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THE FLOUR MILL FIRE.

Sunday morning's fire destroyed one of the few industries Forest Grove has. Probably the Grove never will be a manufacturing town but this was one of the businesses that are vital to the city's growth. Without a market here for their wheat the farmers will take it elsewhere and naturally there do their trading. Unquestionably the Grove's prosperity is due to its patronage from the surrounding country. There is no business man here but will suffer loss by the fire and no citizen but is affected by it. Money that would have been brought into circulation here will probably now go to enrich some other place.
 There is one relief and time to apply it if prompt action is taken. The mill owners have ever worked for the city's interest. What money they have made has gone back into improving the plant and so the loss falls heavier on them.
 No financial inducement was asked of this place when the mill was located here. Now towns all over the valley are offering bounties for the building of mills in their vicinity. Much more should Forest Grove lend a hand to re-establishing this enterprise which has already proven its value.

FIRE AND WATER.

Sunday's fire points a moral. When some time ago impure drinking water sacrificed its sixth victim for this winter from among our intrepid people attention was called so what has so often been urged—the imperative need of a pure and abundant water supply. With those six human lives in mind it seems insignificant to suggest that the eight thousand dollars lost by the fire and the wiping out of a leading industry should be a warning to provide water for fire protection before a greater disaster overtakes us. Three such fires as Sunday's would cost more than waterworks and would be paying out at once while the waterworks would come on long time payments.
 There is a great stir about a school house, the papers are devoting space to it, it is talked over on the corners and three school meetings have been held. Could not a little time be devoted to a matter of infinitely more importance? The common council have done well in the matter of street improving. Let them act in this matter too, at least call a meeting to discuss water works.

FICTITIOUS FACTS.

The account of the mill and warehouse fire as given in Tuesday's Sun was a model of mistakes. The only reason there was no more errors in it was that there were no more statements. That there was a fire seemed to be the only fact given. The Sun should feel proud of its local correspondent.

COMMENCEMENT.

The college year is closed and to-day the students and the visitors commencement brought are returning to their homes. We shall miss the students, the city will be quieter but long before the summer is over we shall all be longing to hear the college bell again. That the students may have a pleasant vacation and return with renewed energy and in increased numbers in September is the wish of all.

A \$15,000 FIRE.

Flames Destroy the F. G. Flour Mill and Macleod Warehouse.

The Sunday morning stillness was broken a little after 3 o'clock by the clanging of the church bells and the prolonged shriek of the cannery whistle. Just as the awakened people were wondering if it was a commencement outbreak on the part of the students, the rapid tapping of the fire bell, followed in a few moments by the tinkling of the hook and ladder truck as it rattled over the sidewalks, settled the question. Every one turned out and all made their way towards the south end of the city guided by the brightness that was cast over all that quarter. It was Macleod's warehouse that was afire, they soon found out and in a moment the flames that were leaping through its roof had taken possession of L. H. Albert & Co's flour mill near by.

With the apparatus at their command the firemen were powerless against the fire and all bent to saving the neighboring buildings. Fire on the S. P. station roof was extinguished and a detail kept the roof drenched, similar attention was paid to the house on the street corner and the one across the railway nor was the Harrison warehouse lower down neglected. Meanwhile such things as could be hastily gathered were being taken out of the mill but soon it was too dangerous and the people desisted and watched the flames which now enveloped both buildings. Probably three hundred people, men, women and children, watched the fire until it conquered and the frames of the buildings fell, then they returned home. Some stayed and assisted in putting in a safe place the belting, desk and few sacks of feed which were all that was left of the Forest Grove Flouring Mill. A pile of 5000 bushels of wheat in the east end kept on burning until by pumping water on it through the forenoon it was drowned out.

A. L. Macleod, the owner, was away in Washington. The building was substantially built and had a large capacity.

The flour mill shut down for repairs last Monday and was expected to begin work again this Thursday. The tools of the millwright were in the building but were saved. Three years ago is received a thorough overhauling and \$2000 was spent in improvements. With this last work the mill was put in first class shape and was capable of doing the best work. The owners are L. H. Alberts, W. W. Breeden and Mr. Brown who bought out Mr. Anderson hardly a year ago. Their loss will be between \$500 and \$6500 besides the \$2800 insurance. The 5000 bushels of wheat of which 2000 belongs to the mill will part of it be good enough for feeding. Saturday night the mill offered the owner of a thousand bushels of this 42 cents a bushel which he refused.

Death of Mrs. Hollister.

Mrs. G. T. Hollister died at her home in this city Friday morning at 5 o'clock. She had been troubled with sickness for twenty four years but last September it became more severe and for five weeks previous to her death she had been suffering. Physicians and family did all in their power to make her last hours comfortable but she was aware of her condition and gave directions for her funeral. In accordance with these there were no services but during the burial at the Naylor cemetery, a hymn was sung.

Mrs. Hollister's maiden name was Elizabeth Finch and she was born in New Borton township, Mercer county, Illinois, on October 3th, 1844. In the same county at Alcedo she was married on Sept. 29, 1869, to Mr G. T. Hollister and continued to reside there until 1870 when the family came to Oregon. After residing near Greenville until last year she made her home in the Forest Grove. Her husband and two children, David F. and Lucinda D. were at her bedside when she passed away.

