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FIRE DESTROYS FREIGHT DEPOT

FRIDAY NIGHT'S BLAZE COMPLETELY WRECKS DEPOT.

Hundreds Witness Conflagration Which Damaged Company's Property to Extent of \$800; Origin Mystery.

Originating from an unknown cause fire practically destroyed the freight house of the Southern Pacific Railroad company last Friday night. Damage is estimated by local representatives of the road at \$800.

The blaze was first discovered about 10:30 o'clock when smoke was noticed coming from the roof of the building. Roy Finseth and several friends were first to see the blaze shoot from the building and they immediately turned in the alarm.

The firemen responded quickly, but before they arrived the building was a mass of flames and the conflagration apparently beyond control. Two of the hydrants supplying water to the fire-fighters are situated on the west side of the tracks and standing on these tracks almost opposite the burning building were two private cars occupied by S. P. railroad officials. The moving of these cars outside the fire zone interfered seriously with the work of the firemen. After a brief but stubborn fight the flames were brought under control, saving the ticket office and the passenger waiting room, which were under the same roof. Fully expecting the fire to take the whole building, the contents of the ticket office were hurriedly carried out into the street, and when they were replaced in the office the next morning it was found that nothing was damaged or lost.

About a week before the fire, Agent Woods instructed the freight men to take four new pianos out of the freight house, load them in a car and take the car into the yards to relieve the congested condition of the freight room. By mere good luck they were still there, and this loss was escaped.

Company Officials Here.

General Superintendent Campbell and Assistant Superintendents Scifer and Burkhalter were here during the fire. Their private cars were badly scorched by the flames, and several of the car windows were also broken by the heat.

No clue has been discovered as to the origin of the fire. The previous Monday evening a fire was found by the employees in the same room, but was extinguished before doing any damage.

Early Saturday morning men were at work rebuilding on the site of the structure that was destroyed. An addition is also being built to the passenger waiting room.

PLAY SCORELESS GAME

High School and All-Star Football Teams Clash In Great Battle Last Saturday.

In one of the fastest games ever witnessed on the local field, the high school football team held down the "All Star" eleven to a scoreless game on the Dallas college campus last Saturday afternoon.

The game was desperately fought throughout, and while it was the finest contest of the year the battle disclosed some very pretty plays, excellent team work and the amazing quality of a number of players on both teams.

During the second quarter the school team after a number of desperate line plunges got it to within several yards of the All Stars goal, and only the excellent punting of Barham saved the Stars from being scored on.

The features of the game were the marvelous punts by Barham, and the great ground gains by Baldere of the school team.

The lineup follows:

