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CORNER GOES IN MORNING BLAZE

Restaurant and Store Destroyed in Sunday Fire

LOSS MAY REACH \$4,000

Pierce Flames Wipe Out Well-Known Buildings; Splendid Work by Firemen and Excellent Water Pressure Saves Adjoining Property; Origin of Fire Unknown.

Damage approximating \$4,000 was caused by a fire which originated from some unknown cause in the rear of the building on Main street occupied by B. R. Watson's second hand store, early Sunday morning, and which completely destroyed the Watson building and the building on the corner occupied by the "Sunrise restaurant," owned and operated by Lloyd Kohari. The Campbell building adjoining the restaurant on the east was also damaged to the extent of between \$250 and \$300. Buildings across Main street were damaged somewhat by the heat which blistered the paint and cracked some of the plate glass. The skylight on the brick and concrete building owned by E. C. Kirkpatrick which adjoined the Watson store on the north was also broken by the heat but the loss there is nominal.

Fire Was Spectacular. When first discovered, the entire interior of the Watson building was a mass of flames and the occupants of the Kohari restaurant who were asleep in the upper story had barely time to escape with only a small portion of their personal effects. From the Watson building the fire quickly communicated to the two-story restaurant on the south and it too was blazing furiously, sending huge columns of smoke and cinders high in the air. At one time the flames from the burning restaurant roared upward fully as high as the court house dome and made a very spectacular display. The fire department responded promptly and soon Chief Esser had three streams playing on the blaze. The heat was intense and it was with difficulty that the nerve fighters held the hose.

But there never was a more competent and orderly fight waged on any fire. There was a noticeable lack of confusion, and every move made by the firemen appeared to have a definite object. The streams of water were placed where they were needed and soon the blazing corner was hemmed in on all sides by streams of water which saved the other buildings and practically confined the destruction to the restaurant and the second hand store. When it is known that the adjoining building on the east was also of wooden construction the fact that the fire was confined to the buildings first attacked is considered remarkable.

Pool Room Moves Out. Practically everything of value was removed from the Campbell building occupied by Felton & Company as a pool and billiard room. Willing hands assisted in the work and the billiard and pool tables were carried out bodily and placed at a safe distance on the court house plaza. Felton & Co.'s loss will be small and they will resume business as soon as their old quarters are repaired, or they find a new location. Nothing whatever was saved from the restaurant or the second hand store. The occupants of the other buildings on Mill street moved out and the damages they suffered, if any, was due to the handling of their effects. Phil Begio, who occupied a small building adjoining the pool hall, estimates his loss at about \$100 caused by water and the handling of his stock of goods. Had the fire reached this building the 100 gallons of gasoline stored in the rear would have added fuel to the flames which might have had a different story. At one time it looked as though the entire wooden row was doomed and in that event, fears were entertained for the New Scott Hotel building and the Sterling Furniture building, but the splendid work done by the fire department prevented further loss in this direction. A fortunate circumstance in connection with the fire was the absence of wind which aided the firemen greatly in their work. As it was, however, burning brands fell all over the city and some were picked up as far away as Hayter street. Luckily none fell where inflammable material existed.

The origin of the fire will probably never be known. Manager Kohari says that he was the first to discover it and at that time, the space between the restaurant building and the Watson store, where a lot of rubbish had accumulated, was blazing fiercely. He ran for a bucket of water but before he could use it, the entire interior of the second hand store burst into a

SIBLEY NAMED TO FILL COUNCIL JOB

Dallas Attorney Is Chosen to Succeed A. J. Barham

CHOICE MADE UNANIMOUS

Council Refers Matter of More Paving to Adjourned Session Tomorrow Night When Company Will Offer Proposition; Routine Matters Light.

Election of J. E. Sibley to succeed A. J. Barham, resigned, as councilman from the Third ward, and the referring of the matter of proposed paving of Oak, Jefferson and Mill streets to an adjourned session of the council tomorrow night, were the two interesting and important features of last night's session of the city council.

The election of a successor to former Councilman A. J. Barham.



J. E. Sibley, elected last night to succeed A. J. Barham as councilman from the Third ward.

was the first matter of business before the council. The name of J. E. Sibley was placed before the body, and that gentleman was unanimously elected to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Barham, whose resignation was tendered the council July 8. More than usual interest was evidenced in the matter of the proposed paving of four blocks on Oak, Jefferson and Mill streets. The proposition was first broached several weeks ago, and during the past few days a petition was circulated among the property owners, all of whom, it is understood signed. Mr. Telford, representing the paving company, addressed the council following the reading of the petition. He told them that at that moment he was unprepared to offer them a definite proposition, but would take the matter up immediately with the head of the city's company. The point of importance, naturally, will be the length of time in which the city will be given to pay for the paving of the street intersections. The fact that the limitation of the city's indebtedness according to the city charter is \$5,000, and for the reason that payment of the city's portion of the work would exceed that amount, it is understood, is the only objection.

