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**FIRE AT LEBANON.**

**Loss Over \$10 000 00.**

**The Post-Office Destroyed.**

(From Express Extra, July 21.)

Excited voices and the sharp clash of the fire bell startled the citizens of our little city last night. At about 11:30 fire was discovered issuing from the back end of the grocery store of T. C. Peebler, rapidly spreading both ways. The store of S. P. Bach on the corner and the U. S. Post-office and the harness shop of J. C. Frey and the office of Dr. Duckett South to Lebanon meat market building were completely destroyed.

The Peebler stock of groceries was a total loss, nothing being taken from the building. Mr. Bach estimates his stock as worth \$4,000 to \$5,000 on which he had insurance to the amount of \$2,300. About \$700 to \$800 worth of his stock was taken out, but is of little value in its present condition. Mr. Bach had just received about \$500 worth of new goods which he had not opened. Mr. Peebler estimates his stock as worth \$2,000 about, on which he had \$1,000 insurance.

Speaking of the probable cause of the fire he said that he and Will Frey were in the store until about 11 P. M. and that he could not account for the fire unless it had caught in the ceiling from the flue—that he had been using his candy stove, which had a pipe entering the main stove pipe—that the candy stove was put in use yesterday for the first time lately. The post-office building, the office fixtures and most of the mail were entirely lost, the fire communicating to this building, as it seemed without let or hinderance, although the fire company and citizens were doing heroic work to check the flames. Postmaster Miller was on hand early and succeeded in saving some valuable mail and some of the mail bags. The registered mail, stamps, money orders, about \$160 in money, etc. were kept in the iron safe which cannot be opened for some time. It was not considered a very good one and it is not improbable that its contents are also a loss. The fixtures were valued at \$300. Judge Miller also loses part of his law library valued at \$250. This morning the people will find themselves without a post-office.

Squire Hyde also lost some law books value not known. There was no insurance whatever on the post-office fixtures. Judge Miller says if the government holds him responsible for postage lost he will be out about \$600.

By the time the fire had well taken hold of the Bach store and the post-office, a large portion of the population had arrived. Many willing hands assisted the firemen who fought bravely. Now the flames ran higher and the burning oil in the grocery store added to the very intense heat and for a while it looked as if the whole business portion of the town would burn.

The St. Charles hotel was saved as it seemed by miracle the fire department doing its best work. Had it caught that block could not possibly have been saved. Angry flames would seemingly seize upon it, but brave hands as often met and conquered the enemy. The livery stable of Messrs. Nichols, Westfall & Co. came near burning.

The buildings destroyed were the property of Dr. J. S. Courtney. He values them at \$3,000 and had \$1,700 insurance. The buildings were frame.

Mr. Will Frey who was with Mr. Peebler in the store a short time before the fire broke out makes the same statement that Mr. Peebler does, both believing the fire started in the roof, from the flue.

Mr. Geo. Buhl, who was probably the first man to see the fire, says that it seemed to be coming out the roof as near as he could judge.

Mr. Joe Myers rang the fire bell. The fire engine was on hand in five minutes.

Dr. C. H. Duckett lost about \$60 to \$75 office furniture and dental instruments.

Swan Bros. moved out most of their stock, ceasing thereby some loss to them.

A summing up of last night's losses will probably show about as follows:

J. S. Courtney	\$3000
S. P. Bach	4500
T. C. Peebler	2000
F. M. Miller	500
C. H. Duckett	75
Frey & Son.	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,150</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$4,700</b>

It has not been decided where the post-office will be situated.

The Lebanon Bank building caught in the roof but was easily protected.

The post office safe, a worthless thing, did not stand the fire. Upon opening it Tuesday Postmaster Miller found the papers, stamps &c. burned to a crisp, the silver being all that was recognizable.

Mr. Bach's safe was taken out and is not damaged.

Tuesday Mr. Peebler had his safe opened and found his papers and books scorched but not greatly damaged.

**NOTICE to Contractors.**

Bids for the construction of the Lebanon and Santiam canal, about four miles in length, as per plans of their office in Lebanon, Or., will be received till August 3, at 1 p. m. The company reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**M. A. MILLER, Secretary.**  
**L. FOLEY, President.**  
 Lebanon, July 23, 1891.

Finest baths in the city at McClure's bathhouse.

**ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.**

Contributions to this department are solicited on matters of interest to the agricultural and laboring classes. Our space is necessarily limited, therefore, be brief and to the point. Write plainly and on but one side of the paper.

The Farmers' Alliance in Texas has inaugurated a Life Benefit plan, which it calls the Co-operative Degree of the Farmers' State Alliance of Texas. If the other states follow this plan, it will be known as the National Alliance Aid association. The president and executive committee of the State Alliance appoint a manager for this department.

While Senator Peffer, of Kansas, is talking through his recently trimmed whiskers to small crowds in New York City, inveigling against Wall street and telling how extreme is the condition to which the western farmer is reduced, the western farmer is putting a terrible strain upon his suspenders in the endeavor to harvest the enormous wheat crop.—Kansas City Times.

