

ITEMS IN BRIEF

From Thursday's Daily. Mr. W. C. Eddon came down from Sprague yesterday morning. Mrs. C. E. Dunham and children returned this morning from spending a few days at the Deschutes. Mr. John Crate proved a hero yesterday. He worked heroically during the conflagration, and aided greatly many in saving property. Two Jersey heifer calves were turned loose during the fire yesterday, one solid red and one red and white spotted. Any person knowing their whereabouts please inform Mr. J. W. Condon. All those having goods in their possession, not knowing the owners thereof, if they will leave the same in possession of Sheriff Cates, they will be given to the proper owners. A good quality of coal has been found near Bridge creek in Crook county, and Mr. M. J. Anderson, at Dufur, has tested it in the forge and finds it will produce a strong, lasting heat. It is ten thousand times better to be an Irishman than to be a fool.—The Dalles Chronicle. A fool is an affliction most men would succumb under.—East Oregonian. Mr. Mitchell B. Iton, who has been in the vicinity of Mt. Adams for several weeks past, was brought home last Monday. He was taken with hemorrhages of the lungs, and it became necessary to bring him to the city as soon as possible. Mr. Bardan, of the firm of Fish & Bardan, had his right hand very badly injured during the fire yesterday by a piece of glass entering deeply into it between the last two fingers. The back of his hand had to be cut open to remove the same. Mr. M. M. Cushing brought to town several fine clusters of grapes which he found growing wild on his farm near this city. The clusters were quite large, and the grapes plump and well formed. This demonstrates the fact that the soil in this vicinity is adapted to the cultivation of vineyards. Mr. J. H. Ferris, of Wapinitia, informs us that he has a crop of that place of 300 bushels of grain by having his stacks burned last Friday night. The neighbors turned out in full force and worked all night to save property, and it had not been for help thus rendered, there would have been much more property destroyed than there was. East Oregonian: What is being shipped on both railroad lines nearly as fast as it is brought to the stations, and there is no fear of a blockade this year. The elevator companies, which last year stored their grain, now ship as soon as it is received. A heavy rain-fall at about twenty cars, goes out each day over the O. & W. T., and soon another train will be added, in order to remove the crop to the coast as rapidly as possible. Nearly all the grain crop of the county is now sold. From Friday's Daily. Household goods are scattered all over the city. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Johnston, of Dufur, are in the city. Mr. Chas. Dehm came up from Ft. Stevens on the noon train. Mr. George E. Berger is in the city today from Monument. Mr. H. C. Cooper, of Bakedown, has been in the city for the past two days. Mr. B. Whyte, who is founder hereafter in the building north of the old hotel. Mr. J. H. Ordlebaugh, editor of the Hood River Officer, was in the city yesterday. Mrs. C. F. Hobart—see Jaker—arrived in the city from Starbuck, Wash., this morning. Mrs. M. J. Wingate will open business again in the brick building adjoining Dunham's drug store. The City Market is now located on Union street, on the alley between Second and Third streets. Mr. Bardan is still suffering severely with his hand, from the accident inflicted during the fire. Mr. F. W. L. Skibbe is refitting the shell of his brick building, and will start business at his old stand. Mr. James White has rented a corner of the Baldwin saloon, and will hereafter serve his lunches in that building. The burned district is the general scene of observation. Crowds of people are constantly coming and going through the ruins. The funeral of Mr. Joe. P. Fitzgerald will take place to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock, from St. Mary's church. We notice on our streets several persons from neighboring towns, who have come here to examine the extent of the conflagration. Every conceivable shelter is being used by the homeless, and people must be satisfied with many inconveniences until one town is rebuilt. The Central market has moved across the street into the Masonic building, where they will be happy to see all of their old customers. The Third Regiment Band is ordered to meet at Major & Belmont's store this evening at 8:30. Full attendance is requested. By order of leader, J. P. BERTON. We are informed that Messrs. Mays & Crowe have purchased the business interests of Messrs. Fish & Bardan, and Jules Bros. that of Roscoe & Gibbons. It is impossible to procure a full list of losses to-day. There are Messrs. Wm. McCoy, S. Strout, J. Fitzgerald and others whose losses we have not been able to ascertain. The opera restaurant, Will S. Graham, proprietor, will open at 62 Front Street, as quickly as the place can be fitted up. Mr. Graham expects to serve meals on Monday morning next. The following are the names of adjusters now registered at the Umatilla House: A. T. Thayer, Chris E. Cole, J. A. Staden, H. S. McTernick, Warren S. White, D. B. Bush, Herbert Folger and Harry Boyd. Mr. C. Stuhling has fitted up the building adjoining his old stand on Second street, between Court and Union, and will open up business as soon as possible. He will have rooms to rent in the second story.

