

GARAGE EXPLOSION CAUSE OF MIDNIGHT FIRE; LOSS OF \$66,000 IS ESTIMATE

STIFF BREEZE FANS FLAMES

BIG CROWD WATCHES

Volunteer Department Lays Sixteen Lines of Hose, and Aided by Citizens, Prevents Immense Threatened Losses.

A loud explosion, followed by a mass of flame shooting skyward, enveloping the Pioneer garage on Bond, near Greenwood, in a cloud of fire was the cause early Wednesday morning of one of Bend's two most disastrous fires, and easily the most spectacular, of its conflagrations.

Fanned by a stiff breeze blowing from the north, the flames rapidly spread, wiping out the Club cafe, the Moose club, and gutting the Estebenet & Stokoe cigar and soft drink shop, and the second-hand store of Armstrong & Shuter, adjoining, while the frame dwelling belonging to Clint Whitted, a block east on Irving, was partially destroyed.

Insurance Relatively Small.

The gross loss was estimated this morning at approximately \$66,000, with insurance, as near as could be learned, covering not more than \$30,000 of this amount.

The Club cafe and the Moose club buildings were both owned by the Moose lodge of Bend and will mean a loss in the neighborhood of \$5000, while the other buildings on Bond, which were damaged by the flames, are the property of H. H. De Armond and H. Gilbert. They are valued at \$6000, with insurance at half this amount.

Firemen Risk Lives.

Accounts amounting to \$7000, filed in one of the two safes in the Pioneer garage, are believed to have been destroyed by the heat.

What can have caused the explosion which was responsible for the disaster remains a mystery. The Pioneer garage was locked and no one could have gained access to it, Mr. Royce states. A short circuit, or spontaneous combustion are possible explanations which are offered.

A moment after the fire started a dozen alarms were turned in and the engine of the Bend volunteer fire department, driven by Merle Hoover, answered the call immediately. Thirty members of the department worked at top speed and no less than 16 lines of hose were laid, including 2000 feet borrowed from the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co.

Sparks Fire Homes. Fireman Hess, stationed on the roof of the Wright hotel, adjoining, was badly burned about the arms, hands and face, and a stranger, who was aiding in the garage building,

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MORE WATER IS ALLOWED FARMS

SETTLERS ON C. O. I. PROJECT DEMAND AND GET ADDITIONAL FLOW BEFORE MAKING FIRST ALFALFA CUTTING.

Demanding a greater supply of water for irrigation than that for which the weirs were adjusted, more than 40 settlers in the Powell Butte, Terrebonne and Alfalfa districts, represented by their attorney, H. H. De Armond, waited on officials of the Central Oregon Irrigation company in Deschutes Thursday afternoon, the conference resulting in the granting of their demands.

On a basis of average daily use, to reach a total of 1.8 acre feet during the growing season, water was being allowed, but more is needed for a short time, the settlers declared, as the time for cutting the first crop of alfalfa is almost at hand. It has been found that the best results are gained by wetting the ground thoroughly before a cutting is made.

F. S. Stanley, president, and George Kanoff, in charge of the ditch system and the use of water, represented the company in the conference.

SURVEY IS ORDERED FROM ALLEN RANCH

H. F. Wickner Has Low Bid For Surfacing The Dalles-California Highway from Bend North.

PORTLAND, July 7. — The state highway commission, in session here yesterday, ordered a survey on the Dalles-California highway to be made south in Deschutes county from the Allen ranch, the last point to which it had been surveyed, and opened bids for the surfacing of the same road from Bend to the Jefferson county line. The lowest was that submitted by a company headed by H. F. Wickner, formerly construction engineer for Oscar Huber, at \$2.45 a yard. A. D. Kern bid \$2.81 a yard and the Warren Construction company bid \$3.70.

The commission today awarded the contract for gravel surfacing of the Dalles-California highway between Bend and the Jefferson county line on a bid of \$129,850.

Requests were renewed for work on the Redmond-Sisters and Tumalo-Sisters highways.

MICKIE SAYS

"TRADE WITH THE FELLER WHO ADVERTISES! HE WANTS YER BUSINESS AND HELL SURE TRY T' HOLD IT BY SEEMIN' THAT YER SATISFIED WITH EVERYTHING YA BUY OF HIM"

"HE'S GOT A REPUTATION T' LIVE UP TO"



SCHEDULE FOR CONGRESSMEN IS SET AHEAD

TO BE HERE THROUGH SATURDAY

MATHER IS IN PARTY

Park Director and A. P. Davis, Reclamation Service Chief, Accompany Members of House Appropriations Committee.

Again the schedule of the congressional appropriations committee has been set ahead, this time through the kindness of the Southern Pacific railroad, Representative N. J. Sinnott, chairman of the public lands committee, who is traveling with the party, wired to D. G. McPherson, president of the Bend Commercial club, yesterday. According to this information, the congressmen and government officials heading for Central Oregon are in Klamath Falls today and will be at Crater lake tomorrow. The Commercial club is asked to have cars at the lake Thursday evening in readiness for the trip to Bend on Friday. Saturday will be spent in and near Bend investigating various reclamation projects in this vicinity.

