

FIRE LOSS CUT TO \$13,000 IN 1928 IS REPORT

Chief Elliott and Men Commended for Efficiency—Five Hazards Torn Down—Public Co-operation Is Urged.

Medford's fire loss of less than \$13,000 for last year, the lowest of any year for many years past, was a striking feature of Fire Chief Roy Elliott's annual report submitted to the mayor and city council at the council meeting last night, and drew the statement from Mayor Pipes that the city is to be congratulated as being fortunate and the fire department commended for its efficiency, as shown in the report.

The report, in full, follows: The department answered 136 alarms, as follows: Thirty-two grass fires, 25 fluo fires, 14 false alarms, 12 autos, 11 residences, 1 rubbish, 3 roofs, 3 awnings, 3 barns, 2 oil fires, 2 gas stoves, 2 light poles, 2 tractors, 1 oil stove, 1 chicken house, 1 tailor shop, 1 City of Central Point, 1 meat market, 1 hamburger stand, 1 blacksmith shop, 1 fuse box, 1 shack, 1 dry cleaning works, 1 barn, 1 wood saw, 1 tent house, 1 auto wrecking shop, 1 shed, 1 fire crackers, 1 fire place, 1 oil burner, 1 furnace, 1 electric wiring, 1 restaurant; total, 136 calls.

The department used 1360 gallons of chemical and laid 14,250 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose. The total fire loss for the year was \$12,834.06, on which \$11,174.60 insurance was paid. The department received cash to the amount of \$164.10 as follows: Recharging chemicals, \$12.85; sale of old hose, \$151.25. All the money received was turned over to the city treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.

Hazards Removed The following old buildings after being condemned as fire hazards were torn down under the direction of the fire chief: Carrie Carman building, Eighth and Central; one old building, Tenth and Ivy; one house, one barn, West Eleventh; one old building, Eighth and Oakdale. These make a total of 65 old buildings removed by condemnation within the past five years.

Sixteen joints (800 ft.) of 2 1/2 inch hose was condemned for fire use, 450 feet of which was turned over to the street department. Fourteen hundred feet of new hose was received. The Dodge chemical answered 88 out of the 136 calls this year.

Recommendations. I recommend the purchase of a 65-foot aerial ladder truck which would furnish sufficiently long ladders for our tall buildings, a life gun and life line, a life net of the latest improved design, two City's smoke masks for rescue work, as we have nothing at the present time that is safe to go into a smoky building for rescue work or to locate a small fire in thick smoke. Also a good electric siren horn for the Dodge, large enough so that it can be heard in traffic.

I would like to ask the public to be sure there is a fire before an alarm is turned in, and also in giving the location, be sure that we understand where and what kind of a fire it is before leaving the phone so we can cut down the number of false alarms and misunderstood locations this year.

Also that special care be taken with electric appliances, such as curling irons and everything in electric appliances used for heating, see that they are turned off when through using and do not place them close to anything that can set on fire. Special care should be taken with gasoline used for cleaning purposes. Do



Quick lunches, usually cold, gulped down so the "dinner hour" will not be over before you can do a little playing, is the best way to ruin your stomach, and you suffer from indigestion, heartburn, bloating, nervousness, headaches, and, worst of all, you get thin, pale and weak. If you must eat that way, always keep a package of Pepp's Diapepsin handy so you can chew one of the pleasant-tasting tablets after your meals. It keeps the food sweet so your stomach can digest it. Follow the experience of thousands who again have a young appetite. All druggists recommend and guarantee Pepp's Diapepsin to relieve indigestion and sweeten the stomach in 15 minutes.

not use wooden containers for ashes. The use of oil stoves is always dangerous and I wish to warn the public against the danger at all times to themselves and their property while an oil stove is in use. Schools Inspected. A thorough inspection has been made at all of the schools and I find them well organized on fire drills. Every school in the city marched out in perfect order and emptied their buildings in one minute.

