

## The Herald

W. T. FOGLE, Editor.

Entered as second-class matter September 8, 1908, at the post office at Monmouth, Oregon, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY, BY

The Acorn Press, Publishers  
Monmouth, Oregon.

### Subscription Rates

One year - - - \$1  
Six months - - - 50 cts

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1909.

The fire Saturday is a fertile subject for discussion and the numerous views had of the situation would drive a Philadelphia lawyer insane if he attempted to unravel them, or get a connected story out of it all. One man saw it one way and no doubt some more than one way, while no two seem to have seen it alike. Some condemn the chemical engine and others praise it. So you can have your choice of opinions. The writer saw most of it and is of the opinion that had it not been for the chemical that nothing would have been saved worth mentioning from the upper story. Some argue that it burned so slowly that everything should have been saved without any engine, which is the strongest argument in favor of it, for it kept the fire down to a medium speed, checking it very much. Mistakes were made at the start that were fatal to saving the house, but once the company got to work in earnest they worked as well as veterans. Too many people lose their heads at a fire and so do more harm than good. Their intentions are good, but there is a place remote from Monmouth that is said to be paved with good intentions, hence they do not count here. The fire boys should be let severely alone when they are doing all in their power to get good results, for a very trifling interference will cause the loss of valuable time and time is the essence of salvation in case of fire. The writer does not claim to have any greater perceptive powers than other people, but he does claim that he uses his powers of observation most of the time and in the case of the fire Saturday he believes that they were in a normal condition. Others condemn the chemical engine as no good, but we say emphatically that but few who condemn it know anything about it. Further, there are plenty of people so constituted that they would condemn Christ now with as great, if not greater, alacrity than did the Jews nearly 1900 years ago. They condemn the chemical and those who bought it, yet they would vote early and often against any proposition to bond the city for the purpose of putting in a first-class water system that would give us a good fire fighting source. If there is anything on earth more than another that would cause the use of profane language it is to stand and listen to some of these persons discuss learnedly the why and wherefore of this fire and of other fires. Life is too short and time too valuable to waste in trying to teach such people the philosophy of things temporal or otherwise. It is said every

one has a right to his opinion, which we hope is true, but at the same time he has no right to condemn his neighbor unheard, which in this case happens to be the chemical engine.

### Going Up

The following terse language was used recently by Senator Taylor, of Tennessee, while talking on tariff revision. While in the main it is all too true, yet we have grave doubts if the democrats under the same conditions would do any better. Only when independent, non-partisan representatives of the people take the matter in hand will anything be done for the consumer:

"They are again about to deliver the masses over to the classes, and sharp-faced and lynx-eyed avarice will still continue to throw mock kisses at the pouting lips of plundered confidence, and the carriage of Dives will still continue to throw contemptuous dust from its glittering wheels on the squalid rags of Lazarus. The sovereign people will soon wake from their iridescent dream of revision downward to find the same old vulture of protection rising far above the Dingley minimum and soaring to the blue cerulean of the Aldrich maximum, with the American consumer by the seat of the pantaloons in his talons.

Protection has run men mad with lust for gold and hunger for power. There is the jingle of gold in the very laughter of modern financiers, the eyes of politicians are jaundiced with it, and I sometimes think that if the great Republic could be lifted up and spread out in the kingdom of heaven the republican party would dig up the golden streets of the New Jerusalem in three hours, and levy a tariff on the harps of the angels for the protection of American industry."

Insurance rates have been lowered in Monmouth from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent, notice to that effect having just been received by V. O. Boots. This does not mean that there is a rebate on insurance now in effect, but all hereafter taken will be at the new rates. This action by the Underwriters was largely influenced by the fact that we have a chemical engine, for the examiner who recommended the lower rates spoke very highly of the progressive spirit of the council in buying it. This lowering of rates ought to prove to those who condemn the engine that it is worth the price. Admitting that only one-half the lesser rate is the result of the engine, the saving in insurance for three years, the time given to pay for the engine, will more than pay for it.

The Observer came out Tuesday in a new dress, the product of the new linotype just installed. Brother Hayter deserves a great deal of credit for his progressive spirit. The Herald extends heartiest congratulations and best wishes that the venture may be a profitable one.

### Old Fashioned.

"Did he ever castigate his son for playing truant?"

"No; he never fooled with them new-fangled ways o' dola'. He jest give him a sound lickin'."—Baltimore American.

# KEEP THE FLIES OUT

By Buying Your

## Screen Doors

of

**BOGERT & SON**  
Monmouth Oregon

Phone 331

You will be satisfied with the products of

## Burpee's "Seeds that Grow"

Shall we mail you our New Complete Catalog?  
W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., Burpee Building, Philadelphia.

### V. O. Boots

FIRE LIFE AND CASUALTY  
**INSURANCE**  
LOSSES PROMPTLY PAID

### A. N. Poole

Contractor and  
Builder.  
Blue prints made to scale  
from original drawings.

General Carpenter Work  
Phone 187



### A. B. WESTFALL

Painter and Paper Hanger  
Monmouth Oregon

### J. W. HOWELL

Contractor and Builder  
Carpenter shop and General  
Repair Work.

Moulding and Finishing  
Material

Cor. Knox and Jackson Sts.

## Perkins Pharmacy

Is Selling

## Pure Paint

AT

**\$1.50 per Gallon**

## Too Busy

Selling Candy and Soft Drinks

to Write an Ad

**P. E. CHASE**