to protect their property. Therefore, Chief Kearney was notified to inform the saloonmen of the attitude of the council pending the preparation of an amendment to the ordinance.

During the discussion, Councilman Ell paid his respects to the old council which incorporated in the liquor ordinance what he termed an unjust clause. He declared the men who had drafted the ordinance and who had pushed it through to adoption had lost their heads over the matter of saloon regulation and had become incapable of rational reasoning.

51 MEN HAVE 80 PER CENT OF U. S. WEALTH

Washington, Jan. 11.—A red hot denunciation of the gamblers in cotton, wheat and corn was voiced today by Senator Davis of Arkansas, in the senate. He said: "I want to see the gamblers of New York driven out. The growing sentiment of it is, that the government has ceased to fulfill the wishes of the fathers and has become a tool of the oppressors, and agent of the money kings and money grabbers."

He named fifty-one millionaires, whom he said controlled 80 per cent of the country's wealth, which he estimated at one hundred billion dollars. He declared that it can not be contended that they made their money honestly.

Cold in Canada.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 11.—Forty-two below zero prevails here today. At many points west of here it is 50 below. Railroads are practically tied up. All trains are late.

At Minneapolis the temperature during the night was 30 below; Grand Forks and Medicine Hat, 44, and Devil's Lake, 40.

Judge Fines Himself. Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 11.—District Judge J. Ed Rizer arrived at his court room ten minutes late today. "I will have to be consistent," he said. "A few weeks ago I fined an attorney \$10 for this offense, and I hereby impose the same penalty against myself." Judge Rizer paid the money to the clerk of the court.

Black Sea Claims 172. London, Jan. 11.—The routers agency has reported that the Russian steamer, Russ, sank in the Black Sea and 172 persons perished.

WILL PROBE YOUTH'S DEATH

Grand Jury May Fix Blame For Electrocuting of Eugene Graham.

CORONER HOLDS INQUEST

Public Sentiment at Weston Is Bitter and Unfavorable to Athens Company Which Furnishes Electric Power to Weston.

Without fixing the responsibility for the death of Eugene F. Graham, the coroner's jury impaneled yesterday by Coroner Ralph Folsom returned its verdict that the young man came to his death as the result of contact with a live wire in the basement of D. B. Jarman's store in Weston on Tuesday afternoon. However, District Attorney Van Vactor, was on the scene and made an examination, and, as a result, there may be a grand jury investigation to determine whether or not there was any criminal negligence connected with the tragedy.

According to Coroner Folsom, public sentiment against the Preston-Parton Milling company of Athens, which furnishes power for Weston, is at a high pitch, the citizens declaring that, with proper attention to the wiring, the young man's death would never have occurred. They do not blame Mr. Jarman in any way as the testimony at the inquest showed that he had warned the young man not to touch the wires and even followed him into the basement to repeat the warning.

According to the proprietor's testimony, he himself had experienced a severe shock when he had attempted to turn on the lights in the basement and had, immediately following, warned all of his employees of the danger. Young Graham, he said, went below to make an investigation and was followed by his employer, who warned him again not to touch the wires. Graham, he said, took hold of the drop light to turn it on and was immediately knocked down, the drop cord falling on him and burning a hole in his chest so deep that the ribs were charred. So great was the voltage that the glass bulb was melted and this with the cord was ordered preserved as evidence by the district attorney.

John Vaughan, local electrician, this morning stated his belief that the cold weather had grounded one of the company's high power wires and that the young man's body had formed a circuit between the ground and the low power wires. If Mr. Vaughan's theory is correct, the wires themselves were not carrying a large voltage and the young man's death would not have resulted had his feet not been on the charged ground.

The coroner's jury was composed of the following men: E. O. De Moss, W. S. Payne, Otis Turner, J. L. Fuson, John Bannister and F. E. King.

STRIKING SHOPMEN MAKE APPEAL TO SYMPATHIZERS

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 11.—An appeal to sympathizers with Labors struggle, to assist in carrying on the strike of the Federation of Shopmen of the Harriman lines, was issued today by E. L. Reguin, of the federation. A general "Tag Day" for the benefit of strikers in the interior towns, who are not entitled to Union benefit payments will be held Saturday.

