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MUCH BUILDING AT GOLD HILL

Many Residences and Business Places Are Being Erected—New High School Building is Splendid Structure—Fine Site Selected.

Not for years has there been so much building in progress in Gold Hill as there is at the present time. New residences are going up, others are contemplated, business places are being or have been recently remodeled and improved. Capital is understood to be available whenever there shall be a demand for new buildings for business or residence purposes, and from present indications it will not be long until it is requisitioned, says the News.

The principal building operation in Gold Hill at present is, of course, the new high school building, which is progressing rapidly. The walls of the first story, which are re-enforced concrete, were put up this week, and it begins to be apparent as the building looms up what a really fine site has been selected.

A modern five-room bungalow is in course of construction on E. T. Simmons' lots, just opposite the new high school building. It has already been rented. Mr. Simmons intends to commence the construction of another, about the same size, on adjoining lots as soon as the first is completed.

A. J. Olsen has a crew of carpenters in charge of Contractor Duquesne at work on a commodious cottage on his lots just opposite the M. T. church. The building was painted this week and the finishing touches are being given to the woodwork. A broad colonial porch runs around three sides of the cottage, which will be a handsome addition to the residence part of the city.

On his lots on upper Third street, commanding a fine view of the city, A. E. Kallorg is erecting a cottage from his own plans in the bungalow style, which promises to be a very neat and comfortable residence. He may decide to finish it in rough cement. With the new Olson cottage, H. G. Reed's residence, which recently underwent extensive improvements, Mrs. M. R. Rice's neat dwelling and grounds, and the new Kallorg bungalow, Third street will make a bid for distinction as one of Gold Hill's prettiest residences throughout the year.

Among the business places on which improvements are now being or have been recently made are the Hammersly building on Main street, the Olson building, next to it; the News building, the Gold Hill bank, the Crystal barber shop, Lances & Co.'s general store, the Bon Ton, which has been enlarged for the new pool room and ice cream parlor to three times its former size; the Lyman building, occupied by the B. H. cafe; Jarvis' drug store, and the building on the south side recently purchased by J. N. Fountain from Darling & Hodges.

Dr. Kelsey is contemplating the erection of a bungalow for renting

purposes on his lots adjoining the Dekum addition.

C. A. Peterson is considering the erection of a residence on his lots in the Dekum addition, as are other purchasers of property in that part of town.

PUMICE HILL ROAD COST \$24,000

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route selected approved by the county court as a county road. It is nearly the same as that selected by the county surveyor.

Payment of all bills contracted for surveying expenses were authorized and early presentation of the same to George L. Davis at the Fruit Growers bank is requested.

Flanders runabout, contributed by the E. M. F. company, for the benefit of the highway had been received. It will be on display at Kentners store, Monday and will be raffled off for the benefit of the highway at one dollar a chance.

The commission will meet again Thursday night to act upon contracts.

RANGER SAVES MRS. HOLTZ.

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afternoon there came into the Acting Supervisor's office in this city a telephone message from Mrs. John Holtz at Mosquito Swamp in the heart of the burning area and was pitifully short.

"For God's sake send us help. The fire is so near and there is no way out. Come and save my babies. I—". Here the message was cut short, whether by the flames at the cabin or by the telephone line going down in not known. But Acting Supervisor Swenning of the Crater National forest tonight has a party making its way as rapidly as possible to the rescue.

In the mean time the Supervisor is waiting anxiously for word as to the success of the rescuing party. It may be that they will reach the spot only to find the charred remains of a mother and four children or it may be that providence has provided a way of escape.

Mosquito Swamp, where Mrs. Holtz, whose husband is one of the forest guards, is living in the heart of the great fire which is sweeping the country in the neighborhood of Four Bit creek. The timber is heavy about the little cabin in which she lives and if the flames has surrounded the cabin before she attempted to get away it is almost certain that she has perished.

Situation Worse.

The forest fire situation is worse now than at any time since they started over a week ago. By tomorrow the forestry officials will have between 750 and 1000 men fighting the flames.

Two distinct sections of the country are affected. One is in the neighborhood of Ashland and the other is raging about the base of Mt. McLoughlin directly east of this city. Both of these fires are beyond control and are doing immense damage, constantly spreading over additional territory. The estimated damage done by the fire is now placed at \$1,500,000.

The forestry officials yesterday put in a request to Grants Pass for 50 men, Roseburg was asked for

50 and the department in Portland was asked to take up the matter of securing the Roseburg company of the militia. In addition to this the office was notified that 250 additional troops would be rushed to this section as soon as they were available. They will probably be here within the next three days. Fearing that enough men could not be secured in this manner Acting Supervisor Swenning took the matter up with the Reclamation service asking that the men engaged on the irrigation system at Klamath Falls be sent to Buck Lake to fight the fires on Clover creek. He had not received a reply at a late hour last night.

There. However this does not apply to the militia. A new fire was reported this evening to have broken out on the south fork of Rogue river about 4 miles southeast of Prospect. This is said to gaining greatly in volume. Another new fire was reported on the north fork of Little Butte creek.

The Ashland Fires

The fires that are beyond control on the Ashland divide have already burned over two square miles, and are spreading with the greatest rapidity. Over 100 men are fighting this fire and 35 additional were sent out late this afternoon. This fire is working havoc with the Ashland water supply as the timber being burned is entirely on the water shed of Ashland creek. Ashland has had a short supply in the past and it is feared that with impaired storage the supply will be so greatly diminished that it will work a great injury to the city. Several private holdings of timber have been burned over and the damage is tremendous. It is for the purpose of controlling this fire that the request for the Roseburg company of militia was sent in.

The fire in the neighborhood of Mt. McLoughlin are of a far greater extent than these near Ashland. Here 30 square miles of territory have been burned over and the loss is extremely heavy especially in the forest reserve. Private holdings have not been damaged to any great extent as yet, but are in imminent danger.

Troops have reached this fire and are at present engaged in an endeavor to control it. So great, however is the territory covered that it is feared that the only possible check the flames can receive now is from rain and there is no prospect of that.

Homes Burned
A number of settlers on the lands north east of Butte Falls known as "The Unsurveyed" are said to have lost their homes in a branch of this great fire which swept their neighborhood. Two sawmills in this neighborhood—Olsen's and Hawk's—are also said to have been burned. Twenty-five soldiers have been sent into this territory.

Supervisor M. L. Erickson of the local forest has nearly 150 men fighting flames near Four Mile Lake. On Friday he drew on the timber crews around Pelican Bay and these men equipped with three weeks supplies are now at the front.

C. J. Buck of Portland, Assistant district forester will arrive in the morning for the purpose of assisting Acting Supervisor Swenning in directing the work from this city. Mr. Buck had charge of this forest and is familiar with it.

Fire near Roseburg

It seems unlikely that the local officials will succeed in getting men from Roseburg as a fire is reported on the south Umpqua which is said to be beyond control. Acting Sup-

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