

FIRE DESTROYS LINSTER'S HALL

LOSS BETWEEN \$15,000 AND \$20,000

Origin of Fire Unknown, Flames Starting on First Floor in Rear. Triplett Building Saved—John Linster Saves Household Goods

Linster's Hall, Bend's big opera house, dance hall and skating rink, was destroyed by fire Saturday morning, together with Linster Bros. machine shop and garage. The loss is between \$15,000 and \$20,000, with insurance of \$11,500.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it started in the rear of the hall on the ground floor, probably from a cigar or cigarette butt or from the stove, the hall having been used Friday night for a dance. The first alarm was given by Alf Linster, who had a room upstairs. He fired four shots which were heard all over town, but many thought it was some early rising duck hunter out. About 10 minutes after the shots the church bell was rung and the town aroused, but when the fire fighters arrived the flames had got too much headway for the building to be saved. The chemical wagon was got there first, but would not work until it was thawed out, and then was insufficient to check the blaze. The fire did not burn rapidly, there being no wind. The smoke was dense and those living upstairs were prevented from saving much of their property on this account. John Linster worked like a Trojan getting out his household goods, saving nearly everything. In doing so he was in the smoke nearly half an hour, and became so ill that a physician had to be called.

When it was seen that the building could not be saved, the hose were turned on the Triplett buildings adjoining. The house next to the garage was saved although, owing to its proximity it looked as if it must surely burn. The firefighters did excellent work.

The building was owned by Henry Linster, who stated that it cost him \$17,000 to build and equip. It was put up before transportation had reached Bend, the maple flooring being freighted in from Shaniko. He

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carried \$11,500 insurance.

The garage was full of autos at the time, but all were got out. A part of the machinery was also moved out, as the machine shop and garage was the last part of the building to go.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. John Linster and Alf Linster, Father Luke Sheehan, Oscar Cruse, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nacker and O. M. Guptil had rooms on the second floor. Father Sheehan lost practically everything, including a large number of books. He was out of town at the time, not knowing of the fire until he returned in the afternoon. Mr.

and Mrs. Nacker lost all they had in the building, also, as did Mr. Guptil.

The destruction of the building leaves the town without a meeting place for large gatherings. In order to provide for this want, the Star Theater management has decided to open the theater for such purposes during the day to persons desiring to use it. Dances will hereafter be given in Sather's Hall as soon as it is finished.

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MISS WEST IS WINNER

Phonograph Contest Has Exciting Finish—Miss Hoke is Second.

The popular girl contest which the Star Theatre has had on for the past six weeks ended Monday evening, with Miss Iva West winning the first prize and Miss Goldie Hoke the second. Miss West received a handsome Victor talking machine, while Miss Hoke was awarded a month's pass at the Star. The theatre was packed when the announcement of the winners was made at 8:30 Monday evening by Dr. Gorby, who counted the votes.

Miss West's total vote was 1815 and Miss Hoke's 1177. Others who received votes in the contest were: Anne Markel 43, Josephine Young 40, Arrie Black 19, Anna Wyse 19, Margaret Thompson 14, Olga Johnson 8, Fern Moore 7, Amy McCaffery 7, Meda Castle 6, Miss Klein 6, Miss Huntington 5, Mary E. Coleman 2, G. Sanford 2, Bessie Smith 2, Bede Johnson 2, Virginia Averill 1, Gertrude Markel 1, Frances Heyburn 1, Edith Hawes 1, Miss Schoolcraft 1.

MARKET REPORT.

NORTH PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—Receipts for the week were 1035 cattle, 25 calves, 2700 hogs, 6654 sheep and 126 horses. Taken as a whole there was a slight weakness in the cattle market. Buyers did not go down the line as briskly as usual, although there was a very snappy tone to the demand for the better quality of butcher stuff. Good cows sold at \$6.25 which was within

a half dollar of the ruling market for the best steers that were offered. The hog market for the week closed steady. There was an upward tilt of 5c in the week's trading, but the bulk of the sales went at last week's market which was \$8.60. There was a steady tone to the sheep market in the face of big supplies.

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