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## Richland Has Heavy Loss by Flames

But One Building Left Standing on Block in Business Section  
—Entire Town Has Close Call From Destruction

Fire originating from an unknown cause in the Kelly & Arnel pool room at about four o'clock last Friday morning, for a time threatened the complete destruction of Richland's business section and resulted in a large loss of property before controlled.

When discovered the interior of the pool room was a mass of flame and before the fire apparatus was at work Frank Clarke's residence as well as the Corson buildings were on fire and in an almost incredible space of time every building on the block with the exception of the Fraser property was in ruins. For a time it looked as though the Carter barber shop and the drug store on the south side of the street would go, the former being on fire at one time. As it was, the heat broke the glass at the post office, bank, barber shop and drug store buildings and did considerable other damage.

Mystery surrounds the origin of the fire as the pool room was closed at about 11:30 and no one had been in the upstairs rooms since Thursday forenoon.

The total damage will reach close to \$10,000 which is offset by \$3,450 insurance. The following parties are the heaviest losers:

Oliver Corson—Meat market building and fixtures; buildings occupied by Bradford barber shop, telephone office, and by himself as plumbing and general repair shop, also all tools and stock, \$1950 insurance.

Frank Clarke—Residence and contents; store building and all stock and fixtures; pool room equipment and fixtures; building occupied by Kelly & Arnel and Ira Bradford. \$1500 insurance.

Ira Bradford—All household goods, clothing, and practically all barber tools and shop equipment.

S. H. Desch—A lot of meat, lard, etc., in the meat market.

Eagle Telephone Co.—A lot of equipment and supplies.

Lou Jennings—Barn and contents.

Kelly & Arnel—Stock of soft drinks, cigars, candy, etc.

Others sustaining loss were John Fraser, Eagle Valley State Bank, Oscar Kendall, D. T. Allen, Richland Drug Store and E. & W. Chandler.

Just four years ago next Sunday a fire on the same block caused a loss of about \$5000 and only by the hardest work was further damage prevented. Since that time the matter of a water system has been agitated, in fact, two years ago a special election was held and the town council empowered to issue bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for that purpose but owing to conditions resulting from the war the matter was postponed. It is safe to say

that the time has come for immediate action. If \$20,000 is insufficient to put in a gravity system as first planned, let us have a well, pump and standpipe—at least some sort of protection against fire.

Oliver Corson managed to save about \$400 worth of auto tires and tubes he had just received. His loss after deducting insurance is at least \$2000. He is undecided about rebuilding.

A number of ladies did heroic work at the fire by helping on the hand pump, carrying water and assisting bucket brigades, while others served hot coffee to all who wished to partake.

S. H. Desch had killed a beef Thursday evening but had left it at the slaughter house. Before noon he had opened a shop in the Richland Garage and was disposing meat to our hungry citizens.

It has not been decided as to whether the burned section will be rebuilt this season. Investigation is being made and it is possible that concrete buildings will be erected when material and labor are available.

With the roof of the News office on fire in several places and the front of the house in which ye editor and family reside smoking and scorching from the flames across the street, it looked for a time as though we would be "completely cleaned out."

Allan Binheimer managed to save the switch-board and before the fire was extinguished had located in Carter's barber shop and connected with the long distance wires. On Saturday Mr. Corson had a building temporarily located on the Keller lot for the phone office and Al now has all lines working in good shape.

### Cemetery Benefit a Success.

A large crowd attended the box supper Saturday night and the receipts amounted to \$200.85. In addition to that sum, several donations were received from out of town parties, thus giving the cemetery association a neat fund for carrying on the work.

The residents of Eagle Valley and vicinity are to be commended on the pride they have in the appearance of our little "city of the dead," also their willingness and liberality in contributing to a fund for its upkeep.

The association desires to thank Col. Brackney for his services, also all those who helped make the affair such a success. They also state that donations of any amount will be accepted and may be left at the bank.

Just arrived hats for all, also summer caps for men and boys, at Saunders Bro's.—ad

Still a few packages of government garden seeds left at News office. Come in and get one now.

## TO OUR PATRONS

Owing to the advance in the price of luxuries, the following prices will be charged at our fountain from and after this date:

All Plain Sodas -	10c	Plain Ice Cream -	15c
Ice Cream Sodas -	15c	Sundaes -	20c
Orange Special -	30c	Nut Sundaes -	25c
Bananas Special -	30c	Lemonade -	15c
Specials with Nuts -	35c	Malted Milk -	20c
All Egg Drinks -	25c	All Specials -	30c & 35c

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## RICHLAND DRUG STORE

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### Have You Signed Up?

Petitions were circulated throughout the county the first of the week asking that the county court place the matter of the \$500,000 bond issue on the ballot at the special state election in June. From all reports an abundance of signatures were secured.

To carry on the good roads program as mapped out, it is imperative that the half million bond issue be carried in Baker county, for if it is defeated other counties

in Oregon are standing ready to match the federal dollars which are offered.

Every resident of this section who voted last fall should sign this petition, and as only a few more days remain in which to do so, you should call at the News office and do so without delay.

We are assured by a letter from the state highway engineer as printed in this issue that \$20,000 will be expended in Powder Canyon just east of Richland this summer. This means a benefit to all, so sign up at once.