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BIG FIRE AT ROSEBURG
LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

\$25,000 Worth of Property Destroyed—Only Partial Amount of Insurance.

A fire of unknown origin occurred at Roseburg at a late hour on Friday night of last week which destroyed property to the value of \$25,000. The fire broke out in the Stage stable, owned by Geo. W. Rapp, on Pine street opposite the depot. Beyond the stables the fire extended to Mr. Rapp's woodshed, blacksmith shop and then to his two-story stone structure. From these points it took many buildings. The sufferers were as follows:

Mrs. M. Troxel, residence, store buildings, furniture and fifty cords of wood, total loss \$6,000, no insurance; Hyman Wollenberg, damage to store building, \$2,000, covered by insurance; Mrs. Belle Constock, damage to residence, \$300, covered by insurance; Bert Aderton, furniture, \$800, no insurance; Guy Chambers, bar fixtures, \$700, no insurance; C. H. Harmon, bar fixtures, \$700, no insurance; Harness & Johnson, damage to merchandise stock, \$300, no insurance; H. H. Hastings, Coquille City, team, hack and harness, \$650, no insurance; Farmers Real Estate Co., hay and office fixtures, \$350, partially covered by insurance; the Quick Lunch restaurant, damage to fixtures, \$200, no insurance; C. W. Cloake, damage to confectionery stock, \$200, no insurance; Edward Johnson, Coquille City, team and harness, \$450, no insurance; J. M. Fletcher, woodshed, \$50, no insurance; Emory Marsters, damage to barber shop fixtures, \$100, no insurance; Harvey Taylor, of Drain, three horses and harness, \$75, no insurance; miscellaneous losses to lodgers, \$500, no insurance. About half of the above were partially insured.

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A writer has recently said "Wouldn't it be splendid if everyone stopped knocking and went to boosting?" There is so much beautiful in life that it could be done easily and with such wonderful advantage to mankind.

There are persons in every community who are so constituted that they cannot seemingly help, to use the vernacular of the day, kicking or knocking every enterprise that is started to build up the country. These identical men make their living out of the community they slander and do nothing to support. They are simply leeches who suck the blood out of everything and destroy that which they cannot consume.

It has been suggested that it would be only proper to give this class a ticket of leave and send them to some other place. This would not be right; it would be inflicting them on another community, which we have no right to do. Better than this would be to reform them, which after all might not be so hard an undertaking. Try this plan by getting them to join the Commercial Club and giving them an opportunity to boost instead of knocking. But it should be remembered that joining the club is not the only thing to be done in such cases, give them something to do which will arouse their enthusiasm and work them over into the boosting column. This electing a man a member of the Commercial Club and taking his money does not always reform him. He should be put to work in the line of building up if you expect a permanent cure. Be charitable for you do not know how bad a knocker you might be if it was not for the grace of God and the work you are doing for the community. To treat a man as if he were out his resentment will not make him better but worse. Many hundreds of years ago their existed a

class who called themselves the elect and spent their time as such, playing the role "I am more holy than thou." They, you know, were failures as reformers and earned the contempt of all mankind from that day to this. If we are to reform our knocker, let us give him an opportunity to work in the club and build up the town; then he will not think that the only use we have for him is to get his money.

The irrigation directors managed this business better. In their day there were knockers, but after a committee waited on those individuals and got them to take blocks of stock to build the ditches and water their land, these same men became of great use to the enterprise. Denunciation never reformed a sinner but, as a rule, makes him worse.

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4000 Consumptives Starve Yearly.

Cruel and inhuman practices are alleged in a statement given out today by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis against the eastern doctors who persist in sending dying cases of consumption to the Southwest.

Fully 7,180 persons hopelessly diseased with tuberculosis annually come to die in the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado, most of them by order of their physicians. The statement, which is based upon the testimony of well known experts, and all available statistics, shows that at least 50 per cent of those who go to the Southwest every year for their health are so far advanced in their disease, that they cannot hope for a cure in any climate, under any circumstances. More than this, at least 60 per cent of these advanced cases are so poor that they have not sufficient means to provide for the proper necessities of life, which means that 4,315 consumptives are either starved to death, or forced to accept charitable relief every year.

It is not an uncommon thing, the National Association declares, for whole families, who can hardly eke out a living in the East, to migrate to the West in the hope of saving the life of some member of the family. In most instances, the abject poverty of such cases forces them to beg, or to live on a very low level. Often consumptives who cannot afford the proper traveling accommodations are found dead on the trains before reaching their destination. The resources of almost every charitable organization in the Southwest are drained every year to care for cases which would be self-supporting in their Eastern homes.