The number of the appropriations committee who will be here has been greatly cut down and will now include: James W. Good of Iowa, chairman; William R. Wood of Indiana, Louis C. Cramton of Michigan, Milton W. Shreve of Pennsylvania, Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee, John M. Evans of Montana, John J. Eagan of New Jersey, James A. Gallivan of Massachusetts.

Park Director in Party. In addition there will be Stephen T. Mather, director of the national park service, who toured through Central Oregon last year, Arthur P. Davis, director of the reclamation service, his assistant, J. B. Beadle, and James A. Gallivan, Jr., and Adolf K. Barta, clerk to the committee. With Mr. Sinnott is Representative Charles R. Timberlake of Colorado, member of the ways and means committee.

The tour of inspection being taken by the official party is for the purpose of obtaining first-hand information, in order that the appropriations committee may properly legislate for national parks and reclamation projects. Six national parks and 11 reclamation projects, as well as the Columbia River highway, are to be visited.

CENTRAL OREGON JUNIPER HAS LONG HISTORY OF USEFULNESS

New Value as Material for Manufacture of Pencil Slats Recalls Aid Given By Hardy Trees to Early Settlers East of the Mountains.

Recognition of the value of juniper as one of the great natural resources of Central Oregon is accorded in an editorial published in the Oregonian under the heading, "Now for a Juniper Reserve." Interesting facts regarding the history of the use of juniper are also given in the editorial, as follows:

"Interest is renewed in the omnipresent juniper tree of central Oregon by the statement that lead pencil manufacturers have at last become aware of its virtue as a provider of pencil slats. The manufacturers of pencils, we are told, have sent more orders than can be filled—not that juniper is not plentiful, but that men cannot be found who will cut the bolts.

Possibly it is not wholly a shortage of labor that is the present trouble. And it is a mistake to designate the juniper as 'long despised' as a contemporary does. The juniper is one of the most prized possessions of Your Uncle Samuel. He owns a vast area of land in Central Oregon, land that is not particularly attractive to the settler because of its dryness, or its rocky or hilly character, but it is dotted with juniper. The juniper is not particular about mois-

KNIGHTS HAVE SISTER LODGE

PYTHIAN TEMPLE IS INSTITUTED

Mrs. W. H. Hudson, as Most Excellent Chief, Heads New Order in Bend—Redmond Team in Charge of Degree Work.

Alpine Temple, No. 28, Pythian Sisters, was instituted here Thursday by Mrs. V. R. Buckingham, with a membership of more than 60. Women who became charter members of the new order were initiated during the afternoon, and Knights of Pythias, who constitute nearly half the membership, were taken in at the evening session. Degree work was in charge of a team from the Redmond lodge. Ceremonies were held at Sather's hall, where a social session was enjoyed on the conclusion of the initiations and the institution of the temple.

Mrs. W. H. Hudson, as Most Excellent Chief, heads the temple, with Mrs. J. A. Eastes as Past Chief. Other officers elected are: Excellent Senior, Mrs. J. Edgar Purdy; Excellent Junior, Mrs. H. H. De Armond; Manager, Mrs. J. W. Ash; Mistress of Records and Correspondence, Mrs. E. P. Jech; Mistress of Finance, Mrs. Jay B. Noble; Protector, Mrs. R. W. Harvey; Guard of the Outer Temple, Mrs. W. H. Staats; Trustees, Mrs. S. C. Caldwell, Mrs. M. Harris and Mrs. Eliza Jacobs. Mrs. Eastes was designated to represent the temple at the next convention of the grand lodge.

CONTRACT IS READY FOR AIR DELIVERY

On the organization of the proposed aerial transportation company, with headquarters at Bend, a contract for carrying 400 pounds of second class mail matter from The Dalles to Bend and Burns will be offered the new company, a wire received Wednesday by Frank R. Prince of this city from Harold Grady of the O. K. Jeffrey Airplane company of Portland, states. Mr. Grady and Mr. Jeffrey expect to be in Bend tomorrow night.

SHEPHERD STOCK SOLD.

E. M. Thompson has purchased the entire music store stock of the late L. K. Shepherd, including all phonographs, pianos and records. Mr. Thompson will have the agencies formerly held by the Shepherd store.

IMPROVEMENT OF CEMETERY TO BE SOUGHT

COUNCIL WILL BACK ASSOCIATION

INSPECTION DESIRED

City Government Anxious to Follow Up State Work in Keeping Sources of Food Supply in Sanitary Condition.

Belief that a cemetery association can better handle management and maintenance details than the city of Bend itself was expressed Friday by the members of the city council in their first monthly meeting for July, and on the suggestion of Mayor J. A. Eastes, the formation of such an association will be taken up at once with the Women's Civic Improvement league.

