

DANGER OF FIRE FROM CARELESSNESS

Complaint has been made to the fire department here regarding conditions in some of the moving picture show houses in town where rear exits have been found to be obstructed to a dangerous degree.

Other conditions called to the notice of Chief Amann have been the reckless handling of large quantities of benzine, naphtha and gasoline by some of the mercantile establishments in this city.

A reporter visiting moving picture theaters here verified the existence of cause for anxiety on the part of the public in two places. Inspected where in front of the rear exits was found a piano and a stove, the former on one side of the house, the latter on the opposite side thus effectually blocking this means of egress.

It has been pointed out that the overturning of a stove due to a panic would in itself be sufficient to start a blaze even though no real cause for alarm existed when the rush for safety started.

As these places of amusement are so largely patronized by women and children, it has engaged the attention of the fire department who are anxious to take action in remedying such abuses as exist are handicapped by lack of ordinance giving them legal authority.

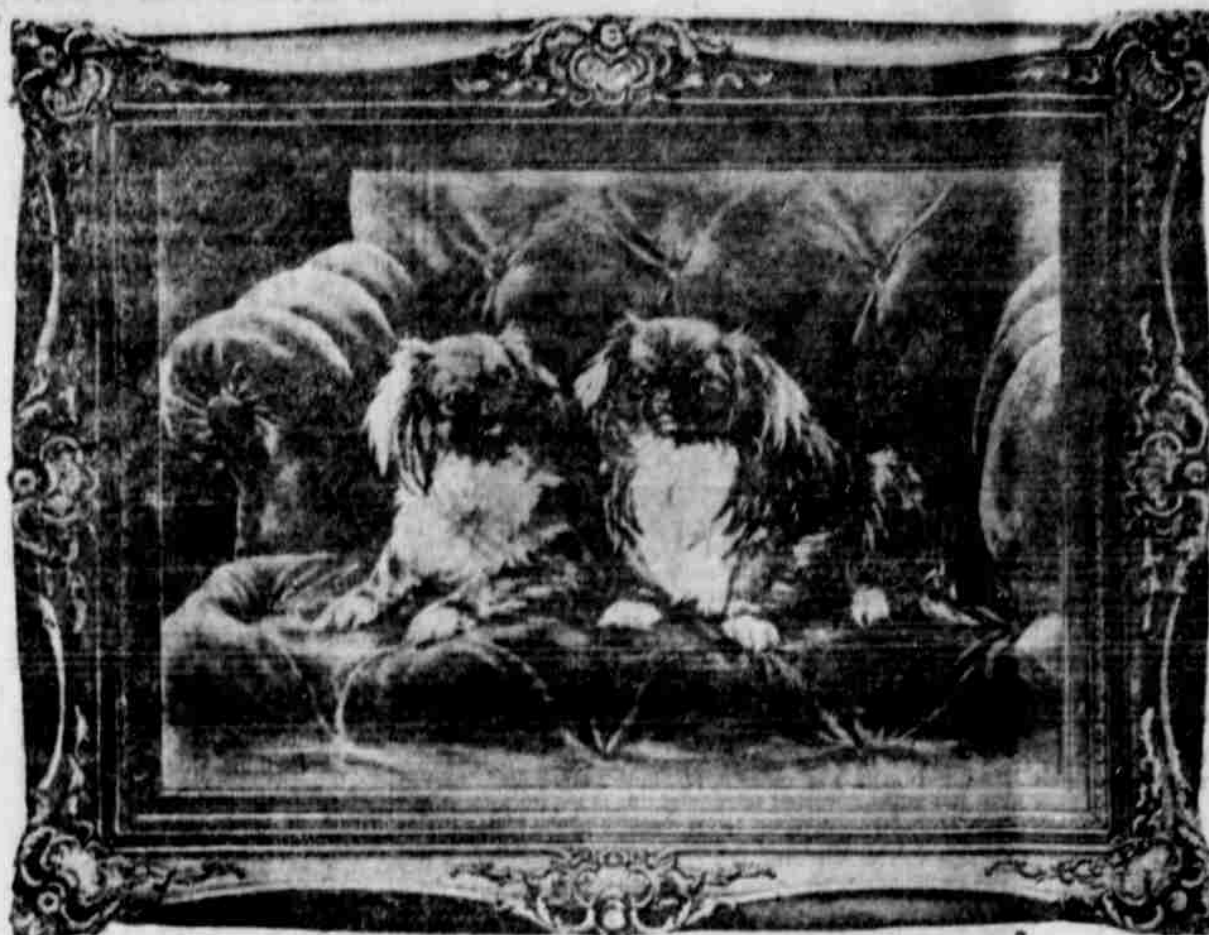
The city council is reported to work on a building code which should embrace such regulations as are in force in well regulated municipalities and the adoption of which will render impossible the existence of the evils complained of.

