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GRANTS PASS NEEDS  
BETTER FIRE PROTECTION

Water Supply Difficult—Fire Department Service Could Be Improved.

The fire of Monday was one more proof, of a fact demonstrated at each and every fire that befalls this city, that Grants Pass is woefully lacking in fire protection and that this town is in jeopardy of terrible loss every time a fire breaks out. It is too apparent to be controverted that Grants Pass needs a larger water supply with a stronger pressure. When it comes that a hose company can not get water onto the roof of a small two-story building, and cannot even break the glass in the windows of the second story and have to break the glass with rocks or poles before the water can penetrate to the fire, it is pretty conclusive proof that with a big fire on about all the residents of Grants Pass could do would be to flee to the hills and watch their town burn.

This water shortage could be remedied by the Water Company arranging that on an alarm of fire to pump direct into the mains and force up the pressure, or to put their reservoir on a higher elevation than it now occupies, so that greater gravity pressure could be had. But that is not practical for the high pressure would be constantly breaking water backs to stoves and it would also cause the wastage of water to be much larger than under a low pressure. The most feasible plan would be to lay two large mains from the pumping station, one up Fifth street and one up Seventh street with laterals running a block each way. These mains to have no connection with the domestic water system and to have direct connection with the pumps when water is needed for fire purposes. With these two mains all the business part of the city and much of the residence district would have a water service able to cope with any fire.

The effect of having the supply of water both for domestic and fire come from the same mains was demonstrated by the fire of Monday, for it being a dry time nearly every hydrant in town was open for irrigation purposes, with the result that there was not over 15 or 20 pounds pressure in the mains and the big hose did not throw much more water than would a garden hose under a good pressure. If the present water system is to obtain it should be required that on the sound of the fire alarm that all users shut off their hydrants so that the hose companies could have all the pressure that there is in the mains. But such a rule would be hard to enforce for when a big fire is on sparks and firebrands are flying in every direction and the owners of all the damaged houses, and some that are not in danger, will have their garden hose out and be wetting down the roofs of their buildings and the grass in their yards. This was the case in the big fire of three years ago in this city that swept away the factories and a large number of other buildings. On that fateful day everybody had their hose running with the result that there was not pressure enough in the fire hose to throw water over a ten-story wall with the result that the fire spread until it burned out.

The need of a fire alarm system is also urgent now that the city has grown until it is a mile in either of the four directions to the limits of the town. Every minute of delay in getting water on a fire increases the percentage of liability to loss at a tremendous rate. As the telephone system is quite general all over the city it would be possible to arrange with the telephone company to handle the fire alarms. The fire bell could have an electric attachment for ringing it and the number of taps to indicate the ward the fire was in. This attachment to be connected with the telephone central, and as the central is kept open day and night persons could telephone in where the fire was and the operator could press the key that would make the connection and give the proper taps for the ward on the fire bell.

It is plain that the efficiency of the fire department could be greatly improved at not a great expense to the city. As now arranged the firemen haul by hand their carts. It is inconceivable that against a fire man's reluctance to run that most fire occur in a hot dry time and for a half dozen men to take a heavy hose cart and race off with it anywhere from a quarter of a mile to a mile on a hot day is certain to end their efficiency for the time being for successfully fighting a fire. In most towns there is good pay given to the team that hauls the cart to the fire and there is a scramble among the teamsters for the quickly earned money.

A town the size of Grants Pass should have two separate hose companies, but both under one chief. Then in addition to the pay to the individual members the city should give a liberal reward to the company that got first water on the fire. Such a reward would stimulate the firemen to drill more so they would be able to unroll their hose without get-

HOP GROWERS  
TO ORGANIZE UNION

Rogue River Growers to Meet in Grants Pass This Saturday— Full Attendance Assured.

A meeting, attended by 16 of the leading hopgrowers of Rogue River Valley, was held at the Courier office last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing a union of the hopgrowers of Southern Oregon and of joining the proposed state Association of Oregon hopgrowers. Conrad Krebs, of Salem, and one of the largest Willamette Valley hopgrowers, was present and outlined the method by which it was proposed to organize a state union of hopgrowers. Mr. Krebs advocated an incorporated body on the plan similar to that of the fruit growers unions, that has proven so successful in Oregon, California and other states. He said a systematic effort was being made to organize the hopgrowers in every district in the United States, and he felt confident that not a district would be unorganized by the time picking season opened this fall. And so heartily are the hopmen taking hold in the movement that there is every certainty that with few exceptions, all the growers in the state would be in unions.

