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## FOREST GROVE HAS BIG BLAZE Five Frame Structures Go Up In Smoke.

### ILLUMINATE SKY FOR MILES

Most Spectacular Conflagration That Has Visited the Grove for Many Years— Was Witnessed by Large Crowd of Citizens.

Friday evening about 8:30 fire was discovered in the storage building adjoining McGill's blacksmith shop. The alarm was turned in and the department responded, but before the connections could be made the fire had gained such headway as to render it impossible to save any of the adjoining buildings.

The hose proved faulty and broke several times, causing a costly delay. Every effort possible was put forth by the firemen and citizens to prevent the spread of the flames to the buildings across the street. Had the wind been blowing to the east at the time, the loss would have been much greater.

Drayman Whited first discovered the blaze, which had evidently just started, and appeared to be in the south-east corner of the storage building, where wood and slabs were stored. Mr. Whited had often been in the building while delivering telephone supplies for storage, and he thinks it improbable that the fire was of incendiary origin as has been reported.

The Bell Telephone Company's loss was possibly \$2,500 and S. G. Hughes, owner of the Independent Telephone Co., suffered a loss of about \$75.

H. B. Johnson's barn adjoining was totally destroyed, but some of the grain was saved. His loss is estimated at from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

McGill's blacksmith shop and garage was totally destroyed, the vehicles in the garage being saved. His loss may reach \$2,500, with \$1,000 insurance.

Frank Archer, who conducted the garage, lost tools to the amount of \$150.

All the buildings were old. Mr. McGill will rebuild on the part of the lot west of where the old shop stood.

The citizens turned out to witness the fire, and lined Main street from Pacific avenue to Second avenue.

#### Lyda-Vohs

About twenty-five relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Mina Vohs, near Banks, Sunday, Dec. 10, to witness the marriage of her daughter, Rosa Belle, to Alfred C. Lyda, Rev. J. M. Barber officiating. The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion and when the young couple took their place under the arch of evergreen it was a very beautiful and impressive scene. The presents were numerous and useful, and the dinner was beyond description in abundance and quality. Mr. Lyda will leave father and mother and cleave unto his wife at her old home.

A. B. Todd called this week and ordered the Press sent to his daughter, Gladys, who is teaching in the Vancouver (Wash.) schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meresse, of Portland, spent Sunday with Mr. Meresse's parents here.

## "How Can the City be Made More Beautiful."

The December meeting of the Woman's Club was held with Mrs. J. C. Clark. Subject, "Forest Grove Day." Miss Mary Farnham, leader.

Mrs. J. A. Abbott had a very interesting paper on "How Can the City be Made More Healthful?" in which she urged all club women to a united effort against flies, and to patronize firms who manufacture foods around whose product hangs no taint of suspicion.

"How Can the City be Made More Beautiful?" a paper by Miss Myers. When Harvey Clarke built the first cabin in Forest Grove in 1840 there were six oak trees over two and one-half centuries old, of which but one remains; one was felled a week ago today, over three hundred years old, and the last remaining one graces our chicken park, and will remain there while we own it.

