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Fine Farmhouse Burned

The large home of B. W. Armentrout north of Forest Grove, was burned to the ground last Tuesday evening. The fire caught on the kitchen roof and spread rapidly, defying every effort to check it. Upon discovering the flames a son of Mr. Armentrout, who has charge of the farm, took the hose which he uses for watering the lawn and tried to put out the blaze, but to no avail. Failing in this he directed his efforts to saving the household effects, most of which were saved. The house was a fine residence costing \$2000 and carried but \$650 insurance with the McMinnville Mutual.

Forest Grove Post Office Robbed

The post office at Forest Grove was broken into last Monday night by expert safe cracksmen, and robbed of a large amount of stamps and a small amount of money. They entered by a window which they opened by means of a jimmy, often used by thugs for that purpose. The safe was a good one owned by the postmaster, H. C. Atwell. The burglars first attempted to open the safe by breaking the combination, but failing in this they drilled two holes reaching the inner casting and filled the holes with black powder, which was set off by an ordinary blasting fuse. The explosion badly damaged the interior of the safe where the combination bars held the door but injured the safe only to such extent as was necessary to accomplish their purpose. The explosion seems to have occurred about 2 o'clock and was heard by several citizens, who did not realize it was anything of consequence. The robbers stole a railcycle at Cornelius from the section house, also a sledge hammer and a crowbar from the same place, the last two being left at the post office upon their departure.

The post office inspector, Mr. O. C. Riches of Portland, was early on the ground and obtained several clues which lead him to believe that the robbers reached Portland before daylight Tuesday morning. The railcycle has not been found, but it is believed that it will be found near Portland. No blame of any kind can be attached to Postmaster Atwell but some criticism exists because we have no nightwatch to guard against these occurrences.

Messrs. Kramer and Treytag of Oregon City, were in the Grove Sunday. Mr. Kramer was formerly a resident on David's Hill.

Miss Belle, daughter of our Councilman, N. L. Johnson, returned home Tuesday morning from a two month's visit in Seattle with relatives.

H. G. King has sold the 6 acre home north of the city belonging to Mrs. C. M. Baker, to Milo Kelsey for \$1200. Mr. King reports a number of transfers during the last few days.

Mr. Ballard, a brother of our blacksmith, is here from Coburg, this state, where he is engaged by the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., as machinist. Mr. Ballard will remain here for a short vacation and visit with his brother.

Mr. E. S. Callender, manager of the condenser, will within a few weeks leave for a well earned and much needed vacation in the east. He goes from here to Seattle to remain a short time, thence to his old home in Ohio and to St. Louis, where he will enjoy the pleasures to be had at the Fair.

A. C. and E. R. Renyolds, of Abington, Illinois, have purchased the farm of Edward Austin on the Baseline road near Cornelius. The sale was made through the efforts of Judge H. G. Fitch. The Renyolds Bros. come well recommended and we bespeak for them a welcome to the community.

The child of Wm. Hay was brought up from Wales seriously ill Tuesday afternoon, and taken to the Hannah hospital. The young patient was accompanied by Mrs. Hay. Mr. Hay and family returned from their winter visit in Oregon a short time ago and Mrs. Hay and children were visiting in Wales en route to their farm home west of Hannah.—Hannah N. Dak., Moon.

F. W. Shoemaker, a stockraiser and farmer of Willsonville, Nebraska, arrived at Forest Grove Sunday. He will visit with his relatives, Mr. Bures, at Banks, and later will probably locate in this county. Mr. Shoemaker, although a young man is well and favorably known in the locality from which he came and has many friends who will follow this year, in case he finds Oregon suitable to the desired change.

Mrs. E. W. Chandler is visiting with her sister Mrs. W. F. Breidenstein in Portland for a few days.

Notice

The Annual Meeting of the Western Oregon Advent Christian Conference will be held at Gaston, Washington County, Oregon, commencing June 17, 1904, and lasting over two Sundays.

Anyone wishing to rent tents for the meeting should send in the order to Mrs. Eliza J. Russell, Gaston, Oregon.

Prices as follow: 8x10 \$1.25 10x12 \$1.50 12x14 \$1.75 14x16 \$2.50. HORACE G. FITCH, Pres. W. O. A. C. Conference. ELIZA RUSSELL, Secretary.

School Report

Watt's public school, District No. 27, from April 11 to May 6. No. days taught, 20; No. days attendance, 602; No. days absence, 54; No. pupils enrolled, 38; average daily attendance, 30.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy were: Pearl Stevenson, Clarence Rice, Emery LaMont, Marie Bleid, Bessie Knighten, Violet Jones, Maggie Hunter, Harry Jones, Henry Busch, Josie Knighten, Grace McCoy, Harley LaMont, Roy Hunter, Albert Busch and Helen Lesser.

MARTHA TRAVER, Teacher

Resolutions

WHEREAS, the shadow of death has fallen on the home of our sister, Mrs. Anna Byroads, and taken from her her husband, who died May 2, at his home in Forest Grove,

THEREFORE, Be it resolved, That we, the sisters of Anna Byroads and members of the J. B. Mathews Relief Corps, extend our most tender sympathy to her and family in their affliction and also express our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement. May God bless and comfort their hearts and bring them safely over the river to join his pure spirit in the sweet bye and bye.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be printed in Forest Grove Times and the Washington County News and a copy given to our sister, also printed upon the record of the Corps.

MRS. JENNIE N. WARD
MRS. HATTIE HAVSER
SARAH A. CARTER

Council Meeting

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening with all the city officials present. Finance committee reported bills as follows:

Croswell, labor	\$ 1.60
Mumpers	2 65
Peterson	18 80
Miller	20 75
Stribbich	14 00
Keene	3 40
Cronin	1 38
Marshall	12 00
Baldwin, constable	1 10
Hoffman, attorney	11 00
Portland Electric Co.	6 85
Hudson, treasurer	17 50
Express Co.	1 10
Total	\$113 63

These bills were ordered to be paid by sight warrants.

Semi-annual interest amounting to \$812.03 on the bonded indebtedness of the city was paid.

Committee on light and water reported applications of A. S. Venen.

Frank Emerson, Mr. Parker and Mr. Peterson for water, and K. N. Staehr for light which were granted.

Carl Hinman, Mr. Ruckles and Mr. Phillips in person petitioned the council that they be allowed to take up the 3/4 inch pipe leading to their property and replace it by a 1 inch pipe, they getting credit only for the extra value in the pipe laid to the city limits. All outside expense to be borne by them. The petition was granted after some consideration.

Mr. Hughes was appointed a committee of one to appraise the value of the pipe taken up on the above proposition.

The street committee reported good work in repairing street crossings. A plea for rock was put in by the committee.

The street committee were instructed to investigate a new road in South Park.

The treasurer's report was next heard. Receipts amounted to \$999.79, total disbursements amounted to \$735.36, balance \$264.43.

Health and police committee reported very favorable conditions.

Committee on fire apparatus advised housing up the fire apparatus and the purchase of two 3 gallon Babcock extinguishers. The suggestions were adopted. After some minor deliberations the council adjourned.