

## \$35,000 LOSS CAUSED BY FIRE

### PATTERSON AND R. M. SMITH LOSERS

Drug and Clothing Store and Other Buildings Destroyed by Fire of Unknown Origin Friday Night—Work of Rebuilding Begun.

Shortly before midnight Friday night, fire broke out in the rear of the Patterson Drug Company's store on Wall street, and before the flames were extinguished the Patterson building and that occupied by the R. M. Smith Clothing Company were completely destroyed. Everything in the Patterson store was lost, but a large portion of Smith's stock was rushed out by volunteers. How the fire originated is not known.

The value of property destroyed is roughly estimated at between \$25,000 and \$35,000. The heaviest losers are O. M. Patterson and R. M. Smith. Mr. Patterson valued his stock at about \$15,000; he carried about 75 per cent insurance upon it, and estimates his direct loss at about \$3000 or \$4000. Mr. Smith reckons his net loss close to \$5000. He carried insurance of \$11,000. The Deschutes Investment Company, owner of the Patterson building, states it will get out nearly whole. Shuey's grocery stock, which was carried out and was damaged by water, sustained injury to the extent of perhaps \$200, the building being somewhat damaged to boot. C. L. Brandenberg, who was handling the moving of the Patterson building, lost about \$50 worth of tools and equipment, as well as the small building formerly attached to the Deschutes Banking & Trust Co. rooms, which he had purchased. The city chemical engine house was also destroyed.

Most effective work was done by volunteer fire fighters, for although water was not on the blaze until the Patterson store was a furnace, the flames were checked after a hard struggle at the south wall of the R. M. Smith building, although first indications were that the N. P. Smith store as well as that of Shuey would also go up in smoke. Fire Chief Roberts handled the blaze well. Owing to the fact that at one time six hose lines were connected up, as well as much garden hose on neighboring taps and two two-inch stand pipes in the O'Donnell and the Mannheim buildings, the water pressure was not at all times as strong as it might be.

The blaze was first seen in the rear of the Patterson store. A half dozen men, first on the scene, attempted to do something with the chemical engine, which was housed next door, but about the best they could accomplish was to save the chemical from being burned up with its house.

Much of the Smith stock was carried across the street and finally taken in Wenandy drays, which were quickly on hand, to the Johnson building. Mr. Smith will open up there temporarily as soon as his insurance is adjusted. Mr. Patterson will occupy the store with him, opening for business as soon as his new stock is received. Shuey will occupy the old Chapman building; he had already arranged to use it during the

construction of the brick building which was already planned to occupy the space from which the burned structures were in course of being moved.

The paint shop of N. P. Welder was destroyed, with all contents, the total loss being about \$1100. Mr. Welder carried \$600 insurance. The garage used by Drs. Coe and Ferrell and C. S. Hudson was also burned.

The Deschutes Banking & Trust Co. quarters escaped destruction by the fortunate chance that it was moved last week. Jacks were under the Patterson building when it caught fire, and in two days it would have been moved, as would the Smith building, already planned for joint construction by the R. M. Smith Clothing Company and the Deschutes Investment Company, will be rushed to completion as speedily as possible. It will have a 100-foot frontage on Wall street.

As an instance of the losses which cannot be measured in money, and of course are not insured, is that of the Patterson Drug Company. Mr. Patterson stating that 12,000 prescriptions were destroyed. His safe emerged from the fire in fair condition. Saturday morning the work of clearing up the land where the Patterson building stood was begun and on Monday scrapers began excavating for the foundations of the new buildings. Brick are being delivered and the indications are that everything will proceed rapidly from this time on.

## PLAN THREE RESIDENCES OF BRICK ACROSS RIVER

Horn, Colver and Tansey Will Build Handsome Homes in Pinesly Park

On Banks of Deschutes River.

With the Metzger building rapidly nearing completion, and hand-made brick being used in it, and with the delivery of more brick being made to the Deschutes Investment Co. and R. M. Smith buildings, it is evident enough that in this line Bend is well provided with building materials, as it is in others. Also, a car load of brick was shipped to Metolius Monday.

And now Messrs. Colver and Horn announce a departure in the local use of brick—at least a larger utilization of their product in this direction than hitherto has been attempted. Each of them plans the erection of a brick residence, as does also Jack Tansey. They have purchased six water front lots in Pinesly Park, just across the river west of town, their property lying directly opposite the Coe residence and embracing much of the point that extends out toward the narrows below the Boy Scouts lodge.

The contracts entered into with the Pinesly owners call for the erection of the three residences by spring. Each house will cost not less than \$2000, and will be constructed on most attractive plans. Mr. Colver intends to utilize clinker brick exclusively in his home. All three men will occupy their houses as homes for their families. It is probable that a fourth house will be erected by them, and negotiations are in progress whereby G. P. Putnam expects to erect still another brick residence, of bungalow type, on the Pinesly property.

The R. W. Sawyer bungalow, the first to be built in Pinesly Park, is now about completed, and the Sawyers will move in shortly.