When we have removed the trees which suggested the name Forest Grove, we will have forfeited our right to the name, Forest Grove. Who can imagine a forest without a tree? In the course of improvement some of the quicker growth ones will have to be removed, and until sewerage is established, cannot be replaced, but when sewerage is established we can replace where necessary. Certain streets or avenues with all one kind, such as First street with white Libernum, and Second with red, and so on. When in, our wide parking will add greatly to our beauty. There is before us as a city now a case of a "stitch in time saves nine," the problem of the church square. The time has come when something must be done. There is an indebtedness of ten thousand dollars against the church, which would prevent their giving it away. Is Forest Grove able to buy a park, facing the many undertakings we have already begun? Can we, as citizens, permit it to go for business? If it could be covered with business houses all around, all would be well, but we can never hope for that. Just one row of business houses on the south side, allowing them the privilege of back doors other business houses have, would sure not add much to the beauty of the campus. Since the problem has come up I have been noticing back doors of other business houses and would like to call your attention to the same. Should it go for business it will be a long time before business will justify a full row of business houses which would not add much to the beauty for some time to come. Could the church be induced to let the south half go to the city for the \$10,000 indebtedness (this would be carrying out the wishes of the original donor,) to be used only for a park with the privilege of a city hall in time and then dedicate the west half, which they are asking for a living privilege. The church, of course, would have the expense of keeping up their part and the city theirs. With a City Hall we could all take pride in with Commercial room parlors and a room for the Woman's Club to meet and the Carnegie Library across the way and the W.C.T.U. fountain we are all so interested in, gravel walks, a few shrubs here and there, rustic seats and benches, surely something we could feel justly proud of. If it is sold for business the tendency will be to hold business there for a long time to come. Should it go for a park, business will be more apt to spread towards the Laughlin Hotel and the Electric depot, which is not of course desirable for residence property. As business moves nearer the depot, the front door of Forest Grove (Mr. Weed, the landscape gardener, said Forest Grove so much needed) will be open. Strangers no doubt see many things to make them wonder; but we have long ago learned that "large bodies move slowly." Have any of you noticed that when a new street crossing is made the debris is removed at once? The time was, and but lately, when it remained as the necessary. There seems to be a general feeling of pride aroused, and again I say, "large bodies move slowly." Just a week ago I was talking with a business man, also a member of the Commercial Club, who said, "why don't the Woman's Club bestir themselves about securing the church square for a park?" He seemed sincere, and I am sure was, but where is the Commercial Club? Was it the Adam of old waiting for Eve to take the initiative? I understand there is a move, meeting with general approval, to macadamize and place sewers all over town, which will add much to our beauty. I do wonder why the Civic Committee doesn't see that the street signs are straightened up, more made where necessary, and charge same to the Woman's Club. Some one should remind the central

school janitor (if it is his work) to take better care of the waste paper receptacle. On my way home from Sunday school Sunday I straightened the can up (or rather turned it over, for it was bottom side up) as it had been left half full of papers, so you can imagine the looks of the grounds. The Junior League needs straightening up also, for it certainly is a fine thing and should not be lost. What a beautiful work to establish a pride for generations to come. "How can we help each other?" by Dora Reed Barber. Her paper will appear next week.

### Some Other Views

The Press of last week published an article signed "A Tax Payer" referring to the expending of a sum upwards of \$200,000 of city and property owners money, and stating that there had been no report made, whereby the information can be gathered, and that the Press is willing to publish any statement that the City Council, or any member of that august body may submit.

It is my understanding that the doings of the City Council is a matter of record that warrants are issued for all moneys paid out and that these records can be seen by any one wishing to do so.

It strikes me that it is not the fault of the City Council if the "News" correspondent for Forest Grove, or the correspondent for any other paper, does not see fit to procure from the public records data regarding those matters for his paper.

Should Mr. "A. Tax Payer" wish to do so, he can see for himself the records showing what disposition has been made of this amount of money, and I am satisfied that if he will do so he will have his mind set at rest regarding the explanation he claims the public demands.

#### ANOTHER TAX PAYER.

#### Editor Press:

I am a reader of both city papers. I read the article in the Press signed "A Taxpayer." It seems that if he is so anxious to have the Council publish a statement of the finances and show when and where the city money was spent, might use his time in looking into the matter for himself instead of writing and getting the whole town stirred up over something that seems to hurt him. He probably has as much time to look into it as any member of the Council has, besides if he thinks there is something wrong it might pay him for his own satisfaction to hire some one to go over the books with him. The Council serves without pay and is it not enough to ask of them to give almost all of their time for a year without putting them to more trouble? Have we not received good paved streets during the present administration? That was something no Council ever before attempted. What better do we want or care to have?