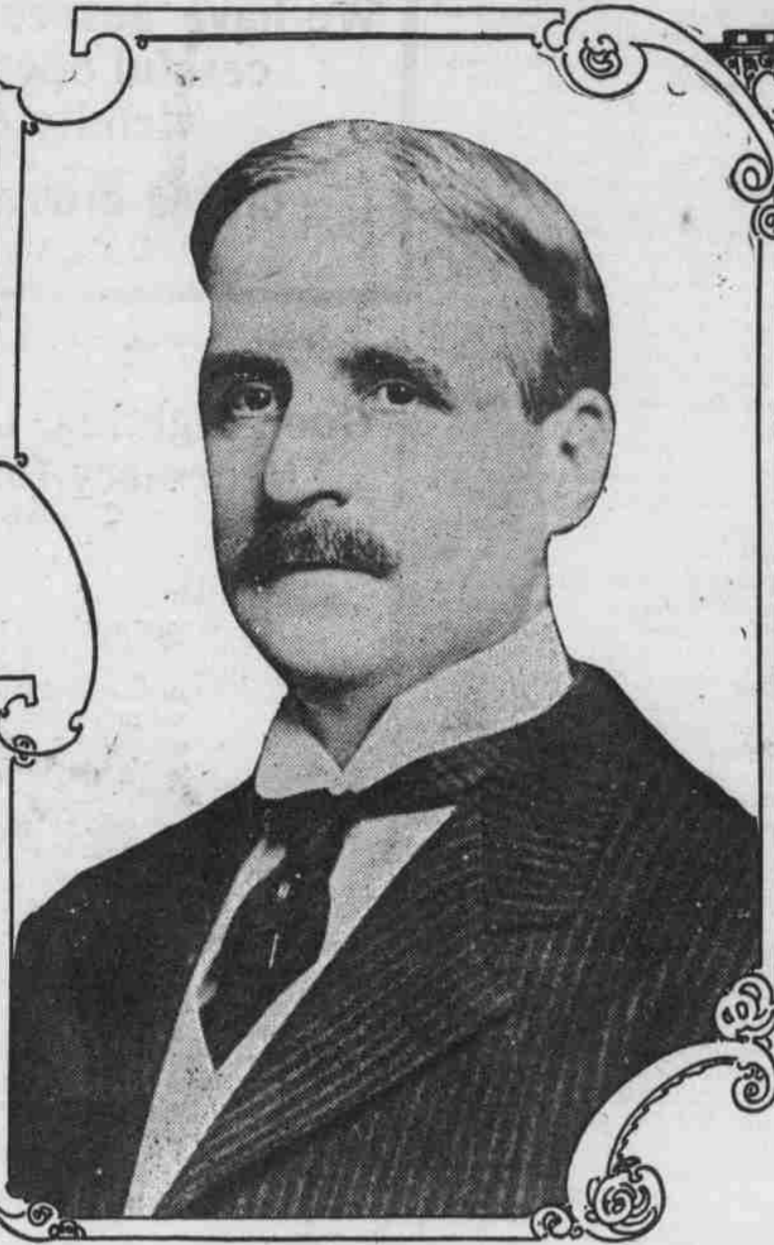
High School	All Stars
Dennis center	Bennet
Mathews right guard	Brook
Hilgerson left guard	Morton
Gooch right tackle	Preston
Fuller left tackle	Hayes
Shepherd left end	Barham
Miles right end	Cutler
Cadle fullback	Gale
Woods quarterback	Cooper
Hoisington right half	Brown
Baldere left half	Felton

Arrangements are now under way for a game here between the high school teams of Dallas and Monmouth for next Saturday.

Eastern Star Party.

All who have received invitations to the Eastern Star party next Tuesday night are again reminded that a good time is assured and that a contribution of 25 cents from each one will add materially to the chair fund.

Henry M. Pindell, Editor and Banker, Ambassador to Russia



HENRY M. PINDELL, a banker and editor of Peoria, Ill., is the new ambassador to Russia. While Mr. Pindell is not especially prominent outside of his own state, he is a man of high standing and cultured attainments. He gained the favor of President Wilson by swinging the vote of the Illinois delegation at the Baltimore convention for the New Jersey governor. As an editor of influence he backed Mr. Wilson from the start and aided the candidate in his western tours. Mr. Pindell's name had been mentioned for comptroller of the currency, but he declined that position. He was suitable to the czar and his advisers as ambassador.

Special Election For Falls City

District Attorney Upjohn Hands Down Opinion to County Court; Cites Supreme Court Decision.

Advising the county judge that it is mandatory upon him to call a special election in Falls City November 4, for the purpose of determining whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be allowed within the corporate limits of the city, District Attorney D. H. Upjohn has filed his opinion with County Judge John B. Teal.

In reviewing the case, the district attorney says: "In 1910 the people of the state passed the so-called 'Home Rule Amendment' which, among other things, gives to cities and towns the exclusive power to regulate, suppress and in general control the sale of intoxicating liquors within the corporate limits of such municipalities. This power, vested by the constitutional amendment, is however, subject to the provisions of the local option law. It is therefore necessary to turn to the local option law to determine the machinery of such elections as would be required to carry out what is intended in the 'Home Rule Amendment.'"