The company is installing 4-inch water mains and has contracted with Henry Linster for water service. The contract for digging the trench and laying the water mains has been let to Tom Murphy.

## LIBRARIES WILL RECEIVE BOOKS

### STATE INSTITUTION TO GIVE AID

School Children Throughout Oregon Will Have Access to 30,481 New Volumes—Score of Towns to Vote on the Saloon Question.

(Special to The Bulletin) SALEM, Sept. 15.—School libraries in every county in the state are going to be given material assistance by the state library. Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, says that she has ordered 30,481 new books expressly for use in school libraries. These books will be sent into every school district in the state. A large number selected with particular reference to rural districts has been ordered, and in the last two weeks over 2000 volumes have been received. These are available for any community in the state. Over 1000 volumes of books have already been sent this fall to various clubs for the season's club work. A number of group selections have also been sent to the libraries of the smaller towns. A "group" includes all the works available on any one general subject. By drawing upon the state library in this manner the small town libraries are able to give their patrons a much wider field of selection than they could afford to have if the smaller libraries were compelled to buy the books for themselves.

Book Prices Must Be Right. With the adoption of many new text books for the public schools, Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill is taking steps to force the companies having contracts to furnish the books, to sell them to the school children of Oregon as cheaply as they are sold in any other place in the United States. All the contracts provide that the books must be sold here on that basis.

Company Declared Fraudulent. That the American Life & Accident Insurance company of Portland was permeated with fraud and deception, is the gist of an opinion handed down last week by the state supreme court in the injunction suits brought by the company against Insurance Commissioner J. W. Ferguson. The court dissolved the injunctions and held that Commissioner Ferguson was right in his refusal to give the company a license.

Road Tax Matters Muddled. In a case appealed from Coos county, the Supreme Court held that a bungle was made by the last Legislature in its attempt to pass a curative law making all road taxes levied under the law of 1909 legal, with the result that the curative clause of the new law does not even apply to road tax matters. It applies to chapter 20 of laws of 1909, which is an act providing for a state sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis. This puts road tax matters all up in the air again, and several suits have been started in various counties resisting the payment of the tax.

Supreme Court's Work. Since the first of the year 263 cases have been filed in the Supreme Court at Salem, and 253 opinions have been written and handed down, of which 211 disposed of cases and 42 were opinions on motions, petitions

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## STEEL FLUME CONTRACT LET

### DELIVERY WILL BE AT BEND

Steel Will Be Finished After Being Shipped From East—Drilling For Reservoir Dam Foundations is Started—Project Items.

\*\*\*\*\* There is work for 30 or 40 laborers on the Tumalo project. The pay is from \$2.20 to \$2.50 a day of eight hours. Persons wishing to work may apply at the office in Laidlaw or at any one of the camps. \*\*\*\*\*

(Staff correspondence.) LAIDLAW, Sept. 15.—Engineer Laurgaard of the Tumalo project returned last Thursday from Salem where he attended a meeting of the Desert Land Board and from Portland where he let the contract for the 6500 feet of steel flume for the feed canal.

The contract was awarded to the Coast Culvert & Flume Co. for \$27,000. The contract includes the furnishing of all rods, nuts, washers and cut sections for curves. The steel will be shipped from the East as sheet steel and manufactured at Bend by machinery that will be shipped in. This will save the manufacturer a big item in freight as the sheet steel will get a much lower rate than the flume itself; which would take the rate of a finished product. Delivery is to be made Friday, Bend within 60 days.

The contract for 300,000 feet of lumber for the substructure has been let to Anderson Bros., whose mill is located near the canal. The price is \$11 delivered, for all except clear 4x12 stringers, for which \$15 is paid. Practically all of this lumber is dimensions stuff.

Contract has also been let for a concrete cube mixer with steam engine and boiler, all to be mounted on trucks so that they are portable. The project has also bought a portable gasoline engine and centrifugal pump which will be used in handling the water when work on the diversion dam is begun. Porous drain tile and 6-inch sewer pipe for use in draining under the concrete lined portion of the canal between the intake and the first stretch of steel flume has been bought. Nearly all of this material will be shipped to Bend.

Drilling Operations Started. The Davis Calyx shot drill for use in making test for foundation at the reservoir dam arrived at Deschutes last week and has been set up on skids with gasoline engine and pump. Work was started this week at Camp 6 on the reservoir site, making five camps now in operation.

At the Desert Land Board meeting last week a payroll system at Laidlaw was authorized. This means much to the men working on the project, for they have been having to wait a month or even longer to get their pay by the voucher system from Salem. The payroll will be made up here and forwarded to Salem. The money in payment of it will be deposited in the First National Bank at Bend and will be checked on for the individual payments. Project Engineer Laurgaard being bonded sufficiently to cover the aggregate

amount turned over to him for the payroll account.

The groceries for the project for the next six weeks will be supplied by Mason, Ehrman & Co. of Portland, who were awarded the contract on competitive bid. The order is for a carload of supplies costing about \$1650 f. o. b. Deschutes.

