

THE DISTRICT FAIR.

At a recent meeting in La Grande of the directors of the First Eastern Oregon District Fair Association, the directors for Baker, Grant, Malheur and Union counties voted to hold the 1899 fair at the fair grounds near Baker City, and the director from Wallawa county voted to have the fair in Wallawa county.

EDWARD WARREN SUSPECTED.

It is rumored that the accused man started the Canyon City fire.

Baker City Democrat.

Sheriff Huntington and his wideawake deputies have for several days been on the lookout for Edward Warren, who is suspected of having started the terrible blaze, which practically wiped out the town of Canyon City and left many families without shelter and little or no means to withstand the cold blasts of the near-by winter.

The sheriff's office at Baker City has been notified that Warren, the suspected fire-bug, has been apprehended at Sumpter, where he is being guarded, pending the arrival of Newt Livingston, sheriff of Grant county, who will take the alleged fiend to Canyon City, where the horrible charge against him will be investigated.

The story goes that Warren, who is said to be an opium fiend and thimble-gambler of disreputable standing even among those of his own profession, was rooming at the Elkhorn hotel, in which the fire started; that for some imagined cause he was angry at the people of Canyon City in general; that the fire began in his room in the hotel and that, for some time previous to the discovery of the fire, Warren was playing on a piano in the parlor of the hotel.

From information received by the Baker City Democrat of the state of public feeling in and about Canyon City, it seems very likely that, should the crime be conclusively fastened on Warren, he will be lynched without ceremony on his arrival in Canyon City by the people who were burned out of house and home in consequence of the hellish spite of one who is said to be an outcast from decent society.

However, even in their heavy affliction, the people of Canyon City are just and will probably not act hastily in the matter. For all concerned and for the good name of the people of Canyon City and Grant county it will be best, even should the evidence against the accused be quite direct, to permit Warren to be tried justly by the law and punished by a long term in the grim state's prison at Salem. It is to be hoped, even though Warren is guilty, and as yet it is not known here to be even certain that the fire was caused by anything but an accident, that conservative men of Canyon City will have sufficient influence to avert the barbarous act of a lynching, and direct the people in a manly and womanly manner to allow the law to take its course.

Nineteen of Oregon's volunteers have now died at Manila, the last one being Chas. N. Haro, whose home was near Eugene.

State News.

The total capacity of the flour mills of Washington, Oregon and Idaho is 25,685 barrels daily. There are 67 mills in Washington, 152 in Oregon and 42 in Idaho.

The Walla Walla Electric Company has refused an offer from the city to furnish 60 arc lights on the streets for one year for \$5,000. The company says the price offered is below the actual cost of furnishing that number of lights.

The Oregon Lumber Company, of La Grande, has secured a contract to supply the Utah Pacific with 3,000 ties. The Utah Pacific is a new road which is being extended toward Los Angeles and which is supposed to be virtually a branch line of the Union Pacific.

Ray Hollenbeck, a young man about 18 years of age, was stabbed in the breast and killed Saturday night by Guy Beckior, a schoolmate, at Empire City, Oregon. The stabbing occurred near Fairview and was the result of a quarrel over the moving of the blackboard and some desks in the school house.

CAUGHT AT LAST.

Forester, murderer of Phil Brogan, arrested in Nevada.

At last Frank Forester, who murdered Phil Brogan at Antelope, November 5th, has fallen into the hands of the officers. This morning Sheriff Kelley received the following dispatch from the sheriff at Winnemucca, Nevada:

"We have Forester arrested. He acknowledges the crime. Wire warrant, and you can come for him at once. He waives request."

"C. W. McDarr, Sheriff."

Mr. Kelly left for Winnemucca, going by way of Portland and San Francisco, and expects to have Forester back here for trial before the close of present term of court.

Little is known as to how Forester got in Nevada, but it is presumed that he headed for the railroad soon after the crime was committed, and was headed for his old home in Tennessee.

SAN FRANCISCO'S FIRE.

Baldwin Hotel and Theater Destroyed With Their Contents.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—At 3:25 this morning the Baldwin hotel caught fire and was entirely destroyed. There were 800 people, guests and employees, in the hotel when the fire broke out, and certainly two, probably many more of these people, lost their lives. Manager A. J. White was one of the victims, but before he gave up his life the gallant fellow saved the lives of three women.

