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## BIG FIRE LOSS

### WORST IN HISTORY OF TOWN

Three Buildings Destroyed Thursday Afternoon, Loss Being About \$12,000—Absence of Wind All That Saved City From Being Wiped Out

The worst fire in the history of the town destroyed three buildings on Bond street Thursday afternoon, causing a loss of approximately \$12,000. Fortune favored Bend at the time of the blaze, there being no wind, or the biggest portion of the business district would have been wiped out.

The fire started about 2 o'clock in the restaurant of Sam McMurtrie, supposedly from the gasoline torch of the coffee urn, the flames being first seen in the kitchen between the range and coffee urn. The following places were put out of business:

Rudweiser Saloon, Howell & Butts' pool hall and bowling alley, Pioneer Soda Factory, Montana saloon and McMurtrie's cafe. The vacant building just across Bond street, Wenandy's stable, Holmes & Smith's restaurant, Woolley's wood shop and Carmody's pool hall were damaged by fire and water.

Myers & Wilkey, who owned the two-story building in which they had their saloon, lost about \$5,000 or \$6,000, having insurance of \$3,200. G. W. Lorimer of Piqua, Ohio, owned the other two buildings, which were valued at about \$3800. He had insurance of \$2100. Howell & Butts had insurance of \$1250, which will fully cover their loss. Pioneer Soda Factory, \$900. Stephens & Pattie, who conducted the Montana saloon, had no insurance, neither did McMurtrie. The latter's loss was about \$400.

Myers & Wilkey will rebuild at once. They have erected a small temporary building on the lot next to McMurtrie's cafe.

A good portion of the stock of goods and fixtures in the three buildings was carried out and saved. The heat of the fire from the pine frame buildings was intense and the goods had to be moved several times to keep from being scorched.

The firemen reached the scene in good time after the alarm was given and worked hard. They were greatly handicapped by not having enough hose and from the fact that most of them were not trained in

fighting flames. When the fire got beyond their control, they turned their attention to the adjoining buildings and strenuous efforts were required to save them. A slight wind from the north would have meant the destruction of several blocks, and had there been a south or west breeze Wenandy's stable would have gone up in smoke.

On the second floor of the two-story buildings were rooming houses and when the fire broke out a number of women scurried out. Several of them reported the loss of money and jewelry in the fire.

The fire had its humorous as well as its serious side. A number of ladies climbed up on Lara's store to watch the fire and with bucket and cups threw water on the store roof—and the building was saved.

## BEND IS LOGICAL HARNEY OUTLET

C. C. Chapman Says New Road to Burns is "Ideally Adapted for Economical Auto-truck Service"

Writing of his trip to Burns, C. C. Chapman, manager of the Portland Commercial Club, said in Sunday's Oregonian:

"The new road from Bend to Burns is ideally adapted for economical auto-truck service. It is a high prairie road along a natural route. There are no mountains to cross during the entire distance of 145 miles. The prairie is open on both sides from 10 to 20 miles. The road is a natural highway, requiring little improvement to make it excellent in any kind of weather, and this is in striking contrast to the old road via Prineville and Paulina and over Buck Mountain.

"The old road has served a mighty purpose in its day. It will still continue to serve a great purpose in bringing these ranches and country of the tributary valleys into close touch with Prineville and Portland with automobile and auto truck, but so far as the great Harney country is concerned, and the future empire of Central Oregon, the economical and logical outlet is in the new road from Burns to Bend. This road can be traveled by automobiles at any season of the year. The run can easily be made in six or ten hours."

## ANOTHER STONE BUILDING

Plans are being drawn by George S. Young for a pink stone building which J. H. Bean will have erected on lot 18 of the replat of block 4, Wall street, on the Drake lawn. It will be 25x100 feet in dimensions and of two stories. The first floor will be for a store room and the second for offices. Work will be started on it in the spring.

## FARMING TRAIN AT BEND NOV. 2

### Practical Instruction Will Be Given Farmers By Experts Sent Out By O-W. R. & N. Co.--Train Here Four Hours

Bend will be the first town in Crook county to be visited by the farming demonstration train of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. It will be here for four hours on Thursday, November 2, arriving at 8:30 a. m. and leaving at 12:30 p. m.

Nine representatives of the Oregon Agricultural College and experiment station will accompany the train, as well as R. E. Miller, O-W. R. & N. traffic manager, and D. O. Lively of the Portland Union Stock Yards, William McMurray, F. W. Robinson and H. J. O'Neill, O-W. R. & N. officials.

Practical instruction and scientific demonstration in various farming pursuits will be given. Subjects of special interest to Central Oregon farmers will be discussed, including more and better livestock, poultry, grain, forage plants, conservation of moisture and agriculture generally. The farmers will have an opportunity to discuss personally with experts topics of most import-

ance to them. Several cars are carried with the train loaded with hogs, chickens and the like, making the instruction thoroughly practical.

There is no charge whatever, the railroad company having gone to great expense to operate this train so as to assist in promoting agricultural development in territory tributary to its lines. All the farmers around Bend are invited and urged to attend and bring their families, as it will be a rare opportunity to better themselves without any financial outlay.

The O. A. C. representatives who will be on the train are: Dr. James Whitecombe, director; Prof. H. D. Scudder, dry farming expert; Prof. F. L. Kent, dairy husbandman; Prof. James Dryden, poultry husbandman; Prof. E. L. Potter, animal husbandman; Robert Whitecombe, supt. Eastern Oregon Experiment Station; H. Umberger, supt. Moro Dry Farm Station; Oran Beatty, traveling agricultural advisor; C. E. Robinson, college herdsman.

