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14 ROOM HOME OF J. I. BARBRE BURNS TO ASHES

Blaze Started From Small Fire Left in Heating Stove, is Supposition

INSURANCE PARTLY COVERS

Nothing Saved But Two Pillows and 5 Quilts; Residence Had Been Built Since 1876

Fire, supposedly starting from a blaze left in the heating stove from the evening before destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Barbre on the corner of Mill and D streets at 1:00 o'clock A. M. Friday morning. Nothing excepting two pillows and five quilts, which Mrs. Barbre threw from the window, was saved. The total loss as estimated by Mr. Barbre is close to \$3000, with partial insurance in the Oregon Fire Relief Association of McMinnville, on the home and household goods.

"The sound of hoof beats as a man rode by the house woke me up at eleven, and everything was all right then," Mr. Barbre said. "A little before one, we were awakened by the roar of the flames, and found one room on the south side of the house all ablaze. The stairs caught as soon as the window glass broke and allowed the flames to break through, and we had to get out over the kitchen roof."

Night Watchman Lepley noticed the light from the fire about 1:00 o'clock, and it must have been burning for some time then, Mr. Barbre said. About the same time, Miss Marian Harper noticed the blaze and attempted to telephone for help but was unable to get central. Thurman Riggs, who boards at the Harper home, then took the latter's automobile, and brought the hose cart down with it. He returned for a second one and by this time the members of the fire department and many neighbors had arrived, roused by the fire bell and a blast from the engine. This was about 15 minutes after the blaze was noticed, Mr. Barbre said, but the fire was under too great headway and nothing could be done to check it. It burned steadily for about an hour, and then smoldered along until late the next afternoon.

Sparks caught fire three times to Dr. J. E. Richmond's home, and once brought out a blaze on the W. F. Walker residence. These were soon put out with the hose.

Mr. and Mrs. Barbre were the only ones in the house Thursday evening, as their 16-year-old daughter, Miss Ives, was spending the night at the home of a sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Schultz, in Stewart Addition. Mr. and Mrs. Barbre also went to this daughter's home, after the fire, and Mr. Barbre thought Friday that they would remain there a few days. "I have no plans," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Barbre barely got out with the clothing they had time to throw on—which was every-day apparel in both cases. Mr. Barbre was without hat or coat. He attempted twice to enter the burning building to see if he might not save a trunk containing some valuables. He was unable to reach it, however, and received some slight burns on the head. There was no money and no jewelry, excepting one of his wife's rings, lost.

On the day following the fire, only four or five charred timbers and a part of the fireplace chimney were left standing. A pile of magazines and books in one corner was still holding fire. The walk in front was burned for some little distance from the house, and the large cherry trees in front bore withered leaves and blackened trunks. A fruit house which had double walls and was sawdust packed, did not burn, excepting for the boards at the front. Nothing inside it was damaged, but there was nothing there but a pair of overalls.

The Barbres had lived in this home eleven years on August 2, coming to Springfield from Fall Creek. The residence, which contained 14 rooms, was built for W. B. Pengra, at that time owner of the Springfield Flour Mill and the old Springfield sawmill, in 1876. H. M. Walker and sons were the architects. This information was given out by Mrs. E. M. Stewart for 40 years a resident of Springfield.

TWO O. P. EMPLOYES QUIT

J. J. Keely and E. L. Shunterman No Longer at Local Office

J. J. Keely and E. L. Shunterman have left the employ of the Oregon Power company at their local offices in Springfield. Mr. Keely has been chief clerk for the Oregon Power company at Eugene and Springfield for the last six years and has been with the H. M. Bylby company continuously for nine years. He recently moved to Springfield on account of the transfer of the main offices here from Eugene. Mr. Keely is leaving the power company for the reason that the new district manager has adopted a policy of reducing expenses and salaries.

Mr. Keely will remain in Springfield until September first. Mr. Shunterman was recently transferred here from the Albany office of the power company and has not given out any plans for the future.

May Get New Log Train Soon

It is understood that a new log train will be put on between Wendling and Springfield as soon as the Booth-Kelly company decides whether the camps near Wendling will be able to furnish a definite output for the local mill.

MANY WILL VISIT SPRINGFIELD

Delegation of San Francisco Wholesalers on Way to Marshfield Plan To Stop Off Here

A letter has been received by C. E. Swarts, president of the Business Men's club of this city, from D. C. King, secretary of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, in which Mr. King announces definitely that a delegation from that city which will be on its way to the railroad celebration at Marshfield will pay a visit to Springfield sometime between the 21st and the 25th of August. The party will include about 100 of the leading wholesale men of San Francisco. The visitors do not want to be met by the local club as a body, but they wish rather to go around and visit each business man at his own place of business. A committee will be appointed by Mr. Swarts within a few days to meet the visitors and conduct each one to the place or places he would like to go. Before the delegation arrives, a printed list of the members and a copy of their program will be received. The definite date of the party's coming will be announced soon.