The fire is said to have started in the kitchen, located in the basement. It worked its way up through a flue to the sixth floor, and before the first alarm was sent in the flames had gained great headway. The first alarm was followed by others in rapid succession, until five calls had been sent in, summoning every piece of apparatus at the command of the department.

For years the Baldwin has been regarded as the most dangerous firetrap in San Francisco. Built of wood, six stories high, with narrow and tortuous hallways, it is a wonder half the people in the hotel escaped. They were slow to awaken. Many were dazed and stupefied by smoke when the police, firemen and hotel employees, hurrying through the hallways, kicked open the doors and notified the people of the great danger. When they managed to reach the windows and fire-escapes there were no ladders. Many attempted to jump from the windows to the streets, but were warned not to do so by the crowd below. Then the firemen got ladders and commenced taking people to the ground, rescuing many.

In the interior of the hotel an explosion in the theater caused that portion of the building to cave in. This explosion also extinguished the electric lights throughout the building. There were many people in the upper halls and corridors at that time, and firemen and policemen were trying to lead them to the Market and Powell-street windows. The entire top floor was then a blazing mass. Streams from 30 engines were being poured upon the blazing building, but

without apparent effect. Explosion followed explosion. The roof of the building collapsed, taking with it back into the building a number of those who had been clinging for life to the attic cables. The death of White was most dramatic. Three women appeared on the cornice of the fifth floor on the Market-street side of the hotel. The firemen could not reach them with ladders and they stood helpless, screaming with terror. Suddenly White came out of a window carrying a small rope. With this he lowered the women into the arms of the firemen, who were waiting at the windows of the next story. Then White started down the rope hand over hand. When he was half way down the rope parted, and the man who had just saved three lives was dashed to death on the pavement, 100 feet below.

"Lucky" Baldwin had a narrow escape from perishing. Amid all the din he slept peacefully until his room was broken into and he was dragged from his bed.

The building of the Baldwin hotel began in 1873 and was finished in 1877, its total cost, including the ground and furniture, being \$3,000,000. In the building was the Baldwin theater. The street floor of the immense structure was occupied by the hotel offices, the barroom and numerous stores. In the basement was an elaborately fitted cafe.

E. J. Baldwin stated this morning that he carried \$100,000 insurance. The Baldwin theater was completely demolished. The stage effect of the "Secret Service" company, which was filling an engagement at the theater, were destroyed. While the roof was in flames a man was seen endeavoring to escape from an upper window, attired only in his night shirt. To those below he seemed to fall back into the raging flames, as he suddenly disappeared. His identity is unknown.

Those connected in the hotel are convinced that several of their employees have perished in the flames, but owing to the great excitement prevailing the names of those who are missing cannot be ascertained. One man named Morris, was taken to the receiving hospital, having been injured in his attempt to escape.

E. J. Baldwin, owner of the hotel, is prostrated and unable to tell much about his affairs. He says he will not be able to estimate his loss for several days. Later reports place the number of guests in the hotel at 302. Among those who registered were: J. W. Blain, R. S. Carter, J. N. Cully, of Portland Or., and M. M. Rice, at Vancouver.

The stores on the ground floor of the Baldwin hotel building, all of which were destroyed, were Joy's drug store, J. J. Grom, Well & Buck, a photographic parlor and a military store.

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SAVED FROM THE "MOHICAN."

E. A. L. Smith, of Ashland, Among the Saved. Tells of the Awful Catastrophe. Ashland Tidings.

E. A. L. Smith, of this city, who was among the passengers saved from the wreck of the steamer "Mohican" which went down in the English Channel, about one month ago, and who returned and was kept in England to give testimony regarding the wreck and loss of the ill-fated steamer, arrived home this week. Young Smith went to London with a carload of horses from Oregon during the past summer and was on his return, on the "Mohican" when the wreck of that steamer accompanied with its terrible loss of life took place. The Portland papers have published that the Smith mentioned in the press dispatches as saved from the wreck was L. K. G. Smith, the old time tobacconist of that city, but they are in error, for it was young E. A. L. Smith, who with his parents lives on Granite street, in Ashland.

