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Fire Department Report.

LEBANON, Or., Feb. 2, 1893.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LEBANON, GENTLEMEN:

We the undersigned, being a committee appointed by the Lebanon Fire Department at their last regular meeting, to report to the council the needs of the fire department, submit the following report:

We have given much attention to the practical working of the fire apparatus of the city of Lebanon, and we find that it is almost useless to the majority of the property owners. A large number of additions have been added to the city. Some of the finest residences are in these additions, with absolutely no fire protection. There is only one cistern on Second street, and only four on First street. People generally are slow to realize that a fire loss is a public loss; that it falls directly upon the people, and not upon insurance companies, as it is generally supposed that insurance companies are organizations perfected for the purpose of making money. They base their calculations on the amount of losses they are compelled to pay, and charge the public for insurance in proportion to the risks they carry. They are quick to see to their own interests, and principally do they criticize the condition of the fire department. The experience of our own city is an unqualified proof of this statement.

And while indeed with the necessities of an economical administration of department affairs, slight must not be lost of the fact that the continued additions to Lebanon, should mean additions to the equipment of the fire department. We must keep pace else disaster must follow in event of fire.

In this endeavor we alone are powerless, but with suitable legislation by your honorable body and rigid enforcement by the insurance companies much can be accomplished and the risks reduced to a minimum.

These matters will appear under the head of suggestions later in this report.

It is poor statesmanship that, in order to save the city treasury a certain sum, compels the property owners to pay into the insurance companies a sum more than equivalent to the sum proposed to be saved. It is an erroneous impression that prevails, that outlying districts are compelled to pay for a fire department that reduces the rates in the business portion of the city, while not making the same substantial reduction in the suburbs. We are frequently told that it is an injustice to be taxed to pay for a department when that department cannot render any assistance to the party taxed. Cripple your business interests and the grass will grow in your streets. The wealth and prosperity of a city and the value of its real estate and its homes are measured by its business prosperity.

Ahead in nearly every enterprise, Lebanon is certainly away ahead in death denying electric light wires on Main street, size of city considered, but Lebanon is away behind in its restrictions governing these dangerous necessities. Few appreciate the danger attending contact with the electric light wires on the conditions that create a contact. To come into contact with an electric light wire it is not necessary for any member of the body to come into contact with the wires. Simply raising a pole touching a wire will shock and kill the holder, condition being perfect. Throwing a solid stream of water from a pipe even if it be a hundred feet from the wire kills the man at the pipe. Raising a ladder to enter a building on fire the ladder touching the wire, conditions being perfect, kills men on the ladder. It is a well established fact that electricity takes the shortest route to the ground—that route is created when any unbalanced matter touches it, whether wet wood, iron or a solid stream of water.

There are fire hose on streets where the department may be called at any moment to raise ladders or throw streams of water. Do not wait until death occurs before remedying this evil.

SUGGESTIONS.

We suggest that the honorable council buy a new suction hose. Anyone that understands hydraulics knows that a pump will not work when the suction pipe leaks air, and we have tested the present suction hose and know that it does leak air. So the engine is almost useless.

Also we would ask for a new hose cart; one strong enough to carry 500 feet of rubber hose. The old cart is liable to break down at any cross walk, and in case of fire four or five blocks away, how long would it take to get water. An hour at the best. Enough property could burn up in that time to buy a hundred hose carts.

We would ask that a fire gong be put in the light station. Also that a telephone line from the engine house to the light station. In case of fire now, someone would have to go to the station to tell them what circuit to cut out.

Last but not least we need at the least 300 feet of linen hose. It is light and also cheap, costing about half as much as rubber hose and will stand a working strain of 300 lb pressure per square inch.

In case of a fire at any corner where cisterns are located now, the engine would have to be set one, and some places two blocks from the fire, and with the amount of hose we now have we could only throw one stream.

In conclusion we will say that we would be pleased to end our report next year with these words:

"Our department has succeeded in creating a confidence that has largely reduced the rate of insurance, and receive the most flattering encomiums for good work performed. Its success and good name is our only remuneration. Conscious that our efforts have been appreciated we are content."