were thrown open to the homeless, and ladies walked the streets till late at night, leaving their wanderers to the shelter of their homes. Representatives of the different insurance companies having policies on the buildings burned and goods damaged are in the city, and the losses will be adjusted as rapidly as possible. Columbia Hose Co. will meet this evening at the court house at 9 o'clock. A full attendance is requested, as matters of importance will be brought before the meeting for consideration. The teachers who helped save the public school building consider Mr. Wm. Gissius, the janitor, as deserving of the greatest credit. He and other gentlemen worked ardently in putting out the fire on the roof and eaves. Mr. Geo. P. Morgan moved into the Mays' cottage last Tuesday, and his household goods were not fully unpacked when the flames of Wednesday swept everything out of existence. The shade trees on the line of our streets, and the beautiful flowers and shrubbery in our gardens, were scorched by the flames Wednesday, so that these formerly attractive spots are now nothing but a bed of smoldering ashes. Mr. M. P. Blisen, on Wednesday, during the fire, fell from the roof of one of the dwellings, owned by Mrs. Wingate, sustaining several bruises about the arms and shoulders. His injuries are not serious, but are quite painful. Our reporter, yesterday, in his description of the fire, attempted to follow the course of the flames, and inadvertently omitted to mention the buildings on Fourth between Federal and Laughlin, occupied as dwellings by Mr. O. J. Lewis, Mrs. Cram, Mrs. Young and Mr. A. S. Macallister; also the handsome residence of Mr. E. B. McFarland, on Court street, which was burned to the ground. The relief committees have been busy all day in ascertaining what is necessary to relieve distress among families who have lost their dwellings in the late fire. Mrs. Fish has been appointed for this purpose, and reports that there is far more destitution than anyone imagined, except one busily engaged in learning what all citizens shall be called upon to give for the relief of their less fortunate townsmen. The receipts of the relief committee, each subscription today amounting to fifty dollars. Wasco News. Wasco, Sept. 2, 1931. Editor Times-Mountaineer: Several town lots have changed hands in Wasco this week. Several new buildings are perfected. Everything indicates a good time coming. The case of State of Oregon vs. Ferrer came up before his Honor Justice Leslie yesterday. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs. The complaint was for trespass upon a fenced-in land. Ferrer, they who break the law should feel the weight of the penalty thereof. M. A. Murchie took a trip through the southern part of the county this week on business. Mr. C. F. McCarthy leaves today for Fremont, and is expected to attend school. He is studying for the ministry, is studious and diligent and will soon make himself felt in his chosen profession. Mr. Hiram Tyre is in town again. He will begin teaching in the upper High Canyon school next Monday. His family will join him next week. Neighbor Biggs' watermelons are now becoming available, and oh, how our mouths water when we think about it. What is pouring down the canyon in a regular stream will continue to pour until snow falls unless our railroad appears to transport same. The board of equalization is still in session. But few changes have been made in the assessment, and but few parties have appeared before the board. REPORTER. Dealings in Realty. Aug. 31—John J. Luckey and wife to James T. Neff, fractional portion of SW 1/4 sec 28, T. 2 N., R. 12 W., 1/4 acre, containing 35 acres; \$2000; bond for deed. Aug. 31—B. F. McLean to J. T. Deak; lots 1 and 2 block 11 second addition west to town of Hood River; \$600. State of Oregon to W. W. Innes, 1/2 of 1/4 of sec. 7, T. 2 S., R. 14 east; 190 acres. A. A. Stephens to Eugene A. Stephens; 1/2 of 1/4 of sec. 20, T. 2 S., R. 14 east; 100 acres; consideration, \$1000. Alfred Thomas to Joseph Shearer; lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, sec. 3, T. 2 S., R. 16 east and 1/2 of 1/4 of sec. 20, T. 2 S., R. 16 east, containing 318 and 60.100 acres; consideration, \$1065.45. G. W. Innes to Joseph Shearer; 1/2 of 1/4 of sec. 27, T. 2 S., R. 14 east, containing 165 acres; consideration, \$500. State of Oregon to Alex. M. Fisher; 1/4 of 1/4 of sec. 10, T. 2 S., R. 14 east, and 1/4 of 1/4 of sec. 30, T. 2 S., R. 14 east, and 1/4 of 1/4 of sec. 27, T. 2 S., R. 16 east, containing 290 acres. Alex. M. Fisher to Joseph Shearer, the same; consideration, \$800. State of Oregon to Alfred Thomas, 1/4 of 1/4 of sec. 38, T. 2 S., R. 16 east, and lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in sec. 2, T. 2 S., R. 16 east, containing 309 and 20.1000 acres. The Relief Committee. In response to the call of Mayor Mays, the relief committee met in the county court rooms at 3 p. m. The mayor not being present the committee