100 EDITORS START ON TRIP

Annual Convention in Medford Will End With Pleasure Jaunt To Crater Lake

Medford, Ore., Aug. 6.—One hundred members of the State Editorial association left Medford early this morning on an auto excursion to Crater Lake, the star event of the pleasure features of the editors' annual convention in this city. They will return Monday, after having witnessed the most thrilling scenes of mountain grandeur in the world.

The business session of the convention closed last night with a brilliant assemblage at a banquet where eloquence, song and good cheer reigned continuously for three hours. An elaborate program was rendered happily in the greatest event in the history of the association.

The grievance committee, comprised of W. B. Strandborg, R. M. Standish and Fred Lockley, will convene at Crater Lake this evening to hear the sensational case against George E. Himes, accused of the misappropriation of 35 cents, a local hotel man being the complaining witness. An appeal will be taken to the kangaroo court, if Uncle George should be convicted.

F. W. Brasfield in Collision

F. W. Brasfield of Douglas Gardens, near Springfield, suffered a collision with a buggy owned and driven by C. J. Hurd, deputy grange master, on the river road about 9 o'clock Friday night. None of the parties in the accident were injured but the buggy was badly smashed up and the automobile suffered some damage.

Mr. Hurd was returning home from Eugene at the time while Mr. Brasfield was just returning home from a tour to eastern Oregon points.

RUSS WIN VICTORY IN SERETH VALLEY BY 3 DAYS' FIGHT

Desperate Resistance of Austrians Broken and Five Small Villages Taken

TEUTONS TRY TO REGAIN

Czar's Forces Meet Vigorous Counter Offensive From Austrian Troops In the Carpathians

London, Aug. 6.—A Russian victory in the Sereth valley, northeastern Galicia, after a three days' battle in villages where every street was a battlefield and every house a fortress is reported by the Petrograd war office today. The success was gained on the front taken by General Brusiloff's center after the fall of Brody ten days ago, extending southward from that city across the headwaters of the Sereth.

Austrian Defense Broken

Finally breaking the desperate resistance of the Austrians who again and again hurled themselves forward in vain counter attacks, the Russians captured five small villages and the town of Zalozze, 53 miles due east of Lemburg, as well as the whole ridge of hills on the slopes of which those points are situated.

Late tonight a Petrograd dispatch brought a supplementary official statement saying that "fierce artillery bombardment by the army against our new positions is in progress." This indicates that the Teutons have not abandoned their efforts to regain the lost ground.

Checked in Carpathians

In the fighting of Friday and yesterday the Russians took altogether 140 officers and 5000 men, Petrograd asserts officially.

On the Stokhod east of Kovel and in the Carpathians, however, the czar's forces are gradually losing the initiative to the armies of the central empires if the official reports of yesterday and today are a criterion. Particularly in the Carpathians the Austrians appear to have begun a vigorous counter offensive, having not only checked the Muscovite advance but pushing their own lines forward according to Vienna.

Teutons Make Advance

The Russian war office admits in its afternoon statement that "in the region of Dora Yaremche and Ablonica, on the Pruth, the enemy took the offensive, but adds that it was brought to a standstill.

Vienna asserts that "South of Jablonica and Tataroff (just east of the Carpathian pass of that name) the Austrians and Germans advanced."

On the Stokhod, near Zaresze, the Teutons captured four officers and 300 Russians, as well as five machine guns, the Austrian statement says. Petrograd is silent regarding this front today, nor did yesterday's official report refer to it.

Turks on Offensive

Considerable progress is claimed by the czar's war office for the Caucasus army under Grand Duke Nicholas, west and south of Erzengan. On the Mosul-Bitlis front, however, the Turks have gone over to the offensive, Petrograd asserts, adding that "The enemy is being held back."

The capture of the town of Zalozze, in northeastern Galicia, marks a Russian progress of 25 miles since the capture of Brody ten days ago. The surrounding five villages taken are Zvyjin, Ratische, Tschistopod, Mendzigury and Menidava. How bitter the fighting was which preceded the Russian victory is seen from the Petrograd statement saying that the defenders had to be driven out of the villages "from house to house."

More Folks Stop at Camp Grounds

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Foster of Ashland arrived at the Auto camp grounds during last night and camped there until this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Foster, who are on a vacation trip, came out by way of Crescent City and the coast, and found the roads very bad, Mrs. Foster said. They will probably return by way of Portland and Eastern Oregon, making a stay of about two weeks in all.