Due credit must be given the volunteer firemen, they turn out a very high percentage of their number at both fires and drills. Our loss this year of less than \$13,000 is the lowest of any year since I have been chief and for several years before that. I wish to thank the public for their co-operation in cleaning up the city and their own property which is the best thing we can do to keep fire loss low. I again desire the same hearty co-operation for 1929 and let's make a special effort to keep the loss as low as this year, or lower if possible.

CITY WORKERS IN BATTLE WITH RAIN

Rain started in at 5:05 a. m. yesterday and continued more or less steadily until after midnight, and during the 24 hours ending at 5 a. m. today far over a half of an inch of rain fell, the total being 7 and 19 hundredths inches of rain that has fallen in the city since September. The large amount of rain falling yesterday and late last night, beyond flooding the gutters of the streets at times, caused no storm damage as City Superintendent Scheffel had a man out all night keeping the catch basins open so that they could not be clogged up. The cloudiness of early this morning was soon succeeded by a fog, which did not last long, as the sun broke thru and was in evidence much of the remainder of the day. Fair weather is forecast for tonight and Friday, with cold or moderate temperature tonight.

Radio Program KMED

- Thursday, Jan. 3 5:30 to 6:15—Ye Towne Crier 6:15 to 6:30—Medford Mail 6:30 to 7:00—Tribune, news and markets 6:30 to 7:00—Hunt's Craterian theatre. 8 to 9—Farm Bureau Co-operative Exchange. Friday, Jan. 4 10 to 10:30—Southern Oregon Electric 10:30 to 11—M. M. Dept. Store. 11 to 11:30—Jacque Lennox, Milliner. 11:30 to 12—Brophy's Jewelry Store. 12 to 12:30—Sanderson Motor Car Co. 12:30 to 1:30—Palmer Music House. 5:30 to 6:15—Ye Towne Crier 6:15 to 6:30—Medford Mail 6:30 to 7:00—Tribune, news and markets 8 to 9—Medford Realty Bld.

NEW CITY OFFICIALS STEP IN

(Continued from Page One.) city's charter, etc. This protest was referred to the council street committee and will also go over to the next council meeting for action.

At last night's meeting an ordinance was passed, at the request of the city water commission, to refund \$27,000 worth of the city water bonds.

New Council The new city council consists of E. M. Wilson and R. E. McElhose, new councilmen, and the following hold-over or re-elected councilmen: E. W. Jamney, Joseph O. Grey, J. J. Buichter, P. M. Kershaw, R. B. Hammond and A. J. Crose. All were present, except Mr. Crose, who has only attended one or two council meetings for the past seven months, because of his position with the State Veterans Bureau, which keeps him away from the city. It is understood that if he is not re-appointed to this position he will continue to serve as councilman, but if he is reappointed he will resign from the council.

List of Bids Submitted The bidders on the Sixth street ornamental lighting system, each bid containing separate bids on from six to twelve different types of construction, were the Brown Electric company, Medford Electric company and Besant's Electric company, all of Medford, and Le Page & McKeeny of Seattle.

The bids for the new fire hall construction were as follows: General building: Wm. H. Merrill, \$17,720; Barrett of Portland, \$21,400; Halley & Spitznagel, \$19,537; Wolverton, \$21,575; Elmer Childers, \$19,920; R. I. Stuart & Son, \$16,985.

Heating: A. L. Vroman, \$4942; Wm. Hammett, \$4738.57; Wm. A. Aitken, \$3800; Schmidt, \$3785; Modern Plumbing & Sheet Metal Co., \$2995.

Plumbing: Wm. A. Aitken, \$1772; Modern Plumbing & Sheet Metal Co., \$1347; William Hammett, \$1612.50; A. L. Vroman, \$1587. The bidders for the purchase of the \$30,000 fire hall bonds were as follows: Ferriss & Hardgrove, 100.16; Pelree Fair & Co., 100.70; Dean Witter & Co., 101.61; and First National Bank of Medford, 100.31.