## Merchants Unanimous That Fire Protection Given Them Is Poor

The merchants of Bend are aroused as never before over the lack of fire protection given their places of business by the city. The following interviews show their feelings:

A. M. Lara—"I have \$45,000 invested here and get absolutely not one cent of fire protection. The City Council has persistently refused to give us what we have asked for."

H. W. Skuse—"I think it is up to the City Council to see that we have more hose, at least 500 feet. Furthermore, the fire department should be organized in much better shape than it is."

E. A. Sather—"The City Council should get plenty of hose and install more fire hydrants, also have a hose house down town, or at least a shed under which the cart could be kept."

S. C. Caldwell—"We need more hose, probably 500 feet, and two more nozzles. We would then have first class equipment."

O. M. Patterson—"We need more hydrants. There should be at least

two on diagonal corners at street intersections in the business district. The fire company should be better drilled also."

W. C. McCuiston—"I believe the merchants are entitled to better protection of their stores from fire than is now given them by the city."

E. M. Thompson—"I think the means of fire protection are very inadequate. There should be more hose, and why hasn't a hydrant been put in at Nevada and Bond streets? The chemical engine should be kept in proper condition, too."

N. P. Smith—"We need more hooks, firemen's axes and at least 500 feet more hose."

## FIND NEW ICE CAVE

Forest Employees Can Get Water Supply From it for Use in Summer

An ice cave that will be a boon to forest rangers was discovered between Bachelor Butte and Spring River, about 30 miles west of Bend, last summer. It is in a territory where there is no water and will

save forest fire fighters from having to haul water a long distance.

The natural opening to the cave would not allow easy access to the inside and under the direction of Supervisor J. Roy Harvey J. C. Stephens of the forest service has just opened a shaft down to the ice and placed a ladder in the cave. Whenever water is wanted, the cap over the shaft can be removed, the ladder descended and the rangers will have at their command an abundant supply of clean, pure ice. How large the cave is has not yet been ascertained.

## JONES GETS LOCAL FREIGHT CONTRACT

Will Handle Business Here for Two Railroads as at Opal City—Large Building Will Be Constructed

The Jones Warehouse Company has secured the contract from the Oregon Trunk-Deschutes railroad to handle the warehouse and stockyards business of the two roads in Bend. The railway will build a large warehouse just across the tracks from the passenger depot. A temporary platform will be constructed at once for the handling of freight until the warehouse can be completed. It will probably be 200x140 feet in dimensions and of brick.

George A. Jones, manager of the company, will be in charge here as he has been at Opal City since the operation of the road to that point. The business here will be conducted along the same lines as the warehouse in Shaniko by W. H. Moody. The contract has just been signed and Mr. Jones will come up from Opal City as soon as freight is handled into Bend.

## BUYS TO BUILD

D. A. Boyd of Seattle Will Put Up Stone Building

D. A. Boyd of Seattle, brother of Charles Boyd, is in Bend this week making plans to erect a business building. Last week he bought from E. B. Sammy of Seattle the lot adjoining the Wenandy stable, at the corner of Bond street and Greenwood avenue, and is having plans prepared for a stone building to occupy the site. It will have a frontage of 83 feet on Greenwood and 22 feet on Bond. It will be of one story, with iron front and walls of pink stone, and will be arranged for store purposes.

## IMPORTANT MEETING CALLED.

On account of the fire excitement, the Commercial Club did not meet last Thursday night. An important meeting for tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock has been called to receive reports from the Railroad Day celebration committees.

## BEND MEN WIN

### UNDERBID OTHERS ON DEPOT JOB

Sutherland & McIntosh Given Contract for Wood Work—Station Will Have Four Rooms—Definite Announcement of Train Service Not Made

The contract for the wood work of the passenger station has been let to Sutherland & McIntosh, who underbid all competitors. A telegram was received from Chief Engineer Budd Saturday notifying them that they had been awarded the job.

The building, 30x90 feet in dimensions, will consist of an office, waiting room for men, waiting room for women and baggage room. On the south end will be a covered platform with brick floor. Local pine lumber will be used almost entirely for the interior work. Inside the building will be plastered fourteen feet high. The roof will be open work, with the ceiling and rafters painted. The station will probably be covered with imitation tiling.

Good progress is being made on the stone work, the wall being high enough on the west side for the window casings to be put in.

No definite announcement has been received by the local officials of when regular train service will be started. Mr. Budd, while here last week, said everything might be ready for traffic by next Sunday.

Contractors Henry & McFee have a large force of men, in charge of A. M. Johnson, at work on the spur to the flour mill. The Carey Construction Co. force arrived Monday night to begin work on cottages for the agent and section foreman, handcar house and other buildings. The yards at the roundhouse are being graded preparatory to starting work there. Concrete is being poured for the foundation of the water tank, and steel for it is on the ground.

## I. O. F. SOCIAL MEETING

At their hall next Monday evening, the Odd Fellows of Bend will hold a social meeting. The members of the lodge, with their ladies, will attend and an evening of entertainment, including refreshments, is being arranged. Within a short time a Rebekah lodge will probably be organized here.

## HE GOT THE JOB

A young man having applied to a wholesale house for a position recently found himself before the manager for examination. "Have you a bank account?" was his first question. "I have," was the reply. "Let me see your bank book," was the next request. After glancing over it and noting the long list of regular, though small deposits, he said: "Young man, you are engaged, and I want to compliment you on your saving ability. I always insist upon employing only men who have the good sense to save their money." We invite every young man in this community to open an account at this bank.

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