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CHRISTIAN CHURCH WHOLLY DESTROYED

Fire was discovered in the roof of the Christian church, corner of 4th and A streets, last Saturday, the 28th between 10:30 and 11. The fire truck was on the street before the fire blew. But even then the whole roof of the church was ablaze, and fire had started in the roof of the residence close by it on the east, owned by Frank Schober, of Eugene, and occupied by the family of J. W. McDowell, of the department store. A strong wind from the northwest carried the flames towards the front of the buildings. It was evident almost from the first that nothing could be done to save the church, and the hope of saving the McDowell residence soon had to be abandoned; and the efforts of the firemen were directed to preventing the consumption of the second residence east, owned and occupied by C. W. Pettijohn, and preventing the further extension of the conflagration.

The Springfield firemen connected one hose with the hydrant by the Eggimann corner, 4th and Main, carried it down 4th street, and attacked the fire from the front. They attached another hose to the hydrant at the Kepner corner, 5th and A, and carried it along A street, past Dr. Pollard's house, and between that and the Pettijohn building, and played on the rear of the burning buildings. The Booth-Kelly mill was shut down as soon as the siren blew, and a force from the mill crew attached another hose at the Kepner corner, carried it down the alley between A and B, past Senseney's blacksmith shop, and played upon some small buildings on the alley. A detachment from the Eugene fire department was on the ground with an engine 20 minutes after the alarm was sounded. They attached a hose to the hydrant at the Swarts & Washburne meat market, corner of 4th and Main, carried it down 4th to the alley back of the church, and played on the small buildings and the Pettijohn building from the west.

Garden hose, buckets, tubs, sprinklers, ladders and wet cloths were brought into use to wet down the roofs of neighboring buildings and put out small fires starting here and there. The pump at the rear of L. J. Lapey's residence was kept going chiefly by a relay of women. It seemed that everybody in town was helping somewhere. After the progress of the fire had been checked towards the front, the small buildings at the rear were for a time the great source of danger. If the body of the Pettijohn building had been consumed Dr. Pollard's house, the house to the east of it, Senseney's shop across the alley and probably some houses across A and 5th would have gone. The fire reached across the alley a little. Mr. Lapey's new two-story shop building was saved with difficulty, slightly scorched. Dr. Pollard's hen house, in the rear corner of his lot was partly consumed. The wind carrying the fire strongly towards A street, those of the Springfield firefighters working in front had to work behind a barricade. Several of them were badly blistered.

The church was entirely consumed except a few charred timbers, and the McDowell home was burned clean. Nothing was saved out of the church except the piano, a few chairs and two or three other small articles of furniture. The McDowell family lost all their household effects. They had no insurance. Mr. Schober had some insurance on the house. The Pettijohn building was pretty badly damaged. The family saved all their household goods.

The origin of the fire is not certainly known. The new pastor, Rev. A. G. Sater, with his family, lately arrived, had rented the house lately occupied by Henry Korf, but could not get into it until this week. They had been lodging in rooms above the rear of the church for about two days. They had carefully noted that their morning fire was out, and had gone away about 20 minutes before the alarm. It is supposed that a fire must have been already well started from a defect in the flue.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH WILL BE REBUILT SOON

A meeting of the church board of the Christian church was called together yesterday afternoon, before the embers of the burned building were cooled. About forty other members were present. It was decided to begin preparations at once to rebuild the church. The size and form of the new building and the details of the plan for raising the funds are not yet determined. The old church was insured for \$1000. Until further notice the services will be held in Morrison's hall.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express my appreciation of the work of the Springfield fire department, the Eugene fire department the Booth-Kelly mill force and neighbors generally which resulted in saving my home and other homes from the fire last Saturday.

W. H. POLLARD.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING AND LUNCHEON

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting, with a luncheon in connection, Tuesday evening, September 5. The attendance of a large number of the business men of the town has been assured, together with general expressions of interest in the work. Matters of vital moment to the chamber and to the community will be up for free discussion and consideration. The luncheon will be at one of the restaurants, and the meeting will adjourn to one of the halls.