The matter came before the council as the result of action taken by the Community Clearing House league at a recent meeting, at which it was decided that an attempt should be made to bring water to the dusty cemetery. A. J. Goggans appeared before the council, representing the league, and presented tentative plans for watering the tract, the one meeting with the most favor calling for the construction of a 15,000-gallon reservoir, to be filled from the irrigation ditch at the foot of Pilot Butte, a force pump to supply the necessary pressure. He said that the Bend Water, Light & Power company would probably donate the tank formerly used for the storage of city water, and that if this were done, the expense of the entire undertaking would not exceed \$2000.

Food Inspection Advised.

Monthly reports of officers showed \$308.50 as the receipts of the recorder's office, with two calls, 60 inspections and 10 notifications to remove dangerous flies listed by Fire Chief Carlson. Chief Carlson also stated that he understood a movement is on foot to use the Central school building again this year for school purposes. It was condemned last year, although the use of the lower floor was permitted, but he declared that it is a fire trap and utterly unfit to be used for school purposes. He was authorized to take the matter up with the directors of the district.

Dr. C. A. Fowler, city physician, reported on the recent inspection of dairies and other Bend food sources outside the city limits, by state representatives, and recommended that, through cooperation with the county, regular inspection be provided for to carry out the work started. The recorder was asked to write for copies of the Portland ordinances which cover similar conditions, and the health committee has also under consideration the designation of a deputy county health officer, who will make frequent visits to dairies and other farms supplying Bend with food.

Signs to Mark Roads.

The health committee was authorized to purchase 10 more large cans for refuse, eight of which will be placed at corners on the main streets, with two for the new city park.

D. G. McPherson of the police committee, stated that the city is still without a night officer and asked for suggestions. None was forthcoming. Mr. McPherson also mentioned the need for signs for the benefit of tourists, to show the routes to various points of interest, as well as designation of the trunk highways. The street committee was authorized to have the signs made at once and placed.

Councilman Frank Southerland stated that slow work is being made on the Greenwood avenue bridge over the Pilot Butte canal because \$5.50 a day is being paid for labor. He said that \$4 a day is the scale and that this amount should be paid. The matter was referred to the streets committee.

Inspection of new sidewalk construction was discussed and it was decided that all new concrete walks

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WATER VALUE IS IMPORTANT SMITH POINTS

U. P. AGRICULTURIST GIVES ADVICE

FRIDAY PLANS GIVEN

Commercial Club Dinner at Inn to Welcome Members of Congressional Party—Fire Fighters Thanked by Business Men.

"We must educate the people of the East to the value of water on the land. Not one in 25 of our congressmen has an idea of it," C. L. ("Farmer") Smith, Union Pacific agriculturist, told the Bend Commercial club at the weekly luncheon of that organization at the Pilot Butte Inn yesterday. "We must concentrate on this thought in our reception of the congressional appropriations committee. Water on this land is going to earn a very large rate of interest on the original cost of placing water on the land."

Farmer Smith gave statistics showing that the crop taken from the farms on the Twin Falls project in the 1919 season alone represented values three times the cost of the project investment, while the Yakima valley crop for the same year was worth four times the money invested.

Trout Luncheon Planned.

Discussion at the meeting was chiefly in regard to the coming of the congressmen. Eight cars will meet the party of representatives and other government officials at Crater lake Friday morning, bringing the members of the party into Bend, and stopping at Crescent for a trout luncheon. T. H. Foley, chairman of the club's special committee in charge of arrangements, reported. On their arrival in Bend Friday night a Commercial club dinner in honor of the visitors will be given at the Pilot Butte Inn and members desirous of attending are asked to turn in their names to the management of the Inn by Thursday evening. A car furnished by T. A. McCann, and others driven by their owners, H. J. Overturf, A. M. Pringle, D. G. McPherson, Clyde M. McKay, N. G. Jacobson and J. N. Hunter, will provide transportation for the congressmen from Crater lake to Bend.

To Tour Projects.

Saturday morning, representatives and government officials will start on a tour of the Tumalo and C. O. I. projects, accompanied by Redmond and Prineville business men. Luncheon will be served at Prineville and from there the party will go to Madras, from which point they will leave in the morning in their special car for Portland. A trout breakfast will be served before their departure from the Jefferson county seat.

On the motion of Frank R. Prince, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed, showing the club's appreciation for the work of the fire department in checking the spread of last night's conflagration and condemning adverse criticism directed at the department.

Chairman McPherson declared that the firemen had taken many chances of grave injury or loss of life and that the work done was as efficient as that which could have been performed by any paid department.

EAST LAKE GUESTS HOLD CELEBRATION

Impromptu Demonstration Enjoyed By More Than 200 Vacationists, Half From Bend.

More than 200 people, half of them from Bend, the rest tourists from Oregon, Washington and California, held an impromptu celebration at East Lake on the evening of Independence Day. Outdoor sports furnished amusement for spectators and competitors alike and, as the evening progressed, dancing was enjoyed in the pavilion which has been fitted up for this purpose.

The resort at the lake is greatly improved and will be the scene of many week end parties during the summer months.