An example of dangerous conditions existing was found in one establishment where a drum of naphtha leaked from its faulty faucet the drip being caught by a five gallon can beneath.

This can half full of the fluid gave forth explosive fumes with which the air of the room was charged. A short distance away stood a boiler with fire in full blaze, the fire door ajar. Quite unconscious of danger residents of dwellings adjacent to this building went about their daily occupation.

In the city of Rochester, New York, state a few years ago an explosion of naphtha fumes wrecked a whole plant killing three, injuring 29, and destroying property valued at \$250,000. The naphtha escaping from a

ANNUAL PEKINESE DOG SHOW ATTRACTS LONDON ASSOCIATION.



HIGHEST TYPE OF PEKINESE, FROM PAINTING BY MIES MARGUERITE KIRMBE

The annual Pekinese dog show, at the Plaza Hotel, in New York, has as its new patron the Pekin Palace Dog Association of London, the president of which is the Earl of March, the Vice President Mr. J. F. Morgan and the committee Lord Elbury, Lord Benning, Lord Kenyon, Lord Marcus Beresford and Sir John Cottrell, six of the leading sportsmen of England.

The Pekinese Club of America now has 150 members, and all have done their part, either in donating prizes or entering their dogs, or both, toward making the show a success.

There are 179 dogs entered in the show, and this number far eclipses all previous records of the club in its two previous shows.

tank due to a leaky pipe, found its way into an adjoining sewer. From there the fumes passed some distance where they were ignited by the boiler or fire of an engine some distance away. Flashing back the naphtha exploded with the result mentioned. Statistics from fires in manufacturing plants, where naphtha is employed emphasizes the need of care in handling.

The owner of the place in Medford expressed regret that this danger should exist but stated that the amount of business done did not warrant the expense of placing tanks underground as practiced in other places.

A good many "real estate for sale" ads are printed—some of them are repeated many times. If they failed to sell real estate there would not be any of them printed.

FREEDOM AS GIFT TO FRIENDLESS CONS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 23.—

Warden James Johnston of Folsom prison joined the "red stockings" Saturday night when he bestowed the gift of parole on three friendless and all but hopeless convicts, at the same time that the prison board provisionally commuted the sentences of eleven other prisoners. Their names are not permitted to be given out.

As a result, the three men, who have been in prison 16, 12 and 3 years respectively, will leave the penitentiary tomorrow, cherishing a brand new Christmas outlook upon

life, the most comforting and wonderful element of which is the knowledge that "money and pull" are not the whole thing after all. And jobs go with the release.

Friendless—except for the warden and penitentiary they are; friendless at the ages of 60, 50 and 48. And it is for that very reason, because of the lack of money and because the companions of other years, have all forgotten, together with their exemplary conduct, that they are leaving the prison.

REBEL DEPREDEATIONS IN MEXICAN STATES

LONDON, Dec. 23.—State department dispatches today indicate an alarming renewal of rebel activities in the state of Morelos and Puebla, Mexico. Rebel depredations in the states of Durango and Zacatecas are also reported today.

CROSS ON TOAST WHEN BIBLE BURNS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 23.—

Believing that she is marked for "divine retribution," and that she has received a warning, Mrs. Marvin Barley is prostrated today by events subsequent to her accidental burning of the Holy Scriptures in her kitchen stove.

After cleaning the house of an aged man who died several days ago, Mrs. Barley carried to her home among other books several paper bound copies of the Old Testament. Today, while preparing breakfast, she threw into the firebox of her stove two of these books. She discovered too late that they were copies of the holy word.

On the top of the stove were three pieces of browning toast. When these were removed each bore in perfect line and proportion a distinct cross. Mrs. Barley became hysterical.

Scores of persons examined the toast today and none was able to offer an explanation. The bread was far removed from the firebox of the stove and was not touched during the toasting operations.



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MARTIN J. REDDY THE JEWELER NEAR POST OFFICE

FACTS ABOUT PACIFIC COAST HARBORS AND THE LAUFF ADDITION

BANK OF CRESCENT CITY

Crescent City, Cal., Dec. 13, 1912.

Mr. Court Hall, Medford, Ore.

Dear Sir:

The Lauff Addition listed with you for sale is a very desirable piece of property located as it is near Pebble Beach with a good view of the ocean which it joins on the south and joining Pacific avenue on the north, a graded and gravelled street eighty feet wide.

This part of the coast is greatly admired and popular with tourists who come here from the warmer valleys. There is good bathing at Pebble Beach and camping parties are numerous during the summer months. This land is high enough to permit of sewerage, the soil is good, vegetables and small fruits yield abundantly, the land is mostly well wooded and beautiful summer homes should be planned with plenty of shade trees, while it is not too far from Crescent City (or Woollyport if a town should be built there), to be used by people employed or in business in either of these towns or cities.