#### A READER.

No names were signed but hereafter we would ask that the name be given, not for publication but for identification.—Ed.

FOR SALE—At a bargain. 10 acres adjoining city, well improved, with good buildings, modern conveniences. See owner for terms and price at once. Phone 582. R G Allison. tf

Mrs. Samuel Todd entertained the Fluor de Lis Club Monday afternoon at her home and the usual enjoyable time was spent.

Mrs. E. B. Tongue spent Saturday at the home of her mother Mrs. J. T. Shannon.

White Orpington pullets for sale, 1/2 mile west of city R G Allison Phone 582.

### City Council Meets

The Council met in special session last week and made the following allotment of the paving bonds:

F. G. Nat'l Bank—\$5000 at \$1.01 Wm. Herman—\$500 at \$1.01 Warren Con. Co.—\$51,233.70, par.

The Council met in regular monthly session Tuesday, Dec. 12, all present. J. A. Brown was awarded a contract for the street cleaning and sprinkling for one year at 75c per hour. Council accepted the invitation of the Social Commission to meet in mass meeting Dec. 13 at K. P. Hall.

A levy was made on city property on the 1911 assessment and 10 mills was allotted as follows: Gen. fund, 8 mills; building fund, 1 mill; library fund, 1 mill.

Election ordered Feb. 8, 1912, to elect city mayor, recorder, treasurer, three councilmen for 2 years, and one councilman for 1 year to fill vacancy made by McNamer's resignation.

Election judges appointed: John Wirtz, H. C. Parker and Robert Taylor, Clerk Ed Boos and Marion Markham.

Place of election designated as the old city hall on Council St.

All candidates for office must file their names with the city recorder on or before 4 o'clock, Friday, Jan. 2, 1912, to be placed on the printed ballots. Recorder ordered to procure tickets.

Ordinance passed making the age 15 years instead of 14 in observance of 8 o'clock curfew law. Penalty for violation \$2 to \$10 fine to be paid by parents or guardian of the child.

A petition with about 150 signatures, asking for the privilege of Primary nominating election, was laid on the table for action of next Council.

The following financial report was given:

Bal. on hand Nov. 1st, 1911.....\$1579.19 Rec'd during month..... 3733.53 Paid warrants..... 3093.17 Bal. Dec..... 2219.55 St. fund transferred to gen. fund 1789.29 Hldg fund transferred to gen. 733.61 Library fund on hand..... 439 E. B. Sappington, Treas.

### Permits for Child Labor

Permits can be given to children who are 15 years of age and thro the 6th grade; to children who are over 14 and have a graduation diploma from the grammar grades in the Oregon schools; for work after school and on Saturday to children over 14, but they must be instructed to bring school report to the office each month that we may know that the child has attended school the entire month and has not stayed out of school to work.

No permit can be given to a child under the age of 15 except as above; under 16 unless thro the 6th grade; for work after 6 o'clock to any child under 16; to any child under 16 for telephone, telegraph or public messenger service.

All cases of children under 15 out of school refer to truant officer.

All cases of children out of school and working belong to Child Labor Commission. Notify employer and parent that permit must be secured or the child must return to school. Call up the school where child should attend and ask to be notified if the child does or does not return to school.

Apply to Prof. O. M. Gardner for permits.

### Hillsboro Telephones Damaged

Three hundred telephones were put out of commission and heavy damage was done as a sequel to a slight accident on the Oregon Electric railway at 4:30 Monday afternoon. The rear trucks of a coach left the track at the Hillsboro depot, the car striking a telephone pole, but not upsetting. The pole snapped off and the contact with the high tension line burned out the cables. Fire broke out in several residences caused by the heavy current on the telephone line, and the fire department was called out.

### Teachers' Meeting

The Washington County Teachers' Association met Saturday, Dec. 9, in the Public School Building at Hillsboro.

The day's work was started with music by the Ass'n followed by quotations from Holmes and Emerson.