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HOT WAVE HITS PACIFIC COAST

ENTIRE WILLAMETTE VALLEY SWELTERS.

Sunday Hottest Day of Year With Thermometer at 94; Thirst Parlor Flourish; Near Ice Famine.

Today for the first time since Friday the excessive hot wave which swept the entire Pacific coast from British Columbia to California was broken and as the day advanced, while the heat is slightly above the normal for this time of the year, the palm leaf fans wave less vigorously and the thermometer refuses pointedly to jump within reach of the century mark.

Pioneer residents fail to find anything out of the ordinary with the prevailing temperature and recall many periods when actual suffering resulted from excessive heat. The result from the mercury jumped to 92 fact that the mercury jumped to 92 fact that the mercury jumped to 92

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SHERIDAN HIT BY DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Half Million Dollar Loss Results From Fierce Conflagration

BUSINESS SECTION BURNED

Exploding Gasoline Stove Starts Fire That Sweeps Entire South Side of Yamhill River; Assistance From Nearby Towns Helps in Arrest of Onward Rush of Flames.

Entailing a loss of more than a quarter million of dollars, practically all of the business portion of the city of Sheridan on the south side of the Yamhill river was destroyed by a fire which originated from the explosion of a gasoline stove in a restaurant about 5:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon July 18. Although there was no wind at the time, an unfortunate placing of the fire hose and the rapid spread of the fire precluded any opportunity to fight the conflagration with the ordinary means at the disposal of the citizens and, in an incredibly short period of time, the entire business district south of the river was in flames. Only the existence of a double row of tall trees along both sides of the river, and the width of the stream itself, prevented the flames from attacking the buildings on the north side. Brick buildings proved easy marks for the fire and every structure of this kind was completely gutted only the walls remaining. The loss is only partially covered by insurance.

Ditch Aids Flames.

The existence of a large ditch which paralleled the main street on the east side and over which the buildings were spread, aided greatly in the spread of the flames, the ditch acting as a mighty flue which drew the long tongues of fire under the buildings for a block or more. With the blazing wooden buildings on the east side of the street burning furiously, the wooden fronts of the brick buildings opposite soon caught, and the destruction was complete. Every able bodied man worked until ready to drop from exhaustion, but their efforts availed but little until assistance arrived from Willamina, McMinnville and Carleton. The helpers brought with them a quantity of hose which were carried across the river from north side connections and well directed streams of water soon had the fire under control. Several residences were destroyed also. But the people of Sheridan are not disheartened and already plans for rebuilding are under way. The council met on Saturday and passed an emergency ordinance prohibiting the construction of wooden buildings in the burned district, and it is declared that a bigger and a better Sheridan will rise from the ashes of Friday's conflagration.

Since the fire the city has been visited by many thousands of strangers who have marveled at the complete destruction.

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URGES ACTION ON COUNTY EXHIBITS

INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON PROPER TREATMENT OF GRASSES.

Secretary of County Fair Board Advises Prompt Action to Promote Suitable Showing at Fall Fairs.

Urging action on the part of those who intend to exhibit grains or grasses at the coming Polk county fair or the state fair, Secretary W. V. Fuller, of the Polk County Fair board has issued a letter giving suggestions as to how best to gather the exhibits to preserve them until the time to open. He declares that the time to attend to this matter is right now and it is hoped that intending exhibitors will profit by the advice in order that Polk county may make the best possible showing.

Letter of Suggestion.

The letter issued by Mr. Fuller follows: The Polk County Fair board wish at this time to call the attention of all who wish to exhibit at the county and state fair, to the necessity of at once attending to the matter of gathering grains and grasses. It will be too late to get the best results along this line. Mentioning some of the things that should be

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Dr. John C. Branner, New Head of Leland Stanford, Jr., University



Dr. JOHN CASPER BRANNER is the new president of the Leland Stanford, Jr., university. Under his direction the California college is expected to progress along the same lines as it has under the incumbency of the retiring head, Dr. David Starr Jordan. Dr. Branner has been with the university for twenty-one years, thirteen of which he was professor of geology. It is not anticipated that he will inaugurate any material changes in the faculty. Dr. Jordan resigned the presidency of the university to devote the rest of his life to promoting world peace.

Walking Variety Store Fails

Disaster Crosses Path of Traveling Merchant; Leaves City Poorer But Somewhat Wiser.