The "Mohican" was a steamer of the Atlantic Transport Co., which sailed from Southampton on the 13th of October, and was wrecked 15 miles out of her course by striking on the Manacles, of Lizard Island, and 13 miles from Falmouth. The passengers were at dinner when the vessel struck on the rocks and in 20 minutes after she was a total wreck, with 150 of her passengers and crew lost and but 13 passengers and 33 of her crew saved. Among the few of the passengers who escaped was young Ernest Arthur Leeston Smith, of this city, and these are portions of the experiences that Mr. Smith relates of that terrible night in the English Channel.

I went on board the "Mohican" at Tilbury, at 2 o'clock, on the afternoon of the 13th of October, and everything went well as far as I know until about 7 o'clock on Friday night. It was a beautiful clear night, with piercing cold wind and a rather heavy sea in the channel. When the announcement was made for dinner in the evening, I went down to dress and had only reached my cabin, when I heard a great crash, and then dishes and plates falling about the saloon. Fearing a collision I at once rushed on the deck, and soon found that something very serious had happened to the ship. She appeared to be going down gradually and the lights were going out.

The Captain was on the bridge shouting: "It is all right," and both he and the officers were doing their best to allay the fears of the passengers. The crew obeyed the orders which the captain gave from the bridge. When I learned that the affair was serious I at once rushed down to my cabin, in which I found a foot of water, and got a life belt, and then made my way to the deck again. The ship was then rapidly sinking. As I was running along the deck I found that the Captain was by my side and I followed him. He had two life belts on one around his waist and the other around his hips. We both plunged into the water together just as the ship gave her last lurch, and then I swam away through the sea.

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me, and for the first few strokes I had to swim through shrieking, screaming, half-demented and half-dead human beings, and I had the utmost difficulty in getting away from them. The passengers a moment previously had been ranged on the side of the ship and as it lurched they all seemed to plunge into the sea together, and they were swallowed up by the great wave which followed, and some of them never appeared above that wave. I saw my best and got away from the scene and the next thing that happened to me, I was drawn to a great rock which sucked me under. I managed to get away from this, too, and swam, I knew not where, until I came across a kind of raft with a rough sail on it, and succeeding in getting on it, but the waves dashed over and knocked me off several times, but I succeeded in getting back each time, until at last the raft lodged on a large rock and threw me clear over it. Then I had to strike out and swim again and eventually reaching the shore about two and a half miles below the vessel. When I found me I was lying across some rocks stiff and helpless, but by good work I was brought to and every one on the beach was very kind to me. When I was on the raft I tried to help one poor woman, whom I saw struggling in the sea in front of me, but I was helpless, I could not reach her and saw her go down into the water.

The one cry, young Smith says, when the disaster was known, on board of the ship was "Save the women!" In one instance too many women were put into one boat and there were only four men in it to manage the boat. He saw one woman fall dead in the arms of one of the sailors. After Smith lost the raft he came across a woman in the water, a Miss Rondebush, a singer of some prominence, whose life he succeeded in saving, and fetched her to the shore with him.

Mr. Smith had his presence of mind with him and succeeded in saving his money and valuables, and has his passage ticket on the "Mohican" to New York City as a souvenir of the event. After giving his testimony regarding the wreck before the government board of inquiry, he took passage for New York on the steamer "Menominee" of the same line of the lost vessel, and arrived in America November 6th.

Important Decision.

Judge Robert Eakin has handed down a decision in the case of F. T. Gilson vs. J. T. English, et al., says the Sumpter News, which will be of interest to miners and mine owners of this section. Gilson applied for an injunction restraining English from diverting waters claimed by plaintiff for his own use. The application was disallowed on the ground that plaintiff's use of the water had not as yet been infringed upon, and that plaintiff does not own the stream nor any of it except while using it, defendants may use the water while the plaintiff is not desiring to use it. Plaintiff, however, has a freehold interest in his claims are legal and kept alive. This decision establishes the fact that parties can divert the waters of a stream to the detriment of others further down the stream, who have an equal right as locators and riparian owners.—Baker City Republican.

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