

FIRE DESTROYS ROOMING HOUSE AND THREE SHACKS

The fire at an early hour this morning which destroyed the Oregon Rooming house building and three shacks at the corner of Front and Third streets, and which for a time threatened to communicate to nearby dwellings, was undoubtedly of incendiary origin and is being investigated by the authorities and the insurance companies in which the rooming house building and its former contents were insured.

The report that a nozzle of the fire department was defective and greatly hindered the firemen from getting water on the flames promptly is erroneous. All the fire department equipment, including the nozzle over which there was trouble, were in good condition. The trouble was caused by a block of wood about an inch and a half in diameter being forced into the hose nozzle. This block was no doubt washed into the main pipe during last spring's freshet. But even then it only caused a delay of a few minutes in the playing of one stream, and two other hose streams were played on the flames all this time. To quell the fire the department had three streams in use.

Probably Incendiary
The Oregon Rooming House and shacks were owned by Irwin Bahack, also the furniture of the house which was recently stored in one of the shacks. The building was a two-story frame and was originally built and used for the Catholic church. Later it was remodeled into a rooming house.

When the fire was first discovered at 1 a. m. smoke was seen coming from the smoke pipe of the kitchen of the building. The structure had not been occupied for some time. The flames spread rapidly and the neighborhood for blocks around was alarmed. People in the dwellings near the raging fire began to move out their furniture. A large crowd gathered and bucket brigades were formed and streams of garden hose were played on the roofs and sides of the nearest threatened buildings.

The flames soon communicated to telephone poles and melted the charged wires which fell down and added much to the spectacular scene. The melting and falling wires extinguished the lights in the streets and residences in the neighborhood. The flames lighted up a large portion of the city and created general alarm and excitement even in those sections remote from the fire.

Fire Spectacular
If the firemen and police have any direct evidence as to incendiary origin and as to who actually started the fire they are keeping the knowledge to themselves. However, they are positive that an incendiary started the fire. "I feel absolutely certain that the fire was of incendiary origin," said Fire Chief Lawton today. Police Chief Hittson also firmly holds to this opinion.

One of the destroyed shacks was occupied by a Greek named Messino and he lost all his furniture and effects. The flames also destroyed the woodshed and chicken house of the W. W. Norman residence.

BOLSHEVIK DUSTED.

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gen today carry unconfirmed reports of the overthrow of the Bolshevik government at Moscow. The reports which are received "with caution" in London because of their origin "in German sources," state that General Korniloff and Kaledines led the anti-Soviet forces which took Moscow. They add that Grand Duke Nicholas, cousin of the former emperor and commander in chief of the Russian armies during the campaign early in the war, has been proclaimed emperor.

A lack of coherence is noted in the reports through their use of a quotation from the Berlin Tages Zeitung, which says that "Kerensky is the man of the future in Russia," this hardly agreeing with the statement that Grand Duke Nicholas has been made emperor by the counter-revolutionaries. General Korniloff and Kaledines are said to have been assisted by German troops in the reported capture of Moscow, and this adds another note of confusion to the account, as no German troops have been reported near enough to Moscow to render the generals any aid even if Germany were inclined to array herself definitely against the Bolshevik authorities, which she has seemed unduly disposed to do.

The two generals named, it may be noted, have both previously been reported to be killed in battle or assassinated.

With Medford trace to Medford made

MIKADO CHARMS LARGE AUDIENCE AT PHOENIX GROVE

"The Mikado," at Phoenix Grove last night was all that had been promised.

The public had been promised a delightful outdoor performance of "Mikado" with beautiful stage setting, elaborate costuming, and appropriate lighting effects, all of which were there to the entire satisfaction of the patrons.

We have seen many amateur performances of opera but the "Mikado" last night easily takes the place of the smoothest and most professional presentation ever witnessed in southern Oregon.

The cast was evenly balanced, and each of the principals took hold of their parts with an analysis and understanding that is remarkable. "The three little maids from school" looked the part of the "Three Little Maids" to perfection. Leta Childers as Yum-Yum was peppy and graceful, and sang the part delightfully. Edna Isaacs was the real Peep Bo, and sang the part with spirit and understanding. Kathryn Swen as Pitti Sing was a dream, and in her several dances floated over the stage like daisies down.