Embued with the spirit of adventure, anon a languid ambition to reduce the high cost of living in the easiest possible manner, and possessing together with an unquenchable thirst, a varied assortment of department store essentials, John Doe, alias "Restful Harry," made his first annual visit to Dallas last week. His visit was prolonged 24 hours by request of Police Chief Jeff Bevens, the said John Doe being assured through the good offices of Police Judge Gregory that business prior to hop picking time in Dallas would prove rather discouraging.

Inventory of Mr. Doe's stock on hand when taken from a local third establishment provided the following list: Twenty-one pencils, two packages cigarette papers, 55 shoe strings, one newspaper, one pipe, two razors, 85 matches, 13 toothpicks, three bars soap, one plug tobacco, one mirror, one clothesbrush, three small pearl buttons, one comb, one pair spectacles, one spool thread, and four nickels.

JURIST VISITS DALLAS

Pioneer Attorney of Portland Sees City For First Time in Forty Years.

Judge Seneca Smith, retired jurist of Portland, who many years ago paid Dallas professional visits, is in the city today for the first time in nearly 40 years.

"For years I have promised myself the treat of again shaking hands with the old pioneers," said Mr. Smith today. "It is needless to say I am surprised with the growth of your city and surrounding country. I made a trip Saturday to the Clearview tract and I can truthfully say, the beauties of my trip impressed me greatly. While I find my old barroom acquaintances gone, new acquaintances have been made, and I feel just as much at home today as I did 40 years ago."

Visits in Dallas.

H. F. Sibley arrived in Dallas Sunday for a several weeks' visit with his brothers Judge J. E. Sibley and C. E. Sibley, and his nephew, John R. Sibley. Mr. Sibley is a pioneer resident of Fairfield, Illinois, but at the present time has his home in Vincennes, Indiana, where two daughters are living. This is his first visit to the Pacific coast states and he is greatly enjoying the trip.

ROAD WORK IS RUSHED

Intense Heat of Past Few Days Does Not Effect Contractor; To Be Completed in September.

Pressing as rapidly as possible, despite the warm weather of the past few days, work on the improvement of the county road on the Yamhill river southwest of Willamina, the county commissioners have been given assurance that the macadamizing work will be completed and ready for acceptance by September 15. When the present stretch of road is completed, the commissioners will have finished all contracting macadamizing work for the present season.

In company with Commissioners S. H. Petre and George A. Wells, and W. M. Cadie, a representative of The Observer autored to the stone crushing works Saturday where the commissioners inspected the work now under way. While the work of blasting and crushing has only been in progress a week, Contractor Sam McVeigh is working a full crew of men and is confident that the two and one-half miles of macadam will be laid by the time specified in the contract.

Antoed to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White and children made the round trip to Portland by auto, going up Saturday afternoon and returning Sunday. Mrs. White was summoned to Portland by the serious illness of her father who underwent an operation for appendicitis. He passed through the ordeal successfully and is now improving.

Visiting Old Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Dobbs and son Herbert, of Rocky Ford, Colorado, spent the week-end at the home of J. H. Shepherd.

Row Ends Ball Game at Albany

Dallas Players Bluffed and Bulldozed And Quit Field Following Unjust Decision.

Simply refusing to permit the game to go to a nine "from a small country village" the Albany base ball club gave the Dallas team one of the dirtiest deals ever put over on a visiting team at the Linu county metropolis on Sunday, according to the statement of the members of the team and others who made the journey to that city. From the start to the finish, when the Dallas team, refusing longer to be bluffed and bulldozed into giving everything to Albany, left the field, the contest was one continued wrangle with the Albany club and some of the spectators, the aggressors. Everyone of the Dallas people who played in, or saw the game, are a unit in declaring that the Albany players simply went into the game with a determined effort to win it by fair means or foul.

Story of the Row.

Preceding the game, the captains, in the presence of the umpires, agreed that a runner be permitted to take as many bases as necessary on a passed ball, or a ball thrown into the crowd or grandstand. This worked all right as long as the proposition favored Albany but when the reverse occurred, a howl went up that could be heard in Salem. The final

row came in the ninth inning when the score was a tie-3 to 3. Dallas was at bat, two men were down, and first was occupied with a runner. The batter up missed two strikes and on the third strike swung at the ball but failed to connect and the catcher dropped the ball. The batter immediately started for first and the catcher threw wild. Both the runner on first and the batsman continued around the circuit to third and second before the ball was returned. Here the row started afresh, the Albany team claiming that the runner could take but one base, and utterly ignoring the rule they had made at the beginning. They also claimed that the side should have been retired declaring that the batsman was out on the rule which so declared, utterly losing sight of the fact that this rule only applies when but one man is out. While the row was in progress the two base runners slipped home and more trouble ensued. The Albany bunch declared that they would not permit the scores to be counted and, rather than submit to further bulldozing, the Dallas team left the field. The Albany management refused to put up the expense money they had agreed upon, or to in any manner live up to their contract. Later, the management offered to make another date with Dallas on Sunday, July 27, agreeing to pay the expense money to the Dallas team for two games. Manager Serr refused to this, and made

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NIGHT'S PROGRAM PLEASES PEOPLE

AIRLIE AND FALLS CITY HEARS DALLAS ENTERTAINERS.