Mr. Krebs quoted statistics to prove that the world's demand for hops for use in beer making and for yeast and medicinal purposes was increasing faster than was the production of hops. The natural result of this condition by the law of supply and demand was that the price of hops at least remains stationary and in some cases has been the fact for the last six months in the hop markets of the United States. This decrease of nearly 10 cents a pound that has been brought about within the last few months is the result of a systematic effort on the part of the dealers to break the market and get this year's crop as well as that of next year at their own price, but quoting their own price to the brewers, which would be high enough to allow them a profit of 100 to 200 per cent on their investment. It was now up to the hop growers to organize unions to their own selling direct to the brewers, and eliminate the middlemen's profits, and not to be made victims of the dealers combine and be allowed bare expenses on their investment.

Mr. Krebs could see no possible reason for the present decline in the price of hops other than the pressure from the dealers, for the yield was not very promising and the crop was almost certain to be less than that of last year. The consumption of hops in the United States would be fully 200,000 bales this year and the best estimates did not place the yield for this year at over 245,000 or 250,000 bales. As the average importation by England of American hops amounted to 40,000 bales each year there is every likelihood of there being a shortage in the American hop crop.

The growers, Mr. Krebs declared, were really at an enemy to themselves as the dealers, for they would get excited at the first bad reports that appeared in the newspapers and dump their hops on the market regardless of conditions. And then it is so difficult to see a co-operation among hopgrowers, for many farmers are so distrustful of each other and will go into no union least they may get swindled, preferring to stay out with the certainty of being robbed by the dealers combine.

After a general discussion of the various phases of the proposed union, it was decided to meet again this Saturday at the Courier office at 11 a. m. when a permanent organization will be effected and the signatures of all the growers secured to the proposed combine of the hop crop of Oregon.

Such is the interest that the leading growers of this district are taking in the organization of the proposed union that it is now a certainty that at the meeting of Saturday will bring about the formation of the Southern Oregon Hopgrowers' union, and the further assurance is certain that it will embrace, with possibly one or two exceptions, every grower in Josephine and Jackson counties.

That it will bring many advantages that this union will bring to the growers. The chief will be the elimination of the middlemen's profits, that frequently exceed the price realized by the grower, and the periodic depression of the hop market that the bears among the dealers bring about.

Through the union the Southern Oregon growers would have a direct line to the state union to take part in the marketing of the sale by the unions. The local union could have at whole sale selling clubs, could buy and other supplies used by the farmers and sell in bulk at cost. The insurance that now costs the growers from \$30 to \$500 each year, would be maintained at a much lower rate. A big warehouse could be maintained at the railroad, obviating the need of each grower to provide for storage should the hops be held. During the period the warehouse was not used it could be rented for other purposes, at least for enough to keep up the insurance and repairs upon it. The union would arrange for pickers and conduct a general information bureau for the benefit of its members. The day for unions has come, and the editors, lawyers, bankers, brewers, railroad magnates, mechanics and steel and all kinds have their unions and tens and the farmers will have to organize to protect their various industries, as the fruitmen are now so successfully doing, or they will be crowded down all that the traffic will bear by the various combines that they are forced to deal with.

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The Grants Pass Cold Storage is another industry and other pay roll that is to be hereafter a leading factor in the prosperity of Grants Pass. The inauguration of this industry began Monday, when everything being in readiness, steam was gotten up and the ice and refrigerator plants put in operation to be operated steadily hereafter day and night.

The Grants Pass Cold Storage is the property of Eugene Cass, the well known capitalist of this city, and an inspection of the plant will convince one that Mr. Cass spent money freely in making every detail of it as complete as is to be found in the cold storage establishments of the big cities. The outside of the large building is handsomely painted, while all the interior walls and partitions are finished in oil. All the hinges, clasps and nails used about the various compartments are galvanized and rust-proof.

The cold storage space is arranged in six compartments, one each for meat, fruit, beer, eggs, fish, and ice. The temperature of these compartments can be regulated and held at required degree. The ice room has a storage capacity for 115 tons of ice, while the meat room has space for 120 carcasses. The meat room is fitted with overhead tracks. The carcasses are received on a trolley and by means of switches can be run to any part of the meat room. A track extends from the ice storage room to a platform where refrigerator cars can be loaded, or wagons loaded for city delivery.