We are yours respectfully,

ALEX. B. NICKERSON, Ch'.

W. J. GET.

JOSEPH BERL.

School's Ferry.

What has become of all ye correspondents of days gone by? In vain I look each week for items from Sweet Home, Mountain Home, &c. Are your neighbors all dead? If they are write and let us know, or we remain in ignorance.

We have from 15 to 24 inches of snow at School's Ferry and have enjoyed some fine sleighing.

There has been considerable sickness in this vicinity and several of our pioneers have passed away.

Notwithstanding it rained very hard last Friday night the club enjoyed a fine dance at the hall until 2 p. m. Supper was served at 12 o'clock by Mrs. Melle La Rue. We have some fine dances down here, no tipping and no fighting and they are attended by a number of good peacable and religious people.

The question to be debated at the Lyceum next Saturday night is: Resolved that "married men lay up more money and enjoy life better than single men." The married fraternity are to speak on the affirmative and the single on the negative. We expect to have a grand "blow-out."

SAW DUST.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of February, 1893, the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, duly licensed and empowered me as the Administrator of the estate of Peter Welt, deceased, to sell the following real property, belonging to said estate:

Beginning 68 chains and 35 links North of the south-east corner of G. W. Klum's donation land claim No. 33, notation No. 2522, Township 12, South Range one West of the Willamette Meridian; thence West 11 chains; thence North 30 chains and 18 links; thence East 11 chains; thence South 34 chains and 18 links to the place of beginning, containing 37.00 acres; the above described land being and lying in Linn County, Oregon.

I will in pursuance of said license and power sell said land on the 11th day of March, 1893, at the court house door in the city of Albany, Linn County, Oregon at the hour of 1 p. m. of said day to the highest and best bidder, therefor at public auction for cash in hand. The title of said decedent, Peter Welt, being a fee-simple in said land.

A. J. WIER,

Administrator of said estate.

W. R. BLYER,

Attorney for Administrator.

Pay Up.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me will please call and settle at once as I am needing my money. ED KELLENBERGER.

HAPPY HOME.

Mrs. L. Dismore is very sick at the home of her parents.

Master Asberry Fitzwater spent Monday night with his sister and went to Lebanon Tuesday.

James Fitzwater jr., and wife are spending the winter with the former's parents.

Mr. H. Sylvester and his charming wife are keeping house at the old place formerly occupied by Mr. S.'s parents.

Mrs. J. S. Caldwell is suffering from an attack of rheumatism which is very painful.

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Cox were in the neighborhood, interested in school matters pertaining to its commencement.

Miss Downing who taught the past winter here is engaged to fill the position during the coming spring and summer. The young lady has many friends here.

Grandpa Cummings walked to Waterloo Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to hear that Alice, daughter of Frank and Mattie Gleason of Waterloo, is convalescing. The girl has had more than her share of sickness.

Mrs. J. A. Morgan and eldest son are also on the convalescing list, after a severe illness, and we hope to soon hear of their ultimate restoration to health.

Mr. G. W. Brown's sheep flock is rapidly increasing, having upward of 50 nice large lambs; all through the bad weather having lost but a very few heads.

Mrs. Grant Lindley's health has so much improved as to admit of her being moved home.

The looked for Chinook has come.

Thursday of last week while Birdie Caldwell was playing in the back yard at Mountain View, she came across a young deer which it is supposed was run down and killed by dogs a few days ago. The deer was about a year old. The little girl felt very bad because it would not wake up and play with her.

John Prior has two horses sick with the blind staggers.

Old Father Prior's many friends here regret his severe illness and hope ere long to see his venerable form and cheery smile among us again.

Neighbor Cox lost a good many young lambs during the recent storm of snow and rain.

Mr. B. Kether had the misfortune to fall on an ax one day last week, cutting his left arm quite badly.