PENDLETON TO BE ASKED TO SUPPORT BASEBALL TEAM IN CLASS D LEAGUE

Can Pendleton support a baseball team in a class D league during the coming season? This is a question that will be put up to the fans of the city in the near future, if plans now being considered in Walla Walla and La Grande meet with favor with the bugs of those cities. Grant Lincoln, a well known baseball enthusiast of the Union county city, has written to Walla Walla fans stating that Baker and La Grande are ready to join with Pendleton and Walla Walla in a four team class D league and a meeting will be held in Walla Walla tonight to consider the proposition.

Whether or not Pendleton can raise enough money to warrant joining in a move of this kind is an undecided question. Some of the fans are of the opinion that, in view of the success of the Buckaroos on the diamond last year, a sufficient fund would be subscribed to start a good team, while others are very skeptical over the situation.

GOV'T SHOULD FIX PRICES

Andrew Carnegie Says This is Remedy for Misdeeds of the Trusts.

DISLIKES INCORPORATION

Declares Day of Competition Has Past and That Maximum Prices on Commodities Must Be Held Down by Law.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Andrew Carnegie today was on the stand again before the Stanley committee and advocated fixing prices by the government.

Today's examination opened with inquiries into the growth of the Carnegie Steel company from \$250,000,000 to \$420,000,000 in 1909. The members attempted to get Carnegie to admit that such growth was unreasonable.

Carnegie attempted to evade questions, designed to show why the steel business has stood practically still since 1909, by declaring that he had not kept in touch with the situation. Congressman Beall asked him whether he thought there was the same incentive, for the development and improvement under a single big corporation, that there was in smaller concerns.

Carnegie replied: "I don't believe a corporation can manage any business like a partnership. It is the same as a man owning land that he tills and lives on."

Carnegie then related personal incidents to illustrate the superiority of a partnership plan, as amplified in the Carnegie company. Responding to Beall's questioning Carnegie said he believed the day of competition was over. When asked why competition had ceased, he said: "Because corporations and their representatives are able to sit down and agree to fix prices and maintain them. This is obvious." When asked how the condition could be remedied, Carnegie said the government should fix maximum prices.

Finally Carnegie admitted that the steel trust dominates the industry.

HERMISTON HAS NO CITY TREASURER

(Special Correspondence.) Hermiston, Ore., Jan. 11.—Hermiston is today without a city treasurer for the reason that J. M. Scarborough, treasurer-elect, failed to qualify. Accordingly last evening the council declared the office vacant and will proceed to elect a treasurer itself. At the recent election, Scarborough defeated Ash Pierce by but a single vote but last night failed to file the required bond.

Cold Weather Record Broken.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 11.—All cold weather records of forty years were broken here today. The mercury went to three below zero with a prediction of a drop to 12 below tonight. Reports from the northwest indicate the cold is intense. Railroads are hampered. Suffering is increasing here and a coal famine is feared.

War Veteran Burns.

Seattle, Jan. 11.—Thomas Bainbridge, aged 73 years, a veteran of the civil war, was found burned to death in his cabin today. Bainbridge was last seen alive Monday.

YANK KILL 30 MOROS

Sidestep Ambuscade and Turn Tables on Outlaw Band.

Manila, P. I., Jan. 11.—During a battle today between American troops and a band of Moro outlaws, following an unsuccessful attempt on the part of the Moros to ambush the Americans, the latter killed thirty of the natives and won the fight. Lieutenant McGee, of the American cavalry was seriously wounded during the battle and three troopers were also wounded.

The Moros had planned their ambush, which was discovered by the Americans, who in turn surprised the outlaws and attacked them from all sides and practically wiping out the entire band.

It is believed that this is the last band that will give the United States government any trouble.

