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COUNTY FARM BUILDING BURNED

The main building of the new county poor farm four miles north of Eugene, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The fire started about 9:30 o'clock and the flames soon spread to the entire building. The loss is about \$6,000 with \$5,000 insurance.

Mr. Blossom, an old inmate of the institution, discovered the fire as he went to his room in the building. He gave the alarm and other inmates and B. F. Russell, keeper of the farm, were soon at work trying to extinguish the blaze, but as there was no hose on the place that could be used, their efforts to stop the fire with buckets of water, were futile.

Keeper Russell telephoned to a number of farmers in that vicinity and in a short time about fifty of them were on the scene. They assisted in carrying out the furniture in the burning building.

County Commissioners H. M. Price and R. J. Hemphill were telephoned for and they arrived there in a buggy about 10 o'clock, helping to save the other buildings from the flames.

The structure was erected last summer and occupied during the fall. The total cost of the new home was \$7,125, including a smaller building and the water tank. Most of the bedding in the rooms of the burned building was taken out, but the beds were destroyed. There was no insurance on the contents.

The building was insured in the Pacific States Fire Insurance Co. Jesse Seavy of Springfield, agent, for \$5,000. As the building was a total loss the county will collect the full amount.

It is not known how the fire started, but it is presumed that sparks from a defective flue were the cause. The blaze was first discovered in the vicinity of the fire place.

The question that confronts the members of the county court is how to care for the twenty inmates of the institution. The old farm building on the place is now sheltering some of them, but it is not large enough for them all.

Steps will at once be taken to erect another building in the place of the one destroyed.—Guard.

Five Drown on Coos Bay.

Marshfield, Ore., Jan. 20.—As the result of the engine of the "North Star No. 1," a small gasoline launch, breaking down just inside Coos Bay bar tonight, the craft was carried to sea by a strong ebb tide and capsized by breakers and five men drowned. The dead: Joseph Youkers, owner and captain; Ira Albee, Con Fern, William Brainard, Frank Tanner.

All the victims reside at South Inlet and the last two named were married men and had families. Youkers operated the launch as a passenger boat. He had but a few minutes before landed a dozen passenger at Empire City. The accident was witnessed by the life saving crew, but it was unable to reach the scene in time to effect a rescue. Youkers was formerly a member of the lifesaving crew and won honors for heroic work in several wrecks near here.

An Oregon hop farm has been sold for \$130,000. This was the well known Krebe farm near Independence, consisting of 400 acres of excellent hop land, together with all necessary equipment. The buyers, an English company, will continue raising hops on the tract.

STEAMER DIXON'S BOILER EXPLODES

The following dispatch from Kalama, Washington under date of the 19th, appeared in the Oregonian also of the same date:

Kalama, Wash., Jan. 19.—(Special)—The boiler of the river steamer Sarah Dixon exploded four miles above here at 11:15 last night. The pilot-house was ripped from the superstructure and the vessel soon sank. Three lives were lost. The dead are:

Captain Fred R. Stinson, 32 years old.

First mate Arthur Monical, 29 years old.

Fireman Silas Knowles.

Nine persons escaped from the sinking steamer and in a boat under the command of Pilot D. Conway were hurried down the river to this city.

C. G. Ousley, watchman of the steamer, said that the boat was opposite Martin's Island when the explosion occurred. A number of the crew were in bed and left the vessel in scanty night wear.

Chief Engineer Chester L. Lewis, 154 Summer street, Portland; First Assistant Engineer Stove Meaney; Mrs. Hill, cook; Deck Hands Charles Ackerman, Paul Peterson, Dad Shoemaker; Fireman Harry Dewey; Pilot D. Conway and Watchman C. G. Ousley arrived in one of the steamer's long life boats.

The Sarah Dixon left Portland this afternoon for Beaver Slough and reached Martin's Island with no unusual circumstances in the voyage," said Watchman Ousley.

"The captain and mate were in the pilot-house when the blast occurred and were instantly killed. No one saw either of them or the fireman, who was in the engine-room, after the explosion happened.

"After the people on board saw that the deck was ripped open by the blast and that the Sarah Dixon was in danger of sinking, there was a wild rush for the lifeboats.

"All of the nine persons got into the one boat from the after part of the steamer and rowed to Kalama. None of us were well clothed and before we got here we were all suffering from the cold."

The fireman, Silas Knowles, is a former resident of this city and

UNCLE SAM MAY INTERVENE IN CUBA

Washington, Jan. 16.—The State Department has served notice on President Gomez that the United States will intervene in Cuba if further attempts are made by the veteran organization to nullify the law prohibiting the interference of militia in political affairs in Cuba.

The attitude of the United States is shown by the following note presented today to the Cuban Government:

"The situation in Cuba, as now reported, causes grave concern to the Government of the United States.

"That the laws intended to safeguard free republican government shall be enforced, and not defied, is obviously essential to the maintenance of law, order and stability indispensable to the status of the Republic of Cuba, in the continued well-being of which the United States has always evinced and cannot escape a vital interest.

"The President of the United States therefore looks to the President and government of Cuba to prevent the threatened situation which would compel the Government of the United States, much against its desires, to consider what measures it must take in pursuance of the obligation of its relation to Cuba."

a nephew of City Councilman, Knowles of the secondhand firm of Knowles & Graber.

Mr. Knowles got word Friday by wire of the accident and proceeded to Portland by the first train to do what he could do toward finding and caring for his nephew's body.

He returned yesterday evening and reports that none of the bodies had been found. It is thought that Mr. Knowles' body will be found in the hold of the vessel, while those of the captain and mate were thrown with the fragments of the pilot house into the water. Mr. Knowles made arrangements that in case his nephew's body is found that it be prepared and shipped to Florence where his parents reside.