Commencement Blowout.

The commencement festivities were opened with a grand blowout given by the young gentlemen of Hermosa hall. Invitations had been sent out some time previously and some thirty responded. After a most elaborate spread of oysters, strawberries, cake and other delicacies had been cleared away and eloquent speeches had been made by Mr. W. S. Shlach, Profs. Loyd and Powell, Messrs. Rands, E. B. Tongue, Warren, Myers and others, the banquetters were favored with a vocal solo by Mr. A. H. Thomas, a performance on the violin by Mr. Haskell and music by Messrs. Bradley, Loyd and Alley. Two or three stately quadrilles and an enlivening waltz, then lights were out and the blowout ended. The hosts of Hermosa may congratulate themselves on one of the most successful social events of the season.

M. E. Church.

Quarterly meeting Saturday and Sunday. Preaching service at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, followed by quarterly conference. Rev. Dr. Gue, the presiding elder, will be present. Regular services on Sunday morning and evening.

Church Dedication and Picnic.

A three days' picnic will be held on June 28, 29 and 30 on the occasion of the dedication of the church on Thos. Clark's place, north of the Grove.

Wanted for Murder.

A Mr. Smithey, wanted in California on suspicion of murder, and the Mrs. Young who has been living with him near Beaverton are likely to leave on requisition of the California Governor soon, as the papers are on their way now. Mrs. Young's children have been taken in charge by the Portland Boy's and Girl's Aid society.

Teachers Institute.

The annual institute for Washington county teachers will be held at Hillsboro in the court house on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 20, 21 and 22. All teachers and patrons of the school are invited.
 The following programme has been arranged by Supt. Bond for the institute:
 THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.
 Class Management..... J. H. Stauley
 Self Government..... D. H. Thomas
 RECESS
 Manners and Morals..... L. C. Walker
 FRIDAY 9:30 A. M.
 Value of Books on Theory of Teaching..... W. B. Swope
 Primary Reading.
 RECESS
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 Language.
 Numbers for Primary Grades.
 NOON RECESS
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 Current Events in History.
 SATURDAY 9:30 P. M.
 Class Recitation..... T. J. Thorp
 Attention of Pupils..... A. T. Palm
 Evening session Thursday and Friday evenings, beginning at 8:00 p. m.
 The institute promises to be largely attended. A prominent educator will be present to assist Supt. Bond and the leading teachers of the county will take part in the exercises. The evening sessions will be especially interesting.

A Pioneer College.

Judge Galloway in his address before the Pioneer association last week alluded to Pacific University in these words: The work of the Congregational missionaries, through the labors of such men as Revs. Atkinson, Clark and Marsh, has left a deep and lasting impression on the institutions of Oregon, in the founding and building up of Tualatin academy and Pacific university, at Forest Grove, first incorporated in the year 1849. With a college property and an endowment of nearly \$200,000, it is on the high road to prosperity, and speaks well of its founders.

Fire Notes.

In the mill were \$500 worth of flour and \$400 of new sacks. \$150 of the sacks were bought of Mr. Harrison when he left, otherwise they would not have been put in until July.

Monday, after the fire had been raked off, the work of sacking the grain began. All the farmers interested were hard at work and there was a big pile of filled sacks along the railroad track.

The warehouse is said to be insured for \$4000 which will not cover the loss. The large boiler was in a building across the street and was not injured.

There were about 4500 bushels of wheat in the warehouse, and 5034 bushels of farmer's wheat and about 1,000 of mill wheat in the mill.

It is impossible to give any facts about the contents of the warehouse until the return of Mr. A. L. Macleod who is daily expected.

The mill owners will lose \$7000 besides the loss covered by their \$2800 insurance. The farmers loss cannot yet be estimated.

A third interest in the mill was sold for \$2500 some little time ago.

The mill was built on one and one fourth acres of leased land.

Several bales of sacks were burned in the warehouse.

Blooming School.

Blooming is the post office name of the prosperous German settlement south of Cornelius. It has a Lutheran church and school, several residences and a good school house. The schoolhouse was built two years ago and is convenient and well seated. Since the new building was put up Prof. Dorrien has had charge of the school. Out of 36 pupils registered there is a daily attendance of 24, ranging from 14 to 7 in age. The school closed Monday afternoon with an exhibition.

Verboort.

The new school house is enclosed and will soon be completed. The building is good sized, well lighted and ventilated and of pleasing exterior. Besides the vestibule and cloakroom there are three classrooms. Here will be held the closing exercises of the school which occur the 27th at 6 p. m. About forty pupils are now in attendance in the two rooms of the present school house. As soon as the building is completed the extensive play grounds will be made attractive with hedges, shade trees, etc.

Wedding at Gales Creek.

Married—at the residence of the bride's parents at Gales creek Ada May Cox and A. W. Her Jr. by the Rev. Mr. Scofield on Wednesday, June 19. Mr. and Mrs. Her immediately set out on a wedding trip to Portland. After their return they will make their home in Gales Creek.

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