

BLAZE DESTROYS RESIDENCE MONDAY

House Occupied By Arnold Myers Burned After A Small Grass Fire Caused By Sparks Had Been Put Out

Fire completely gutted the house on Seventh street owned by A. N. Richardson and occupied by Arnold Myers Monday afternoon and for a time, fanned by a strong breeze, threatened adjoining houses before it could be brought under control by the fire department.

The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Arnold Myers shortly after one o'clock after a grass fire, caused by sparks from a burning flue, had been put out during the noon hour by Arnold Myers, L. E. Myers, and Walter Easton. It is thought that the second blaze was an aftermath of the first one.

The house was a total loss, but most of the household effects belonging to Arnold Myers were saved. The building had just been rented from Emery Richardson, who has charge of the property, and the Myers family had been living in it for only a week.

When the fire was discovered, Mrs. Arnold Myers and baby, Mrs. Walter Eaton and child, Vale Putman were the only occupants of the building. Arnold and L. E. Myers and Walter Easton had returned to work at the Carbolinum company plant, after extinguishing the first fire in the grass. They reported that no evidence of an incipient blaze could be found when they left.

At the time of discovery, the fire was burning around the chimney and had not gained much headway. When the fire department arrived it had become too strong to control by the single line of hose available. A second line of hose was put down but proved too short and before adequate hose was obtained, the fire was uncontrollable.

A near fatality almost occurred when a small black and white terrier dog belonging to the Myers family crawled out from underneath the building after the ground floor had begun to burn. The dog had crept under the house for protection when the fire started, and had it remained a moment longer would have been caught under the falling floor.

EASTERN STAR TO RECEIVE CHARTER

A charter will be presented to the Springfield members of the Eastern Star Saturday night July 24, by officials of the grand chapter of the state. The charter was granted at the last communication of the grand chapter in Portland this June. The lodge was organized August 29, 1925 and has been operating under a dispensation since that time until the charter was granted.

A number of the grand officers of the lodge will be here to take part in the presentation of the charter. J. Howard Rankin of Portland, Worthy Grand Patron of the order will be in charge. Members of the lodge from other cities are expected to attend the ceremonies. After the presentation light refreshments will be served. All members of the order are welcome to attend.

John F. Ketels is Patron of the local lodge and Mrs. Ketels is Matron. Other charter members of August 1925 are Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Oldham, the Mesdames Civility McKlin, Abbie Wheaton, Edna Dippel, Dora Neet, Ida Swartz, Opal Roberts, Alene Bastford, Bertha Rouse, Mary Abrams, Jane Cruzan, Grace Henderer, Getrude Wilson, Ida Holmerson, and Merle McMurray, and the Mesdames Annie and Margaret Gorrie.

Parents Of Boy—Mr. and Mrs. John Condes of Marcola, announced the arrival of a baby boy, Saturday morning, July 10. The baby weighed ten pounds when born. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

Harold Trotter, the four year old son of Edgar Trotter, First and F. streets, suffered two fractures of the right arm Monday morning as a result of getting caught in an electric wringer. The arm was badly bruised and the bones broken before Mrs. Trotter could stop the wringer and get his arm out. Mrs. Trotter had just stepped away from the machine into another room when the accident occurred.

School Expenses in Year \$107,733

Total expenses for Springfield schools for last year amounted to \$107,733.57 according to the annual school report just sent to the county school superintendent by R. W. Smith, school clerk for district 19. The receipts for the same period amounted to \$104,870.1, leaving a deficit of \$2,863.06.

The present indebtedness of the schools is \$113,846.32, divided as follows: bonded indebtedness, \$72,000; outstanding warrants, \$41,598.07; sidewalk for the Brattain school, \$248.25.

Salaries for the teachers, including the principals of the three schools, were \$33,775.50. The janitors and clerk received \$2,113.00. New buildings cost \$18,216.00, and their equipment \$4,237.00. The site for the new building amounted to \$2,000.00. Other expenses were divided among supplies, heat, water and alterations on the old buildings.

The report showed the school district receiving money as follows: From the district tax, \$28,770.50; From county school fund, 7,327.10; From state school fund, 1,186.48; From elementary school fund, 4,801.30; All other sources, 19,036.81. Outstanding warrants issued during the school year and endorsed "not paid for want of funds" amounted to \$41,598.07.

There were 573 pupils in the elementary grade, 269 boys and 304 girls. One hundred ninety-nine children attended the high school of which 81 were boys and 118 were girls.

Twenty-one teachers were hired to teach the pupils in the grade schools and ten in the high school, making a total of thirty-one.

Many Men To Pay

Pay day at the Southern Pacific depot is more than usually important now with all the extra men at work in the yards and nearby. Carl Olson had between two and three hundred pay envelopes to pass out last Saturday. Besides the regular employees at the depot and the section gang, there were section crews at Goshen, Coburg and Jasper to pay and extra gangs, bridge, and signal gangs, and all the additional men working on the extensive improvements being made by the company in Springfield to pay.

