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BAD FIRE AT FALLS CITY

J. C. Talbott & Co. Lose Most of Furniture Stock in Suburban Blaze Monday.

The hardware and furniture store of J. C. Talbott & Co. was destroyed by fire Monday morning. Fire was discovered in the back part of the building and spread rapidly among the mattresses and other light material. An alarm was turned in and the department responded quickly. The hose on the first cart was too short to do effective work and there was some delay in getting water on the blaze for that reason. In the meantime the fire had spread into the garage and as the roof was of rubberoid it was difficult to reach the fire.

The entire stock was either destroyed or badly damaged by water. The cause of the fire is not known, as there was no one in the building at the time it was discovered. The stock was valued at \$9,000 and the building at \$3,000. There was a small amount of insurance on both.

Farmer Badly Hurt.
While returning home last Wednesday afternoon, Clarence Sellers, a farmer residing west of town, sustained a badly fractured limb. As he was going down a steep grade the wagon skidded and thinking it would turn over, Mr. Sellers jumped in doing so his leg caught in the wheel of the wagon and before he could disentangle himself from the wheel the horses had backed the wagon over him breaking his leg. He had to trundle the horses and ride one of them home before he could get help.

Williamina Postoffice Robbed.
A robbery was received in Dallas Monday morning that the post office at Williamina was robbed during the night before. The rear door was broken open, the small safe was placed on a truck and carted one mile down the main road toward Sheridan where it was blown open. About ten dollars in cash and a small amount in stamps were secured. Two men were seen walking into Williamina along the railroad Sunday night and they are supposed to be the ones who perpetrated the crime. Paul Belt, a brother of H. H. Belt, of this city, is the postmaster at Williamina.

Upjohn Gets Bad Tumble.
D. H. Upjohn, formerly district attorney for Polk county and now publishing the Oregon Gazette, a weekly paper at Salem, had a miraculous escape from death at Portland one night last week. He fell four stories in the inside court of the Imperial Hotel, lighting on the wire netting near the bottom. His injuries are not serious, consisting of several scratches and bruises and a severe shaking up.

Accident at Stone Quarry.
George Stewart, foreman of the city's rock crusher crew, is the victim of the first accident to be reported to the state industrial insurance commission from this city. Last Saturday, while working in the quarry he was struck on the back of the head by a falling rock, receiving a cut on the scalp four or five inches long, which required several stitches by a physician to close.

Camp Fire Girls Entertain.
A pleasant party was given in honor of the young men of Dallas last Friday night by the Camp Fire Girls, at the home of Miss Maude Barnes. The evening was spent with various games and sports. The crowd was full of life and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves to their hearts' content. A light lunch was served, consisting of cake and ice cream. The lawn was decorated with jack-o'-lanterns strung in various ways and places, which made the yard very attractive and pleasant.

Arrested as a Spy.
According to a cablegram from London Wednesday, Baron Lewis von Horst had been arrested in that city charged with being a German spy. Horst is one of the owners of the big Horst Brothers' hop yard near Independence, and is well known in the Willamette valley, having at one time had an office in Salem.

WHEN THE CARDINAL FEASTED ON CROW

Dallas Man Tells of Time He Fed Bird to High Church Dignitary.

Phil Begin, the tailor on Mill street, is a native of Quebec, and when a boy lived in that French province of Canada. His father is a first cousin of Louis N. Begin, Archbishop of Quebec, who was one of the last cardinals created by the late Pope Pius X. Speaking of his relationship to the cardinal, Phil told the writer of a boyish prank that he and his brothers once played on the dignified bishop, which the latter is fond of telling himself. On one of the occasions when the bishop was a guest at his home Phil's mother sent him and his brothers out to shoot some partridges on which to dine their guest. Hunting was poor that day and the boys only succeeded in shooting one partridge. Knowing that would not be enough for all, the boys looked for other game and seeing two crows, shot them. These, with the partridge, they picked and dressed and took home to their mother. The good woman, being nearly blind, did not distinguish the difference in the crows and cooked them all. Taking the two larger birds to the dining room, she reserved the smaller one for the boys, who were obliged to eat in the kitchen. The crows were big and fat and had been feeding on grain and did not prove bad eating, and the bishop and his hosts apparently enjoyed the feast, while Phil and the other boys sure did enjoy that partridge and the joke they had played on their elders.

TWO DROWNINGS AT INDEPENDENCE

Hop Pickers Get Beyond Their Depths in Willamette River.

Two young men met death by drowning at Independence Monday. The accidents, while occurring the same day and only a few hours apart, were in no way connected. Both victims were residents of Portland and had only been in the city a few days, being among the numerous hop pickers who have invested that city the past week.

Louis Howlett, 23 years old, was swimming about two miles above town in company with three companions. He attempted to swim the river at this point, in the center of the stream he sank and did not rise again. The drowning occurred at 9 o'clock and the body was recovered at 12:50 by James Jrr, George Graves and Charles McCutley, all of Independence. It was sent to Portland. John Buys, a bookkeeper, was wading in the river at the sand bar and got beyond his depth, and being unable to swim, was drowned. His body was not recovered until 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, being found in deep water not far from where it went down. Mr. Buys had come from Portland in a canoe with Lucius Kruse and Cornelius Dollman and expected to pick hops at the Horst yard, where his relatives are camped. He was a member of the Oregon Yacht Club and was a bookkeeper in that city.

Coroner Chapman went to Independence and investigated the drownings, but as both were clearly accidental, no inquests were held. The bodies of both victims have been sent to Portland.

Merchant Dies at Lincoln.
Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Loren Walling, aged 32 years, died at his home at Lincoln, after a lingering illness with dropsy. Mr. Walling was well known in Polk and Marion counties, having been engaged in the mercantile business at Lincoln. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walling, well known hop growers of that vicinity. He leaves a widow and two small children and several brothers and sisters.