"Here we find that after a petition has been filed containing the requisite number of legal signatures that it is mandatory upon the county court to order the election to be held. This, I take it, is all that the county court desires to know in this regard. It is the only matter that can be pertinent at this time: Must the county court call such an election?"

"To answer this query it must be determined what constitutes that which is known under the local option law as the county court. Does the law refer to the county judge and the two commissioners or to merely the county judge?"

In State v. McElrath, 49 Or., 294 this very question is decided by the Oregon Supreme court. It was upon this one point that the case went to the higher tribunal and it was this point that was settled in the controversy.

"In ordering an election under the local option law, and in declaring the result of such an election, the county court is not exercising any of its ordinary duties, says the Supreme Court. 'It is not transacting probate business because that contemplates matters dealing with the settlement of the estates of deceased persons. It is not exercising criminal or civil jurisdiction, because that assumes adverse parties and the determination of issues between them. It is not transacting county business because the duties imposed on it do not come within the provisions of the statutes defining what shall con-

stitute county business. The county, as such, has no interest in the question whether an election under the local option law shall be held, nor is it affected in any way by the result. In the performance of the duty imposed upon it by the local option law the county court is acting in a special capacity in the discharge of other duties and powers prescribed by law."

"And it is of no importance, so far as we can see, whether the duties thus imposed, which are largely, if not entirely ministerial, be discharged by the county court when presided over by the county judge alone, or when the county commissioners are sitting with him."

"In the light of this decision and the constitution and the local option law, I can see wherein the county judge can do no other than to order this special election to be held. What may be contained in the charter of Falls City can in no manner impose any duty upon the county judge or take any duty from him. He must follow the statutes of the state. If there are other considerations of municipal law they do not affect him. They are to be decided in a court of competent jurisdiction. All the county court can do is to abide by the statute as it applies to his particular and specific duties."

Young Business Man Weds.

Surprising his host of friends by quietly decamping from Dallas on the pretense of attending "important lodge matters in Portland," L. S. Finseth, of the Bee Hive Store, stole a genuine march even, so the story goes, on his parents by being secretly married in Vancouver, Wash., last Thursday afternoon to Miss Bertha Tharp, a well known society girl of Independence. Owing to the fact that the "secret" did not get to his Dallas friends until late the same evening, there was nothing for them to do by way of fittingly expressing their surprise but to await the arrival of the bride and groom.

Mr. Finseth, though not a native of Dallas has lived here the greater part of his life. As a member of the large mercantile firm, the Bee Hive, he has proven one of the city's prominent young business men. Mrs. Finseth was formerly one of Independence' best known society young ladies.

Moves To Newport.

John L. Castle, of Portland, arrived in Newport, Saturday evening. He has the house north of the post-office on Horlbert street, with the intention of remaining here throughout the winter. He is seeking relief from asthma and is confident that Newport is the ideal place.—Newport Signal.

POLK GIRL NOW BRIDE

Miss Sarah Nachtigall Becomes Bride of John J. Wiebe; Ceremony at Salt Creek Church.

Surrounded by a large number of their many friends, Miss Sarah Nachtigall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Nachtigall, was joined in holy matrimony last Thursday evening to John J. Wiebe. The ceremony took place at the Mennonite Brethren church at Salt Creek, Rev. H. S. Voth, officiating.

The church was beautifully decorated with Oregon grape, ferns and white wedding bells. The bride was dressed in white satin, trimmed in pearls, and wore a bridal veil of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white carnations.

The maid of honor was Miss Anna Nachtigall, sister of the bride. She was dressed in blue chiffon over white silk mull and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The ushers were John and Toby Nachtigall, brothers of the bride. Prof. William Caldwell played the wedding march. During the ceremony, Miss Nina Nachtigall sang "Because You Came to Me."

The bridal couple stood under an arch decorated with wedding bells and Oregon grape while their many friends congratulated them. Following the ceremony light refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiebe are now living in their new home near the residence of the bride's parents.