Civic Club Has Party

Over five dollars were taken in by the Ladies Civic club at their card party held last Saturday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. The benefit party was held to help pay for the piano the Club bought a short time ago. Nearly all the indebtedness on the piano has now been paid by the ladies. The card party was held under the chairmanship of Mrs. Riley Snodgrass.

ORNAMENTAL LIGHT CONTRACT SIGNED

Old Poles Ordered Moved to Alleys to Make Room For New System; First and J Streets Be Improved to Provide Outlet.

An ordinance authorizing the mayor to sign a contract for ornamental street lights was passed and an order to remove the present light poles to the alley was made at the meeting of the city council last Monday night. The council has decided on an ornamental iron post and the Mountain States Power Company will place its order at once, expecting to install the system this fall.

Beginning on the west side of second street the new system will extend along Main street to the west side of Sixth with six lights equally spaced to the block. Under the terms of the contract the Mountain States Power Company will receive \$2.90 per month per pole for lighting and maintenance and \$2.10 on investment. The contract runs for 10 years with the provision that the city may pay for the system at any time if it so desires. The ordinance authorizing the lights is printed in full in other columns of this issue.

An ordinance vacating the alley running north and south between Sixth and Seventh and A and B streets was read for the first time before the council. It was initiated by the property holders who have all signed a petition asking that the alley be closed. There are now two alleys in the block affected.

The council authorized bids to be advertised for the improvement of J and first streets to provide an outlet for residents in the northwest part of town that have no street at present. If there is no protest the council will order the work in.

REBEKAHS INSTALL OFFICERS MONDAY

Newly elected officers of the Rebekahs were installed at a meeting of the lodge Monday night after which delightful refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The new officers of the lodge are: Noble Grand, Mrs. Blanche Daniels; Vice Grand, Mrs. Clarine Putman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Clark; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Cora Hinson; Treasurer, Miss Edna Swartz.

Several visitors from Eugene were present at the installation. The hostess of the evening were the Mesdames Mable Mortensen, Mary C. McGill, and Margery Moshier.

The Rebekahs expect to have with them the president of the Rebekah Assembly on the night of August 16, Eastern Star

STREET CARS TO BE DISCONTINUED

Sunday To See Busses Replace Street Car Service Between Springfield And Eugene; Turnouts To Be Built For Convenience Of Public.

A change in the service between Springfield and Eugene from street cars to auto busses to be made Sunday, July 18 was announced Tuesday by J. T. Billingsley, manager of the Southern Pacific street car company. This change was made after hearings in Eugene by the Public Service Commission of the state and in face of determined opposition on the part of some of the residents of those districts between Springfield and Eugene which are served by the old street car line.

That the new service will not unduly inconvenience these people is the contention of the street car company. They announced that the same service and hours as before will be maintained, with one change in the route besides that from the car tracks to the highway. This change is in Eugene; the busses being routed down Thirteenth avenue to Willamette instead of down Eleventh as at present.

The busses will travel down Willamette to the depot, as at present.

The busses will be used between the two cities, making trips at thirty minute intervals. An additional bus will be kept on hand to be used in case of emergency. The busses are on Mack trucks and are of the newest construction and type with all the newest devices installed for the safety and comfort of the passengers. Each bus has a capacity for twenty-nine people.

Turnouts will be built along the highway to replace the car stations along the old route. These turnouts will enable the busses to run completely off the highway when they stop to take on passengers and will be graveled. Eight turnouts will be built between Kincaid and Glenwood stations, according to the announcement. They will be marked with signs reading "Street Car Busses Stop Here."

Methodist Church Service. The regular morning service will be held at the Methodist church Sunday but the evening meeting will be discussed in order that members of the congregation may go to Cottage Grove where the Epworth league institute is in session.

Sunday afternoon at Cottage Grove there will be a sacred concert and in the evening Dr. Howarth, district superintendent, will speak. Many local Methodists are planning on attending.

Call Special Vote For New Fire Equipment

LOCAL MEN TO TAKE PART IN KEATON FILM

Any man in Springfield aspiring to become a moving picture hero is to be given the chance, according to word coming from Major W. G. White of Eugene, ranking officer in Eugene and vicinity in the Oregon National Guard. All he has to do is to enlist in the Springfield company for a ten day period and he will be given an opportunity to help Buster Keaton make his picture "The General" at Cottage Grove.

The Eugene and Springfield companies are to be used by Buster Keaton in filming some of the more important war scenes of this picture. The full war quota of 250 men are wanted by the two companies and they are sending out a call for enlistments for the period of the filming.

The men will not only have a chance to show their acting ability but will be well paid, while doing it. They will be paid \$5 a day and all expenses while on the trip. The two companies are to leave from Eugene about July 21. They will entrain in tourist sleepers and will occupy them while working on the picture.

The Springfield company wants 30 more men before starting for Cottage Grove. Anyone wanting to enlist may see Lieutenant C. A. Swartz at drill time at the armory tonight.