Mrs. Chandler Egan in the part of Nanki-Poo, was a wandering minstrel long to be remembered. Her interpretation of the role was a scholarly piece of acting, and showed that she understood exactly what Mr. Gilbert

intended the character of Nanki-Po to be.

Fletcher Fish as Ko-Ko finally struck his gait. Fletcher has appeared in a great many different roles in the valley, but last night his stock went up out of sight. He reminded you of Ed Andrews all the way through the part, and that is about as high a compliment as we could pay him. His scene with Katsisha in the last act was down right funny.

Adele Brault as Katsisha was quite a surprise to her audience as they all know Katsisha is a very difficult part to play, but Miss Brault went into her part like an old-timer. She has a true genius for comedy, a thing you seldom find in the gentler sex. She also possesses an unusual voice and sang the role with dramatic force.

Mr. Sheets as Pish Tush held up his end with the balance of the cast. He read his lines intelligently, and sang his music very well. George Andrews and W. F. Quisenberry as Poo Bah and Mikado played their parts with professional finish. Mrs. Andrews as musical director had the orchestra and singers under her control during the entire performance.

Too much cannot be said of the chorus. They presented a beautiful picture and sang their music with volume and precision and showed that they had been splendidly trained.

George Andrews has again demonstrated to the people of the Rogue River valley that he is a musician of experience and capacity, and thoroughly understands stage technique in all its branches. It is hoped the out-door musicals will become a permanent feature, adding much to the charm of existence in the valley and in George Andrews the valley possesses a real asset. The Phoenix Grove, with a little improvement, possesses all the requirements for a uni-

que amphitheater and the enterprising ladies of the Phoenix Red Cross chapter deserve the thanks and appreciation of the community for making possible a delightful entertainment.

KINDER ARRESTED FOR DISLOYALTY

Robert Kindner, the well known Griffin creek rancher was placed under arrest last Wednesday afternoon by Sheriff Jennings and has been held ever since at the county jail without bail. He is accused with violating the federal war espionage act. United States District Attorney Hancy of Portland, is investigating the case and Kindner will be held in jail until the federal authorities take direct charge of his case.

It is claimed that when a war savings stamps soliciting committee called on Kindner this week and asked him to buy stamps, he denounced the government, war savings stamps, liberty bonds, etc. Prosecuting Attorney Roberts and Sheriff Jennings were then notified of Kindner's attack on the government and his arrest soon followed and the federal authorities were notified.

LONDON, June 28.—With 72 German airplanes brought down to his credit, the greatest number of enemy machines destroyed by any entente airman so far, Major William Schepp, has been transferred from the Canadian active force at the front to a position at the office of the British chief of the air staff.

PORTLAND, June 28.—Ex-Governor Oswald West, it is reported, will leave in a few days for Washington, D. C. for overseas service for the government. The report has put politicians to speculating as to whether this will necessitate his withdrawal as nominee for United States senator or whether the service is merely temporary.

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Oregon, Ill.—"I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for an organic trouble which pulled me down until I could not put my foot to the floor and could scarcely do my work, and as I live on a small farm and raise six hundred chickens every year it made it very hard for me.



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Only women who have suffered the tortures of such troubles and have dragged along from day to day can realize the relief which this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, brought to Mrs. Alters.
Women everywhere in Mrs. Alters' condition should profit by her recommendation, and if there are any complications write Lydia E. Pinkham's Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for advice. The result of their 40 years experience is at your service.

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She made him pay

WILLIAM FOX PRESENTS
THEDA BARA
A THEDA BARA SUPER PRODUCTION
THE
FORBIDDEN PATH

First Show at 9:00 tonight on account of W. S. S. meeting

See
MUTT and JEFF
also "A Neighbors Keyhole"

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SOUTHERN OREGON'S GREATEST PLACE OF AMUSEMENT

W. S. S. TODAY and SATURDAY W. S. S.
CHARLIE CHAPLIN
In "A DOGS LIFE"
His First \$1,000,000.00 Comedy. Three Reels of Laughs. Stunts Never Attempted Before.