GRAVEL TRAIN MAY START COAST HAUL IN A DAY OR SO

W. P. Officials Make Preparations for Putting 50-Car Train on Daily Run

START WORK IN PIT TODAY

Two Crews Will be Kept Busy Hauling on Daily Round Trips; Will Use 4 Engines

Trainmaster Williams and Car Foreman Hagen were in Springfield Friday and stated that the worktrain to carry gravel from the Natron pit at Springfield to south of the Umpqua Bridge, would be put on Tuesday or Wednesday. Work in the pit was to be begun today, with loading probably to start tomorrow. More definite information can not be given just now, it was stated at the local Southern Pacific yards, since the company has not fully decided on the place to install the engines.

Two crews will be kept busy hauling as there is to be a round trip made from Springfield to Reedsport and points further toward the front each day. A transfer engine and pit engine will be kept busy here, the former in the gravel pit, and the latter to take the string of 50 cars to Eugene, where they will be attached to the two large freight engines of the 2300 class which will be used on the haul out from Eugene to the front.

While in Springfield Friday, Mr. Hagen looked over some freight cars in the local yards, preparatory to selecting some for the gravel run.

Will Overhaul Locomotives

A. D. Ruddiman, local repair foreman for the Southern Pacific company, has received orders to put five locomotives in shape for use by the crews that will begin work this week ballasting the Willamette-Pacific railroad. These engines are to come to the Springfield yards from different points on the main line and will be thoroughly overhauled and put in good condition for heavy hauling.

"Uplifted Christ" Theme of Sermon

Reverend Wigmore Addresses Large Crowd at Union Services Last Night

The subject of Reverend E. C. Wigmore's sermon at the union services last evening was "The Uplifted Christ." Christ has been uplifted in five ways, the pastor said. He must be crucified, resurrected, and received up on high. All of these things had been foretold and so were they fulfilled.

"But he must be preached to the world," he added. "Not by book reviews nor lectures, but the message of Christ and Him crucified must be given in order to bring men to Christ. Furthermore, he must be lifted up by consistent Christian living. This is the most effective way of lifting up Christ to the world."

The Methodist church, in which last evening's union meeting was held, was crowded. Reverend W. Norton Ferris made a few remarks and announced the speaker's theme, and Reverend J. T. Moore led in prayer.

Organize Hughes-Fairbanks Club

A meeting of all those who recently signified their willingness to join a Hughes organization and of all other interested persons has been called for Friday evening, August 11, at eight o'clock, in the Stevens-Perkins hall, for the purpose of organizing a Hughes and Fairbanks club.

Springfield Gets Licked, 13 to 0

The local ball team suffered its second defeat of the season when the combination Junction City-Harrisburg team took yesterday's game away from the local boys by a score of 13 to 0. The game was played at Harrisburg and a fairly large crowd attended.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO PICNIC

Societies of all Churches Plan a Grand Jollification

The young people's societies of Springfield are planning to have a big picnic and jollification somewhere, sometime next week. Committees have been appointed representing each of the societies to meet at the Christian church Tuesday evening of this week, promptly at eight o'clock. All arrangements and plans will be made at that meeting and a complete report of all arrangements will be published in the next issue of the News.

The following persons are expected to report at the Christian church tomorrow night at eight o'clock: General chairman, Walter Dimm, assistants, Randall Scott, Mrs. Metta Sneed and Miss Bessie Spencer; committee on site, Fenner Travis, Orson Vaughn and Bessie Spencer; committee on athletics, Elmo Chase, Winifred May and Norman Byrne; committee on entertainment, Olive Smith, Thurman Chase and France Travis; committee on refreshments, Mrs. Goddard, Nell Nixon and Maude Chase; committee on finances, Merle Chase, Ida Carson and Leota McCracken.

SCHEDULES CUT 40 MINUTES

Passenger Trains Make Run Over New Bridge To Marshfield For First Time Yesterday

Through passenger service from Eugene to Marshfield was a reality for the first time yesterday, as the run was made over the new Umpqua Bridge and the 29 miles of skeleton track between Reedsport and Marshfield without any interruptions. The bridge has been used for several days for freight trains but this is the first time the ferry has not been used to convey passengers across.

Train number 2 left Eugene at about 8:00 A. M. and at 10:30 A. M. train number 1 left Marshfield. They made yesterday's run of 21.6 miles in about 8 hours, improving on former times by 45 minutes. This time will be cut down considerably when the track is ballasted from Reedsport to Marshfield, as the ties to which the rails are tamped are only laid on the sand now, and about two hours is necessary to make the 29 miles. However, there is no danger from the use of either the bridge or the skeleton track, local officials say.