It cost, on an average, at least \$50 per month for the support of a consumptive in the Southwest, including some medical attention. The National Association strongly urges no one to go to this section who has not sufficient funds to care for himself at least one year, in addition to what his family might require of him during this time. It is also urged that no persons who are far advanced with tuberculosis go to so distant a climate.

Consumption can be cured, or arrested in any section of the United States, and the percentage of cures in the East and West is nearly the same. Any physician, therefore, who sends a person to the Southwest without sufficient funds, or in an advanced or dying stage of the disease, is guilty of cruelty to his patient. Renewed efforts are being made in Southern California and in Texas to exclude indigent consumptives or to send them back to the East.

Extinguishing Camp Fires.

During the past week there have been numerous small forest fires in the mountains north of this city. None, so far as known, have been very destructive, yet no one can tell how soon a bad fire may break out. The forests are very dry and fires are liable to do great damage at any time. Hunters are a source of many bad configurations and the public good demands that they use more care in extinguishing their camp fires. All persons who build camp fires cannot be too careful in regard to this matter.

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FRUITDALE PICNIC
SUCCESSFUL EVENT

There Was an Interesting Affair Pulled Off at the Above Popular Neighborhood.

The Fruitdale grange picnic last Saturday was a great success. About 75 being present, over 30 going out from town, there being no less than a dozen business men of Grants Pass who own property in Fruitdale. In opening the meeting Mr. Bateham, who was master of ceremonies, spoke of Fruitdale and its needs. Seeing so many people from Grants Pass, he likened the occasion to the pilgrimage of the Commercial Club to Galice and the Illinois valley. He said Fruitdale wants some things and wants them bad. She wants roads bad and has got them. Some people say they are the worst in the country. Seriously speaking, however, we are going to have better highways and the men are here today to show us how to build them.

Continuing he said we want rural delivery, a ferry to Grants Pass, electric lights, and an electric railroad running through here from Portland to Ashland and new roads laid out and built. In the past, he said, they had wanted many things and they had gotten them.

Judge Jewell was the speaker of the day and his subject was good roads and this was uppermost in the minds of everyone. His remarks were listened to with attention as he discoursed on the drainage of the roads, the building of different kind of roads and the bonding of districts for road purposes. He made a practical talk and at the close was plying with questions and many took part in the discussion, and the result was that all present gained many ideas of the needs, necessity and obligations of having better and more permanent work. After the judge's speech there was an adjournment for supper. Talk about your tables groaning under their weight of viands, we had to underpin them with bunches of shingles. After everybody had eaten all they could, they were called upon to wash it down with two loads of watermelons and a barrel of ice water. At the close, Rev. Brooke, of the Christian church of Grants Pass, made a few well chosen remarks regarding his impressions as a newcomer. The social time which followed was greatly enjoyed by both old and young, and many were the resolves to come again and join the grange.

Raising Early Garden Truck.

Next season gardening will be an important feature in this city on streets supplied with irrigation. All kinds of berries and vegetables will be grown by many families and these productions will materially reduce the cost of living in families where the household understands the art of gardening. This, of course, applies to those who have only a lot or two which can be used for this purpose. There are many who will put in gardens in a larger way and these will grow truck for sale.

The secret of success in this business consists in early planting and maturing those things which find a ready sale. Our merchants now depend on California for early vegetables which, of course, is unfortunate as the money should be left at home. As soon as it has been demonstrated that early vegetables can be furnished by growers inside and outside the city the Fruit Exchange will undoubtedly take the matter in hand and not only supply the home market but ship to points north. Men experienced in the business tell us that many things can be grown at Grants Pass and supplied to the trade here comparatively early and a profitable business made of it. With slight protection against frost tomatoes can be ripened in time to secure from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per crate. The production of early garden truck can and should be made a feature among gardeners in this vicinity.

Soldiers and Sailors Reunion.

The 18th annual reunion of soldiers and sailors will be held at Jacksonville September 13-18, beginning Monday and closing Saturday. All old soldiers and sailors, whether Union or Confederate, are invited to attend, as well as veterans of the Spanish War. Much interest is being taken in the arrangements and the people of Jacksonville are assisting in providing entertainments for the week. The old soldiers and their families are assured of a good time.

Mrs. Nora Poore and daughter, arrived here Monday evening from Oakland, Cal., to visit with Mrs. Poore's mother.

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