

AN EXCITING
CONFLAGRATIONMotion Picture Show Goes
up in Smoke.

A little after nine o'clock on Monday evening, fire broke out in the motion picture show conducted by the Hale boys in the Chris Borchers building on Main street, and in a very few minutes the entire fronts of that building and the bakery on the north and O. K. restaurant on the south were enveloped in flames and it looked as though a very serious fire was in prospect. In fact the entire block seemed to be endangered because of the very rapid spread of the flames and the great start it had before the water was turned on.

Just exactly how the fire got started is not settled. The picture show was in progress at the time, and Jule Hale was working the machine. There was not a very large crowd in attendance, and these all succeeded in getting out of the building by the front and rear doors and no one was hurt, tho many were badly frightened as they naturally would be on discovering the entire front end of the building above the exit being in flames.

The fire evidently started from the explosion of a pile of picture films that were laying on the floor of the platform where the machine was being operated, but how they became ignited is a mystery, as there was no fire near them; at least so far as the machine operator was aware, but it is possible that the films may have been fired from a spark from the curtains that hung just below in the entrance way, and these could have been fired by someone throwing a cigar or cigarette stub against them as they entered the building. Of course this is only a theory, but it seems to be the reasonable one, as Hale says he was operating the machine and knows that the fire did not originate from it.

The fire started with an explosion, and the films being made of very inflammable stuff it was only an instant till the front of the building was all a mass of flames. There was about a hundred people in the building at the time witnessing the show, and on discovering the fire, the most of these instantly rushed out at the front door, while some made for the rear entrance, all escaping in good shape. Had the building been crowded the result might have been different.

The alarm spread at once, and it was but a very few minutes before the water was turned on and the flames subdued. The Borchers building is badly wrecked and is damaged some \$1000 or \$1500. The O. K. restaurant building, belonging to Geo. Swaggart, suffered damage to some extent by water, and will require an expenditure of about \$500 to put it in shape again. The bakery was damaged to some extent as the front is pretty badly scorched and windows broken, and the McAtee & Aiken saloon building and Noble's harness shop also received slight damage. All were covered by insurance.

There was no wind at the time of the fire, and the heavy concrete walls of the Borchers building kept it confined so that there was no spreading of the flames except from the front of the building. A hard wind had been blowing all day Monday, but died down in the evening so it was easy to quench the flames when four streams of water under high pressure was turned on from nearby hydrants.

This is the second serious fire in this block, and its quick subjugation proves the efficiency of our water system. This fire was put out rapidly and effectively and the water in the high pressure reservoir was lowered only three feet.

The damage to adjoining property by water and the removal of goods amounted to nothing. While it appeared for a time that the inside of the bakery must

certainly be greatly damaged, it was not, and Mr. Fuhs suffered no loss at all from either fire or water. Just how it happened that his stock was not ruined by the water, is a piece of good luck that is not explained, but he went right on with business the next morning just as if nothing had happened.

There was no one hurt to speak of, tho much confusion was experienced from the unorganized condition of Heppner's fire department. It was revealed that much of the fire apparatus was not in the best of shape, and on this account there was some delay in getting water on the flames as rapidly as desired, yet good work was done and the damage reduced to the minimum.

The moving picture business is doubtless now done for in Heppner, but should it be opened up here again, it will be under the strictest regulations. That serious accidents have not happened heretofore in the handling of this business has simply been because we were favored by good fortune, because the proper regulations to protect life and property have never been enforced.

This fire is an object lesson.

Get one of those Vacuum carpet cleaners at Gilliam & Bisbee's and try it, if you like it, buy it for \$9.00, if you think it is not what it ought to be, return it.

"Across the Continent."

