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Councilman Johnson Suffers Loss and Thomas Conley Nearly Loses His Life

A serious fire occurred Monday afternoon at the Springfield farm owned by Councilman C. N. Johnson, of this city. It consumed his second largest barn and his blacksmith shop. The principal loss will be the buildings as but very little feed and grain had been stored in the building, it being used principally for stock. How the fire originated is not exactly known but either started from a match ignited in some way or from some other cause. It started just outside of the doors to the building and was seen almost as soon as started, by Mr. Thomas Conley who rents the farm and who endeavored to extinguish the flames which spread rapidly to the hayloft near by and was beyond control. Mr. Conley was badly burned and will be unable to be about for some time. The barn contained several pieces of machinery owned in part by Mr. Conley and in part by Mr. Johnson. No insurance was carried upon this particular building although every other building on the farm was insured. The loss of the buildings will be about \$600.

Died

The sudden illness and death of little Arthur Epplett, aged 3 years, 6 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Epplett, who live near Hillside, was a great surprise to those who knew the family. They had been in the Buchanan hopyard for several days and the child had been in good health until Thursday when he complained of being sick. He was at once removed to his home where his illness became serious and death followed at five o'clock on Friday morning. In their bereavement for the lost one the family has the sympathy of the entire community. Services were conducted at the home by Rev. Belknap and interment was made in the Naylor Cemetery. The child had always enjoyed splendid health and for one of his age was bright and active. Sorrowful indeed it seems that the sunshine of a pleasant home should be taken away.

Oakman Awaiting Trial

Oakman, the Hillsboro murderer, now rests in the county bastille as the only prisoner, having had his examina-

tion and returned to jail, without bonds to await his trial. Much speculation is rife as to what will be the sentence imposed upon him varying from going free to the death penalty. The facts and the motive will determine what sentence he will receive and judgment should be reserved until that time. In the mean time the young lady whose name was so prominently brought before the public at that time is now Mrs. W. H. Bagley, Jr.

Hillsboro Postoffice Robbed

Early last Saturday morning Hillsboro experienced a postoffice robbery similar to the one which occurred here some months ago. The robbers borrowed tools from shops and courthouse near by and entered a rear window of the postoffice building and drilled and blew open the safe in a similar manner as was done in this city. They secured about \$1000 worth of stamps and money, without arousing anyone in the vicinity from their slumbers. It was supposed to have been committed at about 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning and the robbers then left at once for the barn of J. Greear, of the Climax mills, where they stole a horse and buggy and drove rapidly in the direction of Portland. Later the horse was found below Scholls. It is supposed that the safe crackers made their way at once into Portland where they are hidden out of reach of discovery. No clue as to their identity has been obtained although the city marshal saw that evening two characters whom he believes were the robbers. The safe of Postmaster Waggoner is a wreck and some valuable papers are missing.

Register Books Open

The registration books will be open at the office of Justice J. H. Wirtz, Sept. 20, to Oct. 20. For those who have changed precincts or residence, those who came since last January and have not registered and those who have failed to register—Remember you have the right to vote if you have resided here six months.

City Property for Sale

63 feet fronting Sloan's Hotel \$630
120 " " Laughlin's " at \$8
per foot. Address E. P. CADWELL,
Leabury, Oregon.

City Council

The city council met Friday evening under the presidency of Walter Hoge. The roll call showed all the councilmen and city officers present. At once the city fathers attended to the order of business and matters for consideration were speedily disposed of. The report of the committee on finances was then read and on motion sight warrants were ordered drawn. The bills allowed were:

J T Buxton, labor.....	\$ 4 50
John Stribich, "	3 75
W S Hudson, treasurer.....	17 43
P W Cronin.....	15 00
W L Miller, labor.....	2 50
Allen Hayden, wood.....	7 50
Wells, Fargo & Co.....	40
W H Lyda, lumber.....	17 95
Perry Crosly, labor.....	75
H C White "	6 50
Dr. Hines, supplies.....	60
Crane Co.....	24 98

Total \$101 86

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Hon. Mayor and city council of the city of Forest Grove, Oregon, herewith submit my report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of August.

Aug. 1, to balance on hand..	\$220 44
" 27, received from P W Cronin.....	\$150 00
" 31 received from lights...	224 72
" " " " water....	201 88
	\$428 10
Total receipts	\$648 54

1904 DISBURSEMENTS

Aug. 4 paid Oscar Ohlstrom	\$ 1 50
" 10 " J. T. Harris....	16 00
" 10 " M Munkers.....	8 80
" " " Alex Hunter.....	20 00
" " " E. A. Dixon.....	6 00
" " " E W Haines, check	160 00
" " " V J Fuqua, w'r'n't	9 75
" " " P W Cronin.....	16 00
" " " W S Hudson.....	43 59
" " " Miles Purdin.....	11 65
" 11 " Goff Bros., w'r'n't.	2 52
" " " Thomas & James..	1 75
" " " W F Hartrampf...	1 00
" 12 " Wm Lyda.....	12 00
" " " John Stribich.....	1 00
" 17 " Wash. Co. Pub. Co.	3 50
" 27 R S Baker.....	75

Total disbursements \$315 81
Balance \$232 73

Respectfully submitted W S HUDSON,
City Treasurer.

The committee on streets reported that several crossings had been repaired

some new ones put in and that lumber had been ordered for further work.

A petition for a side walk on the west side of 4th street started on 3rd avenue and running along the properties of Messrs. Hawks, Morgan, Johnson and others was presented. The Ordinance committee was ordered to draw up an ordinance for the building of this sidewalk in accordance with the petition. The city marshal was also ordered to notify property owners that defective sidewalks had to be repaired immediately. In some cases more rigorous measures may have to be resorted to by the city. The subject was thoroughly discussed.

Suggestions and plans were also presented concerning the fitting up of better quarters for the apparatus of the fire department. While no definite action was taken the matter was adequately agitated. Councilman Johnson favors the city owning its own fire bell and his view was shared by others. The present bell is owned by the city and the Congregational Church, each party having invested some \$125. It is probable that the bell will be removed to the belfry of the new church in the near future. Councilman Stribich and others thought that the length of the hose now at the disposition of the fire company was inadequate. There being something like 350 feet only of first class hose, although in time of emergency something like 500 feet can be put to use. A plan by which the hose could be cared for and dried out was also considered.

Mr. Hollinger presented for preliminary reading an ordinance to regulate the sale, giving away etc., of intoxicating liquors.

A committee consisting of councilmen Johnson and Hollinger was appointed to confer with E. W. Haines on matters connected with the light and water plants. It is probable that a rebate will be made to consumers to cover the shortage of light during the months of August and September.

The council then adjourned.

Notice

The public school of Dilley, will open Oct. 3rd, the first Monday in October. By order of Directors.