V. V. Willis, of the Dilley schools, took up Chap. 3 of "How to Study" by means of questions distributed among the teachers. Mr. Scott, of Forest Grove H. S. continued with Chap. 4 giving a brief outline of the subject followed by discussion. Noon.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 and Mr. Hiebel of Forest Grove favored the audience with cello solos.

Miss Ruby Shearer, Critic teacher at Monmouth, gave an excellent address on "Language, Pictures and Stories." The teachers felt that this talk alone was well worth the effort of the day. The Ass'n was very fortunate in securing Miss Shearer and will gladly welcome her back.

After recess a business session convened. The meeting adjourned to meet at Forest Grove, Jan. 13, 1912.

### Have We Lost Them?

We learn through School Superintendent Case that our enumeration of children for the school district of a school age, falls below last year's enumeration by 200, and that Hillsboro makes a gain of 200 over last year. We can't understand how this can be; we had thought there should have been a healthy gain. Our loss means something like \$1,600, or \$8 per child. The books closed yesterday, and correction of this report will be impossible. Have we lost the population, or have they been overlooked and yet lose the much needed money?

### DEATHS

Elizabeth Groves, aged 70 yrs. died December 6th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Fritz. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Barber at the residence Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. Interment was made in Forest View Cemetery. The Royal Neighbors were present in a body and also a large number of friends followed the body to the grave.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—6 horse power gasoline engine nearly new drag saw, circle saw, 2 horse gasoline engine, nearly new; dray saw, circular saw, 2-horse gasoline engine and trucks. Sell or trade. FRANK MOTT, R F D 1 Forest Grove, Ore.

### Notice

The mass meeting held last night under the auspices of the Social Commission at the K. P. Hall was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd. Much good may be expected to result from such meetings.

Mrs. Georgia Hughes and Mrs. Levina Watt celebrated their mutual birthdays December 12 at the home of the former, which custom has been observed alternately for 13 years with but one exception.

Don't forget the moving picture show at the K. P. Hall Saturday afternoon, Dec. 23. Call at Goff Bros. for free admission tickets. Two shows 1:15 and 8:15 p. m.

The feed mill of W. F. Hart-rampf will be shut down Monday Dec. 18 for the purpose of improvement and repair, which will require about a week. He will then be better able to serve his customers.

A new line of beautiful, sentimental and comic post cards just arrived at the Forest Grove Pharmacy. Hurry before the choicest are taken. tf

Mrs. DeLong, who swore out a warrant last week for the arrest of DeLong on a charge of bigamy, left for Nebraska the first of the week.

Chas. O'Delle and wife returned last week from their trip through the east and south. Mrs. O'Delle's health has somewhat improved.

Miss Caroline Greuner of the Forest Grove Pharmacy, is in Portland this week before the Board of Pharmaceutical Examiners.

Mrs. Bertha Williams and Miss Frances Byers were Portland visitors Saturday.

Judge Hollis and Editor Scott were Portland visitors Saturday night.

Miss Manche Langley spent Sunday with friends in Portland.

### Notice to Press Readers.

Many news items had to be omitted this week on account of limited space.

**LOOK!**

Original With The Press

**\$5 GIVEN AWAY \$5**

**Who Has the Best Ad?**

Any reader of the Press may write his preference naming the display ad that appears in next week's issue of this paper that most appeals to him.

\$5. cash will be divided equally among the readers whose preference is centered on the ad showing the greatest number of preferences. Show the ads over this week and decide. Get your share of the cash; it's yours if you decide with the majority.

Money will be mailed to successful ones after publication next week.

This is open to any reader. This offer will be repeated next month. Get ready for another choice.

Write us a card or letter naming your preference. Answer must reach us by Wednesday of next week. The names of all persons who are successful will appear next week in this space, and the designated ad. will be named. Will also give name of ad. that stands second in choice, but will not name the persons making the choice.

Only TWO in each family allowed to Choose.  
**READ THE ADS. IN THE PRESS.**