organized by electing C. N. Thornbury chairman and M. A. Moody secretary. On motion the following committee were appointed by the chair: For ascertaining aid necessary—Geo. Ruch, M. A. Moody, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. W. B. S. Huntington, Miss Lang. For receiving and distributing contributions—D. M. French, Mrs. S. French, Mrs. J. O. Mack, Mrs. H. Glenn. Any wishing to offer contributions should report to the chairman or secretary, or to Geo. Liebe, chairman of the last named committee. It is found that there are a number of families entirely destitute, and immediate aid must be had. The secretary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the first subscription of \$100 from the Catholic church, and generous offers from Wood Bros., J. C. O'Leary and others. The relief committee have been laudably prompt in their actions, and we are confident that our citizens who have escaped will come to the front and promptly. Letters Advertised. The following is the list of letters remaining in The Dalles postoffice unclaimed for Saturday, September 5, 1931. Persons calling for these letters will please give the date on which they were advertised. Anderson, A. G. McDaniel, Hibbard Allen, George Stanley, Gus Cronch, James Staples, Adelbert Cory, Mrs. Jenny Stewart, Mrs. Joanna Thomas, Mrs. Mary Hagey, A. T. Turner, Mrs. E. H. Heron, Mrs. E. M. E. Nilsen, P. M.

WIPE OUT BY FIRE

Dalles City Visited by Terrible Conflagration. Seventeen Blocks of Valuable Property Destroyed. FRAMES HELD FULL SWAY. An Incipient Kitchen Blaze Becomes a Fierce, Raging Destroyer. FRUITLESS EFFORTS TO SUBDUE IT. Assisted by the Wind, the Fiercely Element Levels Everything in its Path—Loss Estimated at About \$1,000,000. For the third time in the last twenty years The Dalles has been leveled by fire. In 1871 west from Washington street the residence portion was burned to the ground; again in 1878 the business part of the city was destroyed by fire; and yesterday afternoon the flames raged fiercely for four or five hours. On each of these occasions the loss has fallen heavily upon our citizens, but the most disastrous of any of these was the one of September 2, 1891. About 12 o'clock the alarm of fire was sounded, and very quickly the department was on the ground. The origin is not known, but the discovery was made somewhere between the dwelling house of Mr. Skibbe and Mr. J. H. Larsen, on the south side of Second street and between Main and Madison. At the time an east wind was blowing, and in a very short time the frame building occupied by Mr. Jones and the Enka restaurant was wrapped in flames. Destroying the saddlery shop of Mr. H. Kuck and Mr. Skibbe's saloon in the brick building, the fire ran along the west side of Main street to Third, and lapped up a frame building on the corner and Neabach's granger feed yard. Continuing its progress down Third street, the fire swept as with the beam of a searchlight, everything in its path. After the large building of Mr. Neabach caught, the flames crossed to the opposite side of the street, fed their fury on Mr. Sylvester's and Mr. A. Lowry's residences, and continued on their course to the bluff. West, on Third street, the trees surrounding the house of Mr. Hoover and a change in the direction of the wind stopped further progress. By this time the dwelling houses west of Madison street, including the residence of Enka as though they were constructed of straw. Even the beautiful shade trees, which have been admired by all visitors, caught fire, and the hungry element lapped up the foliage, leaving nothing but the charred trunks. From the commencement of the conflagration the members of the fire department worked like Trojans during the whole afternoon and evening, and were on duty with horses and engine all night. Business of all kinds was discontinued, and lawyers, doctors and editors did nothing but fight fire. The city was a unit in attempting to stay the progress of the flames. After Mitchell's planing mill, with shavings and other inflammable material, became ignited, it was considered that the remainder of Portland street was doomed. Coming through the alley from Third street, the flames soon spread to the remaining buildings on Second street, between Federal and Laughlin streets. During all this time the angry elements were swallowing all inflammable materials to the bluff, from Second street to the north. The fire spread to a well-built brick, was thought to be of sufficient strength to stay the onward march, but it soon became a raging furnace of white-hot flames. By almost superhuman efforts the Mays building, on the corner of Federal and Second, was saved, although at times it seemed doomed to destruction. This block was owned by Mays & Crowe, hardware dealer, owned by Mr. William Wiley, ignited and was soon a seething mass of the roaring, demonic element. The heat became intense, and the roofs of buildings far distant from the flames would char and burn, and