There is a striking significance, a wealth of the romantic atmosphere of the awakening West, and a vivid, elaborate picturing of the wilderness responding to the genius of the Western constructive civilization in the beautiful book written by Isabelle Carpenter Kendall, entitled "Across the Continent," a copy of which has just come to the reviewing desk. It is the first book of the Chicago Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway, and as a luxuriously designed and printed volume descriptive of the wonderlands between the Mississippi and the Pacific ocean it compels attention as a superb work of art. The book contains some seventy large quarto pages of heavy calendered paper and the elaborate picture work in colors throughout, as well as the distinctive letter press and art work, disarm criticism. Its chief significance lies in its demonstration of the scenic grandeur and magnificence of the 1,400 miles of new railway through new territory in the prolific West. The text is a concise, impressive descriptive of a trip over the entire line, and the reproductions of photographs in colors are splendid examples of engraving and printing art. The principal towns and districts along the line are comprehensively described, as well as the chief elements of improved railroad building that have attracted world-wide attention to the Milwaukee road, which represents in some respects the most remarkable of modern accomplishments in railroad construction. The book is issued by the publishing department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway which is in charge of General Passenger Agent Geo. W. Hibbard and Traffic Manager R. M. Calkins, Seattle Wash.

Jas Angus, a knight of the feed box who has been with the Mountain Valley herd of Short-horns for the past two years, is holding down a job in Portland just now, having retired temporarily from the cattle business. About the time the fair circuit opens again Jim will no doubt heed the call of the cows and return to his first love.—Rural Spirit.

J. M. Hansford returned on Monday evening from a stay of several months in North Idaho, being located most of the time at Sand Point. He thinks much more of this Morrow county country than he does of that, and is glad to be home again.

Velox, Aso, Solio and Bromide papers and post cards, all sizes. Patterson & Son.

COUNTY COURT.

The county court finished checking up the financial reports of County officials on Saturday, and wound up the July term with the following proceedings:

The claim of W. W. Beckdolt and others for damages on account of the establishment of Road No. 219, commonly called the "Rock Creek Road," was denied.

Kerr, Gifford & Co. presented proper certificate renewing their bond for conducting grain warehouses at Lexington, Ione, Morgan and Cecil, and clerk instructed to issue proper licenses.

Matter of claim of First National Bank for rebate of taxes referred to Dist. Attorney for his opinion.

In the matter of advertising the delinquent tax list, sheriff is ordered to publish same in Heppner Times, a newspaper of general circulation within the county.

The court being advised that there are a number of taxpayers suffering the loss of horses by stealing, the court offers a reward of \$200, for the arrest and conviction of parties stealing the horses.

The court finished the checking of the reports of Frank Gilliam, Treasurer, W. O. Hill, Clerk, and J. C. Hayes, Sheriff, for the six months ending June 30, 1911 and finding them correct, the same approved and accepted.

Additional claims, not heretofore reported, were allowed as follows:

Jeff Jones, Road act.....	\$ 7 85
Halvorsen & Mason ".....	20 15
Harry Dillon ".....	6 00
J. L. Yeager, care of poor.....	40 00
James Capp, bridge act.....	20 00
Chas Jarrett ".....	15 00
Frank Holt ".....	10 00
C. L. Ashbaugh ".....	32 00
Jas T. Ayers ".....	12 00
C. A. Minor ".....	33 00
Palace Hotel, cir et act.....	13 65
M. J. Devin, Co contract.....	66 00
J. S. Young, ".....	38 00
Total expenditures of term.....	\$10147 48
General Fund.....	5022 19
Road Fund.....	5125 29

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Valuable Horses Stolen.

F. E. Bell, of Black Horse, suffered the loss this week of a valuable mare and suckling colt, and a fine two-year-old gelding. These animals were taken from Mr. Bell's pasture, about a mile north of his house, on last Friday night. They were missed from among the other horses on Saturday morning, and after going over his pasture thoroughly, Mr. Bell found where the animals had been taken out through a gate in the pasture by someone who had gone in there on horseback, and on close inspection of the tracks made by the animals he became fully convinced that some party was getting away with them. He came to town at once and informed the sheriff's office, and steps are being taken to apprehend the thief and get a return of the horses.