The Citizens' Alliance is being pushed ahead by Farmers' Alliance organizers and it now covers a large part of the country from Maine to California. The San Francisco, Cal., Daily Report gives an account of the establishment of a Citizens' Alliance in that place and notes the fact that it is an ally of the Farmers' Alliance, although including a far different class in its membership.

**STATE ALLIANCE PLATFORM.**

The Oregon State Alliance organized at Portland adopted the following:

**PLATFORM.**

Whereas, The general condition of our country imperatively demands unity of action on the part of the laboring classes, reformation in economy, and the dissemination of principles best calculated to encourage and foster agricultural and mechanical pursuits, encouraging the toiling masses—leading them in the road to prosperity, and providing a just and fair remuneration for labor, a just exchange for commodities and the best means of securing to the laboring classes the greatest amount of good; we hold to the principle that all monopolies are dangerous to the best interests of our country, tending to enslave a free people and subvert and finally overthrow the great principles purchased by the fathers of American liberty. We therefore adopt the following as our declaration of principles:

First—To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government in a strictly nonpartisan spirit, and to bring about a more perfect union of said classes.

Second—That we demand equal right to all and special favors to none.

Third—To endorse the motto "In things essential, unity, and in all things, charity."

Fourth—To develop a better state mentally, morally, socially and financially.

Fifth—To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry and all selfish ambition.

Sixth—To constantly strive to recure entire harmony and good will to all mankind and brotherly love among ourselves.

Seventh—The brightest jewels which it garners are the tears of the widows and orphans, and its imperative commands are to visit the homes where lacerated hearts are bleeding; to mitigate the sufferings of a brother or a sister; bury the dead, care for the widows and educate the orphans; to exercise charity toward offenders, to construe words and deeds in their most favorable light, granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others, and to protect the principles of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union until death. Its laws are reason and equity its cardinal doctrines inspire purity of thought and life, its intention is, "On earth, peace, and good will to men."

**ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS.**

That the National banks as banks of issue be abolished.

That the government issue sufficient

amount of money to increase the circulating medium to not less than \$50 per capita, said money to be full legal tender, all previous contracts notwithstanding.

That the government of the United States nationalize all railways, telegraphs, telephones, and other natural monopolies.

That all officers be elected by a direct vote of the people.

That the American saloon is a curse and an evil, and should therefore be abolished.

That the ownership of land be restricted to the citizens of the United States, or those who may have declared their intention to become such, and that the holding of land for speculation purposes be condemned.

That the sub-treasury plan become a law.

That homesteads to the value of \$2000 be exempt from execution.

That the government grant loans to the amount not exceeding \$3000, at not more than 2 per cent interest.

That no one industry should be taxed for the purpose or at the expense of building up another.

That all revenues, state or national, be limited to the actual needs of the government, economically administered.

That a graduated tax on all incomes exceeding the amount of \$2500 be levied.

That the coinage of silver be free and unlimited.

That the government issue at once a sufficient amount of treasury full legal tender notes to be paid over to the Union soldiers who by the contraction of the currency received but a part of their pay, while the bondholders received theirs many times over.

State Organizer R. A. Irvine formed an alliance at Kings Prairie July 17, with 20 members. The Officers are: J. R. Geddes, President; D. A. Smith, Vice President; W. B. Robertson, Secretary; W. H. Davis, Treasurer; J. T. McElroy, Lecturer; Mrs. Jennie Bargee, Charlain; E. S. Bargee, Steward; Henry Miller, D. K.; A. Davis, Asst. D. K.

The officers of the Pleasant Home Farmers' Alliance are: President, L. G. Rice; vice-president, Wm. E. Savage; secretary, J. E. Michael; treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Savage; chaplain, J. K. Charlton. The membership is twenty-three.

We learn that while bathing in the South fork of the Santiam near Solo, Sunday evening, Geo. Cleveland was drowned. He was seized with cramps, and before his companion could reach him he sank from sight. His body was recovered.

Albany team defeated the Jefferson boys at Albany, Monday, 27 to 16.

Miss Lucy Gard, of Albany, is in town this week visiting relatives.

Mr. G. M. Westfall left this morning with his family for the mountains. He intends returning immediately, but his family will probably spend the summer up there.

Post-master Miller has had 200 new boxes made for temporary use.

We failed to note last week the new mug case which C. E. Ranous made for Borum's barber shop. It is a nice piece of work and speaks well for Charlie.

Jefferson Base Ball game did Albany up in great style Wednesday. The score stood 27 to 17.

Mrs. Pyburn has been quite sick at the Star restaurant for the past week.

Mr. J. E. Morris and family passed through our town yesterday on their way to Seaside.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, July 2, 1891.  
 Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Lane County, at Albany, Oregon, on Aug. 24, 1891.

**ELIZABETH BROOKSHIRE**  
 Homestead Entry, No. 6648, for Lots Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Sec. 20 T. 11 S. R. 1 E.  
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon said claim: John J. Lane, Chas. E. Lane, R. S. Johnson, Geo. J. Fry, J. H. Smith, Geo. H. Smith, John M. Younger, all of Lane Co., Oregon.  
**J. T. APPERSON,**  
 Notary.