



EARLY MORNING BLAZE.

LaCourse's Store Badly Scorched
Last Friday Morning.

But for the timely discovery of the fire in Nelson B. LaCourse's store, the old Woods & Adams place, by Ed. Naylor, last Friday morning at 4:30, the entire store would have been destroyed, besides possibly many other buildings.

The fire is thought to have had its origin from a wooden cuspidor, which was filled with sawdust and setting near the stove, and into which someone dropped a butt of a cigar. The fire had smoldered all night and filled the room with smoke and it was this emitting from the crevices of the building that Mr. Naylor saw, who turned in an alarm.

The fire company responded promptly and the small blaze around the stove was soon extinguished. Had there been the least bit of ventilation the building and stock would have been consumed earlier in the night. The stock was insured for \$10,000. The adjusters arrived Monday to estimate the loss which is not thought to be very great.

Prominent Couple Pay Fines.

A prominent young couple of this city were obliged to appear before Recorder King last Monday morning and pay a fine of \$13.50 imposed by that officer for the disturbance of the M. E. church services on the evening before.

The matter has caused no little amount of comment both pro and con, in as much as the arrest was made by a deputy marshal who it is alleged, while properly appointed and sworn in, was not confirmed by the common council as the charter specifies, and too, because that others, and members of the church, should have had the same treatment.

It is stated by those who are in touch with the council, that it is most probable that the fines will be returned. It is also current that the friends of

the principals of the affair will institute suits against those who are responsible for the arrest which it is thought will eventually end in making the City the defendant in a damage suit.

No matter whether the arrest of this couple was legally made or not, it was certainly not done absolutely without provocation and could have been avoided had they conducted themselves as they should.

No less than a month ago six young men were arrested on this same charge, but at another church.

Arrested but Released.

Wednesday evening a little after nine o'clock Police officers Baer and Hanna, arrested a band of boys who were roaming the streets. The lads were smoking, yelling, and pounding noisily the fences in their nocturnal march. The band was originally composed of seven members but three of the speedy ones escaped the vigilance and grasp of the officers. Four of them were captured, brought to the city jail, held for a time, then dismissed until 10 o'clock the next morning. No tobacco was in evidence when the boys were ordered to empty their pockets before being committed to the cells.

This morning at 10 o'clock Recorder King after a thorough search for an ordinance covering the case, found that the present curfew ordinance was not effective and that the boys were not amenable under its provisions. The present city statute requires that the bell of the Congregational church be rung each evening at 8 p. m. by the city marshal, since the burning of the church the whistle of the Condensed milk factory has been used as "warning," the city council having failed to remodel the ordinance, Recorder King holding to a strict interpretation, dismissed the boys.

Extension of Time

Owing to the fact that a great many of our subscribers have signified their desire to take advantage of our offer to give a coupon which entitles the holder to a cabinet photo free, we will extend the time to April first.

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BRILLIANT SUCCESS

One Hundred and Thirty Banqueters
Sit Down to a Most Sumptuous Spread

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in this City

Prominent Speakers From Abroad and
at Home Address the Assemblage on Appropriate
Topics

The Second Annual banquet of the Forest Grove Board of Trade, was held in Vert's Hall last night, with the result that it was one of the most successful social functions held in this city in a long time. Not a hitch of any sort occurred to mar the smoothness in which every detail was gone through with.

The reception committee was composed of the following persons: Senator and Mrs. E. W. Haines, Mayor and Mrs. C. N. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Atwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. John Thornburg, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dooley, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McEldowney, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Hines and W. H. Hollis, who met the guests at the door in Masonic Hall and extended every courtesy within its power—and those were many fold. After an hour and a half in social conversation and the exchanging of compliments so appropriate to occasions where public spirit and enthusiasm, which were so abundant here, the President of the Board, Senator E. W. Haines, invited the guests to repair to the banquet hall below. The guests, to the number of 124, marched to their respective seats by music furnished by Walker's orchestra, which was stationed on the stage, and played many selections during the banquet and discourse. After a flash light picture was taken of the assemblage, the banquet was begun in earnest by a plate of Toké point oysters on the half shell. The subsequent courses were brought along as the preceding ones disappeared, by charming young ladies who acted as waiters. The hall decorations were of Oregon grape and ferns profusely banked on the sides and hung from the center where a large bell was suspended. At the door and beneath which the guests passed when entering, was an arch draped with the American flag.