SHORT SESSION IS HELD

Committee Appointed to Designate Probable Location of Septic Tank; Other Matters.

At the meeting of the city council in regular session last night, the committee appointed to investigate the packing plant blow pipe reported that instead of changing the location of the pipe it would be guarded while pedestrians were passing.

Councilman Barber reported on the testing of hose and found same in good condition.

A deed was presented to council by Mose Manston, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Manston for land intended for street purposes.

The dog ordinance, prohibiting dogs running at large, was read the second time and passed.

In the matter of the alley way in block 14 leading from Washington street to Clay street, U. S. Grant agreed to deed land for that purpose to the city if in consideration the city would rock and maintain it.

On complaint of Mr. Cathewood that the gasoline storage ordinance was too stringent, the matter was referred to the committee with instructions to amend the ordinance if it was thought best.

In the matter of children riding on railroad cars in the yards, making flying switches and blocking the street crossings, the marshal was instructed to consult with Mr. Woods and have these nuisances abated.

The line for the draining of Fairview avenue reported surveyed.

Sibley, Barber and Hayter were appointed a committee to survey and designate the probable location of a city septic tank.

The following bills were allowed: G. D. Stewart 49.15 John Macomber 28.88 L. Shaw 16.25 B. Elding 15.00 Dallas Telephone Co. 7.00 D. A. Covert80 Dallas Planing Mills 3.50 Dallas Iron Works 13.95 Glass Pradhonne Co. 10.20 Dallas Water Co. 42.15 A. G. Long 643.50 Polk County 15.20

DOLLS ARE HARD AT WORK

Many Rehearsals Held Day and Night By Large Local Cast.

When Dallas people read about the pantomime, "The Doll Shop" which is to be presented at the armory Wednesday and Thursday nights, October 29 and 30, they should bear in mind that this particular production is given under the auspices of the Civic Improvement department of the Woman's club, which deserves the patronage of all the citizens of Dallas and nearby towns. In addition those witnessing this very artistic production will be well repaid, as the pantomime promises to be of real human interest.

Tickets are popular prices and may be procured from members of the C. I. D. of Woman's club on and after Tuesday October 28, at Stafrin's Drug store.

Fruit Inspector Pays Visit.

J. S. Parker, of Perrydale, county fruit inspector, was here Saturday inspecting the fruit on sale at the different stores. He reports finding wormy apples at several places and subjected the same to a coal oil process, thereby putting them out of commission for commercial purposes. In the future more frequent inspection of the fruit supplies will be made and those found offering fruit not up to the required standard will be dealt with rigorously. This will compel the merchants to reject any wormy fruit brought in for sale.

BARTHOLD HOLDS CONFERENCE HERE

NOTED CANNERY REPRESENTATIVE VISITS DALLAS.

Gives Assurance That When Sufficient Fruit and Vegetables Are Grown Cannery Will Come.

R. M. Barthold, vice president and manager of the Central California Canneries company was here yesterday inspecting conditions with a view to the establishment of a cannery in Dallas.

Notice of Mr. Barthold's visit had been sent to numerous fruit growers of the county, and a large number were here to confer with him at a meeting held in the county court room yesterday morning.

At this meeting Mr. Barthold explained the conditions necessary to the successful operation of a cannery at Dallas. One of the most essential things is the growing of a diversity of fruits and vegetables so that the cannery would be assured of a long season's run. This would make it possible to secure plenty of competent help; a serious problem in the canning business today. Also a large diversity of fruits meets the requirements of jobbers. Few jobbers are able to handle car load lots of one variety. Mr. Barthold thought this section ideally adapted to the growing of certain fruits and vegetables for which there was a large market and a growing demand, the loganberry, raspberry and blackberry in fruits and the pea and spinach in vegetables. Throughout his talk he emphasized the importance of growing a diverse variety of fruits and vegetables, holding this to be a prime requisite for success in the business. To place the plant upon a profitable basis sufficient fruit and vegetables would have to be supplied to insure a pack of 60,000 cases, or 1200 tons. Mr. Barthold predicted a bright future for the canning industry, basing his prediction upon the production of a higher class commodity made possible by more sanitary and scientific methods of handling and processing.