Shoppers Here Saturday

Among the folks trading in Springfield Saturday from their farms or ranches roundabout were the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ward of Camp Creek; George Spaw and daughter, Miss Ella, of Hayden Bridge; Mrs. R. S. Wynd, of Hayden Bridge; Glen Owen of Camp Creek; William Elliott and Mrs. Nelson White from the Vitis Addition; C. R. Mead from his farm up the McKenzie; Bert Harper and Hayden Warren of Douglas Gardens; C. M. Burgess from up the McKenzie; Mrs. M. Butler of Thurston; Mrs. W. A. Ryehard of Jasper; Mrs. H. F. Dennis and children, Mrs. Albert Sparfeldt of Springfield route number 1, and Frank Page, Cedar Flats.

Farmers Will Sell Pooled Wool

Over 40,000 pounds of wool pooled and stored in Oregon Electric Warehouses at Eugene and Junction City and in the Spray warehouses at Cottage Grove, is to be graded and sold on its merits. One hundred and twenty six farmers of the county are associated in the pool. The committee of the Lane County Pomona Grange having charge of the wool pool at Eugene, consigned the wool for grading and selling Saturday.

Boy Sees Dog Killed by Auto

Alton Courtwright, while playing at the county bridge Saturday afternoon saw his friend's dog run over by a California auto. Attempting to rescue the dog, Alton was bitten on the hand. The boy's cries of distress brought several to the scene. Alton was keeping the dog for Clare Luckey.

Take Trip Up Columbia Highway

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Long and family and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Kessey and son, returned yesterday from a three days' pleasure trip up the Columbia Highway, taken by auto. The party left Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bryan, and daughter Miss Crystal, Miss Avis Thompson, and Judge and Mrs. E. L. Bryan leave tomorrow for a week's visit at Newport.

DIRECT SETTLEMENT OF RAILROAD STRIKE BELIEVED UNLIKELY

New York Information Indicates Federal Board of Mediation Must Intervene

WEDNESDAY CRUCIAL DAY

If Board Fails, President Wilson May Urge Arbitration on Both Contestants

Washington, Aug. 6.—Information reaching Washington from New York indicates that the commission of railway managers of the 225 railroad systems in the United States and the representatives of the engineers, firemen, trainmen, and conductors are unlikely to effect direct settlement of differences and that the federal board of mediation and conciliation will have to intervene.

It is believed here that Wednesday will be the crucial day and members of the mediation board, all of whom will be in New York at the time, will make a formal tender of their good offices then if neither side shall have requested their services.

President May Urge Arbitration. Some doubt was expressed today over the success of mediatory efforts by the board and it was said that in the event of failure to bring employees and the roads together arbitration of the controversy would be urged on both parties by President Wilson.

It was asserted in an authoritative quarter that the railway brotherhoods, in case of disagreement with the managers, will appeal to the board of mediation and conciliation to intervene and that should such friendly intervention also fail, the brotherhoods will accept arbitration if proposed by President Wilson.

Railroads Agreeable

It was considered certain that the railroad managers would not refuse to arbitrate, if arbitration should offer the only escape from a natural strike.

If the issue comes to that point, the arbitration will take place under the provisions of the federal act providing for mediation, conciliation and arbitration between common carriers and their employees.

This act provides for the creation of an arbitration board of three to six persons. The railroad managers and the employees each would name one conciliator, who would choose the third if the board is to be composed of three members, and, if six, each would select two members. Should they fail to agree upon the third and two of the board, the appointment would be made by the board of mediation and conciliation.

Fresno Men Praise Oregon Spirit

C. F. Stouffer and David Pitt of Fresno, California, stopped at the auto camp grounds over Thursday night. The men are on their way to Spokane and possibly British Columbia on a pleasure and health trip. They said they found the roads in very good condition, and remarked about the beautiful climate here. "The people in Oregon are very nice to travelers in every way," one of the men said, "and we thank the Springfield people very much for their hospitality here."

G. A. R. Initiates Mrs. C. F. Eggimann

At the regular monthly meeting of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. C. F. Eggimann was initiated into the local branch of that organization. Mrs. Eggimann's grandfather served in the war of 1812, the Mexican, and Civil war. In the first he was a drummer boy, and in the last he was a captain in the ninth cavalry of Michigan, co. B. At the next meeting of the G. A. R. to be held Friday, September 1, a dinner will be served to the members and their families.

Harry Withers Suffers 3 Cut Fingers

When a horse started up too suddenly this morning, Harry Withers who lives on a farm near Natron was lifted up off a hay wagon and the cable which runs the hay fork literally peeled the skin from the first, second and little finger on the right hand. He was brought to the office of a local physician where the fingers were dressed and some stitches taken.