Loggers' Safety Demanded.

Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff has announced a ruling which demands the equipment of cars for carrying saw logs with safety bunks and forbids the use of stakes to hold the logs in place. It was necessary when stakes were used for the logger to chop the stakes through and trust to his agility to get from under before the logs began to roll off. The safety bunk can be operated from the safe side of the car and does away with the danger attendant upon the stake system. This order of the labor commission will be a big thing for the Gerlingers of this city, as they are interested in the manufacture of a safety bunk which is the invention of Carl Gerlinger, now in Germany, which is one of the best, and which has already been adopted by the S. P. railway company.

Trip to Germany Off.
The war has spoiled the plans of Prof. William Caldwell, formerly instructor of music at Dallas College. Mr. Caldwell had arrangements about completed for a trip to Berlin this fall, where he expected to remain a year or more advancing his musical education. Now, however, he thinks he will wait until it is definitely decided whether the Germans or Russians are to rule that city.

Library Notes.
During the long summer days, when the desire for the great out of doors is greatest, library books and study hours are not so popular, yet a comparison of the records for 1913 and 1914 show a steady increase in the growth of the library. The circulation for August, 1913, was 740 and attendance 1662, while for August, 1914, the circulation was 972 and the attendance 2005. For an interesting story of the Yamhill river and county, read "The Yamhills." This little book was written by J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville, and is a history of the early days and Indian legends of the county. Mrs. A. B. Mair has presented the library with a fine begonia, and Mrs. J. L. Collins a hanging basket containing a beautiful falling star plant. The following books have been taken from the rental list and placed in free circulation: Desert Gaid—Grey. Red Pepper Burns—Richmond. Mrs. Red Pepper—Richmond. Happy Warrior—Hutchinson. Ambition of Mark Truitt—Miller. Comrade Yetta—Edwards. Virginia—Glasgow. Veronica—Kingsley. Concert Pitch—Danby. Stella Maris—Locke. Inside of the Cup—Churchill. Iron Trail—Beach. Drifting Diamond—Colcord.

FIRE DESTROYS FREIGHT HOUSE

Incendiary Believed to Have Particular Spite at Southern Pacific Company.

For the second time in less than a year the freight depot of the Southern Pacific railway company in this city was totally destroyed by fire about midnight last Thursday. The fire was discovered at 11:40 by Mrs. W. R. Ellis, who lives near the depot, and she immediately telephoned in an alarm. When first seen by Mrs. Ellis the flames had already burst through the roof. By the time the department arrived the entire building was in flames and it was impossible to enter to remove any of the contents. A locomotive was dispatched from the shops and succeeded in pulling a string of box cars away before they caught fire, and early arrivals on the scene rolled several barrels of gasoline from the platform to a distance of safety. The department got three streams of water into action and soon had the flames under control, saving the ticket office and passenger station and part of the baggage. All the contents of the freight house were totally destroyed, however, including the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Piascecki, who have just moved here from Salem, about a ton of sulphur, a consignment of dry goods for the Golden Rule store and considerable miscellaneous freight. Several trunks in the baggage room were also destroyed or badly damaged.

Married at Zena.
At the home of the bride, at Zena, Wednesday at 10 a. m., occurred the marriage of Miss Flossie Cook and Grover Thompson, of Fossil, Oregon. Miss May Cook, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Ray Thompson was best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George A. McKinley, immediately after which the happy young couple left for Fossil, where they will reside.

Sunday Services at Perrydale.
Sunday, September 6th, at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. E. B. Lockhart, one of the editors of the Oregon Statesman, of Salem, will speak in the Methodist Episcopal church at Perrydale. He will speak in the Ballston M. E. church in the evening of the same day at 8 o'clock. Mr. Lockhart is a live wire and thoroughly awake upon all the most important issues of the times. C. L. Crider is confined to his home with a severe attack of blood poisoning in one of his feet, which it is believed resulted from an infection he received while wading in the ocean at Newport. Judge Webster Holmes has granted a change of venue to Marion county in the case of George H. Poersel against Polk county for \$2,000 damages alleged to have been sustained from a fall from a walk on the county road at Independence.

HOP PICKING HAS COMMENCED

Crop Light, but of Good Quality, and Weather Conditions are Ideal.

Hop picking is in full swing in Polk county. The first pickers commenced work in this vicinity Tuesday. A. V. McCarter was the first to commence harvesting his crop. He is on the Hallock place, four miles from Dallas. Charles Belleu also commenced picking in his yard Tuesday and most of the other yards around Dallas today. The big yards at Eola, including those of Williams and Holman, will commence picking on Monday next. By the last of the present week, however, the work will be well under way in all parts of the county.

In the big yards around Independence hop picking is on in earnest. It is said that more pickers have registered there this year than ever before, it being estimated that fully 15,000 are within a five-mile circle of that city. Many have been unable to secure work and are said to be destitute, having spent their last cent to get to the fields.

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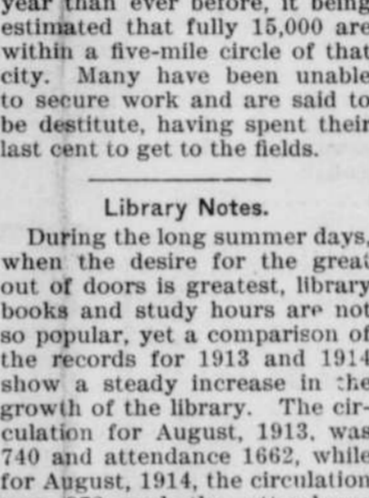
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