The ice machine has a capacity of 17 1/2 tons per 24 hours and cakes can be made as large as 400 pounds, the ammonia compressor or though is of 20 tons capacity. The motive power is a 50 H. P. boiler and a 35 H. P. engine, both new and of the best make. All the water used in the ice plant is boiled and thoroughly filtered. The water first passes through a St. Louis filter, then to the boiling tank, then to the skimmer, then through a charcoal filter, then is cooled and passing through a sponge filter goes to the cans from which it comes out the clearest of ice, and absolutely free from impurities or disease germs.

The entire establishment is lighted with electricity and the office in its handsome appearance and completeness of furnishings would do credit to an office in a city office building. Mr. Cass will be manager and general utility man, giving his full attention to the business management. E. E. Frederick will have charge of the books and be the general superintendent of the establishment. The engine room will be in charge of Walter Smith and George Wertz, the former having of the day shift and the latter the night shift. T. E. Knight will have charge of ice machine and refrigerator rooms. So perfect was the construction of the plant that only a short trial run was necessary last week to test the working parts, and it ran this week without halt or mishap and proves that it is absolutely perfect in every detail.

JACKSON CREEK MINE BEING DEVELOPED

Casey-McWilliams Property Shows Up Four Fine Veins.

P. S. Casey of Jacksonville, was in Grants Pass on mining business. Mr. Casey in partnership with F. G. and H. L. McWilliams, of Ashland, owns the Golden Standard mine on Jackson creek 1 1/2 miles west of Jacksonville. This property adjoins the Opp mine, that is paying such big dividends since it was equipped with a 10 stamp mill last year, and it is developing as favorable as that of its celebrated neighbors. There are four veins on the land, of which there are 80 acres in the tract, and they run from 18 inches to 17 feet in width and the assays show very satisfactory values through the entire width of each of the ledges.

Considerable development work was done on this property several years ago, some extensive tunneling being done, and then the works were abandoned until the success of the Opp mine gave new interest in Jackson creek mines. Two months ago Messrs. Casey & McWilliams again took up the development of their mine with the determination to stay by it until they had it fully opened up and the value and extent of the veins demonstrated. Mr. Casey is in charge of this work and has a crew of four men driving the main tunnel at a greater depth. As to their future plans, it has not been decided, but Mr. Casey expressed the opinion that they would likely this winter install a mill on the property.

Burning Grass Sets Two Buildings on Fire.

Two fires occurred Monday. In the afternoon the barn of W. L. Latham located in the western suburbs of the town was destroyed, the fire coming from a grass patch which was being burned off. In the evening L. L. Porter, agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company and H. E. Brown, who conducts a dry goods store in his building on North Sixth street, attempted to burn off the grass in the yard between the Brown building and the building occupied by Mr. Porter and owned by L. B. Hall, with the result that the Hall building caught fire and was almost destroyed before the fire department could extinguish the blaze. The upper story of the building had formerly been occupied by a carpenter shop and the shavings had been thrown down between the studding. The blaze from the grass penetrated the cracks in the siding and in a flash the fire took up through the dry shavings and soon the upper part was all in flames.

The upper story was unoccupied, but the lower story was used by the Sewing Machine Company. Mr. Porter got his stock of machines out, but lost about \$50 on other effects. The building was insured for \$1000.

The Van Dorn copper property, located on the banks of Rogue river just above the mouth of Big Pickett creek, has been bonded for one year by Portland and Klamath Falls parties, operating under the title of the Golda Mining Company. Development work was begun last week and an open cut of 12 feet depth has been made and this week the work of driving a tunnel began. The opening of this tunnel is directly in the bank of Rogue river and extreme high water will cover it. The object of this is to cut the vein as low as possible. The mouth of the tunnel is sufficiently high above the bed of the river to give an ample dump and the river is so swift at this point that the floods will keep the dump clear.

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Calling Cards—Courier Building.

DISTRICT BOUNDARY BOARD.

In the matter of the petition to take all that part of School District No. 36 located in Sections 16 and 17, township 32 South, Range 8 West from District No. 37 and annex the same to District No. 3. There being no objection against such action, the petition was unanimously allowed.

LINCOLN SAVAGE,  
Sec'y Board.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

The undersigned having filed his final account of the administration of the estate of Maria S. Magson, deceased, in the County Court for Josephine County, Oregon, notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that hearing of said account has been set by said court for Tuesday, August 1, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the County Court room in the Court House in Grants Pass, Oregon, and all persons interested are notified to file their objections thereto, if any there be, on or before said date. Published in the Rogue River Courier by order of Hon. J. O. Booth, County Judge. Made June 29, 1905.

F. W. SAWYER,  
Executor of said estate.

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