FRED BOSSERMAN RUN DOWN AND BRUISED

Yesterday morning, before 8 o'clock Fred Bosserman, a half blind young man known to everybody about Springfield started to cross the two roadways and the old street car track on Mill street west of Spencer's garage. W. J. Lichty, of Eugene, was driving down Mill street in a sedan car. Fred's uncertain movements, stopping and starting were confusing. Mr. Lichty swung out to the right several feet to avoid him, but Fred stepped into the roadway when Mr. Lichty was almost upon him. Mr. Spencer heard the car wheels grinding on the ground and looked out to see what had happened. Seeing that the car had stopped, he rushed out. Fred, was lying under the car, lengthwise, face down. A front wheel had run over his body, and stopped on his left shoulder. Mr. Lichty and Mr. Spencer released him and put him into the car, and Mr. Lichty took him to Mercy hospital.

He was speechless and apparently helpless when they first took him up. His face was scratched and bleeding. A Springfield physician cared for him. He found no bones broken, and no injuries that appeared dangerous, but some serious bruises.

A WIDE SPREADING AND FRUITFUL GRAPEVINE

S. D. Cairns, of West Springfield, has a Neuchatel grapevine at his home place which has made a luxuriant growth, and is bearing this season a heavy load of fruit. The root is against the wall of the house, near the southwest corner. One stock has been carried along the south wall of the house, and clear across the front porch on the east side, making a fine shade for the porch. Another stock has crossed the open space between the house and an outbuilding including a woodhouse and a garage under one roof. It has spread all over the east slope of this roof, and is crawling over on the other side. Between the two extreme points is a distance of 120 feet.

The vine is heavily loaded with grapes throughout. Some one familiar with grape culture estimated the yield of the vine this season at a ton. Come and see it for yourself.

Mr. Cairns also has a young Concord vine trained on low supports in his garden, back of the house, which is loaded with plump large grapes.

TOWN AND VICINITY

T. O. Thomas and Mrs. Bell Spang will reopen the restaurant heretofore known as the White Lunch, in E. E. Kenner's building, on the south side of Main street, next Sunday. The dining room at the Springfield hotel will be carried on as before.

E. Robins, of Robins Bros., and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dickens, of Dickens & Co., of Molalla, old acquaintances of A. A. Anderson, stopped for a short visit last Saturday, on their way home from Belknap Springs.

The W. O. W. meets every Tuesday evening in their own home.

Budd Kintzley, of Lowell, visited with his uncle, Z. T. Kintzley, Saturday, on his return from Salem. Budd was showing his friends a suitable relic, in the form of a W. O. W. emblem, which he had secured at Salem. This is one of a number that was cast from a pattern designed by Harry Tracy while serving time in the Oregon State penitentiary.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, dentist, Springfield, Oregon.

Mrs. T. A. Rathbun returned to her work at her home-fitting shop last

FOUR L LOCAL MEETING AND GENERAL INTEREST

A general meeting of the members of the 4L local and others interested was held at the W. O. W. hall Monday evening. General satisfaction with the methods and principles of the organization, the results of their application and the prospects of their extension. Several persons spoke, among them M. W. Miller, field officer for district No. 1, whose territory occupies the central part of western Oregon.

Geo. Davenport was elected delegate to the convention of district No. 1, to be held at Marshfield October 9. The number of members in the Springfield local was reported as 233 with 80 other applications in.

A few of the points brought out by Mr. Miller in his address and in conversation afterwards are touched upon here, with a view to further enlargement next week.

The organization has not grown in membership in the past two years, but has grown in influence.

In the field where it is established and has proved itself, peace and order prevails; it inspires confidence where before distrust had existed; it is coming to be recognized as a settling and stabilizing force.

Economists, as well as those engaged in industrial pursuits, are inquiring into its principles, with a view to their general extension. As an example, the social science department of Willamette university asked Mr. Miller for information concerning the plans and workings of the 4L, with the above object in view.