The tables, three in all, were set lengthwise of the hall and were decorated with palms, and were otherwise neatly arranged, both in art and with eatables.

The program of speechmaking was begun by Senator E. W. Haines, president of the board, in a few remarks generalizing the aims, accomplishments etc. of the board, and introduced Mr. Harry Haynes as toastmaster of the evening. Mr. Haynes responded by announcing that the secretary, Judge W. H. Hollis, would read the letters of regret.

Responding to the request he read letters from many prominent personages, who, for one reason or another, were unable to be present, but in each case a hearty and enthusiastic missive was sent. They are as follows: Hon. Geo. Cohn, Mayor of Tillamook, also Hon. B. L. Eddy of the same city; Hon. E. L. Smith of Hood River; Hon. Wm. T. Muer of Portland, and also W. E. Coman and Tom Richardson of the same city. A telegram from Gov. Chamberlain was read wherein he expressed his profound regrets, owing to urgent matters at the capitol, and a letter from U. S. Senator Chas. W. Fulton.

Ex-Mayor Hoge was next introduced and on the subject of "The Prettiest Town in Oregon," and dwelt at some length, making some striking comparisons. He stated that the postoffice receipts had increased 27 per cent, or more than any postoffice in either Idaho, Washington or Oregon, also that banking had increased 30 per cent, while the express business had doubled. On the subject "Washington County

at the Exposition," Hon. W. K. Newell spoke interestingly along the lines of agriculture and told us, too, what he thought was a good plan of convincing the visitors at the fair that Washington county was the place to come to, was by having an abundance of fruit at the fair for free distribution.

Judge H. M. Cake was next announced by the toastmaster, and in a rousing and elaborate speech, told his auditors of the progress being made by the Portland Commercial Club, of which he is president, along lines of upbuilding the state. He told us of the methods used by that organization which was to write personal letters to friends in the East. He stated that at the present time they were in possession of 3,600 names from persons in the East who, through this method, were inquiring for information.

One of the most surprising statements of Mr. Cake's speech, was the comparison drawn between the resources and population of Oregon to the East. To take Oregon's population of 525,000, it would be equal only to Cleveland, Ohio, and its suburbs, in other words, Oregon's 96,030 square miles contains only a population of one of the eastern cities. The value of the fruit crop for 1904, was \$2,240,000. The hop crop of 16,000,000 pounds brought \$4,000,000; a profit of \$2,500,000 to the producers, and many other statistics that proved almost sensational. The cereal crop was estimated at \$10,342,276 lumber, \$12,650,000, mohair, 450,000 lbs. with a valuation of \$150,750.

Mr. Cake said that all we needed to do was to "tell the story," the rest is easy.

He is a pleasing and forceful orator and his contribution was a great help to the Board of Trade.

Under the subject of "Words of Wisdom" the toastmaster called on President Ferrin, who elaborated to some extent along lines of harmony, and it was well received by all.

Next, Rev. Herbert Boyd, recently of Massachusetts, and pastor of the Congregational church, was called upon. His speech was out of the ordinary. It referred to the importance of, when we invited immigration, to be particular about the quality, etc. He imposed some friendly admonitions that should govern the endeavors of the Board of Trade, and referred to our mud as delightful, and the rain in most endearing terms. Mr. Boyd is a good talker, and his view point of Oregon's needs was taken from those of an Easterner.

As the hour was growing late no more speakers were called upon. The audience was dismissed by singing, "Auld Lang Syne."

Thus closed one of the most harmonious gatherings ever held in this city. Everybody had an excellent time and enjoyed the good offices of the hospitable Board of Trade.

The banquet under the management of Mrs. Geo. Sloan, was all that could be expected, and reflected a great deal of credit upon that hostelry, the Forest Grove Hotel, as up-to-date caterers.