BOARD OPENS BIDS ON NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Will Award Contract at Meeting to be Held Today

With sixteen bids submitted and with a difference between the lowest and highest of more than \$30,000, and with none sufficiently low to admit of acceptance under the present plans and specifications, the school board, which met last night to open the bids on the new high school building, is meeting again this afternoon to receive additional figures from the contractors upon the cost of cheaper materials in certain parts of the structure, and the awarding of the contract will be made as soon as these figures are secured.

Table listing gross bids received from various contractors for the high school building, including Welch Bros., Salem, \$95,483.00 and others.

PACKERS ORDERED FIGURES JUGGLED

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 11.—When the trial of the packers was resumed today, Henry Meyers, chief auditor for the Armour company, was called to the stand. He described the packers' methods, in determining the cost and prices of the output. He said meats were never sold below the margin of cost, based on figures, which he prepared. Then he acknowledged that the packing house heads frequently ordered him to change the cost figures.

This, the prosecution says, shows how the packers, by figures, made it appear that the packing business was unprofitable.

MABEL WARNER TO BE TRIED JAN. 29

Mabel Young Warner, alleged maker of many fraudulent wills, will stand trial for the third time on the 29th day of the month, Judge Phelps having set that date this morning. She is accused of forgery, and the particular will which, it is alleged, was drawn up by her and to which she is alleged to have forged signatures, is the one which the supreme court of the state recently declared a palpable forgery. The case will be tried before an outside judge because of the connection Judge Phelps had with the previous trials in the capacity of prosecuting attorney.

Mrs. Warner escaped conviction on the same charge twice before through a hung jury and she has declared recently that she has no fear of the outcome of the approaching one. R. R. Johnson is her attorney.

Trains Moving on Time.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 11.—Train service on all lines leading east from Portland which were demoralized by the recent storm was placed on normal schedules today. In Portland, with the exception of the outlying road, electric light and telephone service is practically restored. No flood conditions are expected to result from the mild weather now prevailing.

Killed by Indians.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 11.—Robert S. Kier, son of George O. Kier, a pioneer newspaper man of California, was killed by Yaqui Indians in the state of Sonora, Mex., on December 26 last, according to information received here today from Belen, N. M. No details were given.

HALF BILLION FOUND INTACT

Vaults in Ruins of Equitable Building Opened and Money Recovered.

DARE DEATH IN MAD HUNT

Bankers Scramble About Under Tottling Walls to Recover Buried Treasure—Hundreds of Officers Guard Millions Through Streets.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Never before in the history of this city was so much money carried through the streets as today when a number of companies who had offices in the destroyed Equitable building, and whose vaults were today uncovered and the millions of dollars in cash and securities removed to other places in the city. More than five hundred million dollars had been removed this afternoon and the work is still going on and will be continued night and day until the last dollar will have been recovered. All papers thus far recovered were not injured by the fire. This afternoon the vault of the Equitable Trust company was opened and over \$325,000,000 were found intact.

The treasure of the Equitable Trust company was guarded by two hundred plain clothes men, one hundred uniformed policemen, two hundred private detectives and 125 members of the company, who formed a cordon about the entire block as the money was being loaded into wagons and followed the treasure to 115 Broadway where it was again deposited in vaults. Sixty million dollars in gold securities were taken from the vaults of the American Exchange National bank and moved away in an iron bound express wagon heavily guarded. From the vaults of the Mercantile Safety Deposit company \$75,000,000 was also recovered.

Dare Death in Hunt.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Although warned that they were taking their lives in their hands, two hundred and fifty men today entered the ruins of the Equitable building to prop up the tottering walls and to clear paths to the vaults in order that an effort may be made to recover the two billion dollars worth of securities that are locked in them. Wall street men today admit that the activities of the financial world are badly hampered by the absence of the securities and the uncertainty that surrounds the fate of the papers. It is however believed that they will be found in good condition.

Part of the books of the Equitable Life Assurance society were salvaged today and were uninjured by the fire. The vaults of the banking firm of William Ried and company, were reached and opened today and fifteen million dollars in cash and securities were removed in good condition.

At noon today, after several hours of hard work, President Strong of the Bankers' Trust company, left the ruins with a small tin box under his arm in which he carried six million dollars in gold certificates, which he removed from the company's vault.