DR. AND MRS. REBHAN IN THEIR NEW HOME

Dr. and Mrs. Rebhan were tossed about from pillar to post during the early stages of the construction of their new house. They began to make it headquarters before it was nearly finished. They are prepared to appreciate it now that they can fully occupy it and enjoy it as a real home.

The News gave a sketch of the general plan of the building after construction was well started. We give here a brief survey of it as it is now, one of the fine new homes of Springfield. The basement is not really quite complete yet, but not much remains to be finished that is essential to the home life.

The outside dimensions of the building are 31x65 feet. There is a front porch the full width of the house, under the same roof. The front room is a living room the full width of the house, with a fireplace in the south end, and built-in davenports against the front and back walls on either side of the fireplace.

In the rear of the north end of the living room, is the dining room, and in the rear of the dining room the kitchen. The two rooms are skillfully arranged with reference to the convenience of service in both, the ready accessibility of all appliances and the closing of all the utensils and kitchen and tableware from view when not in use.

To the south of the dining room and kitchen are two bedrooms, each with closet attached. A bathroom occupies the space between the kitchen and the rear bedroom. The bath room is furnished with both shower and tub baths.

A sun room occupies the fullwidth of the house at the west end, the rear. It contains a bed, table, chairs and other furniture.

Descending a flight of concrete steps in the rear, we find the wash room, not yet fully equipped, in the southwest corner of the basement. North of this, next to the stairs, is a fruit room. East of the wash room, and extending towards the front of the house, is the furnace room. The furnace has not yet been put in. In the northeast corner of the basement is a fuel room. The middle room on the north side, not yet occupied, is set apart for a pool or billiard room.

The whole structure is not only elegant in exterior appearance, but within, is a commodious, conveniently arranged and cosy home. The work is first-class throughout. Springfield is the better for every such dwelling which is erected.

Monday, after three weeks' absence on account of injuries received in an automobile accident on the highway near Goshen on August 5.

Geo. W. Ross, a son of Rev. Walter Ross, of Pell Creek, was taken sick on the camp ground at Cottage Grove 2 1/2 miles from the Eugene hospital, suffering from typhoid fever.

Ornell Redding, a young son of Mrs. E. J. Redding, was operated upon for appendicitis, at Mercy hospital, Eugene, on Wednesday of last week. He

VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF DISABLED VETERANS

The following notes of late movements in the interest of disabled war veterans are from the United States Veterans' bureau, Pacific Northwest district, Seattle:

Plans to give disabled war veterans of this district taking training on their own land projects special winter courses at state agricultural schools of Washington, Oregon and Idaho were formulated this week at a conference of United States Veterans bureau agricultural supervisors held at Seattle. A total of 230 service men receive \$50 to \$135 a month each while establishing themselves on small land projects, and 500 others are taking agriculture along various lines.

The training supervisors of the northwest district also recommended that war veterans carry on diversified farming, rather than to specialize in the production of one thing, on the ground that it is more profitable and a safer investment. The veteran should have at least \$500 cash before taking up land for himself, it was voted.

Vocational training of disabled war veterans will hereafter be accepted by the civil service commission as meeting preliminary requirements of civil service examinations, according to an announcement made by L. C. Joseph, northwest district manager of the veterans bureau.

More than 900 veterans have completed training in this district, and many of them are now employed, it was announced. A total of 3300 are taking training at the present time.

ROY PALMER BUILDING IN WEST SPRINGFIELD

Roy Palmer is building a house for his own residence on the north side of the Pacific highway, beyond the old West Springfield street car station, and just west of the house which he and his brother Ray have heretofore occupied together. They have divided the property, and Ray retains the old house and Roy is building the new.

The new house is 26 by 32 feet, including a porch 8 feet wide running halfway back on the east side, and under the same roof. The house stands upon a concrete foundation, and the floor will be about 18 inches above the high water mark of November 1909, when the water partly covered the floor of the old house. The house will be of two stories, with four rooms below and two bedrooms and a bathroom above.

was discharged from the hospital yesterday.

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C. E. Cady, a graduate of the U. of O., of the class of 1920, has been elected principal of the Thurston High school.

Philip Johnson left for South Bend, Washington, yesterday to work in a sawmill.