Those present and invited are as follows:

E W Haines	Walter Hoge
Mrs Haines	Mrs Hoge
H C Atwell	Oscar Baldwin
Miss Farnham	Mrs Baldwin
Rev H W Boyd	H Villiger
Mrs Boyd	Mrs Villiger
J T Shannon	N B LaCourse
Mrs Shannon	Mrs LaCourse
W W McEldowney	W N Ferrin
Mrs McEldowney	Mrs Ferrin
C V B Russell	S G Hughes
Mrs Russell	Mrs Hughes
A W Johnson	J C Latta
Mrs G O Rogers	Mrs Latta
J F Woods	C W McNamer
Mrs Woods	Mrs McNamer
W A Billinger	L L Hollinger
Mrs Billinger	Mrs. Hollinger
M Peterson	R M Dooley
Mrs Peterson	Mrs Dooley
T A Ritchey	W K Newell
Mrs Ritchey	Mrs Newell
J C Clark	H G King
Mrs Clark	Mrs King
H J Goff	J A Abbott
Mrs Goff	Mrs Abbott
C E Geiger	I K Weitzel
Mrs Geiger	Mrs Weitzel
M S Allen	C F Miller
Mrs Allen	Mrs Miller
N L Atkins	Chas Roe
Miss Sadie Cronin	Mrs Roe
Harry Haynes	A T Buxton
Mrs Haynes	Mrs Buxton
Benj Scholfield	C N Johnson
Mrs Scholfield	Mrs Johnson
L J Corl	C B Buchanan
Mrs G Hughes	Mrs Buchanan
O R Downs	A B Thomas
J E Bailey	Mrs Thomas
Mrs Bailey	W H Lyda
J A Thornburg	Mrs Lyda
	W W Goff

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Into the New Church.

The Congregational Church makes an important change this week. For three and one-half years, during the time since their building was burned, the church services have been held in the College Chapel and other rooms in Marsh Hall. This is one among many ways in which the college has been serving the people of Forest Grove. And now, the new building completed, the Church begins this evening the regular service there. At 7:30 a thanksgiving prayer meeting will be held in the church parlor.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "Things Old and New." In the evening at 6:30 the Y. P. S. C. E. will meet in the church parlor. It is hoped that the young people will rally in full numbers. At 7:30 will be held a meeting which is to be addressed by President Ferrin. He will set forth the progress of the new movement for religious education.

This new church is for all who wish to share in its privileges. It has doors facing North, South, East and West.

It has a welcome for all. At another place in this paper may be found a church directory with the times of the regular services.

To Begin Next Sunday

Special evangelistic services will begin at the Christian Church, next Lord's Day. The following are subjects for the first week: Sunday morning, Feb. 26, "Consecration;" Sunday evening, "Conditions of Forgiveness;" Monday evening, "Parable of the Sower;" Tuesday evening, "Prepare to Meet God;" Wednesday evening, "The Remission of Sins;" Thursday evening, "Threefold Divine Influence in the World;" Friday evening, "Christ the Same Yesterday today and Forever;" Saturday evening, "What Do I Owe to Christ." Services begin each evening at 8 o'clock excepting Sunday, which will be at the usual hour 7:30. All are cordially invited to these services.

C. F. SANDERSON, Pastor.

George Sibley returned from Kent, the fore part of the week.

Broke Her Arm.

A doubly sad accident occurred Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Rupert, who was being conveyed by Frank Bernard from her home to the depot to catch the train with the intention of visiting her old home in Nebraska, she was violently thrown out of the wagon breaking her right arm at the wrist. Mrs. Rupert was sitting on a trunk in the rear of the wagon when the hind wheel suddenly plunged into a chuck-hole, with the result as stated. Dr. Ward was called and set the injured member.

Dissolved Partnership.

McNamer & Johnson, dealers in eatables, on last Thursday, dissolved partnership, Mr. McNamer retiring. The business will be conducted by Mr. Johnson under the name of Johnson & Johnson. This is and has been one of the best markets and grocery stores in this city, and Mr. Johnson promises that the high standard of excellency shall continue. Mr. McNamer has not decided as yet what he will turn his attention to.

Grand Concert

The Concert to be given in this city, March 3, promises to be the best given in Forest Grove for many years.

The program will consist of solos by Mr. Zan, Mrs. Pope, Miss Conyers, vocal duets and piano numbers by Mrs. E. E. Williams and Miss Kate Shannon.

Miss Conyers and Mr. Zan have given several concerts in the past few years and have always had large and appreciative audiences.

They are arranging to give a program in Albany and Eugene in the near future and will be supported by the best musical societies in these cities. A full program will be published next week. Admission 50 cts and 35 cents.

A. H. Gates, who resides on route one, was a visitor at this office, Saturday. He came in to renew his subscription which, however, was already far in advance, and to congratulate us upon the "improvement in The News."

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