Messrs. Popplewell, Gee and Brampton went to Lebanon Saturday.

We understand that Mr. Kether sold to his son Bertie instead of Mr. Williams, and we may retain them as neighbors after all. We hope so.

Grandpa Cummings is still very poorly only being able to be around. We hope he will be better soon.

Green Kinder is plowing at Spring Farm.

Pvg.

Academy Notes.

Examinations about over and the students are breathing easier.

Wm. Wallace, a former student of the Academy, entered school this week.

A class in Latin, consisting of six members, was organized this week.

A live debate was enjoyed at the Literary Society last Friday night in the question, resolved, that Caesar was a greater man than Hannibal.

The new officers of the Society were installed last Friday night.

Miss Grace Michael, of Spicer, who has been in attendance the past two terms, went home last week.

The Grant and Lee question will be debated next Friday evening at the E. L. S. James Burtenshaw and Will Ross leaders. COLLEGIATE.

The Church of Christ meets in the Academy for regular services every Lord's Day in the morning at 11 o'clock; Sunday school at 10 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

A Grant County Letter.

PRAIRIE CITY, Grant Co., Or., Feb. 10th, 1893.

EDITOR EXPRESS:

Thinking a few lines from this section might interest some of your many readers, I will try and give you a few items in brief.

Times are dull, everybody feeding stock, and money scarce.

No loss of stock in this county yet. We have had the mildest winter so far, known since the settlement of Grant Co. The thermometer has not fallen below zero but one night this winter. It was with difficulty that ice could be procured for next summer's use.

Cattle and horses are very low, and can hardly be sold at any price. Sheep are very high. Hogs are 5 cts., on foot. Eggs, 25 to 37 1/2 cts. per doz. Butter, 50 cts. per roll. Hay on ranch, from \$4 to \$10 per ton, according to locality. Wheat, 75 cts. Oats, 1 1/2 to 2 cts. per lb.

Although times are dull at present better times will surely come as soon as spring advances, as our country is attracting considerable attention from the outside world, on account of the rich quartz and placer mines that are proving themselves to be bonanzas when properly worked.

Our country needs more than all other improvements a railroad, the advent of which would make Grant County second to few of the older and more favored counties of this state.

It is to be hoped that Hon. M. A. Miller's bill for a fish-way will become a law, as the benefit to old Linn would be of untold benefit. Having been born and reared almost to manhood there, I feel a deep interest in any move that would add to her prosperity.

I see by your valuable paper that one by one those of my earliest acquaintances and friends are passing away, the last being Uncle Jacky Rose, (with whose children I have spent many happy days in childhood's happy hours, many long years ago) who will ever be remembered as a kind father and neighbor by all who knew him.

I will probably write again if anything occurs that might be of interest to your readers.

Most Respectfully, Yours,

T. H. CURLE.

Salaries Reduced.

Following is the full text of senate bill No. 184, introduced by Mr. Weatherford, to fix the maximum compensation of all public officers in the State of Oregon, which is likely to become a law:

Section 1. The entire compensation of no public officer within the state of Oregon shall exceed \$5000 per annum, who is paid otherwise than by salary.

Section 2. Every public officer within the state who receives any other compensation or emoluments in whatever manner than a fixed salary, shall file in his office, open at all times to public inspection, within five days after the first day of January, April, July and October, a sworn and itemized statement of all his receipts from all sources, and all of the necessary and reasonable expenditures on account of his office, and such officer shall give a statement of the amount paid for deputies or help, giving names and time employed and compensation agreed to be paid; provided, however, that the compensation for such help or deputies shall not be reasonable and usual wages for like work, and for the time actually employed for the past quarter, and shall thereupon pay into the state or county treasury all in excess of \$1500.

Section 3. Any public officer who shall fail to collect or charge any fees or compensation accruing to the office held by him, or who shall fail to comply with any of the provisions of the act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 4. Every public officer shall upon surrendering his office give to his successor in office a full and complete list of all indebtedness of such officers.

Section 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, A. D. 1894.