Judging from what he saw during his short visit here, and from the information given him, he did not think sufficient fruit and vegetables were grown here to justify his company in establishing a cannery at the present time. Mr. Barthold advised the local men to make a survey of the county and obtain approximate data as to the amount of fruits and vegetables procurable for canning purposes, assuring them that when conditions justified the step, his company would be willing to establish the necessary plant. It is expected that something definite will develop from this conference, and plans are being made to work out some of the suggestions offered by Mr. Barthold.

STEALS GUN, IS CAUGHT

Portland Boy Goes Wayward Route and is Arrested; Companion is Allowed to Return Home.

Held by Sheriff John Grant until more definite information concerning his past character can be secured from his parents and relatives, Frank Beardsley aged 10 years who was arrested last Friday afternoon charged with stealing a rifle from the Dallas Meat market, is enjoying the novel life of a real prisoner.

Friday in company with Thomas Pigg, another Portland boy, Beardsley came to Dallas. The same day Beardsley entered the meat market and while endeavoring to escape with the rifle was caught and turned over to the officers.

Following an investigation it was found that Pigg met Beardsley while the latter was riding along the road near Portland. He accompanied him to Dallas where young Pigg has several friends of his parents. As it developed that Pigg was not implicated in the affair, he was allowed to return to his home.

Pastor To Be Installed.

Rev. George H. Mitchell will be installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening October 28, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Henry T. Babcock pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Salem will preside and preach the installation sermon. Rev. A. A. Palmer of Newberg will address the people and Rev. H. Chas. Dunsmore, D. D., of Independence, will address the pastor. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

T. K. Ramsey has sold his residence on Stamp street to Leonard McFee. He is moving to Portland today. Mr. Ramsey is not making the change because of any dissatisfaction with Dallas but goes to Portland in order that his son, Norman may have better college facilities. He will attend Reed college.

TO PREPARE FOR BOYS

Committees Meet to Arrange For Welcoming Delegates to Boys' Convention Next Month.

Preparations for the entertainment of 250 boy delegates to the Boys' Convention to be held in Dallas during the latter part of next month, is now well under way. The various committees appointed some time ago to arrange for the program met at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Among the many special numbers of the program which will entertain the young delegates, will be music by a male quartet and probably by a local orchestra.

The entertainment committee also reported that places have been secured for a large number of the boys and requests will be made to all loyal residents of the city who are willing to help in the good cause to give their names to the pastor.

At the meeting it was thoroughly understood that the convention would not be a "Boy Scouts" meeting, despite the fact that the boys are deeply interested in the Boy Scout movement.

TURK IS KILLED BY STRAY BULLET

WOUNDED MAN EXPIRES ON TRAIN TO PORTLAND.

Coroner Chapman and County Attorney Upjohn Visit Scene of Tragedy Sunday; No Inquest Held.

Tom George, a native of Turkey, working on the section crew of the Portland and Corvallis division of the Southern Pacific railroad, between McCoy and Independence, was fatally wounded last Saturday morning by the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of Dan Demeter, another member of the crew. The accident took place one mile north of Derry, where several members of the crew had been sent to do some repair work. Demeter was shooting at a target on the railroad right of way. While conversing with the

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Program Teachers Institute; First Session at Monmouth

Arrangements for the Teachers' Annual Institute to be held this year in Monmouth and Dallas, October 29, 30, and 31, have been completed by Superintendent of Schools H. C. Seymour.

The institute this year will be one of unusual interest, especially for the reason that a number of addresses will be given by men who are prominent throughout the state in school matters.