Crowd Packs Hall at Airlie and Much Enthusiasm is Manifest; Buena Vista Wednesday Night.

The gospel of the Polk County fair continues to be spread throughout the county through the medium of the booster meetings now being held under the auspices of the Dallas Commercial club and interest in the project is growing rapidly wherever the meetings have been held. During the past week the Buell, Falls City and Airlie neighborhoods have been visited and the programs presented have pleased the people, judging by their applause and words of appreciation following the meetings.

The latest meeting was held at Airlie last night and, in point of numbers attending and enthusiasm displayed, it was the most notable of the three. Although the night was warm, the hall over the Johnson store was packed with suffering and sweltering humanity that listened attentively to every number on the program and enthusiastically applauded them. Substantially the same program is followed at all of these meetings, the only variation being addresses or other stunts by the local talent. At Airlie addresses in support of the fair were made by J. O. Staats and J. F. Ulrich, the latter a member of the board of directors of the Polk County fair association. Dr. Prime, of Airlie, also favored the audience with two vocal solos which pleased. Twelve autos from Dallas carried more than 60 people down last night and to say that the good folks of Airlie were pleased with the expressions of good will as shown by the attendance from Dallas, and the efforts of those taking part in the program to give them entertainment, it is only necessary to say that, at the close of the meeting, three hearty cheers for the Polk County fair were enthusiastically given by the audience.

Fair Crowd at Falls City.

Owing to limited advertising, the crowd at Falls City on Friday night was not as large as it should have been. The temperature too, was exceedingly warm in the hall, which no doubt accounted for some of the vacant seats. The largest crowd from Dallas that has attended any of the meetings was present, there being 26 automobiles from this city, all loaded to capacity, including the Star Transfer auto truck. Addresses were made by Oscar Hayter, H. H. Bell, C. L. Starr and others, while the musical and other features of the program were given substantially as at the other places.

Buena Vista Wednesday.

The fourth of the series of booster meetings will be held at Buena Vista on Wednesday night, July 23, and it is expected that a good sized crowd will be present. Some new features will be added to the program which will increase the interest in the meeting. Several citizens of Airlie expressed their intention of attending.

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FINISH PAVING IN TWO WEEKS

FUEL OIL ARRIVES; WORK TO BEGIN TOMORROW.

Hard Surface Crew Arrives Sunday; Authentic Statements Do Not Conform With Previous Reports.

With the arrival today of the oil fuel, work will begin bright and early tomorrow morning laying hard surface or top dressing for the nine blocks of paving, according to representatives of the Clark-Henery company.

"The rumor now in circulation in Dallas to the effect that the work of finishing the paving would require a period of at least three weeks is misleading," was the authentic statement made today to The Observer. "The company believes it can complete the work and have the pavement ready for traffic in at least 14 days. After the pavement is sufficiently cooled which will require about six hours, it will be ready for traffic. In fact the sooner teams are allowed on the pavement after it is cooled, the better will be the results."

OREGON REGIMENT MAY GO TO FRONT

TROPICAL UNIFORMS SAID TO HAVE REACHED PORTLAND.

Vancouver Barracks Receive Large Shipment of Ammunition; May Move in October is Report.

Oregon National Guardsmen of the Capital city are very much interested in the reports from Mexico and are keeping close tab on the happenings of the war-ridden and battle-scarred country to the south of California. And especially interested are the men of Company M and the entire Third regiment in the news that before the summer months are gone they will probably see active service beyond the bounds of the United States, says today's Salem Statesman.

Supplies Incite Interest.

From reliable sources it has been learned that a complete regimental allotment of cotton uniforms, light summer underwear, and other equipment suitable for a campaign in a hot climate has been received at the Third regiment headquarters at Portland and are now stored in the armory. While nothing has been said by the officers in regard to the matter, it is believed by the rank and file of the men that the regiment will soon be journeying toward the southland to keep the peace in turbulent Mexico.

"Underground" communication correct from the war department concerning the probable move of the Third toward the border has led the

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