the little rags of fire would spring from the shingles, spreading until they were stopped by their own intensity. After the building on the corner of Third and Federal was given to the conflagration, the fire swept in a straight line to the rear of the magnificent three story brick block, and the opera house, and soon the flames spread that the pride of the city, the three-story brick, was being fed to the red-hot demon. All persons stood aghast, and gave up hope. This block was occupied by Mays & Crowe, hardware dealer; George Anderson, gunsmith; L. Rorden & Co., notions, cutlery, etc.; exhibits of the board of immigration; Eastern Oregon Co-operative Association; and Chas. J. Stuhling, soon. The rooms in the upper story were occupied by lawyers, doctors and individuals for sleeping purposes. All this time, in its mad career, the fire was queuing its turf on residences on Fourth street, and upward to the edge of the bluff. The residence of Mr. Roscoe soon went up in smoke and then followed the elegant building of Mrs. Griffith E. Williams, and also the cottage of Mr. William Mitchell. The family had moved all clothing and furniture into Mr. Mitchell's undertaking rooms in the Nickelson brick block, and the treacherous fire had lapped up the butcher shop of Christian Bros., the grocery of Christian & Corson, the residence of J. Doherty, shoe shop of Adams, and was lapping against the brick walls of the grocery of A. A. Brown. Finding an entrance through some aperture, the angry element gnawed its way into the interior, and that which was left a few moments before a safe resort was now a mass of seething, roaring flames, shot into a furnace by the brick walls. Mr. Mitchell and his family worked like Trojans to stop the onward course of the destroying element. The first Baptist church, from its tall steeple, in tongues of living flame, claimed that the insatiable fire had it within its fiery embrace, and then the tower of the Methodist church belched forth its

for of fire. Then followed the cottage of Hon. F. P. Mays, and the chimney only stands to designate the place where once was the home of peace and comfort. After the Methodist church was wrapped in the loving embrace of the fiend, the cottage on the corner of Columbia Avenue—now Fifth street—succumbed to the destroyer. Then followed a line of residences, ending with the tall old building known as The Dalles brewery. Down Court street, little tongues of flame were leaping from the roofs and in a little while the residence of Mr. Corson, Mr. J. Fitzgerald, Mr. Sellers and Mrs. Gray were in ruins. The block south of the old brewery was being wiped out, and the conflagration was spreading to the west. The block to the west of Court street was burning—actually melting with intense heat. Almost quicker than you can pencil the fact the homes of Mr. D. W. Vogt, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. W. Weggerman and Mr. O. Kiersey were literally swallowed by the ruthless monster. The fire department worked heroically to save property, and, often exhausted by overwork, they worked with parched throats and the perspiration dropping like water from their bodies. Soon the residence of Mrs. Jaker was being embraced in the flames, and all hopes of saving the handsome edifice of the Congressional society were given up by the most sanguine; but from the intense heat of the burning building on Court street, the tall steeple caught first, and the grandest and most awful sight of the conflagration was witnessed—except the raging, seething furnace of the Vogt block—with the fiery fingers of flames pointing a hundred feet above the street to the eternal heavens. In the quieting the block between Washington and Court streets, on the south side of Third street was in the livid embrace of the devilish demon. Flames leaped high in the air and circled around buildings like the naacods done toward its prey. These buildings comprised the residences of Mr. Thos. Kelly, Mrs. Lucy, Mr. Frank Hill, Mr. A. A. Boushey, the engine house and the large and complete building of the Columbia Packing Co. On Second street McDonald Bros' saloon, lodging house, and Mr. Wiley's restaurant, B. Wolf's residence, Max Vogt's tenement block, Wingate's brick block and D. W. Edwards' art gallery, Mr. Berger's residence, also Mr. Cathcart's and Mr. Crowe's and the Pacific Fence Works were simply piles of ash, but well directed efforts quenched the lurid lava. When the cottage was considered safe, surrounded as it was by the hell of flame from the Congressional church, and the buildings and warehouse in the north, Hood's very stable and residence, Jackson House, occupied as lodging house and saloon, Mr. Ruch's tenement house, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Boushey's residence, Brown's fruit store and lodging house were leveled to the ground. The fire at the hour was raging, fiercely around the elegant residence of Mr. Geo. 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