## CURSEY HAS JAIL TO HIMSELF

Failing to Give Bond of \$1000, He Must Remain in Prison.

PRINEVILLE, Sept. 15.—W. D. Cursey was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate A. H. Kennedy of the Prineville justice jurisdiction last Friday. He was held over by Justice Kennedy to the December grand jury under \$1000 bonds which he has not yet been able to furnish. At the preliminary examination he was represented by Attorney W. P. Myers, the state being represented by Deputy District Attorney W. H. Wirtz.

G. W. Arnold and J. A. Eastes of Bend were the only witnesses called by the state. No witnesses were called by the defense nor was the defendant put on the stand to deny any of the charges preferred against him. The examination was held on the charge made by Mr. Arnold, that is, obtaining money by false pretense in giving a chattel mortgage for property he did not own. Mr. Cursey will be detained in the county jail here until the \$1000 bond is forthcoming and will occupy the jail alone, for since Circuit Court there are no other prisoners confined there.

## BUSINESS MEN SEE SEWER WORK ABOUT DONE

Inspection Trip Made to Disposal Plant—Prompt Assessment Payments Means Quick Completion.

A party of 20 business men went out to the sewer disposal plant site yesterday afternoon and took a look at what is being done. They found the pit for the disposal tank nearly completed and the ditch from the tank practically finished. The tank will be in a concrete-lined pit 20 feet square and 16 feet deep. Compressed air drills are being used now in blasting operations. The compressor is being run with an automobile engine in charge of Louis Doonar. As soon as all the drilling has been done at this point, the compressor will be moved to the Sherwood place where there remains some rock work on the sewer ditch.

The chief object of the trip was to show the business men how far the work has advanced and that only a very little more needs to be done to complete the job and place the sewer in operation. However, should there be further delay in payment of sewer assessments it is possible that the completion of the work may have to be postponed until spring, which, all agree, would be most undesirable.

City Attorney Forbes, who returned this morning from Portland, says he consulted with a number of the leading attorneys there, and that the opinions of them all are that the injunction secured by Lytle people restraining the city from collecting the sewer assessments from them will not hold.

## BETTER PHONES FOR BEND

Common Battery System Will Be Installed, Says King.

PRINEVILLE, Sept. 17.—W. F. King of the Pioneer Telephone Company stated today that the directors had ordered the installation of a common battery telephone system in Bend. This system does away with the individual phone bell for ringing central, all that is required being to lift the receiver.

## COUNTY TENNIS MEET AT BEND

### PLAY STARTS FRIDAY MORNING

Visitors Will Be on Hand Saturday and Sunday—Dance to Be Social Feature—Large Number of Entries Already in for Meet.

With a large number of entries, the indications are that the First Annual Crook County Tennis Tournament here the last of the week will be very successful. The social feature will be a dance Saturday evening in Sather's hall given by the local tennis club for the visitors, and to which the public is invited.

There will be entries from Bend, Redmond, Prineville, Metolius and Laidlaw. All must be in by 5 a. m. Friday, after which the drawing will be held. All local men who happen to be drawn to play each other will contest Friday. The visitors will be on hand Saturday and Sunday. The finals will be Sunday.

Both courts have been put in fine condition and will be used. The public will be welcomed as spectators, no admission being charged. Up to 2 p. m. today the following entries had come in:

Redmond. SINGLES—J. Barr, W. S. Rodman, E. B. Williams, R. C. Immele, J. W. Moore, J. F. Hesch. DOUBLES—Moore and Hesch. MIXED DOUBLES—Moore and Miss Adeline Olson. Prineville. SINGLES—Ray Brewster, Clarence Rice, J. R. Stinson. DOUBLES—Brewster and Rice. Metolius.

SINGLES—J. R. Murphy and N. A. Hardick. DOUBLES—Burdick and Murphy. Bend.

SINGLES—H. W. Skuse, H. A. Miller, C. S. Hudson, J. P. Keyes, G. P. Putnam, D. M. Davis, P. C. Garrison, U. N. Hoffman.

DOUBLES—Putnam and Keyes, Hudson and Davis, Claude Mannheim and A. M. Pringle, Clarence Mannheim and W. W. Faulkner, Ross Farnham and Hoffman, T. H. Daniels and H. D. Wellman.

MIXED DOUBLES—Skuse and Mrs. F. E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Putnam, Davis and Miss Harriet Dolson.

A number of the local players went to Redmond Sunday for a tournament with the enthusiasts there, and eight matches were played. Bend won seven of these. The Redmond men gave the visitors a fine time, entertaining them at dinner at the Redmond Hotel and showing them many courtesies. They have two excellent courts made this summer, and these were kept busy all morning and during the afternoon. Henkel & Ryan, in their two autos, took down the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Keyes and children, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Putnam and baby, C. S. Hudson, D. M. Davis, Mannheim Bros. and U. N. Hoffman.

The results of the matches were:

Doubles. Keyes and Putnam vs. Moore and Hesch, 5-7, 2-6, 11-9. Hudson and Davis vs. Williams and

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