The mare is a large bay animal and weighs about 1400, having by her side a suckling colt. She is branded 101 on left shoulder. The gelding is a large animal for his age, and bears the same brand as the mare. Mr. Bell has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the thief, and Morrow county has added \$200 more to this sum, making it an incentive for the officers and anyone else to be on the lookout.

There were rumors of other horses being gone at the same time, but further and later inquiry has revealed the fact that it was rumor only, and while some parties had horses missing, they have found them, and so far as we are in-

formed at this time Mr. Bell seems to be the only one who has suffered loss at the hands of a horse rustler.

It seems to us that it might be a good idea for the horse owners of this section to get together and form an association, with a standing reward of from \$500 to \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of any party or parties stealing horses in this county. This is done in other counties of Eastern Oregon, and the effect is said to be mighty good. The county court shows its willingness to help by the additional reward it has offered in this case, and doubtless it would be glad to stand behind a proposition as suggested above, and help to permanently rid our county of this undesirable class.

Cameras, kodaks, films, plates, papers and chemicals. Everything for the amateur photographer. Patterson & Son

Semi-Annual Installation.

The Odd Fellows and Rebecca lodges held their semi-annual installations last Wednesday evening, by meeting in joint installation at the I. O. O. F. hall. District Deputy Grand Master W. O. Hill and staff installed the following as officers of Willow Lodge No. 66: Noble Grand, O. O. Edwards, Vice Grand, Frank Hale, Secretary, A. M. Phelps, Treasurer, Clyde Brook.

District Deputy Grand President Lillie Curran and staff installed the following as officers of the Rebecca Lodge: Noble Grand, Imogene Wells, Vice Grand, Pearl Wright, Secretary, Mrs. O. P. Hendricson, Treasurer Mrs. F. N. Frye.

After the installation ceremonies the members were invited into the banquet hall by a committee of the Rebecca Lodge, and there found the tables fairly loaded with good things to eat and drink. The banquet was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Return from California.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Roberts returned Monday evening from Chico, California, to which point they journeyed overland about two months ago. While they went there primarily for the benefit of the health of their son, Hugh, whom they report to be gaining in weight and strength right along, yet they thought it possible that they might locate there permanently themselves if suited with the situation. It apparently got a little too hot down that way for Stacy, as the thermometer was registering 120 in the shade, and people were beginning to die in the streets, so Mr. Roberts disposed of his horses and mules at a good figure and with his wife took the train for Morrow county, coming home just as fast as the cars could bring them. They will stop for a while at the farm of Chas. Fuller on McKinney creek where they have work during the harvest season.

Get Certificates.

At the recent teachers examination, Misses Hazel Hale, Vesta Cutsforth, Margaret Osten, Bertha Morgan, Clara Reid and Mae Wattenburger passed successfully for State certificates, and will be in a position to take up teaching in the Morrow county schools and elsewhere in the state where they may be called. There is a shortage of teachers in this county, and these young ladies should not have to go long without employment right at home. They are to be congratulated on their success in passing the required examinations.

You can't get too many chickens. We'll get rid of them for you at top prices. Minor & Co.

Surprise the Pastor.

A genuine surprise was worked off on Rev. Maynard R. Thompson on last Saturday evening by the members of his flock. The party had been arranged by Mrs. Thompson during the pastor's absence in Portland, and was given in honor of his birthday anniversary. Some 30 or more of the members of the church and friends of the family were present, and took Mr. Thompson completely by surprise. Dainty refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening spent. Rev. Thompson received a nice gold watch chain and fob as a token of remembrance, presented to him by members of the church.

Held to Grand Jury.

The preliminary hearing of Guy Hagewood, Austin Swearingen and Waverly Colvin, the lone boys accused of placing obstruction across the track of the O. W. R. & N. Co. below Ione on the evening of July 1, was held before Justice Williams at Heppner on Tuesday. Quite a large number of witnesses were examined, and upon the evidence produced, Judge Williams held Hagewood and Swearingen to appear before the grand jury, and fixed their bonds at \$300 each, which was furnished. Colvin was released. The hearing had been postponed for several days awaiting the return of Colvin, who was brought back on Monday from Eugene by Sheriff Hayes. This hearing created no little interest, and there was quite a number of lone people present to hear what defense the boys could put up. It was freely admitted that Hagewood and Swearingen knocked down a few whistling boards, and that they also threw down some steel rails that were on a rack beside the track, but they declared very emphatically that they placed none of these across the track, however, Judge Williams thought the evidence sufficient to be placed before the grand jury, and these two boys were held as stated above.