RETIRING MAYOR HIGHLY PRAISED BY COLLEAGUES

G. O. Alenderger retired from his four years' service as mayor of Medford to plain citizenship last evening with the unanimous plaudits and commendation given at a 6 o'clock banquet by old and new city council, new mayor, city officials and heads of city departments, and praise for his fairness, hard work, municipal far-sightedness, and general all-around business and executive ability in conducting city affairs during these years, still ringing in his ears. The dinner was held at the Hotel Medford, with Mr. Alenderger as host.

Not only that, but the banqueters also presented him with a fine easy chair as a token of their good wishes and general esteem. Every one present at the banquet made short talks extolling the host's virtues as head of the city government and the accomplishments of his two terms as mayor.

This dinner gathering proved to be an unexpected embarrassing one for the blushing Mr. Alenderger, as his sole purpose in giving the dinner was for the new members of the city government to get better acquainted with



G. O. Alenderger

the hold-over and other councilmen, and other city officials and heads of departments. This purpose was more than fulfilled, but he never dreamed that the gathering would have as its main purpose the extolling of himself. The retiring mayor, who sat at the head of the banquet board with Mayor A. W. Pipes, however had to stay there and "take it," announced at the close of the talk-fest that although he was glad to retire from the office of mayor with all its arduous duties, he hoped to be active always in civic work, and pledged himself to assist and co-operate with the new mayor and council, continue an interest in all affairs pertaining to Medford's growth, prosperity and well-being. He would be ready to aid in such work whenever called upon.

In his remarks Mr. Alenderger also expressed appreciation to the city councilmen, city officials and the various heads of departments and other city employees generally, for their whole-hearted co-operation with himself during his time as mayor.

City Attorney John H. Carkin voiced the sentiments of all the gathering, when presenting the chair to the host, he said that, speaking in behalf of the retiring mayor's "official" family and city employees and also the mayor, councilmen and city officials as far back as Mayor C. E. Gates' time, he could truthfully attribute the fast progress of the city the past four years to the predominating harmony and team work of the mayor and his official family, and his fairness in meeting all problems.

Mayor Pipes also joined in the general tributes paid to the retiring mayor, and expressed gratitude for his offer of assistance, and also that he was to have the support of all who had contributed to the success of the department city administration.

Those in attendance at the banquet were the following: Former Mayors E. C. Gaddis and G. O. Alenderger, City Attorney J. H. Carkin, City Recorder M. L. Alford, City Treasurer Herbert Berrian, A. C. Hubbard, and J. W. Jacobs, retiring councilmen; E. M. Wilson and R. E. McElhose, new councilmen; Fire Chief Elliott, Police Chief McCredie, Councilmen E. H. Jamney, J. O. Grey, J. J. Buichter, R. B. Hammond, P. M. Kershaw, City Superintendent Fred Scheffel, Water Engineer F. M. Dillard, City Electrical Inspector Harry Rinabarger, President Larry Schade of the city planning commission, City Market Master P. M. Collins, Lee Tuttle, editor of the Daily News, and a representative of The Mail Tribune.

TOLL OF UPSETS HEAVY IN 1928 NEW YORK (AP)—It was a great year for upsets in 1928, especially in football. Boxing, golf, polo, and other sports figured in the unusual, but the gridiron game was in a class by itself. In the unexpected class came the defeat of Yale by Maryland, Army by Notre Dame, New York University by Ohio Wesleyan, and Navy by Davis-Birkins.

Daily Meteorological Report

January 3, 1929 Forecasts Medford and vicinity: Fair to night and Friday. Colder tonight, with lowest temperature about 28 degrees. Fair tonight and Friday. Colder in interior tonight.

Table with columns: Local Data, Temperature (Degs.), Highest Temp., Lowest Temp., Precipitation (In.), State of weather, etc.

