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## HEPPNER FIRE LOSS MAY BE \$200,000

Starting at the Palace hotel and fanned by a high wind, four and one-half blocks were swept clean almost in less time than it takes to write these lines. From Louis Pearson's tailor shop, north of the Palace, to the power house only two dwellings, Natter's and Dr. McMurdo's remain. Twenty-five families are homeless and many are left with only the clothes they wore. Fortunately no lives were lost and only minor injuries were received. Mrs. Wilkin's, who was in charge of the Palace during her husband's absence in the east, was the heroine of the occasion. She gave the alarm to guests on the second and third floors and was forced to go down the fire escape, dropping 15 feet to the ground. She was caught by men on the ground and saved from serious injury.

Business houses burned were: Louis Pearson, tailor; Patterson & Elder, barbers; Crowe & McAtee, real estate; Giffam & Bisbee, implement shed, G. W. Verdot, second hand store; Eastern Hotel, Heppner Herald, Mrs. Herrin, Millinery; Vic Groshen, M. J. Bradford, paints; William Stewart, livery; J. H. Bode, tailor. About 25 dwellings were destroyed.

The fire is supposed to have started in the rear of Patterson's barber shop, next to the hotel building but as no investigation has been made the origin is in doubt.

Limited space this week due to the fire prevents the Herald from giving complete details of the costly experience.

### SOMEWHAT DISFIGURED, STILL IN THE RING.

The Herald appears a day late this week and in tabloid form due to certain circumstances over which the publisher had no control. To be brief and frank with this tale of woe the Herald has no more of a printing plant this morning than a rabbit has fighting qualities and the publisher and his family have no more household goods and not much more clothing than a family of sparrows. Everything in home and office was completely wiped out in Thursday's fire and it is only because of the courtesy and true neighborliness of Mr. Crawford and the Gazette-Times force that we are able to appear even in condensed form and only one day late. The only thing saved out of the entire wreck was the books from the office containing our subscription and advertising accounts and these accounts constitute the Herald's entire working capital on this fine July morning. These accounts, mostly on the subscription list, approximate some \$1200 or \$1500 in sums of from \$1.50 to \$6.00, and the publisher feels that, under the circumstances, he is entirely justified in asking every subscriber, who is not a fire sufferer himself, to come through promptly with the cash or a check for the amount due, and if so disposed for a year or so in advance. Some have been receiving the Herald for three or four years without paying a cent, and the publisher doesn't feel any part of the mendicant in asking all such to even up the account by treating him as liberally in the future as he has them in the past. A fair field and no particular favor is all we ask.

We need this money, now, however, more than we ever needed money before and we have enough faith in the people of Heppner and Morrow county as good sports and believers in the square deal to know that they are go-

ing to come through and give the Herald another chance.

A word about these subscription accounts: The publisher knows better than anybody else that the list and accounts, as purchased by him contained many errors due to no fault of his. He also knows that every account so far paid, and there have been many of them, have been adjusted on the basis of what the subscriber said was right, and this policy will be continued until every claim is adjusted. We don't want to send the Herald to anyone who don't want the paper and who does not expect to pay for it but we do not relish having the paper accepted for a year or two and then the bill repudiated on the ground that it was "never subscribed for," or that a former publisher had been told to "stop it."

The Herald is not going to be discontinued, so don't be afraid to pay up what you owe and a year or so in advance and we will all be good sports together, pulling for good old Heppner and Morrow county and getting things in shape for whatever the future may bring us, be it flood, fire or famine; peace plenty or prosperity.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 27, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Frank L. Wilkins, of Lexington, Oregon, who, on Dec. 24th, 1914, made Homestead Entry, No. 914093, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 29, S $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 30, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 31, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 32, township 1 south, range 26 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, U. S. Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 20th day of July, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: John W. Kirk, of Heppner, Ore.; James B. Tucker, of Heppner, Ore.; James G. Doherty, of Heppner, Ore.; Arthur Gemmell, of Lexington, Ore.

H. FRANK WOODCOCK,

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