"Held by the Enemy" at the Bell Wednesday, September 6th. The famous melodrama of love and daring that has thrilled two generations of theatre goers. The soul-stirring romance of a gallant yankee captain and a proud daughter of the south in the heroic days of '61.

Geo. A. Manning died at his home at Pleasant Hill at 8 p. m. Saturday, August 26, aged 75 years, 6 months and 25 days. The funeral and burial took place at the Pleasant Hill cemetery, at 4:30 p. m., Sunday, W. F. Walker had charge. Rev. Mr. Burris conducted the funeral services.

Miss Ella Boesen, of Portland, is visiting the family of Dr. Pollard at their camp near the McKenzie, north-east of Springfield.

Iudell Jaunita, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, died Saturday, August 26, aged 3 days. The funeral and burial took place at Walker Station, the former home of the Jarrett family, at 3:30 p. m. Sunday. The services were conducted by Rev. T. D. Yarnes. W. F. Walker had charge of the burial.

"The City of Silent Mea" at the Bell Sunday, September 3. A jailbird romance that starts in a big city's underworld and ends on the heights of an infinite love. Thos Meighan is leading man.

NUBONE CORSETS. BRASSIERS—Mrs. A. True Lundy. In afternoons 657 Jefferson, Eugene. Phone 339 for appointments or residence calls.

Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, France, Italy, Spain, Holland and Germany pay ship subsidies in some form or other for the maintenance of their foreign shipping.

THANKS FOR SERVICE

I wish to return my thanks to the Springfield fire department, the Eugene fire department, the Booth-Kelly mill force and all other who joined in efforts that resulted in saving my home from destruction and checking the spread of the fire last Saturday.

C. W. PETTIJOHN

ADDS COMPETENT BAKER TO FORCE

Virgil Moon, who owns and operates the bakery at Eggimann's, has added a competent baker to the force, Mr. O. L. Shauntell, who recently arrived here from Creston, Iowa, and who owned and operated a bakery at that place for 12 years.

Mr. Moon has increased the business since his purchasing of it in the first part of May, three-fold, and is running two shifts, and baking to capacity. Mr. Moon is very well pleased with his success since opening for business.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ON THE INCREASE

The traffic in traffic violations is picking up; at least the "cop" picked up more of the violators during the past week than for two or three of the preceding weeks. The recorder's book shows the following offenses dealt with since last week's report, taking them "big, little and as they run": one for running too fast, one for running when he had no right to run, one for failing to run when he ought to have been running, and so on.

John Doe, displaying no tail light, \$2.00.

Geo. Wilhelm, no driver's license \$10.

The same, speeding on east Main street, \$15.

Barney Oldfield, no tail light, \$2.00.

Albert L. Wachsmuth, speeding, \$10.

D. B. Murphy, parking too long on Main street, \$2.00.

J. M. Roby, no tail light, \$2.00.

"John Doe" settled with the officer; so the officer, took his number, but not his name. The driver was not the owner of the car.

Geo. Wilhelm was too young to have a license, but had been trusted out with the car, with the result shown above. His arrest for speeding brought out the other fact.

"Barney Oldfield" claimed that this is his true name, but he is not the famous speeder of that name.

Two or three other cases are pending.

ORDER your tomatoes from Bartholomew Gardens. Phone 49F4. Ifc

MRS. MINERVA BILLINGS

Mrs. Minerva Billings, who was taken sick in the early part of last November, and was soon afterwards removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. R. Alexander, in Corvallis, died there Friday evening, August 25. The physicians found her case hard to diagnose. The principal seat of the trouble was in the stomach, and it was probably a general breakdown of the system from prolonged over-exertion. She had taken but little nourishment during the whole of the time of her sickness, and was wasted away so that her features were scarcely recognizable.

W. F. Walker went down to Corvallis the latter part of Friday night, prepared the body and brought it up to his undertaking parlors. Her funeral took place there at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, August 27. The services were conducted by Rev. H. C. Ethell. The burial was at Laurel Hill cemetery, where her husband and several children are buried.