The following program for the three days has been announced by Superintendent Seymour:

FRIDAY, A. M.
9:00 to 9:10—Opening Exercises.
9:10 to 10:00—General Session—Address..... T. H. Gentile
10:00 to 10:10—Recess.
10:10 to 11:00—Department Work.
Primary—"Numbers"..... Miss Olive Dawson
Intermediate—"Arithmetic"..... Miss Grace Davis
Advanced..... T. H. Gentile
High School—"Course of Study"..... T. F. Carlton
Writing..... Miss Agnes Jones
11:00 to 11:10—Recess.
11:10 to 12:00—General Session—"Our Plans for 1913-14"..... H. C. Seymour

WEDNESDAY
All teachers from the Southern part of the county, or who can reach Monmouth easily, will go direct to Monmouth, meeting at 9:00 A. M. at the Training School and Normal buildings.

Other teachers, who can reach Dallas will leave on the 8:30 A. M. train for Monmouth, meeting at the same buildings. All grade and rural teachers will find their work at the Training School; high school teachers at the Normal school. The day will be spent in observing the work of the critic and Normal teachers.

At 3:45 P. M., Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill, will address the teachers and students in the Normal Chapel. Luncheon will be served at the noon hour in the Dining Room of the Dormitory for 25 cents.

A special train will return to Dallas at 6: P. M.

THURSDAY, P. M.
1:30 to 1:40—Opening Exercises.
1:40 to 2:30—General Session—Address..... L. P. Harrington
2:30 to 2:40—Recess.
2:40 to 3:30—Department Work.
Primary—"Busy Work"..... Miss Olive Dawson
Intermediate—"Geography"..... Miss Grace Davis
Advanced—"Arithmetic"..... Miss Alice McIntosh
High School—"English"..... Miss Rose Parrott
Writing..... Miss Agnes Jones
3:30 to 3:40—Recess.
3:40 to 4:30—General Session—Address..... J. H. Ackerman
8:00 P. M.—Address—"Old Mexico"..... Miss Fanny Harley

THURSDAY, A. M.
9:00 to 9:10—Opening Exercises.
9:10 to 10:00—General Session—Palmer Writing..... Miss Agnes Jones
10:00 to 10:10—Recess.
10:10 to 11:00—Department Work.
Primary—"Reading"..... Miss Olive Dawson
Intermediate—"Reading"..... Miss Grace Davis
Advanced—"History"..... Miss Alice McIntosh
High School—"English"..... Miss Rose Parrott
Writing..... Miss Agnes Jones
11:00 to 11:10—Recess.
11:30 to 12:00—General Session..... "Civilization and Plant Industry"..... Dr. C. F. Hodge

FRIDAY, P. M.
1:30 to 1:40—Opening Exercises.
1:40 to 2:30—General Session—Address..... F. L. Griffin
2:30 to 2:40—Recess.
2:40 to 3:30—General Session—"Wanted: A Country Teacher"..... M. S. Pittman

NOTES
All schools in the county must be closed during the Annual Institute. (Section 74, page 42, School Laws 1913.) All teachers must attend at least 16 hours.

Rural School Teachers will meet in any of the departments in which they wish work, others will take the departments in which they are now working.

INSTRUCTORS

J. A. CHURCHILL..... State Superintendent of Public Instruction
E. F. CARLTON..... Asst. State Superintendent of Public Instruction
J. H. ACKERMAN..... President Oregon Normal School
M. S. PITTMAN..... Institute Lecturer, Oregon Normal School
THOS. H. GENTILE..... Principal, Oregon Normal School
E. L. GRIFFIN..... Oregon Agricultural College
MISS ROSE PARROTT..... Oregon Normal School
MISS ALICE MCINTOSH..... Oregon Normal School
MISS OLIVE DAWSON..... Oregon Normal School
MISS AGNES MABEL JONES..... Representative, Palmer Writing Co.
DR. C. F. HODGE..... University of Oregon
MISS FANNY HARLEY..... Institute Lecturer
MISS GRACE DAVIS..... Oregon Normal School
L. R. HARRINGTON..... Field Worker, Industrial Pairs