O. A. C. is Building Mechanic Arts Edifice.

The new mechanic arts building at the Oregon Agricultural College, is now well under way, the foundations being completed, and it is expected that the equipment will be installed in sufficient time so that classes may be held there upon the opening of the college year Sept. 22.

A foundry, a plumbing shop, and an additional wood-working laboratory are comprised in the new structure's arrangements. The foundry, 60 x 35 feet, will contain an iron melting cupola, brass furnace, core oven, and the necessary melting tools.

The plumbing and pipe fitting shop will be 34 x 24 feet, and beside the instructional work done there, will give opportunity for the college to do a large part of its own repair work, thus saving much expense.

The new wood working laboratory will virtually double the space of the old one, which for some time has been overcrowded. A large portion of the furniture and equipment for college buildings will be made here instead of being bought and shipped here at a considerably greater expense.

Ralph Benge was in town on Saturday, preparing to go into the harvest fields. Much of his grain is pretty short, but it is well headed and he expects to head and thresh this season instead of running his combine, as he can get better results with the short grain.

Very Beneficial.

Talk about the benefit of advertising, remarks the Wallula Gateway. Down in Florida not long ago a family lost a child which they supposed had strayed away from home and got lost. After searching in vain for three days the frantic parents placed an advertisement in the nearest newspaper. Imagine the surprise of the parents upon going to the door the next morning to see a monster alligator upon the doorsteps where he had disgorged the child alive and then died himself. The "ad" cost them but 25 cents, and it gave them back their darling child; they sold the alligator hide for \$5 and the parents are showing the child at all the dime museums of the land at \$50 per week. Does advertising pay?

Fire at Hardman.

There was no little excitement in Hardman yesterday when it was discovered that the big arbor and dancing pavillion, erected by Mit Leathers for the fourth of July festivities, was all ablaze. This was located some distance from town, and of course nothing could be done to save it, and about 3000 feet of good lumber went up in smoke. Leathers was preparing for a big dance at the arbor Tuesday evening, and after this was over he intended taking care of the lumber and moving it away. He don't have to do this now, however. It is not known just how the fire got started, but it was probably the result of boys playing about the place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Euallen, of Weston, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. H. Padberg, south of Lexington. Mr. Euallen was in Heppner Monday renewing old acquaintances here. He is one of the prosperous farmers of the Weston section, and lived in this county for a number of years, being located at Lexington. He has faith in Morrow county, but feels disappointed over the crop outlook here this season. In the Weston country crops are good, and Mr. Euallen says it takes a lot of work to get results up that way. He is of the opinion that better farming is the rule to be followed here. His section of the country gets much more rain than does this, and if it did not crops would be poorer there than here.

Mrs. Ora Clingen of Burns and Miss Hazel Hale of Heppner who were visiting relatives in this vicinity last week happened to quite an accident Monday. They had started from Mrs. Nancy Crank's place to where their father, Harrison Hale is camped on Long creek and just as they came out of the field above Asa Arbogast's place the double tree broke, one wheel came off, the rig turned over and a general smash-up was the result. Mrs. Clingen was slightly injured but her sister was unhurt.—Ritter Cor. in Long Creek Ranger.

Smith Burch left at this office this week an egg that measures 8 inches round lengthwise by 6½ inches round the middle. This was dropped by a little mottled Anconda hen which he has, and for some time past she has been laying a similar egg every other day. Smith has a good bunch of chickens, and they are proving valuable property. Mr. Burch thinks this little hen is hard to beat, all the big eggs being single yolk and coming regular every other day.

Sherwin Williams sheep marking ink can be had at Gilliam & Bisbee.