Hear the Inside Player Piano at Veatch's Music Store.

NATIONAL CONTROL OF EXPRESS LINES

Washington, Jan. 15.—The announcement of Postmaster-General Hitchcock last night that he would recommend to congress the government ownership and operation of telegraph lines has stirred official Washington as a few administrative acts have in recent years. President Taft knew nothing about it and the senators and congressmen learned of it today through the publication in the newspapers. So great was the surprise at the White House last night that efforts were made to recall the announcement. These efforts, however, did not come from Secretary Hitchcock, who was out of the city when the statement was released, and did not return until late last night. Then he went immediately to his apartments and would not be disturbed.

There is a disposition among some senators today to credit the report that Hitchcock's action might mean a break between him and President Taft and the alignment of Hitchcock with those urging the candidacy of Roosevelt for the republican presidential nomination.

President Taft this morning sent for Secretary Hitchcock to discuss with him the latter's proposed recommendation that the government acquire all telegraph lines as an adjunct of the postal system. At the conclusion of one hour's conference it was announced that there had been no friction over the proposal.

A conference held at the Oregon Agricultural College on Monday of this week between the different interests that are working for agricultural education in the state schools resulted in partially outlining the course of study. Livestock interests of Portland have arranged to send out an expert hog raiser over the state to interest boys in raising hogs. This will be a part of the agricultural work of the schools and contests will be arranged, the winners in the various classes meeting in a county contest and the winners of these, in turn, will exhibit at the State Fair.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOAT INDUSTRY

If you will spare the space in your paper I would like to discuss a few things that I believe would be of great benefit to the producer and land holder. There has been numerous articles in the papers of the state regarding the clearing of land so I will write about a very inexpensive device that I have been using for the past two years, it is the goat. I have been looking up the goat business and find that Polk county has a revenue from goats running into thousands of dollars. I would like to see our county raising more to sell and I believe the idle land that is growing up in under-brush could be made to produce thousands of dollars and when the goat gets all the under-brush and fern out follow with sheep or cows. Go any place in the hills and mountains in this country and you will find unlimited feed for goats. Why not turn this into money? I would like to see thousands of goats grazing on this land that is bring in nothing. It would be a great check to forest fires and I believe there is forage enough going to waste between the coast and the summit of the Cascade Mountains to make as great a business if put to sheep and goats as the great sheep industry in eastern Oregon. The climate is fine hardly ever needing feed in winter. I would like to see the people interested get together and form some kind of an organization and push this business. The feed is going to waste so why not make something of it. Let me hear from others interested as it looks to me like a great opportunity.

J. F. SPRAY.

The Eugene Guard says: Articles of incorporation of Mohawk lodge No. 200, I. O. O. F., were filed with the county clerk today. The incorporators are H. M. Anderson, J. S. Churchill and F. F. Hubbard and the value of property owned by the lodge is \$3500.

Immigration officers found four Chinamen in hiding on a train at Blaine, Wash., and ordered them deported to China.

A big reduction sale on wall paper now at McGavran's.

SIDE LINES ON THE DAIRY FARM

Under the present system of creamery management, every railroad station is a market for butterfat, and many of them for whole milk as well. But the farmer who sells only butter or butterfat does not always realize just how much he is actually making above the cream check.

Farmers living several miles from town seldom sell whole milk to the trade or for shipment. But in cases where whole milk is sold and none of the food product kept at home, the manure is still a product that should be considered. Where cream or butter is sold, skim milk and manure are two side products which together can be made of as much actual value, if properly handled together indirectly in general farming operations, as the total amount of cream produced and sold.

In either case veal calves sold cannot be counted as profit, as it really costs as much, if not more, to grow them as they bring on the market. Still, good profits can be made in growing heifers for dairy purposes. There is always a good demand for them at high prices, especially when they are bred and sold at first freshening.

Dairymen all over the country are looking and competing for young dairy stock of good breeding. Good grade and pure-bred heifers are in great demand all over the country where dairying is an established industry, and progressive dairymen will pay high prices for young producing heifers. There is good money in producing them, whether they are to be sold to other dairymen or kept at home. When pure-bred dairy stock is kept, many of the best male calves can be sold for breeding purposes, often from three to ten times as much as veal calf would bring.

Unless the farmer lives near a town or city, where tip-top prices can be secured for whole milk, it is best to use a separator and sell only the cream, keeping the skim milk for home use and incidentally saving a great amount of labor, not alone of the men folks, but of the women folks as well. Skim milk on the market will bring only about 15 cents per 100 pounds, while if it is kept on the farm and fed to chickens, pigs and calves it can be made to bring a profit of more than twice this amount.

Take the price for hogs for ten years past and there is splendid profit in growing pigs, with plenty of skim used to make them grow rapidly from their weaning time until they are ready for market. With pigs to use up the skim milk, the profit from the cows can be nearly doubled. The milk and manure are worth as much as the cream.—N. W. Pacific Farmer.

La Grande business men have been getting better acquainted with their state by participating in a special excursion that took them all over the main railway lines of Western and Southern Oregon. The excursionists chartered a special car and traveled in comfort, being entertained at the principal points along their journey.

Oyster Bay, Jan. 18.—Theodore Roosevelt passed yesterday afternoon skiing down the slopes of Sangamon Hill and practicing long jumps. He had as a companion his daughter, Ethel. Both are fairly expert at the sport, and made 50-foot jumps. "Don't talk politics to me today," he said. "This is my day off."

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