In the event of the railroad coming and the town developing, I would regard lots purchased there as a legitimate investment and sure to increase in value.

Sincerely yours,
E. C. HEGLER,
Cashier, Bank of Crescent City.

The government has spent ten millions of dollars to secure a depth of twenty-eight feet in the Columbia River bar. On Portland harbor, the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, an additional four million five hundred thousand dollars, to procure a depth of twenty-five and one-half feet at Portland harbor, while a constant heavy maintenance expenditure is necessary to hold this depth.

At Coos Bay, over one million has been spent to obtain a depth of nineteen feet over the sand bar, and thirteen feet at Marshfield docks. At Eureka two million five hundred thousand dollars has been spent, to obtain a depth of eighteen feet over the shifting sand bar, where all but the shallowest draft vessels are obliged to enter and leave on soundings, and at high tide only.

Near the Lauff Addition the lots we are selling, five hundred thousand dollars will make a harbor from thirty-two to forty-five feet in depth all the way to the shore line, where ships may safely enter during the heaviest storms.

At all other harbors between San Francisco Bay and Puget Sound, not excepting the Columbia River, shipping is frequently forced to lie out side for days together during heavy storms because of the great danger of passing over the bars.

Noted government engineers have inspected this harbor lying north of Crescent City and gave it their unqualified support, having found it to possess every requisite, for a first-class deep water harbor.

Off point St. George rocky islands and shoals form natural breakwaters, which protect the harbor from the heavy seas from the west and southwest, while to the south projecting rock and shoals break up the lesser seas.

Between these natural breakwaters is a deep channel running to a point close to the shore line.

The entrance to this channel is eleven hundred feet wide, and sixty feet deep at low tide, with no sand bar to intervene.

Just inside the harbor proper, the water is forty-five feet deep. This depth decreases gradually toward the shore, making dredging necessary for a short distance only.

The bottom of the channel is a soft soap stone formation, easily removed by dredging.

The harbor bottom being hard, there is no shifting sand with which to contend.

The channel construction will be permanent with practically no expense for maintenance, the road bed to the outer sea is wide, deep and free from obstructions.

The Addition we are selling joins the Reddy tract on the north, with over one thousand feet ocean frontage, five minutes walk to pebble beach, where one can go surf bathing nine months in the year.

It was only by unforeseen circumstances that we were able to put this beautiful Addition on sale.

A circumstance that will make money for each and every investor. You may ask why?

In the first place, these lots are worth at the present time every dollar we are selling them for.

The opening of the Panama Canal, the 1915 Fair, the prospect of a railroad being built to this port, will many times increase the value of these lots.

You can use them for summer homes for two years, where you will have ideal weather and sea air, where all kinds of fishing and clams can be had.

At the end of two years, they will become business lots.

Look at the territory that a railroad to this point will draw from. All southern and eastern Oregon, northern California, part of Idaho and Nevada.

Seventy thousand people coming to California each year, thirty thousand to Oregon.

The opening of the Panama Canal and the 1915 Fair, will no doubt double this number.

Remember that we have only one hundred and forty lots for sale in this Addition. Twenty of them have been sold in San Francisco, forty are being disposed of in Grants Pass, leaving us only eighty lots for sale to our Medford friends.

We have reserved a section of these lots for you along a street that is graded.

We want you to call at our office and examine maps and photographs of these ocean front lots. By studying these maps you will readily understand why these lots are so valuable, owing to their beautiful location, and geographical point.

Grants Pass has voted a two hundred thousand dollar bond towards helping building the railroad to the coast.

Do you know these lots we have for sale are the most beautifully located ones between Crescent City and Woollyport? where the campers go to surf bathing, getting the fresh salt air, and picking up beautiful pebbles on Pebble Beach?

One street is already graded with crushed rock.

We can give you all kinds of references in regard to these ocean front lots, and are publishing a couple of letters from prominent people in Crescent City to show you what they think of this Addition.

We want you to investigate for yourself for we know then you will take advantage of this splendid opportunity for ocean front lots.

Crescent City, Cal., Dec. 17, 1912.

Mr. Court Hall, Medford, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Mr. O. B. Lauff, one of the owners of the Lauff Addition, has asked me to forward to you, my opinion of the above named tract of land.

The Lauff Addition is one of the choice pieces of property on the coast for sub-division purposes. It is sub-divided and platted and has one street macadamized with crushed rock running north and south through the entire tract and is being sold in lots for a less price per acre, than the adjoining thirty acres can be bought for without being sub-divided.

The Lauff Addition is situated on the Ocean Frontage, and is one mile north of Crescent City and one mile south of the proposed city and harbor of Woollyport.

With railroad and harbor improvements in Del Norte county, this property is sure to be very valuable.

Very respectfully,

R. L. COOPER,
County surveyor Del Norte county, California.

Office Hotel Medford. Phone 901

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