It will probably take four or five days to make the part of the picture in which the local men are to be used. They are going to take part in a tremendous battle between Union and Confederate forces and will be in the scene where a locomotive is wrecked on a trestle.

In addition to the Springfield and Eugene men Keaton is going to use artillery and horses in the picture.

LYONS SENTENCED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

James Lyons was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve three months in jail by R. W. Smith in Justice court here Friday on the charge of selling intoxicating liquor. Lyons was arrested Friday, July 2 by Chief of Police George Vallier.

Lyons pleaded not guilty to the charge in court Friday, appearing without an attorney. Witnesses for the state were Howard Beeson and George Vallier.

Lyons was taken to the county jail after the trial to begin serving his sentence. No appeal to the verdict was filed.

LEGION TAKES RECESS UNTIL NEXT SEPTEMBER

The American Legion will hold no further meetings during the summer according to a decision reached at the last meeting of the Post, Friday night. This action was taken to avoid holding meetings during the hot weather of the summer months. The next regular session of the Post members will be held the second Thursday in September, it was decided. During the summer recess any business that happens to come up will be taken care of by the Executive committee of the Legion.

MRS. L. ANDERSON BUYS ON WILLAMETTE HEIGHTS

Announcement was made this week by a local real estate firm that R. W. Bailey of Westfir has sold his house on Willamette Heights to Mrs. Louise Anderson of Springfield. Mrs. Anderson had already taken possession of the house, following the recent sale of her home on North Fifth. Mrs. Anderson's new home is located on South Fifth. She moved in July 3, pending the completion of the deal.

Lions Hear Lawson

Captain Lawson of the Salvation Army, Eugene, was the guest of honor at the weekly meeting of the Lions club last Friday noon. Captain Lawson gave a brief address on the subject of "Civic Club Life" which was well received by the club members.

Mrs. Herbert Cox was present at the meeting and gave several piano solos during the noon hour. Following the lunch the Lions gathered around the piano and practiced singing Lions club songs.

Council to Ask People to Authorize \$7,500 in Bonds July 27 to Buy New Fire Engine and Apparatus Supplant Present Old Equipment.

For the purpose of voting bonds to buy a new fire engine and equipment a special election has been called for July 27 by the city council which met in special session, Wednesday evening. The council would raise \$7,500 by this method to buy a modern fire truck and start a paid fire department.

The fire truck and most of the equipment now on hand is obsolete, and the volunteer system has not proven satisfactory, say members of the council. The burning of two houses to the ground that might have been saved with better equipment that could have been gotten to the fire quicker has caused the council to consider the fire equipment problem here sooner than it probably would have otherwise. At the meeting Monday night the question was discussed and the council adjourned to meet Wednesday night to pass an ordinance calling a special election to vote \$7,500 bonds to buy the new equipment.

Mounting insurance rates and the increased fire hazard has brought forth considerable agitation for better fire fighting equipment in Springfield. The council believes that the people should be given the opportunity at this time to express themselves on the subject and expects the bond issue to carry. One had fire will more than pay the cost of the needed equipment, they point out.

When new equipment is purchased, at least two full time men will be necessary to handle it along with the volunteer members. Not only is this necessary because trained men are needed but also in order that the insurance rating bureau will recognize the department as efficient. It is thought the paid men, however, can be used for other duties so that expenses can be cut down in other departments.

RECORD CATCH MADE BY LOCAL ANGLERS

Isaac Walton would have been proud to acknowledge as his disciples the three local men who came back Sunday from an excursion to Diamond Lake loaded with all the fish the law allows. The fish were displayed in the window of the Independent Meat Market Monday by Clifford Bryan, Lyndel Gardner, and Trubert Henderson who caught the limit of big Rainbow trout on a trip to Diamond Lake.

The three fished two days at the lake and during this time caught the limit of fish. Thirty-eight was the number, but this does not tell the story. After being salted and carried for several days, the largest Rainbow weighed five pounds. Allowing for shrinkage, the fish probably weighed ten pounds when caught.

The men used a seven ounce fly rod and a snell hook and salmon-eggs to snare the big trout. They report it was a very ticklish job to land some of the larger ones with this light equipment, but had no story to tell of the "big one" that got away.

They left July 4 on the trip, going by way of Bend and Crane Prairie to the Little Cultus lake. From there they went past Taylor, Lily, Erma Bell, Odell, Crescent and Summit lakes to Diamond lake. Stops were made at the smaller lakes but no fishing was done as the fish there were spawning. The return trip was by Crater lake and Medford.

PICNIC UP ROW RIVER

A party of Springfield and Eugene friends spent Sunday up Row river on a picnic and swimming party and, incidentally, in search of the Buster Keaton moving picture company. Those going from Springfield were Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery and Lloyd Emery, Mr. and Mrs. William Lightfoot and their two children William and Davis of Eugene, Elsie Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Arrey of Eugene and Raymond and Virginia Grey of Santa Clara made up the other members of the party.

THE MID-SEASON BASEBALL SITUATION By A. B. CHAPIN