Minerva Hull was born in Indiana December 14, 1842. She was 79 years, 8 months and 11 days old when death came.

She was married to Wm. J. Billings August 11, 1861, in northwestern Missouri. Soon afterwards they moved to Mahaska county, Iowa. Mr. Billings enlisted in the Union army there in 1863, and served until the close of the war. Soon after his return, they moved to Webster county, Iowa. In 1878, they moved to Smith county, Kansas.

In 1889, they came by team to Oregon, and soon afterwards settled on a small farm near Thurston. They moved to Springfield in the fall of 1897, and the same house had been her home until the time of her last sickness.

Mrs. Billings was among the older residents of the vicinity, and was extensively known, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. Her prominent characteristics were her ceaseless industry, her kindness, her helpfulness for those in need of such help as she could give and her remarkable

TRIFLING AWAY THE OPPORTUNITY

A meeting of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce was held Monday evening, at which the railroad situation was to be discussed. By special invitation, the "Natron-Klamath Falls Extension committee" of the Springfield chamber and some others attended. L. L. Ray, chairman, read a strong and exhaustive report, summarizing the history of the case and the present outlook. Two or three other Eugene business men spoke, who seemed to have a clear vision of the situation and of the vital issues at stake for the people of this region.

Then another element manifested itself, which advocated the policy of holding on a bit, calling in representatives of all the conflicting interests, and have them debate the matter before the citizens of the community, until everybody is muddled and rattled, nobody knows where he is and nothing will be done. That course reminds this scribe of the kind of railroad meetings they used to have, just at the critical point, in the biggest town in a neighboring state. That town got left, and found it out about six months too late. And now it is on a stub, when it might have been on a transcontinental trunk line. Same road, too, that these squeamish fellows want to toy with.

Better not wait to sample the milk of all cows in the neighborhood, and have it tested, before you decide whether you will milk at all or not. The baby will be starved by that time. Here's one cow backed up already, and the milk dripping from her udder. Better lay hold while you can and then you can investigate all the maybe-sos, say along about 1926.

REV. A. G. SATER FAMILY EXPRESS THEIR THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks to all, who in any way have ministered to our immediate needs resulting from the sudden hour of calamity which befell us in the burning of the Christian church. Losing all our clothing and other needful items it will take a short period of time to again equip in regard to such and the ready assistance of friends and brethren is truly appreciated.

The occurring of such a catastrophe and especially at the very beginning of our work in Springfield is much regretted by us; but we want to assure the citizens that our home and interests in all regards will be in Springfield.

There is rarely a loss but that could have been greater and in this occurrence we are glad that the devastation spread no further. Feeling a personal responsibility in the matter we thank our own fire department, that of Eugene and the many volunteers who labored so well and prevented a larger loss.

Sincerely,
A. G. Sater and Family.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH A. G. SATER, PASTOR

I desire, at this time to say a word in regard to our work. Our decision as a congregation is to build as soon as proper arrangements can be made and plans carried out. Committees are appointed and are now at work.

We contemplate the erection of a fire-proof modern plant, modest in size, but commensurate with the needs of our work and community, and one that will lend an added dignity to the city.

Until further notice, all services will be held in Morrison Hall and it is being arranged for convenience in this regard. We crave your assistance and support at all services during this period of reconstruction and for all the future of our work.

Sincerely,
A. G. Sater.

able passion for flowers, of which, she cultivated a greater variety, probably than anyone else in Springfield. She had her full share of sorrow, but her cheerfulness seldom failed. Outside of the numerous circle of her own household and relatives, she had laid a great host of people under obligation by many acts of kindness and helpfulness.

Mrs. Billings was the mother of 13 children, 5 of whom survive her: James Billings, of Reamsville, Kansas; Mrs. Martha Lewman, of Havron, Colorado; Mrs. Allie Carney, of Thurston, Oregon; Mrs. Leota Alexander, of Corvallis, Oregon; and Thos. A. Billings, of Springfield. She leaves also 17 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Other relatives near by are the children and grandchildren of her sister, lately deceased, the widow of the late D. B. F. Russell, of Thurston.