Good Seed Important Every grower of vegetables in the United States has experienced losses at one time or another, due to poor seed or seed not true to type or variety. The cost of seed is a small item in the total cost of production, and should not stand in the way of securing the best seed obtainable. There are four methods which may be employed in trying to eliminate poor seed: Save your own seed whenever possible. Buy seed direct from the grower. Buy from reliable seed houses. Test seed a year in advance.

Kaiser Pictures of Crater Lake

The two splendid pictures of Crater Lake, published in our New Year section, were taken by Fred Kaiser, the official photographer of the lake, and are copyrighted by him, and were published by permission. Mr. Kaiser has a studio at Grant's Pass and also one on the rim of Crater Lake. His pictures are well known over the United States.



People Who Are Ageing Long Before Their Time

This is to the people who are ageing long before their time. To all the people who lack vim and strength. To the millions who are under par. Do you know why so many people are half sick most of the time—dull, tired, headachy and cross? It's because of a torpid liver, which means a lack of bile. The bile is a vital thing in maintaining health. It is a digestant of oils and fats, an antiseptic in the intestinal canal to combat the germs that tend to breed there, and a natural purgative for the bowels. An active liver secretes a full quart of bile a day, but the average person's liver secretes less than half a pint. That means intestinal indigestion and putrefaction and constipation—a poisoning of the system, with kidneys and heart affected. Increase the bile flow and you instantly solve a number of such common ailments as headaches, pain under the right shoulder blade, constipation, loss of appetite, blotches on skin and coated tongue. To stimulate the liver and the normal secretion of bile naturally, in the way physicians recommend, take Dioxol.

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PIONEER WORKER VALLEY PROJECTS PAT WELCH DEAD

Patrick Welch, railroad contractor and among the first to realize the possibilities of irrigation in the Rogue River valley, died yesterday at Coronado Beach, Calif., after an illness of many months. He was a man of sterling worth and many helpful kindnesses. He was the principal stockholder of the Public Water company of this section at the time of his death. The concern sprang from the Rogue River Canal company which he founded in 1910. He was also the owner of a large ranch near this city. He was known to scores of Jackson county residents, and up to three years ago was a frequent visitor here.

His wife, one son, and two daughters, all married survive him. His nephews, Ray P. Moran and Jack Moran, of this city, for several years have had charge of his local interests. The funeral services will be held next Monday, at Spokane, Wash.

SPokane, Wash., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Following a lengthy illness, Patrick Welch, an internationally known railroad builder, died yesterday at Coronado, Cal. A widow and three children survive him. Since coming to the west from his birthplace in New York in 1888, Welch was identified with many major railroad construction projects. In 1896 he transferred his business to Spokane and built the western extension of the Great Northern, associated with Larson and Foley brothers and General Stewart. During the world war Welch had charge of seaport and terminal construction at Halifax, Nova Scotia. His partner had charge of railroad construction overseas for the Canadian government.

PUNCH BOARD PLAYING UNDER STRONG TABOO

There will be no mercy for punchboard operators in Jackson county if Sheriff Ralph Jennings locates any boards in operation today or tomorrow, following a warning he made several weeks ago to the effect that such forms of "light gambling" will not be tolerated while he is in office. The majority of the boards and other devices of chance have been discontinued and few have been operating.

LOCAL AUTO DEALER VISITS THE FACTORY

Clyde S. Eakin, proprietor of the Eakin Motor company, returned the first of the week from attending a meeting of all the Dodge dealers at the factory in Detroit. Mr. Eakin was gone nearly three

weeks, visited his old home in Sioux City, Iowa, for a couple of days and his brother in Chicago. He reports wonderful weather everywhere, with no snow and very little cold, and great optimism for the year 1929. Mr. Eakin has attended these dealers' meetings for several years but this is the first meeting since W. P. Chrysler purchased the Dodge Brothers plant. Mr. Chrysler addressed the dealers, mingled with them during the session and Mr. Eakin says he is sure "one of the boys." Their annual banquet was a swell affair.

CANYON CITY—Central Oregon Telephone Co. operating new copper circuit between here and Baker.

January Coat Sale

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\$12.75 \$19.75

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