Also Olga Petrova in

A DAUGHTER OF DESTINY
We want all our patrons to see the best show offered at the Page in months. No advance in prices.

SPECIAL — — NOTICE — — SPECIAL

On account of the W. S. S. campaign Friday night, the first show will not begin until after the meeting, which will be about nine o'clock.

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NOTICE

Owing to the increasing costs of labor and materials used in the manufacture of ice, we are compelled to either raise the price of ice or decrease the selling expense. It is our wish to supply customers with ice at the lowest possible cost.

We have therefore discontinued all credit accounts. Drivers are instructed to leave no ice unless paid for at time of delivery.

Customers can effect a further saving by using coupon books, which can be purchased from wagon or at the ice plant.

Effective July 1, 1918.
MEDFORD ICE & STORAGE CO.
JACKSON COUNTY CREAMERY
REMEMBER FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH, NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS DAY

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED—MAIL OR EXPRESS PREPAID

Toilet Articles

Good Talcum Powder, cheap at 15c. On sale Saturday, can **10c**

Colgate's Toilet Soap, all odors. Regular price 15c. Special Saturday, bar **10c**

Mann's
The Woman's Store
14-22 N. CENTRAL
MEDFORD, OREGON

Ribbon Sale

Plain and fancy Hair Ribbons, all colors. 50c values, now, yard **35c**

All Silk Taffeta Hair Ribbons, good colors, cheap at 25c. On sale Saturday, yard **15c**

SUPPLY YOUR FOURTH OF JULY NEEDS SATURDAY

Wirthmor Waists

The Price of Cotton is soaring higher, but the price of "Wirthmor" Waists is still the same. New arrivals for Saturday at **\$1.00**



New "Welworth Blouses" that still defy the tide of rising prices. This Waist is positively the best value in America charming new models on sale, each **\$2.00**

NEW WASH SKIRTS

The celebrated "Korreet" Wash Skirts, man tailored, pre-shrunk. On sale Saturday, each **\$2.50 to \$6.50**

Bargains in Hosiery

Children's fast black Hose, cheap at 25c; all sizes. For this sale, pair **15c**

Women's Lisle Hose in black and all colors. Worth 75c. For this sale, pair **69c**

CHILDREN'S DRESSES

Made of good Gingham; fast colors. Special, each **48c**

NEW MIDDY BLOUSES

We are agents for the "Saratoga" Middies; all styles and sizes. Priced from, each **1.25 to 3.98**

Bargains in Underwear

Women's Sleeveless Vests; all sizes. Worth 20c. On sale Saturday, each **15c**

Women's fine quality knit Union Suits. Worth 75c. This sale, suit **48c**

PALM BEACH SKIRTS

Just a few left; good styles. Cheap at \$8.00. For this sale, each **\$5.98**

KHAKI SUITS

in both walking and riding styles, good quality. On sale Saturday, each **\$6.98**

Bargains in Gloves

Kayser's Silk Gloves in black and white. This sale, pair **75c**

Lisle Gloves, odd colors and sizes. Worth 50c. This sale, pair **25c**

BOYS' HATS

and Caps in military styles, khaki color. On sale Saturday, each **69c**

BOYS' BLOUSES

25 doz. new Boys' Blouses made of fine chambray and gingham; fast colors; all sizes. Cheap at \$1.00. Saturday, each **75c**

Bargains in Corsets

Miller Bros. new model Corsets; all sizes. Worth \$1.50. This sale, pair **98c**

Warner's Rust Proof Corsets, new model. On sale Saturday, pair **\$1.25**

AUTO HATS

For women; many new styles and colors. On sale Saturday, each **69c**

BOYS' WASH SUITS

in a great many styles; all sizes. On sale Saturday, suit **98c**

Bargains in Gowns

Women's fine Lingerie Gowns, cheap at \$1.00. This sale **69c**

Women's Lingerie Gowns in white and flesh. Worth \$1.75. This sale, each **\$1.25**

POPLIN DRESSES

Women's Silk Poplin Dresses; all colors. Worth \$12.50. Saturday, each **\$9.98**

All Women's Parasols on sale at half price.

MANN'S—THE BEST GOODS FOR THE PRICE—NO MATTER WHAT THE PRICE—MANN'S